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GENERAL THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
SIR ARTHUR PAGET,

Colonel of the Buffs,

Born March 1, 1851; died December 9, 1928.

## IN MEMORIAM.

IN General Sir Arthur Paget the Buffs have lost one of the most distinguished in a long line of distinguished colonels; and it may be said that none of his predecessors has done so much for the welfare of the regiment, or held it in greater affection.

The most dignified figure, with the courtliest manner, General Paget was not one who cared that his innumerable acts of kindness and generosity should be widely known. He preferred to remain, in a sense, aloof; he was there when wanted, always ready to suggest or advise or to give, but, apart from that, it was enough for him to know that all was well with his regiment, of which he was so proud, and to feel that its ancient and honourable traditions were being worthily maintained.

Arthur Henry Fitzroy Paget, eldest son of General Lord Alfred Henry Paget, C.B., and grandson of the Lord Anglesey of Waterloo fame, was born on March 1st, 1851. He thus sprang of a family endowed with fine military traditions and his whole career in the Army showed that he was worthy of his stock. After being educated at Wellington, he was gazetted to the Scots Guards in June, 1869. In December, 1873, he went in the Ashanti Expedition on special service under Sir Garnet Wolseley. He distinguished himself by his share in the small flanking force placed on Wolseley's left, which was simply a bait to invite attack and possible annihilation by the enemy. The column escaped that fate with no little credit to Paget. Returning to England in 1874, he then led the normal life of a young officer of Foot Guards of the period. It was not until 1885 that he went to Egypt with his battalion and took part in Sir G. Graham's operations round Suakin. Between 1887 and 1889 he was fighting in Burmah and again in the Soudan. In June, 1895, he became brevet-colonel in the Army, but only four years later received command of the 1st Battalion Scots Guards, on promotion to lieutenant-colonel in his regiment.

In this position he went out to South Africa on the outbreak of war against the Boer Republics in 1899. He commanded his unit during the advance through Cape Colony, and took part in the actions of Belmont, Enslin, Modder River and Magersfontein. On Lord Roberts's arrival he continued with the main western column until promoted major-general on April 1st, 1900. He then received the command of an infantry brigade, composed chiefly of Guards, and led that formation through the various engagements of the march to Pretoria. After that summer he commanded a column based on Bloemfontein. But, not being able to see eye to eye with the General in command of the Free State operations, he relinquished his command. Though urged by the highest authority (the Prince of Wales) to remain, he declined to do so and returned home in June, 1901, being created C.B. and C.V.O. When the forces at home were reorganized in 1902 Paget was given command of the 1st Division at Aldershot. This position he occupied for four years with conspicuous success, always ready, on manoeuvres or at other times, to put his finger on a weak spot, and never at a loss for the phrase which exactly summed up a situation. He was promoted lieutenant-general in May, 1906, and was later made K.C.V.O. on vacating his appointment.

After 18 months of unemployment, he was appointed G.O.C.-in-C., Eastern Command. Here, as elsewhere, he earned the respect, confidence, and devotion of all. After four years of this service, he was again nominated to the corresponding appointment in Ireland.

On the outbreak of the Great War General Paget was brought back from Ireland and appointed to the command of the First Army of the Central Force then being constituted out of the mobilized Territorial Force for the defence of the home country under Sir Ian Hamilton. Sir Arthur's headquarters were north of the Thames. The estrangement of French and Paget, in consequence of the trouble in Ireland, was now to bear fruit and was the real reason for Paget's not obtaining the command of the III Army Corps when this was formed in October, 1914. He was later selected to act as British Representative at French Headquarters, but again Sir John French proved an obstacle, and a younger man was sent in his place.

In January, 1915, he was sent on a Special Mission to Russia and the Balkan States and was received by the Tzar of Russia and the Kings of Roumania, Bulgaria, Servia and Greece. The following year he was sent by His Majesty King George V. to convey the Field-Marshal's baton to the Tzar of Russia. But already the recall of Lord French in January, 1916, to command the Forces at home deprived Sir Arthur of a last chance of seeing himself in a more active or more influential rôle. In 1917 he visited Verdun, representing His Majesty, to confer on that town the Military Cross. For the most part, however, preparations to meet hostile air raids were the chief of his duties connected with active defence. The time went by, spent in the hurried and endless training of formations, units and drafts for the Forces overseas. Finally, the death of his eldest son, a most promising officer of cavalry and Staff College graduate, from the effects of gas poisoning in August, 1917, proved the climax of his trials. As soon as he was able to do so he retired and devoted himself to his hobbies, for he was an enthusiastic gardener and a good golfer.

Such was the career of a man who was a real soldier at heart and possessed the makings of a great leader in the field. It is true that he had never made much effort, either of will or of intellect, to reach higher rank; it is impossible to deny that he had taken advantage of his position in the Guards to enjoy life, and, as he said, had lived history rather than read it. In these respects he truly belonged to an age that is past. For all that, he possessed keen military insight; he was adored by his subordinates, for he trusted and never harassed them; he knew how to handle men. On one occasion he is related to have travelled home from the Riviera, in spite of ill-health, in order to secure the advancement of a staff officer who needed his support. For some years past he had taken a villa at Cannes for the greater part of each year. When he felt too old for golf, he took up yachting with enthusiasm, and until quite lately had sailed in practically all the many regattas and races along the Riviera, where he was extremely popular. To see him walking down the Croisette at Cannes, exchanging salutes and stopping, now and again, to have a chat with a boatman, was a memorable picture.



Mention should also be made of his friendship with Royalty. His father was Equerry and Clerk Marshal of the Royal Household. As a boy he had been a Page of Honour to Queen Victoria, and he became a close friend of the then Prince of Wales, who was godfather to his eldest son. In that year, 1910, he was appointed Special Ambassador to announce to certain foreign Courts the accession of King George V. When the War broke out he was older than many of his colleagues and out of favour. Nevertheless, mentally and physically, he was still young enough to have undergone severe strain, and others, less qualified than he, were at that time being placed in positions of the greatest stress. So the Army in France was undoubtedly the poorer for his retention in a position inadequate for his powers when these are judged on their true merits.

Sir Arthur Paget was promoted to K.C.B. in 1907 and G.C.B. in 1913; he was sworn of the Privy Council of Ireland in 1912; and appointed Colonel of The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) in 1914. His work in this capacity was of extraordinary value, and by co-ordinating the various charitable and social activities of the regiment under a committee he set up a model which is being widely followed in the Army. He was nominated King of Arms of the Order of the British Empire in 1918; and he had been an A.D.C. General to the King from 1910 to 1914. He had also received high foreign orders.

He married in 1878 Mary, daughter of Mr. Paran Stevens, of New York; she died in 1919. He leaves two sons, twins, surviving. His only daughter, Louisa, married her kinsman, Sir Ralph Paget, K.C.M.G., formerly Ambassador to Brazil; she was created G.B.E. in 1917. Sir Arthur Paget is survived by his brother, Lord Queenborough, and his sisters, Lady Colebrooke and Miss Amy Paget.

Captain Arthur Paget received the following telegram from Buckingham Palace:—

"The Queen greatly regrets to hear of the sad loss suffered by you and your family, in which Her Majesty truly sympathizes, and knows how much the King will share their feelings, for in Sir Arthur Paget both the King and Queen lose a very old friend and one who has rendered valued and devoted service to three successive Sovereigns."

There was a large and distinguished congregation at the funeral service at the Royal Memorial Church of Saint George at Cannes on December 11th.

The King was represented by General Sir Walter Braithwaite at the memorial service which was held at the Guards' Chapel, Wellington Barracks, on December 13th.

A memorial service was held also in the South West transept adjoining the Warriors' Chapel, in Canterbury Cathedral. Canon Bickersteth read the Lesson, and the Rev. R. J. W. H. Potter read the prayers. At the conclusion of the service Last Post was sounded by a bugler of the Buffs.

Much of the above is taken from *The Times* of December 10th, 12th and 14th.

The Secretary of the Past and Present Association has received the following letters from Lady Paget:—

Villa Valbelle,  
Chemin-de-Benefiat—  
Cannes. (A.M.).

December 16th, 1928.

Dear Colonel Findlay,

On behalf of my brothers and myself pray allow me to express to you and all ranks of The Buffs, my heartfelt thanks for the magnificent wreath of flowers sent for my Father's funeral.

I can assure you we most deeply appreciate this tribute of honour and affection to my Father from the Regiment to which he was so greatly attached.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

LEILA PAGET.

December 17th, 1928.

Dear Colonel Findlay,

I can find no words to express to you the pleasure and gratitude the family all felt when they heard that the Buffs had held a Memorial Service for my Father at Canterbury Cathedral and I can imagine nothing that would have pleased my Father more. I do not know who to thank for this great tribute to my Father, but through you, my family and I desire to express our very deep appreciation.

I am also told that the Buffs were magnificently represented at the Memorial Service at the Guards' Chapel. For the honour done to my Father's memory, I can but say "thank you," but this is said from the bottom of my heart.

The wreath sent by the Buffs was superb and we laid it at the head of the coffin, which I know would have been my Father's wish.

My brothers join me in sending a renewed expression of our heartfelt gratitude for the genuine tribute paid by The Buffs to their Colonel.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed): LEILA PAGET.

## To all who gave their Beloved.

In Memoriam—1914.

L'ENVOI.

I bade Love go, in my old imperious way

(Do you remember it?)

And follow you to gladden every hour of the day:

Until such time as your great work grips brain and heart

And fondest mem'ries take but a shadowy part.

Then send Love back to me—

For grief and pain

With me remain.

Forget not that!

But if a whisper sweet and clear

Falls like a caress on your ear,

Or, if a touch as light as air

Rests gently on your eyes and hair,

Remember that my spirit's near.

You will not, cannot, then forget!

ETENNA NOSKICH.

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## Battles of the Buffs.

No. 32.

NIVE.

9TH—13TH DECEMBER, 1813.

AFTER the battle of the Nivelle Wellington found himself cramped up in the low ground between the river Nive and the sea, in such a position that he could not get sufficient forage for his animals, found it difficult to make use of his guns and cavalry and considered it impossible actively to prosecute the war. Moreover the enemy had free and easy access to their supplies. He therefore decided to invest Bayonne a little closer and by throwing half his army across the river Nive to place his right flank on the river Adour and cut the French off from their means of supply. For some time, however, he found himself unable to put his plans into operation. Not only did the weather continue unusually bad but his army soon found itself seriously weakened in numbers. His Spanish troops received no pay or even food from Spain and, no doubt infuriated by the treatment that the French had meted out to their countrymen during their long occupation of Spain, proceeded to loot and murder. British and Portuguese followed suit. This seriously upset Wellington as the last thing that he wanted was a rising of the people. He therefore executed all caught in the act of marauding and despatched all the Spaniards except one division back across the Spanish frontier. This stern action reassured the local inhabitants, and they remained peaceful.

At the beginning of December the weather cleared and on the morning of the 9th December the British troops advanced towards the river. General Hill, with the Buffs, was still on the right of the army with Marshal Beresford on his immediate left. These two commanders were to cross the river, while General Hope on the extreme left engaged the enemy in that quarter. The signal to advance was to be a beacon fire lit upon the heights of Cambo and this appeared at dawn on the 9th. The enemy was completely surprised. Hill forded the Nive above and below Cambo, gained the Bayonne road and advanced as far as the Vieux Moguerre and St. Pierre with his two divisions, the 2nd and the Portuguese. Beresford threw a pontoon bridge at Ustaritz and crossed with the 3rd and 6th divisions leaving the former to guard the bridgehead. Hope pushed back all the French posts opposite him but later in the day withdrew to his original positions, having completed his task. The actual passage had been

skilfully accomplished with the comparatively small loss of about 800 men on either side. The losses of the Buffs appear to have been three rank and file killed and one sergeant and three rank and file wounded.

Soult now saw that Wellington had divided his army by a broad and swollen stream and determined to concentrate as large a force as he could and overwhelm each flank in turn. Next day, the 10th December, he weakened the troops in front of Hill leaving only 8,000 on all that front and concentrated a force of 60,000 in front of Sir John Hope's force of 30,000. Wellington was apparently caught napping for he himself was with Hill, planning an assault on the enemy lines in that quarter. Finding however that the enemy had withdrawn most of his troops, he hurriedly ordered Beresford's two divisions to recross the river and himself went at once to the other flank. The divisions on that flank were not expecting an attack and the assault was boldly carried out, but luckily the marshy flats and deep roads delayed the French and gave time for the defence to be prepared. The allied piquets were driven in, but the main position was not reached before midday. The defenders, both Portuguese and British, severely handled as they were, stood their ground with brilliant courage, and at 3 p.m. the French general, General Reille, retired baffled. Soult then set about preparing a new attack when he perceived, approaching, the divisions which Wellington had ordered to recross the river and in consequence gave up the idea. Next day a British reconnoitring party rashly entered the village of Pucho and precipitated another contest. Hand-to-hand fighting took place but the allied position was maintained. The casualties during the first day had amounted to 1,500 on the allied side and some 2,000 on the French while that of the second day worked out at 600 on each side.

Soult now realised that he could do no more on that flank and that Hill's divisions were left entirely isolated on the other side of the river. He therefore prepared to withdraw his troops and concentrate again this time on his other flank. But Wellington who foresaw this move, ordered the 6th division to recross the river once more and bridge the gap between himself and Hill. Unfortunately however the river had swollen and one of the





## Correspondence.

### H.M. The King of Denmark.

The following has been received :—

*General Bainbridge, Chairman,  
Past and Present Association,  
The Buffs, Canterbury.*

Following telegram received from The King of Denmark. Quote express to the General as well as to all.

"The members, Past and Present Association, The Buffs, my warmest thanks for kind Christmas greetings, which I heartily reciprocate."

Unquote. AHLEFELDT LAURVIG.

#### GOOD WISHES.

*To The Editor, "The Dragon."*

Dear Sir,

Herewith enclosed postal order for 8/-, my subscription for the coming year's issue of *The Dragon*, and may you be successful in reaching the circulation of 5,000 this coming year.

Wishing all Buffs, Past and Present, and all readers of this wonderful little journal a merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

Yours respectfully,

2 Arklay Street,  
Dundee,  
Scotland.

A. ISARD.  
Late Sgt., 2nd The Buffs.

*To The Editor, "The Dragon,"*

*The Buffs, Canterbury.*

Dear Sir,

Herewith please find my annual subscription for issues of *The Dragon* for 1929.

I always look forward to the monthly issue of the grand old Regimental paper, which gives one news of dear old friends, Past and Present.

I obtained my first issue of *The Dragon* in the 1st Battalion at Dum Dum, India, in 1888, that is, 40 years ago. I joined the Battalion with "Jack The Ripper's" Draft at Lucknow, where we awaited arrival of the Regiment. At Lucknow I had the pleasure of seeing our famous 100 yards runner (Fanny Dyke) beat the Little Collus Lad of the R.W. Fusiliers. Some race that, and some rupees The Buffs won on that particular race.

Wishing all Buffs, young and old, the compliments of the season,

Yours sincerely,

NOBBY CLARK (MARK I.),  
52 Holmewood Gardens, (W. H. CLARKE).  
Brixton, London, S.W.2.

Letters containing good wishes have also been received from Colonel A. C. Jackson and Major G. Chapman, but too late for publication.

#### QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES OF CANADA.

*To Sir Guy Bainbridge, K.C.B., Past and Present Association, The Buffs, Depot, Canterbury, England.*

Dear Sir,

I wish to thank you for your kind letter of congratulations to the Queen's Own Rifles on the great honour conferred upon the Regiment by Her Majesty Queen Mary in accepting the position of Colonel-in-Chief. I can assure you this honour is one which is greatly appreciated and prized by all those who are now or have served in the Queen's Own Rifles.

Yours sincerely,

REG. PELLATT,

Colonel,

Commanding Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

#### MARGATE BRANCH.

*To Mr. G. S. Rogers,*

*25 Warwick Road, Margate.*

Dear Mr. Rogers,

Thanks for your letter and the copy of the Major-General's. It is awfully nice of you.

Yes; both the boys and myself will be pleased to become members. Norman is, as you know, an old Buff. I forget if I have told you, but Eric is also. At the age of 15 he joined the 4th (Colonel Dunstan's) on 17th August 1914, and transferred to the R.F.C. on the 19th November, 1915. Cyril was almost a Buff. Anyway he shed some of his blood in the Drill Hall in 1913. He came home from Canada in that year and wanting some recreation, went to the Drill Hall to join The Buffs for some reason. They were having Sports, Boxing, etc., that night, and he came home late. When I saw him I exclaimed "Good gracious, Chum! what's happened?" One eye was nearly closed and his face was badly scarred and covered with blood. He said "It's alright, Dad. I knocked out three and then the Instructor took me in hand, but I'll have him next time. I have got his reach!" However there was no next time as he happened to meet Young Sayer, who persuaded Cyril to join the R.E.K. Mounted Rifles. He left England early in 1914, going back to Canada and as he wanted to see Australia, went that way back. On the outbreak of war he joined the Australian Forces.

Yours sincerely,

J. F. BAKER.

#### ARMY SCHOOL OF EDUCATION.

##### Regimental Officers' Courses.

It has been decided to reduce the length of the courses for regimental officers at the Officers' Wing, Army School of Education, Shorncliffe, from 10 to 5 weeks, and to hold 8 courses instead of 4. The first course under these revised conditions will be held from 14th January to 16th February, 1924, and the remaining courses for 1929 will be held 8th April—11th May, 13th May—15th June, 22nd July—24th August, 26th August—28th September, 14th October—16th November and 18th November—21st December. The vacancies have been allotted among the Home Commands and the British Rhine Army for the course beginning in January.



## The Non-Commissioned Officers' Guide.

To The Editor, "The Dragon."

Dear Sir,

Having seen the advertisement, by Messrs. Gale and Polden, Ltd., in *The Dragon* of "The Non-Commissioned Officers' Guide to Promotion" I wrote away for a copy of each volume, as I thought some additional information might be of interest to any N.C.O. who might contemplate buying a copy for himself.

My remarks on the book are enclosed herewith in case you think fit to publish them in *The Dragon*.

Yours faithfully,  
G. R. HOWE, Captain.

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A liberal free issue of the chief Training Manuals is now made to N.C.O.'s down to Corporal. Even in cases where an N.C.O. may not possess a copy of his own it is a simple matter for him to obtain the loan of any manual he may wish to study.

The publication of any further book would, therefore, appear to have been unnecessary. But the "N.C.O.'s Guide to Promotion" has many great advantages. The author has picked out just those sections and paragraphs from the various manuals which the N.C.O. requires to read and has arranged them carefully by chapters under one cover.

It is difficult to see why it was necessary to publish two volumes, *i.e.*, Vol. I. for Lance-Corporal to Corporal and Vol. II. for Corporal to Sergeant. Since Volume II. contains all the chapters in Vol. I. with many additional chapters which are as useful to the young N.C.O. as they are to his seniors.

The Lance-Corporal would be advised to go straight for Vol. II.; for even if it contains some chapters which may be superfluous to his immediate requirements for promotion, they will provide interesting reading.

The book is divided into five parts. Part I. deals with: Discipline, Arrest and Military Custody, Honours and Salutes, Guards and Sentries, Duties in Regard to Barracks, Dress and Clothing, Ceremonial, Firing a Feu-de-Joie and Funerals.

These chapters are of special interest, since N.C.O.'s do not have many opportunities of studying King's Regulations and the sections taken from Infantry Training are those with which the N.C.O. is not in constant touch.

Part II. deals entirely with Drill and I.P. Vol. I. It contains a large number of clear and well arranged diagrams to illustrate rifle exercises and drill movements.

Part III. deals with Small Arms Training; Part IV. with Field Training, while Part V. contains five chapters on miscellaneous subjects: Reports and Messages in the Field, Semaphore system with a diagram of the alphabet, Hygiene and Sanitation, and Mobilization.

The great feature of the book is the list of Questions and Answers at the end of each chapter. These should prove as useful to officers faced with the task of setting Examination Papers as they should to the N.C.O.

It should be pointed out that it is naturally impossible for this book to contain the latest amendments, but these can easily be put in as each section in the book has been numbered with the number of the actual section of the Regulations or manual from which it has been taken.

In conclusion there can be no doubt that this book should prove of the greatest assistance to non-commissioned officers, whether working for exams. or not, for officers appointed to Boards of Examination and also to officers who may be organizing courses or even short classes for non-commissioned officers.

G.R.H.

## Half-Yearly Inspection.

LORD PLUMER'S VISIT.

To The Editor, "The Dragon."

Dear Sir,

I enclose a cutting from *The Times* of December 20th, 1928, and thought that you might find some use for it.

In these days of almost entirely intensive training in the "Field" it is cheerful to see that the great value of "Close order Drill" and "Smartness on Parade" has not been quite forgotten.

Yours faithfully,  
G. R. HOWE, Captain.

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Field-Marshal Lord Plumer, on behalf of Field-Marshal Sir George Milne, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, yesterday conducted the half-yearly inspection of the gentlemen cadets at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. Lady Plumer was also present.

Lord Plumer, with whom was Colonel C. G. Ling, Deputy Director of Staff Duties at the War Office, first inspected the battalion of cadets on ceremonial parade, the Adjutant, Captain E. E. J. Moore, Inniskilling Fusiliers, being in command. After the march-past in open column of companies, the King George V. banner, presented by the King to be held by the champion company each term, was transferred from No. 1 Company, the champion company of this term, to No. 3 Company, who will hold it next term. During the transfer the band played the National Anthem. Lord Plumer afterwards presented the sword of honour to Senior Under-Officer C. I. H. Dunbar (Eton), of No. 4 Company, which was presented with the silver challenge cup, presented by L'Ecole Speciale Militaire, St. Cyr, which is held each term by the company to which the winner of the sword of honour belongs. The challenge cup presented to the College by the Crown Prince of Japan for the champion company was handed to Senior Under-Officer J. C. Crewe Read (Cheltenham), of No. 3 Company.

Lord Plumer, addressing the cadets, said that a ceremonial parade was something more than merely superficial. As commanders during the Great War, he and others always found that the best units for drill, discipline, and smartness on parade were invariably the best fighting units. Military efficiency depended largely on two things—smartness on parade and discipline. He would remind the cadets that successful leadership could only be achieved by gaining the respect, affection and confidence of those who would be their subordinates.

After the inspection the College closed until Thursday, January 31st. With the end of the term some changes of the staff occur. As already announced in *The Times*, when the college re-opens Colonel H. C. L. Howard, the Assistant Commandant, will be succeeded by Lieutenant-Colonel F. D. H. Tollemache, Coldstream Guards. Major P. M. A. Kerans, 3rd/6th Dragoon Guards and General Staff Commander of No. 3 Company of Cadets, and Captain J. G. W. Hyndson, Loyal Regiment, and Captain E. Elms, Army Educational Corps, officers of companies of Gentlemen Cadets, conclude their period of appointment at Sandhurst.

The half-yearly ride of the cadets for "the saddle" has been won by the Hon. R. G. Hamilton-Russell (Eton), of No. 4 Company, A. H. McConnel (Winchester), of the same company, being the runner-up.

## Past and Present Association, The Buffs.

**MINUTES** of the 83rd meeting of the Regimental Committee and the Executive Committee of the Past and Present Association, The Buffs, held in London on Thursday, 13th December, 1928, at 2.30 p.m.

### Present :

Major-General Sir Guy Bainbridge, K.C.B., (in the Chair).  
 Brig.-General R. C. McDouall, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.  
 Colonel H. Findlay, C.B.E. (Secretary).  
 Lt.-Colonel J. Crookenden, D.S.O.  
 Majors F. W. Tomlinson and C. S. Field, O.B.E.  
 Captain C. J. Wood, M.C.

**REGIMENTAL HISTORY.**—It was decided to postpone further discussion regarding this matter until next Committee meeting.

### WARRIORS' CHAPEL :—

With reference to a letter from Colonel Body respecting a flag deposited in the Cathedral for safe custody belonging to the 1/5th Battalion of the Regiment and since removed from its original site, the Committee instructed the Secretary to write to Colonel Body and inform him that it was of opinion that this flag should be replaced in the Warriors' Chapel, but that the Committee requested Colonel Body to leave the matter in its hands, as there are other flags belonging to other service Battalions for which the Committee wish to arrange.

**REGIMENTAL MUSEUM.**—Major Field was elected Chairman of a sub-committee to be nominated by himself, in connection with the Regimental Museum. An expenditure up to £10 in connection with the Museum was authorised.

### AREA REPRESENTATIVE :—

- (a) It was unanimously agreed that Brig.-General A. J. Whitacre Allen and Captain E. A. Brackenbury should be invited to become Area Representatives at Charing and Guernsey respectively.
- (b) The Committee accepted with much regret Colonel Buttanshaw's resignation as Area Representative for Hythe, and instructed the Secretary to convey to Colonel Buttanshaw the Committee's deep appreciation of the help given to the Association in the past. Pending a suitable officer being found to take over from Colonel Buttanshaw, it was decided that the Executive of the Hythe sub-Branch should be consulted, regarding the matters formally referred to the Area Representative.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.**—It was decided that the badges should be ordered forthwith, and that the conditions of Associate Members should remain as at present defined in the book of rules, but that such members should have no voting powers and not be entitled to assistance from the Benevolent Fund or other Funds or to any free entertainments such as Dinners, etc., provided out of Association Funds.

**ANNUAL DINNER.**—After careful consideration it was decided that the recommendation to abolish the annual dinner in London should be approved. It was agreed that a luncheon should be provided on the Sunday in August, immediately following the Memorial Service.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP.**—The proposal that twelve years' consecutive subscriptions should qualify for Life Membership was approved, except in the case of officers. This proviso was considered necessary owing to the loss of income which would otherwise be incurred.

**SITTINGBOURNE BRANCH.**—Approval was given for Sittingbourne to form a Branch of its own instead of being a sub-Branch of the Medway.

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING.**—To be held in London at the Naval and Military Club, on January 10th, at 4.30 p.m.

### DISBURSEMENTS.

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### NEW MEMBERS.

During the period 18/11/28 to 22/12/28 the following new members have been enrolled :—

*Life Members.*—J. E. M. Knight, J. C. N. Dalton, C. Atkins, H. A. Todd, T. C. Carden, A. Hirons, W. Huntley, A. Blackford.

*Annual Members.*—W. J. Stevens, W. A. Field, F. Hollyer, W. E. Holman, R. Hall, J. Davis, W. J. Kemp, J. Downs, E. Downs, Jas. Downs, H. Pardon, A. Downs, G. W. Jones, S. W. G. Denness, R. Richmond, T. P. Baldwin, J. C. Ives, G. Mears, E. Supple, F. Williams, H. Darby, A. R. Smith, A. E. Johnings, F. I. Miles, H. Goddard, H. Cheeseman, S. McLean, J. C. Lane, C. Fulljames, M. Cobb, R. E. Link, G. S. Jordan, F. C. Marlow, E. G. Welling, W. Hart, G. A. H. East, H. W. Laurence, T. O'Sullivan, C. Laslett, S. J. Underdown, A. T. Hodgson, A. W. Loyd, A. Marsh, G. Pinfold, W. F. Wilson, W. J. Hopper, A. E. Nuthall, W. J. Woodruff, J. S. Brown, G. F. Parrett, J. Knight, G. R. Warner, W. C. Redman, J. E. Baker, E. Baker, E. Pullen, S. Shea, C. R. Beatmont, E. A. Coleman (Assn.), W. Monday, E. W. Nutter, G. L. Euden, C. Pearce, J. Pettman, H. P. Jeffery, H. Newby, J. Simpson, A. G. Fowler, A. J. G. Lambert, R. A. Turner, E. C. Avery, G. T. Pottle, L. S. Bass, J. J. Safery, D. R. Pottle, F. C. Elen, Hughes, Philpott, J. Atkins, A. S. Ridley, W. H. Harris, H. W. Cothell, P. W. Tabrum (Assn.).

### DONATIONS.

During the period 18/11/28 to 18/12/28 the following donations have been received :—

### PAST AND PRESENT ASSOCIATION.

	£	s.	d.
Capt. H. V. Vallage ...	...	...	1 5 0
A. W. Baller ...	...	...	0 2 6
Major P. Jude ...	...	...	0 5 0

## BENEVOLENT FUND. (PLUM PUDDING FUND).

	£	s.	d.
W. Elvey ... ..	0	2	0
Messrs. Nalder and Collyer ... ..	1	1	0
Capt. R. E. Harbord ... ..	0	10	0
Capt. H. L. Cremer ... ..	0	15	0
Capt. H. Whitfield ... ..	0	10	0
Capt. E. Strettell ... ..	1	0	0
Colonel J. Body ... ..	0	10	0
Dover Branch ... ..	2	0	0
Ashford Branch, Past and Present Association ... ..	3	2	6

## Subscribed by:—

Capt. A. C. Crothall, G. Carley, F. Cowell, S. P. Court, A. Whyman, J. Palmer, M. Perry, W. Rabson, M. Gardener, W. Earl, J. Marsh, R. H. Wickens, S. Smith, H. Offen, Capt. M. Dorman, H. Lee (Sen.), H. Lee (Jun.), F. Jones, F. C. Stoker, W. Wright, E. H. Chambers, S. Dennis, A. Dray, H. Shorter, Sir C. Iglesden, E. P. Thorne, R. J. Geering, Capt. A. W. Lloyd, J. Chantler, C. Martin, F. Strouts.

Plum Puddings were despatched to 66 families at a cost of £17 7s. 5d., making a deficit in the account of £5 17s. 11d.

## Ashford Branch.

The Annual General Meeting of the Ashford Branch was held at the Market Street Hotel, Ashford, on the 8th December. Mr. Ades was in the chair and was supported by a large number of branch officials and members.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and the following approved:—

*President*: Captain A. C. Crothall.

*Chairman*: H. Ades.

*Vice-Chairman*: F. Tomsett.

*Secretary*: C. Marsh.

*Assistant Secretary and Treasurer*: F. Cowell.

Colonel Findlay, Secretary of the Association, was present. In the course of a short address, he informed the Branch of the serious illness of the Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Arthur Paget. Colonel Findlay stated that few knew the tremendous amount of interest General Sir Arthur Paget had always taken in the Regiment, and the help and generosity he had always given, not only to the Regiment as a whole, but to any individual Buff appealing to him for assistance. Colonel Findlay stated that Sir Arthur was not one of those people who in any way noised abroad their activities in connection with the Regiment, but rather the reverse. He had no favourites; any Buff appealing to him for assistance invariably received the greatest kindness, consideration and all possible help, and he felt certain that every member of the Ashford Branch would join him in wishing Sir Arthur Paget a speedy recovery.

## London Branch.

A meeting of the above Branch was held on the 15th December, 1928 with Capt. J. E. Enright presiding. There was a large gathering and several new members joined, including Major Tabrum, who became an Associate Member and who is a very keen supporter of the Branch.

The Chairman made reference to the death of the late Colonel of the Regiment, General The Right Hon. Sir Arthur Paget, and pointed out the great loss the regiment had sustained thereby. He felt sure the London Branch would join with him in conveying to the late General's family, great sympathy in their sad bereavement. As a mark of respect, the Social Concert which had been arranged for that evening would be postponed until January and the Whist Drive date altered until the 12th January.

The following messages were received during the meeting and read amidst applause:—

"General Sir Arthur Lynden Bell sends sincere greetings to every member of the London Branch and wishes you all a very happy Christmas and trusts the New Year will bring forth every blessing—particularly to those in need."

"A very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year to everyone."  
CAPT. BOBBIE CHILAS.

CHRISTMAS DRAW.—Good business was done in disposing of the few remaining books. It is remarkable to think that one book went up for Auction and realised no less than 11/6 before it was knocked down.

CASE OF MR. X.—The Chairman thanked the many members who had written him and enclosed press cuttings. The case was well-known to him for the past three months and he could assure the Branch, the unfortunate man was extremely grateful to the Association for what was being done for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill handed the brother of Mr. X a parcel of groceries and requested it should be conveyed with their best wishes for his recovery. This kindly action by Mr. and Mrs. Hills is not the first occasion on which they have shewn their keen spirit in helping practically, our distressed members and it is very much appreciated.

UNEMPLOYMENT.—This question was dealt with and the members urged to do all in their power to find their brothers a job. The question must never be lost sight of.

BRANCH MEMBERSHIP.—The Chairman stated the roll of membership had now passed the 400 mark and when he said the roll was a real live one from the subscription point of view, it gave some idea of the enormous growth which had taken place in London and the vast amount of work involved, which falls chiefly on the shoulders of Mr. Ainge. He was, however, going to ask for a further effort. The Branch knew of another 300 old Buffs who were not members, but ought to be. He would ask Mr. Ainge to compile a list of these men, have them separated according to proper postal districts and ask for members residing in these particular areas to call and interview these old Buffs and endeavour to get them to join up.

GARDEN FETE.—The members were reminded about this function and asked to start now in good time. By making garments, supplying goods for stalls, etc., much can be done. The Committee wanted to carry out a certain project in 1929 which would cost about £50. Unless all put their shoulders to the wheel it could not be done.

DONATION.—Mrs. Spinner, on behalf of the Ladies' Guild, handed Capt. Enright a cheque for the London Branch Funds. This kindly act was very much appreciated.

PRESENTATION.—For the many acts of kindness shewn by Mr. and Mrs. (Spud) Austin in making arrangements for the holding of the Branch Committee meetings, both were the recipients of a small token of regard. The Ladies' Guild handed Mrs. Austen a handbag whilst the London Branch looked after "Spud."

J.E.

## FIXTURES FOR 1929.

Date.	Time.	Event.
Jan. 12.	7. 0 p.m.	Whist Drive at Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.
19.	7. 0 p.m.	Meeting and Social at Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.
Feb. 2.	7. 0 p.m.	Dance at Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.
16.	7. 0 p.m.	Meeting and Social at Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.
23.	7. 0 p.m.	7th Bn. Re-union Dinner, as notified later.
Mar. 2.	7. 0 p.m.	*Whist Drive at Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.
16.	7. 0 p.m.	Meeting and Social at Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.
?		8th Pn. Re-union Dinner, as notified later.
Apr. 6.	7. 0 p.m.	Dance at Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.
20.	7. 0 p.m.	Meeting at Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.
May 4.	7. 0 p.m.	Ladies' Night and Annual Dinner, at Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.
18.	7. 0 p.m.	Meeting and Concert at Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.
26.	2.45 p.m.	March to Cenotaph at Horse Guards Parade. Tea, Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.
June 15.	7. 0 p.m.	Meeting and Concert at Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.
30.		Wrotham Picnic and Sports at Wrotham—details later.
July 20.	7. 0 p.m.	Meeting and Social at Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.
27.	3. 0 p.m.	Garden Fete at County Secondary School, Welham Road, S.W. 17.
Aug. 17.	7. 0 p.m.	Meeting and Social at Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.
Sept. 7.	7. 0 p.m.	Dance at Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.
21.	7. 0 p.m.	Meeting and Concert at Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.
Oct. 12.	7. 0 p.m.	Whist Drive at Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.
19.	7. 0 p.m.	Meeting and Concert at Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.
Nov. 9.	7. 0 p.m.	*Dance at Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.
16.	7. 0 p.m.	Meeting and Concert at Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.
Dec. 7.	7. 0 p.m.	Whist Drive at Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.
21.	7. 0 p.m.	Meeting and Concert at Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.

\*These events will be arranged by the Ladies' Guild.

J. E. ENRIGHT.

### Dover Branch.

Our Thirteenth General Meeting took place on Friday, the 14th December. Major Foster took the Chair at 8 p.m., supported by Lt. J. Sherwood, Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman, at the commencement of the meeting, asked all members to stand for a few moments as a silent prayer for the recovery of His Majesty The King.

The accounts of the Branch Dinner were read over by the Secretary and passed.

Lieut. Sherwood in a speech, wished the Branch the compliments of the season in the name of "D" Company, 4th Battalion The Buffs, and appealed to the Branch to use its influence to induce young fellows to join the Territorial Force.

Major Foster, in thanking Lieut. Sherwood for his good wishes, said he was sure the members of the Branch would do all in their power to assist recruiting, not only for the Territorial Army, but also for the Regular Army. The Buffs were urgently in need of men from this district.

He asked the Branch to stand for a little time in silence as a token of respect for the late Colonel-in-Chief, Sir Arthur Paget.

Mr. Evans was very busy over his draw tickets and it was announced that the Competition would take place on Monday evening at the Drill Hall.

The Branch had, as a visitor, R.S.M. Fred Jeffery, M.B.E., who is home from India where he has been on the Embarkation Staff. Old Jeff seemed pleased to be with the old Regiment again, but almost killed one member with a Cheroot. This will not do.

Our Branch strength is now 221 and one yearly member became a life member.

We are going to have some games with the Ashford Branch in February and a goodly number have signified their intention of competing for the Billiard Cup presented by Colonel Findlay.

#### NAMES OF WINNERS IN THE COMPETITION.

1. Ticket 1549 Mr. Clarabut, Eythorne.
2. " 571 Mr. Silk, Lewisham.
3. " 1159 Mr. Crouch, Dover.
4. " 1575 Mr. King, Dover.
5. " 561 Mr. J. Wilson, Dover.
6. " 310 Mr. H. Bowers, Eythorne.
7. " 1938 Mr. G. T. Richards, Dover.
8. " 1054 Mr. T. Watson, Dover.
9. " 511 Mr. R. Barker, Dover.
10. " 601 Mr. R. Mackay, Dover.

### Medway Branch.

Old comrades of the Buffs (East Kent Regiment) were present in force at the Haig Hall, British Legion Club, Chatham, on Saturday evening, when a large party of members of the Past and Present Association of the Regiment from London paid a visit. Formal business was followed by a capital concert arranged by the entertainment committee of the British Legion Club under the direction of Messrs. Rodden and Bert Tobin, the artistes including Mrs. K. Maidment (soprano), Mrs. Kennedy (mezzo-soprano), Miss Ivy Hunt (soprano), Mr. Kelly (tenor), Mr. Le Grove and Mr. Taffs (character comedians), Mr. Bert Tobin (elocutionist), Mr. Yelland (baritone) and Mr. Vick Barton (entertainer), all of whom were warmly endorsed.

General Sir Arthur Lynden Bell attended. Capt. A. Barton (chairman of the branch) presided and those present included the Mayor of Chatham (Mr. Osborn Taylor), who is president of the branch, Major Field (commanding Canterbury Depot), Capt. Howell (adjutant), Col. H. Findlay (general secretary of the Association), Lt. V. Boucher, Major W. Foster (Dover branch), Capt. J. Enright and Mr. E. C. Ainge (London branch) and Major D. J. Dean, V.C. (Sittingbourne).

Welcoming their old comrades and thanking all for the splendid response to the invitation to attend that night's gathering, Capt. Barton said he thought everyone was especially glad to see among them again their old friend General Sir Arthur Lynden Bell. No meeting of the branch would seem complete without his presence. He was also delighted to have with them their branch president, the Mayor of Chatham. He was such a busy man that he found it difficult to attend all the functions to which he was invited. He was, however, keenly interested in their Association, and all present would join in congratulating him on having been again chosen to hold the high office of Mayor of such an important borough as Chatham. (Applause) That action showed that the manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year was appreciated, and the speaker wished him luck and prosperity during the coming twelve months. Capt. Barton also made special mention of the presence of Major Field, Capt. Howell, Col. H. Findlay, Major D. J. Dean, V.C., Major W. Foster, Capt. J. Enright and Mr. E. C. Ainge.

The Mayor of Chatham, proposing "The Visitors," remarked that it was when they had visitors that they felt their importance, for it was only then that, as a new branch, they could show what they were capable of doing. Ever since the visit to London they had been anxious to return the hospitality then shown, and he trusted all had enjoyed themselves. Congratulating the Chatham Branch of the British Legion on the fine premises they had acquired and thanking the executive for their unbounded generosity in allowing use of the Haig Hall for the meeting and for arranging such a splendid concert, the speaker said their action was characteristic of old soldiers. (Loud applause). He looked upon an Association such as theirs as a steady factor in those almost revolutionary days. They had in their organisation men who had fought for their King and country and who were proud of the fact that they were Englishmen. To his mind it was such a body of men who would be the backbone of the country should revolutionary ideas ever come to the fore. (Loud applause).

### Canterbury Branch.

The first of the Monthly Meetings of the Canterbury Branch was held at the "Ben Jonson," Guildhall Street, Canterbury, on December 6th, 1928, at 7.30 p.m.

Brig.-Gen. R. McDouall, C.B., C.M.G., was in the Chair, supported by Colonel H. Findlay, Major Hickman and Major Keeler.

It was proposed by Major Hickman and seconded by Mr. Sutton that a sub-committee be formed to deal with appeals. Major Keeler was elected Chairman of the sub-committee with Mr. Sims and Mr. Peirce to assist him.

A proposal from Mr. Kirk that Mr. Peirce be elected Treasurer, was seconded by Mr. Concy.

It was decided to have a Smoking Concert at the Drill Hall during January or February. This concluded the Meeting.

GEORGE PEIRCE,  
Hon. Sec.

## A New Year Resolution.

BE A PILGRIM.

YOUR New Year Resolution—no doubt one of many—will depend upon will power; it will necessitate a strong determination to succeed. There is, however, a resolution you *must* make this year—and see it through. Come to Canterbury on August the 18th. This great assembly of Past and Present Buffs will have a duty to perform to those whose names are written in the "Book of Life."

On the 4th of August, 1914, the British Empire embarked upon the great war in the history of the world; a war which resulted in a terrible massacre of humanity—a war in which the flower of the manhood of Britain's sons poured forth their blood in the cause of patriotism and right.

A modern Napoleon—but without the intellectual powers of the great French soldier—had drawn the sword. He had decreed that England—our own beloved England—must humble herself unto him, or perish. He, the mighty despot of a foreign empire, would carve up small nations like a scythe cuts corn; his armies would over-run this island land, dealing out devastation on every hand until women on their bended knees, cried for mercy.

"ENGLAND—ARISE!" went forth the cry of battle. The Mother Country called upon her sons across the seas to come to her aid and repel the invader; to destroy for all time this man of war who had dared to assail her. The voice of England sped o'er the oceans wide to every corner of the Empire. Hark! our memory goes back and we fancy we hear the tramp of feet from far off Australia—from Canada—from New Zealand and South Africa—from India and the Colonies: we fancy we hear them marching along singing "God save the King" as they make ready to come to our aid.

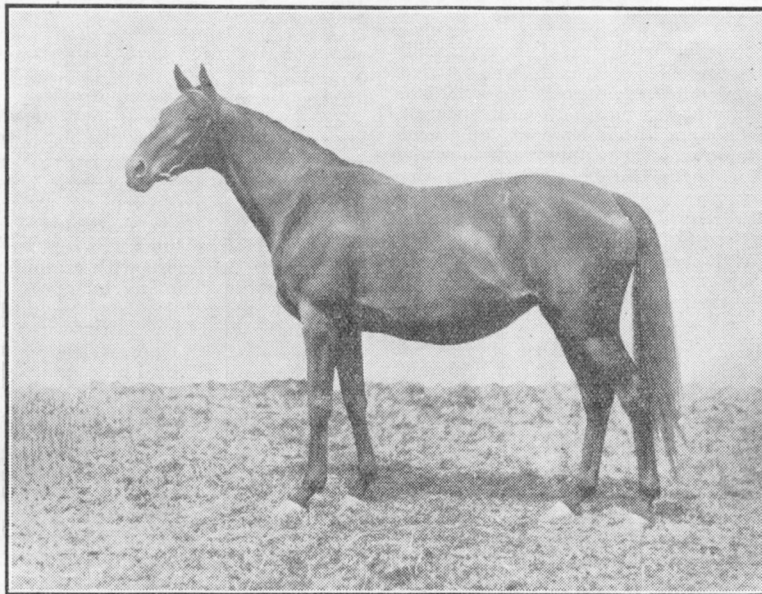
Every county of the Motherland was stirred to resolute action. Duke and commoner, rich and poor, farmer and labourer stood shoulder to shoulder. The garden county of England—Kent—was second to none. During the four long years of fighting, over sixteen thousand brave lads passed through the ranks of the Buffs. Readily the pick was cast aside for the pack and the rake for the rifle, in order that no man should hereafter say that Kentish Men and Men of Kent had failed to do their duty.

Of that vast number, over six thousand of all ranks found a grave in a foreign land and the soil which covers their bodies is to us Kentish soil, for it has been made so by the noble Buffs who sleep beneath it.

In our great historic county of Kent we, of the Buffs, are privileged to have as our regimental home the city of Canterbury, with its sacred Cathedral. The city which first saw the golden rays of Christianity and spread those truths through the land. The Tower of "Bell Harry" looks down upon us Buffs and seems to plead for us all to come home for one day on the 18th August next. "Your comrades lie in the soil of far off countries, but their tomb is here. It is the 'Warrior's Chapel' where the 'Book of Life' for all time will be to you their bodies."



## Horses.

*Sweet Dorothy.*

KNOWING how many Buffs are interested in "The Sport of Kings" and horses generally, I venture to forward herewith an account of a visit recently made by me to the Barton Stud, which is situated near Bury St. Edmunds and is owned by Mr. Broughton, late of the 1st Life Guards, and Capt. H. Broughton of the Royal Horse Guards. There are seventeen brood mares, all of which were brought in from the paddocks for our inspection. As each mare was shewn, the manager, Major Fleming, late King's Dragoon Guards, detailed their performances and rattled off their pedigree for many generations back; he also explained that all thoroughbred mares are classified according to the family to which they belong. I believe there are about 35 families of the original thoroughbred horses in this country, traced back through the female line.

The estimate of the best distance on the race course is arrived at by averaging the distances of the races won by ancestors for four generations back.

The mares are mated with the best sires all over England and Ireland. I was informed that it is quite useless to go in for breeding race horses except from the very best blood; second class horses may win races, but their off-spring will not fetch the prices (at the great Newmarket and Doncaster sales) which are necessary in order to run a first class stud, the expenses of which are very large.

#### A New Year Resolution—continued from p. 10.

Let this be then your resolution for 1929. That on August the 18th you will tread the road the Pilgrims trod of old and like them, you will come to Canterbury in your thousands to pay homage in God's house at the tomb of the Buffs, to the memory of our brothers who gave freely—their very all, even life itself—that we may live. Let the county of Kent see that in the regiment it has soldiers worthy of the county and although others might forget, we of the Buffs shall never forget.

"Brave Men of Kent and Kentish Men  
Who sleep so far away,  
Your sacrifice we'll ne'er forget  
On this—our Pilgrim's day."

J.E.

After seeing the mares we saw the foals—that is to say, those which have not yet reached the age to be sent to the trainers. We saw foals out of the following mares:—

Sweet Dorothy, Tiy, Leonie, Tivoli Girl, Castalian, White Coral, Rainstorm, Servile, Brown Colt (by His Majesty's Friar Marcus) will be one to remember, also the colt by Eagle Hawk out of Tivoli Girl. Other mares were Drossel II., which came from Germany, Silver Muse, Mafia by Friar Marcus, Pretoria, Yonder, Easle, Rhythm, Glassball and Praline. All these mares are expected to produce foals in 1929.

Here is a list of yearlings which will be racing next year:—

Dorade, Crystal Ball, Beggar Maid and Jaffa Gate.

I can hear you saying "What a lot of names. Why doesn't he give us a few winners?"

The next best thing to owning racehorses is, in my opinion, being interested in those belonging to someone else; watch for them, see what they do, and then if interested in any of the names I have given, follow one or two throughout their racing career.

I am going to watch Sweet Dorothy's progeny and the bay colt son of White Coral and Friar Marcus (The King's horse).

In conclusion I would add for those interested in such things, that the pastures of the Stud Farm are kept clean by feeding bullocks on them alternately with horses, the bullocks destroying the microbes which are injurious to horseflesh. Furthermore the cattle are fattened on sugar beet extract, a crop much grown now in the Eastern Counties. The beet is treated in a neighbouring factory so that haulage is reduced to a minimum. The *Farm* Horses at work on the stud are all good old Suffolk punches, golden chestnuts with cream manes and tails. There is no English breed which maintains its type and character so truly as the old Suffolk punch.

Everywhere on the farm one sees good roads, good fences and plantations to give shade in the summer. Water is laid on to each paddock.

The best of oats and hay are grown on the farm so that the "whole show" is self supporting. A general air of efficiency prevails as one might expect from an undertaking owned and administered by British Cavalry Officers. R.M.C.D.

## Some African Ponies.

BY E. A. BRACKENBURY.

IN looking back at one's past life in Africa a grateful memory recalls the faithful friends who carried one over many weary miles in storm and sunshine. Their characters, habits and qualities gave an interest and joy to life. Some were ill-tempered at times and had their off-days, like most of us; only one was really vicious. Perhaps his temper had been soured by the ill-treatment of his previous native master. Few natives are naturally good horse masters; the cruel bits and badly fitting saddles used by them are enough to ruin any horse's health and temper. Some natives, however, are excellent grooms under supervision, and become really fond of their charges.

### (1) SOUTH AFRICA.

During the South African War a large variety of horse flesh was available. We had to ride at different times English, Argentine, Hungarian, Russian, Canadian, Australian, Cape and Basuto Ponies. No doubt others could expand the list, but the above covers my experience. I have heard that the Argentines supplied did not really represent their kind. Certainly those which came my way were awkward, ugly bad movers and non-stayers. I had one good one, a fine strawberry roan. We used to play polo whenever possible, and I had hopes that the Strawberry would turn out well. As a matter of fact he did not. Usually a nice ride, when he got on the polo ground he became quite unmanageable, rearing upright and then bolting. A well known gentleman rider, seeing him do this and naturally supposing it was my fault, offered to ride him in a chukka. He did not repeat the experiment! Strawberry gave him a very rough passage indeed. The Hungarians were extremely handsome, but soft as butter. They looked perfect pictures, but were real flat catchers. We had a consignment of Russians which arrived in their winter coats. They were all thick set cobs with a wonderful growth of hair all over them, which made them look like black or brown bears. Until they were clipped it was impossible to realise their make and shape. Their feet were in a dreadful state owing to the long sea passage and it took a long time to get them into condition. They were very slow, ungainly and only fit for slow transport work. I made my first attempt to drive a four in hand with four Russians in an old G.S. Army wagon. Luckily for me the team was very placid and did not resent my efforts to use the long whip. The chief difficulty seemed to be to pick up the long thong neatly and in a professional manner. A brother officer tried to instil into me the niceties of coachmanship, but my real instructor was a South African transport sergeant, who could drive six mules with great skill. After a bit the four Russians used to rumble along at a steady jog trot to my great pride, in spite of the ribald remarks of rude and envious subalterns. The Australians were of all sorts and sizes. I had a black Australian pony which turned out to be a wonderful jumper. I discovered his powers in this way. The troop of South African Constabulary, which I then commanded, was stationed at Lindley in the Orange Free State; the place where a party of Irish Yeomanry had met with a disaster during the War. The War was over and we were employed in a variety of jobs, including locust destruction, taking the census, running the mails, besides ordinary police work. The troop ponies were sent out to graze one afternoon below the "Kopje" on which we lived. They had been put into a piece of veld surrounded by a high barbed wire fence and were therefore supposed to be safe from straying. I was sitting in my office and happened to glance below at the mob of ponies as they grazed. I saw my old black pony

trot slowly up to the fence and calmly pop over it with the greatest ease. I had never seen horses jump barbed wire before, but had heard that some Australians could do it. He was a thick set rather ugly cob, about fourteen hands, but his jumping powers were remarkable. I hesitate to say what the height of this barbed wire fence was, but to the best of my recollection it consisted of at least three strands, probably four, and must have been nearly as high as the pony himself. Another Australian was a beautiful bay mare with a wonderfully light mouth. She could not bear any bit except a very light snaffle and it was possible to play polo on her with such a bridle. When I first took her on the polo ground thus bitted the Colonel fairly foamed with rage, but I was able to prove to him that she was perfectly safe. However, he insisted on my putting her into a double bridle with a very short cheeked curb, a Ward Union bit. By not using the curb at all and by riding entirely on the bridoon I managed to please the mare and satisfy the Colonel. She was a very handsome mare, but her poor tail had been ruthlessly docked in Australia and when flies were about she was tormented to death. We had an excellent rule introduced into the S.A.C. about that time to the effect that the forelocks and tails of all horses were to be allowed to grow long, while manes were hogged. This enabled the poor beasts to keep the flies out of their eyes and off their bodies, while the hogged manes kept them neat and clean. This system should be used in all tropical countries where biting flies can make the life of horses a misery if they are deprived of their natural protection. Those who have served in South Africa will agree, I think, that the Cape and Basuto ponies are really the best for mounted work in that country. I had several Cape ponies; one was a black mare with a curiously bulging forehead. She was charming, with delightful manners. Once during a night march we got among some loose barbed wire; it was pitch dark and impossible to see anything. The mare went perfectly frantic; nothing I could do would quiet her, and she kicked herself and the barbed wire into a dreadful state. Afterwards I was told that her peculiarly shaped head always indicated a wild and excitable nature and that such horses are usually dangerous. Poor mare, I shall never forget her appearance when morning broke; covered with blood and sweat, shivering with fright, she presented a piteous spectacle. I had three Basuto ponies at different times. The first was a gay little pony called Dan Leno, full of character. In spite of his small size he was a wonderful weight carrier and never tired on the longest march. One cold morning, after a long night march, which we had spent to a great extent in that tiring formation "walk and lead," men and horses stumbling along half asleep; we got the order to mount. As I swung my leg over Dan Leno, he ran back and I was neatly deposited over his head. This occurred three times to the amusement of the rest of the column and my rage. Dan Leno usually walked forward directly you put your foot in the stirrup, thus making mounting an easy matter; but the contrary motion, unless you are prepared for it, throws you nicely over the horse's head. I discovered that he had a small pimple on his off wither, and the action of mounting just pinched him on the sore spot. This accounted for his treatment of me and served me right. The second Basuto pony was a trippler; he had been taught that running pace which is so comfortable in a hot country for long distances and is popular with Boer horsemen. He was very handy and a good polo pony. One night, during a long march in the pitch



darkness, we were jogging along when I suddenly realised that we had ridden over a "donga" and for a moment we appeared to be in mid-air with nothing substantial underneath us. Luckily the "donga," though deep, was wide at the bottom, and we landed safely on all four legs like a cat and no harm was done. But I have never forgotten the uncanny feeling of suddenly being in the air for what seemed quite a long time, but must have been merely seconds. The only thing to do was to sit still and hope for the best. The third Basuto pony was a little mare with a wonderful turn of speed. She was very greedy and always in "pig-fat" condition. No one would imagine that she could gallop in such a state, but she could, and did. Eventually, after I had sold her, she won a good race for ponies in Johannesburg. While in my possession she developed first mange and then periodic ophthalmia. There was an epidemic of mange among all our horses and they all got it. Poor things, all their hair went and they looked like blue rats. However, linseed oil and paraffin mixed cured the outbreak. I have never seen periodic ophthalmia or "moon blindness" before or since. The mare used to develop a thin grey film over her eyes; this lasted for about a fortnight and then cleared away to recur perhaps a month later. She obviously could not see at all well during the attack, but was otherwise quite fit. Another Cape Pony must have had hackney blood from his appearance. He was a beautiful trotter in a cart, but owing to his straight shoulders was a bad riding pony. I tried him at polo. He went perfectly mad and always bolted during the game. This habit earned for him the name of the "Armoured Train." And if I was seen preparing to play the "Armoured Train" there was usually a request to "take that dangerous brute away." Later at a Gymkhana, we had a mounted tandem race, riding one pony and driving another with long reins in front. I rode the Trippler, and "Armoured Train" in the lead. They both behaved beautifully during the race and won it; but after we had passed the winning post "Armoured Train" bolted and I had to let the long reins go. To ride one pony and control a runaway in long reins in front is not easy, try it.

In a country where game is scarce, and long distances have to be traversed before reaching the places where the game feed, it saves time and one's energy to ride to the likely spot and not dismount until the game is sighted. Moreover I always found that Antelope would allow you to approach much nearer if mounted than on foot; but Arnado's power of scent and high tenor voice made him a bad shooting pony. I often tried to check that neigh in vain. The fact that one always rode stallions had many drawbacks. You could not, as a rule, ride comfortably alongside anyone else or a fight would begin between your two mounts; so one had to keep at a distance, or ride one behind the other. In camp it often happened that the ponies would break loose from their posts to which they were tethered, in native fashion, by a grass rope tied to one of the forefeet. A wild scene would then follow. Two or more stallions would gallop about wildly screaming and attacking each other open-mouthed, while excited natives would rush shrieking after them. Each pony would attempt to mount and seize another by the neck. I have seen the small Arnado, a beautiful picture of equine rage, rush up, seize a much larger pony by the neck and shake him while biting savagely. At one time, however, I had two stallions which were devoted to each other; if separated they were miserable and broke loose. One was a big black, the other a little brown hill pony. So finally they were given the same round mud hut to live in, a bar was put across the open door and they were usually to be seen looking out together in happy friendship.

