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"Punniar," "Serastopol," "Taku Forts." "South Africa, I879," "Chitral," "South Africa, 1900-2," "Relief of Kimberley," "Paardeburg."
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { rst Battalion } \\ \text { 2nd Battalion }\end{array}\right\}$ 3rd Foot $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Dublin. } \\ \text { Singapore. }\end{array}\right.$
Depot-Canterbury.
Colonel-in-Chief.--
Hon. Colonel.-Major-General R. G. Kekewich, C.B.
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## Births.

Bodiam-Eva Doreen, daughter of Sergeant and Mrs. E. Bodiam. Born at Dublin, 25-4-12. Brady-Arthur Thomas, son of Colour-Sergeant and Mrs. H. Brady. Born at Dublin, 17-4-12.
Jackson-Mildred Phoebe Alice, daughter of Sergeant and Mrs. W. Jackson. Born at Dublin, 12-5-12.

## Death.

Hillier-At Chatham, on 27 th April, 1912 , Mabel May, the beloved wife of Isaac Hillier (late of and Battalion The Buffs). Aged 24 years. Interred at Chatham Cemetery.

## Editoríal $\mathbb{R}$ hotes.

The ist Battalion has had a busy month, what with musketry at Kilbride, King's Birthday Parade and the necessary rehearsals for it, and the Brigadier-General's inspection.

The shooting was, much to the Colonel and everyone else's delight, a very great improvement on last year. The Battalion averaged 106.7-a higher average than last year, and the "possible" is now considerably smaller.

We forgot to mention a very successful regimental boxing tournament which was held last
month. Privates Pope, Redman and McDonough show great promise at their respective weights. Private Peake also showed excellent form.

We are sorry to hear that both Captain Greenway and Captain Ronald contemplate retiring. The former is becoming Assistant Manager to a rubber estate in Singapore.

The members of the Band shot particularly well this year, much to their delight. Last year they went through a "Casuals" and made good scores, but were rather " chipped " about its being easier to obtain a good score as a "casual." This year they showed their detractors that this was all rubbish. Bandsman Thacker, who always reminds us of Gerald Du Maurier, made a fine score.

The Dublin Garrison Cricket team got a terrible leather hunting from Trinity. R. A. Lloyd demonstrated once again that Rugby Football is not his only game.

Always endeavouring to introduce novelties into our paper we are commencing a series of "Meath Notabilities" in this number. They are written by one of our rising journalists, and we are in hopes that they will appeal to our sporting readers.

We cannot impress too strongly upon our readers the desirability of dealing with firms who advertise in "The Dragon." Last month it came to our ears in a roundabout way that the Sergeants' Mess contemplated ordering some tankards, and someone suggested ordering them from a shop who did not advertise with us. Luckily, one of our representatives was present, and brought the offender up with a round turn and two half hitches, and showed him the error of his ways.

We regret that we are unable to carry out our intention of binding the copies of "The Dragon" since November, 1910, for sale, as sufficient copies were not kept, and reprinting the whole lot is too expensive. We now propose to bind the twelve numbers commencing from January, 1912. We hope to bind a few volumes of the earlier copies, and these will be offered to the different Messes, Reading-rooms, etc.-not as a gift.

The Battalion in Camp at Kilbride had a busy quarter of an hour or so beating out a fire in the gorse about half a mile from Camp on the Sunday afternoon after arrival. Nearly an acre of gorse was burnt up, and considering the poorness of the materials-branches of gorse and shrubs, tripod poles, and entrenching tools, the only things available-the rapidity with which the fire was extinquished was very creditable.

The continuation of the interesting article on "A Tour of Service in N. Nigeria" is unavoidably held over to July issue.

## Contemporaries.

The following contemporaries have been received, for which the Editor begs to thank the senders :-
"Queen's Own Gazette" (Royal West Kent Regiment), May, 1912.
"Military Mail," May 17th, 24th, 31st, and June 7 th, 14th.
"Aldershot News," May 17th, 24th, 31st, and June 7th.
"Nongqai" (Natal Mounted Police), quarter ending March 12.
"Canadian Mail," May 25 th, June ist.
"China Dragon" (North Staffordshire Regiment), April.
"'Green Tiger"' (Leicestershire Regiment), May.
"The XXX"' (East Lancashire Regimental Journal) for May.
"St. George’s Gazette" (Northumberland Fusiliers), May.
"Canadian Mail," June 8th, $1_{5}$ th.
"Light Bob Gazette" (Somerset Light Infantry), June.

## re <br> Just So.

Scene-Barrack square. N.C.O. lecturing squad on the compass points.
N.C.O.-"Now, Jones, how can you tell which is the north with the aid of your watch?"

Jones-"Swing the watch round your head on the end of a piece of string ten times, then suddenly let it go, when the watch will 'go west,' and the rest is easy."

## Subscriptions.

R. P. S. Elderton-to March, 1913.

Captain C. L. Connellan-to January, 1913.
Colour-Sergeant Lambert-to March, 1913.
Sergeant E. Mills-to March, 1913.
Colour-Sergeant I. J. W. Kesby-to Dec., rgiz.

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Extract from "The London Gazette," dated IIth June, 1912 :-Special Reserve of Officers. -The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)-Cadet Alexander Rochfort Jackson, from the Dublin University Contingent, O.T.C., to be Second Lieutenant (on probation), dated 12-6-12.

The following have been appointed Acting Lance-Corporals :-

9305 Private A. Stanley; 9508 Private S. Marshall; 9468 Private J. Lancefield; 9603 Private A. Marsh; 9673 Private E. Williams; 9695 Private H. Worsley; 8460 Private L. Kemsley.

Lieutenants R. S. I. Friend and H. S. Hardy qualified in Subject (C) for promotion at Dublin on 14th May.

Lieutenant H. B. Potter is seconded for service under the Colonial Office, 8th May.

The following have been transferred to the Army Reserve on conversion of service :-
8495 Corporal R. W. Horton; 8479 LanceCorporal A. W. Hobbs; 8777 Private W. Hobbs; 8628 Private A. Holliday; 8527 Private W. McDonald; 8568 Private G. Coley; 8428 Private J. Curtis; 8433 Private F. Diamond; 8635 Private J. Dodd; 8627 Private J. Foord; 8426 Private C. Limpus; 8600 Private F. Mead; 8610 Corporal F. Langdon; 8542 Private W. Cook; 8352 Private W. Long; 8404 Private E. Salvage; 8625 Private W. Ringden; 8444 Private E. Barton; 8592 Private T. Dray; 8493 Private W. Harrison; 8595 Private P. Kemp; 8470 Corporal S. Lowe; 7830 Corporal A. Rothwell; 8566 Private J. Argent; 7883 Private W. Davis; $863_{1}$ Private H. Slingsby; 843 I Private W. Taylor; 8473 Corporal H. Howard; 8588 Private E. Blake; 8549 Lance-Corporal E. Parsons; 8606

Private L. Johncock; 8425 Private G. Stares; 6377 Private W. Gaymer.