The horse boys were quite as interesting as the ponies they looked after. Each pony had his attendant, who not only groomed him, but had to cut the daily ration of grass for his charge; this often involved a long walk, particularly in the dry seasons. The ponies were fed on "guinea corn" or "millet" stripped from the stalk, together with large bundles of green grass. The long green lush grass was brought in by the boy and cut up into short lengths with a big cutlass. He would hold the long grass with his native toes and chop vigorously at the grass, missing his own toe by inches, as it appeared, every time. Several attempts were made to make a boy look after more than one pony, but I never heard of its succeeding. The best of them were wizened middle aged men, who were wonderfully active and would keep up a jog trot all day, ready to take charge of their ponies at the end of a march. The best were Hausas, but I have had Fulani and Beriberi grooms who were quite good. If they were Mohammedans they liked to wash their ponies as a sort of religious function every Friday, if there was a river or lake anywhere near. The ponies seemed to thoroughly enjoy the bathe, followed by a good roll in the sand afterwards. May Allah be good to them! I owe them all, men and horses, a deep debt of gratitude.

#### (2) NORTHERN NIGERIA.

I was transferred to Northern Nigeria in 1905. After the delightful climate of South Africa the change to tropical conditions was at first a bit trying. In those early days motors were unknown, roads non-existent and one had to rely on ponies entirely, except where canoe transport was possible on some of the rivers. The "ponies" may be roughly classified into three kinds. First the heavy fat horse, sometimes in rare instances nearly sixteen hands in height, used by Emirs and Chiefs. They are often quite hideous in our eyes, with large Roman noses, cow hocks, splayed out forefeet and usually of some weird colour suitable only for a circus. Skew and piebalds, brown or bay horses with large white splashes, greys, creams, blue or strawberry roans are all popular among the "Sarakuna." The effect of bright colour is intensified by the owner's habit of dipping white legs and white tails in red dyes. The brides and saddles are gaily adorned with coloured leather, pieces of tin and small mirrors; while the saddle cloths are of velvet, turkey red or tinsel. The bits are wicked instruments of torture. Imagine a very long cheeked curb bit, a high port inside the mouth with a rough spur-like projection to which is attached a round iron ring which fits round the lower jaw of the horse. As the bit is pulled, the port is driven into the roof of the mouth while the ring cuts tightly round the lower jaw. A very slight touch of the bit must give the poor animal intense pain. A native horseman prides himself on being able to control his horse with one finger, and his reins terminate in a long single strand, usually ending in an ornamental tassel of leather, which can be used as a whip, if necessary. The saddles have a high leather covered pommel in front and a high ridge behind, the kind of saddle used by knights in the middle ages. Stirrups are made of brass or iron, shaped like shovels or slippers, and the sharp corners are used as spurs. The rider, particularly when he goes to war, wears several loose gowns, and long pieces of cloth wound round his middle, besides a voluminous turban; loose baggy trousers with long red leather boots, beautifully decorated with green or blue leather embroidery, complete his dress. On a hot day a very large straw hat ornamented with bright leather embroidery is worn over the turban. His weapon will be a long cross handled sword in a red leather scabbard, while his slave runs behind with a sheaf of spears and a shield made of buffalo hide. The general effect is very fine, particularly in bright sunshine. The

trappings are so cumbersome and voluminous that you can see very little of the horse except his poor arched neck with bleeding mouth and his long flowing tail, tipped often with pink. The general pace is a stately walk or, for long distances, a sort of tripple; with an occasional very short burst of galloping ending in a sudden abrupt halt. This is the mode of salutation used by Chiefs. It is an impressive sight to see a crowd of gaily clad horsemen galloping up to you "hell for leather"; then as you are apparently to be overwhelmed by the charge, they pull up in a cloud of dust with spears or swords brandished aloft. The unfortunate horses are thrown back on their haunches by the cruel bits, often rearing straight up in their agony. We used to try by precept and example to educate the Nigerians into a more humane method of biting their horses, but they are hard to convince. Stallions are universally used; geldings are very rare and regarded with contempt; while mares are only ridden, as a rule, by native judges or teachers of great sanctity.

The second class includes the great majority of the ponies. They are much smaller than these big Chiefs' horses, thirteen to fourteen hands being the usual height. Nearly all have some serious fault in make or shape according to our idea; cow hocks and splayed out forefeet are common, while if a pony has good shoulders he will have weak quarters or vice versa. They improve in appearance and manners very rapidly under European ownership, and a few weeks of kind treatment and good grooming cure the terrible sore backs and damaged mouths. In spite of their faults and appearance they are excellent riding ponies, up to great weight and will stand heat and lack of water in a surprising way. They make fair polo ponies as a rule and take to the game quickly. Some have developed into useful racing ponies. The greys are the best, in fact I have seen only one bad grey. Some of the grey ponies show distinct traces of Arab blood. Their feet are generally good and as they are un-shod only require occasional trimming of the hoofs; this is done in a rough way with a mallet and chisel by native grooms. In the days when the Mounted Infantry flourished in Nigeria, shoeing of ponies was practised in the Stations where the regiment was quartered, but since its disbandment shoeing must have entirely died out and is really not necessary. If, however, your pony has been bred and brought up on sandy tracks and is suddenly called upon to travel over hard rocky paths, you will have trouble until his feet become accustomed to his new work.

There is a third type of pony to be met with in the hill districts. He is usually called the "pagan" pony and is bred by the wild hill tribes who were driven by the Mohammedans from the plains to the hills. These pagan ponies are very small, active as cats, quite tireless, astonishing weight carriers and will live on anything. A friend of mine had two tiny ones, little bigger than Shetlands; he used to ride one round in the evening, and while he sat down to have a drink and smoke the little creature used to lie down curled up like a dog under the verandah of the bungalow. During my service in Nigeria I had many ponies of all these three kinds at various times. One was a vicious brute and really dangerous. He was a big red roan and had a pleasant habit of biting and kicking you as you mounted, but when once in the saddle was a very fine hack. One day I heard cries from the mud huts where the stables were. Running up I found the red roan holding his groom by the shoulders and shaking him as a terrier shakes a rat. I was in time to prevent a tragedy and the poor groom was none the worse, his thick native gown saving his shoulders.

A pagan pony called "Arnado" *i.e.*, Pagan Chief, was a great character and was, I think, my favourite pony. He was a bright bay under thirteen hands with very short back, beautiful legs and feet and as active as a cat. When fresh in the early morning he took a good deal of riding. One felt as if one rode a very lively india-rubber ball and his short, muscular back seemed capable of wriggling in all directions. He had two faults, the first was that being a stallion the sight of a mare made him almost unmanageable. At that time I frequently had to meet a number of Pagan Chiefs who used, with their followers, to ride out and escort me to their villages. They were wild hill people riding small ponies bare-backed, many of which were mares. This wild mob, accompanied by drummers, horn blowers, cymbal beaters and yelling warriors in a cloud of dust, would meet me some three or four miles from their villages. The effect on Arnado was electrical. With arched neck, tail spread, eyes starting out of his head, snorting and neighing wildly he would rear straight up, and then indulge in a series of buck like leaps. I would be endeavouring to retain my seat and reply with dignity to the wild salutations of my pagan hosts. After one or two experiences of this kind, when Arnado, having thrown me with ignominy among the assembled multitude, had dashed off in pursuit of some warrior mounted on a mare, I arranged to dismount at the meeting place, while Arnado was restrained far behind till the mares had gone home.

His other weakness was a trial when out shooting. He was very intelligent and seemed to possess powers of scenting game. As one rode slowly through the Orchard bush, looking for Antelope, you would see Arnado glancing rapidly from side to side and suddenly, long before you sighted anything, he would neigh loudly; at the same moment, usually out of shot, a herd of buck would break away scared by Arnado. A friend of mine borrowed him one day to ride out shooting; I warned him as to Arnado's habits, but he simply would not believe me. They started off before daybreak. About 9 a.m. Arnado and his groom returned alone. Late that night my friend tramped into camp, tired out and empty handed. He said "You were quite right, that little adjectived pony took me out into the bush and began questing about from side to side like a dog; shortly after he neighed loudly and a herd of roan Antelope, which I had not seen, galloped off out of shot. I sent the pony home and have been tramping after the roan ever since without getting a shot at them."

### A Reverie on a Spectre.

A DISTANT cock crowing. The spectre begins to bestir itself. The reality of a nightmare! As one sees it striding towards one, stealthily, as the minutes fly by, Oh! close one's eyes, hide one's head; "turn, right about," but still on it comes; one knows it. If only it could be evaded by some strategy; surely the facing of a visible foe with machine gun, rifle, or even "Big Bertha" itself is better than this!

A Bugle sounds forth—a Bell—an Alarum Clock. One bound and a pyjama-clad piece of humanity stands on its feet with blinking eyes, upstarting hair, to behold a foggy, bitter cold December morning. The spectre, the nightmare, is slain; one "has got out of bed in the morning!"

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### The Jumble Sale.

The Jumble Sale will be held at the Depot in The Prince of Wales's Institute at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, January 17th. It is NOT too late to send articles to the Secretary of the Past and Present Association.



## The 1st Battalion.



WE are now at Delhi, that is to say somewhere near. Before we came this was not anywhere in particular—just a rather complicated map reference, and even then not always where you would expect, for (as everyone must remember who has ever been in India) nothing can ever be done quite right at the first attempt. So now there are two official maps of the district and they each differ considerably in matters of important detail. For instance, hounds met near camp the other day, the advertized place of the meet being the eighth milestone. That sounded easy enough beforehand,

but it then transpired that not only did each map fail to show an eighth milestone at all, but on the ground are two, one being some three miles from the other; it all depends on your own point of view which one you accept as correct. As a matter of fact, if you measure the distance on the map you will find they are both wrong, and as both the maps are full of errors it is easy to see that nobody's right. But we didn't come here to hunt; we came to train for war, so these anomalies serve a most useful purpose—they help us to practice two of those three essentials on which Napoleon used to lay such stress. Thus are we helped to mystify and mislead senior officers who may endeavour to find us during some scheme and test our knowledge with searching questions of which we know not the answers. And so for yet another year we continue to wear the topee instead of the bowler.

This place in which we are and which previously was nowhere in particular is now, indeed, a hive of industry. On my right (as they say in the ring), The Buffs; on my left the 2/3 Gurkha Rifles; and in the centre the wiry little K' Chins who constitute the Burma Rifles.

When we first came here nearly all our kits suffered from the massed attacks of hordes of hungry and industrious white ants which insidiously sapped their way under cover of darkness and ate anything that came their way. If it happened to be the seat of your shorts the result next morning might be draughty, but would be regarded as a matter of complete indifference to the marauders. So everybody now—except a few unfortunate two bobbers—has bought a charpoy on which he can put his kit by day and rest his weary limbs by night.

Our second Sunday in camp allowed the opportunity for a little respite from the toils of Armageddon so that a number of us were able to find the time to discover the way through the bush into the purlieus of New and Old Delhi—a city which we had previously seen only from afar, rising in lofty magnificence out of the surrounding rugged ridges and featureless plain. Some sallied forth full of hope on bicycles, whilst another party commissioned the contractor's bus and travelled like a party of bank-holiday trippers. Having been a member of the latter party myself, I am able to give a first-hand description of their doings, with all rights reserved. Now anyone—even a half-witted gaon-waller (which is Urdu for yokel) can find his way to the outskirts, for a long, straight road leads there unerringly; but after that difficulties immediately arise. You see, New Delhi is laid out on the pattern of a complicated series of spider's web. If you want to go from A to B, although

you may see B looming up in the distance as clear as can be, it is no easy matter to get there. We did it like this: first of all ten committees were formed (that being the capacity of our bus) and each committee advised the driver—who I think I inferred earlier was half-witted—as to the correct route. Committee Number One (from the back) as the driver slowed down in doubt:

"Cida jao, you puggled ape; can't you see the signpost?"

Puggled Ape clutches the hand brake and the car lurches to a halt. Everybody pitches forward and heads bump together.

*Committee Number Two*: "What the devil have you stopped for, you lop-sided monstrosity? Good Lord, can't you see the road goes round to the right and not straight on at all? Dina hat jao—jeldi!"

Puzzled Ape makes feeble noises and turns with pleading eyes to Committee Number Three, who happens to be squashed in at his elbow.

*Committee Number Three (over his shoulder)*: "If all you fellows would shut up a minute and leave it to me we might stand a chance of getting there." He turns to Puggled Ape and with great restraint directs him to steer to the left.

The bus shakes into motion once more, the helm is put over, and we proceed. That's one web negotiated.

*Several Committees together*: "Now which way do we go?"

*Mixed Chorus of Committees*: "To the right! To the left! Straight on, of course! Oh, get out and ask someone, you puggled ape," etc., etc.

Puggled Ape pulls up once more and thankfully gets out. He enters into earnest conversation with a spectacled, fat gentleman in a dhoti and sock suspenders. Presently he returns with the light of dawning comprehension in his eyes. The car proceeds.

*Committee Number Five (in a pained, but rather terse tone)*: "If we go on this way we shan't get into Delhi at all. This road leads away from it. I know, because I've been here before. What you must do is to get on the Circular Road, then its easy."

*Another Committee (with rising cholera)*: "Well, if you know the way, why the devil didn't you say so before? As far as I can make out we've been on about ten circular roads already."

*A lone voice from the back*: "If you left it to the driver and didn't all try to give contradictory and totally useless advice we might stand some chance of getting in for lunch."

But this was as a voice crying in the wilderness and no one paid the slightest heed. Others took on the task of directing the now completely bewildered Puggled Ape. We zig-zagged and turned, and backed, and whizzed gaily round a circle or two till at last the Spirit of Mischief that evidently lives in these parts tired of its new toy and tossed us up like jetsam on a beach alongside the great round, pillared monkey-house—more properly called the Legislative Building.

Tripper-like out we all bundled and feeling rather like Americans, began to "do" Delhi. We trooped along the circular corridors and were shewn, by a guide who attached himself, into the Assembly Chamber. We lifted the protecting sheets that swathed the members' benches and seated ourselves there, so that now we can say we have 'sat' in the Assembly. Then on we went to the Legislative Chamber and sat there also; and repeated the same performance in the Prince's Chamber. We inspected the spacious library and peered up at the dome high overhead. At last we passed out and tumbled once more into our bus.

As we sped down the broad highway that leads to Old Delhi we gazed back at the Parliament House.

"Don't you think its too squat to go with the rest?" someone ventured.

"Oh no, I don't think so," another replied. "Very clever idea, I call it. Round, flat and rather low—just like a gasometer. And isn't that exactly what it is?"

Before long the dilapidated walls of the ancient city confronted us, and passing through a gateway, we found ourselves in the Chandi Chowk. Here all India seems to be gathered together—slow moving bullock carts, ekhas, tongas, camels, motors and pedestrians crowd the thoroughfare. Shop keepers squat in their tiny hutches just as in any other bazaar. The sacred bulls mooch about just where they please and hold up traffic. Half-baked, degenerate students, or perhaps B.A.'s (failed), slouch along chewing betel-nut and possibly carrying a banner bearing some inscription uncomplimentary to the British Raj. A fusty eastern stink pervades the atmosphere. What a filthy street; thank goodness at last we are through it! We enter a more civilized area, pass by the tall, crenellated red walls of the Fort and out through the Kashmir Gate and at last find sanctuary at Maiden's Hotel. But one hotel is much like another and we came to "do" Delhi. So after an enormous lunch, off we went again, all packing into two large taxis. All? No, not quite.

"I say, where's Splash?" someone asked, as we were about to start.

"Splash? Oh, he said he was feeling tired and was meeting an old pal. Come on, its no good waiting for him!"

We sped off to explore the Fort.....The afternoon passed. Evening came. The hour of re-embarking on our journey home arrived. We would just call in at the Club in New Delhi on the way. Easier said than done. Delhi by daylight is a maze, but by night becomes a veritable tangled skein. As before, everyone tendered advice until at last, in spite of it, we reached our goal, which was mistaken at first for Vice-Regal Lodge.

Refreshments.....then the 'other half'.....and just one before leaving.

"Now where the devil's Splash? Oh, *there* you are at last. We've been waiting hours for you—"

"Yes, so sorry. Met an old friend, don't you know? Couldn't get away—haw, haw, haw." He chuckled indulgently and pattered after us.

Rather hilariously we tumbled into our bus and endeavoured to unravel the tangle of our route. Everyone was ready with advice, but no one agreed. Half an hour after starting we arrived back at the Club. Indeed, the road is not an easy one.

It was splendid to see hounds once more. The Royal Calpe was the last pack most of us have seen, and that was eighteen months ago or more. The Delhi Hounds met at 6.15 a.m., when dawn had scarcely broken and there was a keen nip in the air. Hardly had they begun to draw than they ran a jackal from view and soon bowled him over. Soon afterwards they found again and we enjoyed a really good forty minutes over good going, eventually losing our quarry down a deep well, where one hound was reported to have followed. If this was true then the dark water kept its secret well, for never so much as a ripple was to be seen. A native of the local village, however, was quite sure of the fate of the jack and its pursuer. Had he seen the jack go there himself? Well, no; not quite, but his brother had. So of course, there could be no doubt about it! Anyhow one fact will always remain: we had a really jolly good gallop. The country round here is mostly light,

dry ploughland, intersected by low mud walls and an occasional bigger bank that in the early morning light with the peeping sun lengthening the shadows, makes the obstacle appear a good deal more formidable than it really is. On the higher ground it becomes stony and uncultivated and the going is bad, but fortunately on this occasion our jack, though heading for the broken ground, obligingly changed its mind and led us out over the plain. By eight o'clock a.m. we were back in camp, having had a most enjoyable hunt.

We hope that before we leave, hounds will again meet near camp.

It seems scarcely necessary to announce that everybody is very hard at work, practising the art of war. That is what we are here for, but it gives me an excuse for apologising for the paucity of Company notes this month. It seems that most Companies are so busy they cannot find the time to send me in their copy. At any rate at present I have only two or three contributions with which to swell the mail, and must myself plead guilty to having lost one Company's notes sent in about three weeks ago. They were put in a special place of safety, but now for the life of me I cannot remember where. Perhaps to-morrow they will turn up and some more will come in from others.

### Machine Gun Platoon.

Having finally emerged from the dust clouds raised by our activities on the Tughlakabad estates, I will now endeavour to write about a few of the outstanding and interesting events of the past month.

It was not very many days after the re-union dinner that we packed our traps and sallied forth to the land of many activities, namely Tighri Camp. Leaving Bareilly at 7 a.m. on the 26th October, we arrived at Delhi at 4.30 p.m. the same day, where we had tea. Having from 4.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at our disposal, we were allowed to stroll round the Station, which I might mention is as large as Clapham Junction. We indulged in eggs and toast and to say nothing of a bottle of beer. We were all in the land of slumber when the train left Delhi, arriving at Tughlakabad at 12.30 a.m., but did not leave the train before 6.30 a.m. Breakfast on the side of the line and a march of three miles to the camp site near Tighri village. Work was plentiful that day as we had our 160 lb. tents to pitch and various other fatigues. The camp site being on a ploughed field, there is bags of dust and sand.

We were the only British unit in camp, our neighbours being the 1/3 Gurkas, commonly known as the Draftboard Gurkas. Being alone for six days we had to make our own amusement. The "Black Watch" from the camp two miles further up the road, sent a detachment down to do Guards for us, as our time was being taken up otherwise and all men were needed. They mucked in well with our lads and some good times were spent together.

Demonstrations of various stages of training and the A.M.G.C. Part III. were gone through. Officers and N.C.O.'s on a Refresher course and Senior Officers, with instructions from Ahmednagar. The ground over which our various demonstrations were given was very sandy and rocky.

Many are the white ants that nestle under our ground sheets and choose our kit as a change of diet. But we got over that difficulty by mutti on the tent floors, and a dragon on a raised mutti platform stands out to all passers by.

On Saturday, 10th of November, owing to the strenuous efforts of Lieut. J. R. G. Williams, a party of about twenty of the Platoon were able to visit the present city of Delhi. I say "present city" as it is actually the seventh city of Delhi and the New Delhi which is the Government seat, is gradually forming the eighth. As the remains of the previous six sites were in the locality some very interesting sights were to be found.

Leaving Tighri camp at 8 a.m. in the Regimental bus of the Dorsets, our first stop was near the first City where one of the sights of India is situated, i.e., the "Qutab Minor," which is one of the few towers in existence with five landings, its height being 236 feet. Many were the moans and groans as steps to the number of 379 were counted and not being satisfied with the ascent, were counted down again.

Our next move was to the Fort in which historic remains are plentiful; also a war museum. This took our attention for an hour or so, then a move to "Kashmir Gate" and a final rendezvous at the Salvation Army Home for light refreshment and a wash and brush up. In all, we did a twenty-six mile trip. Owing to the bus having to be returned at 12 midday, efforts were made by our officer to obtain a bus for the return journey. His efforts became the centre of attraction in Delhi, for the stubbornness of Indians about prices and long-suffering patience of Mr. Williams drew a crowd which well nigh blocked the road. Two busses were eventually arranged for. After a tiring walk in a dirty and dusty city, followed by a cinema, a tired, but happy, crowd rendezvoused at the Junction Station at 10 p.m. for the return journey, arriving in camp at 11 p.m.

A Football match was arranged between the M.G. Platoon and "D" Company, 1st Gordon Highlanders at New Delhi Cantonment. A bus was chartered for the trip and with supporters we numbered 20. The hours before the match were spent in the Gordons' barracks and canteen (by name, Wet) and the match was due to start at 4.30 p.m. Two of the team were on leave in Delhi, their kit being taken over by the rest and some delay in the start was caused by the leave-two owing to the difficulty experienced in getting from Delhi to the Cantonments on bikes. A very clean and sporting game ended in a win for the Highlanders by 3-1. The rest of the time was taken up in the "Wet" and the bus left at 7.30 p.m., arriving in Camp at 8.30, just in time to get one before the canteen closed.

The next day saw the arrival of the other British and Indian units for the Concentration. We had with us the Black Watch, Gordon Highlanders and Royal Irish Fusiliers, The Dorset Regiment having been detained in Camp two miles down the road; their M.G.'s were not allowed to come into Camp. A very happy crowd we made, all mucking in together, in all two Brigades, 7th and 8th. Work progressed and apart from Demonstrations, some hard training was got through. Observation has been very good whilst firing Parts III and IV. It has been very hot, but we did have a few drops of rain one night that did lay the dust a bit. Next day we had a sandstorm which lasted for about two hours and smothered everything inside the tents to the depth of four inches. We had extremes of temperature, boiling during the day and freezing at night.

The Battalion arrived at Delhi New Cantonments on the tenth and we joined them on the 25th to do some more training and we get back to Bareilly on the 22nd just in time for Christmas. We welcome the draft, although we have not seen them; we hear they arrived in Bareilly on the 11th November.

J.W.J.

### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

What part does "Vaseline" play in the A.M.G.C.? Ask Trimm. Is it possible for M.G.O.'s to obtain an "R.A."? as they are always painting pictures).

What is an "Haclé" shaped tree?

What is "Garrum Nimoc"? Ask Randerson. (And could the bearer, bearer joke).

How many times is he marched in and out before being corrected? Ask Billy.

Who is the life of No. 8 Tent "N.C.O.'s," and what kind of exercise does "Billy Stace" have first thing in the morning?

### Signal Section.

Owing to the fact that Southon, Aston, Standen, Hollands, Turner, Parker and Bourne have been returned to duty, the honorary job of scribe has been put on me and I, being a sort of careful fellow as regards writing about my bigger and heftier "comrades-at-arms," asked "Tubby" Smith, our heavy-weight lifter, to help me out and if there are any groans, of having to bear a permanent smile whilst heart is aching. Well! see Smith and most probably you will have to bear a semi-permanent nose.

Signal Classification was held last month and the Section finished up "Highly Efficient" which was a great achievement as for many months we were doing duty and signalling work was impossible. But Sgts. Sharp and Vale and L/Cpl. Newan did a bit of wizardry and we Flag Waggors were only too willing to try our best, so you see the result was A.I. all round and the above N.C.O.'s are to be complimented on the fact. Ptes. Andrews and Heathfield were very unlucky as they passed in all subjects with the exception of buzzer; better luck next time.

With all due respect to my Group Scribes, of "H.Q.," I would like them to pay more attention to their sports notices and try not to make mistakes as the printed results of some of the games with us have been put down quite opposite to the actual score. Sport as a whole, is quite up to the mark although we have felt the loss of some of the fellows who have returned to duty. Their vacancies have been ably filled with young talent and I wish to inform all that "Tangi" is no danker, but a dark horse, also quite "often" a first team player. Ginger Howland has been transferred to No. 3 Group to teach the Company Steman the proper way to snore. I wonder if he will turn "Pro" for No. 3 Group's football team. As the sun is still baking hot, Rugger is out of the question but Hockey is quite to the "fore" and "Elevensomes" about every other night and "Lachri" is our password. Our Old War Horse, Arthur Thomas, keeps his end up marvellously considering he swears on his lemonades and Chotta-Hazri will soon be a rival to Dyan Chand.

Our Harris Shield Cook, Aubrey, is our Goalie. Why he does not play for the Battalion is a mystery. I think it is because he refuses to shave his "tash" off. As we have played so many games of Soccer and Hockey this month, I will leave the results out as they would take up too much space. At Cricket this year the Battalion has called for quite a number of Signallers. Hammond and Smith have not missed a match yet and Boorman and Kendall always keep the flag flying when called upon. The Section Cricket Team is, candidly speaking, quite equal to a company team and I think the last match they lost was in '02, but what could be expected with such a backbone for a team as the above-named men. We go on manoeuvres this week to Delhi and come back just in time for Christmas and also to find that quite a number of "Old Hands" have gone home Time-X. I am sure we will all miss "Lidy, Bladder, Twister, Arker, Hooks and Charlie Sugar and what this Christmas dinner is going to be like without them I don't know, but I will take this opportunity of wishing them the best of luck in Civvy Street, hoping all their ambitions are realized and that their future may be a happy one.

Before closing, I should like to give my congratulations to L/Cpls. Dibble and Leadbeater on their promotion to the first "rung of the ladder." They are both good and hardworking men and I am sure their future is assured if they carry on as they are now. The P.R.I. cast a kindly gaze on The Signals and gave us a Silver Cigarette Case for the best Young Hand in Classification. "Yank" Langsdon was its deserving winner and may his "Fag Case" always be full so that some cadging may be done by  
PUDDEN.

### "A" Company.

Writing these notes in the order of the events happening, I find that our move from Ranikhet to Bareilly should head the list. It was on the 17th of October that we made our exodus to the plains through the medium of lorries for the first stage of the journey and the narrow gauge railway for the last part. After a tiring and uncomfortable journey we eventually arrived at our "winter resort," none the worse for our adventure.

We quickly settled down amongst the old surroundings and the majority of the company soon found attractions on the various playing fields and endeavoured to make up for the time and sport that was deprived them whilst in the hills. An account of the principal games will be found at the end of these notes for, in the meantime, I have some social news to chronicle.

To Mr. D. A. Surve we extend a hearty welcome and we trust that the period spent with the company will prove to be both beneficial and enjoyable. Mr. Foster has gone to the "Gunnery" and his wonderful sporting abilities which we all appreciated, will be greatly missed in the Harris Shield events unless Mr. Surve can compensate us in that direction.

The battalion sports are due to come off in the early part of January and we have not got much time for practice owing to the fact that we leave for Brigade Training at Delhi on the 10th of November and are not due back before the 23rd of December.

The strength of the company on training will be exceedingly weak owing to the fact that we leave behind several employed and duty people, also a number of others who are due to go home at various intervals during the next two months or so.

Our C.Q.M.S. has already left us to take up the duties of Camp Q.M.S. at Delhi and we now have acting in his capacity within the company, Sgt. Hadaway.

There has been held throughout the battalion recently an inter-platoon "turnout competition" and I am pleased to be able to mention that within the first six platoons we had three, the actual order being No. 4 second, No. 2 fourth and No. 3 sixth place.

Our late Adjutant, Capt. D. A. Wilkins, will shortly take over the command of the company and although it eventually means bidding good-bye to one of the best Company Commanders yet experienced by the company, to wit Capt. L. M. S. Essell, we do in no way damp our hearty welcome which we extend to Capt. and Mrs. D. A. Wilkins; in wishing them health and prosperity for the future I am sure I voice the whole of the company.

To Capt. Essell who has fathered us for a number of years now, we extend the same good wishes and trust that he will be held with esteem and the same amount of respect at the Depot as that within the company.

The ground facilities here allow of several games of minor importance to be played weekly, but I only have time to record the principle games in this journal which for this month are as follows:— Hockey: *versus* "C" Coy., 4-0 for "C" Coy.; *versus* Band, Coy. won 2-0 (West and Fox); *versus* No. 3 Group, Coy. won 2-1 (West, 2); Again against No. 3 Group we won 5-1 (West 2, Gudgion 2, Wilson). Football: *versus* "H.Q." Wing, 1-0 for the Wing; *versus* "D" Coy., 2-1 for "D"; *versus* "C" Coy., 1-0 for us (Turner). Cricket: *versus* Union Club, Coy. lost by 10 runs; *versus* M.E.S., Coy. lost by 19 runs.

Within the next few weeks we expect to lose about twenty-five members of the company by discharge, etc., including two senior N.C.O.'s, to wit, Sgts. McLean and Larkin, the latter going to the Depot for a tour of duty. It would occupy too much space to attempt to describe the merits and sporting abilities of each individual, but we fully realise that the majority are capable of representing the company and some the battalion in some kind of sport or the other and it is in a genuine regretful attitude that we view their departure. I convey the wishes of the company in wishing them all the best of prosperity and success at all their future undertakings and of course a "bon voyage." If ever you do get "fed up" just glance at these notes and dispel that gloomy feeling by taking a good meal of the somewhat out-of-place, but good-natured remarks that are set therein by an individual who dodges the Editor's wrath by signing himself,  
"QUARTER-GUARD."

## The Buffs Warriors' Chapel Endowment Fund.

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Previously acknowledged ...	219	3	0
Since received:—			
Captain H. Jackson ...	1	1	0
Officers, 2nd Battalion ...	11	7	6
Lt.-Col. Howard Smith... ..	1	1	0
Miss Hamilton ... ..	0	5	0

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## The 2nd Battalion.



THE outstanding—and to us almost overwhelming—happening of the last month has been the death of our Colonel, General Sir Arthur Paget. There will no doubt be a full appreciation of his work for the Regiment elsewhere in this number, and we of the 2nd Battalion feel his death very particularly in view of the fact that we have had him twice present with us in the last few months.

We are glad to think we were able to be inspected by him last July, and again later in that same month to have him present with us on parade at the Presentation of New Colours. He held a very real place in our affections and we offer our most sincere condolences to Lady Leila Paget and the General's family. A representative party of 16 officers and 25 W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and men attended the Memorial Service at the Guards' Chapel on the 13th instant.

Another very sad event was the sudden death of C.Q.M.S. Blackman. Taken ill on leave, he died at the Cambridge Hospital on the 1st December of pneumonia, after a short illness. He was buried with full military honours in the Military Cemetery. One and all of us offer Mrs. Blackman our most heartfelt sympathy in her great loss.

We were very glad to be able to entertain the Danish Army Boxing Team in their visit to Aldershot. Language difficulty proved no bar as one or two of them spoke a little English, and they had an interpreter with them. Though beaten in their contests with the Army, south of the Thames, they afterwards drew with a team drawn from the Combined Services and returned to Denmark still in possession of the Challenge Cup. Both Captain Rice and Lieut. Lister paid us a visit and were present for this boxing. L/Cpl. Beal, our only representative in the team, lost his fight to a very unorthodox opponent, and both teams gave a very fine exhibition of boxing.

The Danish Team were present for our match in the third round of the Army Football Cup. We lost to the K.S.I.I. by the large margin of 6—1. Though we lost to the better team on the day's play, the score does not properly represent the difference between the two teams. A penalty goal, given away

towards the end of the second half, discouraged our team after a fine period of resistance and was followed by three goals in quick succession.

By our victory over "B" Group, Royal Corps of Signals, we enter the third round of the Army Hockey Cup, having had a bye into the second round. The team won by 4—3, the second winning goal being scored in an extra five minutes played in order to reach a decision. We congratulate the team and wish them luck.

Finally, we wish all our readers the very best of luck in the coming year, and feel we cannot close without recording our thankfulness at the continued improvement in the health of His Majesty The King, and our sincere wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

E.F.

### Boxing.

On December 4th and 5th a highly successful boxing tournament was held in our gymnasium. The programme consisted of an inter-company novices knock-out competition for the Kennedy Cup, a boy's competition of three weights, and four special fights for individual championships of the battalion. It was decided this year that the latter should be contested annually on a challenging system. A notice was therefore put in orders stating the present battalion champions and asking for names of any who wished to make a challenge. Only four came forward which, on the whole, was disappointing. Pte. Bell (M.G. Coy.) and Pte. Taylor (H.Q. Wing) sent in their names as challengers for the featherweight championship of the Battalion, held by Dmr. Ray (H.Q. Wing).

In the eliminating bout between Bell and Taylor some good boxing was seen. Taylor was up against a hard hitter and, though he put up a good fight, was finally knocked out in the third round.

Bell followed up this success by another win over Dmr. Ray, whom he also knocked out in the third round. Ray was scoring well with both hands, when a well timed right to the jaw put him out for the count. Bell has the makings of a good boxer and, if he can learn the art of defence, will be a hard man to beat. He possesses a really good punch. Both Taylor and Ray are to be congratulated on putting up such a good show.

Pte. Williams ("B" Coy.), who challenged Pte. Hudd (M.G. Coy.) for the light-weight title, put up a really good fight against such an experienced opponent as Hudd. Although Hudd was well up on points at the final gong he had to go all out for his victory. Williams has a very hard punch and is improving rapidly.

L/Cpl. Barr ("A" Coy.) although giving away several stone to Pte. Maslin ("B" Coy.) proved himself to be a, by no means, unworthy challenger for the heavyweight championship. At the start Barr scored well with his left, but weight gradually told and Maslin wore down his man and won the verdict with a good margin of points.

In the inter-company novices competition "B" Company beat 24 Company by one point. Where the standard of boxing shown all round is so high it is difficult to pick out individuals for special comment.



Suffice it is to say that all concerned provided us with an exhibition of really good, clean boxing. And, indeed, what more can one say?

In the Boys' competition some surprisingly good boxing was seen. Boy Garrett, who won the under 9 stone competition already has a good knowledge of the sport and Boys Blake, Closier and Williams were all good losers.

Major Guy Lee in presenting the prizes, congratulated both winners and losers.

RESULTS.

Inter-Company Novices Knock-out Competition.

	<i>Byes.</i>	<i>Semi-Final.</i>	<i>Final.</i>
	"A" Coy.	"B" Coy.	"B" Coy.
	"B" Coy.		
13 Coy.	} M.G. Coy.	} 24 Coy.	
M.G. Coy.			
24 Coy.	} 24 Coy.	} 24 Coy.	
"C" Coy.			

BOYS UNDER 7 STONE.

- Winner : Boy Lucy.
- Runner-up : Boy Gardner.
- Best loser : Boy Closier.

BOYS UNDER 9 STONE.

- Winner : Boy Garrett.
- Runner-up : Boy Toothill.
- Best loser : Boy Blake.

BOYS OVER 9 STONE.

- Winner : Boy Lawson.
- Runner-up : Boy Pout.
- Best loser : Boy Williams.

Sergeants' Mess.

This month our notes open with the sad account of the death of C.Q.M.S. H. E. Blackman, who passed away at the Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot, at 1.20 a.m. on the 1st December, 1928, suffering from Lobar Pneumonia. His death came as a great shock to all members of the Mess and also to the whole Battalion, as he was well known to all ranks. "Bert" as he was known, had served in the Regiment for twenty-two years, the great part being abroad. He served in Hong Kong, Singapore and India before the War, in Flanders and Salonica during the War and in Iraq, Mesopotamia and Aden with the 2nd Battalion after the War. He was a member of the Mess continuously since 1914. His Medals were the 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, Meritorious Service Medal and Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. C.Q.M.S. Blackman was buried in the Military Cemetery on 5th December, 1928, with full Military Honours. The Rev. H. G. Williamson officiated at the ceremony. The whole battalion, under the command of Major J. V. R. Jackson, attended the funeral. The mourners were: Mrs. Blackman (widow), Mr. and Mrs. J. Blackman (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Peters (brother-in-law and sister), Messrs. Fred, Jack and Joe Blackman (brothers), Mrs. Rowe (sister-in-law), Mrs. Goddard (sister-in-law), Mr. J. Peters (nephew) and Mrs. S. Pitt (nephew). The following also attended the funeral: Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. J. Crookenden (Commanding Officer), Mrs. Guy Lee, Mrs. Causton and a great number of the married families of the battalion. Floral tributes were received from: His Loving Wife; Jimmy (son); Dad and all at Home, Ashford; Mother and all at Home (Dover); Fred, Annie and Barry; Tom and Bess; Rene and Sid; Sid and Bessie; Bob; Alan; Elaine and Noel; George and Emmie; Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Crookenden; Capt. L. P. Causton; Officers, 2nd Battalion The Buffs; P.R.I., 2/Bufs; Sergeants' Mess, 2/Bufs; Sergeants' Mess, Depot The Buffs; R.S.M. and Mrs. Vaughan; Corporals' Mess, 2/Bufs; Corporals' Mess, Depot The Buffs; Mr., Mrs. and Miss Hewitt; Employed and

A/T Section, 2/Bufs; Band; Signals; Drums; All ranks "A" Coy.; All ranks "B" Coy.; All ranks "C" Coy.; All ranks "M.G." Coy.; Lieut. and Mrs. Dare, Mr. E. Hamer, Sgt. Maplesden and Family; Sgt. Goodwin; Sergeants' Mess, M.P.S.C.; Sergeants' Mess, School of Farriery; Army Education Corps; E. Homewood; Sergeants' Mess, The Loyal Regt.; Sergeants' Mess, 2/D.C.L.I.; Sergeants' Mess 2/Norfolk; Past Members, Sergeants' Mess, 2/Bufs. Representatives from the following Regiments, etc., also attended the funeral: Military Provost Staff; School of Farriery; Army Education Corps; 2nd Bn. The Loyal Regt.; 2nd Bn. the D.C.L.I.; 2nd Bn. The Norfolk Regt.

Following the funeral of C.Q.M.S. Blackman came the news that the Colonel of the Regiment, General The Rt. Hon. Sir A. Paget, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., had breathed his last at Cannes, and the majority of officers, W.O.'s and sergeants of the Battalion together with representatives of the Other Ranks attended a Memorial Service held in the Guards' Chapel on Thursday, 13th December, 1928. We all offer our heartfelt sympathy to the relatives of both General Paget and C.Q.M.S. Blackman.

We have had two arrivals to the Mess since the last notes were published, in the persons of Sgt. Buxton, from the Territorial Staff and Sgt. McNeir from the Depot.

Our annual billiard tournament is in full swing at present, and some of the results have been great surprises. Apropos of billiards, our team in the Aldershot Billiard League have been playing matches galore, but the success is not very well pronounced, having played seven matches, three of which have been won, and the remaining four lost. The games have been as follows:—

- v. "A" Group, R. Signals, Home Match (Bufs, 493; R. Sigs., 550).
- v. 2/Norfolks, Home Match (Bufs 515; Norfolks 551)...
- v. 4th Fd. Bde. R.A., Away Match (Bufs 483; R.A. 551).
- v. M.P.S.C., Home Match (Bufs 523; M.P.S.C. 427).
- v. K.O.R. Regt., Home Match (Bufs 534; K.O.R.R. 507).
- v. "B" Group, R. Signals, Away Match (Bufs 536; R. Sigs. 505).
- v. 2/D.C.L.I., Home Match (Bufs 463; D.C.L.I. 552).

Our last notes omitted the fact that the Corporals very kindly invited us to a smoking concert and a dance on the 9th and 16th November respectively. We offer our heartiest thanks to the Corporals and congratulate them on the way they run their shows.

During the month a large framed photograph of the W.O.s, S/Sgts. and Sgts. of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada was received from the Sergeants' Mess of that Regiment, and it is a splendid gift, for which we are grateful. It forges another link in the connection between us and our allied Regiment in Canada, who are so far away from us. We have sent to them 36 pairs of our Collar Badges as a further link in the connection, and hope they will wear them and think of us all the time. Our best wishes and compliments of the season to the Queen's Own Rifles and also to all our readers.

HEARD ON DIVERS OCCASIONS:

Senior Officer to Section Leaders (on Course of Instruction):

"You need not bring rifles on the next parade."

A few minutes afterwards a Senior N.C.O. said to the C.S.M. i/c. Section Leaders:

"Do you require any Blank, sir?"

(Aside: That N.C.O. should be on the Intelligence Staff).

Does a certain Big Noise know where the Sergeants' Mess Mincing Machine is?

Is it possible that the aforesaid machine is used for grinding notes emitted from the boys' instruments?

Question asked in Promotion Examination: "When on outpost what is the Section Commander's second pair of eyes?"

Answer: "My ears!"

Festivities in the Mess are at present in abeyance owing to the recent sad happenings. We however, send good wishes to all.

ORCWAL.

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S PROBLEM.

80 Rabbits	@ 1/-	=	£4
19 Cows	@ £5	=	£95
1 Sheep	@ £1	=	£1
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Total Animals	100	Total Cash	= £100

Corporals' Mess.

By the time these notes appear, Christmas will have come and gone and we shall be settling down again to work in earnest. At the present moment, the majority of the members are on leave and in a few days, nearly all of those here at present will be away for a few days' Christmas leave.

Last month we were very unfortunate in being caught on the left foot—with regard to football. Owing to a misunderstanding, we had to call out a team at a minute's notice, to play the Norfolk Corporals. Because of the very short time in which to collect a team, we had to put out anybody we could get hold of at the moment. It was a good game, considering the team we had, but we lost by five goals to one.

On November 16th, we held a Dance—a further contribution from Cpl. Towerzey and his Committee. From the social and financial points of view, this was a great success and was well worth the great deal of work put in by the various workers. We were very pleased to see Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Crookenden, Major and Mrs. and Miss Guy Lee, and so many other officers present. The total attendance was about 150.

We congratulate Cpls. Viney and Taylor on their promotions and L/Cpls. Robbins and Gowen on their Paid Appointments.

Further congratulations are due to L/Cpl. Lee on becoming Battalion Shot of the Corporals and Privates, and to Cpl. Johnson, who is Company Shot of "A."

The Billiard Handicap has been played off, L/Cpl. Lee being the winner and L/Cpl. A. Smith the runner-up.

L/Cpl. Braidwood has been discharged and L/Cpl. Harper is on leave pending discharge. We wish them the best of luck.

It was with much regret that we heard of two deaths this month—that of C.Q.M.S. H. F. Blackman of Headquarters Wing and of General the Rt. Hon. Sir Arthur Paget, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., and we extend our deepest sympathy to their relatives.

As so many of the Corporals are on leave, we cannot attempt to make any arrangements for social functions for some time to come.

On behalf of the Mess, I should like to thank the many Messes and individuals who have sent us Christmas Cards, for their kind wishes, which are heartily reciprocated.

ELDEVRE.

"A" Company.

The Company very much regrets to hear of the death of C/Sgt. Blackman and extend their sympathies to Mrs. Blackman.

The pleasure of writing *Dragon* notes has been handed over to me by "Eniv" so here goes for the first attempt, and I sincerely hope they are digestible.

At present we have plenty to occupy us, what with Weapon Training, Section Leader and Gas Courses. As regards S.L. Courses, Ptes. Hankins, Scullion and Buxton are attending, and we hope to see them as N.C.O.'s in the near future.

Cross Country Running is a very great feature now and judging by to-day's result we are improving. We had nine home in the first fifty and those who helped to complete the other fifties will be waiting for the executive word of Command on Thursday "Follow Father," and off they will track. Strange to say, "Father" will be leading all the way and the C.S.M. is "Father." L/Cpl. Norris, Ptes. Stevens and Knights have been selected to run in "B" Group of the Battalion against the Royal Tank Corps on 4th December.

We have drawn a bye in the first series of the Regimental Novices Boxing, and against "B" Company in the second series. Well, straight lefts and less woodbines will help considerably. L/Cpl. Beal has been doing well lately. He beat a sailor at Portsmouth and another gentleman in London, and at the Marlborough Lines Gyms. he fought Cpl. Matthews, R. Signals Feather-weight Champion of Egypt, the latter retiring with a hurt thumb in the third round.

As regards Football we have not done very much, but we are proud of the fact that we find three of the Company for the first eleven Regimental team. On November 28th we met "B" Company and lost 5 goals to 3. This was not a very brilliant affair, as the weather was much against it. Mitchell, Scullion and L/Cpl. King scored for us. It should be noted by all that if the team get together more often and buck up a bit they should go far.

Almost nightly there are competitions on the Miniature Range, and if one watched the Notice Board one would see that several of "A" Company are amongst the prize winners.

We learn that L/Cpls. Mullinger and A. Smith have commenced a course at the A.U.T.C.; also L/Cpl. Smith from 1st Battalion with Pte. Caless.

The remainder of the Company due for leave are proceeding on December 10th, and 64 days minus what we have drawn, plus last credit, etc., etc., seems to be the mathematical problem of the day.

Last, but not least, we wind up by wishing all readers of *The Dragon* a prosperous New Year.

1684 BILL BOY.

"B" Company.

No doubt many readers of *The Dragon* will be delighted to hear that Danker "B" is doing very well indeed in the Sport line.

At football we have played two matches. One *versus* "A" and the other *versus* "M.G." Company. On both occasions our team consisted of non-Regimental players, the idea being to give as many men as possible a game. The match with "A" Company was quite good and resulted in a victory for us by six goals to three. Against the "M.G." Company we lost by 2 goals to 1. Sgt. Smith (our acting C.Q.M.S.) blamed the bad light for the M.G.'s winning goal. It appears that we have secured a very useful inside-right in Mr. Kenward. With a little more practice he ought to develop into a really good forward.

Congratulations to our boxing team on winning the Novices' Competition. In spite of giving our opponents two fights, which meant 4 points to nil, our fellows manfully stuck to their task and vanquished the enemy. Great credit is due to Pte. Williams for the great display he gave. He entered for the Light and Welter Weights and won both of them.

At Shooting, on the Miniature Range, we invariably carry off one or more of the team prizes.

At present the Company is on leave so there is very little doing. We hope everyone spends an enjoyable Christmas.

We wish Sgt. Amos the best of luck in civvie life and hope he likes his work with the R.A.F. Police. If anyone wants an aeroplane or a thirty-hundredweight lorry, just pop round and see Alf.

We are pleased that Capt. Keble is not going to India. We hope he remains with us for a very long time.

Some of our N.C.O.'s were on a Senior Section Leaders' Course and what do you think happened! Cpl. Drake laughed!

It has just appeared in Battalion Orders that "Dean Swift" is rejoining the Battalion from the Regimental Depot and arrives early in January. Hurry up, Dean, we are badly in need of long-distance cross-country runners.

By the time these notes appear in print (subject to the Editor's approval) two of our family will have entered into the bonds of matrimony. They are Ptes. Ward and Walter. Just a word of advice to them. Always bear in mind the Labour Motto: "What we have to guard against is Mass Production!"

Well, Readers, all good things come to an end so these Notes must end, but just one thing ere we close. If anyone of "B" Company has anything for publication in *The Dragon*, send it to your correspondent as we hope to have "B" Company Notes taking up more space in the paper than has been the case before.

As it is too late to wish you a Merry Christmas we wish you all a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

NEWHAND.

"C" Company.

As the next issue of our regimental journal appears at the beginning of a new year, I had better make an attempt to send our usual notes.

Perhaps it will be as well to commence by wishing all Buffs, Past and Present, the very best of good luck during the coming year.

The company has completed its individual training; this went off quite successfully and we hope that all have benefited by it. Two sections received special training as Anti-Aircraft Sections,



one as L.G.A.A. Section and the other as Rifle A.A. Section. About forty other ranks proceeded on furlough on 10th December and they are all looking forward to spending a good Christmas at Home.

The next Draft to India have still to go on leave, so our family will be but a small one when Christmas arrives. We lose a few men on the next Draft to India, namely, Ptes. Cork, Perry, Reynolds, Beament, Terry and Surridge. We hope that they enjoy their trip abroad.

Sgt. Carvell has joined the Company during the past month from the T.A. We extend him a hearty welcome.

During the past month some of our men have represented the Command Running Club in their fixtures. Pte. Burgess ran on one or two occasions and did quite well.

Pte. Hurley had his first big race on Saturday, 2<sup>th</sup>, but I rather think that the importance of this race got him down, for he did not run as well as usual.

We offer our congratulations to L/Cpl. Lee on becoming the best shot in the Corporals and Privates of the Battalion, a really great performance for a comparatively young soldier. As some readers may remember, L/Cpl. Lee won the Young Soldiers' Competition, Army at Home, at Bisle last year. It is only fitting that he should follow it up with the Best Shot in the Battalion.

We congratulate the Battalion Football Team in reaching the third round of the Army Cup and are pleased to think that the Company found five of the players of that team.

A Battalion Novices' Boxing Competition has been held; although we did not get through our first round, our men put up a really good show against the ultimate finalists. Our team was: Bantani—Pte. Nye. Feathers—Ptes. O'Connor and Brigstock. Lights—Cpl. Coade, L/Cpl. New. Welters—L/Cpl. Hobson, Pte. Griggs. Middle—L/Cpl. Acott.

O'Connor, Brigstock, Coade and Hobson won their fights; Acott went very near it and must have been leading by several points in the first two rounds; we wish he could have lasted out. L/Cpl. Acott and Pte. Griggs received good losers' medals.

We saw some queer novices—it is time that some of those men with four or five years' boxing experience were made to advance to the next higher stage, so as to give the youngster a chance.

Pte. Wilkin has been admitted to hospital during the month as he unfortunately strained his foot whilst practising for the Boxing.

At running we have managed so far this season to maintain our usual position on all the Battalion runs. We still have some good men at this sport and hope to be the Company to represent the Battalion in the Command Company Competition on 12th February. We realise that there is a general all round improvement in the Battalion and some companies will give us a close run.

It is hoped that the Company Football League will be commenced after the furlough period, then we may be able to give many accounts of the struggle for the shield. We have two eyes on this shield this year: eluded us last year. We still have a good team, waiting eagerly for the battle.

Many N.C.O.'s are waiting to hear the result of the recent Promotion Examination and it is hoped that they were all successful. It is believed that all could now answer the question "What is Army Form 295." It is quite true that the more we see of a thing the less notice we take of it.

We are pleased to record that Ptes. Frost, Marsh and King have been successful in obtaining their third class certificates of education. Now then what about the other half dozen?

L/Cpl. Lee, Ptes. Hurley, Alderson and Cloke have sat for their seconds, but the results are not yet to hand.

A.V.O.

### Machine Gun Company.

This has truly been a month of hard work for the Gunners, training for the young hands and duties for the old-timers having completely filled the bill. Very little time has been found for sports, but what little has taken place reflect very creditably on our Company.

First and foremost we had the Inter-Company Novices' Team Championship. Our team fought "H.Q." 13 and beat them by dint of real good boxing. We then met "H.Q." 24 in the semi-final and all will agree that after gaining as many points as them, the ruling that the team registering the greatest number of individual wins, made us unlucky losers. Our team consisted of Cpl. Watts, Pte. Henderson, Pte. Gleed, Pte. Whitaker, Pte. Hopper, Pte. Nolan, Pte. Vant and Pte. Jordan. Two of these obtained Best Loser's Medals, namely, Pte. Whitaker and Pte. Gleed. Perhaps the latter was the surprise of the whole, competition for very few thought that "Maggie" Gleed would go to very nearly defeating Cpl. Viney who is recognized as a very good man. Then two members of the Company obtained the Championship of the Battalion at their weight in the Open Class, Pte. Hudd retaining the light weight title from the challenger, Pte. Williams of "B" Company and Pte. Bell challenging and defeating the featherweight champion, Dmr. Ray. Therefore we have not lost any prestige in the boxing world: rather have we gained it.

Only one football match has been played and that against "B" Company, whom we beat two goals to one, Ptes. Hudd and Tyson being our goal scorers.

Many amusing happenings have been brought to my notice for insertion in this month's contribution, but it would take too much time to put them all in. Most of them are concerned with the young hands' training. Cpl. Watts and Sgt. Emery seem to be well mentioned and if a cartoonist were available, some very amusing caricatures would be forthcoming. For instance, Cpl. Watts has invented a new method of weighing the fuzee spring and Sgt. Emery's repeated assertions that M.G.T. is all wrong, make training hours much brighter.

The Company join with me in recording its sincere regret at the two bereavements of this month, first, the late C.Q.M.S. Blackman and then our Colonel of the Regiment.

By the time these notes are published everybody will have had a very enjoyable Christmas and we shall be too late to wish readers a happy one, but not too late to hope for a very bright New Year for each and all.

## Beneath Bell Harry.



DECEMBER will be remembered by all ranks serving at the Depot—remembered on account of the death of the Colonel of the Regiment. We heard the sad news on the morning of the 9th inst. We cannot express the regret that was felt by all ranks when they heard that General, The Right Honourable Sir Arthur Paget, G.C.B., K.C.V.O.

Colonel of our Regiment, had died at Cannes.

All who have passed through the Depot and have been on his inspection parades, realised his great keenness in all work at our Depot. His "pat on the back" to both staff and recruits did much to keep up the general efficiency of the drill, turn out and shooting. The little personal touch our Colonel gave in his speeches to us made his visit a thing to be remembered, his next to be looked forward to. His gifts of Cups, etc., as prizes helped to bring the shooting of all ranks up to a high standard. Many members of the Sergeants' Mess have in their possession a Cup to remind them of our late Colonel.

A service was held in the Warriors' Chapel on 11th December, at which all the Depot attended.

A party consisting of all officers of the Depot and one member of all other ranks, attended a service at the Guards' Chapel, London, on the 13th inst.

### 2nd Battalion Notes—concluded.

#### Signal Section.

Since we last appeared in print, everyone has enjoyed a month's leave, and all are now looking forward to a few days at Christmas. The Young Hands have been hard at work since early November while the "old sweats" have been scattered to the four corners of the earth on various jobs. After Christmas we have a fortnight's weapon training to "eat," and then hope to get down to serious signal training.

Sgt. Field has returned from his refresher course at Catterick bursting with knowledge (?) and L/Cpl. Edwards has been busy getting ready for the preliminary test on December 17th; his course starts early in January and we all wish him the best of luck. Cpl. Wilson (whom we must congratulate on his promotion) has been doing regimental courses since November, but we hope to get some work out of him after Christmas!!

The Section now runs a Billiard Team and is ready to take on any challengers. The following matches have been played this month:—

- v. Signal Section 2nd Bn. D.C.L.I. Won.
  - v. Signal Section Loyal Regiment. Won.
  - v. Signal Section 2nd Bn. Norfolk Regiment. Lost.
- The following football matches have been played:—
- v. Signal Section 2nd Bn. D.C.L.I. Won 6-1.
  - v. Signal Section 1st K.O.R.R. Draw 4-4.
  - v. Signal Section 1st K.O.R.R. Draw 3-3.
  - v. Drums 2nd Bn. The Buffs. Won 5-4.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Signal Section of the 1st Battalion for the photo which we received this month.

"Lomo."



On the 12th inst. a draft of 43 other ranks arrived from the 1st Battalion. After the usual procedure they were duly passed on to civil life.

The annual contest for the "Hardy Cup" between the Depot, Q.O.R.W. Kent Regiment and our Depot, took place on the 19th inst. The Gymnasium was well filled to witness a keen competition for this Cup. The Q.O.R.W.K. Depot proved the winners, by the narrow margin of one fight. The best team won, taking to Maidstone the Cup we had held since it had been presented. We shall re-capture it next year!

The 21st December was a day of general exodus; all ranks that could be spared went on leave. The 50 remaining spent a good time on the 25th and did justice to one of Sgt. Rowe's dinners.

Another draft from the 1st Battalion, consisting of 31 other ranks, arrived at about 11.30 p.m. on the 26th December. Although late, they were ready and willing to do full justice to the belated Christmas dinner that had been prepared for them. They too, have since been passed to civil life.

1928 has seen many changes at the Depot, but the routine still goes on. On the 2nd January leave finishes and the 3rd sees the commencement of another year of training, which is the work of all who dwell beneath Bell Harry.

#### Sergeants' Mess.

It was with deep regret that we received the news of the death of our Colonel, General the Rt. Hon. Sir Arthur Paget, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., at Cannes on 9th December. The whole Depot attended a Memorial Service held in Canterbury Cathedral on 11th December and the R.S.M. and Sgt. Gibson represented the Sergeants' Mess at a Memorial Service held at the Guards Chapel, London, on 13th December.

We also express our very deepest sympathy to Mrs. Blackman and family on the sad death of C.Q.M.S. Blackman, 2nd Battalion, at Aldershot on 1st December.

Sgt.-Cook Rowe is to be congratulated on once again demonstrating his cooking abilities at the Services Cookery Exhibition held at Olympia on 24th November. This time he took first prize with Diploma in the Individual Advanced Cookery Competition.