Extended service to complete 12 years with Colours-7971 Private A. Potts.

Appointed Pioneer, 21-5-12-8695 Private J. Strouts.

## DISCHARGES.

The undernamed were discharged "medically unfit for further service" on the 25 th June :95 I6 Private J. Finnis, F Company, and 8530 Lance-Corporal W. Goodsell, D Company.

## RECRUITS JOINED.

8084 Private J. Guest, posted from Depot, ${ }^{1}$ 5-6-12.

## G. C. BADGES.

8887 Lance-Corporal F. Holness, restored first G. C. Badge, 18-5-12.

## APPOINTMENTS.

Sanction has been given for the appointment of Captain G. M. James as Brigadier Major at Pretoria, to fill the vacancy which is due to occur on the 26th September, 1912.
and Lieutenant H. C. C. Morley posted to the ist Battalion on first appointment, 2 ist June.
81o7 Private A. Eveleigh posted from the 2nd Battalion The Buffs, 22-5-12. (Remaining at R. V. Hospital, Netley).

Private B. W. Lott, ist The Queens, transferred to The Buffs under Para. 390 (x.) King's Regulations.

Posted to Depot for Duty, 6th June:-Privates Hatton, Hayward, Cox, Adcock, Coombs

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Transferred to The Buffs from ist Battalion Royal West Surrey Regiment, I-6-12-Private B. Lott.

Posted from Regimental Depot, r-6-12-9714 Private T. Richardson; 9715 Private F. Cossum; 9717 Private J. Harden; 9720 Private E. Aldridge; 9728 Private W. Perkins; 9733 Private A. Hall; 9732 Private F. Hare; 9735 Private H. Ward; 9737 Private A. Thompson; 9738 Private A. Redmond; 9743 Private A. Murrell.

Attested and joined ist Battalion :-9787 Private H. C. Wells, $11-5-12$; 979i Private F. W. Jones, 22-5-12; 9796 Private A. Pellatt, 24-5-12.

Qualified as a Stretcher-Bearer at an examination held at Canterbury (S.R.), 23-2-12-9787 Private H. C. Wells.

Appointed unpaid Lance-Corporal, 14-5-129568 Private E. Evans.

Awarded 3rd Class Certificate--9780 Private. H. Smith, 23-3-12; 9787 Private H. C. Wells, 23-5-12; 9791 Private F. Jones, 26-4-12.

Qualified as Instructor in the Army System of Physical Training at Dublin, 3-5-12-8355 Corporal J. King.

Private L. Kemsley proceeded to the Royal Army Clothing Department, Pimlico, on the ${ }_{2} 3$ rd May for a course of instruction in Tailoring.

Restored ist G. C. Badge, 27-1-12-8647 Private H. Gambell. Granted ist G. C. Badge, 11-4-12 - 9280 Lance-Corporal W. Taylor. Granted ist G. C. Badge, 8-6-12-9332 LanceCorporal P. Dunk. Granted ist G. C. Badge, 4-6-12-9329 Private Spicer. Granted ist G. C. Badge, 28-5-12-9324 Private A. Norton. Granted ist G. C. Badge, 2-5-12-9305 Private A. Stanley.

## MUSKETRY CLASSIFICATION.

Result of Annual Course of Musketry com pleted by Casuals at Dundalk, 16-5-12 :-

Marksmen-Lieutenant L. H. Smith, Second Lieutenant C. Stronge, 5164 Sergeant W. Jackson, and 8537 Private A. Perkins, and quite a goodly number of first-class shots.

The undermentioned proceeded to Longmoor for course of instruction in Mounted Infantry Duties, 6-6-12 :-

5164 Sergeant W. Jackson; 8768 Coraral J. Sayer; 9199 Private E. Sibley; 8664 Lance-Corporal J. Wills; $935^{2}$ Private W. Ward; 9509 Private G. Smith; 8939 Private H. Martin; 8683 Private H. Payne; 9268 Private R. Johncock; 9275 Private A. Harrison; 9146 Private R. Erridge; 9319 Private A. King; 9226 Private F. Fraser; 9422 Private F. Gibson; 9497 Private V. Weekes; 9255 Private E. Partridge; 8648 Private J. Austen; 9218 Private G. Davison; 6668 Corporal W. Rowbotham; 8667 Private H. Rogers, 9077 Private W. Parish; 9212 Lance-Corporal A. Tong; 9182 Private R. Wood; 9363 Private A. Startup; 9017 Private S. Hill; 9288 Private G. Lancaster; 9240 Private G. Bellingham; 9294 Private H. Shorter; 9588 Private J. Twrell; 9377 Private G. Pack; 8853 Private F. Rayment; 9410 Private T. Davison; 856 I Private A. Beard; 8671 Private W. Neale; 8362 Private A. Medgett.

5003 Sergeant R. Martin qualified at an examination held at School of Musketry, Hythe, 2ist May, 1912.

8318 Private A. Setterfield, appointed unpaid Lance-Corporal, 4th June, igiz.

6I36 Sergeant G. Fincher posted to Regimental Depot, 2nd June, 1912.

8792 Lance-Corporal G. Mould, promoted Corporal, vice Catt, discharged, 26-3-12; 9435 Lance-Corporal Trigg appointed paid LanceCorporal, vice Mould, 26-3-12; 9088 Lance-Corporal H. Howard appointed paid Lance-Corporal, vice Steele, reverted, 2-5-12; 9831 LanceCorporal E. Bowlin appointed paid Lance-Corporal, vice Whittingham, reverted, 10-5-12; 9429 Lance-Corporal F. George appointed paid Lance-Corporal, vice Davison, reverted, 4-6-12.

Private J. Teasdale, 9th Lancers, transferred to The Buffs under Para. 333 (x.) King's Regulations, roth June.

Corporal Reed proceeded to the School of Musketry, Hythe, on the 24th June, for a course of instruction in the mekometer.

Party of casuals (Maxim Gun and Signal Section) completed, 22-5-12.

Marksmen :-6105 Sergeant Kesby (E); 9036 Lance-Corporal Barrell (A); 8347 Private Marshall (E); 9256 Private Webzell (C); 9412 Pri-
vate Vant (H); 88ı9 Private Stevens (C); 8560 Corporal Forwood (H).

Private G. Page was attested on 10-6-12, and joined ist Battalion, 20-6-12.

Private C. Baker, attested 10-6-12, and joined ist Battalion 20-6-12

Private A. Forster, attested $17-6-12$, and joined ist Battalion 22-6-12
$88_{51}$ Private P. Rolfe appointed Acting LanceCorporal, 2 I-6-12.

The following were discharged " medically unfit for further service" on June 26th:-912I Private C. S. Nickolson, 846i Boy D. H. Quy, 9764 Private H. W. Gleeson.
den. Lance-Corporals Harrington and Stanley were linesmen.

On the whole all played a rattling game, Sergeant Innes saving many good shots. Corporals Mould and McDonough did fine work and have the making of excellent players in them.

Smith, late of the and Battalion, played quite up to the record heard of him from the and Battalion, and Thacker, Manning and Brice were as eager as the remainder to win, and did well in the game.

We hope to meet $C$ Company again next year, and give them a chance to get their revenge.


HOCKEY TEAM, "G" COY., 1st BATT. THE BUFFS.
Pte. P. Smith, L.-Cpl. McDonough, Sgt. Innes, Sgt. Martin, Pte. Page, Sgt. Ralph, Pte. Lissenden, L.-C. Harrington, Cr.-Sgt. Read, Capt. G. D. Hickman, Pte. Manning, Lt. Hardy, L.-C. Mould, Pte. Stanley,
Pte. Thacker.

G COMPANY-HOCKEY CHAMPIONS.
The hockey this year was a well-fought game from beginning to the final, which in the end went to G Company, although many thought C Company were to carry it off, and not a few were disappointed at not seeing this occur.

The final match, which I did not see, was by all reports a good one, and was only decided by the teams playing extra time.

The winning team was composed of the following :-Lieutenant Hardy, Sergeant Martin, Lance-Sergt. Ralph, Lance-Corpl. McDonough, Private Thacker, Private Smith, Private Page, Lance-Sergt. Innes (goal), Lance-Corpl. Mould, Private Manning, Private Brice, Private Lissen-

They played a fine game, but G Company was a bit too good.

MUSKETRY.
There is a decided improvement in Musketry this year. Part III., Table B., which was fired at Kilbride Camp during June, has resulted as follows :-

A Company-average, 106.6; B Company, 109.2; C Company, i 1о.8; D Company, 103.9; E Company, 102.5; F Company, 103; G Company, III.2; H Company, 106.6.

The Battalion average was 106.7, as against 104.4 last year.

The marksmen number 39; "firsts," 244; "seconds," I74; and "thirds," II.

The best section in the Battalion, i.e., No. 4 (G Company), deserves mentioning, averaging as it does 119.4, with 4 marksmen, 8 "firsts," and 2 "seconds."

The Band have also done well in the course, having among its members the Battalion Shot, with a score of ${ }_{5} 5^{2}, 3$ company shots, 8 marksmen, 18 "firsts," 14 "seconds," and no "thirds." Their average reaches 115 .

## LIST OF MARKSMEN.

A Company-Lance-Corporal Wakefield, Lance-Corporal Barrell, Private Abbott, Private Perkins.

B Company-Lance-Corporal Alderson, Sergeant Gambrill, Corporal King, Lance-Corporal Denny, Private Foster, Private Williams, Private Collier.

C Company-Private Webzell, Private Stevens, Lance-Corporal Harris, Colour-Sergeant Carter, Lance-Sergeant Holloway, Private Rolfe.

D Company-Private Beresford, Private Smith, Lieutenant L. Howard Smith.

E Company-Sergeant T. Kesby, Private Marshall, Private Truby, 2nd Lieutenant H. Stronge, Sergeant Jackson.

F Company-Lance-Corporal Hallam, Private Potts.

G Company-Private Thacker, Lance-Sergeant Innes, Private Lissenden, Private Swann, Private White, Private Grigsby.

H Company-Lance-Sergeant Wall, ColourSergeant Hall, Corporal Inwood, Private Webb, Private Monk, Private Vant.

## COMPANY NOTES.

## F COMPANY.

The Company had two representatives at the Irish Amateur Athletic Meeting, held at Ballsbridge on Whit-Monday. We congratulate Mr. Homan on his splendid high jump- 5 ft . 6 ins. Corporal Jones also did remarkably well in the open roo yards, being placed second, only losing first place by inches. He was rather unfortunate in the 120 yards hurdles, having to go straight from the 100 yards to run his heat in the hurdles. Better luck next time, " Jonah"!

## G COMPANY CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Mr. Editor-Again we have seen another splendid issue of the "Duck," which is
still up to its usual form, and even better than expected, seeing the companies had been on the company marches, from which we have ourselves just returned.

G Company had the smiles of the weather clerk upon them, for from the time we left barracks until we returned we only had one shower, and that was all due to the top of "Sugar Loaf", not minding his own business and poking his nose through the clouds. Nevertheless it was a happy time. The men seemed to enjoy the trickling, scattering, and reorganising, although the hills were at times a bit difficult.
The camps were everything to be desired, and on the whole the marches were enjoyable and instructive to all ranks, who returned to barracks to take up their old duties, like lions refreshed.

We, like other companies, have felt the loss of some of our best, who have gone away on the "four-years' hookem," among whom were "Buster Horton," who, having had such a jammy time here, goes to continue among the jam of Liptons. We hope he has the best of times on the quarter-deck and his cruise proves successful. "Matie Hobbs," who was renowned for fetching the company letters, now is going to fetch the mail for the people of "Wadhurst," having obtained a postman's situation there. The others who left us were Privates McDonald (flag-walker), Hobbs (late of "Boscoe's'" detective staff), and Holliday. It is rumoured that "Cott" is again taking up the duties of policeman in "Wadhurst"-when he grows. They are all missed, and have the best wishes of all.

The bayonet-fighting was again unsuccessful this month, G Company meeting C Company, which ended by a draw. I did not see the fight myself, but heard it was of the usual form.

The dreams of ours have been of musketry of late; for "Bobbing Billies" and snapping, not to mention the ${ }^{1} 5$-rounds' horror, have kept us fairly busy. It is hoped that there will be a good competition for company shot this year, as we have a good deal of young blood among us who seem a bit above the average.

But two more days, and we go to the hills of Kilbride.

## Inkie.

[What has become of all the Company cor-respondents?-Editor.]


Back Row.
Pte. Skinner, Pte. Skinner G., Pte. Hayde, Pte. Alnwick, L/Cp. Belson, Pte. Long. Pte. Divers, Pte. Bell, L/Cp. Insole, Pte. Inman. Front Row

Pte. Watts, Cpl. Hurley, Sergt. Bell, R.S.M. Vaughan, Lt.-Col. The Hon. P. G. Scarlett, M.C., C.S.M./O.R.S. Ongley, D.C.M., Sergt. Trinkwon, L/Cp. Frankham, Pte. Burgess.