We also have to congratulate Sgt. Adams, Sgt. Watson and L/Sgt. Dolbear on passing in various subjects for first class certificates.

During the month W.O. (11) Collins and C.Q.M.S. Taylor were each awarded the L.S. and C.G. Medal. L/Sgt. Watson was promoted to full Sergeant and L/Sgt. Bailey joined the mess on receiving his new appointment, and we congratulate them all accordingly.

We thank "B" Company, 4th Battalion, for the kind invitation to a most enjoyable evening at the Drill Hall on 15th November in connection with their annual presentation of prizes.

The result of the Whist Drive held on 20th November was as follows:—

Ladies: 1st prize	...	...	Mrs. Martin
" 2nd "	...	...	Mrs. Dickenson
" 3rd "	...	...	Miss Petts
Gents.: 1st prize	...	...	R.Q.M.S. Ings
" 2nd "	...	...	L/Sgt. Allen
" 3rd "	...	...	Mrs. Somerfield
Ladies highest score, 1st half	...	...	Mrs. Jackson
Gents. lowest score, 1st half	...	...	Sgt. Watson

On 23rd November we had the pleasure of entertaining quite a large number of the members of the Sergeants' Mess, Seaforth Highlanders, from Dover, in connection with their visit to Canterbury to play off the Army Cup Hockey fixture with our Depot team, in which Sgts. Rowe, Gibson, Adams and Tutt did excellent work.

Sgt. McNeir having left us on reposting to 2nd Battalion, Aldershot, we wish him and his family the best of luck there.

We also have to express our very best wishes for their future welfare to C.Q.M.S. Lane and Sgts. Cox and McLean who recently arrived home from India for discharge, and also to welcome Sgt. Crump and Sgt. Larkin and family on posting from 1st Battalion, India, to the Depot for a tour of duty.

At the Whist Drive held on 4th November Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Petts and Mrs. Balam took the first, second and third ladies' prizes respectively, whilst the gents. prizes went to Sgt. Tutt, W.O. Collins and Mrs. Corney.

We take this opportunity of wishing our comrades and friends a very happy and prosperous New Year, with many more to follow.

#### Corporals' Mess.

The members of the Corporals' Room express regret at the death of our late Colonel—Sir Arthur Paget, G.C.B., K.C.V.O.

Our sympathies also go to Mrs. Blackman in her recent loss. Lance-Corporal Hollands has left us for civilian life. We wish him the best of luck.

Our Dances in the Prince of Wales' Institute have been a success. We wish to thank all those who have attended and given us support.

Lance-Corporal Chipp-Smith will shortly join us from the Battalion in relief of Hollands.

May we take this opportunity of wishing all Buffs—Old and Young—Past, Present and Future—a very happy new year.

#### Trained Men's Notes.

I must first of all apologize for lack of notes last month, but being on twenty-eight days' rest cure and my successor (Hoult, I think they call him) being a man of few words, decided that *The Dragon* did not need any notes from the trained men, so, lived up to his name and "Houlted."

We all welcome Ptes. Arnell, Pollard and Bryan from the 2nd Battalion who are here on a tour of duty. A great calamity has occurred here, viz.: the departure to the 2nd Battalion of our one and only "Dean" and he will be badly missed (also his pipe). Just think of his poor little Billiard Table and Library not being prepared for monthly inspections two weeks beforehand.

We wish Pte. Ely the best of luck in the 2nd Battalion and also congratulate our Cook (Bob Fagg) on his promotion to L/Cpl. and let's hope he won't outgrow our old Nancy.

We have only played one game of footer this month, losing 4-0 to the "Odds and Ends"—R.A.M.C., R.A.S.C., R.A.D.C. combined.

By the time these notes are printed Christmas and New Year's Day will have gone and our lads will come back off leave with brand new resolutions. (Probably, the same ones as last year), so we will take the opportunity of wishing all our readers a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

BOTTLES.

#### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

What are the Five "B's"? Ask Cassa.  
 What is an outstanding debt? Ask Wise.  
 "There he goes, my old pal." The Billiard Table to Dean,

BOTTLES.

#### URGENTLY REQUIRED.

A strong man required by the Trained Men's Cork Club to collect monthly subs. from members. Must be experienced in rough-housing, must be athletic, a good runner (as several members have bikes) and hard-hearted. Anyone applying to the secretary can have the job with pleasure. A good job for the right man: previous experience necessary. A pair of spectacles supplied to successful applicant, to be used for looking for members on the first of each month.

BOTTLES.



# The 4th Battalion.



**B**EFORE commencing my notes for this month I know that the Battalion would like to express its deepest regrets on the sad loss of our Colonel, General Sir Arthur Paget. Whenever we have had the privilege of meeting him, we have always been impressed by his wonderful personality and it has made us all realize what a great loss has been sustained by the death of so fine a soldier and so

renowned a citizen. We would like to express our deepest sympathy to General Paget's family.

Companies have been holding their annual prize-givings during the past few weeks. Fuller details will come from the Companies themselves, but may we congratulate "B" Company on their show at Canterbury on November 15th, "A" Company on theirs at Ramsgate on December 6th and the Weald Company on theirs at Cranbrook on December 15th. We understand "D" Company proposed holding theirs in the New Year at Dover, but no date is finally settled.

Recruiting has been excellent, especially at Herne Bay, Margate and Folkestone, all of whose detachments are to be particularly complimented on their efforts. The Battalion is once more practically up to strength, in spite of the large number of discharges since camp.

On December 1st the Battalion strength was as follows:—

Officers, 23; "A" Coy., 155; "B" Coy, 178; "C" Coy., 99; "D" Coy., 179.

During the training year 1927-1928 there were 141 discharges and 129 enlistments. So perhaps these few figures will make everyone realize the continual changes there are in a T.A. Unit, and the efforts that have to be made by all ranks to maintain a full strength Battalion.

We have now heard we are to go to Falmer (near Brighton) for our annual camp next year, from June 2nd to June 16th.

We must welcome Sgt. Marsh, who has arrived to take over the duties of Permanent Staff Instructor from Sgt. Buxton with our Thanet Company. Already he has made an excellent start and we wish him every success during his tour of duty.

There will be little chance of any extra training during the next three months, as Bde. Headquarters say we have spent all the training grant. However, perhaps we may be able to scrounge a little more money from them after Christmas.

## "A" Company.

### MARGATE DETACHMENT.

A very successful evening was spent on Thursday, December 13th, 1928 when in the presence of a distinguished company of local residents, members of the Detachment and friends the following programme was given:—

Amongst those present were:—The Mayor and Mayoress of Margate (Alderman and Mrs. Edward Coleman), Colonel Mainwaring Dunstan, T.D., Colonel E. O. Skey, J.P., Colonel Inglis, Colonel E. K. Morton, Commander Senior, Lieut.-Commander and Mrs. Hyde, Capt. and Mrs.

Witts, Major Tapp, R.A., Lieut. and Mrs. Harrison, Lieut. and Mrs. H. D. Rose, Lieut. and Mrs. G. R. Warner, The Chief Constable and Mrs. Haycock, Mr. and Mrs. G. Rogers and several members of the 3rd Volunteer Battalion The Buffs.

His Worship the Mayor presented the prizes and afterwards in the course of his remarks, promised to present a Cup to the Detachment.

Mr. G. T. Rogers, on behalf of the old 3rd Volunteer Buffs, presented a complete indoor set of Badminton to the Detachment.

Lieut. Warner voiced the thanks and appreciation of the gift on behalf of his men.

The Guard Mounting, Rifle and Lewis Gun Demonstrations were a huge success. The movements of the men were almost perfect, their smartness and steadiness was extraordinarily good.

All were agreed it was the best show we have had. G.R.W.

### CUPS AND SHIELDS (MARGATE DETACHMENT).

HIPPODROME SHIELD (Recruits).	
Pte. M. Washbourne	161 Points
LEON ADUTT SHIELD (Trained Men).	
L/Cpl. R. Bass	205 Points
THE WOOD SHIELD (Snooker).	
Pte. J. Saffery.	
THE E. TOFTS FASHAM CUP (Lewis Gun).	
Pte. R. Turner	42 Points
MINIATURE RANGE CUP.	
Pte. W. Holmes	19 Points
BAYONET FIGHTING CUP.	
Pte. W. Holmes	15 Points
SECTION CUP.	
Cpl. G. Fox (No. 3 Section)	443 Points
MUSKETRY CUP (Highest Percentage on Range).	
Sgt. H. Woodland (Possible 130)	122 Points
THE SWINNARD CUP (Senior N.C.O.'s)	
L/Sgt. H. Emptage	177 Points
GULLICK CUP (Highest Score for Musketry).	
Winner: L/Cpl. R. Bass.	

### RAMSGATE DETACHMENT.

#### DEFENCE NOT DEFIANCE.

Male population of Ramsgate, 16,000, only 10 of whom have joined The Buffs in one year. Men of Ramsgate play the game.

The above was displayed on a large 12-foot hoarding at the Ramsgate Drill Hall on Thursday evening, last when the Ramsgate Detachment of "A" Company, 4th Buffs, held their Annual Prize Distribution preceded by a Concert under the direction of Miss M. E. Gladwell, the Sandwich, Margate and Herne Bay Detachments being present in large numbers.

After the Concert, which opened with the singing of "God save the King," Captain C. S. F. Witts, T.D., in a short speech said the approximate strength of the Regular Army to-day was 159,000 and when one considered the vastness of the British Empire the number was very small and was 2,700 less than the establishment met up by the late Lord Roberts before the War. After this small Regular Army, what had we got? Nothing as a second line, but the Territorial Army which was practically dependent for its existence on the patriotism of employers of labour and the patriotism of the youth of England—the youth of Thanet. When the Armistice was signed ten years ago there were a lot of lads who were just 17 who on account of age were unable to do their bit in the Army. Those men to-day were 27 years of age. Look round the room and you won't see a man of 27. That means that men of 27 in Ramsgate to-day without a medal ribbon are shirking their responsibilities. I am sorry to have to say it, but it is the truth: we can only assume they are frightened of undertaking the Territorial obligation to serve overseas in the event of war. My Company of 150 is composed of lads of 17 and 18 years of age and those 16,000 men you see in our Town are quite content to let these mere lads do their job. There are, of course, large numbers of Ex-Service men who have done their bit: they are some of the finest in the land. My remarks refer to the man of 27 who didn't do his bit and is not doing his bit. This year "A" Company won the Lord Harris Shield for being the most efficient company in the Battalion and had just won the James Cup for being the best Musketry Company in the 4th Buffs and he was naturally very proud of his men. That there would be another war there was no doubt whatever as Man was a warlike animal: he had always fought and would fight. We did not want another war in our lifetime, but we must see that we had a strong enough defence force to see that the next War was not fought on the fair soil of England and he appealed to the young Manhood of Ramsgate, especially men of 27, to play the game and do their bit as their forefathers had done before them and do four years in the Territorial Army. Prizes very kindly provided by business firms and tradesmen and other ladies and gentlemen will be awarded to the N.C.O.'s and Men (as per names on programme) by Colonel G. B. Burns.

What appeared to be a Dummy dressed in khaki with a gas mask on was then brought on the stage and made to stand up with a rifle in its hand and Captain Witts alluded to the possibility of poison gas being rained on Towns and asked us to picture Ramsgate High Street with the Civilian population wearing gas masks (such as they saw on the dummy, which was the latest type issued to the Regular Army). After a short explanation on a tin of tear gas which was



shewn to the audience, the dummy figure received a sharp order and to the amusement of all, smartly sloped arms and marched off, shewing that he had no difficulty in remaining for some time in his mask. Lieut. Rose, in a short speech, endorsed his Skipper's appeal for recruits and outlined the Detachment's work during the year. A lady in the hall, Mrs. Winchester, then came forward and handed to Colonel Burns a bugle which was the property of her late husband who was killed during a gas attack while with the Buffs in France during the Great War. The bugle bears the inscription: "Presented to 'A' Company 4th Buffs, by Mrs. Winchester in memory of her late husband, 6-12-28, which the gallant Colonel accepted amidst applause. Miss Gladwell then, at the request of the Men, came forward and announced that Colonel Burns would sing "The Farmer's Boy," the tune of which is the March Past of the old 5th Battalion The Buffs. The Colonel, having been taken by surprise, surrendered and sang the well-known old song and then presented the Prizes to the successful winners. A smart Squad under the new Instructor, Sgt. Marsh, then gave a Rifle and Lewis Gun Display. Mr. Bell, of the "Lord of the Manor," Ramsgate, very sportingly offered a one pound note for competition between the best Ramsgate and the best Margate Buff in stripping and assembling a Lewis Gun in shortest possible time. Lieut. The Hon. W. E. C. James, acted as judge and after an exciting contest, Pte. Bell, son of the donor beat the Margate Buff, Pte. Turner and amidst much applause relieved his Father of a one pound Treasury Note. Drummer Whichells, the best-looking member of the Detachment, then stepped on the platform and presented the Ladies of Miss Gladwell's Concert Party with a box of chocolates each, the gift of the N.C.O.'s and Men.

Among those present were Major and Mrs. Collard, Capt. and Mrs. Willows, Lieut. The Hon. W. E. C. James, Lieut. Warner, Major Weigall, Capt. Irwin, R.N., Major and Mrs. Stebbings and The Misses Keeley.

Letters of regret were received from The Mayor and Members of the Corporation who were in action elsewhere. Captain and Mrs. Witts and Miss Fox entertained their guests in the Officers' Quarters and once again the Annual Prize Distribution of the local Detachment of our County Regiment was a success, the Drill Hall having been crowded to its utmost capacity. A letter has since been received from Colonel Burns in which he states the Ramsgate Show was a Model of what a Prize Distribution should be.

CAMEL, *Platoon Editor.*

### SANDWICH DETACHMENT.

The above detachment held their annual dinner and prize distribution at the Drill Hall on Wednesday evening last when an excellent meal, consisting of hot soup, roast pork, beef and vegetables, followed by Christmas Pudding, cheese and biscuits, was served by Messrs. Snellings in the Club room. Attending the dinner were the Mayor of Sandwich (Mrs. Andrewes Uthwatt) Major Marshall, Lieut. The Hon. Walter and Mrs. James, Captain and Mrs. Witts, Captain Sadler, Miss Rice, Sgt. Instructor and Mrs. Marsh, Sgt. and Mrs. Elvery, Corporal and Mrs. Rowley, Corporals Field and Parker and some thirty Buffs. Sandwich Detachment claims the distinction of being the first to have a lady Mayor preside over a Buff dinner. After dinner, Lieut. James, who was in the chair, gave details of the prizes won during the year and called upon the Mayor to distribute the same. Prior to doing so, Mrs. Uthwatt made a charming little speech and then handed the prizes to winners except one prize, which was a fish and chip supper for a week which Lieut. James was unable to decide to whom it was to be given and asked all present to vote. (Officers were not eligible, otherwise the popular Commander of the Sandwich detachment would have been awarded the trophy). After much amusement, the seven suppers were awarded to Private Scarborough. The local detachment Canteen only having buff coloured liquid on sale, it was difficult to know what to give the ladies to drink and when the situation was explained the ladies, one and all, agreed to partake of the same aforesaid liquid as is consumed by gallant Buffs and this act of the ladies greatly pleased the N.C.O.'s and men. After several songs had been sung (without a piano) Mrs. James assembled all concerned downstairs and arranged slow cycle racing, bottle competitions and jumping for which Capt. Witts and Lieut. James gave prizes. We were all pleased to see that Weasel Bennett (once a Sgt.-Instructor) can still jump; he also attended the dinner. Midnight came all too soon and we returned home, having spent a most enjoyable evening, undoubtedly the best Prize Show Sandwich Buffs have ever had. Thank you, Mr. James, for all you did for us.

O/C STORES,  
*Platoon Editor.*

P.S.—Sgt.-Major Johnson and Sgt. Ashby attended the dinner from Margate and Ramsgate, and at midnight they were last seen going in the direction of Deal. Possibly Dover Company may have news of them.

As Sandwich Detachment will be four years old in April, a lot of N.C.O.'s and Men will be due for discharge or re-engagement. We are delighted to hear that Sgt. Elvery, Corporals Rowley, Parker, Dunster, Willis and one other have re-engaged and hope that the remainder will follow their excellent example.

### SITTINGBOURNE DETACHMENT.

#### "B" Company.

I would like to remind all our present serving members of our Sittingbourne Detachment that if permission is given for us to carry on with a Branch of the Past and Present Association, we would like

every one of them to join it; we must have the support of everybody. There is no better organization than our Past and Present Association.

The Company can now congratulate itself on winning the Recruiting Shield. It is a credit to all those recruits who have joined us and assisted us in winning it. We still appeal to all our present serving members to get us each a recruit. Now that Whitstable Detachment has become a Platoon we all hope that it will get a good number of recruits to keep it up to strength.

For the first time, Sittingbourne Detachment held a social gathering on Friday evening, the 14th December, 1928. The idea was to hold this social for all serving members of the Detachment and Club members and their wives and children. The evening's enjoyment consisted of a Whist Drive, Dance and games for the children and after the interval, Father Christmas was in attendance to distribute toys, etc., to the latter. During the evening Major and Mrs. D. J. Dean visited us and I think all will agree that their visit was greatly appreciated and we thank them both for their visit.

I would like to thank the following ladies for the work they put in and for decorating the Christmas Tree:—Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Bird; also our splendid and hard-working committee, consisting of ex-C.S.M. Wood, L/Cpl. Allen, Ptes. Frost and Home-wood and Mr. Bird. I would also like to thank Pte. C. Home-wood, Pte. P. Whiskin, Pte. W. Whiskin and Pte. Harris for their services in singing and their sketch, and last, but not least, the members who carried out the work of preparing and cleaning the Hall for the show. I do think it shows the good spirit that exists amongst our members and it is hoped that in the New Year we shall be able to run a whist drive and dance amongst our members and lady friends.

THE BUSY BEE.

### ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The annual re-union in connection with the Sittingbourne Detachment of "B" Company, 4th Battalion, The Buffs, was held at the Drill Hall, Sittingbourne, on Saturday evening, and proved a very pleasant function. The annual distribution of prizes won during the year took place in the presence of a large and representative gathering, which included time-serving Buffs, past and present Territorials, representatives of the British Legion, and last, but not least, a good sprinkling of ladies. By a happy inspiration, Major Dean, who commands the Company, hit upon the idea of throwing the proceedings open to lady guests, for it was argued that by enlarging the area of interest, and introducing mothers, wives, sweethearts, and sisters of Territorials, more recruits would come along. As to the efficacy of this policy, time alone will show, but the combination of Mars and Venus seemed to fit in very smoothly and everything went with a swing.

The artistic energy of Sergeant-instructor H. G. Freeman, under whose fostering care "B" Company has made such rapid strides, once again found vent in the elaborate adornment of the hall with flags and bunting, the scheme of decoration having entailed a lot of work. It was much admired, and the Decorator-in-Chief was complimented upon his work.

The chair was occupied by Major D. J. Dean, V.C., the Officer Commanding, and he was supported by Major B. S. Collard, Second-in-Command, 4th Battalion, The Buffs; Lieut.-Colonel H. Lumley Webb, 13th London Regiment; Major R. Godfrey, T.D., Officer Commanding No. 166 (Rochester) Heavy Battery, R.A., T.A., and Lieut. Ashley Wright, of the same unit.

The toast of "The King" having been loyally honoured, the Chairman said he was very pleased to welcome them all there, and to see so many visitors. That year, he said, they had made an innovation and had invited ladies to that gathering, for they felt it was only the right thing to do, and they hoped that by calling in the aid of the fair sex it would lead to more young men coming forward to join the Territorials. (Laughter.) Major Dean said they much appreciated the kindness of Messrs. High and Son in helping them with the tables and in erecting scenery, etc., and he asked any ex-Service men who were present, and had not done so to join the Miniature Rifle Club that they had formed and which met every Wednesday evening in that hall. The Chairman mentioned that they had a Sub-Branch of the Past and Present Association of the Buffs, and they were going to hold a meeting on Tuesday evening with the idea of forming a Branch for this district. The Chairman also said he would like to say how much they appreciated all that the Press had done for them during the past year, particularly the *East Kent Gazette*.

Major B. S. Collard, who was introduced by the Chairman, said he was very pleased to come there that night, for "B" Company was the first Company he commanded when it was formed.

Major Collard, accompanied by Major Dean and Sergeant-Instructor Freeman, then proceeded to the front of the stage, where all the splendid trophies had been won were shown in bright array, together with the drill, etc., that had been kindly given by generous tradespeople and friends of the Territorials in Sittingbourne, Milton and district. There was indeed a formidable array of prizes and their distribution occupied some considerable time. Major Collard had a cheery word to say to the winners with whom he shook hands as they came up to receive their prizes.

Ex-Company-Sergeant-Major Wood was also presented by Major Collard, on behalf of the Sittingbourne Territorial Social Club, with a case of two pipes and tobacco on his retiring. The presentation took place amid loud applause, and Ex-C.S.M. Wood, in returning thanks, said it was very nice to know that the members of the Club had appreciated what he had done for them. He thanked them all very much indeed for their nice present. (Applause).

## Mrs. Smithers.

IT was a brainy idea of the Army Council to recognise the wants of the married people in the furniture line; to think that so much profit was going into the pockets of outside establishments when, by a stroke of the pen, such profits could go to the relief of grousing tax payers. To give the married people a table, two chairs, an iron bedstead and three coir mattresses and call it a home was a subject Mrs. Smithers could never understand. The married people jumped for joy when it appeared in regimental orders that furniture could be obtained from the Quarter-Master on the hire purchase system.

"Of course, Mrs. Scrubbers, I 'spects the Quarter-Master will 'ave a show room and we can pick what we likes. Yer know—I do want a wardroom badly."

"Yer means a wardrobe Mrs. Smivvers—but excuse me a-tellin' yer. My Alice ud give anything to get a 'Tall Boy' but I don't know if they can be 'ad on the 'ire purchase."

Early the next morning Mrs. Smithers was outside the stores waiting for it to open. She expected to get kicked off the doorstep, if past experience counted for anything, but to her great surprise the Quarter-Master was extremely kind.

### 4th Battalion—concluded.

#### "D" Company.

It is with the deepest regret that we learn of the death of the Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Arthur Paget, G.C.B., K.C.V.O. and we extend our sincerest sympathy to Lady Paget in her sad bereavement.

Some little while ago we were told that we were losing the services of our popular Company Commander, Capt. D. V. Coote, but we have now been informed that he has reconsidered his decision and is to continue as Company Commander. This is the best news that all ranks of "D" Company has ever received and we can assure Capt. Coote that he will continue to have the loyal support of every Member of the Company in the future and we hope that such future will be a very long one.

We should like to offer our heartiest congratulations to "A" Company on winning the "James" Cup for shooting and "B" Company on winning the Leon Adutt Recruiting Shield. "D" Company propose to lift one or two of the Battalion Trophies next year and so we suggest that other Companies go into strict training as we do not want to take these trophies too easily!!!

Parades during the month have been very well attended and some very useful work has been done. We are pleased to note that some of our recently appointed junior N.C.O.'s show considerable promise as section leaders. In this respect we are greatly indebted to the courses held at The Depot, Canterbury, where these young N.C.O.'s receive a fine insight into the rudiments of the work of a Non-Commissioned Officer.

Thanks to the energies of Lieut. Parish, a Football Club has been formed and will shortly be taking the field in matches against regimental and local teams in Dover and district. Boxing is even more popular this year than in the past and we have some very promising novices who will be filling vacancies in the Battalion Team this year. It is hoped to hold a Battalion Boxing Tournament at Dover on Wednesday, 23rd January, 1929, whereby it is hoped we shall be able to select the Battalion Team for the T.A. Championships 1929.

Lance-Corporal R. Morland-Fughes is to be congratulated on obtaining his Army First Class Certificate of Education and we feel sure that having gained this distinction will certainly be of the greatest assistance to him when he leaves us next Spring to join the Regular Army at the Depot, Canterbury.

A very enjoyable Battalion Sergeants' Mess Dance was held at Dover on Friday, 23rd November. The whole arrangements were very ably carried out by C.S.M. Love, who has proved to be a great expert in the two essential departments, namely, organisation and decoration. We were very pleased to see representatives from other Companies, including C.S.M. Johnson, C.Q.M.S. Nash, Sgt. Woodlands, Sgt. Emptage and many others. We were also pleased to see a newcomer to the Permanent Staff of the Battalion, namely, Sgt. Sidwell of the Weald Company. No doubt the weather was responsible for the numbers attending not being greater, but we think that those who came all the way from the Weald District and from Thanet on such a night once again showed the fine spirit of unity which exists between all Companies of our widely-distributed Battalion.

Big strides are being made at Folkestone and an exceptionally good type of recruit is coming along. Great keenness is being shown on parades and undoubtedly a large portion of the credit is due to the new Instructor at Folkestone, Sgt. Martin, whose energy appears to be endless.

"Good morning, Mrs. Smithers—good morning. What brings you here at such an early hour? Step inside if you please—mind the step madam; they're so awkward if one is not used to them."

Mrs. Smithers was flabagasted; so much so that in minding the step she got her feet entangled in a hole in her skirt, fell into the stores and knocked over a tin of rifle oil, which at once flowed over the Quarter-Master's best tunic which the storeman had laid out on the table preparatory to cleaning.

"What the 'ell are yer doin'?" shouted Nobby Clarke—the storeman.

At once the Quarter-Master flared up, and looking fiercely at Nobby yelled—

"How dare you forget yourself in the presence of a lady? (At this Mrs. Smithers made a slight cough). You ought to be thoroughly ashamed of yourself."

"But it's gone all over yer tunic, sir" answered Nobby.

"It doesn't matter to you what it has done" then turning to Mrs. Smithers he continued "I must really apologise for the unseemly behaviour of Nobby Clarke; it is simply disgusting. I, Mrs. Smithers, can get a new tunic any day, and I do hope, madam, your dress is not spoiled."

Mrs. Smithers got into a terrible heat as she spotted the Quarter-Master's eye fixed on a pair of military socks almost hidden by the torn end of her skirt. "Oh no sir; it's quite alright, thank you sir" she replied.

"I shall be ever so grateful, Mrs. Smithers, if you will address me as Mr. Q.M. You know I simply cannot stand the married ladies calling me sir. Do take one of those chairs and make yourself comfortable."

"Oh—it's all so sudden, Mr. Q.M. If yer don't mind I'll send Mr. Smivvers for it in the morning."

"I mean—er—er—to take the chair to rest yourself in, whilst we talk business, Mrs. Smithers."

As Mrs. Smithers went to sit down, Nobby Clarke passed through the room and the chair being in his way he moved it, which action caused the hind quarters of the lady to collide heavily with the stone floor.

"Allow me, dear Mrs. Smithers" spoke the Quarter-Master, as he sympathetically raised the lady to her feet. I am really very sorry for this little mishap caused by that infernal Nobby Clarke."

"Yer're so kind to me Mr. Q.M. and so polite" said Mrs. Smithers, as she wiped her face on the end of the coat of Mr. Q.M.

"Do not mention it, Mrs. Smithers. Politeness is instilled in me by years of a 'changing' experience and it will make this regimental furniture business a really concrete one."

"I'm so glad, Mr. Q.M. Yer know my Jimmy's a little devil for smashin' chairs and tables. I should like to know what'll 'appen if I buys a wardrobe and 'e smashes it?"

"Mrs. Smithers—put such trifles away from your mind. Why, nothing will happen to you. All you do is to use the broken parts as firewood and bring back the remainder to me, and a new one will be given you in exchange. No questions will be asked or answered."

"Of course, Mr. Q.M. What if my old man pawns it? Yer know what 'e is."

"Quite alright, Mrs. Smithers. You simply bring me the pawn ticket and I give you another without even wanting to know how much he raised."

"My word—yer're too good to stop in this world, Mr. Q.M. It's just like a bit of 'eaven—aint it? I don't know as 'ow to repay yer."

"Don't mention it, Mrs. Smithers. Your repayments are just what the Company Officers deducts from Mr. Smithers. Let me explain; say you have a small quantity of about one hundred pounds—"

"My gawd!" interjected Mrs. Smithers.

"Quite a mistake—I thought you were the wife of a Major, Mrs. Smithers. How silly of me. Say you have five pounds worth; well, the monthly repayment is just what you can afford. How much can you pay, Mrs. Smithers?"

"It's very good of yer, Mr. Q.M. Yer see I gets—if Mr. Smivvers aint in debt—ten bob on a Friday night. On Mondays 'e 'as a sub., but I reckons I could afford a shilling a month."

"The wardrobe is yours, Mrs. Smithers." All you pay is one shilling a month and it will be packed, conveyed to your quarters in a first class R.A.S.C. wagon, taken up to your bedroom by a regimental fatigue party, unpacked and placed on the very spot you desire it to stand by 9 a.m. to-morrow, absolutely free of all cost to you whatsoever."

"I don't understands as 'ow you do it, Mr. Q.M. I never met such kindness before—not even from the Sergeant-Major."

"Thank you, Mrs. Smithers—thank you. That is not all I have to say. If your husband should die in the regiment during times of peace he will be buried free of all expense to you. Should he be killed on active service then neither of us have any expense. It works out both ways. Of course you keep the wardrobe."

"Splendid, Mr. Q.M. But—er—er, yer did say 'my' 'usband and not someone elses?"

"Moreover, Mrs. Smithers, in the event of your death whilst in the Regiment the Commanding Officer will hand Mr. Smithers a certificate of his freedom. He will be at liberty to remarry any other desirable widow he may observe coming from a church service, but in such a case he cannot retain the wardrobe."

"I'm so pleased to 'ear yer say so, Mr. Q.M. It is a relief to me. What 'appens to the wardrobe?"

"You get buried in it, Mrs. Smithers." J.E.

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### REGULAR ARMY.

Lieut. F. G. Crozier is secd. for Service under the Colonial Office. (Oct. 18th).

### SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

C. P. Sherston (late Cadet Repton School Contgt. Junior Div. O.T.C.), to be Sec. Lieut. (Dec. 5th).

P. Warry (late Cadet Sgt. Impl. Serv. Coll. Contgt. Jun. Div. O.T.C.) to be Sec. Lieut. (Dec. 8th).

### The Depot.

#### RECRUITS.

Attested as shewn:—

Recruits E. J. Hawkins, 20-11-1928; A. H. Blissett, 21-11-1928; R. J. Barman, 21-11-1928; A. F. Barton, 29-11-1928; W. G. Loveridge, 28-11-1928; J. Jessop, 28-11-1928; G. A. Waghorn, 28-11-1928; A. H. Cotterill, 4-12-1928; T. J. Tucker, 3-12-1928; J. H. Stone, 5-12-1928; W. Halliwell, 5-12-1928; E. H. Austin, 5-12-1928; J. F. Langhorn, 5-12-1928; T. F. Longmore, 6-12-1928; R. G. Moat, 8-12-1928; E. F. Blake, 6-12-1928; G. K. Brown, 11-12-1928; M. Butler, 8-12-1928; E. E. Didymus, 4-12-1928; T. J. Hill, 10-12-1928; R. G. Hillier, 10-12-1928; H. Kean, 5-12-1928; E. V. F. Manning, 5-12-1928; J. Simcox, 7-12-1928; J. Sheehy, 6-12-1928; H. Sowerby, 10-12-1928; W. C. Wood, 11-12-1928; H. E. Woodison, 6-12-1928; W. G. Macey, 10-12-1928; L. Marks, 10-12-1928; J. Spanton, 11-12-1928; W. J. Collin, 11-12-1928; J. G. Dawkins, 13-12-1928; H. Reid, 11-12-1928; T. Harris, 13-12-1928; F. Pemberton, 13-12-1928.

#### POSTINGS.

6282411 Cpl. C. Sanders, posted to Depot from 2nd Battalion for a tour of duty, 17-11-1928.

6279862 Pte. J. Bryan, posted to Depot from 2nd Battalion for a tour of duty, 8-12-1928.

The undermentioned disembarked at Liverpool ex-S.S. *California*, 11-12-1928, joined the Depot, 11-12-1928, and posted for a tour of duty:—

6278784 Sgt. A. Larkin, 6278747 Sgt. H. Crump.

6278534 Sgt. C. McNeir, re-posted to 2nd Battalion, 8-12-1928.

6278119 Sgt. (I.M.) W. W. Watson, posted to 2nd Battalion, 11-12-1928.

### TRANSFERS TO THE ARMY RESERVE.

6281097 Pte. E. Flisher, 6448505 Pte. G. Biscoe, 6281095 Pte. W. Bates, 6278801 Pte. H. Pearce, transferred to Army Reserve under para. 369 (i) King's Regulations, 19-11-1928.

### DISCHARGE.

6699798 I./Cp. G. Hollands, discharged under para. 370 (viii) King's Regulations, 8-12-1928.

### PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

6282327 Pte. R. Fagg (U/P/L/Cpl.), appointed Paid Lance-Corporal 11-11-1928.

6281811 L/Sgt. R. Watson, promoted Sergeant, 21-11-1928.

6281150 Cpl. W. J. Bailey, appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant.

6282681 Bdmn. D. Arnell, relinquished appointment of Bandsman 12-11-1928.

6278119 Sgt. (I.M.) W. W. Watson, relinquished appointment of Instructor of Musketry, 11-12-1928.

6278518 Sgt. A. Trice, appointed Instructor of Musketry, 12-12-1928.

### LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL.

6278205 W.O. II. C. Collins, (A.E.C. attached), 6278200 Cr.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) Taylor, 5718152 Pte. (L/Cpl.) A. Kennedy, awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal with Gratuity. (Authy. List of Awards issued with A.O. for October, 1928).

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## Personalia.

WE regret that we omitted to mention in our last number that at the Memorial Service held in the Guards' Chapel on Dec. 13th Count Ahlefeldt Laurvig represented His Majesty the King of Denmark on behalf of both The Buffs and the family.

We are indebted to Lieut.-General Sir G. W. F. Ellison for the appreciation of our late Colonel, General Sir Arthur Paget, which will be found on page 31.

All Buffs will be glad to hear that it is the intention of Sir Arthur Paget's family to have recorded on his tomb both at home and in Cannes that he was Colonel of The Buffs from 1914—1928.

We are informed that Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell's services are being retained for a further three years as Chairman of the Recruiting Branch of the Kent Territorial Association and also that Brig.-General R. McDouall has been co-opted as a member of the Association Committee.

Major-General Sir Guy Bainbridge is in Ireland, fishing.

Brig.-General A. Whitacre Allen and Captain E. A. Brackenbury have accepted the appointments of Area Representatives of the Past and Present Association at Charing and Guernsey respectively.

Colonel Sir Theodore Brinckman is at Biarritz. Sir Theodore has recently very generously decided that an asset of £29 remaining from the Militia Dinner Club is to be handed over to the Chairman of the Regimental Association for his disposal on behalf of the Regiment.

Good news reaches us from Windsor Castle regarding Colonel A. C. Jackson and Colonel R. S. H. Moody. The former was able to do full justice to a young man's Christmas dinner and the latter to take daily walks of four miles. We congratulate them both.

Winter sports in Austria and Switzerland are in full swing. Colonel and Mrs. Power, Major and Mrs. Morgan are at present at the former, while Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Crookenden and Major Field are in Switzerland.

Lieut.-Colonel L. W. Lucas has become a member of the Stock Exchange and joined the firm of Messrs. C. H. Magniac and Co., 59A London Wall, E.C.2.

We understand that Lieut.-Colonel J. Crookenden has made provisional arrangements with the Dean of Canterbury to deposit the old Colours in the Cathedral on Monday, August 5th.

It has been suggested that this ceremony should form part of the annual Memorial Service at the Cathedral on August 18th, but this was not considered advisable by Colonel Crookenden as the Battalion band will not be in Canterbury on the latter date, and further it was not desired to clash with the Annual Yeomanry parade.

Recent visitors to the Depot include:—

Major Guy Lee; Captains H. C. T. Stronge, H. C. C. Morley, N. D. Rice, R. B. Sandilands and Lieut. D. S. Lister.

Major Guy Lee discovered a great number of old friends when he visited the London Branch on the 19th January.

Brevet-Major F. Whitaker and Captain C. R. B. Knight have sailed to join the 1st Battalion at Bareilly.

We congratulate Major D. J. and Mrs. Dean on the birth of a son on January 10th.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Major H. de R. Morgan on receiving a Brevet majority in the recent half yearly list of promotions.

Captain H. H. C. and Mrs. Baird are in the south of France; during Captain Baird's absence Captain A. H. Goodall is answering for him at Princes.

The Jumble Sale in aid of the Past and Present Association was held at the Depot on January 17th. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Secretary, Major G. D. Hickman very kindly supervised. Owing to scarcity of gifts the financial result will not equal previous years.

We are indebted to the following ladies who very kindly assisted at the sale and worked so hard to make it a success:—

The Misses Burnside, Mrs. Corney, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Findlay, Mrs. Hardy, Miss McDouall, The Misses Murphy, Mrs. Penlington, Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Rickards, Mrs. Ronald, Miss Theobalds, Mrs. Twist, Mrs. and Miss Vallance.

We are sorry to hear that Captain L. W. Barber will not be able to play cricket both for and against us during the Cricket Week in August as he did last year. He is sailing for Ceylon shortly to join a motor engineering firm out there.

Another old Buff who sailed recently for Ceylon is Captain Charles Hamilton. He was met on the SS. *Chitral* which left Tilbury on the 28th December.

The following engagements are announced, and we offer our congratulations to:—

Mr. H. P. Foulerton and Miss Stella Gladys Mitford, youngest daughter of Major-General Bertram Mitford, His Majesty's Body Guard, late The Buffs, and the Hon. Mrs. Mitford, of 12 Courtfield Road, S.W.7. And also to:—

Mr. H. d'Arcy-Symonds, The Buffs, and Miss Hester Cook, youngest daughter of the late Bishop of Lewes.

The Blean Beagles, Master Miss Betty Dawes, met at the Depot on January 14th, when Major Field had a good hare for them in his well known covers in the Old Park.

There was a big field, which enjoyed a real good hunt.

Mr. H. A. Todd, who served in the 3rd and 6th Battalions has presented the Regimental Museum with two Elizabethan shillings, one of which is dated 1572.

Major C. S. Field has accepted the Chairmanship of the Museum Committee and will be glad to receive offers of exhibits.

Captain W. T. Stone has again changed stations and is now quartered at Great Shelford, Cambridgeshire.

We congratulate the Dover Branch on having found a very good appointment for Mrs. Collier, widow of the late C.Q.M.S. C. F. Collier.

We regret to report the death of the late Mr. (Sergeant) John Barton, who since leaving the Colours in 1917 was Sub-Postmaster at Boughton Monchelsea, near Maidstone, and subsequently had a stationer's shop in Dover. He died in a nursing home at Dover on December 24th. He was a Life member of the Past and Present Association.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. George Knight Sayer which occurred on January 2nd at the age of 89. Mr. Sayer joined the 1st Vol. Battalion The Buffs in 1861, his Company Commander being Captain Churchwood. The headquarters of the Company was over the Railway Packet yard at Dover. Mr. Sayer was one of a party of volunteers, who on the invitation of the Mayor and Mayoress of Calais, crossed to Calais in 1862, this is claimed to be the first appearance of volunteers in France.

Two sons, two sons-in-law and one grandson served in The Buffs.

Mr. George Hogben, a grandson, is to-day helping with the 4th Battalion Drums at Dover and is a very useful member of the Dover Branch of the Past and Present Association.

Motor car owners in the Canterbury district should note that Mr. A. F. Biggs, 21 Havelock Street, Canterbury, is fully qualified and prepared to call, wash and polish private cars, charges from 3/6 each. Mr. Biggs is an experience car driver, can decarbonize and advise on repairs, etc. It is hoped that all who possibly can will help a deserving Buff to earn a living.

We regret to hear from Ashford of the death of Mr. G. F. Wood, which occurred on January 12th. Mr. Wood joined the Buffs in 1888; Chitral Relief, Boer War (for a time with the M.I.); rejoined 9th Battalion in Great War and served in France 1916—1918, when he was gassed and discharged suffering from valvular disease of the heart.

1st Cl. Staff Sergeant-Major L. V. Carter, who is one of the 'Carter' family, sailed on the *H.T. Dorsetshire* on the 8th January for Hong Kong with his wife and family. He joined the Buffs in 1895, afterwards transferring to the Army Pay Corps and at the present moment has 34 years' service.

The London Branch regrets to hear of the ill-health of Drill-Sgt. (Skin) Braham who is 75 years of age. His old pal, Sgt. (Dodger) Green is looking after him.

The London Branch Ladies' Guild is doing splendid work amongst distressed Buffs, and now has a membership of sixty-one members: their President is the Hon. Lady Lynden-Bell.

We congratulate Major Keown, 7th Battalion, on becoming Vice-President of the London Branch. Also Captain Emy Smith on his election to the Vice-Chair.

One of the most pleasing features of a London Branch meeting is the large attendance of old 6th, 7th and 8th Battalion members, all fighting once again their battles.

We regret very much to hear of the illness of both Mr. and Ms. Hill, who are never happy unless doing a distressed Buff a good turn. We wish them a speedy recovery to health. They are both much missed by the London Branch.

## Births, Marriages, Deaths.

### BIRTHS.

**Toms.**—6337429 Pte. S. Toms, H.Q., a son, Sidney Richard, born at Aldershot, 26/12/28.

**Woods.**—6278132 Pte. L. Woods, H.Q., a son, Norman Charles Woodin, born at Farnborough, 19/12/28.

### MARRIAGE.

**Ward—Smith.**—6448264 Pte. O. Ward, "B," married at Aldershot, 10/12/28, to Rose Isabel Smith.

### DEATH.

**Blackman.**—6278096 C.Q.M.S. H. Blackman, H.Q., died at Aldershot on 1/12/28 from Lobar Pneumonia.

## The Late General Sir Arthur Paget, Colonel of The Buffs.

### AN APPRECIATION.

I SHOULD esteem it a great privilege if I may be allowed to write a few words in memory of my friend, the late Sir Arthur Paget, in the journal of the regiment he loved so well and which he was so proud to command. If my remarks should appear to some who did not know him well to be too eulogistic in character and if I appear to wander from the subject appropriate to these pages, namely the relations of General Paget with the Buffs, my excuse must be that I would wish the regiment to see him as I, his friend, saw him and to realize the manner of man their late Colonel was and the loss they have sustained by his death.

General Paget's physical advantages were quite out of the common and no one who ever saw him dressed in review order with his many war-medals and orders on his breast would be likely to forget him. In his youth he might have shone as an athlete, had athletics been then cultivated in the Army as they are to-day. As it was he was in the forefront as a hurdler and accomplished what were then regarded as almost record times.

When we come to regard his career in the Army, the circumstances of his birth and upbringing, and particularly the condition of soldiering from 1869, the year he joined the Scots Guards, onwards to the period of the South African War, have to be weighed and considered. By young officers generally, and by Guards officers more than most, peace soldiering in those days was not taken so seriously as it is to-day. Other preoccupations, such as hunting, racing, yachting, shooting and country pursuits generally, big game hunting, social engagements and so forth held a place certainly not inferior to the ordinary routine of military duties. And there was good reason why this should be the case. From 1873, be it remembered, till 1903, with the exception of some very perfunctory manoeuvres in 1898, peace exercises were confined to occasional field-days round Aldershot and the Curragh. The graduated training that we are accustomed to to-day from the company up to the division was then wholly unknown. Barrack routine reigned supreme.

Small wonder then that officers physically and mentally active, and with ample means at their disposal, looked elsewhere than to their profession for an outlet for their energies. It was only when active service supervened that the serious business of Army life really began. An outstanding feature of Paget's life is that not merely one or two of the many preoccupations I have referred to above engaged his attention, but that at various periods of his life he essayed them all, and, with the sole exception of hunting (he often deplored the handicap of his weight), he attained to success beyond the average in every pursuit he attempted. And he attained success apparently without an effort.

There were few subjects on which he could not talk clearly and with understanding. Like others of his generation, under some of whom I served, he judged men and events by aid of a shrewd intuitive common-sense; and a wide experience of affairs replaced what others attain to, not always so surely, in the light of much study.

In society he was all his life a very commanding figure and he was equally at home and welcome in the palaces of kings and emperors as in the barrack-room or the humblest cottage. In all minor accomplishments, like whist, bridge and billiards and even at

golf, which he took up quite late in life, he could hold his own with the best. As a host he had few equals and nothing gave him greater pleasure than to be surrounded by guests who were congenial to him, and he loved to give them of the best he had, which meant much for he was unsurpassed as a judge of wine and cigars.

He was a fine game shot and his remarkable collection of big game trophies, which includes lions, tiger and rhinoceros, testifies to his skill with the rifle. For a time he had a small racing establishment and won minor successes; and in the yachting world his name was familiar down to the present year. In handling craft of the 6-metre class, no small test of skill, he was recognised as an adept.

His knowledge of plants, shrubs and trees and their cultivation was much beyond that of the ordinary amateur. He loved his garden and it bears throughout evidence of his loving care and attention and of his remarkable flair for getting just the effects he desired. He had never visited Japan, yet his Japanese garden scattered promiscuously through part of a Surrey wood is nearer to the Japanese ideal than any other I have seen outside Japan.

But occupied as he was with these many and diverse interests, General Paget never allowed them to interfere with or blunt his keenness as a soldier. Wherever fighting was in progress he at once volunteered for service and in Ashanti (1873), in the Soudan in 1885, and again in 1888-9, and in Burmah (1887-8), he gained an insight into the small wars that are incidental to empire-building. With the Boer war came his first opportunity of exercising independent command of importance and as an enterprising and thrusting column commander he soon established his reputation as a leader of men. At 49 he became a major-general and during the next few years he had a full share in the renaissance of the military art in this country which followed on the war with the Dutch Republics. Of his merits as a soldier this is neither the time nor the place to write at any length. There are many who had served under him and knew his worth as a commander who deplore that he was not employed more actively than he was during the Great War. Apart from other considerations, his knowledge of the French language, which came to him as easily as his own, and his *grand seigneur* manner would certainly have impressed, and quite possibly might have won for him the appreciation of, our Allies beyond the channel. That he was himself disappointed it were idle to deny, but I never heard a murmur of complaint or censure from him on this score. The nearest approach to criticism he ever uttered to me was contained in this very characteristic remark: "It is true I may not be a highly educated soldier, but at least I know what infantry can do and what infantry can not do."

Such in broadest outline was the man who for many years has been your Colonel. Already I have stated that his multifarious activities in life never lessened his interest in the Army or his sense of duty as a soldier, and this sense of duty endured, even increased, with the passage of years. General Paget has set up a standard of achievement which no Colonel of a regiment can ignore in future, but which few will be able to live up to. Coming to the appointment, as he did, from another regiment, he might well have been excused had he been content to confine his attention to certain ceremonial functions which are incumbent on the position. But, as everyone in the Buffs knows full well, that was neither his intention nor his practice. Of his generosity I need say nothing; that was typical of the man. But he did much more than open his purse for regimental needs. For years past the one thought uppermost in his mind was what he could

do to advance the interests of his regiment. The writing of the regimental history, the editing of this journal and particularly the development of the regimental association he did so much to found, to give a few examples only, were, as I can testify, constantly in his thoughts.

Three or four years ago when he lay at death's door and he himself did not expect to recover he sent for me urgently to visit him. He wanted to discuss with me certain matters connected with the organization of his regiment which he thought I could arrange on his behalf with the War Office. Later, when within the last two years I myself had the honour of being appointed the Colonel of a Regiment, I sought his advice on various matters and I was surprised at his intimate knowledge of every detail connected with your Past and Present Association, and I am even now endeavouring to give effect to the wise counsels I then received from him. In this one matter alone my belief is that he and the Regiment he commanded have established an ideal which the whole Army would be well advised to follow.

I have already written, out of a full heart, at greater length than I intended and I now close this notice with a thought which I am convinced that General Paget would have endorsed whole-heartedly. Of the many and varied honours and distinctions which came to him during his long life there was none which he prized more highly and which he would sooner be remembered by, than the title "The Colonel of the Buffs."

GERALD F. ELLISON,

9th January, 1929.

Lt.-General.

### The Buffs Warriors' Chapel Endowment Fund.

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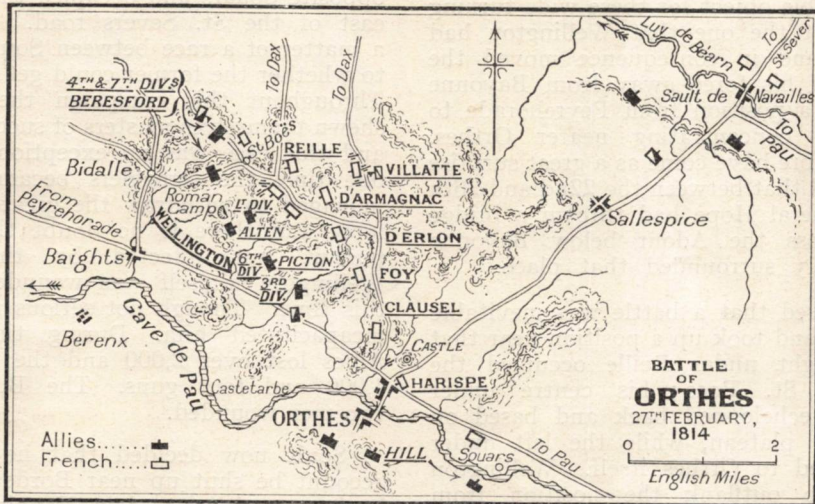
# Battles of the Buffs.

No. 33.

PASSAGE OF THE GAVES

(14TH—26TH FEBRUARY, 1814).

ORTHES (27TH FEBRUARY, 1814). COMBAT OF AIRE (2ND MARCH, 1814).



IN the early part of February, 1814, Wellington recommenced operations. His main object was to draw away Soult's attention from Bayonne, throw a bridge across the river Adour below that town and then completely invest it. He also wanted to drive Soult's army towards Bordeaux, of which the inhabitants were no longer very friendly towards Napoleon. The allied army was superior to the French in numbers, the latter having had to send many drafts to Napoleon's main armies and having lost many deserters. However owing to the fact that Bayonne occupied a large number for the investment, the actual numbers meeting in the actions and battles to be described were very often equal, and occasionally the French even had the advantage.

The French army now held a wide semi-circular position: its right rested on the fortified zone of Bayonne; thence along the north bank of the river Adour to its junction with the river Bidouse whose course it then followed to St. Palais. Forward detachments faced the allied army on the Joyeuse de Larau further to the west. The British army occupied almost the same positions as it had done after the battle of the Nive, but Hill was

later relieved from his position near the Vieux Moguerre and concentrated his two divisions, the 2nd and the Portuguese, near Mt. Urouia further to the south.

On the 14th and 15th February Hill started his movement to the east. Pushing back the French detachments from Hellette he turned the flank of the French position on the Joyeuse de Larau and then marched on Garris pushing back the French rearguard. On the evening of the 15th he occupied a ridge near that place opposite another ridge on which the French had taken up a position. Wellington himself arrived on the scene and after examining the French position said with concise energy "The hill must be taken before dark." The expression caught the fancy of the soldiers and taken before dark it was, but not without severe fighting in which General Byng's brigade and the Buffs were not called upon to take a very heavy share. During these two days' operations the casualties of the Buffs amounted to one sergeant and four men killed and one officer, two sergeants and sixteen men wounded.

Wellington continued to force the enemy back and crossed the river Bidouse and the Gave de Mauleon, and on the 18th his line ran

from near Navarreins, whereabouts Hill's corps was, along the main road south of the Gave d'Oleron to the river Bidouse where Beresford's corps continued to the river Adour. During the next week Hill advanced to the Gave de Pau in the vicinity of Orthes, while on the 26th Beresford crossed that Gave near Peyrehorade and Picton, with two more divisions, crossed near Berenx. During all this time Soult had been trying to discover Wellington's plan of manoeuvre. He thought of every possible object for these wide turning attacks except the one that Wellington had decided on, and in consequence moved the larger part of his force away from Bayonne and took up a position from Peyrehorade to Orthes, later concentrating nearer Orthes. It must therefore have come as a great surprise when he heard that between the 22nd and 26th February General Hope had thrown a bridge of boats across the Adour below Bayonne and completely surrounded that place.

Soult realised that a battle was inevitable about Orthes and took up a position near that place: his right under Reille occupied the heights near St. Boes; his centre under D'Erlon was echeloned back and based on a round hilly plateau, while the left under Clausel reached to Orthes itself. Wellington determined to outflank the position from both flanks. He therefore directed Beresford from Peyrehorade on to the northern flank about St. Boes and Picton from Berenx to the southern flank and the centre. The Light Division formed a central reserve and a connecting link between the two corps. Hill with his corps was still on the south side of the river opposite Orthes and the village of Souars. The bridge at Orthes, which is still standing, was particularly strong. It was very old, built of solid stone with three arches and a central tower. It was repaired in the time of the Romans but the date of its construction is not known.

By 9 o'clock the attacks were fully developed. That of Picton was pressed gallantly but held by the enemy. Beresford's was at first successful and passed beyond the village of St. Boes, but exposed to a flanking fire and swept by the guns in front it found itself forced to give way. The victory seemed to be in French hands and Soult ordered his reserves into action. Wellington's quick grasp of the battlefield and his handling of troops were not at fault, and as at Salamanca and Talavera he saw a momentary opportunity and exploited it. Seeing that Reille in his pursuit of Beresford had exposed his left flank and caused a gap between him and D'Erlon,

he ordered the Light Division to attack at once and throw the whole French line into confusion. The division had to wade through a marshy ravine which took them up to their knees, but they caught Reille in flank and rear and threw him and also D'Erlon into confusion. Both Beresford and Picton pressed forward and the French position was carried.

Wellington had also ordered Hill to try and cross the Gave de Pau and Hill found a ford opposite Souars and occupied the high ground east of the St. Severs road. It now came a matter of a race between Soult and Hill as to whether the former could get away in time. Throughout this campaign the French had shewn themselves masters of successful retreats and this case was no exception. Though at one time the stragglers became bad, Soult managed to withdraw the greater part of his force and there is no doubt that the allied pursuit was affected by the fact that Wellington himself was wounded just about this time. Though not serious it temporarily incapacitated him. During the battle the Allies lost over 2,000 and the French about 4,000 and four guns. The Buffs lost only two men wounded.

Soult now decided that he must on no account be shut up near Bordeaux but must be in a position to join Napoleon should he be wanted. He therefore turned eastward towards Toulouse. Hill followed up hard and on the 2nd March came up with him at Aire. Sharp fighting ensued in which the Allies lost 150 men and forced the French right. The Buffs had two men killed and an officer, a sergeant and nine men wounded. The French thereupon abandoned all their magazines and retired on Tarbes and Toulouse.

E.F.H.

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## Staff College Entrance Examination.

An examination for entrance to the Staff College at Camberley will be held next February and March for the course beginning in 1930. At this examination 24 vacancies will be offered for open competition among the Cavalry, Royal Artillery, Infantry and Royal Tank Corps; a maximum of 6 to the Royal Engineers, Royal Corps of Signals and Royal Army Service Corps, 1 to the Royal Marines, 6 to the Indian Army and 5 to Forces of the Overseas Dominions. In addition about 20 vacancies will be filled by nomination.

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## Army Technical School.

The Technical School at Chepstock for training boys with a view to enlistment in technical corps of the Army will in future be known as the "Army Technical School (Boys)."

# Records of Other Regiments.

XLIV.



## THE GRENADEER GUARDS.

### BATTLE HONOURS.

Borne on the King's and Regimental Colours:—  
 "Tangier," "Namur, 1695," "Gibraltar, 1704-5,"  
 "Blenheim," "Ramillies," "Oudenarde," "Mal-  
 plaquet," "Dettingen," "Lincelles," "Egmont  
 op Zee," "Corunna," "Barrossa," "Nive,"  
 "Peninsula," "Waterloo," "Alma," "Inkerman,"  
 "Sevastopol," "Tel el Kebir," "Egypt, 1882,"  
 "Suakin, 1885," "Khartoum," "Modder River,"  
 "South Africa, 1899-1902," "Marne, 1914,"  
 "Aisne, 1914," "Ypres, 1914, '17," "Loos,"  
 "Somme, 1916, '18," "Cambrai, 1917, '18,"  
 "Arras, 1918," "Hazebrouck," "Hindenburg Line,"  
 "France and Flanders, 1914-18."

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His Majesty's First or Grenadier Regiment of Foot Guards claims descent from the regiment known as the Royal Guards, raised in November, 1660, by Colonel John Russell, a loyal cavalier, and a member of the Royalist secret society known as "The Sealed Knot." Among the State Papers is an account for clothing supplied to the regiment in 1661, which includes the following items:—"505 Buff Coats for Pikemen, at 30/- each; 783 Red Coats at 20/- each."

In 1665 Lord Wentworth's regiment, composed also of loyal cavaliers who had spent years of exile in France and the Netherlands, returned to England and became a second battalion of the Royal Guards, afterwards known as the First Foot Guards.