## Our Late Colonel-in-Chief, King Frederick VIII. of Denmark.

We must apologise to our readers for the rather brief notice of the death of His Majesty in our last number, the brevity being due to the fact that we were practically in the press when the news arrived.

## FUNERAL OF KING FREDERICK.

Before the coffin of King Frederick was conveyed to the Royal train a Memorial Service was held in the Castle Church. Candles were burning in all the black-draped candlebra in the church, and on either side of the coffin sat 24 naval and military officers, forming a guard of honour. Foreign military deputations and missions and princely representatives entered the building gradually, and finally, amid the strains of the organ, came the members of the Danish Royal Family.

After the anthem by the choir, Provost Fenger delivered a short oration, and concluded with a eulogy of the King and the Royal House. Another anthem was rendered, and the officers lifted the coffin from the catafalque, and slowly carried it, amid the singing of the choir, from the church.

Immediately behind followed the King and the Queen Mother, and afterwards the remaining members of the assemblage.

The coffin was taken to Christian's Strasse, the route being lined with soldiers. Here it was placed in the Royal train, in a carriage which had been temporarily transformed into a chapel. After the mourners had taken their places the train started for Roskilde.

At half-past one the Royal train entered the station, and the Royal Family and the Princes proceeded to the waiting-room, whither the coffin was borne from the train by officers.

The Royal ladies then left the station, and proceeded tol the Cathedral, after which the coffin was placed on a hearse, amid the strains of a chorale played by the military band. The cortege immediately started on its way, headed by a detachment of Dragoons, who were followed by a battery of Field Artillery a and a battalion of Infantry.

Immediately following the coffin came the Royal and princely mourners-the King, with his two sons, the King of Sweden, the King of the Hellenes, and the King of Norway.

At a quarter past two the procession reached the Cathedral, and the coffin was at once taken from the carriage and carried into the building. The whole route of the procession was lined with people, who reverently saluted the remains of the dead King. Between twelve and halfpast one the mourners had assembled in the Cathedral, which was most elaborately decorated with black and white drapery and green foliage. Among those present were the Danish Ministers, the members of the Rigsdag, the high dignitaries of State, and many other distinguished personages. At two o'clock the Royal ladies entered the church, and were conducted to their seats on the left of the catafalque. Half an hour later the general procession with the remains of the late Sovereign reached the gates of the Cathedral, and passed along the nave, where the coffin was raised to the catafalque.

The rest of the mourners then took the places assigned to them, and the service began with the singing of an anthem, after which Dean Paulli, Clerk of the Closet, delivered a funeral oration.

At the conclusion of the address, the choir and soloists again sang as the coffin was raised and carried into the chapel of Frederick V., followed by the Royal mourners. The firing party fired a volley, and the whole congregation rose to its feet.

The coffin was thereupon lowered to its final resting-place, and the Dean said a short prayer. Amid the solemn strains of the organ the Royal party then left the Cathedral, and returned to the Palace, King Christian leading the way, with the Queen Mother, followed by King Gustav, with Queen Alexandra.

After a short stay the Royal party proceeded to the station, whence they left again for Copenhagen at ten minutes to four.

The other guests followed in two special trains.

## THE LATE KING'S CAREER.

Frederick VIII., eldest son of King Christian IX., was born at Copenhagen on June 3, 1843. There, amid the simplest surroundings, he was brought up with his brothers and sisters, Queen Alexandra, King George of Greece, the Empress Maria of Russia, the Duchess of Cum-
berland, and Prince Vladimir. As boys and girls they were encouraged to lead a healthy outdoor life, which has borne fruit in Queen Alexandra's love of walking for miles about the Sandringham grounds on Sunday, and in King Frederick's fondness for horses and dogs, and for deer-shooting, for which he entertained large parties at Charlottenlund, the great deer forest. The late King and Queen Alexandra were inseparable companions in their youth, and together they heard their first fairy stories from the lips of Hans Andersen.

Though a sportsman at heart, King Frederick was first and foremost a soldier, and he was the only monarch of his day who had worn the uniform of a private soldier, eaten the coarse rations, used the tin plate and cup, the iron knife and fork, and performed long and trying marches. As Crown Prince of Denmark, he took part in the war of 1864 against Austria and Prussia. His Majesty was connected with the British Army in his capacity as Colonel-in-Chief of The Buffs.

In 1869 he married Louise, daughter of Charles XV., King of Sweden, by whom he had a family of four sons and five daughters. His eldest son, Christian, born in 1870, was married to Alexandrina, daughter of the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, and sister of the Crown Princess of Germany. Another son, Harald, married Princess Helen of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glucksburg, whose sister, Alexandra Victoria, had only the year before married another of the Kaiser's sons, Prince August Wilhelm. These two family alliances account in no small measure for the rapproch?ment between Denmark and Germany, which has been so marked a feature of recent years.

King Frederick's second son, Charles, who married his cousin, Maud, daughter of King Edward, became King of Norway as Haakon VII. in 1905.

After assisting his father in the duties of Government for some years, the Crown Prince became King on his father's death in January, 1906, and subsequently paid a round of visits to France, England, Iceland, etc.

A giant in stature, and one of the handsomest men of his time, King Frederick had the largehearted, genial nature of his father, and amusing stories are told of how he paid visits to schools, took the children on his knees, and questioned them; how he incognito performed
the duties of cicerone when tourists invaded the palace grounds, and how he said nothing when a boorish bicyclist knocked him and his aged father down as they strolled through Copenhagen, and, not recognising his victims in their quiet dress, abused them roundly for not getting out of his way.

A model son, husband, father, and King, gifted, too, with that politesse du cour which is the secret of so much popularity, King Frederick could afford to lack absolute genius, which is not always a happy possession for a King.

King Christian X. of Denmark asked General Kekewich to convey his thanks to all ranks of The Buffs for their kind messages of sympathy, and for sending a deputation to Copenhagen to attend the funeral of his father, their Colonel-in-Chief.

## 1st Battalion Sporting Notes.

RUNNING.

On May 20th and 21st we held a team race under somewhat novel conditions Teams consisted of six men per company, each man to run in a separate heat, the distance being 440 yards. On the first evening no points were given, but men were classified in the order in which they finished, i.e., the winner of each heat competed in the first heat on the following evening, the second man in each heat competing in the second heat, and so on down to the last man, so that every competitor ran twice. This made the competition rather interesting. The points were allotted so that each man had to do his best on each day to assist his team. The winners of heats in the first round were Lieutenant Wheler, Corporal Jones, Lance-Corporal Glass, Drummer Dennis, Corporals Mills and Cooper, Privates Walmsley and Twrell. These eight all met in the first heat in the final round, and of course were the only ones eligible for individual prizes. Corporal Jones eventually finished first, Lieutenant Wheler being about four yards away second. Corporal Cooper was a good third, and then came an excellent finish for fourth place, Drummer Dennis just getting up to beat Corporal Mills on the tape. Private Walmsley was sixth, Lance-Corporal Glass seventh, and Private Twrell eighth.