A detachment of the First Foot Guards and a detachment of the Holland Regiment went with the expedition to Virginia in 1676, to fight against the Red Indians, this being the first of many occasions on which the Grenadier Guards and The Buffs have been on active service together. A comparison of the Grenadiers' list of Battle Honours shown at the top of this article, with those of The Buffs will show how closely these two ancient and honourable regiments have been associated in the wars of the past.

The First Foot Guards won great glory on the field of Waterloo, where their share in the overthrow of Napoleon's Old Guard won for them their present title. The name of "Grenadier Guards" and the badge of the Grenade, was granted on 29th July, 1815, in commemoration of their services at Waterloo. The bearskin cap, hitherto worn only by the drummers and the Grenadier company, was adopted by the whole of the regiment about this time.

After Waterloo the Guards saw no fighting until the Russian War. Nearly forty years of peace had not caused any deterioration in the spirit of the regiment, which was represented at all the four great battles of the Crimean campaign. It is not generally known that a party of Guardsmen, on fatigue duty, fell in on the left of the 93rd (The Thin Red Line) at Balaclava, and helped them to beat off the charge of the Russian Cavalry. But it is with "the Soldier's Battle" of Inkerman that the name of the Grenadier Guards is inseparably connected. The battle was fought on a foggy Sunday morning, the 5th November, 1854, and its result was commemorated by a barrack-room poet as follows:—

"Remember, remember, the fifth of November,  
 Gunpowder, treason and plot;  
 When General Liprandi charged Bill, Pat and Sandy,  
 And a jolly good licking he got."

The Sandbag Battery, held by the Grenadier Guards, was the scene of some of the bitterest fighting at Inkerman. Time and again the Russians forced their way in by sheer weight of numbers, only to be driven out by the bayonets of the Guards. At a moment when six thousand Russians were advancing to attack, a young Grenadier was heard to shout with obvious pleasure, "Well, I'm damned, if there ain't scores of 'em." Another private of the regiment declared in the midst of the engagement that he would shoot nothing less than a general, and proceeded to aim at Russian senior officers only, ignoring those of lesser rank. Four V.C.'s were awarded to Grenadier Guardsmen for the Crimean Campaign, but it is somewhat surprising that one of the noblest heroes of the battle of Inkerman, Bugler Thomas Keep, received no special decoration. This brave boy risked his life over and over again carrying hot tea to the wounded, in full view of the Russians and exposed to their fire.

When a Brigade of Guards (commanded by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught) next took the field, in Egypt, 1882, the 2nd Grenadiers fought at Tel-el-Kebir, and the 3rd Battalion was in the Suakin Campaign three years later. In 1897 the 1st Battalion was sent to do garrison duty at Gibraltar, from whence they proceeded to Egypt, taking part in the Battle of Omdurman and the capture of Khartoum.

The Grenadier Guards have a plentiful supply of nicknames: "The Gee Gees," from the initials on their shoulder-straps; "The Coalheavers," from their



long-obsolete privilege of hiring themselves out as assistants to the London coal merchants; "The Grannies," a corruption of the regimental title, and "The Sandbags," a memento of the defence of the Sandbag Battery at Inkerman, where the Russians christened our Guardsmen "the Red Devils." The 2nd Grenadiers were nicknamed "The Bermuda Exiles," when they were sent to do garrison duty in the West Indies in 1890. The 3rd Battalion are sometimes known as "The Bill Browns," a sobriquet of unknown origin. "The Old Eyes" is another regimental nickname of which the original meaning is a mystery.

In review order the Grenadier Guards may be distinguished by the white goat's hair plume worn on the left side of the bearskin cap. In walking out dress a red cap is worn. Like other Guards' regiments, each company has a separate badge, and these are borne upon the Colours in rotation, the badge being changed with each issue of new Colours.

The senior Company, No. 1 Company of the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, is known as "The King's Company," and consists of the tallest men in the British Army. The gallant manner in which this Company extricated itself, when entirely surrounded by the enemy, at Kruseik in 1914, and the last stand of No. 3 Company, 4th Battalion, Grenadier Guards, under Captain Pryce, V.C., who held up a whole German Battalion for forty hours, and until every British Grenadier had been killed or wounded, during the Battle of the Lys, April 12th/13th, 1918, are two outstanding features of the regiment's history in the Great War, when the Grenadiers had four battalions on the Western Front and a 5th (Reserve) Battalion at Home. They won seven V.C.'s and sustained about twelve thousand casualties.

The 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards, claiming descent from the London Trained Bands, have long shared with The Buffs the privilege of marching through the City of London with drums beating, Colours flying and bayonets fixed. During the Great War the Court of Aldermen decided to extend this privilege to all battalions of the Grenadier Guards.

R. MAURICE HILL.

## Territorial Army & Supplementary Reserve.

Under an amendment of the King's Regulations every warrant officer and N.C.O. (except in the case of units located entirely in one place), appointed to the permanent staff of the Territorial Army, Supplementary Reserve and O.T.C. will, unless previously qualified, be required to obtain within six months of his posting or attachment, a certificate from the Commandant of the Military College of Science, Woolwich, showing his ability to execute minor repairs to rifles. In the case of concentrated units at least one-third of the authorised permanent staff establishment of the unit must obtain this certificate.

## Territorial Army.

Private Motor cars on Official Journeys.

An Army Council Instruction states that payment to Territorial Army Officers for the use of private motor cars, or motor cycles, is to be conditional on insurance by the owner of the car or motor cycle at his own expense under a comprehensive policy, including accidental damage, loss by theft and fire, and third party risks, which may occur during duty.

## Overseas League.

COPY of letter received from an ex-officer who recently went out to Nova Scotia under the auspices of the Over-Seas League Migration Bureau. All officers interested may obtain full information regarding the prospects overseas by communicating with this Bureau at 4 Park Place, St. James's Street, London, S.W.1.

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Having postponed writing to you until I had some fairly definite news, now I come to write I do not know where to start. Six months is a long time, and many things have happened, but it is not long enough for us to forget any details of the tremendous help you gave us and the help we have had on this side. Now that we are fairly settled, we look back and wonder where we should have been but for the Over-Seas League. I will not mention anything that occurred at home, because you know this and know how deeply grateful we are to you.

On arrival at Halifax we were met by members of the Over-Seas League. They helped with Customs people, had cars waiting and a list of hotels with special terms, which Mr. W. had arranged in advance. The hotel advised was just what we wanted.

A couple of days after we landed the Committee sat and discussed means of helping me, and each member seemed really anxious to put any possible assistance before me. I never got the slightest feeling that any of them thought "Here's another one—let's get him settled." On the contrary, there was an atmosphere of a very genuine desire to help. I disturbed busy men during office hours and after office hours, and there was always the same welcome. Between them the members knew everybody in Nova Scotia and I was given business introductions that always got me an immediate interview with all the big men in Halifax. Had we have had a little more capital to have hung out longer, I have no doubt whatever I should have landed a fairly good job in Halifax, due entirely to help from "Over-Seas."

Even now, with so much written, "the half has never been told," and the difference the Over-Seas League has made; I really think that we got as far in three months with their help, as we would have in eighteen without.

Eventually I bought a farm and now I milk my own cows (three and a calf), feed my own pigs, do our paper hanging, plumbing and a thousand and one other things. Mem sahib makes our butter and bread and we love it. Lastly, I brew my own beer and it tastes good.

We have a glorious spot, overlooking the sea, with a young forest at the back. Electric light, bath room, etc. We are going to run the place as tea rooms and small hotel in the Summer.

The weather has been glorious. So far I still wear my tropical "under-wear." This will describe it better than any records would ever do.

As soon as we have proved that we can make a living here, we shall be asking you to send a boy out under your scheme described in the magazine.

Superlatives are not my strong point, and I have a disappointed feeling on reading over this letter; but, very sincerely, I feel that it was a lucky day for us when I first called on you.

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Ashford Branch.

The usual Monthly Meeting was held at the Market Hotel on 12th January, Mr. H. Ades being in the Chair and Mr. E. Chambers, Vice-Chairman.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed by the Chairman. After the business, Mr. F. Cowell, on behalf of the Ashford Branch, presented Mr. A. Whyman, our late Host of the Invicta Hotel, with a combined Cigar and Cigarette Case. Also Mr. H. Ades presented an umbrella to Mrs. Whyman. Mr. Whyman thanked the Branch on behalf of himself and Mrs. Whyman and said that he would be most pleased to do anything that lay in his power to help the Past and Present Association The Buffs.

The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

London Branch.

The 24th Meeting of the above Branch was held on Saturday, the 19th January, at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria. Capt. J. E. Enright was in the Chair.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—*Chairman:* Capt. J. E. Enright; *Vice-Chairman:* Capt. E. Smith; *Treasurer:* Capt. E. A. Carter, M.C.; *Assistant Treasurer:* Mr. Peacock; *Hon. Secretary:* Mr. E. Ainge; *Assistant Secretary:* Mr. Bolton.

*Committee:*—1st Bn., Mr. G. H. Austin; 2nd Bn., Mr. W. H. Clarke; 3rd Bn., Mr. T. W. Lee; 4th Bn., Mr. F. Lancaster; 5th Bn., Capt. S. B. Donald; 6th Bn., Mr. F. Harrison; 7th Bn., Mr E. Lamb; 8th Bn., Mr. A. J. Debling.

*Unemployment Bureau.*—Capt. J. E. Enright, Major H. G. James, Capt. E. Smith, Mr. J. Hart.

*Entertainments.*—Capt. E. Smith, Messrs. Bolton, Burt, Warren, Austin, Neale Dalton, Hill and Lamb.

PRESIDENT OF THE BRANCH.—Major H. G. James was proposed, but the Chairman stated he well knew the sentiments of Major James with reference to accepting the office. It was thoughtful to propose him, but he—the Chairman—knew the Major would prefer to remain what he now is—a member.

It was proposed by Capt. S. B. Donald that Major H. G. James be kindly invited to approach The Right Hon. The Lord Mayor of London on a resolution from the Branch, requesting His Lordship to accept the Presidency in view of the historic connection of the Regiment with the City of London. The resolution, on being put to the vote, was carried unanimously.

VICE-PRESIDENT.—Major R. H. Keowib, M.C., was unanimously elected Vice-President of the London Branch.

SEVENTH BATTALION (RE-UNION DINNER).—The Chairman urged all 7th Battalion members to attend their Battalion Dinner on Saturday, the 23rd February, at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand, at 7 p.m. Tickets, 4/6 each, can be had from Mr. H. E. Wickington, 14 Northbank Road, E.17.

CORRESPONDENCE.—A letter from General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., was read by the Chairman, expressing sincere regret at being unable to attend and complimenting both the Branch and the Ladies' Guild on the work done during Christmas on behalf of distressed Buffs. The Chairman announced he had received a letter from Colonel Findlay, C.B.E., also regretting inability to be present owing to being ill in bed. It was proposed that the best wishes of the Branch should be sent to Colonel Findlay for a speedy return to health.

OUR VISITORS.—We were pleased to welcome distinguished brother Buffs from the 2nd Battalion in the persons of Major Guy Lee, D.S.O., M.C., Capt. E. Foster-Hall, M.C., Mr. P. G. T. Lynden-Bell and Mr. P. Dare. The appearance of Major Guy Lee caused quite a commotion and he was received by all present standing up and giving three real lusty cheers. In a short speech, the Major spoke about the 2nd Battalion Branch and how, during a comparatively short time they had made 351 life members and 48 other members. He also referred to the "Change of Title" and put before the Branch the views of the members of the 2nd Battalion. It was all extremely interesting.

Mr. Lynden-Bell also spoke a "few" words. He had come to represent his father and to say how deeply the General regretted not being with us. The meeting having terminated, ladies were admitted and the social part commenced.

PROGRAMME.

- Pianist:* MISS M. WITTERING.
1. OVERTURE ... Pianoforte ... MISS MILLICHIP.
  2. COMMUNITY SINGING "Pack up your troubles" ... "Tipperary" ... CONDUCTED BY CAPT. J. E. ENRIGHT.
  3. SONG ... "Off to Philadelphia" ... MR. GEO. EATON.
  4. DUET ... Selected ... MISS BURT & MISS MILLICHIP.
  5. SONG ... Songs of Araby ... MR. WHITEHEAD.
  6. SONG ... "Cock Robin" ...
- MAJOR GUY LEE & OTHERS.

7. SONG ... .. Selected ... .. MISS BURT.  
 8. RECITATION ... .. MR. TONG.  
 9. SONG ... " Land of Hope and Glory " ... MISS BURT.  
 10. SONG ... " Widdicombe Fair " ... CAPT. FOSTER HALL.

After the Concert the Members engaged in chin-wagging and I fear Major Guy Lee was kept particularly busy discussing with old wallers, interesting stories of the past.

Donkey Warren paid threepence at the last meeting of the London Branch on being warned to sing "Cock Robin." Mrs. Warren, however, sang it for him.

Tombolo, of the 7th Battalion, still keeps his happy smile. Is it because his old Sgt -Major makes him drink coffee?

#### LADIES' GUILD.

A large gathering of members of the above Guild took place at the "Cowdray Club," London, on Thursday, the 11th January last. The occasion was an afternoon tea as the guests of the Guild Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Sylvia Dalton.

The Guild President—the Hon. Lady Lynden-Bell presided and was accompanied by her daughter. An extremely happy time was spent and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was a very kind thought to think of the solitude of one or two men folk who at home were weeping whilst they—the ladies—were having a good time. It was proposed and carried unanimously that some comforts should be packed and sent to them by bearers. Both General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell and Captain Enright received a dainty banana packed in decorated paper and I understand some day the ladies will be led through the Strand singing the chorus of a well-known ditty.

Until the arrival of Mrs. Sylvia Dalton, Mrs. Spinner, the Guild Chairman acted as Hostess. The following were amongst those present—

The Hon. Lady Lynden-Bell, Miss Lynden-Bell, Mrs. Spinner, Mrs. Sylvia Dalton, Mrs. Enright, Miss Enright, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Wittering, Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Field, Mrs. Debling, Mrs. Burt, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Wackrill, Mrs. Shoosmith, Mrs. Hickey, Mrs. Harrington, Mrs. McAbeer, Mrs. Gadd, Miss Gadd, Mrs. Streeter.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were received from several members who, owing to illness and other causes, were unable to be present.

D.S.

#### Dover Branch. FIXTURES, 1929.

- Jan. 11. Meeting.  
 Feb. 8. Meeting.  
 13. Dance.  
 Mar. 8. Meeting.  
 10. Church Parade (Driffontein).  
 23. 7th Battalion Dinner, London.  
 Apr. 12. Meeting.  
 19. Dance.  
 May 10. Meeting.  
 20. March to Cenotaph, London.  
 June 14. Meeting.  
 30. Picnic, Wrotham.  
 July 12. Meeting.  
 Aug. 9. Meeting.  
 18. Annual General Meeting and Memorial Service at Canterbury.  
 Sept. 13. Meeting.  
 Oct. 11. Meeting.  
 18. Dance.  
 Nov. 8. Meeting.  
 22. Branch Anniversary Dinner and Guest Night.  
 Dec. 13. Meeting.  
 8th Battalion Dinner (actual date to be fixed).

We held our 14th General Meeting on Friday, the 11th January and Major F. W. Foster presided over a fair attendance.

Colonel Findlay sent a telegram regretting his inability to attend.

Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell thanked the Branch, in a telegram, for their good wishes on the occasion of his Birthday.

We regret to announce that we have sustained the loss of one of our Members, Mr. F. Barton, who was the proprietor of a Newsagent's business in High Street, Dover, having died just before Christmas.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. G. Hogben and his Committee for their efforts in connection with the Branch Anniversary Dinner and also to Mr. F. C. Evans and his helpers in promoting the Christmas Competition. In both these cases we have to thank C.S.M. F. Love for the large amount of work he put in on our behalf.

Tickets for the Ball which we are giving on the 13th February, were ready and were issued to those members who are kindly assisting the Committee. This ought to be a nice affair and our old friends, Mr. G. Hogben and C.S.M. Love are leaving nothing to chance in order to make it so.

We shall be very pleased indeed to see any members of other Branches or from the Depot on that occasion.

After that our Social Committee are organizing a Whist Drive in the Catholic Hall, Peter Street. So you see, if you do not dance we expect you to play whist in Dover. Most certainly we have a warm welcome for those who do both.

We have had several new members during the month and five joined at this meeting bringing our strength up to 230.

#### Weald Branch.

The Branch Meeting arranged to be held at Cranbrook on December 12th, 1928, was cancelled owing to the death of General Sir Arthur Paget, and all Members of the Branch join in offering their sincere sympathy to his family on their great loss.

The Branch Chairman, Colonel John Body, represented the Branch at the Memorial Service in the Guards' Chapel.

A small, but enthusiastic meeting was held at Lamberhurst on January 9th, at which Colonel E. B. Burns took the Chair in the unavoidable absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Five new members were enrolled. This was the first meeting in this Area and was the sixth Area in the Weald to be visited, being actually about twenty-two miles from Wittersham where the last meeting was held. This gives some idea of the scattered nature of the Weald Branch which has twelve distinct sub-Areas representing some thirty villages.

Nevertheless, the Buff spirit is very strong wherever Meetings are held and in under a year the membership has risen to 156 including twenty-five Life Members. During the same period two Members have been found permanent employment, two temporary employment and two have received very substantial grants owing to sickness. This is in a district where there is very little unemployment.

The Branch Annual Dinner is being held at Cranbrook on February 13th. Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell has promised to be there and we hope to see Colonel Findlay and representatives of the other Branches.

The Branch Annual Meeting will be held at Cranbrook on March 13th.

A.E.L.H.

#### Canterbury Branch.

The Second Monthly Meeting of the Canterbury Branch of the Past and Present Association was held at the "Ben Jonson," Guildhall Street, Canterbury, on Thursday, January 3rd, 1929. Major Keeler was in the Chair, supported by Major Field. The Minutes of the last meeting being read by the Secretary, business commenced for the evening.

It was proposed by Mr. Sanger that the Branch have a Dinner in May. This proposition was seconded by Mr. Marsh and needless to say, found approval by all Members present.

Several suggestions were made with reference to the forthcoming Concert in February. As nothing definite with regard to the way it should be carried out was arrived at, Mr. Mears proposed leaving arrangements to the Committee; this was seconded by Mr. Smith and carried unanimously.

Mr. Page proposed that a Pilgrimage of Members (who are desirous) be made to Ypres, either this or next year. This was seconded by Mr. Sims.

The proposition will be put before the Sub-Committee to ascertain the feeling of other Branches.

Apologies for absence were sent by Brig.-Gen. R. C. McDouall, Colonel H. Findlay and Major Hickman.

The strength of the Branch is now 126. Considering the short time the Canterbury Branch has been formed, the number shews progress, but it is not good enough. Sgt.-Major Jones has been working hard in getting Members from the 4th Battalion. Credit is also due to Mr. H. Sanger and Mr. Jack Baker for the excellent work they have done.

G. W. PEIRCE,  
Secretary.

#### Misleading.

SOME of our readers may have read in a recent Sunday paper an account of a Brigadier-General who since the war has reverted to the position, both in New York and Canada, of bottle-washer, and who was reported in a New York paper as having originally enlisted at Faversham into the Buffs.

Careful enquiries have been made into these statements, but no trace can be found of the said Brigadier-General (Brig.-General C. H. Gough, D.S.O.) ever having served in the Great War, or of any Brigadier-General so named ever having gained the D.S.O.; further, no man under this name and initials enlisted into the Buffs between 1880 and 1890.

Another Sunday paper recently published an account of an old Buff who was very ill and practically starving.

This man was, however, receiving assistance from the Regimental Benevolent Fund, and was far from starving.

A Kent Evening paper also distinguished itself recently by publishing an article under the following heading: "Buff Treasures in Difficulties." The hero of this story had nothing to do with the 3rd Foot, but with the R.A.O.B. (Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes).



## Round and About.

THE ETERNAL TOPIC. Try as one may, the conversation sooner or later touches the weather. Nor is this tendency peculiar to those who suffer or enjoy the English climate.

I can recall many hours devoted to the same subject in days gone by in Macedonia. But our English weather gives more scope; its infinite variety and capricious humours are positively feminine. After a week or more—I speak of London—of fog and icy cold during which the sales of lozenges, cough mixtures and cod liver oil soared triumphantly, we suddenly awake to a day borrowed from late Spring; mufflers and furs are discarded and the birds burst forth into song. And what of to-morrow? Who knows or cares? Wise men at the Air Ministry may, or again, may not. "Sufficient unto the day....."

NEWS. At a time when the newspapers had exhausted the possibilities of cricket in Australia and there seemed to be no murder worthy of more than a column the "earthquake" of London was sent to thrill us. Londoners had come to regard their city as a pretty safe spot, in spite of the perils which attend the poor pedestrian in the streets. The sudden phenomena of manholes hurtling into the air and roadways behaving like rough seas were a godsend to poor, harassed news editors. But the thing has become too fashionable and outlying places in the metropolis are considered dull and unoriginal when they stage their own private little earthquakes and explosions.

STREET PERILS. Talking of the "changes and chances" which the wayfarer in modern cities has to contend with reminds me of a minor thrill I had the other day. I had walked up one of the streets which had suffered most in the "earthquake" some weeks before and was waiting to cross Oxford Street when suddenly on the opposite side of the road occurred an avalanche. House breakers were pulling down some shops and in their enthusiasm, hurled some hundredweights of timber to the pavement below. Mercifully though, it was the "rush hour" when hundreds of workers were making for home the avalanche descended on the one empty area of pavement within a couple of hundred yards. A minute's difference either way and there must have been many casualties.

THE DUTCH PICTURES. It was good in the days of fog and cold to escape into Burlington House and revel in the glow of the astonishing collection of masterpieces on the walls. There is no doubt of the popularity of the exhibition. It is very difficult to find any hour in the day when the galleries are not crowded and pertinacity alone helps one to get a view. But it is well worth the trouble. Not for many years, if ever again, will such a comprehensive collection of Dutch paintings be on view in London. In Burlington House are works drawn from private collections and galleries all over Europe and America. The value of the collection is beyond calculation; the insurance premiums must be staggering. Here is the chance of a life-time.

A RUGBY INTERNATIONAL. The annual struggle between England and Wales has come and gone. The Twickenham tradition still holds. I saw the game in a crowd of over fifty-thousand persons and never want to see a better. The day was perfect; warm sunshine flooded the field, enthusiasm ran high and the Prince of Wales received a tumultuous

welcome when he arrived on the ground to shake hands with the teams. The Welsh contingent of supporters was greater than ever and the sale of their national vegetable (or "fruit" as I think they prefer to call it) must have beaten all records. The play will be described in every paper and calls for no comment here.

From the point of view of one small unit in a vast concourse several things stand out. First, the comfort of those who pay some four shillings and eightpence for a view of the match leaves much to be desired. For that none too modest sum (compared with charges at Lord's and the Oval for cricket Test Matches) seating might be provided without unduly affecting the Balance Sheet at Rugby Headquarters. The second point is of less importance and concerns the evacuation from the ground of the crowd. The roads are inadequate; there are enough exits, but the crowds issuing from them converge almost at once so that the journey to the Railway Station occupies nearly an hour instead of about twenty minutes. The much maligned Railway Company deserves great credit for the efficient way in which it coped with the vast numbers of travellers by train both to and from Twickenham.

CRICKET. I was glad to see an article in an evening paper, written after England had won the Rubber in Australia, condemning the false sportsmanship of some sentimentally inclined people in this country. It had been suggested in some quarters that the more or less runaway victory of England was unfortunate and that the remaining Tests lost much of their interest. The writer pointed out that until the Oval match in 1926 English cricket had not had much of a look-in and that it had therefore been falsely argued in the Colonies and Dominions that the Mother Country was decadent. Therefore nothing would be better for the prestige of England and for a revival of respect for her than five Tests won in a decisive manner.

I think there is sound sense in this, although I often wonder how much good international tours do to a game.

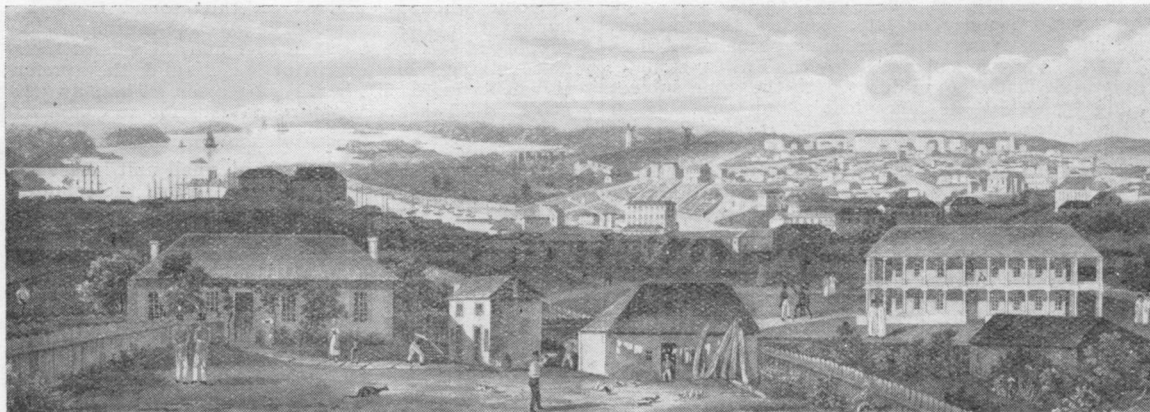
UNDERTONES OF WAR. This book by Edmund Blunden, a poet who fought in the war, has been hailed on all sides as one of the greatest contributions to the literature inspired by the war. It should be read by all who would revive memories of those days. It will undoubtedly help those who were too young to participate in it to appreciate what the years 1914—1918 meant.

## Royal Signals Officers.

Cambridge University Course.

The next course for officers of the Royal Corps of Signals at Cambridge University will begin in October, 1929, and will be of two years' duration. The names of officers recommended for this course must reach the War Office not later than 1st March, in order that those selected may have sufficient time to prepare for the qualifying examination.

PANORAMA VIEW OF  
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Entree de la Baye  
Cap Bradley.  
The Pinch-gut.  
Fort Maquarie.

Le Phare  
Ile Garden.  
Sydney Cove.

Ecuries du Gouverneur.  
Government House.

Prison  
Hopital.

Cour de  
Justice.

Eglise Protestante  
Eglise Catholique.  
Caserne des Buffs.

### My Lady of The Buffs.

ON a summer afternoon ninety-seven years ago, Major Wilfred Thomas Hinkle sat by an open window in his quarters and looked out upon the moving crowd that thronged the Barrack Square. The blare and crash of the band echoed back from the long range of tall buildings that stood on the crest of the gentle slope upon the western side of the great rectangle enclosed by the outer walls, and everywhere on the grassy sward crossed by gravel paths that radiated upwards from the gates and the guardroom moved little groups of men and women who represented all that was most select in the society of Sydney in 1825.

Gentlemen of the Civil Establishment, top-hatted and silk-stocked, strolled about the well-kept lawns in the company of dainty ladies dressed in cool muslins and gingham with quaint coal-scuttle bonnets that enhanced pretty faces and helped to conceal ugly ones. Stout, elderly merchants escorted plump and comfortable matrons, and somewhat pompous landowners of the Hawkesbury and Nepean districts and those about George's River to the southward, towed wives and daughters in their wake. The scarlet uniforms of officers of the regiment and a few blue ones from the two warships lying in Sydney Cove mingled with, and lent colour and brightness to, the assemblage that eddied about the large circle of perspiring musicians in red coats and tall shakos blowing into instruments of brass and wood, rattling upon drums and clashing cymbals for the entertainment of the guests of the colonel and officers of his Majesty's 3rd Regiment of Foot—the famous Buffs. In doorways and in windows of the main buildings soldiers lounged in shirtsleeves, smoking clay pipes, as they commented, with all the terse and witty directness of Thomas Atkins, upon the "Quality" that filled the parade ground and went in and out of the officers' mess in twos and threes.

Major Hinkle was in full dress, and his shako and gloves lay upon the writing-table, where he had placed them when he came in a few minutes before. Presently he rose to his feet and began to pace up and down the large room between door and window.

A fine-looking man—tall and spare and active, with a clean-shaven face that was clear-cut and strong, and had indications of reserve in it. His dark hair was

turning to grey a little at the temples—most veterans of the Peninsular and Waterloo were beginning to show some signs of age by this time—but in no other respect did he illustrate his forty years.

There came a knock at the door.

"Come in!" called the Major, turning expectantly as he came near the window. He faced the opening door with his back to the light.

A young officer entered the room, fair, boyish and flaxen-haired.

"Ah, Jordan!" The Major greeted him quietly.

"You sent for me, sir?"

"Yes. Pray find a chair. I have something to say to you."

He seated himself with his back to the light, his well-shaped head clear cut against the glare without. The younger man removed his shako, and sat down opposite to him, resting the grotesque military head-dress upon his knees. His blue eyes regarded the Second-in-Command questioningly, and with a little anxiety. After a short pause the Major spoke.

"Well, Jordan, my boy, I have heard all about it."

Ensign Jordan blushed, looking, except for his martial habiliments, extraordinarily like a pretty girl. Major Hinkle smiled a little as he watched him.

"D'ye know, after a fashion I cannot help approving of what you have done. But"—and he paused as if to emphasise his words—"it cannot be permitted. You understand? You must not meet Mr. Montgomery. It is out of the question."

The young officer stood up. "But, sir, my honour—"

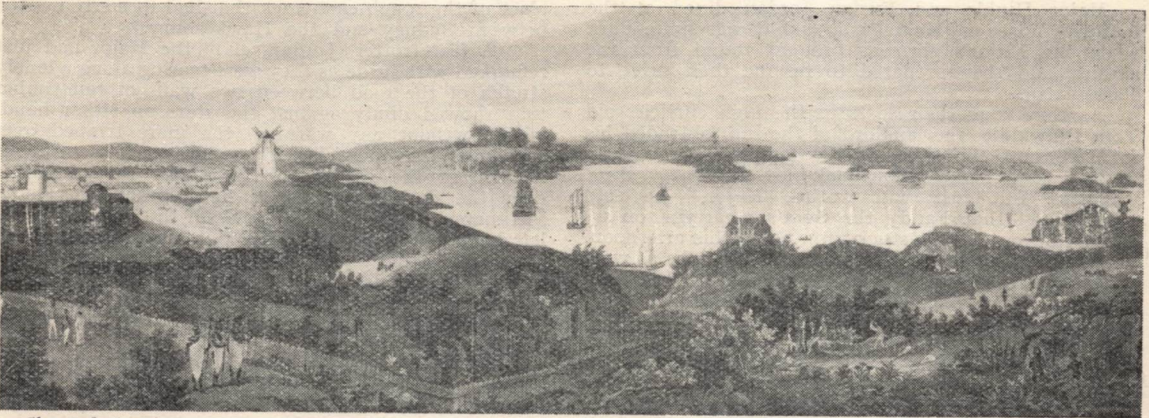
The Major motioned him with his hand to be seated again, and with an air of protest he grudgingly obeyed.

"Sit down, Jordan. I want to discuss this business with you. I have only just heard of it. In the mess. Charles Montgomery told me of it himself. He said that he had no option but to challenge you. No option. Your attitude was such that it left him no choice. Pray, now, what was your attitude?"

"Well, sir, since you insist. I had occasion to—that is, I slapped his face." He was very red now, and more feminine than ever.



SYDNEY HARBOUR.  
published about 1827.



Champ de Courses.  
Route de Paramatta.

Riviere de Pyramatta.

"The devil you did!"

"I could do nothing else, sir."

"Well, but why? There may have been alternatives. 'Tis a rather serious thing to slap the face of the Governor's aide-de-camp, you know. Especially in New South Wales. Fortunately, sir, Thomas Brisbane is easy-going—so long as no one comes between him and the stars. From what I've heard of Governor Macquarie I'm inclined to think that you'd have been sent home and cashiered had you taken such a liberty with any of his personal staff. What made you do such a thing?"

The boy hesitated, obviously embarrassed, and fidgeted with his shako.

"Come, 'My Lady'—the Major spoke kindly and encouragingly—"you may as well tell me. I am asking in quite a friendly spirit."

Ensign Jordan stiffened, and his pink-and-white face lost something of its girlishness. His reply had resentment in it.

"I struck him, sir, because—I struck him for saying what you've just said."

"What—for indicating that he spoke in a friendly spirit?"

"No, sir. For his d—d impertinence in addressing me as 'My Lady.'"

Major Hinkle covered his mouth with his hand, but his eyes twinkled.

"Oh, I beg your pardon, Mr. Jordan. I didn't mean to be offensive."

The boy raised his hand in protest. "Oh, indeed, you're not, sir. 'Tis my nickname in the mess. 'Tis not—not a bit offensive from one of Ours, sir. Only—well, I can't very easily endure it from an outsider. Supposing, sir," he said deferentially, "he had called you 'Ramrod'? That is your title in the regiment, you know, sir."

The Major laughed. "Oh, yes, of course. I know what they call me. And perhaps I might feel a little annoyed if anyone outside ourselves were to address me by my title. But surely, Mr. Jordan, from a fellow-soldier, you know—Mr. Montgomery is a lieutenant in the Sappers—it was not so bad. Now, was it?"

"'Twas his manner of saying it, sir. 'Twas what he said with it."

"Well, but what did he say? How did it come about?"

"He took me by the arm, sir, and then—damn him!—he put his arm about me, and—and was most obnoxious, sir."

"Yes, yes. But what were his words?"

"Several of us were having a drink, sir, when Mr. Montgomery turned to me, and did as I have told you. He said 'Damme, how pretty My Lady looks to-day. But, I declare, she is without her corsets.' Unendurable, sir!"

"Oh, well, yes. Cheeky, I'll admit."

"Insufferable, sir," said Mr. Jordan, indignantly.

"And then you slapped his face?"

"Yes, sir—*hard*. And told him I was no poodle-dog, at any rate."

Major Hinkle smiled, but said nothing for a little while. He seemed to be considering the grave affair. Presently he stood up. "You have not yet received his challenge?"

"No, sir."

"Good! Well, listen to me."

"Yes, sir."

"I am proceeding to Parramatta at once. There has been some slight trouble with the detachment there. Over the canteen. The Colonel wishes me to go and inquire into it. And I want you to come with me. You will please give instructions to my groom, Hartley, to have the bay mare harnessed in the gig immediately. We will start in half an hour or so. Make your preparations—and don't go into the mess. Let me see"—he looked at his watch—" 'tis four o'clock. We will leave at half-past the hour. D'ye understand, Jordan? I don't want you to go into the mess, and be ready to leave here with me in half an hour."

The boy protested. "But, sir—'twill look as though I am running away. Could not another subaltern go with you, sir?"

"Nonsense! You have received your orders, and are going away on duty. Duty comes before private affairs. So be off with you, and get ready. And don't go near the mess."

Ensign Jordan put on his shako, stood to attention, and saluted stiffly.

"Very good, sir. Since it is an order, I have no choice."

"No, you have none," replied Major Hinkle. "Kindly pull the bell-cord as you go out. I want my servant."

With sorrowful dignity, Mr. Jordan, saluting once more, turned about and departed—tugging at the bell-cord by the door as he left the room.

Major Hinkle and Ensign Jordan dined at the half-way house at Homebush, and it was quite dark when the Major's gig was brought round from the stables, and they prepared to resume their drive to Parramatta.

As they took their seats in the high curricle, old Tom Dinwiddie, the landlord of the inn, obtruded his fat face into the glare of the lamps. His usually smiling visage had a serious look in it.

"I've but just had wor'd, Mejor," he said anxiously, "that Paddy the Goat's a-carryin' on up th'road beyont. He's stuck up a party this arfternoon, nigh to th' Clay Creek bridge. Wouldn't it be as well, y'r honour, if ye was to wait till marnin'? Wid thim lights an' all y'r like to be tuk unawares, if that blag-yard an' his mob's a-bailin' up trav'lers in th' dark. He's a rale bad 'un, is that same Paddy. I've rooms for both y'r honours if ye'd care to wait till to-morrow."

The Major laughed, with good-humored contempt. "Paddy the Goat? That's that fellow Cassidy, isn't it?"

"'Tis that same, sorr. A desprit fellie he is—wid a great grudge agin sojers, him havin' bin in th' army hisself."

"In the army! Not in the Buffs, was he?"

"No, sorr. In th' 46th, whin Colonel Molle was here. Deserted an' was took in a month. He got two hundred lashes, an' seven years on th' roads. Eighteen months ago he bolted from the gang at th' Stonequarry an's bin ragin' roun' the cuntry 'twixt Liverpool an' Emu Ford iver since. 'Tis said he hides somewheres beyont Mulgoa, at th' foot o' th' Mountains. A rale divil, y'r honour, a proper bitter divil—would think no more o' puttin' a bullet into ayther o' y'r honours than he wud o' takin' his tay. Will he not be for stoppin' overnight? 'Twould be safest, Mejor dear."

"Nonsense, Tom. You don't think Mr. Jordan or I would be afraid of such a rapsallion? What do you say, Jordan—shall we stay here? I don't think the fellow's worth it myself. What d'ye think?"

"Oh no, sir," hastily replied the lad by his side. "Of course not. We have our pistols. 'Twould never do for officers in his Majesty's service to give the high-way to such rascals. If they should stick us up, I'm sure we could give a good account of ourselves—possibly make them prisoners. I'm for going on, sir."

"Quite so. Hear, hear. Stand away from the mare's head, will you, Dinwiddie—if you please. 'Tis growing late, and a good seven miles to Parramatta."

"A moment, sorr," the landlord said hastily. "I've a fine new blunderbuss—loaded to th' muzzle wi' buckshot. 'Tis a fine weapon at close quarters, y'r honour. But just let me put it in th' gig. Ye'll mebbe find it handy, an' ye can lave it here on y'r way back to town. I'll go get it, sorr. Just a moment, y'r honour."

"Oh, very well, Tom. If you insist. But I don't suppose we'll see a sign of the villains. However, Mr. Jordan can hold it, and imagine himself back in England, acting as a Royal Mail guard on the Dover Road, eh? Thank you, Tom. We'll be all right."

Mr. Dinwiddie hastened into the lighted house. Major Hinkle laughed when he beheld the fearsome bell-mouthed firearm which the landlord presently handed up to Ensign Jordan. "By George, that ought to settle any bushranger's hash, Tom! Now then, we'll get along. Good night to ye, Dinwiddie. Tchik! old girl." He flicked the mare with the whip and they were away into the darkness.

But Mr. Dinwiddie's warning was not without justification. For three miles the splendid animal between the shafts drew them rapidly along the surface of the fine turnpike which Macquarie had made in place of the rough cart track that had formerly existed between Sydney and the Hawkesbury.

"A fast trotter, Jordan, eh!" the Major had just remarked with pride as they were tearing along a lonely stretch of the road between two walls of tall timber that showed dimly against the stars on either hand, when, without any warning, the mare tripped over some obstacle and fell with a crash and a rattle of harness in the roadway. The Major took a header over the dashboard, but Ensign Jordan was more fortunate. He had been holding the rail with his left hand, which involuntarily tightened its grip when the smash came, whilst, with his right, he steadied the heavy blunderbuss between his knees. A chorus of savage yells from the darkness on either hand split the air as the mare came down and lay stunned in the roadway.

"Th' rope, th'— rop'e fetched 'em! Bail up! Put y'r hands up—you on the box! *Quick now!*"

Men came running into the lamplight—rough-looking fellows with hairy faces. The Major lay huddled at the mare's head, unconscious. For a moment Ensign Jordan was paralysed. Then a pistol shot made a blaze of light in front of him, and the heavy ball whistled past his right ear. This brought him to himself.

"Damn you!" he cried as he swung the clumsy weapon to his shoulder, cocking the hammer as the butt came into its resting-place.

Three men were at the mare's head in a group. He pulled the trigger, and with a roar like a cannon the blunderbuss belched flame and buckshot and destruction into them. Mr. Jordan experienced such a kick from the recoil that his right shoulder seemed to be dislocated, and he was literally toppled over the side of the curricle and fell to the roadway. As he lay for a moment there he heard an agonised voice shrieking:

"O my God, my eyes! O my God, my eyes!"

He staggered to his feet, drawing a pistol from his belt with his left hand, and taking a snapshot at a dark figure that came running by the wrecked turnout.

"My God, I'm done!" the man screamed, as he fell in a heap into the light of the nearside lamp.

Another pistol shot split the darkness, and then there was a sound of running feet, and when he reached Major Hinkle's unconscious form he realised that the bushrangers were scudding away. From thirty yards ahead in the black darkness came the flash of a parting shot, which smashed the offside lamp.

Almost immediately Mr. Jordan became aware of galloping hoof-beats from behind as four horsemen rode up from the direction of Homebush. As Mr. Jordan reached the Major and stooped over him they came crowding about the scene of conflict, which was also a scene of almost incredible carnage.

"O my God, my eyes!" someone kept up a perpetual sob in the darkness of the roadside.

"What is it?" a voice asked quietly, its owner peering down from the back of a big black horse at Mr. Jordan and the Major.

The young officer recognised the voice and rose from his knees, standing upright and saluting.

"Your Excellency!" he gasped. "Bushrangers! I think Major Hinkle's hurt."

"Quick—after them, Delaney, Morris!" cried the Governor, and the two troopers of his escort clattered away into the darkness with drawn swords. The Major recovered himself and sat up, his face streaked with blood from a cut in the head.



"By Jove!" came another voice from near at hand. "There can't be many of 'em left! Here's two of 'em as dead as doornails and another badly wounded, by the noise he's making. Good gad, your Excellency, the place is like a battlefield!"

"Here is another!" cried Sir Thomas Brisbane, pointing to the man whom Mr. Jordan had shot as he ran past the curricule. "Truly, Major Hinkle, you have given a good account of yourselves!"

"What—what's the matter? What has happened?" gasped the dazed Second-in-Command of the Buffs, scrambling unsteadily to his feet. He recognised the Governor, and saluted feebly. "What's it all about, your Excellency—if you please?"

"We were riding out to Parramatta, Major—my aide, Mr. Montgomery, two troopers of my escort and I, when we heard the report of firearms from a little way back down the road, and of course put spurs to our horses and hurried up as fast as we could gallop. And here we find you, and—and Mr.—I know your face, sir? Oh, yes, the young gentleman of your regiment they call 'My Lady.' Ah, yes, I have it now—Ensign Jordan. Good gracious, Major, do you know that you have killed three of these ruffians? Wonderful! They caught a tartar this time, surely!"

"I know nothing of it, sir. 'Tis Mr. Jordan did it all. By George! Look at this fellow's face! Gad, what a mess! My dear Jordan, you have been misnamed. You are no lady!"

Into the glow of the remaining lamp Mr. Charles Montgomery, of the Sappers, advanced towards Ensign Jordan with outstretched hand.

"Sir, will you accept my sincere apologies for my familiarity this afternoon? It was very properly resented. May I have your hand, sir?"

"Well, well!" said the Governor. "And mine also, Mr. Jordan. Major, are all your subalterns such fire-eaters? Dear me—four of them!"

"The mess must find a new name for Mr. Jordan, at any rate," laughed the Major.

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## Matters of Interest.

### LOWER PITCH FOR ARMY BANDS.

#### War Office decision.

At the annual dinner of the Kneller Hall Club in connection with the Royal Military School of Music, held at the Criterion Restaurant last evening, it was announced that the War Office had intimated that day that the Kneller Hall sharp pitch, by which Army bands throughout the Empire played, would be lowered to the English and Continental flat pitch, about a half-tone lower. This would mean that the instruments of Army bands would have to be scrapped.

Colonel Sir Francis Elphinstone-Dalrymple, Commandant of the Royal Military School of Music, said, in making the announcement, that the charge of the new instruments would not fall on the country, but would be met by the bands themselves as and when they effected the change from the sharp pitch to the flat pitch.

Sir Francis Elphinstone-Dalrymple informed *The Times* afterwards that the change might be expected to take anything from a year to two years.

### CORPS, ENGINEER AND SIGNAL PAY.

An Amendment to the Pay Warrant provides that an officer of the Regular Army Reserve of Officers who, prior to joining that Reserve, served as an officer of the Regular Army or the Supplementary Reserve, or the Territorial Army, and as such qualified to draw Corps Pay, Engineer Pay or Signal Pay, shall, when employed on any duty under the Articles relating to special re-employment or duty in a national emergency, be entitled to receive Corps Pay, Engineer Pay, or Signal Pay, as the case may be, subject to the usual condition of issue.

### SOLDIERS' EDUCATIONAL TRAINING.

#### Satisfactory Results.

The results of the recent examination for Army Special and First Class Certificates of Education are reported to have been most satisfactory. 4,214 candidates presented themselves for examination and 61 obtained Special Certificates and 1,281 First Class Certificates. The percentage of certificates gained was 56% as against 52% in March last. The papers showed an improvement in workmanship; handwriting and spelling both making a marked advance.

Altogether there are at present 13,164 warrant officers, N.C.O.'s and men in possession of First Class Certificates, and 628 in possession of the Special Certificates, which is equivalent to Matriculation.

### TERRITORIAL ARMY.

#### Re-organization of Infantry Battalions.

It is officially stated that the reorganization of Infantry battalions of the Territorial Army into three Rifle Companies and one Machine-gun Company on the basis of the new organization of Regular Army infantry battalions, will come into effect in April, 1930. The intention is to form the Machine-gun Company by converting one of the present companies, and, at the same time, to abolish the existing Machine-gun platoon of the Headquarter Wing. The selection of the particular company for conversion will be governed by local conditions as to accommodation and permanent staff with a view to minimising such expenditure as may be involved on these heads.

The reorganization will necessitate a reduction of establishment from 656 to 604 all ranks per battalion. Enlistments and re-engagements will, therefore, during the next eighteen months, be so regulated as to ensure that the strength shall be in accordance with the new establishment. There will be no change in the establishment of the rifle companies.

The Army Council states that there is no objection to units training in 1929 as far as they can on the new basis in anticipation of formal reorganization, but that such advance training must not entail any issue of extra machine guns or stores in excess of those allowed by the present establishment.

### SOLDIERS' MARRIAGES.

An amendment to the King's Regulations provides that the marriage of a soldier, whether before or after enlistment will be recorded on his attestation paper. On enlistment a soldier is called upon to declare whether he is married or single. But a soldier who was single on enlistment and who subsequently marries is not compelled to report his marriage, or the birth of any children, to the military authorities unless he is eligible for and wishes to claim marriage allowance; but in his own interest, as well as that of his family, he should inform his Commanding Officer immediately such events occur, and should notify any subsequent changes in his family.

## The 1st Battalion.



"**A** RMA virumque cano!" Now I bet that is the only bit of Latin in this month's *Dragon*—bar, of course, the motto. "I sing of arms and the man" is what it means, in case anyone does not know.

This is a pacific age in which we live and the mere mention of war is absolutely taboo in the best circles; but when you have been to war—as we have for the last six weeks—and done little else during that time, how can one be expected to pipe any other tune? So unblushingly—crescendo, fortissimo and every other aid of that sort, with the loud pedal hard down:

"ARMA VIRUMQUE CANO!!!"

Last month when I wrote, we were only on the fringe of it. We were indulging merely in minor brushes with never more than a company involved at a time. Since then, though, we have experienced to the full the hardships of a full dress campaign—and a peace-time campaign at that, which is always much worse than any real war. Any old soldier will tell you that.

To get down to brass tacks, or put it in a nutshell, this is what we have done:—

Company training—mere child's play for everyone except the Company Commander, who has to spend much thought thereon.

Battalion training—getting warm, but not really hard for anyone except the C.O., who has to do a lot of thinking, and the adjutant, who does a lot of writing; and one other I nearly forgot, the Intelligence Officer, who is expected to know everything, usually knows nothing, and catches it hot from everybody. It used to be the Signalling Officer who got it in the neck, but now this new victim has been created, poor fellow.

Brigade training—long hours, long marches, tedious halts cowering under bushes, cold nights in the open wrapped only in the comfortless fog of war, many a peep at "the roseate hues of dawn" (though as one waits shivering it seems as if the idle sun will never rise), and occasional glimpses of a hurried staff hurrying too and fro. But then, why shouldn't they? This is their show.

Divisional training—this is the real stuff with the gloves off and no mistake. A twenty-four hour working day, maybe long marches, a complete ignorance of what is going on half a mile away, long hungry hours between rare meals, bivouacs in the open, crowded roads, hard lying, dawn attacks—and the next day has started.

If space and time were available I might describe in detail how on several occasions. (once with H.E. the C-in-C. as spectator) we attacked across the plain to the high rocky ground that overlooks Delhi. How we always failed to reach that ridge so as to give an excuse for night operations. I might discourse on our exploits amongst the crumbling tombs round Moradabad Pahari. Or I might fill many a sheet with an examination and explanation of the various phases of the campaign that landed us eventually one chilly dawn on the heights about Kutab Mena; and wind up by describing how the whole Division afterwards assembled and marched past the Commander-in-Chief, Field Marshall Sir William Birdwood. But if I did no one would have the patience to read it so I will not plunge deeper into it.

Let it suffice that here we are now, back once more in Bareilly and appreciating it more than ever before.

### Signal Section.

Only a few more weeks now and then Bareilly "Ko Jao" at least, so "Tangie" says. But it is true enough, and as the old saying of "absence makes the heart grow fonder" we are all glad to go back on the 24th to be in time for Christmas in Barracks. It has been said that the day we started our journey to Camp is to be turned into a Memorial Day or something. Anyway, it is sure to go down the ages—the day when "Winks" sent his teeth to the Dhobi, also of Tom's musical efforts in the Signallers' Store. Basher went shares with a bottle of "Skee" and lost his share. Lofty said or rather wept a good-bye to his Scottie winger and Ginger took a job as Company Storeman, as he has "Crab ocks" and kidney trouble.

Well, we arrived in camp after a night in a train and a three-mile march, where we were greeted with a good breakfast, which was enjoyed by all. We had a day's rest and then we started on Battalion training.

### Officers 1st Battalion The Buffs.

CITADEL, DOVER, 1881.

- Top row : Lt. Ferguson, Q.M. Coombes, Capt. Moody, Lt. Machlachlan.  
 2nd row : Capt. Spens, Lt. Green, Capt. Connellan, Capt. Leslie, Lt. Coles, Lt. Brine.  
 3rd row : Lt. Kekewitch, P. M. Crookenden, Capt. Martin, Major Blakesley, Colonel Morley, Lt. Hind.  
 4th row : Lt. Bayard, Lt. Phillips, Lt. Ravenhill, Lt. Williams.





Officers, 1st Battalion The Buffs, Citadel, Dover, 1881.



Some companies have funny personalities; "Tobi" for instance. The other day his company wandered off into the "blue" somewhere and our Lofty, being an obliging person, pointed out to him the way home. "Tobi" then turned and said that he had had his first for sixteen years! There's a funny little man; I have seen his birth certificate.

Now Don Company the other day went on a stunt and the "Wag" told them that if they fell in properly on the march after a halt was given, they would earn a piece of chocolate each. Well, honestly those dear boys earned their chocolate that day, but the "Wag" forgot to get them any; quite a foxie move, don't you think?

You may think it funny for me to write about Companies, but in the evening our company signallers tell us the happenings of the Company they are with. Now these company signallers had to be picked out with care and Joe signed the "Stylo-Chickie" compact and sent them to the "Monkey Gee's." They are sure to have a brain rest as none are required—like meets like. Speaking of M.G.'s they "can't arf eat" and they will fight for it. Admittedly it has made them brawny, but what is the use of brawn and no brain? Anyway we Flag-waggers are trying our best to mould them. The other day, for instance, the C.O. had a chat with us and ended up with the fact that he understood signalling and its obstacles. Evidently he understands how hard it is for us to deal with people who never use their brains. Most probably the 2nd Battalion have the same difficulty as we do.

Now on "C" Company's notice board the other day a notice was displayed to the effect that Delhi was pronounced the same as Jelly—Belly—Nellie—Delhi, but of course that pronunciation was only discovered after their Company brain experts had held a Conference. No wonder Tommy, the Company Signaller, is now in hospital!

I being in the Battalion Forward Station saw something flapping in the wind so I tried to get into touch, thinking it was a flag wagging. Anyway, "Spotty" shouted across that their lamp had broken down and that they would use "what's his name's" ears as a shutter. Oh! what a company that is!

Yank and the Nobs went to Delhi last Sunday for a day's outing. I believe the section are going this week and Yank has volunteered to be guide. Also it has been said that the baths there are world famous. I think I will have a dip myself. It's sure to bring back Gib. days.

Sterling, Mick and Tabs have been on a course of white-washing. Our O.C. sent them on it because the two former lads started counterfeiting and the latter because absence made his heart grow fonder.

Before closing I hope that the 2nd Battalion Signal Section will accept my apologies for my late Christmas and New Year greetings and as Rosco is looking for his pen and ink I'll end with a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you all from the 1st Battalion Signal Section, and all our thoughts will be with you as we eat our Christmas  
PUDDEN.

### "A" Company.

A day's train journey brought us to Delhi New Cantonments, our training centre and a busy day followed in making the site presentable for our six weeks' habitation. This camp is similar to all other camps as far as arrangements and comforts are concerned, but differs to the extent of possessing one particular discomfort, to wit, a plague of white ants. These ants have no respect for personal or Government property as several members of the company can testify and it is only by the strictest precautions that we manage to keep them under control.

Our old friend the rain has had to visit us recently and the state of the ground and tents causes us to recollect the beautiful sands of Kheri.

Sport had to be neglected out here owing to the shortage of time and ground facilities, but I hope to be able to make up for this shortage in my next lot of notes because a host of fixtures are booked for the New Year.

I am afraid that it is rather late to offer the season's greetings, but believing in being better late than never, I take this opportunity of conveying from all ranks of "A" Company the best of wishes to all old and new acquaintances for the New Year.

To the draft that is at present at Bareilly, we offer a welcome and trust that they will soon accommodate themselves to the 1st Battalion ways.

Before closing I think the identity of the W.O. who told a mule to get under cover, would like to be known by the remainder of the company and furthermore, when will another name be attached to the bottom of these notes in the place of  
"QUARTER GUARD."

### "B" Company.

At last we have reached our Camp at Delhi and now are in the midst of Company Training. No doubt the account of our arrival here and the mass attack on White Ants has been related elsewhere, so I need not dwell on that, although I believe the fight has been won by us up to the present not before a few waterproof sheets, blankets and socks, etc., disappeared.

The Company Training has been instructive and interesting, the training grounds are large and there is plenty of room to move although they are a bit wild and rocky with plenty of thorny bushes. We have had a couple of nights out for the usual "Night Ops," arriving in camp to find our gallant C.Q.M.S. ready with hot soup and "char."

The Company has played football, managing to find a few spare moments to beat the Gordons ("B" Coy.) by 2-1, but lost to the Burma Rifles 2-0. We have been handicapped by not being up to full strength, Foreman, Barnes, Horne, Morris and Smith being at Bareilly on holiday, Lennard and Whitehead in hospital, but we managed to turn out a team who played very well considering.

We are still losing some of the old hands and the following will be shortly leaving for U.K. —L/Cpl. Torcy and Pte. Lewis for Australia, Pte. Hobbs has gone to Poona on a cookery course, Pte. Webb is with the Corps of Clerks at Meerut and Pte. Pople is still doing the grand at Naini Tal and L/Cpl. Kewell is attached to the Army Dental Corp, but we expect a draft very shortly to our depleted ranks and they will be very welcome as I believe we will lose a few more of the Company before the Trooping Season is over.

Brigade and Divisional Training end our tour in Camp and then we hope to return to Bareilly just in time to eat a good Christmas Dinner which we hope Capt. Wale has got ready for us on our return. Then we will have to get busy with the Harris Shield Events which have to be completed before the Companies go to Ranikhet in March. We ought to do well again this year and Lieut. Hughes will be a great asset to our Cricket and Hockey Teams as he has shewn his worth already but he has had a tour in Hospital and we hope to see him shortly. Also, if Major Hamilton and Lieut. Oliver produce some more of their cricket form as they did before we left Bareilly we ought to be alright in the cricket line, ably backed up by Pte. Hobbs who has been playing for the Battalion Cricket Team lately.

### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

If Cpl. Hunt is taking up railway manager's work on return to Civil Life?

#### Heard on parade:

C.Q.M.S. to Platoon Sgt.—"You will leave the kits of your tent outside until 4 p.m."

Platoon Sgt. to C.Q.M.S.—"What for?"

C.Q.M.S. to Sgt.—"So that those Burma Gurkhas can come up and see them."

#### Heard on Pay Parade:

"Stop that talking, Pte.—"

Pte. to C.S.M.—"I wasn't talking, Sir."

C.S.M. to Pte.—"Well, you was going through the motions."

#### Heard in the Tent:

Custard Wallah, got any Rice Puddings?"

"No, Sahib."

"Well—bring me ack one custard."

A.T.F.

### "O" Company.

Owing to the fact that "8747" has left us for a tour of duty at the Depot, I reluctantly wield my pen in an endeavour to fill his role, because I do not feel equal to the part.

Many of our old hands are leaving with him, or on the following boat. It is too lengthy a list to publish and will no doubt appear elsewhere, but amongst them are Cpls. Mount and Coshall, Sgt. Cox and last, but by no means least, C.Q.M.S. Lane. Most of these have been with us a very long time and we wish them all the best of luck and prosperity in civil life. We shall miss them.

Lieut. Walters has rejoined us from leave and courses, or at least we have seen him again. He has taken over the Intelligence Section. Perhaps after Manoeuvres he will come back for good and buck our Rugby Team up.

Before leaving Bareilly we had many games of Hockey and Football and one game of Cricket. The results of these games are not to hand at present and would not interest the outside reader. The primary object of these games was to try and arrange the Company Sides for the forthcoming Harris Shield Sports which come off in the beginning of January, after Manoeuvres. Many new faces will be seen and we trust that they will acquire themselves as well as did the "Old Uns."

On the 10th of November, we moved out to Camp, which is situated in Delhi New Cantonments and within suitable cycling distance of the City of Delhi. Many of the Company have been in the City, but their enthusiasm was slightly damped by several of them having to explain to the "Powers" why the Police stopped them.

We have finished Company Training which was very interesting for most of us. It reminds me of a N.C.O. who, after reading operation orders, asked another what a "Brassard" was. The reply was: "It is a bird something like a vulture." It is the sun that does it, I am sure.

We promise that next month we shall have much more to talk about when we are in a position to write other than on our knees.

L.B.G.

### "D" Company.

Owing to the shortage of news it is regretted that no notes were published in the last issue of *The Dragon*. The following notes were not ready in time for the press last month, chiefly due to the fact that the old ship was on the move so I am afraid they will be roughly two months old before publication.

On the 6th of October, No. 13 Platoon, after the customary ??? found themselves prepared to take leave of the Company. By prepared I mean "Kits stacked on the cross-roads three-quarters-of-a-mile away, F.S.M.O. on backs and outside Barracks." Our destination, we had been informed, was Bhowali Rest Camp and our duties, demonstrating to Cadets of the Bhowali Contingent A.F. (II), Life in Barracks and how to route the enemy in the field. As we were in huts, the former was more or less a washout or Lancer, but in the latter the Lads excelled the journey.

On arrival at the cross-roads we met with Hitch No. 1, i.e., we were confronted by two lorries, one of which was full of kits and capable of carrying only two men. As our strength was 38 we began to wonder how this number accompanied by F.S.M.O., was to be loaded in our lorry; this caused considerable excitement. Some of the Boys started the rumour, "Stachy's fault, he sent one lorry back." Hence, our first shock, for whilst we were sitting round the "Street Corner," en bloc, waiting for our able Second-in-Command, Lieut. Dewar, to rectify the mistake, that wonderful old chap, the Harbourmaster, appeared in person. (A large person, too, 190 odd round the centre). What a greeting he received. Calls of "How do we squeeze in that?" "Reckon it is just about big enough for you and how about that 60 Jags?" However, the Harbour Master took it all in good part and in fact, after explaining our impending stoppages, bid us Bon Voyage and then floated. Shortly after this, the third lorry arrived and things looked more cheerful. A start was then made and after our extremely dusty ride, during which we were enforced to do several "Physical Jerks" and some had Kit Inspection, we arrived at Bhowali safe in wind, if crabbed in limb.

Our Platoon Commander, Captain F. A. J. E. Marshall, D.S.O., M.B.E., M.C., late Company Commander, whom we hear has returned from the Staff for the special purpose of taking charge of the demonstrations, greeted us and personally supervising operations, quickly fixed us up in our new abode where we in turn quickly settled down. Suffice to say, the Char Wallahs and Hop Merchants were in demand within fifteen minutes. So much for the journey.

The next day was devoted to cleaning up and preparation. On 7th October, at 2 p.m., the Cadets arrived. Gee! what a lot of excitement they caused. Our lads lined up to greet them and quickly the following remarks were heard:—"There's my Winkle! my claim" and later:—"What-O, Lachrie," to say nothing of "Lampy." The Cadets consisted of two groups, as follows:—Group 1, Pupils of the Philander Smith College; Group 2, Pupils of the Diocesan Boys' School.

In the evening Sal, our Platoon Sergeant, arrived with Standing Orders and Detail which were as follows:—

Bazaar and Hotel out of bounds. Dress for climbing Khuds, loose order; One Guard (in boots) to be found daily. Parades, one Section per day demonstrating, duration of parade, one hour (approximately).

Of course he forgot to mention that the other three sections would be on Trench Digging, and Jacky could say something about that hour.

However, we did not get overworked (I was excused Duty the whole time) and that the demonstrations were successful was proved by the words of Lieut. Colonel J. de Gray:—"I am sure that you will always remember No. 13 Platoon The Buffs and the splendid time you have spent with them and the numerous things taught you is something to be proud of."

### SPORTS.

We had an excellent programme consisting of Six-a-side Football, Cross-Country Run, Boxing and Concert. Although everybody "Mucked in," special thanks are due to S.Q.M.S. Phipps, A.F.I. and Pte. Goddard The Buffs who stage-managed the whole show. Thanks are also due to the Sports Committee Bareilly Contingent A.F.I. for so kindly consenting to give the prizes.

### FOOTBALL.

After some exciting preliminary rounds, the Final was fought out by a team from The D.B.S. and 1st Buffs, and ended in a win for the former. An excellent competition. Prizes were Rs. 15 winners and Rs. 7-Ans. 8, runners-up.

### CROSS COUNTRY RUN (COURSE 3½ MILES).

A very good run was won by Cpl. Coombs, A.F.I., in fine style. Although no good record was broken, I am sure with a little training, Cpl. Coombs will make a fine runner.

### BOXING.

Several excellent fights were witnessed and the whole show proved the Sporting Spirit to be perfect. Cpl. Warren, Buffs, gave an exhibition bout with Cadet Worthington which proved to be a very instructive bout. G. Price *versus* Wm. Smissen, Bundock *versus* Stevenson and I./Cpl. Oliver *versus* Pte. Watts, all of The Buffs, also put up fights. The prizes were: winners of each bout, Rs. 5. We also learn that the points counted for the inter-school competition and the D.B.S. gained the verdict.

### CONCERT COMBINED WITH BONFIRE.

A wind-up to a very enjoyable tour which was greatly appreciated by all. As it was in the open-air, the performers experienced no little difficulty in making the voices carry and are to be congratulated on their excellent show.

Before leaving Camp the Cadets invited us to their school at Naini Tal, an invitation which we took advantage of, on Monday, 15th October. It was a very enjoyable day, during which we played the P.S.C. at Footer and lost, rowed on the lake and indulged in a tea and bun fight at the P.S.C. and wound up at 9.30 p.m. by taking leave of the boys. It was an excellent time and the Cadets proved themselves excellent hosts in their method of entertainment.

That finishes our tour with the Cadets of the Bareilly Contingent A.F.I. and in conclusion, I should like, on behalf of the Platoon, to be permitted to extend our heartiest thanks to the Cadets for a thoroughly enjoyable time and the "Mucking-in" Spirit they showed.

R.E.D.H.O.T.

After the usual scrimmage which generally takes place during the move from one place to another, the other three Platoons arrived at Bhowali where No. 13 Platoon joined them. Then the Good Old Ship Don set sail for its (we will not say final) destination at Bareilly. But only for a short time. The necessity for showing that the soldier earns his pay has now arrived, in the form of Training at Delhi, notes of which will be forwarded in due course.

I will here and now take the opportunity of wishing the under-mentioned a Bon Voyage on their journey to England where they will shortly be entering civilian life:—

I./Cpl. Gardner, Cpl. Errington, L/Cpl. Robinson, Pte. G. Price, Pte. L. Moore, Pte. Southon, Pte. F. Chandler, Pte. G. Phillips, Pte. Hunt, Pte. P. Bourne, Pte. Purton.

Also Pte. Lester who is going on a Vocational Course prior to the return to civilian life and the old sweat Pte. Brice and Family, who are going to the Depot at Canterbury to finish off the former's balance of his 21 years' service. The Company wish that all these comrades have the best of luck in their new vocation.

There is one other who has left the Old Ship and that is Pte. A. W. Dalton, late pen-pusher of the Company Office. We all wish him the best of luck and hope that he will enjoy his Vocational Course at Hounslow.

I was reading an article not very long ago about something to the effect that the "World never stands still." Whether this meant to convey the idea that the planet in which we live is continually on the move, or the people who live on it are, I could not say. In any case, I prefer to stick to the latter idea as an introduction to the following notes.

The plans of moving the Company from Bareilly to our Training Area, i.e., New Cantonments, Delhi, were all cut and dried, in fact, according to these same plans, everything should have worked out as smooth as a billiard table. Needless to say, like all schemes on paper, when put into practice there seems to be all kinds of unforeseen obstacles cropping up. No doubt, fuller details of the move have already been digested in the previous issue of our Monthly Gazette.

I daresay in all Camps there is always something to keep the troops occupied in their spare time and our present place is no exception to the rule. This occupation takes the form of preventing the White Ants from either moving the Camp further away from Bareilly or preventing them from devouring our kit. They are quite a large family and their diet consists of eating Boots, Blankets, Shirts, Socks, and as a Dessert, Tent Poles and Pegs. However, the Company got busy with Picks and Shovels and with the aid of some mysterious liquid known only to the C.Q.M.S., were successful in defeating the enemy.

This is of course good practice for the troops for, when they go out on a stunt all they have to do is to remember how they beat the White Ants and then act accordingly. The enemy in a great many of the Company Schemes up to the present time has been, to a certain extent, imaginary, so no drastic results are or need be expected.

During the past week we have had a fair amount of rain so that the pastime for the Company has altered somewhat. Instead of hunting for White Ants they are trying to make the place look like so many Garden Allotments with a Tent in the centre of each. The furrows, or perhaps I should say, trenches, which are being dug round each tent, are to catch the rain; and the system of drainage being a perfect one, the rain runs down into a trench dug on the side of the road running through the Camp. So that everybody, when they come in at the end of the day is happy in the prospect of getting a good night's sleep without having to get up about 2 a.m. to save themselves from drowning.

We have finished our Company Training and are now carrying on with Battalion Training prior to the Grand Final. Up to the present the Battalion have had two nights out and when the Company returned to Camp after these schemes they looked as though they had been about two months on the Western Front, and I suppose felt about as happy as they looked.

When one takes into consideration a Training programme for the year, it is rather difficult to imagine the soldier in India lying on his bed all day and only doing one Guard a year. This is, of course, an opinion which was expressed in one of our daily papers not very long ago. Probably it was a misprint.

## The 2nd Battalion.



THIS last month has been a very quiet one for the Battalion, as the majority of us have been away for Christmas.

However, those of us who were left behind were not neglected.

A Christmas party was arranged for the children, in which our C.O. took the part of Father Christmas with great success.

We have lost Major Whitaker and Captain Knight, who have sailed for India.

We wish them the best of luck.

We should also like to congratulate Captain H. de R. Morgan on his promotion to Brevet-Major.

C.T.K.

### CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE BUFFS.

The fact that Christmas comes but once a year is fully realized in the army, especially in the Buffs, and everybody who remains in Barracks intends to make the most of it when it arrives. This was especially apparent this year and everybody not proceeding on leave was assured of a "high old time."

For weeks and even months beforehand preparations had been in progress, incurring an enormous amount of work on the part of the organizers; but their labours were rewarded by the happy looks on the faces of everyone on this happiest day of the year.

### Conclusion—1st Battalion News.

#### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

There are several inquisitive people in the Company who would like to know the answer to the following. Perhaps the persons concerned will oblige:—

How long has the Battalion been right forward company? Ask John, otherwise TAP TAP.

Who was it who said: "Take the mules off the guns" and does Warbler know anything about it.

What is the difference between Gurgaon Road and Bangora Road? Ask Liz.

Is Ashy trying to cut out Stauchy or has the Valet got some extra special wax?

Has Liz still got his Tester Papers with his Birthday on it and is the said Paper still mixed with the price?

Does John know which is Half Right and is he training for the long-distance Championship?

What D.A.V. will they get married or are they going to make M.O.O.R.E. love?

Is B.R.O.W.N. on knees an R.E. Fixture or is it dirt?

Who was it gave the order: "Sit down and stand still"?

Is it possible to slope arms with the left foot and can a certain member of No. 15 Platoon enlighten us as to how it is done?

What did the Harbourmaster say when Scruff asked for a pair of boots size 6 and {ths.?

Who was the man of No. 15 Platoon who said: "Don't show your HIGORANCE"?

Who is the man in No. 15 Platoon who thought he was taped because he had a Nigger Charpoy and who is the N.C.O. i/c Tent?

#### HEARD WHILST CHECKING OFF KIT.

N.C.O.—"What comes next?"

Man.—"Cases, Pistol, Wembley."

A.P.P.Y.

On the 24th at mid-day the ceremony of "hoisting the brick" was carried out in the Sergeants' Mess showing that holidays had commenced. A large crowd was present and, liquid refreshment having been served, a speech was given by the R.S.M., followed by a toast for absent members.

The ceremony of hoisting the brick was commenced, Bandmaster Hewitt, being the oldest member of the mess, having the honour of pulling the ropes. He first insisted that every member should have a lighted cigar in one hand and a glass—filled—in the other, and that during the hoisting we were to drink or smoke as he ordered. When the brick reached the top the unfortunate individual or individuals whose glasses were not empty would, as usual, be suitably punished. After a few gentle tugs with alternate orders to smoke and drink, he gave a tremendous heave on the string, which showed its objection to such violent tactics by breaking, and down came the brick!

The resultant damage having been repaired, another start was made, and this time the top was successfully reached, but the Bandmaster was apparently under the impression that it would remain there on its arrival; he discovered his mistake on letting go of the string—result obvious!

The greater part of the remainder of the day was spent in allaying Christmas thirsts and in exchanging reminiscences—some of which were remarkable, to say the least!

Christmas Day began with the most un-Christmas-like weather it is possible to imagine; the sun shone with almost midsummer splendour and but for the bareness of the trees one would have thought it a morning in late spring.

During the morning visits were paid, compliments of the season exchanged—with suitable liquid refreshment—and at 12.45 p.m. the members of the Sergeants' Mess repaired to the Dining Hall, which had been most tastefully and seasonably decorated, to perform the usual custom of waiting on the junior N.C.O.'s and men.

Dinners having been served the C.O. and officers arrived, and a toast was proposed by the oldest soldier, Pte. Ellen, which was responded to by the C.O. He—the C.O.—spoke in a most flattering way of the excellent work of the Battalion during the past year, and of the good reports he had received from wherever N.C.O.'s or men of the Buffs had been employed, ending by wishing everybody a merry Christmas. Led by the R.S.M. "For he's a jolly good fellow" was sung wholeheartedly by all, followed by an almost deafening three cheers—not forgetting the "tiger."

The officers and members of the Sergeants' Mess then made their way to the Sergeants' Mess, where a toast to the C.O. was proposed by the R.S.M. with a few suitable words. In replying, the C.O. remarked that just as the men were the sinews of the Regiment, so were the N.C.O.'s the backbone, and that only by pulling together with him could the past results have been achieved.

Dinners having been disposed of, almost everyone decided that sleep was the appropriate pastime for the afternoon, the old axiom "After dinner sleep awhile" being very necessary after such a hearty meal!

A concert had been arranged for the evening and at 7.30 p.m. it commenced with a song by "Lakri," our well known and popular comedian, drinks having been previously taken around.



The services of Mr. Belboa, with whom most of us were acquainted, had been secured to entertain us with his conjuring tricks, and he certainly succeeded in entertaining *and* amazing us all! Most of us would, I think be chary about playing cards with him!

Mr. Amos—until a short time ago Sgt. Amos—amused us as he has so often done before. A detailed description would be too lengthy, so it will suffice to say that an altogether enjoyable evening was spent, the concert concluding with the National Anthem at 10.15 p.m. And so to bed.

#### DO YOU KNOW:

Why so many perfectly good New Year resolutions were broken almost before they were made?

Why a certain member of the Sergeants' Mess was discovered on or about Christmas Day wandering around the Billiard table looking for an exit?

Why a certain gentleman is busy saving up threepenny pieces? Church, matrimony, or both?

Why it takes such a long time to reach Torquay, and if it is considered possible to arrive there while sitting by the fireside?

*Note.*—No prizes are offered for answers to the above questions, but the writer is prepared to deal with any answers, providing a postal order for sixpence is enclosed.

W.G.R.

#### "C" Company.

At last the Battalion has been successful in obtaining four of the many prizes offered by the Army Rifle Association for Non-Central Matches. "C" Company are pleased to record that they had no mean hand in this, winning two of the prizes; the others were won by the officers and sergeants of the Battalion.

In the Company Shield Match we obtained 28th place out of 98 entries. This year we hope to do a great deal better; we have had last year's experience. Of the team we still retain a number, so with a few changes for the better we hope to be higher up the roll.

In the Hopton Cup, No. 10 Platoon gained 25th place out of 110 entries. In this match some of the best shots did not shoot as well as expected. No. 10 have most of their marksmen still on the roll, so perhaps they will show us what they can do this year.

The Company had entered for the First Army Cup, but owing to various reasons it was impossible to find the time to fire it. It is a Platoon Competition, and judging by the all-round results of 10 Platoon, they would have given a good account of themselves had they competed in this.

This year we hope to have more time available to train for these competitions. The Trooping of the Colours took up a great deal of our time last year; also many members of the Company were in great demand all through the Athletic Season.

We are rather proud of the Company's success with the rifle and Light Automatic Gun during the past year. Perhaps it will not be out of place to give a detailed list of our results, as they will bear close inspection:—

47th in the Army Hundred, A.B.A. Bisley: Lieut. J. G. Nicholson.

1st in the Young Soldiers' Class, A.R.A. Bisley: L/Cpl. Lee.

1st place in Battalion Rifle Meeting: L/Cpl. Lee and C.S.M. Tong, H.Q. Wing (tie).

Battalion Shot, Corporals and Privates: L/Cpl. Lee.

10th in the Evelyn Wood Competition: "C" Coy.

2nd Best Coy. in Battalion Rifle Meeting: "C" Company.

Best Shooting Coy., Annual Course: "C" Coy.

Command Competitions: 2nd in Imperial Tobacco Shield: 10 Platoon.

11th Lewis Gun Competition: "C" Coy.

A.R.A. Non-Central Matches, 28th Company Shield: "C" Coy.

25th Hopton Cup: 10 Platoon.

We feel justly proud of the all-round result of the above, but cannot be satisfied until we have lifted one of the shields put up for competition.

The following have been successful in obtaining third class certificates: Ptes. Frost, King and Marsh. Our percentage of uncertificated men is fast falling below the 5% mark. A few more and we shall be there. Second class certificates have been awarded to L/Cpl. Lee, Ptes. Alderson and Hurley. Pte. Cloke has to repeat in one subject only. L/Cpl. Acott has passed his Promotion Examination; we expect he is now keeping his eye on part two.

Courses are still claiming a large number of N.C.O.'s and men. L/Cpl. Terry commences his course at the A.S.P.T. on 8/1/29; Cpl. Riley, L/Cpls. Acott and Baker attended a short course of P.T. at the Marlborough Lines Gymnasium on the 7/1/29 for ten days.

Sgt. Carvell has proceeded on a Chemical Warfare Course at Winterbourne Gunner. Cpl. Norris has commenced his long-sought-for course at the A.V.T.C. We hope he does not find the tiles too cold these days. L/Sgt. McNulty proceeds on a course at the Small Arms School on January 10th. No doubt he will find time to visit the Depot to remind him of old times.

Ptes. Beaumont, Surridge and Punnett have rejoined from their transport course, and it appears that they have learnt a good deal, but forgotten much during their stay there. Anyway, Ptes. Matthews, Young, Austin, Rance and Turner have gone to see what they can make of horses. They left in good spirits. Pte. Wilkin has rejoined the Company from hospital and has returned to duty as a clerk in the Orderly Room.

We welcome to the Company Ptes. Brice and Martin and families. Pte. Brice is at present on leave while Pte. Martin has found room to work in the Orderly Room. We have not yet thought out what sideline these two will have to take up for the Company, but we shall want them to know that they are two out of about seventy, so something must be done.

Most of the N.C.O.'s and men are now back from leave, but there are still a few to enjoy the benefit of theirs.

Lieuts. Nicholson and Lynden-Bell are both away on leave at the present; this leave, I believe, extends well into February.

There were very few N.C.O.'s and men of the Company left in Barracks for Christmas—about ten altogether. We understand that their Christmas Dinner, etc., were all that could be desired. Our thanks are due to all those who made this so.

Very little sport takes place during this period of the year in Aldershot. Our Company football team is still eagerly awaiting the commencement of the Company Football Competition.

Our running team is in regular training, but we cannot say much about them at present, but are sure to have a great deal to say during the next two months. Our object in view is, first: To represent the Battalion in the Command Company Competition. For this, we have to win the Inter-Company Run. Secondly, having done this, to improve our position of 8th of last year. Our team will be selected from the following: Ptes. Frost, Hurley, L/Cpl. Spence, Ptes. Burgess, Lewis, Cpl. Handscob, Ptes. Fox, Marsh, Cpl. Norris, Ptes. Austin, Cloke, Matthews, O'Connor, L/Cpl. Baker, L/Cpl. Bills and Cpl. Coade. From these we can select a better balanced team than last year. Pte. Lewis is just getting back to his old form again; L/Cpl. Spence has almost recovered from his injury of last year; Pte. Hurley is still a bit of a mystery, and at times rather



disappointing, yet I think he will do well. Burgess is a greatly improved runner from last season. Pte. Frost is running well just now; just before Christmas he ran for the Command Club against Reading A.C., coming in 6th in the race.

A.V.O.

### Corporals' Mess.

Owing to the large number of Corporals on leave during the greater part of the past month, there is little to record. There have been no entertainments or football, but now that the Mess is again full we are looking forward to some more of Cpl. Towerzey's well-arranged functions. At the moment I am given to understand, he has arranged a Dance for the 18th and a Smoker on the 25th, at which the Corporals of the Loyal Regiment, recently arrived in Aldershot, are to be our guests.

We are very pleased to see Cpl. Salsbury in our midst again; he is attached to the A.S.P.T. for an Advanced Course. We wish him success. L/Cpls. Sirett and Chipp-Smith have left us and gone to the Depot, one as a P.T. Instructor and the other on the square. Cpl. Pitch sailed for the 1st Battalion recently and we wish him the best of luck in his new home, in which, it is understood, he will shortly be joined by Cpl. Coade.

We congratulate Cpl. Adams on his appointment to Lance-Sergeant.  
ELDEVRE.

### M.G. Company.

Owing to the fact that the majority of the Company have been on leave over Christmas, there is very little to write about.

The Company Football Team defeated Farnborough United a few days before Christmas, the score being 7-0 in our favour. The team played very well together and should do very well in the Athletic Shield Competition which should soon be taking place. Perhaps it was the after-effects of Christmas which was the cause of our being defeated by the R.A.F. to the tune of 5 goals to 1, in any case, the form shown was not at all the same as in the match against Farnborough. Our "inside-left" was off colour, but by all accounts he is returning to his old form and was seen doing linesman for the Regimental First Team a few days ago.

We hope all those "Gunners" who were lucky enough to get leave for Christmas had an enjoyable time, the same as those who remained behind.

There is quite a number of the Company on the Draft to the 1st Battalion in February. We hope they will enjoy their new Station.

2/Lieut. F. W. B. Parry proceeds on a Course at the M.G. School at Netheravon at the end of the month. We all wish him the best of luck.  
E.H.W.

### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Did our Quarter-bloke enjoy the prospect of a night on the tiles?  
What is superstitious fouling?

### "B" Company.

As last month's notes were such a huge success and so gratifying (nothing like blowing your own trumpet) I have been asked to oblige this month.

As the monkey said, when he came to the last of the whiskey, "All good things come to an end," the Annual Leave has done likewise. Several of us are very pleased that it has. Now that the men are back no doubt, many difficulties can be surmounted.

We have just commenced Individual Training and sincerely hope that the instruction imparted will bear good fruit, especially when the Annual Course commences.

Owing to the leave period we have not participated in any kind of sport, unless one may term colt fatigue as such.

Our Company Commander is endeavouring to start a watch and bicycle Club for the benefit of all who care to take advantage of his kind offer. If his debut as an organiser in the Clubs mentioned is successful, he proposes to launch out in the motor line whereby ALL "B" Company will turn up for parade in Austins, Standards and Essex Six. If this meets with the necessary support, then we shall surpass Mr. Drage and shall require pages of *The Dragon* for our Advertisements. After all this "Who dare call us Danker "B"!"

Congratulations to C.O.M.S. Smith on his promotion from Sergeant. At present very few of the Company purchase *The Dragon*. It is hoped that every Officer, W.O., N.C.O. and Man will purchase a copy of the Regimental Paper. (*Hear, hear, Editor*). After all, it is only sixpence which means that a man has got to forego one bar chocolate at 2d., one packet Woodbines at 2d., and one tuppenny wad; then his copy is paid for.

We wonder how Swede Hubbard is getting on. You see he is on Draft leave and as he has recently been on a Transport Course we thought perhaps he had been doing a little riding "over the sticks."

Cpl. Pitch has left us to join the 1st Battalion. We wish him the best of luck in India. Don't forget, Cpl., Brains melt out there as well as Pitch, so keep your bonnet on.

Sorry, Mr. Editor, but I am like the Donkey, I have come to the end of my tether, so, Cheerio!

NEWOLDHAND.

## Beneath Bell Harry.



WHILE most of us were away on Christmas leave recruits were pouring into the Depot. On our return we asked the sergeant-major (a habit of ours when in doubt) and were informed that the Toulouse and Peninsula Squads, to which we were growing quite accustomed before our leave began, had now been augmented by the Punnier and Sevastopol Squads.

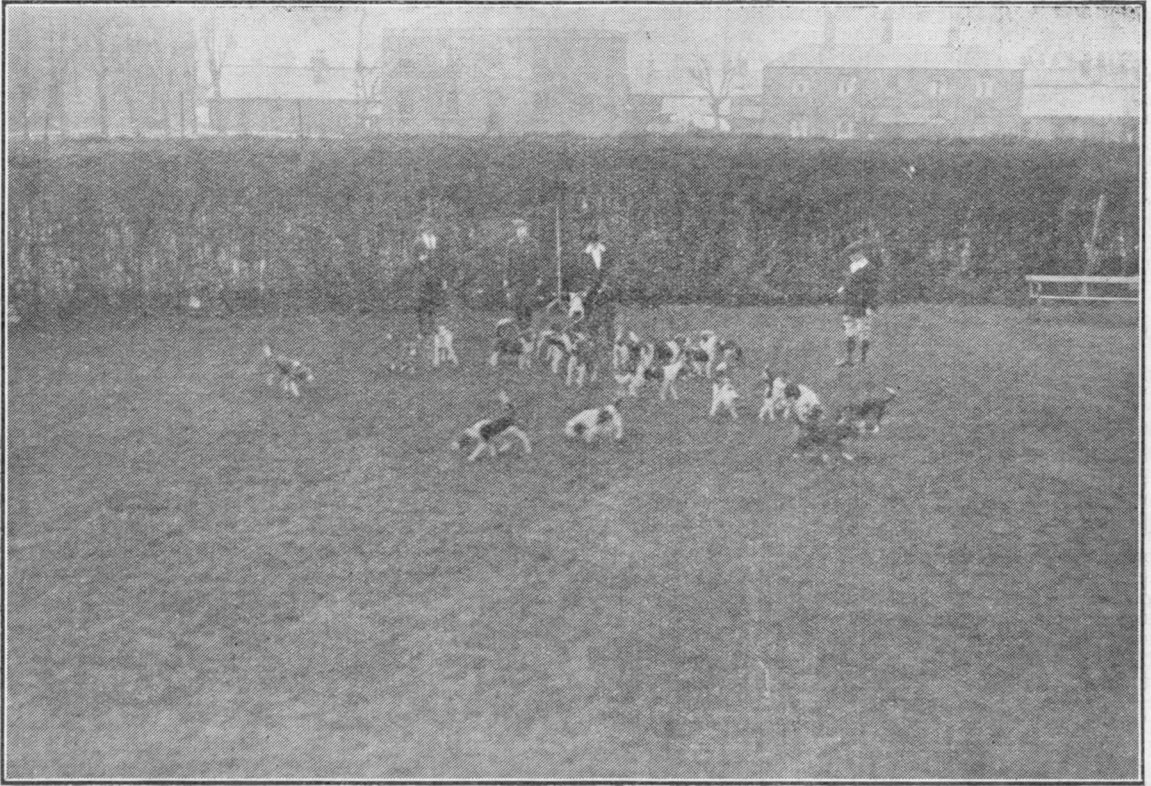
In fact, the Adjutant, who is the only one who really knows where all these men came from, was kept quite busy over Christmas, because a draft, conducted by an officer of the Queen's, from the 1st Battalion also arrived here on Boxing Day for transfer to the Army Reserve.

Now, although the Toulouse Squad has recently departed to join the 2nd Battalion at Aldershot, we have four full Squads, as the Taku Forts Squad began their first week of training as a Squad the other day. We may yet, before our "tour of duty" is finished, see the day when the Hindenburg Line is drawn up on the square, and already nicknames are being considered for the Squads named after the longer battle honours such as South Africa, 1900-1902.

On the 14th January the Blean Beagles met by invitation at the Depot Mess. This pack is owned and hunted by Miss Dawes, the master, and on this occasion a hare was found in the Old Park and provided excellent sport, although it eventually escaped. Major Field and Captain Howe are both regular followers, but at this meet most of the officers turned out in force.

We were very pleased to see Major and Mrs. Guy Lee at the meet and also in the Garrison Church the previous day; also Mr. J. E. King paid us a visit when he came to take away the draft to Aldershot.

Those of us who hunt with the East Kent have had rather bad luck lately owing to the ground being just too hard for hunting, although we have not yet experienced a really cold spell. Twice, once at The Chequers, Stone Street, and once at Lympne Place, we have journeyed out to the meet to find hounds there, but the master has decided each time at the last minute that it was impossible to hunt.



*The Blean Beagles at the Depot.*

*V. J. Sinclair.*

Some football and hockey fixtures have also had to be cancelled for the same reason; an account of those matches which have been played appears below.

On 17th January the annual Jumble Sale in aid of the Past and Present Association was held in the Prince of Wales' Institute. Colonel Findlay was unfortunately ill in bed, his place as organiser being taken by Major Hickman. Mrs. Findlay, Mrs. Ronald, Mrs. Penlington, Mrs. Corney, Mrs. Potter, the Misses Burnside, the Misses Murphy, Miss McDouall and other ladies kindly acted as vendors and came to tea in the mess afterwards. No doubt the beneficial results of the sale will appear later.

At present, Messrs. C. P. Sherston and P. Warry, recently gazetted to our Supplementary Reserve, are undergoing a six weeks' attachment here. Captain Howe has worked out a most comprehensive programme for them, but in the brief intervals from work we give them a hearty welcome to the mess!

E.A.A.

#### **Football.**

Since the last report under this heading the following Kent Amateur League Matches have been played:—

*v.* CANTERBURY WAVERLEY, 8/12/28 (Home).

In this match we were up against the League Leaders, and though we lost by 5 clear goals we gave them a very good display. The score was rather against the actual game played. We were still suffering from a really good man between the sticks. Cpl. Good always did his best, but he realised he was not quite of the standard met with in other teams in the League. Our team, though still being experimented with, was shaking down.

*Result:* Depot, 0; Canterbury Waverley, 5.

*v.* DEAL TOWN (5/1/29).

We seem to have found our side now. In this match we had some "face" to recover. We can remember, too well, our defeat at Deal, earlier in the season, by an 8-1 result.

Deal started off in a very confident way with their kick and rush tactics, but our defence was not so easily beaten this time. Recruit Martin was included in the team as right-back (Gibson going to right-half) and he showed very early in the game, that he knew a little about that position. He made some splendid clearances with his head. It appeared that he was more useful with his head than with his feet, but as time went on he proved his feet as good as his head.

McBride scored first for the Depot, with a nice rush through on the right. Sgt. Sidwell scored our second goal with a place kick; a beautiful drive that had the keeper beaten all the way. It is doubtful if he saw the ball until he picked it out of the corner of the net. The score at half time was 2—0 in our favour. Deal re-commenced with revived energy and set a fast pace for ten minutes or so, but after that fell away. Chandler at centre-forward was unplayable, making the Deal attack very often look mere novices. Ashton scored our third goal at which the score should have stood, but the Referee allowed an appeal for a penalty, which was obviously not a good or fair decision. The shot hit the upright and rebounded to Payne, who, in an attempt to clear from being hotly oppressed, drove straight for the net and scored for Deal.

Cpl. Sanders played an excellent game in goal. Had we had his services earlier in the season we most certainly should have been in a better position in the Table.

*Result*: Depot, 3; Deal Town, 1.

v. 2ND BN. THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT, 12/1/29.

Here again we had some "face" to regain, but the proposition was a greater one than the previous one reported on—against Deal. However, with our team now organised we were prepared to meet any team, so the chatter of our chances against a Regimental side, and a really good one at that, did not disturb us. We would have taken the field full of confidence, but at the eleventh hour three of our side could not turn out, Sgt. Sidwell from centre-half and Sgt. Bailey and Pte. Ashton from outside and inside left respectively. This shook our confidence considerably, but we made up with Lieut. Sherston, Cpl. Trinkwon and Pte. Cummings. The first two mentioned did remarkably well. Cummings, unfortunately, suffered from lack of experience of this standard of soccer, but none the more for that he was very keen and showed promise.

The Depot scored first, which rather surprised The Queens. Our very fast forward line rather upset their calculations, for they continually broke through the visitors' defence but were followed by some really bad luck in front of goal. The Queens shortly equalized and soon after took the lead, which they kept at half-time. We soon got level from a place kick by Payne. We were shocking The Queens, I am sure; we were so easy when they beat us 8—1; the struggle they were having was very keen. We took the lead again at 3—2 and yet continually missed good openings. The Queens pressed hard now, as time was getting short and scored quickly, twice in succession. We tried hard to share the points, but the whistle beat us. But could we be disappointed after such a game?

*Result*: Depot, 3; The Queen's Regt., 4.

I could hardly let this game go by without commenting on our first goal. This came from Sgt. Gibson from a place kick beyond the half-way line—such a beautiful drop shot. Whether by intention or good luck it was a splendid goal. It soared high up, and gradually dropped evenly right under the bar. A record of the goal-keeper's thoughts during the flight of the ball would be interesting to read.

That concludes our League games to date. There is, however, another match to report and by no means the least. From a Press report it was a very important fixture. This was against Ramsgate, St. Luke's F.C. in the first round of the K.A.L. Knock-Out Competition for charity. The same Press report stated that Ramsgate had an easy thing on with The Buffs Depot in view of the defeat they sustained on their own ground in a League match. The usual reporter did not send in a report after the match. His views were eagerly sought.

We had much our own way with Ramsgate and but for their good goalie their defeat would have certainly been heavier.

*Result*: The Depot, 2; Ramsgate, 1.

We have drawn Chislet Colliery in the second round of this competition, at home.

The League table up to and for the match with Deal Town is as follows:—

KENT AMATEUR LEAGUE TABLE.

Team.	Pld.	W.	D.	L.	Goals.		Pts.
					For	Agst.	
Canterbury Waverley	11	7	2	2	51	25	16
Royal Marines ...	10	7	1	2	33	23	15
Chislet Colliery ...	11	7	1	3	29	18	15
Guards Depot ...	12	7	0	5	40	29	14
Queen's Royal Rgt.	8	5	1	2	39	23	11
Deal Town ...	10	5	0	5	35	27	10
Buff's Depot ...	12	5	0	7	34	45	10
Ramsgate, St. Luke's	11	4	1	6	30	31	9
Dover United ...	10	3	1	6	25	30	7
Margate Amateurs	13	3	1	9	24	64	7
Birchington ...	10	2	0	8	16	41	4

H.B.S.

### Sergeants' Mess.

On the 18th December the members held an interesting Shooting Competition on the 30 yards Range to decide the winners of the silver and wooden spoons for the period June to December, and also to compete for the Annual Shooting Cup. The result was as follows:—

Winner of Shooting Cup for 1928:—Sgt. W. Watson.

Runner-up:—R.Q.M.S. Ings.

Month.	Silver Spoons.	Wooden Spoons.
June ...	R.Q.M.S. Ings	Sgt. Gibson
July ...	Sgt. Gibson	Sgt. Tutt
August ...	R.S.M. Potter	L/Sgt. Allen
September ...	Sgt. W. Watson	Sgt. Shorter
October ...	Sgt. R. Watson	Sgt. Tutt
November ...	Sgt. Rowe	L/Sgt. Allen
December ...	L/Sgt. Dolbear	Sgt. Crump

On the same evening we held our usual fortnightly Whist Drive in the mess, when Mrs. Petts, Mrs. Collison and Mrs. Allen took the ladies' prizes, while Mr. Sines, L/Sgt. Payne and Miss Corney took the gents' prizes.

Three special prizes for the highest aggregate scores this season to date were awarded to Mrs. Potter, Miss Martin and Sgt. Shorter, while a further available prize were awarded to Mrs. Nash. As all the prizes on this occasion were in the shape of "bottled cheer," for Christmas, it proved rather an interesting event.

Sgt.-Instr. Wright, A.P.T.S., arrived on 19th December on attachment to the Depot as P.T. Instructor, and we offer him a hearty welcome. We also wish C.S.M.I. Fletcher (and Mrs. Fletcher and baby) the best of luck on proceeding to Aldershot on 3rd January for duty at the P.T. School there.

We were privileged to entertain about 16 members of the Queen's Own Depot Sergeants' Mess, who came over from Maidstone on the 19th December in connection with the Annual Boxing Competition between our two Depots for the Hardy Cup.

On 21st December the Mess Christmas Draw and the Ladies' Cork Club Christmas Draw took place, when a hearty welcome was given to the prizes, which the lucky ones decided were most appropriate for the festive season.

The Families' Christmas Tree was held on December 22nd and on behalf of the families I would like to thank Captain and Mrs. Corney for all their hard work.

As regards the activities of our members, the R.S.M. got to work as leader of the parlour games for the kiddies, C.Q.M.S. Taylor took over the duties of Father Christmas, Sgt. Rowe was O.C. Teas, Sgt. Adams



produced the music and Mr. Jackson fixed up the splendid lighting effects. So to these, as well as their many assistants, we tender our thanks. The families of the Queen's Royal Regiment who are temporarily attached, were also invited to join in the fun.

On Christmas Eve the R.S.M., with due ceremonial and all glasses charged in both hands, hoisted the brick, which remained aloft until the termination of the Christmas festivities.

In the evening the Carol Singers went forth to give vent to their feelings and imbibe of anything going spare. Apparently the supply of Rum Punch so kindly provided at the Officers' Mess was responsible for curing several songsters' existing colds and considerably bucked the remainder in their battle with the cold night air whilst continuing the programme of visits.

A pleasant surprise was sprung upon each member on Christmas Eve when the letter rack was filled with—no, not mess bills this time—but a gift in the shape of an electro-plated match box case, surmounted with the regimental badge. These proved to have come from R.S.M. and Mrs. Potter, with the compliments of the season, and I can only say that the gifts were very much appreciated by all.

Fine weather favoured us on Christmas Day and the members who were not actually away from the station gathered at the Mess to welcome the Commanding Officer, Adjutant and Quartermaster on visiting rounds at mid-day to exchange the season's greetings, which was done in real style.

We were also pleased to see so many of our old friends who visited the Mess on Christmas Day.

We also drank to the very good health of Colonel Sir Theodore Brinckman, C.B., whose splendid gift reached us safe and sound and was duly disposed of as I am sure he wished.

On Boxing Day preparations were made to receive a Draft of time-expired details due from India, and, after several false alarms as to the actual time of arrival, they eventually reached Canterbury about 11 p.m. In the meantime everything possible had been done to give the Draft a warm welcome, and no doubt they themselves were a little surprised when they discovered that a real Christmas dinner had been provided for them. By dinner time next day they all were away en route to their homes, and we wish them the best of luck in civilian life.

On New Year's Eve we gathered together in the Mess for a Social Evening, which commenced with a small whist drive of twelve games. This proved rather interesting owing to the novel scoring methods introduced by the R.S.M., and in the end the prizes went to Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Tutt, Sgt. Rowe, Mr. Jackson, W.O. Collins and Sgt. Crump, Mrs. Sutton kindly making the presentations.

This was followed by a short sketch in which Mrs. Potter found herself in the dock, under charge of Policeman W. Watson. R.S.M. Potter took the part of plaintiff, C.S.M. Howard was the judge, Sgt. Crump was the magistrate's clerk, W.O. Collison counsel for the defence, and Cpl. Richards counsel for the prosecution. L/Sgt. Dolbear and Sgt. R. Watson also found themselves witnesses for the prosecution, whilst Sgt. Rowe was foreman of the jury.

Out of the eight charges against the accused perhaps the most serious was that of "Brutal Assault." As can be imagined, the antics of this distinguished crowd produced much merriment and it is generally agreed that Sgt. Crump is a "dark horse" in the art of entertaining other people.

Dancing followed up to midnight, when "Auld Lang Syne" was sung by all assembled and 1929 welcomed in the right style.

Presentations of long service awards, in the shape of trays with "bars" attached, were then made to

Mrs. Potter and Mr. Alf. Argrave, much to the amusement of the gathering and dancing followed until it was time to fade away homewards.

The Mess Christmas Tree was held on 7th January, an excellent tea being supplied by Mr. Long of the Savoy Cafe. This was followed by a little conjuring by Mr. Follett and parlour games until the time arrived for C.S.M. Howard to blossom forth as Father Christmas and distribute the toys from the tree to the kiddies, who all received plenty of good things.

Many thanks are due to R.S.M. and Mrs. Potter and Sgt. Rowe and Sgt. Crump who prepared the Tree, and to Mr. Jackson for arranging the lighting effects.

After the kiddies had retired to peaceful rest, a social evening followed, during which Sgt. Crump put on another of his side-splitting sketches. This time it was a Mock Marriage, under Sergeants' Mess Rules, between L/Sgt. Dolbear as Mr. Willie Turner, the bridegroom, and L/Sgt. Payne as Miss Winterbottom, the blushing bride. There were no bridesmaids. Sgt. Crump performed the ceremony with traditional solemnity, being ably assisted by C.Q.M.S. Taylor. The costumes were obtained on the premises.

The remainder of the evening was given up to dancing and games, and we thank W.O. Collison for bringing his gramophone along on this as well as several other nights lately.

At the Whist Drive held on 8th January, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Fance, Mrs. Keegan and Mrs. Balam took the Ladies' prizes, whilst the Gents. prizes went to Mr. Punnett, L/Sgt. Dolbear, C.S.M.I. Hamer and S.Sgt. Bee.

**Corporals' Mess.**

What a quiet little place this mess is! Nothing ever happens to disturb its serenity. I can't even find an obliging corporal to commit suicide; and they know I've got nothing to write about and then they say muck-in.

Even Paddy Good has deserted me. He went on leave this morning, complete with his second promotion and a walking stick. Good luck, Paddy! I'm sure everybody is pleased to see you get your well-earned promotion.

Another of our flock strayed off on an advanced P.T. Course last week; we shall be very pleased to greet Staff/Sergeant Salisbury on his return.

However, in spite of all these ups-and-downs we are still jogging along all-can-do as Sgt. Crump says, and we have just been presented with three new joggers from the battalion, Cpl. Sanders and L/Cpls. Sirett and Fish-Smith. We extend a hearty welcome to them and hope they will jog merrily along with us during their stay at the Depot.

**THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.**

Who wrote these notes? (Harry Tate).

Who says: "Have you got your Fird? (Ask Trinky).

When are the Corporals going to play football? (When Lofty goes for a cross-country run).

**Trained Men's Notes.**

We have played five games of football this month, winning four and drawing the other. Results to date are:—

Home. v. Sandwich Tannery Works	...	...	Won	7-1
Away. v. Sandwich Tannery Works	...	...	Won	5-0
Away. v. Lefevre's Football Club	...	...	Draw	4-4
Home. v. St. Paul's Football Club	...	...	Won	7-1
Away. v. St. Paul's Football Club	...	...	Won	9-3

**THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.**

Which Officer's Servant sent the following message to the laundry: "1 Color Collar not the Color One."

How much did the temporary waiter in the Officers' Mess spend during the Christmas holidays? Was it (2d.) and what did he spend on?



## 4th Battalion News.



WE have just heard that Major Dean was presented with a son and heir on Saturday last, January 10th. Our heartiest congratulations to Major and Mrs. Dean on this happy event.

The Battalion has just received its reports from Brigade and Division on their Annual Weapon Training and Machine Training. The results for 1928 were really most satisfactory and the reports are excellent. This is good news for the Battalion and we hope to do even better this year, now we know the conditions of the New Musketry Courses.

We hear our late Quartermaster, Major Keeler, has been burgled, but fortunately the burglar seems to have been rather an amateur and did not take too much.

Recruiting has still continued steadily throughout the month, and our numbers show a slight increase. A new candidate for the commission is forthcoming in the Weald and will join at Cranbrook, when gazetted. He is Mr. E. R. Gandy and comes from Benenden. We extend a hearty welcome to him, and hope that he will soon settle down with us.

The Brigade and Divisional Boxing Contests are once more on the move. We are proposing to hold an eliminating contest at Dover on January 23rd to select our Battalion Team. We hope that other Companies will take advantage, and try and find enthusiasts in their Companies to join in the Battalion Team, and not leave Dover Detachment to find our Regimental Team.

J.R.W.

### "A" Company (Thanet).

#### MARGATE PLATOON.

All quiet on this front, no news of any activity.

#### RAMSGATE PLATOON.

On the last night of the old year Sgt. Collins, Drummers A. Fisher, Garwood, W. Fisher and Blake attended at the Queen's Highcliffe Hotel, Margate and sounded "Last Post" and "Reveille" at midnight in a crowded ball room and ably carried out their duty. They were afterwards entertained to supper by the late Mr. Beeson, Manager of the hotel whose tragic death occurred a few days later in a motor accident. Mr. Beeson not only employed Buffs on his staff, and let them attend camp, but did all possible in granting leave for local parades of the Platoon and all ranks of "A" Company offer their sympathy to Mrs. Beeson in her sad bereavement. The Bugle Band, under Sgt. Collins, proceeded to Herne Bay last Sunday and played that Detachment to Herne Church and were hospitably entertained by Lieut. Iggulden.

On Thursday last, the Ramsgate Platoon numbering some forty-two strong, sat down to dinner at the Royal Hotel, Ramsgate and attacked a menu consisting of:—Tomato Soup, Hot Roast Beef, two Vegetables, Yorkshire Pudding, followed by Christmas Pudding, Cheese and Biscuits.

The Ramsgate members of the Past and Present Association, Thanet Branch, supported the dinner.

Amongst those present were:—R.Q.M.S. A. Edwards, R.Q.M.S. C. J. Mullett, C.O.M.S. D. A. S. Marsh, Sergeant A. F. Bennett (Weasel) Sgt. Goldsmith, Sgt. E. E. J. Birch, Sgt. G. M. Poulton, R.S.M. Jeffrey, M.C., No. 7 Old Bill Chapman, Messrs. T. H. Miller, T. W. Kemp, G. R. Sutton, G. T. Hodges, A. Rete, W. Diddams, W. Williams, G. T. Booth, W. E. Jordan, H. Page, B. E. Knott, Sgt. Tubby, Herbert W. A. Hunter, A. W. Twyman, H. G. Bush and Captain H. G. Ticehurst, Chairman of the Thanet Branch, Mr. Bell of the "Lord of the Manor" and Mr. Percy Bevan of the Central Hotel and Sgt.-Instructor Marsh.

After dinner the Royal Hotel Concert Party, formed from members of the hotel staff entertained us to a top-hole show. Some ten ladies, daintily attired in Cabaret costume, gave a most inspiring show and it

would be unfair to single out any turn as the whole was perfect and second to none and Councillor T. B. Tisdell, the Manager of the Hotel, was congratulated and thanked by our Skipper, Captain C. S. F. Witts, for the splendid evening's entertainment which did not break up till a few minutes before midnight. Councillor Tisdell, who was in top-hole form, said it was a pleasure to arrange a show for the Buffs; the old hands reminded him of the entertainment he gave them at the Marina Theatre the night before they sailed for the East, in October, 1914 and he reminded them of his old friend, Major G. L. Matthews, T.D., whose memory he cherished. During dinner the Royal Hotel Orchestra played and while Councillor Tisdell's ten beautiful daughters were getting ready to entertain us, every member of the Ramsgate detachment possessing a musical instrument of any kind, was ordered up on the stage by the Skipper and made to play the "Farmer's Boy," which caused great amusement and passers-by were of the opinion that several cats had been run over. Then Corporal Reynolds disguised as an Indian Musician, complete with Tom-Tom, appeared under the name of Prince Bokanki and sang an Anglo-Indian ditty in pigeon English and gave a very clever performance.

Speeches were cut down to a minimum, R.S.M. Jeffrey, M.C., proposed the toast of the Regiment and made a very interesting speech.

Captain Witts and Lieut. Rose were cheered by those present for all they had done.

CAMEL EDITOR,  
Ramsgate Platoon.

### SANDWICH PLATOON.

All quiet here. Lieut. The Hon. W. E. C. James is on or about to go on the roof of Europe (Switzerland). Sgt. Elvery has been devouring glass, but is better now, we are glad to say.

#### OFFICERS' BALL.

The Margate Territorial Officers, that is, Major Tapp, M.C., R.A.; Captain C. S. F. Witts, T.D., Lieut. Warner and Lieut. Harrison, R.A., have arranged the Second Annual Territorial Officers' Supper Ball in aid of the Margate New Hospital, to take place at the Queen's Highcliffe Hotel, Margate, on Wednesday, 6th February, when the Band of the Buffs Depot will play, by kind permission of Major Field, Major-General Sir Arthur and Lady Lynden-Bell and Colonel E. B. Burns have kindly promised their patronage and it is hoped that all Buff Officers and friends will without exception, support the Ball. Dress:—Mess Kit, Blue or Full Evening Dress. Double Ticket, including supper, 15/-; Single Ticket, 8/6 including supper, obtainable from Captain Witts, The East Palm Bay, Margate.

### HERNE BAY DETACHMENT.

We held our Annual Competition Shoot just before Christmas and some very good shooting was witnessed, especially amongst the latest-joined recruits.

On Sunday, January 6th, we held a Platoon Church Parade, this being about the first time since the war that Herne Bay have been able to hold such a parade without the assistance of the remainder of the Company. The only help we had was from I/Sgt. Collins and his Drums whom we should like to thank. The Church selected was St. Martin's, at Herne Village, which meant a march of two-and-a-half miles from the Drill Hall and although it was a bitterly cold morning and snow was taking a hand, we are pleased to say a good muster attended.

Since holding our Smoking Concert we have had another rush of recruits and an s.o.s. has had to be sent out for attestation forms as the office have not enough in stock. This means that Herne Bay will not stay in the background any longer.

#### Prize Distribution.

Mr. Geo. Cursons, M.B.E., J.P., Chairman of the Herne Bay Urban District Council and of the local Recruiting Committee, and a member of the Kent Territorial Association, presented the prizes at the annual smoking concert given in connection with the Herne Bay Detachment the 4th Buffs, at the Drill Hall, William Street, on Thursday night. There was a fair number present, including Capt. S. F. Witts, T.D., the Commanding Officer, and Lieut. D. P. Iggulden (Lieutenant in charge of the Herne Bay detachment).

During the evening a programme of music was given by Lieut. D. P. Iggulden (songs and stories), Messrs. A. Cummings, C. Crouch, J. Higgs, J. Mussared and Rodwell (mandoline solos), Mr. A. E. Ellis was at the piano.

Capt. Witts, before calling on Mr. Cursons to present the prizes, spoke of the Territorial Army. He said the British Army to-day, roughly, consisted of 159,000 regular troops, and he thought they would agree with him that that was not a very large number when the extent of the British possessions to be looked after was considered. We had nothing as a second line, he continued, except what the towns of England and the employers of labour provided, namely, the Territorial Army.

The Territorial Army was our sole second line of defence, Capt. Witts said, and we depended for existence on the patriotism of the youth of English towns. The Territorial Army was split up under county associations, and so far as Kent was concerned we had the Kent Territorial Association, which was composed of influential gentlemen living in the county. So far as this part of Kent was concerned we were very fortunate in having Mr. Cursons, the Chairman of the Herne Bay Urban District Council, as a member of the County Association. If the Herne Bay detachment happened to require any small matters attended to, they had only to whisper their desires into Mr. Cursons' ear. Mr. Cursons had never spoken on the matter with him (Capt. Witts), but, if anything came up in general Committee, he (the speaker) knew that Mr. Cursons did what they wished. For some years the Herne Bay detachment had been the smallest detachment in the Company, but he was pleased to say that now the Herne Bay detachment was the second strongest detachment in Kent (hear, hear).

Capt. Witts concluded by thanking the members of the general public present for their support.

Mr. F. Cursons said it had been his privilege to be allied and associated with the 4th Buffs for over twenty years, and he believed that during that period it had been his privilege to present the prizes at their annual gathering during the whole of that time. He was delighted to be again present that evening and at the same time to congratulate one and all on the success achieved during the year. There was a period in their existence when they thought there might be the possibility of shutting down in Herne Bay. It would, he thought, have been a disgrace to Herne Bay had that happened, in view of the wonderful past successes of the Herne Bay detachment of the 4th Buffs, and the extraordinary behaviour of their men when they went to the front (applause). He was glad the young men of the town had rallied round Lieut. D. P. Iggulden. The strength of the Herne Bay detachment of the 4th Buffs normally was thirty men, and if it was forty this year he hoped they would soon be up to the fifty mark, and in that way give the rest of the county a lead.

#### The Prize List.

The prize list was as follows:—

- "Lovell" Cup for highest score on the open range.—Cpl. Kearney.
- "Elcho" Cup for the most efficient man.—Sgt. Boswell.
- "Chamber of Commerce" Cup for the man who obtained the highest number of recruits during the year.—Pte. Rodwell.
- Efficiency on the Lewis Gun.—Lance-Corporal Thundow and Lance-Cpl. Wells.
- Recruits' spoon.—Pte. Field; Monthly spoon (December), Pte. Shelley.
- Efficiency 2nd prize, Lance-Cpl. Thundow; 3rd prize, Lance-Cpl. Wells.
- Smartest men on Church parade on January 6th, 1929: Ptes. Price, Rodwell, Field and Anderson.
- Miniature Range Shoot.—Trained Men.—Application: 1st, Cpl. Kearney; 2nd, Sgt. Marshall; 3rd, Lance-Cpl. Wells. Snap: 1st, Cpl. Kearney; 2nd, Lance-Cpl. Kearney; 3rd, Sgt. Boswell. Aggregate: 1st, Sgt. Marshall; 2nd, Lance-Cpl. Wells; 3rd, Cpl. Kearney.
- Recruits.—Application: 1st, Pte. Cox; 2nd, Pte. Price; 3rd, Pte. Mancini. Grouping: 1st, Pte. Bubb; 2nd, Pte. Mannering; 3rd, Pte. Cox.
- Platoon Shoot.—1st, Sgt. Marshall; 2nd, Lance-Cpl. Wells; 3rd, Cpl. Kearney.
- Consolation Prize.—Lance-Cpl. Crouch.

#### "O" Company (Weald).

The illness of the King and the death of General Sir Arthur Paget cast a gloom over the end of 1928 and whilst we rejoice at the steady progress of His Majesty we join in mourning the loss of a fine soldier and friend of the Regiment.

The night of the Company Prize Distribution at Cranbrook was a peculiarly unpleasant one and the fog had so entered into the souls of some of those who had intended to come that they just poked the fire and returned to the "Cycling Fatalities" and the "Police Court News" of the local paper.

Howbeit, a very representative gathering turned up as near to the appointed time as the fog permitted and they were well rewarded by hearing quite one of the best concerts that has been given in the Weald for some time.

This was due to the very kind co-operation of the "Tenterden Singers" and our friends from the Artists' Rifles who faced the fog and came down from London to give us this delightful evening.

Speeches were cut down to the minimum in number and in length, and beyond a few remarks from the O.C. Company who, whilst congratulating "A" Company on their present "Corner" in Battalion Trophies, regretted that it was the determined intention of the Weald Company to deprive them of them before 1929 was out, and a very pleasant wishing that the best side may win, by the C.O., the evening was given up to congratulating the prize-winners, applauding for more and more songs, and finally, dancing until the clock could not be put back any more without arousing suspicion. Altogether a very delightful evening and we were delighted to see so many of our friends and supporters, both from the district and from other companies.

Sgt. and Mrs. Sidwell, ably assisted by Mr. Woolworth, had transformed the Drill Hall into a riot of colour and bunting and the local gas was just strong enough to penetrate the fog and smoke in the rafters.