F Company again provided the winning team, with a total of 100 points.

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A Company were rather an unexpected second, and almost won with a total of 99 points. C Company third, 84 points; B Company fourth, 83 points; E Company fifth, 66 points; D Company sixth, $5^{1}$ points; H Company seventh, 29 points; G Company eighth, 22 points.

F Company-Corporals Jones (23), Cooper (21), Mills (19), Privates Williams (16), Lloyd (13), Nichols (8).

A Company-Lieutenant Wheler (22), Privates Spice (19), Shepherd (16), Richards (15), Wells (14), Wood (13).

## BOXING.

Early in May we held a Novices' Boxing Competition to suit all weights. I must apologise for the short account, as the full details got lost before the move to Kilbride. Below I give the final results.

Feather-weights.-In this final we saw two Drummers opposed to each other. McDonough, who had fought exceedingly well in the earlier stages, was regarded as favourite. This he fully justified. Settingabout his work in a very aggressive manner, he had his opponent knocked out completely by a clever hit in the first round. ist, Drummer McDonough; 2nd, Drummer Foote.

Light-weights.-In the final of the lightweights we saw one of the most interesting and stubborn fights of the whole competition. Private Harbour met Private Smith, and so equally were they matched that the judges could not decide the winner. An extra round was therefore ordered, in which Harbour get the verdict, although the margin was a narrow one. 1st, Private Harbour; 2nd, Private Smith.

Welter-weights.-Private Peake v. Private Pritchard.-This final was of short duration. Peake had fought well, knocking everybody out that he had met. Pritchard had damaged his hand in the semi-final, and so was somewhat handicapped. However, Pritchard gave up in the first round, leaving Peake the victor. Ist, Private Peake; 2nd, Private Pritchard.

Middle-weights.-Private Redmond v. Private Taylor.-This also proved a short fight. Taylor had had a gruelling in his previous fight, and gave in during the first round. Ist, Private Redmond; 2nd, Private Taylor.

Heavy-weights. - Drummer Pope v. Private Austen.-This was expected to be a good fight. Pope had boxed excellently throughout and shows great promise of emulating his elder brother; Austen had also won his fights rather easily. Pope, however, left nothing to doubt, and had a good lead of his opponent at the end of the first round. Early in the second round it was evident that Austen had had enough; he fought gamely on until Pope put him out with a clever hit on the point. Ist, Drummer Pope; 2nd, Private Austen.

## cgos <br> QUACKS.

A bandsman and his lady friend out for a stroll met a gymnastic instructor in uniform.
"What does that badge on his arm mean?" she asked, referring to the swords.
"They are the crossed scissors," he replied. "He is the regimental barber."
"Then, I suppose, you are the regimental ' lyre,' "' she said, looking at the badge on his arm.

Scene-The Armourer's Shop. Inspection of arms, etc.

Enter-Private of 1908 draft with rifle and bayonet.
Armourer (after carefully inspecting the same) -"Defective socket spring."

Astounded Private-'No wonder I've bin losin' a tickey a diy, wiv me shootin', me blinkin' socket spring's defective. Hi, Nobby, where's the socket spring?"

Nobby-"In yer bayonet handle."
Private-"Oh, crickey!"

## THE RIGHT SPIRIT.

Mrs. Guzzler-"Oh, Henry, see what Mrs. Nextdoor sent you-a jar of brandied peaches !"
Mr. Guzzler-"Well, I don't care much for preserves, but you can tell her I appreciate the spirit in which they were sent."

## BEASTLY.

She-"My brother tells me you have been going in for a little speculation on the Stock Exchange lately. Were you a bull or a bear?"

He-"Neither. I was an ass."

## MEN O' MEATH.

## No. r.-Mr. JOHN DUNVILLE, M.F.H.

He is Master of the Meath Hounds, which he took over at the end of 19ro-il season, and inaugurated his mastership with one of the best seasons ever known with this famous pack. He
control. He is a keen balloonist, and spends a considerable part of the summer in the air. His wife is a most charming lady, and is also a very keen devotee of the Sport of Kings. She is noted

does things in princely fashion, his hunt servants being splendidly mounted, whilst his provision of a motor car for the use of Will Fitzsimmons, the huntsman, has greatly increased the efficiency of that hard-worked official. He lives at Sion, near Navan, where he is always delighted to put up any deserving young fellows from Dublin for a hunt. He is extremely popular, and it is noticeable that, though he says very little, he always has his field under excellent
for her ready wit. One day two men jumped a ditch very close to her on either side. "There was I, my dear," said Mrs. Dunville, "like a chicken between the liver and the gizzard." Mr. Dunville did not miss a single day's hunting all through last season, and that he will keep up this record for many seasons is the wish of us all. Chiefly because he is One of the Best, the Order of the F.O.B. (Friend of The Buffs) was conferred upon him on June ist, igi2.

# The Writings of an Old 'Un. 

## No 2.-The Orderly Otficer.

I reckon the above-named bloke is 'im for wot I 'olds a 'ell of a lot of sympaffy. 'E don't 'arf 'ave a muddy day when he's on dooty. It is 'im wot is usually called "the orderly dog," but I reckon nowadays it would be sort of better like if 'e was called "the orderly k'nut." You see, it's like this 'ere-them wot joins the Army nowadays ain't like wot they used to be. Formerly they used to come along, fear and tremblin' like, never openin' their bloomin' mouths unless they was told to, and mind you, them wot didn't behave ah proper like used to 'ave that portion of their body, what ain't quite proper to talk abaht, treated pretty alert like, and if that didn't do the bloomin' trick-well, I reckon, a suborlten's courtmartial used to teach 'em wot they ort to 'ave known all along.

But this ain't wot 'appens now-not arf. A lot of these 'ere young blokes nowadays try to begin buyin' in their first ten minutes. Gor blimey, don't they dress, too! Wot sockssome blokes 'as them of silk, them blokes wot is orlways roller-skating. Then they 'as tightwaisted coats, wif skirts to 'em, and I reckon I'm usin' the right term if I says that the young bloke of the present day is all sort of knutty like, and that he is apt to think a great deal more abaht himself and 'is clothes, especially them socks, than wot is good for 'im.