The Company is making a great effort to get up to strength before Camp and a very encouraging number of recruits are coming in, but we want more encouragement and more recruits to be satisfied and having got them we want a record attendance at Camp.

Finally, we thank all those who have so generously presented prizes to the Company during the last year and for the support generally that we have received in the District, without which it would be impossible to be as efficient or as strong as we are.

A.E.L.H.

#### LITTLEBOURNE DETACHMENT.

##### Prize-Giving.

The Littlebourne Platoon of the 4th Buffs held their annual dinner and prize distribution on Saturday, in the Drill Hall at Littlebourne. Lieutenant R. S. Poile, was in the chair, supported by Major B. S. Collard, R.S.M. Couchman, C.S.M. Jones and the N.C.O.'s of the platoon. The catering was in the capable hands of Mr. Martin, of the Anchor Inn, whose excellent dinner contributed much to the success of the evening. After dinner the loyal toast was honoured, and the Territorials, being joined by their sweethearts and wives, enjoyed a musical programme and dance, the artists all belonging to the platoon. Among those who contributed were C.S.M. Jones, Mrs. Masters, Lieut. Poile, Private Pollard, Mr. "Taffy" Williams, (an ex-member of the 1/4th Buffs). Mr. Daniel Buggins and his dance band played several enjoyable selections from their repertoire.

Lieutenant Poile, in the course of his speech, extended a welcome to all those present, especially the ladies. He thanked the donors of prizes who this year had subscribed with their usual generosity and also the employers who had been of the greatest assistance in letting the men go to camp. Mr. Herbert Mount, who employed more than half the platoon, letting them all, with one exception, off for the full time. Continuing, Lieutenant Poile said there was still room in the platoon for a few more men of the right stamp. He again expressed his appreciation of the valuable services rendered to him and the platoon, by C.M.S. Jones, who, as he humorously remarked, acted as the men's Territorial father.

Major Collard in an admirable little speech recalled the old days when the Littlebourne Platoon was his first command, and congratulated the present platoon on their high state of efficiency. He then presented the prizes. The winners were as follows:—

- Kit Inspection—1, Private Reynolds; 2, 3 and 4 (tie), Private Adley, Private A. E. Hadlow and Corporal Holman.
- Marching Order—1 and 2 (tie), Sergeant Dickinson and Private Honess; 3 and 4 (tie), Private Adley and Lance-Corporal Hoare.
- Drill Attendance (trained men)—1, Private Adley; 2, Private Honess; 3, Corporal Holman; 4, Private Beer; 5, Private Reynolds; recruits, 1, Private Moon; 2, Private Whittaker.
- Annual Rifle Meeting (6 per range)—First competition, 1, 2 and 3 (tie), Private Honess, Lance-Corporal Masters and Private H. Hadlow; second competition, 1, Private Honess; 2, Lance-Corporal Hoare; 3, Private H. Hadlow; 4, Private Beer; third competition, 1, Private Honess (cup presented by Littlebourne branch British Legion), 2 Private H. Hadlow; 3, Lance-Corporal Masters; 4, Lance-Corporal Hoare; 5, Private Hammond.
- Miniature Range Competition—1, Lance-Corporal Masters; 2, Private Foster; 3, Private Coombes; 4, Corporal Holman; 5, Lance-Corporal Hoare.

No. 5 Platoon (Canterbury and Chartham) held its Annual Dinner on Thursday, December 13th at the Savoy Cafe, Canterbury, when some fifty members sat down to an excellent repast catered for by the proprietor, Mr. Long.

Owing to indisposition, the Platoon Commander, Lieut. G. H. Mount, was unable to be present and the chair was taken by Lieut. E. G. Parish, supported by R.S.M. B. Couchman.

After the Loyal Toast had been honoured the Platoon Prizes were presented, followed by a Concert. The Members supplied their own artistes and some very good numbers were rendered, especially those of Mr. (Dabber) Jones and Lance-Corporal Roberts.

Amongst those present were three members of the Sergeants' Mess, 385th Field Battery R.A., one of whom, Sgt. Tpr. Sandy, ably presided at the piano. A hearty greeting was extended to the visitors and Staff-Sgt. Lee briefly responded.

C.S.M. Follett, Cpl. Wyborn and Lce.-Cpl. Moat also gave musical items which were greatly appreciated.

The evening concluded by the singing of The National Anthem at 10.30 p.m., and all voted it had been a most enjoyable evening.

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## Blinder and Dusty.

(A DEBATE ON THE NEW ARMY ORDER).

QUITE a number of the boys were seated in an Estaminet somewhere in Belgium discussing the new army order concerning the liability of all ranks to be detailed for 'flying' purposes if, in the opinion of the Commanding Officer, the public were likely to benefit by the expense involved.

Nobby Clarke said he had flown many a time during 'his' bit of service—a statement which not only took the lads by surprise, but was flatly contradicted by Blinder, who, in military vocabulary, called Nobby a d—m liar.

"Don't yer call me a liar—I aint the provost sergeant" replied Nobby, poking his nose into Blinder's face.

"Yus yer are" spoke Spud, at the same time picking up Nobby's beer by accident.

"Praps 'e didn't 'ear the question" suggested Donkey.

"Then 'e ought to keep 'is flappers cocked" interjected Sailor Cooper.

"Look 'ere mates" answered Nobby. "I aint no liar I aint, even if I does come from Brixton (at this remark Cushy Bolton patted Nobby on the back) and I've flown before to-day I as."

"Where?" shouted the boys in unison.

"Well, before the C.O.—Redcaps—the Sergeant-Major—the—"

"Knock 'is blinking 'ead orf" shouted Blinder, as Spud made a plunge which caused Nobby to duck and in consequence, Cushy received a full timer right upon his scent sniffer. This at once caused a row between Cushy and Spud, which was only quietened by Nobby's challenge to stick a round with the best man in the room. All immediately commenced to take off their coats—except Sailor, who hadn't changed his shirt since he came out of the line. When all appeared ready for the murder of Nobby Clarke, the victim to be strolled up to the counter and asked the proprietor to stick a round of Brown Ale, an action which caused coats to be replaced.

Blinder, speaking seriously, said "It's just as well we're together to talk abawt this flying business as it might lead to what they calls a sedition."

"Petition yer means" interjected Nobby, as he thoughtfully pulled his chair out of the reach of Blinder's right arm.

Spud took a hefty draught of liquid, rubbed his mustache on the sleeve of his coat and after a cough, to which Nobby shouted "Ninety-nine" and a draw of an old clay pipe, commenced to speak gravely—

"It aint the goin' up that I'm a thinking about" He said. "It's the comin' down." This well considered remark was entirely agreed with by the boys which caused Spud to throw out his chest at having said something to meet with general approbation. "I've seen blokes—blinking good uns too—go up in the air 'undreds of times, but I aint seen many come down."

"So as I" answered Nobby, "when they've been 'it wiv a perishing coal box; in fact some I even didn't see go up, and I've never seen a blighter come down."

"We aint a talking abawt coal boxes" chipped in Blinder. "We're a talking abawt aeroplanes; the point is what is we a goin' to say to the C.O. if we gets warned to go up in one. That's the burning question."

"I agrees" spoke Nobby. "It is a burning question if yer comes down in flames and I don't like it. I reckons we ought to tell the C.O. to leave it to the 'rising' generation."

"I reckons it's a matter of sticking to yer ground and not shifting" answered Spud.

"Yus—but they calls that sort of thing 'mutiny'" said Donkey.

"Well, I calls it 'common sense'" replied Nobby.

"I can't understand" spoke Sailor Cooper, as he stretched his legs under the table and kicked Donkey on his favourite corn, "why the Padre is always a talking to us chaps when we're awt at rest about the rise and fall of man. I spects they wants 'im to go up in the air."

"That's where they gets R.A.F. from" answered Nobby. "It means Rise And Fall—got me?"

"Shut yer blinking mouse trap" chipped in Blinder. "We aint a talking abawt Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. We're talking abawt aeroplanes."

"Quite right, Blinder boy—quite right" said Spud, as he again wiped the froth off his mustache with the back of his hand.

"Oh—don't waste it Spud; lick it in like a pussy cat" remarked Nobby Clarke.

As the boys were returning to Billets the humming of aeroplanes overhead made them stop and look upwards to the sky. Then the searchlights, anti-aircraft and machine guns got to work. The white puffs of bursting shells hovered all about the target when—all of a sudden—one came crashing to earth in flames.

"I told yer it was a 'burning' question" said Blinder. "What say if we goes as a deputation to the C.O. I don't like being an 'uman pidgeon."

"Right yer are" the boys replied and straight for the Commanding Officer's Billet at the Hotel de Ville they went. As they plodded along a bomb crashed close by when suddenly Blinder gripped his side and yelled—

"I've got it!"

"Got what?" yelled the boys together, as they rushed to render assistance.

"That bottle of beer. Yer know, I thought I'd left it be'ind" replied Blinder.

After a discussion it was agreed the party should go as a deputation to interview the Colonel and Nobby was appointed speaker. Arriving at the Hotel de Ville, a sort of home from home consisting of the remains of a cellar, some bricks and a few tarpaulins, Nobby asked for the C.O., who at the moment was having a bath, with the aid of two canvas horse buckets and a waterbottle.

"Yer can't see 'im" replied Dodger Green, who had been the Commanding Officer's servant since the war started. "Why, 'e's a'ving a barf."

"Where?" enquired Nobby.

"Under them there tarpaulins" replied Dodger.

"Green! Green!" came a loud voice.

"Yus sir—a comin' sir," answered Dodger.

"What the devil are those men doing—what do they want?"

"They've come to see yer about the new Army Order. Summit about goin' up in aeroplanes."

When the C.O. was attired he called the deputation together and after hearing Nobby Clarke's case on behalf of himself and mates, the C.O. gave his reply.

"Men!" he commenced, which caused Nobby to accidentally knock over the C.O.'s only bit of candle.

"I regret you should have objection to going up in an aeroplane. It is your place to 'rise' above the ordinary level of men: to be looked 'up' to and not down upon: to climb for the 'higher' things of life and not to be content to remain digging the soil: to—"

"A message for yer, sir" spoke Nobby, as he interrupted the C.O. and handed him the envelope. As the message was read Nobby could see by the look on the old man's face something was wrong.

"Green! Green!" he yelled.

"Comin' sir—yus sir—a comin' sir."

"Get my things ready at once" snapped the C.O. "Never heard of such a thing. Message from the General warning me to be at the Rise And Fall Depot to-morrow for flying. Me—a married man too!"

"And on a Friday, too!" answered Nobby. J.E.



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## Officers.

## REGULAR ARMY.

Lt. N. F. Hoare is restd. to the estab. (Dec. 17th).

The following promotion is made (Jan. 1st):—

To be Bt.-Majs.—Capt. H. de R. Morgan, D.S.O., The Buffs.

## The 2nd Battalion.

## BOYS—ENLISTMENT.

Boy J. McGillen, attested by R.O. Canterbury, 4-1-29 for 1st Battalion for 12 years (9 years Colours and 3 years Reserve) as from attaining age of 18 years.

## EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE.

6281681 Pte. A. Parker and 6281543 Pte. W. Bell, "H.Q." extended to complete 12 years with the Colours, 10-1-29.

## PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

6279042 Sgt. A. Smith, "B," promoted Colour-Sergeant, 2-12-28 and appointed C.Q.M.S.

6282093 Cpl. A. Adams, "H.Q.," appointed Unpaid Lance-Sergeant 1-1-29.

## APPOINTMENT.

6282092 Pte. F. Etheridge, "H.Q.," appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal, 12-1-29.

## POSTING.

6279860 Sgt. E. Buxton, "A," reposted to Battalion from 4th Battalion T.A., 1-12-28.

6279365 Sgt. E. Marsh, "M.G.," posted to 4th Battalion The Buffs T.A., 1-12-28.

## STRENGTH—INCREASE.

6279031 Pte. H. Brice, "C" (and family), joined Battalion, 11-12-28.

6280010 Pte. J. Martin, "C" taken on strength on disembarkation, 26-12-28.

## DISEMBARKATIONS.

6281671 Pte. H. Lester and 6280010 Pte. J. Martin (and family) disembarked at Southampton ex-H.T. *Somersetshire*, 26-12-28.

## EMBARKATION.

6282754 Cpl. C. Pitch, "B," embarked at Southampton 5-1-29 on H.T. *Somersetshire* en route to India to join 1st Battalion.

## TRANSFER TO ARMY RESERVE.

6281445 Pte. F. Cooper, "B," transferred to the Army Reserve, 29-11-28 under K.R. 369 (i).

6283371 Pte. E. Campbell, "M.G.," transferred to Army Reserve on 8-12-28 under K.R. 369 (ii) (c).

6283070 Pte. E. Abbott, "A," transferred to Army Reserve, 29-12-28 under K.R. 369 (i).

## STRENGTH—DECREASE.

6282315 Pte. T. Bird, "C," discharged 22-12-28 under K.R. 370 (viii).

## The Depot.

## RECRUITS.

Attested as shewn:—

Recruits A. P. Dunsby, 14-12-28; W. Kelly, 17-12-28; E. W. Davis, 20-12-28; W. S. Inkersole, 17-12-28; A. Martin, 18-12-28; W. J. Ward, 17-12-28; C. Goode, 19-12-28; F. Smith, 17-12-28; J. W. Foreman, 19-12-28; T. Bates, 19-12-28; W. Cock, 22-12-28; W. Senior, 22-12-28; R. F. Rogers, 19-12-28; W. E. Williams, 19-12-28; J. Bishop, 27-12-28; F. Pickering, 24-12-28; G. Cunningham, 27-12-28; D. Bradbury, 27-12-28; A. E. Barker, 27-12-28; H. Haigh, 27-12-28; T. A. Corden, 27-12-28; J. Haigh, 27-12-28; E. Townend, 29-12-28; E. White, 29-12-28; E. V. Gray, 28-12-28; W. C. Battey, 28-12-28; R. G. Giddings, 27-12-28; W. P. Heather, 27-12-28; A. F. Beech, 27-12-28; G. A. Whaley, 31-12-28; H. Bryan, 1-1-29; A. Moody, 1-1-29; C. E. Read, 31-12-28; F. A. Burns, 2-1-29; P. Inman, 31-12-28; F. H. Glasby, 31-12-28; G. H. Gleeson, 31-12-28; W. J. Fletcher, 31-12-28; W. Longbottom, 2-1-29; J. A. Baker, 3-1-29; I. Berry, 4-1-29; J. Machin, 2-1-29; S. A. Burch, 7-1-29; E. F. Haines, 7-1-29; F. G. Beeching, 10-1-29; A. A. Seymour, 10-1-29; H. Cornish, 8-1-29; R. Smith, 11-1-29; F. J. Potter, 3-1-29; A. Rogers, 14-1-29; W. J. Bushell, 14-1-29; W. H. C. Chapman, 15-1-29; W. J. Garlinge, 15-1-29; H. H. Stickells, 15-1-29.

## PROMOTIONS.

6282691 L/Cpl. W. Good, promoted to Corporal, 6-1-1929.

## STRENGTH—DECREASE.

The undermentioned recruits were posted to the 2nd Battalion on 15-1-1929:

6283741 Pte. H. Aitkin, 6283792 Pte. J. McNamara, 6283791 Pte. C. Dixon, 6283793 Pte. H. Osborne, 6283795 Pte. W. Town, 6283799 Pte. W. Paramour, 6283629 Pte. F. Turmaine, 6283800 Pte. L. Turner, 6283801 Pte. H. Beesley, 6283804 Pte. L. King, 6283803 Pte. H. Smith, 6283802 Pte. E. Smith, 6283808 Pte. G. Homewood, 6283809 Pte. A. Spiers, 6283810 Pte. K. MacLaren, 6283811 Pte. E. Pett, 6283813 Pte. A. Collins, 6283814 Pte. C. Cowell, 6283812 Pte. F. Dowse, 6283815 Pte. G. Brooker, 6283816 Pte. F. Potter, 6240567 Pte. A. Pattenden, 6283817 Pte. G. Hodgson, 6283818 Pte. J. Spelman, 771640 Pte. J. Page, 2023869 Pte. J. Drury, 6283820 Pte. G. Allen, 6283821 Pte. H. Bashford, 6283822 Pte. E. Kingshaw.

## DEPOT ESTABLISHMENT.

1664275 L/Sgt. W. Payne, re-posted to 2nd Battalion, 15-1-29.

6282156 Cpl. A. Salisbury, re-posted to 2nd Battalion, 15-1-29.

6282691 Cpl. W. Good, re-posted to 2nd Battalion, 15-1-29.

## POSTINGS.

6283125 L/Cpl. G. Chipp-Smith, posted to Depot for a tour of duty, 15-1-29 from 2nd Battalion.

6282943 L/Cpl. H. Sirett, posted to Depot from 2nd Battalion for a tour of duty.

## DISCHARGES.

The following have been discharged under King's Regulations as stated:

6278107 C.Q.M.S. P. Lane, Para. 370 (xxi) date 26-12-28.

6278104 Sgt. F. Cox, Para. 370 (xxi) date 26-12-28.

6278184 Sgt. H. McLean, Para. 370 (xxviii) date 26-12-28.

6278106 Pte. H. Beverley, Para. 370 (xxi) date 26-12-28.

6280381 Pte. E. Purton, Para. 370 (xxi) (a) date 26-12-28.

6283875 Pte. G. K. Brown, Para. 370 (vi) (a) date 22-12-28.

4742980 Pte. F. Pemberton, Para. 370 (vi) (a) date 2-1-29.

6278106 Pte. A. Stroud, Para. 370 (xxi) date 10-1-29, s.o.s.

6283840 Pte. E. B. Wimple, Para. 370 (vi) (a), 7-1-29.

6284109 Pte. W. Heather, Para. 370 (vi) (a) date 9-1-29.

## TRANSFERS TO ARMY RESERVE.

The undermentioned have been transferred to the Army Reserve under Para. 369 (i) K.R.'s on 26-12-28:—

6281362 Pte. S. Akhurst, 6279272 Pte. A. Aston, 6281134 Pte. A. Baker, 6281130 Pte. C. Barden, 6279307 Pte. R. Carpenter, 6279309 Pte. L. Burt, 6279643 Pte. T. Busby, 6281111 Pte. Burden, 6279184 Pte. A. Clifton, 6279203 Pte. Coombs, 6279309 Pte. R. Castle, 6279308 Pte. W. Coshall, 6278812 Pte. G. Dunk, 6281094 Pte. H. Fry, 6278172 Pte. T. Followell, 6281108 Pte. J. Gardner, 6281135 Pte. F. Gausby, 6279299 Pte. C. Gower, 4050420 Pte. G. Hatt, 6279795 Pte. E. Hammond, 6281122 Pte. E. Hull, 6281114 Pte. A. Kerry, 6281133 Pte. S. Masters, 6279301 Pte. L. Moore, 6281123 Pte. W. Mummy, 6279261 Pte. E. Parker, 6279191 Pte. L. Phillips, 6279108 Pte. P. Pollard, 6281125 Pte. G. Price, 6281118 Cpl. A. Richardson, 6281120 Pte. G. Rogers, 6281116 Pte. G. Robbins, 6279201 Pte. P. Sacre, 6281109 Pte. C. Southon, 6279324 Pte. H. West, 6279318 Cpl. F. Mount.

The undermentioned transferred to the Army Reserve under Para. 369 (i) K.R.'s on 10-1-29:—

723484 Pte. J. Amos, 6279684 Pte. T. Barnes, 6281289 Pte. A. Barrell, 7256139 Pte. A. Baldwin, 6281229 Pte. E. Burtenshaw, 6279363 Pte. S. Burnap, 6279664 Pte. P. Bourne, 6281236 Pte. J. Bowman, 6281242 Pte. E. Clifton, 6279329 Pte. F. Chandler, 6279348 Pte. H. Cornwell, 6768331 Pte. S. Channell, 6279675 Pte. G. Davison, 6279321 Cpl. H. Errington, 5609130 Pte. N. Foord, 6281231 Pte. J. Hill, 6281170 Pte. C. Hunt, 6281183 Pte. R. Howland, 6279681 Pte. J. McLean, 7234435 Pte. P. Mathews, 733686 Pte. F. Ovenden, 6281180 Pte. G. Phillips, 6279351 Pte. C. Robinson, 6279340 Pte. W. Suggers, 6279345 Pte. G. Stewart, 7337079 Pte. R. Turner, 6281175 Pte. E. Turner, 6281182 Pte. F. Walker, 6734002 Pte. J. Weight, 732500 Pte. E. Wead.

## The 4th Battalion.

## ENLISTMENTS.

The undermentioned recruits, having joined the Battalion, are taken on the strength and posted to companies, as shewn:—

6284037 Pte. G. Anderson, "A" (HB), 3-12-28; 6284024 Boy A. Bishop, "C" (C), 24-11-28; 6284023 Pte. F. Curtis, "D" (F), 20-11-28; 6284031 Pte. H. Ellenden, "A" (R), 15-11-28; 6284033 Pte. E. Elliott, "A" (R), 27-11-28; 6284036 Pte. C. Finch, "A" (HB), 3-12-28; 6284035 Pte. S. Finch, "A" (HB), 3-12-28; 6284025 Pte. F. Green, "B" (S), 6-12-28; 6284026 Pte. A. Grover, "C" (H), 7-12-28; 6284027 Pte. J. Hammond, "C" (H), 7-12-28; 6284032 Pte. E. Mantering, "A" (HB), 22-11-28; 6284022 Boy J. Palmer, "C" (C), 19-11-28; 6284034 Pte. J. Russell, "A" (HB), 3-12-28; 6284030 Pte. J. Spratt, "A" (HB), 3-12-28; 6284028 Pte. D. Ward, "C" (H), 7-12-28; 6284029 Pte. W. Ward, "C" (H), 7-12-28; 6284040 Pte. L. Hucklestep, "A" (R), 19-12-28; 7807658 Pte. C. Johnson, "D" (F), 16-10-28; 6284039 Pte. E. Mount, "A" (HB), 3-12-28; 6278596 Pte. W. Ralph, "A" (M), 13-11-28; 7868841 Pte. J. Summersett, "D" (D), 11-12-28; 6284038 Pte. F. Welch, "A" (HB), 3-12-28.

## PROMOTION.

6082053 L/Cpl. S. Clayton, "B," promoted Corporal, 17-12-28.

## DISCHARGES.

6283261 Pte. J. Bushell, "A" (S), discharged under Para. 19-3 T.A. Regs. w/c from 17-12-28.

6280370 L/Cpl. A. Foote, "C" (C), discharged under Para. 193-3 T.A. Regs. w/c from 17-12-28.

6196669 Pte. J. Allen, "D" (F), discharged under Para. 193-6 (a) T.A. Regs.

6283986 Bdm. G. Claw, "D," discharged, having joined Reg. Army (R.A.), 30-12-28.

6283917 Pte. N. Holyer, "A" (R), discharged, having joined Reg. Army (R.A.), 1-1-29.

6282674 Pte. S. Prett, "A" (R), discharged on Termination of Engagement, 18-1-29.

## TERRITORIAL EFFICIENCY MEDALS AND BARS.

6281146 C.Q.M.S. A. Philpott (late 4th Bn. The Buffs) and 6280902 Cpl. S. Hammond, "B" awarded T.E. Medal A.O.'s, November, 1928.

6278914 Pte. L. Thompson, "B," 6281198 C.S.M. F. Wood (late 4th Bn. The Buffs), 6280439 C.S.M. S. Barron (late 4th Bn. The Buffs), awarded Clasp to T.E. Medal, A.O.'s, November, 1928.

## RE-ENGAGEMENTS.

6282837 L/Cpl. T. Dunster, "A," 6282853 Sgt. H. Elbery, "A," 6282838 Cpl. C. Field, "A," re-engaged for 4 years on 21-12-28 w/c from 7-4-29.

6282860 Pte. W. Nutley, "A," re-engaged for 4 years on 21-12-28 w/c from 21-4-29.

6282849 Pte. E. Parsons, "C," re-engaged for 4 years on 8-12-28 w/c from 3-4-29.

6282843 Cpl. R. Rowley, "A," re-engaged for 4 years on 21-21-28 w/e from 7-4-29.  
 6282846 Pte. C. Willis, "A," re-engaged for 1 year on 21-12-29 w/e from 7-4-29.  
 6281941 Pte. W. Larkin, "C," re-engaged for 4 years on 5-1-29 w/e from 17-1-29.  
 6280952 Cpl. E. Tapp, "C," re-engaged for 4 years on 3-1-29 w/e from 28-1-29.

## TRANSFER.

6280467 R.Q.M.S. G. Arnold, "B" (C), transferred to "A" (Margate) Company w/e from 27-12-28.

## The Stranger.

*Scene*: Sergeant of The Buffs home on Christmas Day.

SEATED at table to dinner on Christmas Day was a merry family party, comprising the Sergeant, his wife and family. Midway through the meal came a rap at the door. Father jumps up and goes to see what old friend has called upon him. On opening the front door he is confronted by a smartly groomed and military looking man.

"Good morning, Sergeant" says he. "I thought I would just look you up being in the district to-day. You remember Colonel — Captain — of the 2nd Battalion at —"

"Come in, Sir," says the Sergeant, and shows the stranger into the sitting room.

Seated by the fire they swapped yarns of bygone days while the Sergeants' dinner was getting cold. But what matter when two old Buffs got together! When all at once the stranger (who, try as he would, the gallant Sergeant could not place) got up and closed the door. Turning round, he confronted his host.

"No doubt you wonder what brings me here, Sergeant" he said. "But meeting a friend in the town to-day I was told that if I came and saw you, you would give me a little assistance, as I understand you are the Treasurer of the local Branch of the Past and Present Association."

The gallant Sergeant's jaw dropped and he staggered to the mantlepiece for support; for he whom he thought was an old officer turned out to be a full blown ex-private, who had thrown himself on his hospitality. But not to be done, the stranger was asked to sit down to dinner with the family.

"Would you kindly give me a glass of water" he said.

But water on such an occasion as this was right out of the question, so out came the bottle and the stranger was supplied with a good tot of whisky. No doubt the Sergeant thought he might as well do the job properly. And not to be done, when the stranger at last retired he also took a shilling in his pocket as a Christmas Box.

W.J.B.

## Fixtures, 1929.

Apr. 25 & 26. Golfing Society. Spring Meeting at Littlestone.

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### Personalia.

MAJOR-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell visited the Depot during February and was accompanied by his son, Lieut. P. T. G. Lynden-Bell and 2nd Lieutenants C. R. Tuff and A. G. Jeff, who have just been posted to the Regiment from the Royal Military College. Sir Arthur was also present at the monthly meeting of the London Branch of the Past and Present Association on February 16th.

Major-General Sir Guy Bainbridge is still in Ireland, but to date has met with little success in the fishing line. He describes his trip as "a frost in more senses than one."

Colonel Sir Theodore Brinckman is still at Biarritz, where he has been distinguishing himself at golf, winning the monthly medal in a field of 40 with a handicap of 14, and all square with Bogey.

Lieut. R. N. Brinckman, a son, who is in the Grenadier Guards, is at present at the Guards Depot, Canterbury.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Lieut.-Colonel B. R. K. Tarte on the death of his wife which occurred at Cheltenham on January 28th.

We have good news of Colonel and Mrs. Eaton who are still in Majorca. They will be back in London in May.

We are glad to be able to announce that Lieut.-Colonel T. Crookenden has now definitely arranged for the old 2nd Battalion Colours to be placed in the Warriors' Chapel Canterbury Cathedral, on Sunday, August 18th, during the Regimental Annual Memorial Service.

We feel sure that this will be tremendously appreciated by all Buffs attending the service.

Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. P. G. Scarlett and Captain H. C. T. Stronge have taken up their new appointments at the War Office, the former as G.S.O., 2nd Grade and the latter as G.S.O. 3rd Grade.

Major Guy Lee is becoming an enthusiastic supporter of the Past and Present Association and is frequently to be seen at the London Branch meetings.

It may not be generally known what a warm welcome all officers receive at the various Branch meetings and what a real pleasure this attendance gives.

We publish under "Association Notes" the dates and meeting places of the various Branches.

Captain A. J. Peareth has taken over the duties of Sub-Editor, *The Dragon*, 1st Battalion, from Captain R. J. Tuke, the latter having embarked for home.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Captain G. R. Howe on the death of his mother.

Captain N. D. Rice and Lieut. D. S. Lister expects to re-embark for the West Coast early in April.

We regret to hear that Captain R. Child has been seriously ill.

We wish him a speedy recovery, as also our many other readers who have suffered from the prevailing epidemic (influenza).

Captain L. M. S. Essell has arrived at the Depot on a tour of duty vice Captain C. J. Wood, who is now at the Staff College.

We congratulate Captain Hammond Davies and Lieut. J. R. P. Williams on passing their promotion examination.



We congratulate Mr. J. A. Botley on his engagement to Miss A. D. Bostock.

We would remind our readers that the Grand Military Meeting will (weather permitting) be held this year on the 15th instant at Sandown.

There is a rumour that the Motor School lorry from Canterbury will be near the Winning Post with a supply of sandwiches.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. P. Haynes, late The Buffs, on the 27th January.

We hear that Mr. H. B. Cary (late L/Cpl. 2nd Battalion Band) is busy at Rhyl, broadcasting, etc.

Mr. Ainge, the very popular and energetic Secretary of the London Branch of the Past and Present Association, has been laid up for some time with a severe attack of influenza. We hope he is none the worse for attending the London Branch meeting at Scotland Yard on the 16th ultimo.

We congratulate the 2nd Battalion on having now over 400 Life Members in the Past and Present Association and the Margate Sub-Branch on having at its recent meeting enrolled thirteen.

We tender to Mr. J. C. McGregor of the 7th Battalion, our sincere sympathy on hearing of the death of his wife. The late Mrs. McGregor was a keen member of the Ladies' Guild, London Branch, which she joined last year at Wrotham.

Mr. Gordon Lindlay, M.C., is hoping for a big muster of the 8th Battalion at "Ye Olde Rainbow," Fleet Street, on March 23rd. Dinner tickets, 4/6, may be had on application to him at 25 Furze Lane, Purley.

Captain Carter, "Spud" Austen, Amey Ainge, Wally Tapsell, Charlie Hill and Benny Cook have all been on the sick list. We are pleased to say all are on the road to recovery.

We hear the Reunion Dinner and Ladies' Festival of the London Branch is to be held at the Florence Restaurant, Piccadilly, on May 4th. The Band of the 2nd Battalion will play during dinner and at the Ball. Tickets are 6/- from Mr. H. Burt, 131 Peckham Rye, S.W.15.

The London Branch has several good men seeking employment in almost every capacity. Please write to Captain Enright, 26 Doyle Road, S.W.17, or telephone Battersea 2657.

## Births, Marriages, Deaths.

### BIRTHS.

**Bailey.**—6282150 L/Sgt. W. Bailey, a son, William Stephen James, born at Northfleet, 11/1/29.

**Cloke.**—6394848 Pte. B. Cloke, "C," a daughter, Dorothea Edith Alice, born at New Romney, 21/1/29.

**Kennedy.**—5718152 L/Cpl. A. J. Kennedy, a son, Alfred John, born at Families Hospital, Shorncliffe, 23/1/29.

**Williams.**—485291 Pte. W. Williams, "B," a son, Stewart John, born at Aldershot, 7/1/29.

**Woolley.**—6281985 Pte. J. Woolley, "H.Q.," a son, Thomas Walter, born at Consett, Co. Durham, 24/11/28.

### MARRIAGES.

**Bates—Hendy.**—6282484 Pte. G. Bates, "H.Q.," married at Chelsea, 6/10/28, to Edith Maud Hendy.

**Cathrae—Lawson.**—4265157 Pte. T. Cathrae married at Tynemouth, 15/12/28, to Mary Jane Lawson.

**d'Arcy Symonds—Cook.**—On January 29th, 1929, very quietly, at St. Gabriel's, S.W., by Bishop Southwell and the Bishop of Lewes, H. d'Arcy Symonds, The Buffs, to Hester, younger daughter of the late Bishop of Lewes and Mrs. Cook.

**Fry—Clinker.**—6281876 Cpl. C. Fry, "C," married at West Green, London, 16/12/28, to Edith Clinker.

**Garratt—Cassidy.**—4443260 Pte. W. Garratt married at Bishopswearmouth, Durham, 26/12/28, to Mary Alice Cassidy.

**Hawkins—Andrews.**—6282054 Pte. W. Hawkins, "A," married at Iwade, Kent, 25/12/28, to Dorothy Ann Andrews.

**Mitchell—McAnally.**—6283592 Pte. T. Mitchell, "A," married at Newcastle-on-Tyne, 28/1/29, to Catherine McAnally.

**Relf—Pipe.**—750159 Pte. E. Relf, "M.G.," married at Hadlow, Kent, 12/1/29, to Bertha Emily Pipe.

**Spence—Truslove.**—6282921 L/Cpl. W. Spence, married at Hinckley, Leicester, 15/12/28 to Florence May Truslove.

### ENGAGEMENT.

The engagement is announced between Jack A. Botley, late The Buffs, second son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Botley, of Broadstairs, and Ada D. (Dolly) Bostock, only daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Bostock, of Spondon, Derbyshire, and Mrs. Bostock, of Ramsgate.

"Times," 26/1/29.



## Obituary.

MRS. B. R. K. TARTE.

A large circle of friends, notably all connected with the Cotswold Hunt, will learn with deep regret of the bereavement Lieut.-Colonel B. R. K. Tarte, of Woodleigh, Cheltenham, has suffered through the death of Mrs. Tarte, which took place on Monday. Mrs. Tarte, whose maiden name was Miss Aimée Grimké-Drayton, was the daughter of Mr. Theodore Grimké-Drayton, a member of an old family of the American Southern States. She was, therefore, a sister of the late Mr. G. Grimké-Drayton, of Clifford's Manse, who some years since was Deputy Lieutenant of Gloucestershire. Mrs. Tarte took no part in public affairs, but was a lady of great literary ability. She was passionately fond of hunting, riding and boating, and, like her husband, was greatly interested in all matters concerning the Cotswold Hunt, with which they have been prominently connected since they came to Cheltenham about eight years ago. When Lieut.-Colonel Tarte left the Service in 1905, he and Mrs. Tarte lived at Foley Lodge, Stockcross, Newbury, and in the village church of Stockcross a memorial service will be held. The remains will be cremated in London, and in fulfilment of the deceased lady's wishes, her ashes will be strewn on the Henley reach of the Thames. The deceased lady leaves no family.

## Correspondence.

To The Secretary.

Sir,

I wish to convey my very best thanks to you for your kindness in sending me that lovely Christmas pudding. I can assure you I appreciate it very much.

It is nice to think that in the evening of my days I am not forgotten by the old Regiment, of which I am so proud. I still keep in touch with the old Regiment by taking *The Dragon* in monthly and which I can assure you I would not be without. I was very interested some time back by the articles Colonel Moody was writing, more especially in the wreck of the *St. Lawrence*, 1876, of which I was one of the women aboard. Thanking you once again, Sir, for your kindness and the best of luck to the old *Dragon*.

22 Alma Street,  
Canterbury.

Yours respectfully,  
(Mrs.) MARY JOHNING.

To The Editor, "The Dragon," Kent.

Dear Sir,

With apologies for having to be reminded my subscription was due I now send same on. If I was to write an official minute I would say "It won't occur again." I hope it doesn't.

Not many of the old crowd remember me, but I was one of the crowd who visited the Cenotaph last year when the wreath was laid. The next time I come home I may find time to pay a call, but there will be none left who will remember me. How quickly the world changes, eh!

Bill Dowling is on leave at the moment. He and I are the only two left in the Police who deserted the Corps in 1912.

Trusting the future is a bright one for *The Dragon*, the whole Regiment and a non-worrying time for you, Believe me to be,

Goping,  
F.W.S. Yours, (a rotten scribe),  
TOM BURKE.

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Staff Vacancies.

Dear Sir,

There are a number of vacancies in various departments in the Engineering Organisation of the above firm and I would greatly appreciate anything that you can do to assist me in finding men to fill them, either from among the ranks of the Old N'Ions, or from among your friends and acquaintances. Particulars of the vacancies are as follows:—

**RADIO DEPARTMENT.**—A number of engineers are required to assist in the design, testing and installation of Radio Equipments of all powers for broadcasting and for commercial telephony and telegraphy, including short wave. A sound knowledge of the principles of telephony and A.C. theory is essential.

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**LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.**—The vacancies in this department are for men to assist in the preparation of Handbooks covering the operation and maintenance of all the products of this Company, including Carrier Telephone and Telegraph Equipments, Repeaters, Radio Equipments, Supervisory Control and Fire Alarm Systems, etc. Actual experience in this class of work is not essential, but applicants should have a good technical education and should be capable of expressing themselves clearly and concisely.

In all cases applicants should have taken the electrical course and should preferably hold the B.Sc. or an equivalent qualification. Where an applicant has had no previous experience of the class of work involved, he would be offered a salary of from £3 to £4 per week, but where he has had previous experience, particularly as regards Radio, a higher salary would be offered according to the value of the experience.

Applicants should write to me at the above address, giving full particulars as regards training and experience.

Thanking you in anticipation of your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

J. C. BRADFORD.

(We are indebted to Lieut. A. B. A. Osmond and the London Branch for the above. Editor).

## Our Contemporaries.

We acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of the following Journals:—

"The Snapper." "Queen's Own Gazette." "The Die-Hards." "St. George's Gazette." "Aldershot Command News." "The Lion and The Rose." "The Bugle." "The Green Howards' Gazette." "The Royal Tank Corps' Journal." "On The March." "Journal of the Society of Army Historical Research." "British Legion Journal." "Journal of the Hon. Artillery Company." "Journal of the Nigeria Regiment." "The London Scottish Regimental Gazette." "The Sapper." "The Red Hackle." "The Oak Tree." "The Tiger and The Sphinx." "Journal of the Royal Army Service Corps." "Hampshire Regimental Journal." "The Sprig of Shillelagh." "The Men of Harlech."



### Round and About.

**THE GREAT FROST.** My only observation under this heading is "Roll on the thaw." This has the merit of brevity and represents the point of view of the man who prefers summer sports.

**WEATHER FORECASTS.** At a time when weather vagaries seem to monopolise the newspapers and the conversations of most individuals, it is perhaps fitting to recall that on Monday, February 11th, 1929, it was confidently predicted in my morning paper that mild weather was coming. This was the morning on which I was blown out of bed by an east wind.

My touching faith in meteorologists and their inexact science received a further blow the other day, when L'Abbé Moreau, the French weather prophet who is usually right, "blew the gaff" about his job and said that tossing-up for it was the only safe method.

**RUM MEMORIES.** The intense cold has brought me one great consolation. I was trying the other day to devise a hot drink for a late skating party when the magic word "rum" stood before my eyes in letters of fire. And then I remembered how tots of that life-giving stuff had tasted and acted in the sodden low-lying ground at Rue du Bois, near Armentières, and in the Struma Valley in that very severe winter of 1917-1918. I also remembered a Base Depot Camp at Rouen in February, 1915, and if these lines should catch the eye of Captain Humphrey Raikes he will also recall the amiable French couple who ran the Mess there and the Irish M.O. who liked his "Rum hot" just as much as we did. The absence of boards on the floors of the tents worried us not overmuch, despite frost and some snow. If I were a poet I would write a long poem and call it the "Epic of Rum" and I would not forget to mention those dismal souls who protested on moral or some such grounds against the rum ration for the troops. For some reason I have not tasted the delectable stuff since 1918 and the scent of it, even more than the taste, brought memories crowding upon one another.

**SMELLS.** Rudyard Kipling has more than once referred to the magic of smells; how they bring vividly before one something long since left behind. In the "Five Nations" there is the homesick cry of the N.S.W. trooper whose nostrils were suddenly assailed by the "smell of the wattle at Lichtenberg, riding in in the rain." In addition to rum, as already observed, two other smells chiefly remind me of war days. One is wood smoke and the other that very lingering and insistent smell of decaying cabbages and roots. The first I classify as one of the good war-smells. The second is too strongly suggestive of Ypres at the time of the second battle to be pleasant.

**MURDER MOST FOUL.** I dined the other night in the company of some fellow cricketers. After the meal there was song of all sorts. Some good beyond description and utterly outside one's powers of quotation. The best of all (and the most elusive) concerns the birth of a son and heir to an important royal lady. It is sung to a hymn tune and is packed with good lines such as "there was a sound of revelry at Ealing." Although the song is not disrespectful, Rabelaisian, or otherwise actionable, it would be impossible to reproduce its gorgeous words. Someday, in years to come, it will be in every respectable anthology of witty verse of this period. But I started with a heading about murder. "Let us return to our muttuns." Late in the evening a nice,

harmless young man with a resounding baritone voice sang that delicious song which enquires where the various members of the Battalion, etc., are. Many will remember it: "If you want to find the Private (or Corporal, Sergeant, Quarter, Officer, General, etc.) we know where he is, etc., etc." The bold baritone sang the wrong tune and, wherever possible, ruined the words with such alternatives as "If you want to find poor Tommy, etc., etc." Some few who really knew the words and tune finally could bear the massacre of a beloved song no longer and by dint of shouting the true version restored some of the atmosphere to the occasion.

"JOURNEY'S Here, apparently, is the war play for END." which we have all been waiting. There was "Havoc" (good in parts and ghastly in others). "Tunnel Trench" which unfortunately deteriorated into a sermon against war and ceased to be a play and one or two others with propaganda as their main theme. "Journey's End" is the best play because it is not trying to teach, preach or make anything "safe for anybody." It is doing the job of the real play, namely, telling a story about people who might have been you, me or a hundred thousand other folks, in the truest possible way. In the same way R. H. Mottram's "Spanish Farm trilogy" is incomparably better than C. E. Montague's only occasionally excellent "Rough Justice" which is often marred by unreasoning prejudice and false values.

### The Buffs' Golfing Society.

R.A. GOLFING SOCIETY v. THE BUFFS GOLFING SOCIETY.

Played on February 10th at North Hants, Fleet.

		SINGLES.	
		<i>R.A.G.S.</i>	<i>The Buffs.</i>
Major King ...	0	N. R. Reeves (3 & 2)	1
Major Russell ...	0	W. C. Lamarque (8 & 6)	1
Major Archdale (4 & 3)	1	C. T. Kenward ...	0
J. W. D. Wood (3 & 2)	1	J. E. King ...	0
Lt.-Col. Boyd (8 & 7)...	1	Major H. de R. Morgan	0
R. B. Woods (6 & 4) ...	1	Major J. V. R. Jackson	0
Capt. Thompson (2 up)	1	R. F. Parry (4 & 2) ...	1
J. D. H. Boyt ...	0	Capt. C. E. Wilson ...	0
	5		3

		FOURSOMES.	
King and Russell ...	0	Reeves and Lamarque (3 & 1) ...	1
Boyd and Archdale ...	½	Kenward and King ...	½
Wood and Woods (9 & 7)	1	Morgan and Jackson	0
Thompson and Boyt ...	½	Parry and Wilson ...	½
	2		2
Total ...	7	Total ...	5

The match arranged against the Royal Warwickshire Regiment for February 13th was scratched, owing to frost.

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# Battles of the Buffs.

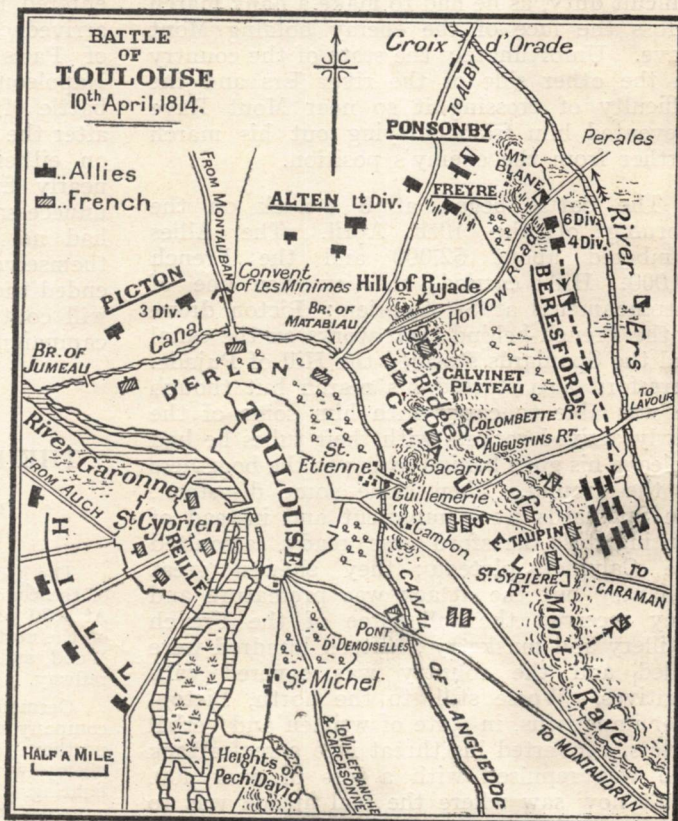
No. 34.

TOULOUSE,

10TH APRIL, 1814.

AFTER the combat of Aire both Wellington and Soult paused for a short time, each thinking that the other was more powerful than in reality he was. On the 18th March, however, Wellington started to press Soult eastwards towards Toulouse and on the 19th and 20th March took place two small actions, the combat of Vic Bigorre and that of Tarbes. The former is worthy of mention by reason of a rather remarkable piece of reconnaissance and the latter owing to its combined violence and brevity. In the former Wellington wished to know the strength of the French rearguard holding a certain hill, but the fire of the skirmishers for a time prevented a reconnaissance being made: one Capt. Light, therefore, rode forward as if to penetrate the line and then leaned back in his saddle as if fatally hit—his horse appeared to canter wildly along the line of the French skirmishers who held their fire as they thought they had already hit him; but, passing through the skirmishers, Light suddenly put spurs to his horse and galloped along the French line—counting the regiments as he passed. His sudden appearance and his confidence and speed saved him, and he then crossed the hill and dashed through the skirmishers from the rear, reporting to Wellington on his return that there were five regiments in position.

Towards the end of March Soult took up a position in the town of Toulouse and set to work to strengthen its already strong natural defences. As may be seen from the accompanying sketch, Toulouse is protected to the west by the river Garonne in the bend of which the suburb of St. Cyprien, originally protected by an ancient brick wall, was now strengthened by an outside entrenchment. Its northern and eastern faces are covered by the Canal de Languedoc, and the suburbs of Guillemerie and St. Etienne, with the neighbouring hills of Cambon and Sacarin on the east, were also entrenched. To the east of the canal was a high ridge which goes by the name of Mont Rave, on which redoubts were constructed. The southern flank was the only unprotected one but the ground here was flat and marshy and the suburb of St.



Michel provided another outwork. Soult entrusted the defence of St. Cyprien to Reille, the northern portion to D'Erlon and the east to Clausel.

Wellington decided to try and force a crossing over the river higher up above Toulouse, that is to say to the south. The river was however swollen by snow from the mountains, and at first Hill failed to cross. He succeeded on the 31st March but the nature of the country was found to be impracticable for manoeuvre and he was recalled. Beresford was therefore sent to try the same thing to the north and on 3rd April he crossed 15 miles to the north of Toulouse, while Hill with his corps and the Buffs remained, in order to threaten St. Cyprien. The Garonne was again flooded, but on the 8th the whole force, except for Hill, was across and Wellington made his dispositions for attack: he directed Picton to make a threat against the northern face; Beresford was to march his corps along the



river Ers till due east of Toulouse and then to attack up the Mont Rave; whilst Freyre and his Spaniards was to attack the Hill of Pujade, at the northern end of Mont Rave, and then to advance down it from north to south in conjunction with Beresford's attack. It will be seen that Beresford had the most difficult duty, as he had to make a flank march across the face of the enemy holding Mont Rave. Unfortunately the state of the country on the other side of the river Ers and the difficulty of crossing it so near Mont Rave prevented him from carrying out his march further from the enemy's position.

The battle began at 6 o'clock on the morning of the 10th April. The Allies numbered about 52,000 and the French 40,000. Hill carried the exterior line of entrenchments at St. Cyprien: Picton drove in the French behind their works on the canal and the Spaniards stormed the Hill of Pujade. Beresford also started his march but though he was able to carry with him some of the newly arrived rockets with their tubes he had to leave his guns behind owing to the boggy ground. Then came some disasters: the Spaniards were impatient and instead of waiting till Beresford was ready, assaulted the Calvignet plateau; they shewed great gallantry but the attack was premature and they received the full force of the French artillery and musketry; fifteen hundred were killed and the country was covered with fugitives. Worse still, to the north, Picton, ever impetuous, in spite of written and verbal orders, converted his threat into a real attack and was repulsed with a loss of over 400. Soult now saw where the real attack was to develop and accordingly moved his troops to receive it, but for some reason he only ordered one division to attack Beresford while on the march. Moreover this division waited for its artillery to arrive and in consequence Beresford was formed to his new direction, the west, before the attack materialised. The leading line received the French with a heavy fire, while the second and third lines, formed into squares, met and repulsed the cavalry. The French turned back up the hill and were so closely pressed by Beresford that they poured together into the St. Sypiere redoubt. Later Beresford resumed the attack and after desperate fighting seized three-quarters of Mont Rave and at 5 p.m. Soult retired to the other side of the canal. So finished the battle of Toulouse.

Next day Soult made ready to receive another attack, but Wellington wished to make it from the south and was not yet

prepared to do so. However, he sent his light cavalry to menace Soult's communications from the south. This shewed Soult that he would be soon shut up in Toulouse and on the night of the 12th he withdrew from the town leaving behind the severely wounded. On the 13th Wellington entered in triumph, and that very day there arrived couriers with the news of the capture of Paris by the Allies, the deposition of Napoleon and the end of hostilities. The battle of Toulouse had therefore been fought after the termination of the war and the losses on either side, three thousand French and nearly five thousand Allies, had been quite unnecessary. During this battle the Buffs had no opportunity specially to distinguish themselves and they suffered no losses. So ended the Peninsular War and the next article will contain a short review of this six-years' campaign.

E.F.H.

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## THEIR BATTLES OVER AGAIN.

THE 8TH BUFFS AT MESSINES, 1917.

By "Signals."

The attack of the 8th Buffs on June 14th was part of the concluding operations of the Battle of Messines. At 7.30 p.m. the battalion assaulted the spoil bank, on the north side of the Ypres-Comines Canal by Battle Wood, and also the trenches between the bank and the railway.

German artillery fire caused few casualties to the company on the right during the advance; but the northern face of the bank was strongly held, and the enemy were only subdued after fierce hand-to-hand fighting. Two men of the Buffs rushed a machine gun capturing it after killing the crew.

About 30 Germans were killed here and three were taken.

The company on the left, although caught by heavy fire, pressed on farther than they were supposed to go and attacked the enemy dug-outs in the railway embankment, killing many Germans and bringing in four prisoners.

Fighting continued all night, for the rest of the battalion came up and over-ran the whole of the spoil bank, which was honeycombed with dug-outs. Although the Germans still fought fiercely, the whole of the area was cleared and over a score of prisoners were collected.

The surviving Germans sought to escape across the canal at the lock on the eastern side of the spoil bank, but the Buffs kept this point under heavy fire.

Directly it was light on the morning of the 15th hostile aeroplanes came over to locate the trenches of the Buffs. The machines swooped low and machine-gunned the captured position, which was bombarded all day.

When the battalion was relieved at night it had lost about 120 of all ranks, including 10 officers.

(Daily Mail).



# Records of Other Regiments.

XLVI.



## THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

### BATTLE HONOURS.

Borne on the Regimental Colour.—“Gibraltar, 1704-05,” “Louisburg,” “Quebec, 1759,” “Martinique, 1762,” “Havannah,” “St. Lucia, 1778,” “Maida,” “Egypt, 1882,” “Abu Klea,” “Nile, 1884-85,” “South Africa, 1900-02,” “Afghanistan, 1919.”

Borne on the King's Colour.—“Retreat from Mons,” “Marne, 1914-18,” “Ypres, 1914, '17, '18,” “Somme, 1916, '18,” “Pillekem,” “Hindenburg Line,” “Italy, 1917-18,” “Gallipoli, 1915,” “Palestine, 1917-18,” “North West Frontier, India, 1915, 1916-17.”

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The 1st Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment (the old 35th Foot) was raised at Belfast, in 1701, by the Earl of Donegal, being known in its earliest days as “The Orange Lilies,” from the facings which were said to have been specially granted by William of Orange in recognition of its Colonel's previous services.

In 1702 the regiment was detailed for sea-service, and accompanied the fleet on expeditions to Cadiz and the West Indies. The 35th also shared in the Defence of Gibraltar, 1704-5, and in the Spanish Wars which followed. At the siege of Barcelona the 35th had the task of defending Fort Monjuich, and here the gallant Earl of Donegal died a soldier's death. In acknowledging the services rendered by the regiment on this occasion, King Charles of Spain wrote to Queen Anne as follows:—

“Madam, my Sister,

It is always with the utmost satisfaction that I do justice to those worthy persons who signalized themselves by their conduct and valour in Your Majesty's service and mine. My Lord Donegal was remarkably so, when alive, and his brave regiment, the 35th Foot, and particularly on the last siege of my city of Barcelona, both in his quickness in succouring it from Gerona and the long, valiant defence he and his brave Regiment made in Fort Monjuich, when he lost his life in the assault. It is in great measure due to him and his gallant Regiment that I am indebted for the preservation of that Capital and it may be for all the possessions I now hold in Spain.”

The 35th returned from Spain in 1707, and spent the next forty-eight years in Ireland, from whence they proceeded across the Atlantic, just at the dawn of that heroic age when “in order that America might be safe and great, Englishmen struggled through the surf at Louisburg and clambered up the heights of Abraham.” It was on the latter occasion, when Québec was taken after the battle in which the two

rival generals, Wolfe and Montcalm, were both killed, that the 35th met and defeated The Royal Roussillon Grenadiers, the “crack” corps of the French Army. As souvenirs of their victory the 35th adopted “The Royal Roussillon March” as their regimental quick-step, and also commenced to wear the tall white feather which was the distinguishing feature of the head-dress of the corps they had conquered. Plumes are no longer worn by English line regiments, but the single ostrich feather behind the Star of the Order of the Garter in The Royal Sussex cap-badge at the present day represents the plume they plucked from the Royal Roussillon Grenadiers, one hundred and seventy years ago.

During the American War of Independence the 35th fought at the Battle of Bunker's Hill, when even the enemy paid tribute to the courage of the red-coats, by whose dogged determination, in spite of heavy casualties, the battle was won.

In 1782 the regiment was given the county title of “Dorsetshire.” Seventeen years later we find the regiment under orders for the Duke of York's campaign in Holland, being brought up to strength by volunteers from the Sussex Militia and in 1805 its title was changed to The Sussex Regiment.

The dawn of the nineteenth century found the 35th (now consisting of two battalions) in the Mediterranean, where they took a very prominent part in the Capture of Malta. The King's Colour of the 1st Battalion, 35th Foot, was the first British flag to be hoisted over Fort Ricasoli, when that stronghold was wrested from the French.

The 35th saw a good deal of fighting against the French in Italy, and also took part in the Walcharen Expedition. They were engaged in the Waterloo Campaign, but were not granted the Battle Honour for “Waterloo,” as they were held in reserve at Huy during the fighting, although the officers and men received the Waterloo medal.

In 1832 the 35th was made a Royal regiment; consequently the historic orange facings, so long the regiment's pride, had to be changed to blue.

The present 2nd Battalion of The Royal Sussex Regiment was formed in India in 1854 as the 3rd Bengal European Light Infantry, in the service of the Honourable East India Company. After the Mutiny (in which the regiment received its baptism of fire) the armed forces of “John” Company were transferred to the Crown and the 3rd Bengal European Light Infantry became Her Majesty's 107th (Bengal Infantry) Regiment of Foot.



In 1881, the 35th and 107th were amalgamated as 1st and 2nd Battalions of The Royal Sussex Regiment. It is incorrect to state as some writers have done that the Maltese Cross, which is worn as a collar-badge by The Royal Sussex Regiment, was granted as a reward for the services of the 35th at the Capture of Malta in 1800. As a matter of fact, the Maltese Cross was worn on the shako plates and appointments of the 107th Foot, and of their predecessors the 3rd Bengal European L.I., and was never worn by the 35th prior to 1881, when the two regiments were amalgamated. The Star of the Order of the Garter, the old badge of the Sussex Militia, was also adopted in 1881.

During the Great War the 1st Battalion was retained on the North-West Frontier of India, but the 2nd Battalion landed in France in August, 1914, and took part in most of the great battles there. The 9th Royal Sussex and 8th Buffs served together in the 24th Division during the Great War. So also did the 7th Royal Sussex and 6th Buffs in the 12th (Eastern) Division. The 16th (Sussex Yeomanry) Battalion, The Royal Sussex Regiment and the 10th Buffs (Royal East Kent and West Kent Yeomanry) were brigaded together in the 230th Infantry Brigade of the 74th (Yeomanry) Division—the famous "Broken Spur" Division, which rendered such real "yeoman service" in Egypt, Palestine, Syria, France and Flanders.

Four Victoria Crosses and seventy-seven Battle Honours have been awarded to The Royal Sussex Regiment. Between 1914 and 1919 the regiment mustered twenty-three battalions and saw active service under the most varied conditions imaginable in almost all theatres of war—France and Belgium, Italy, Egypt, Palestine, India, Afghanistan and Russia.

R. MAURICE HILL.

## A Winter Holiday on Ski.

HOW many officers when making plans for spending their winter leave have thought of going to Switzerland? It is always a little surprising to me how few elect to do so, because it is a form of holiday that combines vigorous exercise during whole days out of doors in what must be one of the best climates and often the most perfect weather in Europe, together with the maximum of reasonable comfort, or even luxury if one is prepared to pay for it, in regard to hotel accommodation.

One reason that may deter those who do not give such a holiday a thought is probably that of expense. It is not, however, so costly as may be thought. In the first place it is necessary to avoid a "fashionable" resort. A little enquiry from regular visitors will get over this difficulty, and I will set out below an approximate "overhead" cost of the journey and appurtenances necessary.

It is as well to make it clear that I am writing for the benefit of those to whom the primary essentials are the advantages I have described above and not for those whose enjoyment will be measured by the size of the hotel, the quality of the dance band and the appointments of a bar. There are many places with many hotels which can offer to one willing and able to pay for them all the amenities of a Savoy Hotel or Monte Carlo in the Alps.

To my mind the best that the mountains can offer is to be found by those who master sufficient of the art of ski-ing, and that is not a stern demand, to tour the surrounding country on ski and spend long days in delightful surroundings.

### EXPENSES.

- (a) Return ticket, 2nd Class, from Dover, approx. £8.  
 (b) Hotel expenses approx. £1 per day inclusive. This would secure accommodation at a really good hotel with dancing, etc., in the evening. There are smaller hotels with excellent accommodation and food to be had for about 15/- per day.  
 (c) *Kit.* A pair of special ski-ing boots are essential. These can be bought in Switzerland for about £2 10s. a pair.

**CLOTHING.**—A pair of old riding breeches with putties and several pairs of the thickest socks; two or three jerseys or cardigans; a couple of old jackets; a jacket of waterproof material such as Burberry is a comfort, but not essential. It can be bought on the spot if desired for about 30/-.

SKIS can be hired in Switzerland for about 7/- a week.

Other extras, such as a small rucksack and extra gloves can be purchased out there for an outlay of about 25/-.

An outlay, say, of £30 would cover a holiday of a fortnight quite comfortably. If one stays for three or four weeks the cost rate of course decreases proportionately.

Thirty pounds is not really a staggering sum for what, with any reasonably good weather, should afford a fortnight's pure enjoyment in absolutely fresh surroundings that brings you back feeling as fit as a fiddle. I expect many of us have spent a third, at least, of that sum in a couple of days stay in London with very little to shew for it in the end.

If any read this article and make the attempt I can assure them, or most of them, that they will repeat it and in the light of experience gained, their enjoyment will increase and they will also find they can do it more and more economically.

I will not indulge in any ecstasies on the pleasure to be derived from the gradual mastery of the technique of ski-ing as I have not arrived at that elysium—but most of us get sufficiently fascinated to keep up what appears at times to be a hopeless struggle. It is the next best thing to riding a good horse across a country and is probably even more difficult.

If anyone feels inclined to take this article seriously I shall be only too glad to give any further details regarding kit and expenses if they will write to the Editor.

## Keat's Memorial.

("A THING OF BEAUTY IS A JOY FOR EVER.")

THE pall of the gathering storm clouds, a purple pageantry  
 Flared by the light of an angry sun which sinks in a blood-red sea;  
 The mystical magic of moonlight flooding the woodland glen;  
 The nightingale's song to the roses; the beautiful bodies of men;  
 Such beauty is evanescent; for the storm shall pass in the night,  
 The drift of the flying cloud-wrack blacken the moon's pale light;  
 The song of the nightingale quaver, the rose petal fall to the ground;  
 In the passionate song of the poet true permanence only is found.  
 Blind, it shall bring to you colour; deaf, it shall whisper a sound.

E.C.F.



# Past and Present Association, The Buffs.

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## NEW MEMBERS.

During the period 22/1/29 to 18/2/29 the following new members have been enrolled:—

*Life Members.*—C. S. Whitlock, J. E. Wilson, R. L. Hierons.

*Annual Members.*—C. R. Hancock, J. Carter, F. Sangers, W. Coombes, Mr. Bushell, T. Dean, Mr. May, H. J. Horne, C. Jarman, W. A. Elen, R. Goldsmith, A. H. Cox, H. Bush, G. Poulton, F. Farden, E. Quedsted, E. Paine, A. Andrews, W. Pinfold, R. Harman, C. Jarrett, A. Chalet, G. Arnold, J. Smith, A. Bartlett, J. Butler, E. Skey, F. Doughty, W. E. Breedon, F. J. Lusted, J. W. Amos, H. Orange, G. S. Smallwood, L. Shedd, W. J. Hale, W. Gray, F. Down, C. J. Harris, A. F. Denny, W. Braham, C. R. Tuff, A. G. Jelf, F. G. Oeters, Mr. Sole, J. Bishop, H. Neame, T. A. E. Kemp, H. W. E. Nash, J. Newton, A. G. G. Browning, F. G. Strouts, S. Chapell, J. Cozens, E. Whisker, R. Newlet, F. G. W. Page.

*Associate Members.*—T. Tylor, T. Foord, L. Franklin, J. E. Powell, H. Breedon, A. Mills.

## DONATIONS.

During the period 18/1/29 to 18/2/29 the following donation has been received for the Benevolent Fund:

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## Branch Meetings.

ASHFORD	...	2nd Saturday in each month at The Market Street Hotel, Ashford.
LONDON	...	3rd Saturday in each month.
DOVER	...	2nd Friday in each month at the Drill Hall, Sea Front, Dover.
WEALD	...	2nd Wednesday in each month, October to March inclusive, and in May and July. (March 13th at the George Hotel, Cranbrook).

MEDWAY	...	4th Saturday in each month at the British Legion Club, Military Rd., Chatham, and the "Napier Arms Hotel," Gillingham (alternately).
HYTHE	...	3rd Saturday in each month at "The Star Inn," Stade Street, Hythe.
RAMSGATE	...	Date not yet fixed, but will be held at the Drill Hall.
MARGATE	...	Date not yet fixed, but will be held at the Drill Hall.
SITTINGBOURNE	...	1st Friday in each month at the Drill Hall.
CANTERBURY	...	1st Thursday in each month at "The Ben Jonson," Guildhall Street, Canterbury.

## Ashford Branch.

The usual Monthly Meeting was held at the Market Hotel, on February 9th, 1929. Mr. H. Ades was in the Chair with Mr. F. Tomsett, Vice-Chair, supported by Colonel Findlay and Mr. Dennis, C. Marsh (Secretary and F. Cowell (Assistant Secretary and Treasurer). We are always pleased to welcome Colonel Findlay at our meetings. There is always something we like to know regarding the good work of the Association. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed by the Chairman. It was carried that we open a banking account with Lloyds Bank and that all cheques be signed by the Chairman and Treasurer.

We were sorry that our President, Capt. A. C. Crothall, was unable to be with us owing to the loss of his brother. We were all in sympathy with him. After the business the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

The Sports' Club paid a visit to the South-Eastern Tavern on 13th February and played Darts, Crib and Dominoes finishing up with a draw. Afterwards a nice little Smoking Concert was enjoyed.

On February 15th, twenty members of the Branch paid a visit to the "Dering Arms," Pluckley, for indoor games. A most hearty welcome was given us. There were some good games of Cards, Dominoes and Darts at which our Hosts were the winners.

After the games Mr. H. Ades occupied the Chair with Mr. Oates, our worthy host, in the Vice-Chair and a harmonious evening was spent. We were indebted to ex-Cpl. Kemp (Nancy) for making arrangements for our entertainment. Songs were rendered by Messrs. J. Poile, S. Poile, F. Kirby, Williams, Masters, I. Keefe, (Old Jimmy). A selection on the mandoline was given by our worthy hosts, Mr. C. Oates. Speeches were made by the Chairman and Mr. F. Cowell, Area Representative, who ably explained the aims of the Association and some new members were roped in.

An interesting speech was made by Mr. Oates, who is an old Marine with twenty-five years' service and who became an Associate Member.

Before I finish I should like to say how well Cpl. King looks after doing a bit of work with pick and shovel. He told me that it made him darned stiff. I suppose he found it a little different to dishing up the soup.

The Ashford Branch of the Association have received a kind invitation from Mr. E. P. Thorne, late of The Buffs, to attend the Picture Palace on the 4th April to see the Film, "Guns of Loos." All those wishing to be present please let the Secretary or Assistant Secretary know so that seating accommodation can be arranged for. Parade at Market Hotel about 6 p.m.

F. COWELL.

## London Branch.

The 26th Meeting of the above Branch was held at the Recruiting Depot, Scotland Yard, on February 16th last, with Captain J. E. Enright in the Chair. There was a fairly good attendance of just over 100 members. The Branch gave a hearty welcome to Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Colonel H. Findlay, C.B.E., Major Guy Lee, D.S.O., M.C., Regimental-Sergeant-Major Vaughan and 15 other ranks from the 2nd Battalion.

**FUTURE MEETINGS.**—The Chairman pointed out the unforeseen difficulty of having to find other accommodation. An interesting debate took place and many useful suggestions were offered. It was proposed the matter be left in the hands of the Chairman and Committee to do their best.

**UNEMPLOYMENT.**—A hearty vote of thanks was given to Messrs. J. Atkins and Hale for their endeavours in finding employment for brother Buffs by notifying the Chairman of impending vacancies.

**COMMERCIAL TRAINING.**—The Chairman mentioned that Mr. J. L. Spillette had very generously offered to provide twelve months free commercial training at his School of Commerce, 11 Queen's Road, Wimbledon, to daughters of members of the Association. Up to a total of six can be taken under the offer. Applicants should have left the ordinary day school and have reached a standard of education necessary to benefit by the course. Subjects include Shorthand, Book-keeping, Typewriting, Accountancy, Commercial Arithmetic, etc. It is hoped members having daughters available will readily take advantage of Mr. Spillette's offer by communicating with him at once. The announcement was received with great acclamation and a vote of thanks accorded our generous member.

**CANTERBURY, AUGUST 18TH.**—Proposed by Mr. Burt and seconded by Mr. Clarke that the arrangements for proceeding to Canterbury be left to Mr. Green.

**COLONEL FINDLAY.**—The Chairman mentioned how pleased he and the members were to see Col. Findlay once again. The Colonel gave a short address in which he regretted the difficulty the Branch was in over the finding of a suitable meeting place. However, if a room has to be paid for, he felt sure the Association would see the Branch out. He also spoke about the Canterbury reunion and thought 'Associate' members should pay the full price for their luncheon.

**CONGRATULATION.**—The Branch heartily congratulated the 2nd Battalion on the fine show recently made in running third in the Army Cross Country Championship and for giving such an exceedingly excellent performance in recent boxing events.

**GENERAL SIR ARTHUR LYNDEN-BELL.**—The General was given a special ovation on rising to address the meeting. At once he explained how sorry he was at missing two meetings. He recalled how the meetings brought back to his mind so many happy recollections; he looked round the room and saw Nobbys, Donkeys and Spuds—all dear old friends of his—and many other cheery faces. Unfortunately the General does not reside in London—hence trains wait for no one, so he had to be off. He was given three Branch cheers and left the room with "God bless you all."

**MAJOR GUY LEE.**—There was something about Major Guy Lee which the Chairman—for want of a more appropriate word—called "magnetic." The Major seems to draw the members by his little touches of humour and personal recollections of individuals. After hoping the Branch would soon find a permanent home and get back into its old style of social evening, he mentioned the 2nd Battalion might find it possible to ask the Branch to pay a visit to Aldershot on a suitable day. (Cheers). At the same time, he pointed out the Battalion had had an expensive year and could not do very much. In fact the poor P.R.I. didn't know where to turn, so the members must not expect too much from them. (Several shouts of "We don't expect it.")

**R.S.M. VAUGHAN.**—The Branch welcomed once again R.S.M. Vaughan and were glad he is once more back in harness. He gave us another of his characteristic speeches which are so full of fire as to cause members almost to spring to attention. He went through a resume of Battalion work both on the field of sport and at duty and it was a great satisfaction to everyone to hear how well the Battalion is keeping up the reputation of being second to none.

**BRANCH DINNER AND LADIES' FESTIVAL.**—The Chairman announced this great social event will be held at the Florence Restaurant, Piccadilly, on May

4th next. The Band of the 2nd Battalion will play during the evening. Tables have been ordered and guaranteed for 150 but seating can be arranged up to 200. Tickets can be had now for members and their ladies at 6/- each. It is hoped all who attended last year will be present; also those who did not attend last year. It is going to be a good show. Apply to Mr. H. Burt, 131 Peckham Rye, S.E.15.

There being no other business the members adjourned upstairs, where refreshments and chin wagging was kept up to closing time. J.E.

#### Dover Branch.

The 15th general meeting was held at the Drill Hall, Marine Parade, on Friday last. The chair was taken by Major F. W. Foster at 8 p.m. and there was a good attendance. A letter was read from Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., expressing regret that he was unable to attend. Many members received their membership cards with a Branch Diary and there were a number of subscriptions taken for the thrift club. The Branch strength is now 233. After the business was finished the remainder of the evening was devoted to billiards in the "Findlay" Cup Competition.

The annual Ball of the Dover Branch of the Past and Present Association of The Buffs, held on Wednesday evening, was very successful, there being over 250 present, including the Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman and Mrs. H. E. Russell) and Major Foster (Chairman of the local Branch, Past and Present Association, The Buffs). The drums of the 4th Battalion were on a platform surrounded by palms. In front of these was the "Emden" Trophy, and in the background were the Battalion's Colours. The hall had been decorated with streamers and balloons by the members of the Company and C.S.M. Love and the new red uniforms of some of the drummers adding a touch of colour, the scene was a gay one. Lieut. E. Lynden-Bell, who was to have been present on behalf of his father, Major-General Sir A. Lynden-Bell, could not come because of the weather, which also kept away parties from Margate, Ramsgate and other districts, and officers from the Canterbury Depot. The "Lancers" of some years ago was included in the programme as a novelty, but only four sets took part. Mr. G. Hogben and C.S.M. Love carried out the duties of M.C., and the music was provided by the Arcadians Band.

#### Thanet Branch.

##### MARGATE SUB-BRANCH.

A new Sub-Branch started at Margate. First member enrolled November 1st, 1928; Roll Call, February 11th, 1929, 87.

The first general meeting of members of the Margate sub-branch of the Isle of Thanet branch was held at the Buffs' Drill Hall, Hawley Square, Margate, on Monday evening last. It was a most successful function in every way, and the large club-room was packed with men who had served or were serving in any battalion bearing or having borne, the names of the Buffs.

This sub-branch was initiated in November last, when Captain C. S. F. Witts, Captain Ticehurst, Sergeant-Major Jeffery, M.C., and Mr. C. J. Mullett, were successful in enrolling sixteen new members. Lieutenant G. T. Rogers was asked to act as hon. secretary, pro. tem., and fresh members came in so fast that over sixty names were on the roll in six weeks.

Thursday's meeting was called for the purpose of electing a Committee, treasurer, and hon. secretary. The Secretary of the parent Association, Colonel H. Findlay, came from Canterbury, accompanied by Major Field, of the Buffs' Depot. Colonels F. Mainwaring Dunstan and F. O. Skey, Captain J. I. H. Friend, M.C., Captain C. S. F. Witts (O.C. "A" Company, 4th Battalion) and Lieutenant G. R. Warner (O.C. Margate Detachment) supported them. It must have been mutually pleasing to the officers and other ranks to see so many present. Prior to the start of the meeting the scene was very animated, little groups talking of old times and the chance of further renewals of friendship. A most happy atmosphere pervaded the whole proceedings. Pending the arrival of Colonel Findlay an opportunity was taken of signing on and issuing badges to seventeen new members. On the suggestion of Colonel Findlay, Colonel F. M. Dunstan was requested to preside, and under his bright and breezy chairmanship everyone was at ease and the meeting went with a swing. Speeches were brief, straight from the heart, and to the point. Colonel Findlay was the first speaker, and in a very concise manner explained the aims and objects of the Association. It started less than four years ago and now numbered nine branches. It was second only in importance and numerically to that of "The Guards' Association," and membership was increasing rapidly. The chief of their aims were to maintain and promote esprit de corps, to help old Buffs to obtain employment, to give financial assistance to old Buffs, and to their widows and children, who, through no fault of their own, may be in distressed circumstances, and to administer the Buffs' Cottage Homes. The Association was open for full membership to all ranks of any battalion which bears, or has borne, the title of "The Buffs." The annual subscriptions are:—Officers, 5s.; other ranks, 2s. 6d. Any ladies and gentlemen interested in the regiment who subscribe to the funds of the Association may become honorary members of the Association. The speaker urged as many as possible to become life members. During last year over £1,000 had been expended from the benevolent fund in various manners. No really genuine case is turned down.



Major Field, in addressing the meeting, said the present Buffs took an enormous interest in the Association, and assured any member a great welcome at the Depot when they came up to Canterbury on 18th August next to take part in the Annual Buffs' Memorial Service at the Cathedral. The parade last year, when over 600 ex-Buffs were on parade, made an extraordinarily good impression on the present serving Buffs, the majority of whom were quite young soldiers. He urged everyone to be present.

The Chairman moved a vote of thanks to Colonel Findlay and Major Field for their goodness in coming down to the meeting, thus giving it a good send-off. Their action would be a source of inspiration to endeavour to let this branch outgrow any branch in the country.

Colonel E. O. Skey seconded the proposition, and said he knew from experience how many opportunities there were of lending a helping hand to any old comrade down on his luck.

While the scrutineers were counting the votes for the Committee, Captain J. I. H. Friend was called on to say a few words.

He commenced by saying he could hardly call himself a pukka Buff, because his regiment was the Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles, but when ordered East had to leave their horses in England. He was promptly reminded by the Chairman that it was transferred into the 10th Buffs. Causing hearty laughter when referring to the change to "foot slopping." Captain Friend expressed his pleasure on hearing that this branch had been formed, and would do all he could to help. He was pleased to offer himself as a life member.

Whereupon, Lieut.-Col. E. O. Skey, Lieutenant G. T. Rogers, Councillors, W. C. Redman and W. R. Noble, Messrs. Hubert Reeves, Horace J. Rogers, J. C. Rossale, Edward J. Jones, W. Jarman, Owen L. Grant and C. E. Saxby, also became Life Members.

Colonel F. M. Dunstan is a Vice-President of the Parent Association and is a Life Member of many years standing.

It was decided to have a committee of six members, who would elect their own chairman and delegates to the Thanet Branch. There were nine nominations, thus causing a ballot, resulting in the election of Colonel F. M. Dunstan, Sergeant-Major Johnston, Sergeant-Major Harman, Messrs. E. French, C. Pearce and W. Jarman. Hon. Treasurer, Captain C. S. F. Witts, "The East," Palm Bay. Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. T. Rogers, 25 Warwick Road, Margate.

The membership numbers eighty-seven, including fourteen Life Members and his Worship the Mayor, (Alderman Edward Coleman, J.P.) has become an associate member.

Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., a vice-president of the Association, sent a letter regretting his inability to be present, but expressed his pleasure at the rapid growth of the branch. His Worship the Mayor sent a message regretting his inability to be present, and Councillor W. R. Noble also wrote regretting his absence, but would become a member and help as far as possible.

### Canterbury Branch.

The Third Monthly Meeting of the Canterbury Branch of the Association was held at the "Ben Jonson," Guildhall Street, Canterbury, on Thursday, February 7th, at 7.30 p.m. Major Keeler took the Chair in the absence of Brig.-General R. C. McDouall.

Colonel Findlay kindly called in and helped us to make a happy evening.

The Annual Branch Dinner will take place on the 10th of April. Will Branch Secretaries please remember the date.

Membership is still on the increase, six new Members in a week. The total is now 140. "Tich" Mears is planning a Campaign to Bridge where he hopes to make an addition to our number and probably find a few Dart Champions.

The next Meeting will be on Thursday, March 7th, at 7.30 p.m. when it is hoped that Members turn up in large numbers to make the evening a successful one.

G. W. PERCE,

Secretary.

### Sittingbourne Branch.

The Inaugural Meeting of the Sittingbourne Branch was held at the Drill Hall, Sittingbourne, on Tuesday, January 22nd, at which there was a good attendance. In the unavoidable absence of Colonel Findlay, the meeting was addressed by Major D. J. Dean, V.C. who briefly explained the objects of the Association.

Its main objects, he said, were to foster the spirit of comradeship of the Buffs, formed in the Great War and to render financial support to any member who may be unfortunate enough to need it.

The election of officers then took place. Capt. A. J. Bedelle, then proposed Major Dean as Chairman of the Branch and on being seconded by Mr. F. G. Strouts, the proposition was carried unanimously. Major Dean then proposed Capt. Bedelle as Vice-Chairman. This was seconded by Mr. O. G. Hartridge and also carried unanimously. Major Dean then proposed Mr. M. T. Denne as Branch Secretary. This was seconded by Mr. A. G. G. Wakelen and carried. Sgt.-Instructor H. G. Freeman was elected Treasurer on the proposition of Major Dean, seconded by Mr. A. Wood. The following Committee was elected:—Messrs. P. W. Johnson, F. C. S. Wood, D. G. Hartridge, J. E. Partridge, A. E. Foster and S. Chapel.

The Branch Rules, submitted by Headquarters in draft form, were read by the Chairman who moved their adoption. This was seconded by the Chairman and carried.

It was then decided to hold monthly meetings on the first Friday in each month.

At intervals during the evening a concert was given by Messrs. J. Rishbridger, Archie Hartridge and A. Beach (at the piano).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—The following officers were unanimously elected for a period of twelve months:—

Chairman: Major D. J. Dean.

Vice-Chairman: Capt. A. J. Bedelle.

Secretary: Mr. M. T. Denne.

Treasurer: Sgt.-Instr. H. G. Freeman.

Committee: Messrs. P. W. Johnson, F. Wood, D. G. Hartridge, J. E. Partridge, A. E. Foster and S. Chapel.

Relief Committee: Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

MONTHLY MEETINGS.—It was decided to hold the monthly meeting on the first Friday in each month.

BRANCH RULES.—The Branch Rules were read by the Chairman who moved their adoption, which was carried.

FINANCE.—It was arranged that a collection for the benefit of the Branch Benevolent Fund be made at the monthly meetings.

ENROLMENT OF NEW MEMBERS.—The following new members were enrolled:—

One Life Member; eight Ordinary Members and two Associate Members.

The Second Meeting of the Branch was held on Friday, February 1st, under the Chairmanship of Major Dean. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed by the Chairman.

The chief item on the Agenda was to arrange for forthcoming social events and after discussion it was decided to arrange a Whist Drive for our next meeting on March 1st, to which the ladies are cordially invited.

After the business had been transacted an impromptu Whist Drive was held the first prize being won by Mr. S. Bareham.

During the evening five new members were enrolled.

SUGGESTIONS.—The following suggestions were made:—

- (1) That a Whist Drive be arranged.
- (2) Formation of Miniature Rifle Team.
- (3) Rifle Shooting Competitions.
- (4) Visiting other Branches.

M.T.D.

## The Buffs as Gunners.

Our attention is drawn to the fact that, apparently by a private arrangement by the O/C. Southern Command with Major Gullich, O/C of the 3rd Vol. Battalion The Buffs, which embraced the Isle of Thanet Area the latter called for volunteers to man several strong posts on the coast in the vicinity of Pegwell Bay, Margate and Birchington, where sections of 15 pounders were posted. At Margate No. 1 Platoon, under Lieuts. C. R. Beaumont and P. Webster of the "A" Company, was responsible for the post at Foreness. Intensive drilling soon made them efficient. Artillery duties commenced in December, 1916, and in the early spring following when inspected by Gunnery Officers including General FitzHornly, V.C., earned econiums when at live target practice. Their Gun Laying and series obtained excellent marks in every instance, the drills being accomplished in less time than the Regular Army Standard. The Regular Officers were astounded at the rapidity in which the Margate Section had absorbed their difficult task and all concerned were heartily congratulated.

## Fixtures, 1929.

- Apr. 25 & 26. Golfing Society. Spring Meeting at Littlestone.
- May 26. March to Cenotaph.
- June 19. Dragon Club Dinner.
- Aug. 3-9. Canterbury Cricket Week.
- " 17. Past and Present Cricket Match.
- " 18. Annual General Meeting, Past and Present Association.
- Memorial Service, Canterbury.
- Oct. 16 & 17. Golfing Society, Autumn Meeting at Royal St. George's.

## Mrs. Smithers.

(ON FORGETFULNESS).

"NO," Mrs. Scrubbers. "My old man aint like yourn—ees so forgetful. Yer know 'e got drenched through last night and 'is clothes were all soaked wet."

"I'm so upset to 'ear it, Mrs. Smivvers. It's such a shame the army won't let our men carry umbrellas when they goes a route-marching and night attacking."

"It aint rain that drenched 'im my dear. Why, the silly old thing went and 'ad a bath and forgot to take 'is clothes off."

"Good gracious! yer surprises me. Of course, 'e didn't mean to do it—did 'e? I does feel so sorry for 'im, Mrs. Smivvers and 'opes 'e aint got a cold."

"Oh no, my dear; but 'e got summit 'ot when the C.O. 'ad 'im for being absent off parade whilst 'is clothes were adrying this morning."

"I'm so sorry, Mrs. Smivvers. I say—what's yer old man a-doing now?" There was no doubt about Mrs. Scrubbers being visibly affected as she wiped her eyes with a spare end of a *Daily Mail*.

"It's nothing for yer to cry about" spoke Mrs. Smithers. "It aint anything to do with you what Mr. Smithers does and after all 'ees my old man and not yours. If yer wants to know 'e is waiting I spects for the canteen to open; there we shall find 'im round a side wall while 'is pals like old Tomsett, Amy Ainge, Billy Marchant and Smudger Smiff are a-rushing 'im out pints in the dark. Then the bugle sounds 'jankers' and off 'e'll fly across the barrick square to answer 'is name. Oh, 'ee's so forgetful. The other night 'e fell in outside the guard room with a pint pewter of beer in 'is 'and; and the provost sergeant drank the beer and shoved Mr. Smithers in the clink, and charged 'im wiv a-pinching the pot and 'e got another seven days."

"It's so dreadful, Mrs. Smivvers—I remembers my 'usband could never think about what 'e was a doing; just like yourn" replied Mrs. Scrubbers. When 'e played football for the regiment—yes, the regiment my dear, not the 'Defaulter's Club'—and 'is team won, the officer used to tell the men to go to the canteen and 'ave a pint; believe me, Mr. Scrubbers would forget what 'e was told until the officer reminded 'im some time afterwards."

"Well, Mrs. Scrubbers, I must say you wouldn't get my old man forgetting anything with a canteen flavour in it. But your old man aint got 'is brains to remember such important matters such as free beer."

"It aint that exactly, Mrs. Smivvers. It was that Mr. Scrubbers forgot the 'quantity' the officer said 'e could 'ave. Not only did my old man buy up the beer of the bun and tea wallers who played football for 'alf price, but 'e 'ad a quart at the officer's expense instead of a pint. Of course, my dear, 'e didn't mean to do it—but 'ees so forgetful."

"Oh well, your old man 'as more brains than I thought 'e 'ad."

The great boom of the new 'English' egg had caused quite a flutter in the married quarters. Mrs. Smithers was determined to be first to try its merits so she purchased one off Naffy for her husband's breakfast. To appreciate the importance of an 'English' egg as now placed before the public, it must be stated that it bears a Union Jack on the shell, but Mrs. Smithers impressed upon Mrs. Scrubbers that from experience it did not follow the national emblem was a guarantee of the goodness of the egg inside the shell.

"I quite agrees, Mrs. Smivvers—yer're quite right. Look at old Bodger Brown—one of the worst blokes the regiment ever 'ad. Yet, when 'e pegged out my dear, they covered 'im wiv a Union Jack. Oh, I did feel sorry for Mrs. Brown under such tragic circumstances. To think 'e should 'ave done a twelve miles route march in the morning and was just a-going to the canteen before a coming 'ome to dinner, when 'e slipped and struck 'is 'ead on a crate of lemonade bottles outside the coffee shop."

"The egg was purchased and duly taken home by Mrs. Smithers and the printed instructions as to how it should be cooked to obtain the best results read carefully over and over again. The first thing that happened to the egg was Mr. Smithers accidentally sat on it owing to the gross carelessness of his good wife depositing the article in his chair. It was discovered afterwards with not even a crack in the shell and the view that it was a 'good' egg was at once confirmed. Then it got dropped and immediately pounced upon by the cat who commenced to pat it all round the floor swearing furiously, until it was finally rescued still unscathed."

"Yer're wouldn't get a foreign egg to stand 'alf of that a-knocking about" said Mrs. Smithers.

"No my dear," replied Mrs. Scrubbers. "There's nothing like an 'English' 'en to lay an 'English' egg. They takes after the artillery, Mrs. Smivvers—always 'aving 'laying' practice to make 'em perfect."

The next morning the egg was duly placed in the saucepan with due ceremony. Unfortunately, Mrs. Scrubbers poked her nose in for a bit of chin wagging, which was the reason for the egg being flopped about the container and severely punished until Mrs. Scrubbers enquired as to the meaning of the rumbling noise.

When eventually the egg was served up, Mr. Smithers tapped it with the back of a spoon—then harder—and harder still. He squinted at it—looked suspiciously at Mrs. Smithers—took it out of the egg cup and examined it, but no signs of a crack had appeared. He hit it with the back of a bread plate with the result the plate flew in half. "Get me the blooming 'ammer" he yelled. "English eggs yer call 'em—why, they're like non-commissioned officers."

"Non-commissioned officers" replied Mrs. Smithers. "What do yer mean?"

"Why, yer've got to smash 'em before they gets broke—that's what I means."

Then standing up his full height he dealt the egg a terrible blow. The egg cup was sent into dust, but the old egg only laughed. It was too much for Mrs. Smithers; she grabbed the egg and rushed off back to Naffy and demanded her money back.

Naffy examined it carefully and turning to Mrs. Smithers said: "No mam, yer can't cook this; it's one of them dummy eggs they as to coax the brooding 'en wiv—got in by mistake. I 'spects it's a case of forgetfulness."

J.E.

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## The 1st Battalion.



THE Battalion returned to Bareilly on December 21st and the final preparations for Xmas were actively engaged in. Company notes testify to the complete success of these arrangements, those responsible for both catering and decorating surpassing themselves. "D" Company won the prize for the best decorated mess-room and justly deserved to do so as their room was a fine example of ingenuity and

artistic talent.

From now onwards until the beginning of the hot weather is the period for Harris Shield events. Time is restricted as the cold weather is all too short, so athletes of all kinds are kept hard at it. The Cross Country Run took place on January 22nd and again "A" Company repeated last year's triumph, not, however, without being closely pressed by H.Q. Wing, who were not many points behind.

On New Year's Eve the bungalow occupied by Mr. Andrews and his family and Mr. Oliver (senior) and Mr. Hill, who lodged with them, was burnt out. Fate has been particularly perverse to Mr. and Mrs. Andrews during their time at Bareilly and everyone hopes that this latest act will be the last and that a run of better luck may follow. Happily, owing to the band of willing and energetic helpers, the loss sustained by the occupants was not as great as might have been expected and most of their property was saved.

Captain Essell and "Dinah" have left us for a tour of duty at the Depot where we hope that they will find both hard work and good hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson have joined us and are busy looking for a bungalow.

We are losing shortly, to our regret, Robin Tuke, famed both for his tactical wizardry and his power with the pen.

For several years he has been Sub-Editor to *The Dragon* for this battalion, a position for which he is amply fitted, possessing as he does a ready pen and a nimble though friendly wit. He leaves us with our best wishes and thanks for the hard work that he has done as our representative on *The Dragon*.

[We very heartily concur.—Editor.]

### Annual Christmas Tree.

The Annual Christmas Tree was held on Friday, January 4th, 1929. As in previous years, all gifts came from England, a good selection being kindly made by Mrs. and Miss Boucher.

The proceedings opened with an excellent tea provided by Khaid Mohd, Bros., our Contractor, to which 200 sat down. Colonel Howard-Smith roped in the officers and initiated them in the art of cutting iced cake, and without exception all carried out this thankless job in a manner worthy of any society bride.

After tea everyone adjourned to the Regimental Cinema to witness the film of the 2nd Battalion receiving their new colours. The most critical experts of drill agreed how excellently it was carried out, and it fully deserves the praise meted out in *The Dragon* and other contemporaries.

Pictures being concluded, the main item of the day, so far as the children were concerned, was the presentation of gifts. Mrs. Howard-Smith, assisted by the ladies of the battalion, had put in some really hard work decorating the Christmas Tree. This, when illuminated, presented a picturesque sight. On arrival at the Gymnasium everyone received from our Regimental Wag (Pte. Brown) a novelty of sorts. Father Christmas soon arrived with his proverbial sack and before starting his presentation put everyone in suspense by fishing in his sack for what he termed "something special." This, when revealed, proved to be a large silver horse shoe and Santa Claus, which, with a little speech, was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, wishing them better luck in the future. The presentation of this gift was the brainwave of Major Hart, and it is to be hoped better luck will come their way after a year of misfortune, which terminated in the burning down of their bungalow on New Year's Eve.

The presentation of gifts then proceeded. Father Christmas (this year ably carried out by Mr. P. R. H. Fox, M.C. in the absence of Mr. Milton, who for the past six years has filled the position) handed each gift to Mrs. Howard-Smith, who likewise handed them on to the fortunate recipient. At the conclusion three cheers were called and lustily given for Mrs. Howard-Smith and everyone went home perfectly contented and voting it the best function of its kind for many years.

C.S.M. Farrow very kindly undertook the thankless job of converting a barn-like building into a veritable fairyland, and his efforts were appreciably rewarded.

SNAVE.

### "D" Company.

In continuation of last month's notes we are preparing, not for a Feu-de-Joie, but a three days' war, otherwise Divisional Manoeuvres.

These preparations being completed by 9 a.m. on Sunday the Battalion (including Staff Wallahs) moved off for this stunt. At 1.30 p.m. we arrived at the Bivouac Pitch No. 1. Then began the stampede; first a battle for pegs, secondly a rush for Char Wallahs and last but not least Mess Tins and Connor. At 8.30 p.m. the Orderly-Sergeant called for silence and warned us against talking for the remainder of the night, which rather bewildered us considering the enemy, we understood, were some ten or fifteen miles away. This order, combined with another one, that we were not allowed to leave our bivouacs between

the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 6.30 a.m. the following morning was really unnecessary as we had just completed a twelve mile march.

After a night's kip we were roused, rolled up blankets and overcoats and prepared to wash and clean up. Owing to the order that the pond was not allowed to be used for washing, Mess Tins again came into use. It is surprising what a useful article of kit a canteen is when at war; char, soup, washing, shaving and carrying socks are only a few of the things it really does. As this was a Pukka war (with aeroplanes) our progress was slow, all kinds of formations coming into use. Eventually, however, we landed up beside a wood and in order to convince us that it was a Pukka do, the Artillery came up from the rear and sent over a few whiz bangs, after which we marched to the Bivouacing Pitch No. 2.

What a shock we received on arrival. We learned that no tea was to be served by order of B.H.Q. They evidently thought that one meal a day, *i.e.*, dinner was sufficient (?). However, dinner was served and "Khaki Blanco" assisted the fortunate ones in obtaining tea.

After a night's rest we moved off at 4.30 a.m. for the next day's exploit. Incidentally, of course, we became convinced that there was a war on, for we actually took up our first offensive position. Seeing that the enemy was on the run, the excitement for that day came to an end (at 5 p.m.). We then re-organized and marched to our last resting place, which was in a Valley, only to find that the grub stakes had not arrived and were not likely to that night. Eventually, however, the Convoy, three hours late, appeared at the entrance to the Valley. Then began the scramble already described in a previous paragraph.

We then got down to what we thought was going to be a good night's kip, but in this we were disappointed as we were rudely awakened three and a half hours later, accompanied by the order "Pack quietly and no noise!" This gave us the idea that the enemy were close at hand, but we tracked across a field or so (nothing unusual) before we found ourselves (at daybreak) engaged in a hand-to-hand fight, or nearly so, for just in front of us, in fact within shouting distance, the crest of a hill was lined with enemy, M.G.'s, L.G.'s and Riflemen, to say nothing of Artillery in the rear. After a brief fight, however, we repelled these and were following up when that wonderful call sounded "Stand Fast" at 6.15 a.m. on the 19/12/28. We then assembled, marched past the G.O.C. (F. M. Sir William Birdwood) formed up in a field and "cheers," embussed for camp, our fights, battles, worries and stripes all over. Here we slept under the old canvas tents, prior to entraining next day en route for Bareilly, where we arrived on Friday morning, safe and sound in wind and limb, if accompanied by "White Ant" affected kit. Here we quickly settled down and after four days "Twas Christmas Day in Bareilly." The best method of dealing with this great Annual Festival is, I think, repeating the day's programme so here goes.

REVEILLE. In time for breakfast.

BREAKFAST, 8 A.M.—This consisted of Eggs, Ham, Bread and Butter and Tea.

CHURCH, 9.45 A.M., consisting of "Good King Wenceslas's."

DINNER, 1 P.M., consisting of three courses:—

Turkey	Roast Pork
Potatoes, B. and B.	Cauliflower
Xmas Pudding and	Custard
Nuts	Oranges
Lemonade	Cigarettes

Wine of Kent.

Altogether a glorious repast. The Hall was beautifully decorated by Pte. James and his assistants. At 1 p.m. the visitors, ladies, etc., began to arrive and the usual greetings were exchanged. At 1.20 p.m. the Commanding Officer and his Aide de camps arrived and standing in the doorway received such a surprise and all but fled to put their names on a special. Anyhow, after a dekho round the C.O., in a brief speech, congratulated the Company on their very excellent turnout and drank what he said would probably be "D" Company's last Xmas toast as a Duty Company. This may sound mystifying to my readers, so I had better explain that the Company is, we understand, being made into a M.G. Company early in the New Year, but more about that anon.

After Dinner the lads wended their way back to the Barrack Room full of, in most cases, both "grub and beer."

In the majority of cases a sleep erased the effects of Kent's wine, and then came tea, comprising of bread and butter, cake, mince pies and tea.

At 7.30 p.m. the Concert commenced, but came to a brief termination at 8.15 p.m. owing to the liveliness caused by a liberal supply of 'ops. As everyone had been served with the good stuff and an enjoyable day spent, it was decided to postpone the Concert until the New Year, which by the way, appears to be the next subject for me to deal with.

"D" COMPANY'S AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY  
Present

A New Year's Concert in the Dining Hall,  
Thursday, 3rd January, 1929.

PROGRAMME.

Stage Manager: PTE. J. JAMES.

Pianist: PTE. F. PHILLIPSON.

1. OPENING CHORUS ... THE COMPANY
2. DUET ... "Stuttering" HEATH AND LAYDON
3. SONG ... "Wave to me" ... PTE. FOX
4. MONOLOGUE ... Selected SGT. HANCOCK
5. SKETCH—"The Modern Divorce"

Author: PTE. F. PHILLIPSON.

Judge.....	PTE. FOX
Usher.....	L/CPL. FRANKLIN
Jurymen.....	{L/CPL. ROWNTREE
	{PTE. HEATH
Husband.....	L/CPL. BARTLETT
Lawyer.....	PTE. REDMAN
Foreman.....	PTE. LAYDON
Wife.....	L/CPL. BROWN
The Other Woman...	PTE. JAMES

INTERVAL.

(Refreshments were served).

6. A MUSICAL SKETCH "Little Brown Baby" ... HEATH LAYDON AND CHORUS
7. SONG "When you Played the Organ" ... L/CPL. ROWNTREE
8. LIGHTNING SKETCHING ... PTE. JAMES
9. SONG ... "Peggy O'Neil" HEATH AND LAYDON
10. SONG "I Don't Mind Being all Alone" ... PTE. LAYDON
11. SKETCH "The Night Club" THE COMPANY

GOD SAVE THE KING.

One of the finest shows yet seen in the Company, in fact many afterwards passed the remark "As good as any Battalion show." Redman and James were as





*Officers 1st Battalion, on manoeuvres.*



*No. 15 Platoon, on manoeuvres.*



good as ever. Fox proved quite a success as a Comedian at the first attempt. Heath and Laydon blended well together in their duets and attracted much favourable comment while Hancock was as funny as ever. Blower, the wife, proved an excellent lady in his maiden effort, and to conclude, the whole show as so good that not a single artist could be picked out for special praise.

Owing to the great success of this party it has been decided to form a permanent Company Concert Party. Lieut. P. R. H. Fox has already managed to get the necessary funds to start this and at the first meeting the following were decided upon:—

*President:* Lieut. P. R. H. Fox.

*General Manager:* Sgt. Hancock.

*Secretary:* Pte. Phillipson.

*Property and Scenery:* Ptes. James and Redman.

*Electric Lights:* Lt/Cpl. Franklin.

*Members:* Ptes. Heath and Fox.

The first Concert will be given during the last week in February and the second one during the last week in March.

"D" Company extend their welcome to the under-mentioned men of the draft, who were posted to the Old Ship on arrival and hope they will have an enjoyable trip with us: Ptes. Sales, Lloyd, Wickenden, Pryor and Morris. Another addition, I understand, connected with the Old Ship is the arrival of Mrs. Hancock, to whom Don Company extend their hearty greetings.

We are sorry to lose the following: Sgt. Blake, and Ptes. Standen and Rabbeth, who embarked at Bombay enroute for Blythe, the first named two, to Civvy Street and Rabbeth to attend a Vocational Course. We trust Joe Blake and Standen quickly settle to their new sphere and find jobs.

During the New Year nothing startling happened with the exception of a few Adjutant's Parades attended by the employed, Bungs Practice and a fire supplied on 31/12/28, which will no doubt be reported elsewhere, so the best thing I can now do is get on with our Sports Programme.

#### Harris Shield Football.

Our Harris Shield Football did not prove the success anticipated, but no doubt we shall be on the heels of the leaders when the final results come through.

#### GAME 1. v. "B" COMPANY.

From the centre Don got away and carried the ball into enemy territory, Stocker putting in a shot which was cleared by horne. From the clearance the ball went to our end, a goal kick, however, relieving the pressure. After a little mid-field play Don got away again, but only a goal kick resulted. Up to this stage "D" had had a little better of the fast exchanges. "B" now came into the picture, their forward line getting away and continued pressure on our goal resulted in "B's" I.R. putting in a ground corner shot which gave Crampton no chance. From the resulting centre Don got away and Teddie had the misfortune to see a good shot go just wide. A little later Newbury sent in a corner, the ball passing right across the goal mouth through a ruck of players. Half time came with no further score. In the second stage, play was even faster. Our forwards got away and J. Batstone had the misfortune to fall over an opponent while the goal was at his mercy. For the next ten minutes the ball was in "B" Company's half, but our team could do everything but score. "B" Company got going again and carried the ball into our half, a goal kick resulting. "B" Company's centre-half gained

possession from this and set his forward line in motion by pushing the ball forward which was quickly taken up by "B's" I.R. who beating Cook, sent in a shot at close range, putting them still further ahead. Shortly after this a penalty was given to "B" but Crampton saved in fine style. Full time came with the score still 2—0. Play had been fast throughout and some good footer witnessed and had our team have had a couple of practice games previously I venture to think the result would have been different.

The following represented us: Crampton, Cook, G. Batstone, Farrell, Purkiss, Bishop, Newbury, J. Batstone, Long (Captain), Stocker and Cox.

#### v. "A" COMPANY.

A couple of changes were made in the team, Cook and Cox being displaced by Bourn and Bartlett. Long won the toss and set "A" Company to face the sun. In the opening stages our forwards carried the ball goalwards and came very close to scoring. From the clearance kick "A" Company got going with a straight rush down field, scoring from a wing pass. This was the first time the ball had been in our half and the injustice of fate seemed to sting our team into vigorous action, for they kept the ball in "A's" half the whole of the time until Bartlett, receiving from Bourn, put in a fine ground shot to the bottom corner, which beat their goalie hands down. Patsy broke up the movement from the resultant centre and a little mid-field play in which the half line was prominent, ensued. Shortly after this Patsy received and put in a drive from twenty yards range, which hit the inside of the upright and rebounded into the net, thus giving us the lead. Our team was playing fine footer and keeping our opponents on the defence when the breather came. Play in the second half was even better than that of the first, two features of note being the first time clearances of the backs and the manner in which the halves plied the forwards with passes. A good movement between Bartlett, Bishop and G. Batstone ended in the latter gaining possession in front of goal and Bandy made no mistake. Play after this began to develop into a rather vigorous nature, chiefly due to excitement but nothing serious happened. After the second series had been in progress for twenty minutes a fine movement between the Batstone Brothers ended in George receiving a splendid opening from Johnnie, Bandy again making no mistake. No further score came and the 4—1 win for us did justice to the game.

The Team was as follows: Crampton, Long, Newbury, Farrell, Stocker, Purkiss, Bourn, J. Batstone, G. Batstone, Bishop and Bartlett.

#### v. H.Q. WING.

A fairly even game ended in our favour by the only goal scored, J. Batstone being the scorer. Both defences played excellent football but the forwards were rather off form and lacked finish. The following did duty for the Old Ship: Crampton, Newbury, Long (Captain), Farrell, Stocker, Purkiss, Bourn, G. Batstone, Bishop, J. Batstone and Bartlett.

#### v. "C" COMPANY.

Long won the toss and selected, to play with the sun at our back. The sun is undoubtedly a great advantage here during the first half for it invariably hampers the team facing it and then disappears for the second session. "C" opened with a straight for goal break away, which, however, ended in a goal kick. Some mid-field play resulted in which the halves shone, particularly Farrell, for us. G. Batstone received and getting away put Bishop through, who scored with a fine shot. "C" Company replied,



Crampton in gathering following a scrimmage, being knocked in the net with the ball. Half time came with no further score. In the second half our forwards missed many good chances through hanging on to the ball too long. Our Wing men also failed to get away when nicely placed with the ball. Our opponents forward line got away and their O.L. beat Crampton with a surprise shot to the left hand corner of the net. Although we had the lion's share of the play until the final whistle came, our forwards could not notch another goal. The same team did duty for us. The defence, with the exception of one mistake by the goalie (a forgivable one) played finely, but the forwards did not combine well together.

The result of "D" Company's Harris Shield Football is as follows:—

Pld.	W.	L.	D.	G.F.	G.A.	Pts.
4	2	2	Nil	6	5	2

**Hockey Harris Shield Competition.**

v. "B" COMPANY.

Played in brilliant sunshine which was an advantage in the toss which "B" won. From the centre bully till the final whistle, play was very fast, the ball going from one end of the field to the other at a terrific rate. After twenty minutes play "B" Company centre-forward was given a fine pass whilst in the circle and scored with a great drive which gave Pratt, who had been playing a very good game, no chance. Just before half time Cook and Perry in turn had bad luck with good drives in the circle. The breather came with no further score. The second half opened at a fast pace and after a little mid-field play Hill pushed the ball in the circle for Cook to go through and score. Soon afterwards "B" Company forced a series of corners which were, however, cleared. Shortly after this our L.B. in clearing fell down and whilst on the ground caught a nasty knock over the eye which put him hors de combat. Play went into "B's" half and Perry missed with the goal at his mercy. Full time came with no further score. A really great game was played by both teams and although more goals should undoubtedly have been scored, a draw on the run of the play was a satisfactory result.

Our Team was: Pratt, Long, C.S.M. Mould, Baker, Stocker, Hills, Lieut. Fox (Captain), Perry, Cook, Newbury and Rabbeth.

v. H.Q. WING.

We had to make two changes in our eleven for this game owing to Lieut. Fox and Cpl. Cook being unable to turn out. Their places were taken by L/Cpl. Franklin and Pte. Smissens, both of whom played a good game. Play was very fast throughout and even, much mid-field play being indulged in. H.Q. scored first and Rabbeth equalized with a fine shot that caused a considerable amount of dispute. Rabbeth shot from the left touch line and the ball swerved into the top left-hand corner. A remarkable shot it is true but an undisputable goal, for the ball was in the net, which was new. Sufficient evidence, me think! In the latter stages "D" pressed hard and Long and Perry were unfortunate with good shots when they had only the goalie to beat. The following did duty for the Old Ship: Pratt, C.S.M. Mould, Franklin, S. Baker, Stocker, Hill, Rabbeth, Smissens, Perry, Long and Newbury.

**Bayonet Fencing Harris Shield Competition.**

This we know is our weak spot, but we still manage to turn out a fighting team so one should not be surprised if "D" Company eventually goes to the top in this branch.

v. "A" COMPANY.

This resulted in a win for "A" Company by six fights to two, L/Cpl. Bartlett and Pte. Stevenson being our only winners.

Our team was: Cpl. Warren, L/Cpls. Bartlett, Franklin and Golding, and Ptes. Ford, Dolan, Smissens, Stevenson and Jones (Team Leader).

v. "B" COMPANY.

Owing to some misunderstanding "B" Company were awarded the full points which I think rather harsh treatment, considering a number of our Company were on the Range.

v. "C" COMPANY.

We beat "C" by five fights to three, Cpl. Warren and Ptes. Smissens and Dolan being our only losers.

The following were our string: Cpl. Warren, L/Cpls. Golding and Bartlett, Ptes. Ford, Smissens, Prior, Dolan, Jones and Redman (Team Leader).

**Harris Shield Cross Country Run (Course 5 miles).**

We furnished the winner in Pte. Marsh, who ran an excellent race with Lieut. Williams and sprinted home to pass the finishing post in 26 minutes 25½ secs. Buddle was the Company's second man home, closely followed by Moore, the latter being rather a surprise, I think. I publish the Company Team below with the respective places of the first five home. The result was:—

"A" Company (1st) ...	378 points
"H.Q." (2nd) ...	388 points
"D" Company (3rd) ...	730 points
"B" and "C" Companies ...	Respectively.

As no doubt our Battalion Editor will have a few words to say on this subject I will not poach on his preserves, but close these notes with the Company Team.

Runner.	Place Bn.	Place Coy.
Pte. Marsh ...	1	1
Pte. A. Buddle ...	5	2
Pte. Moore ...	9	3
Pte. Chivers ...	16	4
L/Cpl. Golding ...	17	5
Pte. Blake ...	...	6
Pte. Lord ...	...	7
Pte. J. Humphrey ...	...	8
Pte. Bailey ...	...	9
Pte. Smissens ...	...	10
Pte. Pinder ...	...	11
L/Cpl. Sharp ...	...	12
L/Cpl. Ashmore ...	...	13
Pte. Addy ...	...	14
Pte. Savage ...	...	15
Pte. P. Robinson ...	...	16
Pte. Wickenden ...	...	17
Pte. Teal ...	...	18
Pte. H. Buddle ...	...	19
Pte. O'Neill ...	...	20
L/Cpl. Oliver ...	...	21
Pte. Phillipson ...	...	22
Pte. Redman	} Did not finish the course.	
Pte. Prior		
Pte. Burnett		

**THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.**

*Private:* "This is my New Year's revolution." (How many per minute?)

*Same Man:* "Regarding the tests, I suppose you know England won the oats." Oh! Steve.

What kind of breed is a Mexican Bull Bitch? (Ask Liz).

*C.S.M., taking particulars:* "Nationality?"

*Private:* "C. of E." (What, another New Country).

## HEARD ON M.G. CADRE PARADE.

*Instructor to N.C.O.*: "What kit do you require to teach Aiming Lesson 1?"  
*N.C.O.*: "Gun, Tripod, Six Foot Target and Aiming Rest."

(Could Bell in Camp enlighten us?)

HEARD AT THE STARTING POINT OF C.R.R.

*Spectator to Runner*: "Yes, you ought to run, seeing how much pice you owe out."

HEARD AT A FOOTBALL MATCH.

*Supporter, to player of own Team*: "Go on, get in. He's got time to let the ball down and blow it up again before you reach him!"

## JOCK'S LAMENT.

"Ye ken those twa gramophone records Davis gid ta me aboot five months gone, weel last night being broke ye ken I thought a'd flog 'em. Got 'em out ma box, an' then drapped 'em on the deck. I was that wild ye ken I turned roond an' punched ma sel on the jaw wi ma left hand an' clean forgot all aboot bein' inoculated yesterday. Ma aim's been sore ever since, ye ken."

## Wedding.

On Saturday, December 29th a very pretty and interesting wedding took place at St. Stephen's Church, Bareilly, between Corporal S. J. Selway and Miss Dorothy Holness.

It is many years since a girl born in the Regiment has also married in the Regiment and it would be interesting to know who was the last to do so. The chancel was decorated with palms and pots of yellow chrysanthemums and the altar with white roses. The Band attended in full force and played the Wedding March very well indeed, and also the hymns: "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden," and "O Perfect Love."

The bridesmaids were Miss Maisie Holness, sister of the bride and Miss Grace Mould, who were dressed alike in pretty frocks of pale blue crepe de chine with caps after the Dutch style in the same material and they carried bouquets of white roses and chrysanthemums. The bride's mother was in beige with hat and shoes to match.

The bride, who was given away by her father, Corporal Holness (who has been in the Regiment twenty-one-and-a-half years) roused murmurs of admiration as she came up the aisle. Her frock was of ivory crepe de chine with a panel of silver lace down the front, long, close-fitting sleeves and the skirt falling into points at each side. This, with a long tulle veil and silver shoes, and a bouquet of white roses and chrysanthemums, completed a very charming picture. The Rev. J. H. Burn performed the ceremony and Corporal Selway was supported by Bandman Holness, brother of the bride, as best man.

There was a large congregation present including Colonel and Mrs. Howard Smith, Major and Mrs. Hart, Captain and Mrs. R. M. Webster, and Mrs. Webster, Captain and Mrs. Wale and Master D. Wale, Captain and Mrs. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, Captain Peareth, Mrs. and Miss Martin, R.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Evans and a large number of friends from the married quarters, in eloquent testimony of the respect and affection felt by all for the bride and bridegroom.

Corporal and Mrs. Selway left the Church through a hail of rice, confetti and rose petals, in a car lent by Mrs. Wells of Norton's Hotel, which was drawn by soldiers.

After receiving the congratulations of their many friends, the happy couple left by train for Agra for a week's honeymoon. They have received a large number of handsome and useful presents.

The only person who has any cause to regret the wedding is Master David Wale, who thus loses a beloved and devoted nurse, but he managed to pelt her with a right goodwill—and rose petals. The best wishes of the whole Battalion are with Corporal and Mrs. Selway for a long and happy life.

## Corporals' Club.

Affairs having been in a very moribund state for many moons, we have at last decided to liven things up. With "Tiny" as head of our outdoor committee, we have had a fair share in sport. At football we have defeated the Gurkhas, 4-1, after some "duck shuffling," each player trying to get his sweepstake score. With "Micky" as our new leader we hope to do equally as well. Tennis is in full swing. Many newcomers, too, have come on well and we look forward to a match with the Sergeants now that we have the talent.

All members are looking forward to our Annual Dance to be held shortly; also the Whist Drives, which are to be held weekly in future.

Our Christmas is worthy of note. Our Christmas Eve was great until part of our "Oriental Balm" was taken into safer hands, much to our regret, although I am sure no member had room for more. On Christmas Day the bar was closed as is generally the rule, but we managed to get "bags" of lap with our respective companies.

We hope to get some of Oliver's "Lying-in-State" photographs for the next issue. However, time is short and I must get on. We welcome to the Mess, Cpl. Curlliss, L/Cpls. Gambriil and Woodcock and hope they will be happy in their new mess. We have said good-bye to several of the good old lads (T.-X.) and wish them good luck in Civvy Street.

## THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Where did the bottle of whisky go?  
 And were the efforts of the Singers worthy of such rich throat varnish?  
 Why did Alf, Jim and Joe leave the mess in succession?  
 Is J.P. a traveller for the Chessborough manufacturing company and does he always carry samples?  
 Does Cutlet still prefer Cherry Blossom to any other?  
 Where did J.M. (our president) go on his midnight tour?  
 J.A.C.

## H.Q. Wing.

## PERSONALIA.

Pte. Grigsby, who has been in hospital for several months, has been informed that he is to be invalided home very shortly. We sincerely hope that he will make a speedy recovery in a more congenial climate.

We congratulate Cpl. Clover on passing as a Football Referee with flying colours. He is recognised already as one of the best Refs. in the Battalion.

Several gallant lads have just left us for U.K., to wit, Cpl. Jarvis, I/Cpl. Newman, Ptes. J. Smith, J. Sandwell, A. Parsons, and Griggs, who are going Home for discharge and Vocational Courses. Also Bdsman. Holness for a Students' Course at Kneller Hall. We wish them all every success in their different spheres of activities.