However, I reckon I'm sort of wanderin' from wot I ort to write abaht. It don't make me 'arf larf to see the orderly orficer gettin' through 'is day. You see, 'e 'as to get through a pretty good deal so as to sign 'is certificate. 'E 'as to go dahn to the tailors' shop, the temperature of which is orlways abaht a 'undred and six ex--cept in the summer, when it's a 'undred and ten; then ' $e$ 'as a look at the snob abaht 'oom he didn't know nuffink, arter that 'e tries to find the pioneer bloke, wot is never there, as 'e's orlways somewhere else pickin' up and makin' bags o' money. But this ain't all-Gor lumme, no! ' E sniffs into the wash-'ouse, and some on 'em makes a 'ell of a fuss if 'e finds one of them. there zinc basins turned upside dahn. ' E 'as. a dekko at the cook-'ouse when all the blokes is fat and sweaty. ' $E$ goes to the canteen, wot 'e never looks at, and then all on 'em turns out the bloomin' guard at the same 'our every day.

If one was to enumerate all 'is little jobs one would find that he don't do more than mess abaht the 'ole bloomin' day, and 'e grouses something 'orrible, almost as much as some of the captings wot is fed up and wot thinks they is messed abaht more than they ort to be. I reckon there's a bit too much of this 'ere grousing, but then it's sort of recognised in the Army, and there ain't no bloomin' 'arm in. it.

There ain't nuffink to say against the orderly orficer. They all does their work-in course they does-but wot abaht that there certificate which they 'as to sign to say they've done it? I reckon that ain't no bloomin' use. 'E don't do 'is work any better cos 'e 'as to sign anyfink -not arf. I ain't certain that them certificates don't do a bit o' 'arm. Wot abaht the bloke in the regiment wot 'ad the wind put up 'im for sayin' in his certificate that he found the guard "clean and regular," when he or't to 'ave said "alert" instead o' "clean'? But, thank Gawd, them days 'as gone now, though we still 'as the orderly k'nut messin' abaht a great deal too much. Yus, 'e 'as to do a 'ole 'eap of things wot ain't no use. Wot abaht smellin' meat? It makes me sick-the dooty; not the meat.

The Old 'Un.

## HADN'T TRIED THEM ON.

An American colonel had a coloured valet by the name of George. George received nearly al ${ }^{\prime}$ of the colonel's cast-off clothing. He had his eyes on a certain pair of trousers, which were not wearing fast enough to suit him, so he thought he would hasten matters somewhat by rubbing grease on one knee.

When the colonel saw the spot he called George and asked him if he had noticed it

George said: "Yes, sah, colonel, I noticed dat spot, and tried mighty hard to get 't out, but I couldn't."
"Have you tried gasoline?" asked the colonel.
"Yes, sah, colonel, but it didn't do no good."
"Have you tried brown paper and a hot iron?"
"Yes, sah, colonel; I'se done tried mos' everything I know of, but dat spot wouldn't come out"
"Well, George, have you tried ammonia?" the colonel asked as a last resort.
"No, sah, colonel, I ain't tried 'em on yet, but I know they'll fit."

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5957 Sergeant W. D. Dines promoted ColourSergeant, vice Marchant, to Special Reserve, 4-3-12.
8357 Lance-Sergeant Martin promoted Sergeant, vice Dines.
7201 Corporal G. Ings appointed paid LanceSergeant.
7782 Lance-Corporal Coulby promoted Corporal, vice Martin, 4-3-12.

Captain C. Greenway retires on retired pay.

## APPOINTMENTS.

8989 Private T. Corder appointed Lance-Corporal, 29-3-12.
Corporal Shorto (late R.E.) appointed LanceSergeant (Master Shoemaker).

## MUSKETRY.

Sergeant E. G. Port qualified at the School of Musketry, Hythe, 22-2-12.

## CONTINUATION IN THE SERVICE.

Sergeant-Major W. R. Birrell has been permitted to continue in the Service beyond 21 years.

## TO ENGLAND.

8io7 Lance-Corporal Eveleigh has been discharged medically unfit, and proceeds to England per H.M.S. "Hawke," r6th April.

## EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATES.

6397 Sergeant W. S. Edwards awarded ist Class Certificate.

Passed Group I.- 8218 Corporal H. Stanford; 9300 Lance-Corporal H. C. Collins; 8439 LanceCorporal L. Moses; 9219 Private C. A. Poulton.

Awarded 2nd Class Certificates- 8584 LanceCorporal Parker; 8317 Lance-Corporal Moon;

8615 Lance-Corporal Deeks; 8874 Lance-Corporal Cooper; 9046 Lance-Corporal Holness; 8871 Lance-Corporal McAlpine; 7225 LanceCorporal Boucher; 6076 Private Newton; 8693 Private Terry; 9245 Private Leach; 8879 Private Welch; 9037 Private Pavey; 9273 Boy Stevens; 8i63 Lance-Corporal Fuller; 8216 Lance-Corporal King; 904I Lance-Corporal Hollands; 8898 Private Potts.

Awarded 3rd Class Certificates--8992 Private Farbrace; 9263 Private Osborne; 9254 Private Kay; 9043 Private Forster; 9248 Private Carter; 9249 Private Bean; 8778 Private Stone; 9205 Private Ring; 8553 Private Giblons; 8914 Private Woodruff; 8920 Private Watson; 9184 Private Thurley; 9286 Private Harris; 911 I Private Lewry; $8_{345}$ Private Wisdom; 7730 Private Slatham; 8876 Private Carthew; 7754 Private Tampsett; 8930 Private Harris; 8414 Private Cowell; 8893 Private Bigg; 8750 Private Quittenden; 9314 Private Spice; 8994 Private Williams; 9054 Private Castle; 923I Private Flick; 9026 Private Cook; 854i Private Mills.

## SILVER BUGLE.

Winner of the Silver Bugle-9273 Drummer Stevens.

## PIONEER CLASS

8076 Lance-Corporal Manning passed a course of instruction for Pioneer Sergeant at Bangalore, India, 1-4-12.

## RE-ENGAGEMENT.

654 I Lance-Sergeant J. Carpenter re-engaged for 21 years with The Buffs, 14-4-12.

## CROSS-COUNTRY RUN.

A cross-country run took place on 27th March, the distance being about six miles.

1, Private Packman; 2, Lance-Corporal Boucher; 3, Lance-Corporal Marsh; 4, Private Lewry; 5, Corporal Rosam.

First company team of six home. Prize, $\$_{12}$ -G Company-Sergt. Watson, Private Lewry, Corporal Terrell, Lance-Corporal Boucher, Private Griggs, Private Watson.

Second team-D Company-Prize, \$6-Corporal Creed, Corporal Field, Private Piercey, Private Erridge, Private Roots, Private Robinson.

Points towards the Individual Cup, presented by Colonel Geddes.-Private Packman heads the list of points, having got home first in the last four runs.

## MARCH BAYONET FIGHTING COMPETITION.

Lance-Corporal Coulby, G Company, beat Lance-Corporal Petts, H Company; Private Gowers, G Company, beat Private Hodges, H Company.

Lance-Corporal Stevens, E Company, beat Sergeant Martin, F Company; Private McSweeney, E Company, beat Private Smith, F Company.

Lance-Corporal Gettings, D Company, beat Private Wilkins, C Company; Private Farbrace, D Company, beat Private Joy, C Company.

Corporal Goddard and Private Weller, B Company, a bye-A Company at Musketry at Normanton.

Semi-final-Lance-Corporal Stevens, E Company, beat Lance-Corporal Coulbv, G Company; Private McSweeney, E Company, beat Private Gower, G Company.

Corporal Goddard, B Company, beat LanceCorporal Gettings, D Company; PrivateWeller, B Company, beat Private Farbrace, D Company.

Final-Lance-Corporal Stevens, E Company, beat Corporal Goddard, B Company; Private McSweeney, E Company, beat Private Weller, B Company.

Winners-E Company.

## EASTER MONDAY IN SINGAPORE.

As a change from six-a-side football, running, treasure-hunting, etc., a Cricket Tournament was indulged in, the conditions being each team to bat for 30 minutes unless all wickets had fallen. The following teams entered, and play commenced at 6 a.m. :-

## FIRST ROUND.

I. Signallers v. G Company-Signallers, 33; G Company, 18.
2. Lance-Corporals v. A Company-LanceCorporals, 79; A Company, 35.
3. Drums v. Maxim Gun Detachment and Scouts-Drummers, 61; Maxim Gun Detachment and Scouts, 58.
4. B Company v. C Company-B Company, 64; C Company, 29.
5. Sergeants v. Full Corporals-Corporals, 33; Sergeants, 32 .
6. R.A.T.A. v. H Company-R.A.T.A., $\operatorname{roI}$; H Company, 74.
7. Band v. D Company-Band, 38 ; D Company, 36 .
8. E Company v. F Company-E Company, 69; F Company, 6 I.

## SECOND ROUND.

9. Drums v. Lance-Corporals-Lance-Corporals, 76; Drums, $5^{2}$.
1o. Signallers v. Band-Band, 54; Signallers, 53.
10. B Company v. Corporals-Corporals, 48 ; B Company, 47.
11. R.A.T.A. v. E Company-R.A.T.A., 56; E Company, 28.

SEMI-FINAL.
13. Band v. Corporals-Corporals, 71; Band, 55.
14. Lance-Corporals v. R.A.T.A.-R.A.T.A., 68; Lance-Corporals, 38.

FINAL.
15. R.A.T.A. v. Corporals-R.A.T.A., ino; Corporals, 42.
Winners-ist, R.A.T.A., $\$ 27.50$; 2nd, Corporals, \$16.50.
Umpires, etc.-Sergeant-Major Birrell, Col-our-Sergeant Dines, Corporal Saunders, Sergeant Link, Lance-Corporal Winder, Sergeant Hill.

## CROSS-COUNTRY RUN.-EASTER.

Private Packman was an easy flrst, followed by Sergeant-Drummer Andrews, who ran for the first time this year.

First four individuals home-Private Packman, Sergeant-Drummer Andrews, Corporal Creed, Lance-Corporal Marsh.

First Company Team-G Company, $\$_{12}$ -Lance-Corporal Boucher, Sergeant Watson, Corporal Terrell, Privates Watson, Griggs, and Wyles.

Second, D Company, \$6-Corporal Creed,

Corporal Field, Drummer Spillett, Privates Piercey, Erridge, and Robinson.

A Company is going strong, and it will not be the fault of Sergeant-Drummer Andrews if his team is not in it the next run.

## REGIMENTAL SPORTS.

The Regimental Sports took place on 16 th May, 1912, Albuhera Day.

The following events were held :-
One Mile.
Half Mile.
Quarter Mile.
One Hundred Yards.
Putting the Shot.
High Jump.
Long Jump.
Tug-of-War. (Conditions per Warren Shield.)
Tent Competition (Teams of one N.C.O. and six men).
Horse v. Man v. Motor Bicycle, Race ( 150 yards with turn).
Throwing the Cricket Ball.
Sack Race.
Potato Race.
Regimental 220 Yards.
Obstacle Race.
Gymnastic Display.
Old Soldiers' Race
Relay Race. (Teams of four who have never won a prize).
Sergeants', 220 Yards.
Corporals' "
Privates' ",
Native Regiment Race.
Consolation Race.
Boys' Race.
Melee Race.
Children's Race.
Bicyele Race, about six miles, Tanglin-round Normanton.
Bayonet Fighting Competition (Final).
One Mile (open to Europeans).

## BOXING TOURNAMENT.

A Regimental Boxing Tournament was held in the Volunteer Drill Hall, Singapore, on the 27th March, 1912. There was a very good attendance, and a most attractive show was put forward.

The following acted as officials :-
Judges-Lieutenant Hon. P. G. Scarlett,
Second Lieutenant J. B. Sharpe, The Buffs.
Referee-Mr. J. Dashwood Sanders.
Master of Ceremonies-Sergeant-Major W.
R. Birrell.

Timekeeper-Q.-M.-Sergeant E. Smith
The following were the events :-
I. Three-round Contest-Pte. Banham v. Pte. May. This was quite a lively little opener on the part of these lads, who have just come on their service. May, who is a useful left-hander, eventually won. Both fought with great pluck, and the decision was popular.
2. Six-round Contest-Pte. Green v. Pte. Hobbs. This was undoubtedly a good fight, Green meaning business from the start, and eventually knocking out his opponent in the second round.
3. Six-round Contest-Pte. Williams v. Pte. Russell. This fight went the whole six rounds, and although the former was cautioned for holding he eventually won. Russell fought well.
4. Novices' Competition (for Draft)-Pte. Allen v. Pte. Emptage. These two men put up a very good show, Allen doing all the leading, in spite of Emptage's good style. Three rounds were fought briskly, the decision being an extra round, after which Allen was declared the winner. We hope to see a little more of these two men in coming tournaments.
5. Novices' Competition (three rounds)-Pte. White v. Pte. McSweeney. McSweeney was outclassed in the first round, and was soon sent to the boards, White being declared the winner.
6. Six-round Contest-Pte. Higgs v. Lce.-Corpl. Bloxham. The six rounds were fought out. Higgs was the taller and also had the advantage in reach, and it was not until the third round that Bloxham began to get at Higgs; $4^{\text {th, }} 5^{\text {th }}$ and 6 th rounds, Bloxham led and punished Higgs, receiving a great amount of punishment himself, but finally winning on points. Bloxham is no doubt a plucky fighter and puts up a very good fight.
7. Six-round Contest-Pte. Batchelor, Buffs, v. Sapper Baldwin, R.E. This fight looked serious for the Buff in the first round, but those knowing Batchelor knew he had something left in reserve. Getting to work in the and round, Batchelor floored his man twice, time saving Baldwin. Again at it in the 3rd round, Batchelor led the whole way; the Sapper, taking his punishment well, was again floored, managing to recover before being counted out. The remaining rounds were in favour of Batchelor, who eventually won. In this fight the Sapper went to the boards no fewer than 7 times, and was greatly cheered for the way he took his punishment and the good fight put up.
8. Pte. Ring v. Pte. Hollands. This middle-weight contest proved rather short, as Hollands, who has only fought twice before, meant business; giving Ring every chance to get going, Hollands (Crab) had his man out in a few minutes with a right swing on the point of the jaw.
9. Six-rounds-Dr. Russell v. Pte. Corby. Both men going the full six rounds, Corby won on points.
10. Eight-round Contest - Lance-Corpl. Boucher v. Pte. Taylor. These two men no doubt put up a good fight, Taylor being inclined to hold too much, for which he was warned. Boucher was far and away the cleverer of the two, and was tou smart for Taylor, whom he punished. The fight was stopped in the 7 th round by the Referee, whose decision to Boucher was received with great applause.

Ten-round Contest-Sapper Reilley, R.E., v. Pte. Warne, Buffs. These two men have met before, Reilley losing on a foul. In this fight the Sapper scaled rolbs. heavier than Warne, but the latter being quite fit, a very good fight was put up. Clean boxing was shown, Warne doing nearly all the attacking; Reilley broke


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cleanly and the fight was sharp throughout. In the 8th round Warne was wearing his opponent down, Reilley missed some good blows, and forgot his guard, Warne getting home several left-arm blows. The full ten-rounds were boxed, the audience applauding heartily. The fight was awarded to Reilley on points. These two men will meet again, it is to be hoped, for although Warne received the verdict against him, it was a narrow margin. All feel sure that in a 15 -round contest Warne will turn the tables, for he is a good boxer. We congratulate Warre on his splendid fight.

Our next Tournament will take place in about six weeks. We wish we could get more talent from other corps of the garrison.

Our Regimental Instructor, Sergeant Ling, is to be congratulated on getting this form of sport in going order. The never-tiring "Scrubby", is on the look-out for new blood, and if our future Tournaments are as good as this one we cannot grumble.

Lance-Corporal Manning has just returned from India (Pioneer Course). He will no doubt figure in the next event.

## CORPORALS' MESS.

The Corporals of the Battalion gave another of their popular Dances on the 3rd April. This

Quadrille Party was held in the Gymnasium, which had been prettily decorated for the occasion, and a word of praise is due to the hardworking Committee, who did their utmost to make it an enjoyable evening. A great number were present from Pulo Brani and Blakan Mati; they were also honoured with the presence of the officers.

Commencing at 9 p.m., the room was soon in a whirl, the floor being perfect. Many of the young 'uns have taken to this amusement. Dancing was kept up till 1 a.m., when, feeling tired, all proceeded homewards, after enjoying one of the most pleasant evenings spent in Tanglin.

## INTER-COMPANY BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

The Inter-Company Billiard Tournament (Game, 250 up; company teams of eight Privates) is now in full swing.

Results up to the present: -H v. G-G wins by 276 points.

F Company is going strong in their match with A Company.

## SERGEANTS' RIFLE SHOOT.

A Spoon Shoot took place at Tanglin Range on 22 nd March. Distance, 200 and 500 yards; classification targets. Winners of Spoons handicapped $3^{\frac{1}{2}}$ points.

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## Death of Colour-Sergeant E. Wallis.

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With deepest sorrow and regret we record the sad news of the death of Colour-Sergeant Wallis, who died at Tanglin on the ist April, 1912, after a very short illness.

Colour-Sergeant Wallis was with his Company at Normanton undergoing Musketry, when; on the last day of the course, he was taken suddenly ill and brought into Tanglin, where he underwent an operation for volvulus, from which he never recovered. He leaves a wife and child to mourn his loss.

Colour-Sergeant Wallis joined The Buffs in November, igoo, after serving at Canterbury and Shorncliffe, and went to the 2nd Battalion in Africa during the campaign, gaining the Queen's South African medal, with four clasps. He had been with the 2nd Battalion up to the time of his death. During the Regiment's stay in Hong Kong of two years he was appointed Drill Instructor to the Hong Kong Volunteers, earning the greatest admiration from them, and receiving splendid presentations when leaving. He was then (on the Regiment being ordered to Singapore) sent to Penang as !nstructor to the Volunteers, where he fulfilled his duties most satisfactorily, rejoining the Battalion again in Singapore to take up the duties of Colour-Sergeant of A Company. He was a good sport and one of the best shots of the Regiment. His untimely end was greatly felt by all ranks, and our deepest sympathy goes to his wife and child and his parents.

Colour-Sergeant Wallis was a native of Plumstead.

## SERGEANTS' MESS NEWS.

On Easter Monday the Sergeants were "At Home" for Tennis, mixed doubles and singles being played. The two courts were full right up to dark. In the evening a very pleasant Whist Drive was held in the Mess Room, Sergeant White being the winner of the gent's and Mrs. Jeffery winner of the ladies' prize.

We are pleased to hear that the Colour-Sergeants and Sergeants from the 2nd Battalion who have been posted to the Special Reserve are doing well. "Johno"' informs us that all have secured snug billets, and that "there's no place like home." Glad to hear "Peggy" arrived safe, and completed the show. Shall be glad to hear how the working of the "raw material" goes on. Is there any danger of getting "pine-apple knees" in Canterbury? "Skipper" and "Scrubby" are preparing for the cold climate once again, it being a toss up who has the most Kentish service of the two.

Gramo.

Things were getting a bit slack at the evening's sing-song, got up.on the spar of the moment to celebrate-it doesn't matter what. Singers were scarce. everybody approached declaring that he or she knew no song well enough to sing it in public.

At length one of the party approached a softlooking young man with-"Look here, Jones, I can't sing with this awful cold, but I'll give you the words of a song you will find very easy. It is the Syamese national anthem, and it is sung to the tune of our national anthem, 'God Save the King.' Now, you shouldn't find it at all hard; go and try it.'

At length the silly young man arose and stood gazing for a moment on the slip of paper containing the words, then plucked up courage, and commenced.

He hadn't got very far through the song before tittering commenced, gradually growing into subdued laughter, which suddenly became. volcanic, and his audience were convulsed. The words ran as follows:-

O wah tah nah, Syam!
O wah tah nah, Syam!
Ah nah, Syam!
O wah tah nah, Syam!
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