We welcome 2/Lieut. N. P. D. Dewar to the Wing. He has recently taken over the duties of Signalling Officer.

We are greatly indebted to Mrs. Holman, Mrs. Parks and Mrs. Sharp for making such excellent Christmas Puddings and Mince Pies for our Christmas Dinner. They were certainly the best we have tasted for a long time, in fact, just like Mother makes.

We had a very successful Christmas with "Bags" to eat and drink in fact, there was enough left over to carry on for Boxing Day. Each Group arranged their own little show, except that No. 3 Group "mucked in" with the Signals. Great credit is due to the various storemen and people who were left behind at Bareilly, who did most of the decorating while we were on Manoeuvres. I think, if anything, the "Drums" Dining Room looked the best, but there was not much to choose between any of them.

The Commanding Officer, Adjutant, Quartermaster, P.R.I., Capt. Reed, Lieut. G. L. B. Oliver, Lieut. Williams, Lieut. Foster went round the different Group Dining Rooms and finished up, each armed with a Goose Leg. It would be amusing to know who the Officer was who was seen eating his Christmas Pudding with a pair of pincers.

The Harris Shield events are in full swing now and so far we are holding our own. An account of the matches played up to date follows.

## HARRIS SHIELD FOOTBALL.

Our first match was against "C" Company in which we won, 1-0. This proved to be a very tame game, their being no life in either team. Our goal was scored by Penfold.

Our team was as follows:—Goal: Pte. Barden; Backs: Ptes. Vincent and Howland; Halves: Cpl. Hoy, Dmr. F. R. Smith, Pte. Honeysett; Forwards: Dmr. Arnold, Pte. Bing, Pte. E. Smith, Pte. Penfold and L/Cpl. Newell.

The second match proved to be a much more lively affair, although we were unfortunate to lose 1-0 to "D" Company. This was not a bad defeat as "D" Company have a strong team. Our great weakness is not having a really good centre-forward. Our defence cannot be bettered, but, as last year, it is the forward line that requires strengthening and we do not seem to have anyone who can improve it. Our centre-half will be greatly missed when he leaves for U.K. which he does shortly. He is easily the hardest worker on the field and always seems to be just in the right position when required. Cpl. Hoy is also a hard worker and our long-legged backs, who do Trojan work. The following alterations were made in the team:—L/Cpl. Bamford replaced L/Cpl. Newell at Outside Left; L/Cpl. Fearon replaced Honeysett at Left-Half.

Our next match was against "A" Company, in which we won by 2-0. Our goals were scored by Arnold and Bing. In this game we altered our forward line by putting Boy Eke inside-left and "Moggy Catt," inside-right. This proved to be a great improvement to the forward line. Despite their disadvantage in size, they played up well, the passing of Boy Eke being particularly good. They were not afraid to "get stuck" and did not hang on to the ball, but passed straight away. When they get a bit bigger they will prove a very useful asset to the team. If the team were to keep position more, they would do better still, as it is, they are rather inclined to bunch. Arnold's was a pretty goal from the wing and the opposing goalie did not stand much chance against Bing's drive. We easily had the best of the game.

## HARRIS SHIELD HOCKEY.

Our first match was against "D" Company in which we drew 1-1. This was also a poor match, probably due to the fact that the team had not played together for some time. The goal was scored by L/Cpl. Fearon.

Our team was as follows:—Goal: Pte. Bing; Backs: Ptes. Penfold and Collard; Halves: R.Q.M.S. Evans, W.O. Carroll and Lieut. Williams; Forwards: Bds. Vincent, Pte. Girling, L/Cpl. Fearon, Pte. Ferrell and Pte. A. Taylor.

The next match was a distinct improvement on the last one. This game again proved to be a draw against "C" Company. In Hockey, as in Football, the defence is superior to the attack. In particular, the play of W.O. Carroll at Centre-Half and Penfold at Right-Back deserves special mention.



Our next match was against "B" Company, in which we won 4-1. The team showed great improvement, probably due to the fact that they are getting used to each other's play, more. Penfold again played a very sound game. He is undoubtedly one of the best backs in the Battalion. Pte. Bing, in goal, also played a very safe game. Our goal scorers were:—Spider Vincent, 3; L/Cpl. Fearon, 1. In this match, Vincent changed over with Taylor on the other wing.

"A" Company gave us a very good game in our next match in which we just won by two goals to one. The first goal was scored by Vincent from the left wing. It was not long before "A" Company equalised and it was about five minutes before "time" when Glanfield scored our winning goal. As in football, they are inclined to bunch and balk one another when in front of goal. Bing saved us on several occasions by running and clearing at the critical moment. It was impossible for him to have stopped the goal which was scored against us. The two wing men did good work and all the team played up well. The team was the same as before with the exception of Glanfield in place of Girling.

Our last match was against "B" Company in which we lost by four goals to one. Obviously, the best team won, but it should not have been as bad as that. Our team seemed to be off colour, the backs miss-kicking and not much life in the forward line.

The two new additions to the team played up well and I am pleased to say that one of them, Moggie Catt, scored a nice first time kick goal about ten yards from goal. Bing was our other goal scorer.

We were unlucky in having two penalties given against us and a goalke does not stand much chance against kick.

### CROSS COUNTRY RUN.

Great credit is due to Lieut. Williams for the way in which he personally, trained the Cross-Country Running Team. It was mainly due to his enthusiasm and the keenness of the runners themselves that we did so well in the run, being only 19 points behind to winners and getting second place by a big margin. Our total points were 388 and the third place were somewhere in the seven hundreds. Lieut. Williams came in second in the Battalion, in fine style and Comb and Yard came in eleventh and twelfth respectively. Quite a creditable performance. Pte. Barker of the Band came in eighth.

### BAYONET FIGHTING.

Our first bout was against "A" Company in which we were unfortunate to lose. If there had been neutral judges, the result might have been different. After all, it is only human nature to give the benefit of the doubt to one's own side. Still, we only lost by the odd fight, the team leaders having to fight to decide the issue. Lieut. Williams, Cpl. Godfrey, Pte. A. Taylor, Cpl. Deverson won their bouts. R.S.M. Martin, I/Cpl. Cribben, I/Cpl. Newell, L/Sgt. Brophy and Sgt. Meakin (team leader) lost their bouts.

The second bout was against "B" Company in which we won by three fights to five. The following is a short account of the bouts:—Pte. Brabon ("H.Q.") v. Sgt. Osborne ("B" Coy.)

Sgt. Osborne, being an old hand at the game, won fairly easily. L/Cpl. Cribben ("H.Q.") v. L/Cpl. Taylor ("B" Coy.)

A very evenly-matched pair, but Cribben's reach told in the end. L/Cpl. Newell (H.Q.) v. L/Sgt. Smith ("B" Coy.)

Newell got into his man and won fairly easily. Pte. A. Taylor (H.Q.) v. L/Cpl. Fox ("B" Coy.)

Taylor was rather unexpectedly beaten. Cpl. Deverson (H.Q.) v. Cpl. Butcher ("B" Coy.)

Deverson did not have much trouble in disposing of his man. Lieut. Williams (H.Q.) v. Pte. Denham ("B" Coy.)

Another easy thing. Cpl. Godfrey (H.Q.) v. Pte. Woodhatch ("B" Coy.)

A very good bout with the odds slightly in our favour. Cpl. Curless (H.Q.) v. L/Cpl. Hudson ("B" Coy.)

Curless was a bit too slow for his opponent and lost. *Team Leader:* Pte. G. Andrews of the Signals.

Our next opponents were "C" Company whom we beat by six bouts to two. The following is a short account:—

Lieut. Williams (H.Q. Wing) v. L/Cpl. Bartlett ("C" Coy.)

Lieut. Williams' quickness won his fight fairly easily. Pte. G. Andrews (H.Q. Wing) v. Pte. Goldsack ("C" Coy.)

Andrews was too eager to point and his opponent waited on snips. Pte. Brabon (H.Q. Wing) v. L/Cpl. Woodcock ("C" Coy.)

A very even pair, but Brabon waited his chance for the final point. Pte. A. Taylor (H.Q. Wing) v. L/Cpl. Randerson ("C" Coy.)

Taylor was pretty to watch and beat a much bigger opponent. L/Cpl. Newell (H.Q. Wing) v. Cpl. Cox ("C" Coy.)

A good bout, Newell being lucky to win against a better man. Cpl. Deverson (H.Q. Wing) v. Pte. Wood ("C" Coy.)

Deverson was too slow in getting going and lost to a good man. Cpl. Curless (H.Q. Wing) v. L/Cpl. Layley ("C" Coy.)

Curless won fairly easily. Cpl. Godfrey (H.Q. Wing) v. Pte. Wall ("C" Coy.)

Godfrey was much too quick for his man and won easily.

O.S.

### Band Notes.

Sport is in full swing and games are too numerous to record, but we are having our share of winning and losing. The Harris Shield has commenced and detailed accounts will undoubtedly appear in the Company Notes, but we must say how pleased we are in the improvement of L/Cpl. Fearon and Bdsn. Vincent in both Hockey and Football and congratulate L/Cpls. Smith and Fearon, Ptes. Longman and Barker, for the good show they put up in the Cross-Country run,

the latter being 7th in the Battalion. The Cross-Country Run was preceded by a Boys' Run, a distance of about two-and-three-quarter miles and it ended up as follows:—Boy Eke (1), Time, (16 mins. 45 secs.); Boy Wood (2) and Boy Satterly (3).

Bdsn. Holness has departed for a Course of Music at Kneller Hall, so we all wish him the best of luck.

In all probability, before these notes appear in print we shall have lost L/Cpl. Fearon and Bdsn. Vincent who go to the Home Establishment, so we hope that the vacancy made by the in this Band will soon be made up as they will be a great loss in every respect.

Lastly, we are all anxious to know who our new Bandmaster is going to be.

### The Drums.

We held our first annual Smoking Concert on Boxing Night and I am pleased to be able to say it was a complete success, although we would have liked to have seen a few more Officers, W.O.'s and Sergeants during the evening. However, this could not be helped, as the Sergeants' Mess hold their Christmas on the same night.

We started the programme at 7.45 p.m. with the usual few words by the M.C., Dmr. Frank Smith, and a flute and piano duet, by L/Cpls. Roberts and Thomas. The outstanding features of the evening were: "Step Dancing" by Pte. Scott of "B" Company; Dmr. Tabers' rendering of "Thora," Pte. Brissenden's lightning sketches, Pte. Heath's ("D" Coy.) "My Blue Heaven," Pte. Corbitt's ("B" Coy.) "Beer," and Sgt. Stace's "Under the Palm Tree." All the items were thoroughly enjoyed by us all, but I think the above were the best.

During the evening the Adjutant spoke to us, touching lightly on the "Esprit de Corps" in the Drums at the present day. We shortly lose some more old hands namely, Dmr. F. Smith, J. Wylie, Griggs, J. Smith and L/Cpl. Roberts. Of these, Dmrs. Griggs and J. Smith are T. X. and the remainder are being posted to the Home Establishment. We hope they get on as well with the 2nd Battalion Drummers as they have with us out here. The best of luck to them all.

### 1ST ANNUAL SMOKING CONCERT, DECEMBER 26TH, 1928.

#### PROGRAMME.

1. PIANO & FLUTE DUET "Scatter your Smiles" (*Fo' tro*) ... L/CPL. THOMAS (*Piano*) ; L/CPL. ROBERTS (*Flute*) ...
2. SONG ... "Thora" ... DMR. TABER.
3. STEP DANCE ... PTE. SCOTT ("B" Coy.)
4. SONG ... "My Blue Heaven" ... PTE. HEATH ("D" Coy.)
5. SONG ... "The Lascar" ... DMR. ETHERIDGE.
6. SONG ... "Tell me a Story" ... DMR. HARLAND.
7. SONG ... "Under the Palm Tree" ... SGT. STACE.
8. SONG ... "Old Pal" ... PTE. CORBITT ("B" Coy.)
9. A TOAST "The Drummers who are leaving us" ... THE M.C.
10. SONG ... "Pelmanism" ... PTE. BRISSENDEN ("A" Coy.)
11. SONG ... "Every time we have a little Party" ... DMR. ARNOLD.
12. WHISTLING SOLO "Just like Darby & Joan" ... DMR. BOWCOCK.
13. DUEI ... "Drifting and Dreaming" ... PTES. SCOTT & CORBITT ("B" Coy.)
14. SONG ... "Bye-Bye Blackbird" ... DMR. TABER.
15. A TOAST ... "The Adjutant" ... DRM.-MAJOR SINCLAIR.
16. LIGHTNING SKETCHES "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" ... THE COMPANY.

#### INTERVAL.

A Flashlight Photograph was taken by MR. KINSEY of Bareilly.

#### SECOND HALF.

17. PIANO SOLO "Stay out of the South" ... L/CPL. THOMAS.
18. SPEECH ... LIEUT. D. C. COATES.
19. SONG ... "Beer" ... PTE. CORBITT ("B" Coy.)
20. SONG ... "The Banks of Loch Lomond" ... DMR. F. R. SMITH.
21. SONG ... "The Birth of the Blues" ... PTE. SCOTT ("B" Coy.)
22. SONG ... "The Bull Fighter" ... PTE. FOREMAN ("B" Coy.)
23. SONG ... "Me and my Shadow" ... DMR. HARLAND.
24. DANCE ... "The Flutter-By" ... DMR. MACDONNELL.
25. CONJURING ... PTE. BRISSENDEN ("A" Coy.)
26. A TOAST ... The Committee ... THE M.C.
27. SPEECH ... DRM.-MAJOR SINCLAIR.
28. SONG ... "I belong to Glasgow" ... DMR. HARLAND.
29. QUARTETTE ... Selected DMRS. FINCH, FRENCH, TABER & TREEWEK.
30. SONG ... "The More we are together" ... THE COMPANY.

#### FINALE.

We finished the programme at 12 midnight and a vote of thanks was proposed by Dmr. J. Smith and seconded by Dmr. Anderson, to L/Cpl. Thomas who worked hard at the piano all the evening, assisted by L/Cpl. Roberts with his flute. Also to Dmr. F. R. Smith who so ably carried out the duties of M.C. and to Dmr. Finch who deputised as Barman, and Drummers French, Tritton, Chappell and Treeweek, and to Drummers Arnold, Griggs and Chappell, who decorated the Mess Room while we were at camp. And last, but by no means least, the people who amused us during the evening, L/Cpl. Thomas replied suitably for the whole and said that he hoped to be able to do the same next year. So ended the best evening of the year.

"CORRIE" (R.C.T., 1951).

## SPORT.

Since our return from Manoeuvres we have played three games of football, only, the results being as follows :—  
Drums v. No. 3 Group. Won 2-0.  
Drums v. No. 3 Group. 0-0. No Score.  
Drums v. "B" Company 2nd XI. Lost 3-2.

## "A" Company.

Finishing our training with a three days' divisional exercise which no doubt will be commented upon in other parts of this journal, we eventually entrained at Delhi N.C. and after a tedious journey, arrived at Bareilly during the early hours of the 21st of December. The company found the unloading party at this end and by putting in some good work, managed to make the battalion baggage quickly disappear considering that bullock carts were the chief means of conveyance at our disposal.

Unlike England, we have no leave to look forward to after completing our annual manoeuvres, but the close proximity of Christmas somewhat compensated us in that direction. The task of settling down to barrack-room soldiering did not come too difficult a feat to master after the six arduous weeks that we had just been through and we speedily completed the festive season arrangements. Luckily, the Company had a certain number of details in Bareilly who, during our vacation had decorated the Dining Hall in splendid style and consequently saved us in that direction untold labour and worry.

Eventually the great day arrived and we sat down to an excellent repast which did justice to the C.Q.M.S. and Staff when one considers the short time they had at their disposal.

The dinner was enlivened by several witty and humorous remarks from the Commanding Officer and our Company Commander, the latter finishing up by expressing admiration for the excellent way in which the company had borne themselves despite the numerous difficulties we had recently encountered. He furthermore, made some mention of a "red screen," but judging by the number of times I was told to "push on" and make some more globe-trotting records, makes me think that a "blue screen" very often existed. (Perhaps Mr. Craig will confirm this).

To get on with the dinner again. A surprise visit from Capt. Hammond-Davies was greatly appreciated (especially by Fritz) and our Second-in-Command remarked that it was only a matter of a couple of weeks before he left the "Topes" and came back to the fold again. (Visions of individual training are before me).

The usual arrangements were made for the evening and towards the end the "sleeping draught" had worked its mystic spell upon the lads and Christmas was over once again.

Before finishing with this subject I should like to offer hearty thanks to the C.S.M., the C.Q.M.S. and Messing Staff for the general success of the show and to the people who volunteered their services in decorating the Dining Hall, etc., a word of praise is also due.

We welcome Mr. Foster on his return from the Gunners, especially appreciating his sporting abilities now that the Harris Shield events for 1929 are being contested.

We have had to select certain fresh talent for our respective teams and we can only hope now that the best of the batch have been chosen, and those selected will endeavour to maintain our usual sporting standard on the field.

Friendly matches of the various sporting events have been well indulged in by the Company since their return, but for fear of encroaching upon the limited space in this journal, I only find it possible to briefly describe the results of Harris Shield matches only.

## HOCKEY.

- v. "C" Company, resulted in a draw, 1-1.
- v. "B" Coy., resulted in a win for us, 1-0.
- v. "H.Q." Wing, resulted in a loss for us, 2-1.

## FOOTBALL.

- v. "D" Company, 4-1 against us.
- v. "C" Company, 2-1 for us.
- v. "H.Q." Wing, 2-0 against us.

## BAYONET FENCING.

- v. "C" Company. A win of 6 fights for us.
- v. "D" Company. A win of 6 fights for us.
- v. "H.Q." Wing. Another win for us, decided by the team leaders' fighting.

The first event of 1929 for the Lucas Shield took place recently in the form of the inter-platoon cross-country run; some fifty odd competitors took the field and all endeavoured to be within the first "eight" of their respective platoons.

Congratulations should go to Cpl. Bell on being first man home and to No. 3 Platoon for winning the event with 84 points, followed by No. 4 with 115 points and Nos. 1 and 2 making a tie with 191 points. The course was completed by Cpl. Bell in the excellent time of 29 mins. 6 secs.

## "QUARTER-GUARD."

## "B" Company.

The Harris Shield Events are now in full swing and the Company has not done too bad up to now. We have won the Football although we still have to play "A" Company. At Hockey we did not do too well. However, the team played very well and deserved better results on the run of the play. Pte. Foreman, our best back, was unavailable owing to being in Hospital.

At Bayonet Fighting we have beaten "C" Company and lost to "H.Q." Wing and in the Cross-Country Run we were fourth, "D" Company narrowly beating us. Pte. Langley ran very well and was fourth in the Battalion. The results are as follows :—

## FOOTBALL.

"B" v. "C." Draw. 0-0. "B" v. "D" Won. 3-1. "B" v. "H.Q." Won. 4-2.

The team was composed of the following :—

Pte. Horne; Pte. Lennard, 1/Cpl. Smith; Pte. Murton, Pte. A. Morris, 2/Lieut. G. E. F. Oliver; Pte. Elgie, Pte. Hobbs, Pte. Liddle, Pte. Lawson, 1/Cpl. C. Ingram.

Pte. Foreman, our regular Outside Right, was in Hospital during our matches and 1/Cpl. Ingram and Pte. Horne were admitted after playing against "C" and "D" Companies, but our Reserves, Pte. Billett (Goal) and Pte. Bell (Centre-Forward) did very well against "H.Q." Wing and the Team played very well together. 2/Lieut. G. E. F. Oliver is the Captain. All the team are playing well, especially Ptes. A. Morris and Lawson and 2/Lieut. G. E. F. Oliver.

## HOCKEY.

"B" v. "A" Lost. 1-0. "B" v. "C" Lost. 4-1. "B" v. "H.Q." Wing Lost. 4-1. "B" v. "D" Draw. 1-1.

Team: 1/Cpl. G. Buncdark; Pte. R. Woods, Pte. Phelan; Pte. A. Morris, 2/Lieut. T. L. Hughes, 1/Cpl. G. Torrey; Pte. Barnes, Pte. Horne, C.S.M. Farrow, Pte. Isted, Pte. Woodhatch. Pte. Puttock played in one match.

## BAYONET FIGHTING.

"B" v. "C" Coy. Won 5-3. "B" v. "H.Q." Wing. Lost 5-3.

The team was as follows :—Sgt. Osborne, Cpl. Butcher, 1/Cpl. Fox, Pte. Woodhatch, 1/Cpl. Taylor, '91, 1/Cpl. Hudson, 1/Cpl. Smith and Pte. Denham.

## CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

The Company was fourth in the Battalion and the order of finishing was as follows :—

Pte. Langley, 1/Cpl. Boseley, 1/Cpl. Taylor, '91, 2/Lieut. G. E. F. Oliver, Pte. B. Moore, Pte. Pooley, Pte. Stiff, 1/Cpl. Harwood, Pte. Barnden, Pte. Flashman, Cpl. Wyles, Pte. Woodhatch, Pte. James, Pte. Bullimore and Pte. Clifton.

At present we are in the midst of Training once again; Section, Platoon and Company Training, going strong until February and then we go to Ranikhet for three months; April to June.

Captain Hammond Davies has joined the Company and will be welcomed into our Cricket Team. Lieut. H. P. Robertson is also a newcomer from U.K. and has taken over No. 8 Platoon.

Sgt. Goss has gone to Pachmari and we hope he will return to Bareilly with a "D."

Sgt. Osborne has gone to U.K. with his invalided wife and we are still looking for Sergeants, Sgt. Stace alone holding the Fort.

Congratulations to the following on being appointed Paid Lance-Corporals :—1/Cpls. Ingram, Patterson, Boseley and Taylor '91.

The following of "B" Company represented the Battalion Eight in the Brigade Revolver Shoot :—Major G. F. Hamilton, Captain N. G. Wale, C.S.M. Farrow and Pte. Woodhatch; all did well to help the Battalion win the Competition.

Captain N. G. Wale, C.S.M. Farrow and 1/Cpl. Hudson are in the Battalion Rifle Team of Eight and hope to do well in the Brigade Shoot still to be fired.

2/Lieut. Oliver, 2/Lieut. Hughes and Pte. Hobbs went to Meruet in the Battalion Cricket Team and helped to beat the Dorset Regiment. Major G. F. Hamilton was in the Team, but was unable to go; we shall miss Ptes. Isted and Barnes at Cricker this year although we have some able substitutes.

Ptes. Whitehead, Green and Cox are attached to the Drums with a view to becoming experts with the Drum and Flute and Ptes. B. Brown, H. Davis, H. Smith, Crook and Martin '44 are with the Young Class Signallers. Pte. Packer has gone to "H.Q." Wing as a Regimental Policeman. We hope they will all do well in their Company. There will probably be other changes in the Company later on, but we expect the Time-Expired Men to go next Trooping Season as the extra year has been functioning greatly and no doubt they will get home in time for next Christmas.

Christmas proved to be a great success. A Barrack Room had been converted into a Mess Room and decorated by Cpl. Wyles and his band of decorators while we were at Delhi Camp. The dinner was splendid and the Company, one and all, heartily thank Mrs. Clayton, the wife of our C.Q.M.S., for making the Christmas Pudding. What a change to the "Monkey Nut Duff" of 1927.

The evening concert also proved a great success. We supplied our own Jazz Band. Cpl. Hunt was making noises on the Piano, Cpl. Wyles and Pte. Corbett were doing their stuff on the mandoline and Pte. Pooley was doing the necessary on the Jazz Drums. Our Star Turns were Ptes. Corbett, F. Brown and Pte. Taylor '41. Ptes. F. Brown and Corbett rendered the song, "My Blue Heavens," in a very creditable manner. Pte. F. Brown then appeared in a solo turn as Don Alphonso, the Matador, which met with great applause. Pte. Taylor '41 appeared as a Spanish Don and sang a Spanish Song which also met with great applause. Numerous other turns were given and we eventually closed down about 8.30.

A.T.F.

**NOTICE.** We would be very grateful if readers would endeavour to send us, from time to time, suitable photographs for reproduction.



# The 2nd Battalion.

EDITORIAL.

**A**LDRESHOT, like the rest of England, is frozen up and most games are at a standstill, but a number of us are availing ourselves of the opportunity to skate or slide.

During the last month the Battalion has been engaged in preparing for the Command Inter-Coy. race. "C" Company represented the Battalion and came in third, a great improvement on last year.



In the Army Boxing Competition we were narrowly defeated by the Irish Guards, only losing by one fight. Lieut. E. A. Airy came from the Depot to assist us in this contest.

We extend a hearty welcome to 2/Lieut. C. R. Tuff, who is joining us on the 1st of March.

## Record of Service of the late 6278096 C.Q.M.S. H. Blackman, 2nd Battalion The Buffs.

Enlisted: 17th October, 1906.

Promoted Colour-Sergeant and Appointed C.Q.M.S.: 26th March, 1928.

Died: 1st December, 1928.

Service: Home, 17/10/06—15/9/08; Hong Kong, 16/9/08—4/12/10; Singapore, 5/12/10—31/1/13; India, 1/2/13—15/11/14; Home, 16/11/14—16/1/15; B.E.F., 17/1/15—22/10/15; M.E.F., 23/10/15—April, 1919; Home, April, 1919—16/10/19; India, 17/10/19—11/12/20; Iraq, 12/12/20—10/2/22; Aden, 11/2/22—8/4/23; Home, 9/4/23—1/12/28.

Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Total Service: 22 years 46 days.

Education Certificates: 3rd Class; 2nd Class.

## Record of Service of No. 6188690 Sergeant S. Carvell, 2nd Battalion The Buffs.

Enlisted: 4th June, 1910.

Appointed Paid Lance-Corporal: 9th October, 1911.

Promoted Corporal: 18th October, 1913.

Re-enlisted: 14th March, 1919.

Promoted Sergeant: 1st May, 1920.

Service: Home from 4/6/10—12/8/14; France, 13/8/14; Taken Prisoner of War, 23rd August, 1914; Repatriated to England, 18/11/18; Home, 18/11/18—13/9/19; Gibraltar, 14/9/19—9/12/21; Egypt, 10/12/21—2/6/22; Home, 3/6/22—date.

Medals: 1914 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal and the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Total Service to date: 18 years 252 days.

Educational Certificates: 3rd Class; 2nd Class.

## Record of Service No. 6278181 C.S.M. A. Tong, 2nd Battalion The Buffs.

Enlisted: 31st January, 1910.

Appointed Paid L/Cpl.: 22nd September, 1911.

Promoted Corporal: 7th September, 1912.

Promoted Sergeant, 11th January, 1915.

Promoted Colour Sergeant: 12th July, 1920.

Promoted W.O. Class II.: 8th March, 1925.

Service: Home from 31/1/10 to 9/2/14; India, 10/2/14—15/11/14; Home, 16/11/14—16/1/15; France, 17/1/15; Wounded on 3/5/15 and taken Prisoner of War same day; Repatriated to England on 18/11/18; Home, 18/11/18 to 16/10/19; India, 17/10/19—11/12/20; Mesopotamia, 12/12/20—10/2/22; Aden, 11/2/22—8/4/23; Home: 9/4/23—date.

Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal, and Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Total Service to date: 19 years 11 days.

Educational Certificates: 3rd Class; 2nd Class; 1st Class.

Is now performing the duties of Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant.

## Cross Country Running.

Notes on this sport have been missing during the last few months. Perhaps it is almost right to say we have been too busy building up our team since the Group Run last December.

Of this run we promised to give a good account of our team. The team was all that could be desired and right well did they tackle their job of trying to obtain second place to the D.C.L.I. This we actually did, but owing to unfortunate circumstances we were actually third, the 2nd Battalion Royal Tank Corps being given a place in front of us.

Ever since this run our team have been eager to prove they are better than the Tanks. Our chance came when we met them in a friendly run over a five and threequarter mile course on the 5th February. Each unit fielded a team of twenty with twelve to score. The result was as follows:—

2ND BATTALION THE BUFFS.—Pte. Divers (2nd); Pte. Frost (6th); Dmr. Pooley (9th); Pte. Stevens (10th); 2nd/Lt. R. F. Parry (11th); L/Cpl. Norris (12th); Pte. Lewis (14th); Pte. Bone (15th); Cpl. Handscombe (16th); Pte. Rowe (17th); Pte. Hurley (18th); Pte. Bell (19th). Total: 149 points.

2ND BATTALION ROYAL TANK CORPS.—Pte. Elven (1st); Pte. Andrews (3rd); Pte. Alder (4th); Pte. Newton (5th); Pte. Lucas (7th); Sgt. Woodfinds (8th); Pte. Cook (13th); Pte. Ward (20th); Pte. Arundel (22nd); Pte. Hudd (23rd); Pte. Wareham (24th); Pte. Wyles (27th). Total: 157 points.

The Buffs won by 8 points—not a great win by the number of points but when one bears in mind that Pte. Walton came back after breaking a shoe lace and losing his shoe (Walton is our best man over five miles or more), Pte. Burgess (about our fifth best) was ill and unable to compete and Pte. Marsh, who is usually inside the first nine did not score for us we will hope to do even better yet. Most casualties are now fit.

The spare men in this race ran as follows:—

2ND BATTALION THE BUFFS.—2/Lt. J. F. Connolly (21st); Pte. Toms (25th); Dmr. Wales (26th); Pte. Mitchell (29th); Pte. Pilgrim (32nd); Pte. Reynolds (33rd); Pte. Fox (37th).

2ND BATTALION ROYAL TANK CORPS.—Pte. Briggs (30th); Pte. Bampling (31st); Pte. Hall (34th); Pte. Cox (35th); Pte. Hubaun (36th); Pte. Chatfield (38th); Sgt. Keeping (39th).

Early in January we held our first run in which each Company scores points over a series of six runs, each Company being allowed a possible number of points and score points for the best percentage of this possible.

Result of run :—

1. "C" Company ...	72.7%	of possible no. points
2. "M.G." Company ...	57.6%	ditto
3. 24 Company ...	44.0%	ditto
4. 13 Company ...	43.6%	ditto
5. "A" Company ...	39.4%	ditto
6. "B" Company ...	24.6%	ditto

First man home Pte. Frost, "C" Coy; 2nd, Pte. Hurley, "C" Coy.; 3rd, Dmr. Pooley, 24 Coy.; 4th, Pte. Lewis, "C" Coy.; 5th, Pte. Bone, 13 Coy.; 6th, Pte. Burgess, "C" Coy.; 7th, L/Cpl. Norris, "A" Coy.; 8th, Cpl. Handscombe, "C" Coy.; 9th, Pte. Frankham, "M.G." Coy.; 10th, Pte. Divers, 13th Coy.; 11th, Pte. Rowe, "B" Coy.; 12th, L/Cpl. Spence, "C" Coy.

On the 22nd January the Inter-Platoon Run took place for the R.A.T.A. Shield. This resulted in a win for No. 9 Platoon, "C" Company, No. 10 Platoon, coming in second.

Result of runs :—

	Points.
1. No. 9 Platoon, "C" Company ...	244
2. No. 10 Platoon, "C" Company ...	354
3. No. 1 Platoon, "A" Company ...	460
4. No. 2 Section, "M.G." Company ...	473
5. No. 2 Section, 24 Company ...	511
6. No. 1 Section, "M.G." Company ...	560
7. No. 12 Platoon, "C" Company ...	607
8. No. 6 Platoon, "B" Company ...	648
9. No. 3 Section, 24 Company ...	679
10. No. 4 Section, 13th Company ...	701
11. No. 3 Section, "M.G." Company ...	728
12. No. 3 Section, 13 Company ...	741

No. 24 to finish being No. 1, Section 24 Company, with 1,442 points. Pte. Frost, "C" Company, won the race, Pte. Hurley was second and Pte. Divers third.

On the 29th January the Inter-Company run was held for the Cross Country Shield and to select the best Company for the Command Inter-Company Run. Teams of twelve with nine to score was just the same condition as for the Command Inter-Company Run.

The course was one of about five and threequarter miles. The day was wet, so the course was just about as heavy going as it could be. The all round form of the companies in this run goes to prove that the Battalion in general is improving by the weekly runs.

The result was a win for "C" Coy. with 113 points; 2nd, "A" Coy., 235 points; 3rd, 13 Coy., 239 points; 4th, M.G. Coy., 249 points; 5th, "B" Coy., 357 points; 6th, 24 Coy., 365 points. Pte. Walton was the first man home, followed by Privates Frost, Divers, Burgess, Marsh, Lewis, 2nd-Lt. R. F. Parry, Pte. Bone, Cpl. Handscombe, L/Cpl. Norris, Pte. Rowe and Pte. Stevens, "C" Coy. We were without Pte. Hurley and L/Cpl. Spence in this run, owing to illness.

We have a fixture with the 2nd Battalion The Norfolk Regiment on the 22nd February. This will be our last run before the Command Unit Run at Bordon on the 5th March.

In the meantime we continue to train in real earnest, hoping to put up a good show at Bordon. I can assure all that the Battalion have a real good Cross Country Running team this year.

Cross Country Running is of high standard in this Command. It must be borne in mind that all Units train hard to improve their positions of last year; one has only to go out on a run during the afternoon and count the number of teams out training.

The result of the Command Inter-Unit Company Run was as follows :—

(1) H.Q. Coy., 2nd Bn. N. Staffords, 164 pts.; (2) 1st Bn. Irish Guards, 356 pts.; (3) "C" Coy., 2nd Bn. The Buffs, 398 pts.; (4) "B" Coy., 2nd Bn. R. Tank Corps, 486 pts.; (5) "B" Coy., 2nd Bn. E. Yorks., 487 pts.; (6) H.Q. Coy., 2nd Bn. D.C.L.I. 511 pts., and on to the 20th team, which scored 1,704 points, three teams failing to finish.

The order of "C" Company was: Pte. Frost, 18th; Pte. Burgess, 18th; Pte. Lewis, 23rd; Pte. Hurley, 35th; Cpl. Handscomb, 42nd; Pte. Marsh, 48th; Pte. Reynolds, 68th; Pte. Mathews, 70th; Pte. Fox, 84th. Pte. Austin, Pte. Cloke and L/Cpl. Bills did not score, their places being 123rd, 127th and 132nd respectively.

The distance was about five miles. It was a very cold, frosty day, with a very sharp wind blowing. The team ran very well indeed, being a little unfortunate in not obtaining second place. Never mind; we hope to fight again at Bordon on the 5th March. A.V.O.

### Sergeants' Mess.

Through some misunderstanding, and perhaps a little on account of the festivities of the season, our notes in the January issue were conspicuous by their absence, but we will endeavour to make up for lost time and do the best we can to fill the gap.

Our usual Christmas and New Year festivities were preceded by our Annual Draw, which took place just before Christmas, in time for the lucky ones to enjoy the prizes won by them in this event. The draw, we may say, is eagerly looked forward to every year, and we all hope that we may be the lucky ones. No doubt our Officers' Mess Caterer enjoyed the awards he received; anyway, he was lucky enough to receive two or three prizes alike (*i.e.*, port).

On the 24th December the "Brick" was hoisted to the usual accompaniment of laughter and groans as some poor unfortunate knelt on a cinder or some other obstacle on the floor. The Brick eventually reached its destination and the usual gurgling noise was heard throughout the Mess.

On Boxing Day the single and acting single members had their Christmas and all voted that it was a real good time. In the evening a small dance was held in the Mess which was thoroughly enjoyed by those attending, and there is no doubt that those (or at least some of them) who were unfortunately absent, rather bemoaned their fate. The Mess had been tastefully decorated and lighting arrangements carried out under the skilful supervision of Mrs. Wright, "Scrumper" Wright's "better 'alf," which led to the following anecdote being heard: "At the Sergeants' Dinner on Boxing Day Sgt. Wright told Mrs. Wright he was right. Mrs. Wright then said he was wrong, so Wright righted Wright and then everything was all right." No doubt there is a lot of Wright about, more than one would think at first glance.

Since this took place, Mrs. Wright has been in hospital, but is now out again and we all hope sincerely that her health is completely restored.

Between Boxing Day and New Year's Eve all was quiet in the Mess. Perhaps everyone had enjoyed themselves so thoroughly on the former day that they were too full to be energetic! However, on New Year's Eve we all broke out again and we had another most enjoyable dance in the Mess. Our heartiest thanks are tendered to the Committee that runs these shows. It is seldom realised the amount of real hard work these Committees have to get through. Like all other good things the season's festivities came to an end and we have not settled down to our usual routine for the time being. Individual and Company Training are now holding sway, so that we have not much time for anything else.



Since our last report we have played three matches in the Billiard League, losing one and winning two. The results are as follows:—

- 17/12/28. v. 2nd Norfolks (Home Match).  
 Buffs, 333; Norfolks, 600 (a terrible hiding).  
 24/1/29. v. M.P.S.C. (Away Match).  
 Buffs, 563; M.P.S.C., 450.  
 28/1/29. v. "B" Group, R. Signals (Home Match).  
 Buffs, 590; R. Signals, 377.

Our knights of the cue are apparently improving now that they have settled into normal routine.

We have had two friendly bouts with the Royal Tank Corps at Billiards and Snooker, the first taking place in our Mess and the other at the Mess of the Tanks. These were very friendly affairs and the results were about even, taking all into consideration.

One of our more impertinent members would like to know how long it takes for C. George to warm his back, while yet another member has heard that a certain man is suffering from Synovitis Dance, and would like to know if it is true. There is no reward for the correct answers to these conundrums, and as it is expected that a large number of solutions are likely to be received, each solution should be accompanied by some useful article, such as an easy chair, and the special committee appointed for the purpose will then be able to decide which answer is the nearest. That sounds something like a riddle in itself, but we honestly assure you it is not.

It is impossible to write more this month, especially as at the time of writing the thermometer stands a good few degrees below zero, and everything is frozen. Even the Canal of the Basingstoke variety is frozen and a few choice spirits have ventured on it with skates on, but so far there is no rumour of any of our members having tried their luck for the World's Ice Fancy Skating Championship. No doubt there are a few who would like to but are afraid to risk it. They might fall through, and then what a mess! If the canal is still frozen next month perhaps some of our members may try their luck. Anyway, the luck will not be tried in the case of

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### Corporals' Mess.

As I foretold in my notes of last month, our Entertainment President (Cpl. Towerzey) and his committee have been busy and again covered themselves with glory, arranging a Dance and a Smoker. The Dance, which was held on the 18th January, was up to our usual standard. Our visitors were rather late in arriving, but when they did come, they were bent on making up for lost time, and everybody thoroughly enjoyed the evening's entertainment. The Smoking Concert, which was on the 25th January was our somewhat belated welcome to the Corporals of The Loyal Regiment and we were very pleased to meet some thirty members of their Mess on this occasion. The programme, arranged by the Committee, proved both interesting and amusing.

As it is unlikely that we shall be able to hold another function this year, I should like to say that Cpl. Towerzey has done some very excellent work for the Mess by way of entertainments during this season, and we thank him for his whole-hearted interest in the social life of the Mess.

We are very glad to see Cpl. W. Cross back with us from the Depot once again. Although he has been back but ten days, he is settled down into the Mess life and does not seem sorry to see some of the old faces again.

On February 16th, a party of fourteen members of the Mess commandeered the Regimental Bus and proceeded to London to attend the meeting of the London Branch of the Past and Present Association. Being a member of the party, I am in a position to say that those who attended the Meeting learnt a great deal more of the Regimental Association in two short hours than they would in two years' stay at Aldershot. We were assured by the Chairman that on that particular occasion, owing to uncontrollable circumstances, we saw the London Branch at its worst!!! That being the case, I am ordering a book of Pass Forms in order to make certain that I never miss another Meeting.

It is hoped to make a much larger party to attend the Meeting next month and I shall be there.

There is no more news at present, so I will conclude these rather short notes and hope that when notes are called for next month I shall be far, far away from visions of work, on my annual furlough. May my understudy prove to be a better correspondent than myself, so that readers may find that a change is as good as a rest.

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### "C" Company.

Judging by the remarks I heard passed on the football field the other day the notes under this heading are well read.

The first round of the Inter-Company Knock-Out Football Competition was in progress, "C" Company having been drawn against "A" Company. One individual of another Company was rather surprised that "C" Company were only winning by 4-0. Evidently we had led him to believe in these notes that we have a great team.

The match was a great one, as was only to be expected from the two Companies concerned. Both knew that if they lost they stood no further chance of gaining the Football Shield, or the scoring of a point for the Athletic Shield.

"A" Company have given us some good games in the past. We would much rather have met them later on in the competition. They do try to lower our colours.

The match was hard fought from beginning to end, "A" Company gaining a slight advantage during the first 15 minutes. At back "A" Company were the better team, being well supported by their goalie. At half "C" Company had an advantage, Hanson putting in good work at centre-half and some good shots at goal. Forward "C" Company had a better all round line. Had not "A" Company possessed two sound backs our score must have been greater.

Our team was:—Goal: Rhodes; Backs: Sgt. Wade, Pte. Church; Halves: Pte. Fox, Pte. Hanson, L/Sgt. Stubberfield; Forwards: Pte. Nye, Pte. Garrett, Cpl. Salisbury, L/Cpl. Lee, Cpl. Coade and the score was 4-0 in our favour. Next please.

The Company running team are up to their usual standard. All have been working hard since last October to try and improve our position over last year in the Command Run. I don't intend to write much about the runs held recently, as they will be described elsewhere.

We were successful in winning the first Battalion run of this year by quite a large margin over other companies, "C" Company gaining 72.7% of possible points. In this run the following ran well for the Company: Ptes. Frost, Hurley, Lewis, Burgess, Cpl. Handscombe and L/Cpl. Spence, all finishing in the first twelve of the Battalion. Frost is developing into a real good runner. It is only time and training before he gets a front place in big runs. Hurley is still disappointing; always something uncertain about his running.

In the Inter-Platoon Run for the R.A.T.A. Shield, No. 9 won a good race, followed closely by No. 10. It will be seen that No. 10 possessed the "stars," who were not supported well enough to win. No. 9 had a good all round team.

No. 9 PLATOON (1st place.—Pte. Lewis, 5; Cpl. Handscombe, 8; Pte. Mathews, 20; Pte. Austin, 29; L/Cpl. Bills, 37; Pte. Cloke, 40; L/Sgt. Stubberfield, 51; Pte. Church, 54.

No. 10 PLATOON (2nd place.—Pte. Frost, 1; Pte. Hurley, 2; Pte. Marsh, 6; Pte. Fox, 16; L/Cpl. Lee, 67; C.S.M. Ongly, 71; Pte. Smith, 90; Cpl. De Vroom, 10.

No. 11 PLATOON (22nd place.—L/Cpl. Baker, 66; Pte. Garrett, 77; L/Cpl. New, 136; Pte. Thomas, 204; Pte. Town, 210; Pte. Griggs, 212; Cpl. Fry, 220; Pte. Cordell, 224.

No. 12 PLATOON (7th place).—Pte. Burgess, 30; Pte. O'Connor, 41; Pte. Reynolds, 43; Pte. H. Smith, 52; Pte. Pye, 65; Cpl. Coade, 97; Pte. Owen, 139; Pte. Dowling, 140.

It is only right to say No. 11 Platoon had several cases of sickness and were left rather badly off for a team at all.

The Inter-Company Run on the 29th January was our real chance. We had little difficulty in retaining the Shield, beating "A" Company by 123 points. In this run we had two good runners down with sickness who were unable to turn out, namely L/Cpl. Spence and Pte. Hurley. Still we are like a good commander, we keep a large reserve.

Our team and placings were: Pte. Frost (2nd), Pte. Burgess (4th), Pte. Marsh (5th), Pte. Lewis (6th), Cpl. Handscombe (9th), Pte. Fox (18th), Pte. Mathews (19th), Pte. Reynolds (20th), Pte. Austin (30th). Total points, 113. Our other three men who were not in the scoring nine were Pte. Cloke (33rd), Pte. O'Connor (38th), L/Cpl. Bills (33th).

The Company hope they continue to do well.

L/Cpl. Bills and Pte. Thomas are leaving us for a tour of duty at the Depot. We hope they will do well. L/Cpl. Bills will be in time for the Depot running team v. Depot West Kent. He will be a great asset to their team. We shall remember Thomas as the man that came forward in the recent novice boxing competition to present us in the catch-weight, although he runs only a middle. He succeeded in getting a good loser's medal.

On the 19th February the draft for the 1st Battalion left. The Company have found few in numbers for this draft, Cpl. Coade, Ptes. Cork, Beaumont, Reynolds, Surridge, S. Terry. In Coade we lose a good soldier and a real good sportsman, which it will be hard to replace. All I can say is the Company is the poorer for his departure. All I hope is that the men of the Company have taken notice of his example when on parade, off parade and on the field of sport. His qualities as an all round athlete are well known. Perhaps those of a soldier and a sportsman have not been noted by all, owing to the fact that some of us have paid too much to the former. I well remember one instance on the Command Central ground last year when Cpl. Coade was running a stage in an open relay race. At the change of the baton stage Coade was slightly leading when he was badly pushed by a man of another unit; Coade was sent flying to the track. When he got up he was asked by the Judge if he wished to lodge a complaint. His reply was "It's quite alright" although there was good cause for complaint.

We hope the draft will soon settle down in their new Battalion. Some will not have too long to serve abroad.

Pte. Inge has handed over his employment as batman to our O.C. Pte. Hanson reigns in his stead.

Pte. Inge has commenced his course at the A.V.T.C. There seems to be a rage for plastering and tiling lately. Perhaps a number of Buffs are forming a building company.

Pte. Nye visits the hospital daily to learn how to cut toe nails, etc.

By the time these notes appear in print the company will be well into "Company Training," the Company having been allotted the first period. It appears there will be the same general shortage of N.C.O.'s and men. I expect we shall find a N.C.O. leading his section of one man.

Revolver training is the occupation of most N.C.O.'s and men of the company at the present. The revolver course has to be fired during February.

A number are completing their individual training as casuals. Some are on a battalion intelligence course. In general all the odds and ends of individual training are cleared up during this fortnight before Company Training commences.

Educational examinations will be held about the 21st February. We have several men on these. It is hoped they all obtain certificates, then our percentage of uncertificated men will be well below five per cent mark. Thanks to the good standard of the last draft from the Depot, the one uncertificated proceeded to the 1st Battalion, lastly to that individual known as "Perry" who has decided to worry us no longer with his presence.

'Flu has been successful in its attacks on a few N.C.O.'s and men, but not so in the case of "thrift." 'Flu is the well established complaint that we have become accustomed to expect to attack us at this time of the year. Judging by the various reports of some sufferers the individual is the only person who can tell he has it, for some have expected bed-down when they have felt tired but have received M. and D.

Up to the present "thrift" has not been nearly so successful. Perhaps we have not yet become accustomed to it. No doubt all will do in time.

Since commencing these notes the Command Inter-Company Cross Country Run has been held. I am pleased to record that the Company team have lived up to my expectations and finished third in the Command. Now this was a real good performance, for as I have said before, running is of a very high standard in this Command. The actual placings of Units will be given under the notes for Cross Country Running, but I propose to deal briefly with a few of the Company team.

In finishing tenth in the Command, Pte. Frost put up a real good performance. Seldom have the Buffs occupied such a low position. Frost is a very strong runner, well suited to tackle a heavy-going course. He is the very man to worry the remainder from beginning to end and will do better yet. Part of his success is due to the fact that he became a non-smoker some time back. If a few more were to give up their cigarette smoking they would run all the better for it. Now that is from experience and example set by Frost.

Pte. Burgess did great in finishing eighteenth. Last year he was 123rd in the same race. He is a real sticker when once he is on the go and though rather small, he makes up for this with grit and determination to get home. It is a good job he has a strict trainer, for he often thinks he likes the look of a pair of football boots before running shoes. Pte. Lewis in finishing 23rd is fast returning to his old position. He is small in size, but the strength and will to win is there. Pte. Hurley, one of the younger members of the team, finished 35th. As this was his first big race it was quite good. He has been down with 'Flu a good deal lately, so perhaps he did not do quite so well as he expected. Cpl. Handscomb was 42nd. He is an old member of the Company team round which the remainder have been built. He can always be relied on to finish in a good place and sets a fine example to all. A Company team would not be complete without Handscomb. Pte. Marsh was 48th; he is young yet, so will do better. He is a real sticker but sometimes has an off day. Pte. Reynolds was a new find this year and finished 68th. Pte. Mathews, 70th, Pte. Fox, 84th, Pte. Austin, 123rd, Pte. Cloke 127th, L/Cpl. Bills, 132nd and Pte. O'Connor, the reserve man, all carried out their parts well to help the Company to obtain the splendid position of third in the Command. The Company was eighth last year. We are on the right road. See we keep there!

A.V.O.



### The Band.

Since the last appearance of Band Notes there has been a change of Editors (Ahem!), the other one expiring whilst fathoming out Triads, Dominant Chords, etc, so here goes.

We played our first hockey match this season against the Drums Rather a scream, this game. You see, only three knew how to play it!!!! We reached half-time, winning 3-2. Everybody appeared to be injured somewhere, naturally? The second half found our forwards mistaking the opposing fellows' heads for hockey balls! (We had no stretchers available). They were wanted too. Full-time found us the losers by 5-3. Quite an enjoyable game.

We played the Signals at hockey next day and beat them 3-2. They were lucky to get off so lightly.

At footer we beat the unbeatable Signallers again, thereby claiming to be the Champions of "H.Q." Wing. Quite an achievement!!!

At Billiards we lost to the Signallers and beat the Employed fellows. We'll be thankful when Claude leaves the Depot and plays for the Band again.

We have been to the Alexandra Palace twice since our last notes were written and on both occasions the Band received a great ovation. Our popular Bandmaster replied with the difficult and well-known overture, "1812."

In conclusion, I hope to have more notes by the time our "list" is due again.

### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Have certain members of the band gone on an elocutionary course?  
Will Jim win the G.S.B.A. Championship?  
Is " Alf " taking up dirt-track racing?  
And can he get his gears in the seventh position?

YANK.

### The Drums.

We sent *Dragon* Notes last month, but I have since learnt that they were too late for publication and I think that was a pity as they were "Real Stuff" that we entered. So I think I will try my best once more. I suppose all the Readers of *The Dragon* feel this extreme coldness which exists at present. I do, so I do not intend to write much now.

The "Drums" are quids in with the Ladder Sports, Capt. Causton's novel way of encouraging Sport in the Wing, and one which we very much appreciate. We have won the Swimming, Bayonet Fighting, and Billiards. We beat the Band in a very good game in the Hockey Tournament by 5-3. Well done, the Band. We can always expect good sport from Sportsmen. Now we meet the "Signals" in the Final.

Well, we have got one little grouse to settle and that is with the "Sigs." who inserted their meritorious victory over us in a Football match, by the narrow margin of 5 goals to 4, but omitted to mention our 11-0 previous victory. So why make such a fuss over a 5-4 win. Be "Sporty," "Sigs."

Congratulations to "C" Company on getting third place in the Command Company Championships. We wish you all further success. (Well done).

We are sorry to say we are losing Drummers Perry, Tritton, Ray and Wylie who will be on their way to the 1st Battalion in India by the time these notes are published.

NAVONOD, 1819.

### M.G. Company.

Having been reminded that our notes for the past two months have used Christmas Leave as their excuse for brevity and there being no other suitable thing I can extract from that famous "book of excuses," I must set to and make this contribution more worthy of the company under whose name it appears.

Comings and goings this month are not numerous. We have lost Sgt. Emery who is acting as C.S.M. of "H.Q." Wing. All I need say is that our loss is their gain. We have had an exchange of cooks, Pte. Jury going to the Depot and Pte. Gammon joining us from that haven of rest. Let us hope he makes us all as fat as himself. The Draft to the 1st Battalion, of which we find twenty-four, leaves us a few days after these notes are due and we all wish them "bon voyage." One consolation they have, and that is that they will be warmer where they are going than what they have been during the last few days. Another threatened loss the company regrets is the departure of Mr. Knocker for West Africa, but more of this when the time comes as it is a subject we would like to put off as long as possible.

Sporting events must next occupy our thoughts.

FOOTBALL RESULTS:—v. "A" Company, won 5-2; v. Signallers, won 13-0.

Need I say more than that we have a good team and, bearing in mind the saying on the gymnasium wall, "Be generous in victory," I won't rub it in. I might mention in passing, however, that "C" Company are the only Company we haven't beaten this season and one imagines by their repeated refusals to play us, that they are "shaky." Following a challenge by the Signalling Officer who said he would produce a team to beat us at his game, we turned out a "danker" hockey team and drew, no goals being scored.

At Cross-Country Running we have been fairly successful. In the Inter-Platoon Run our three teams were fourth, sixth and eleventh respectively, No. 2 Section taking the honour of being first in the Company, No. 1 second and No. 3 third. The finish of the Inter-Company Race saw us a "tight" fourth. We had hoped for better.

At the Inter-Unit Team Boxing Championship Fight against the Irish Guards the Company was represented by Pte. Bell who won a good fight and Pte. Hudd whom even the Guards will agree was a very unlucky loser.

To return to the military news. Everybody is sweating again on losing marksman badges and Proficiency Pay and unless the gun behave themselves better than they have been doing they are not sweating for nothing. Still, we can overcome all difficulties in that line with the aid of good markers and the belts being filled by people who can't count. After our doom is sealed we go to Netheravon for the Concentration—more work—who wouldn't be a Machine Gunner—we do at least see the world.

We have just completed our Annual Revolver Course and the writer is one of the "bungers." (I never was good at shooting, give me a knife, fork and spoon). "Quick Draw" Strand has lost his reputation having been beaten to it by "Snake Eye" Butler, but other lead slingers of merit got better results including those two wild woolly men of the west, "Two Gun" Haley and "One Shot" Carr.

Still, enough of this flippancy. I must draw to a close or I shall be filling our worthy monthly, so cheerio, everybody, until next issue.

H.F.S.

### Signal Notes.

If our much-heard of, but less patronised "Silent Fund" had provided a heating system the writer might have forced himself (being naturally of a lazy disposition) to write at some length upon our worthy section. As it is, the circulation—like that of *The Dragon*—could be stronger.

Much keenness has been shown by our hockey enthusiasts and the team is now anxiously awaiting to defeat the "Drums" in the final of the inter-group. By so doing, we shall avenge a "slip" we made in the Billiards' Tournament.

Ignoring climate, another Draft affects us. We shall miss Ptes. Girt and Howard and we wish them the very best of luck—at any rate, they won't have to pay "coal money."

Sgt. Field has kindly been returned to us, a fact which we notice most at Revellé. (Why does one have to get out of bed to open a window?) He (Sgt. Field) turned out for us at football against the "Gunners"—we lost 13-0. Evidently the Signal Section is not alone in possessing "Marksmen." Nuff said.

JOB.

### Regimental Employed.

As these notes are being written with the weather at fifty degrees below freezing point, readers must excuse the shortness of same.

Several things have happened during the month, the most important being the departure of Lt./Cpl. Hanson for pastures new, he having transferred to the A.P.C. and like Alexander of old, is seeking fresh worlds to conquer.

A very good and sparkling game of hockey against the Signals was enjoyed by the Elite of the Battalion, the result was rather surprising, but we must admit that the best team won. Still, Sportsmen that we are, it is only natural that we should say this and it is only our retiring nature, modesty and reticence that prevents us from disclosing the fact that we played with ten men. We have decided to keep quiet about this and console ourselves in private and anticipate our next encounter with our charming and illustrious rivals.

We extend a hearty welcome to our new C.Q.M.S. and hope that he will enjoy life anew in a fresh sphere, and act towards us in the role of guide, philosopher and friend.

A few of the most select visited Midhurst and fought Manoeuvres over again. Judging by appearances, they had a very good time and enjoyed life to the full; well, at all events, they were full of something. Still, it is the "SPIRIT" of the thing that counts.

We offer our sympathy to "Nooker" who, deciding that the weather was too cold, departed from our midst and is now a patient in hospital suffering from N.Y.D.

Our "Physical Training Instructor" is to be congratulated on the success of his squad during the evening performances; there is no doubt that they shew great promise. Does this explain his staying in so much lately?

RAWOG.

### "A" Company.

It is usual to start all notes with something bright and snappy, but, as our recent lecturer on accounts remarked, there are always exceptions to the rule and this is one, for I am full of regrets for not having any notes for last month, for I am sure the dozen representatives of "A" Company had quite an exciting time here during Christmas.

All the Company returned from leave looking hale and hearty, very much broke, but under the circumstances, still managed to reflect the Kruschen feeling. They were introduced to Individual Training on return and I am very pleased to say that the result was quite good. I must congratulate the Revolver Party on their effort. All came back from the Range as "Qualified" shots, an improvement on last year's results. The way they did the Trench practice would make a "Wild West" film look like a game of "Tippett" in comparison. Nevertheless, however, what-ho—you do feel an ass when you are caught with an empty revolver.



## Beneath Bell Harry.



THE Depot, having five squads at work is indeed a place of interest and action.

With Musketry in full swing, P.T. Drill, School and Drill classes going on, there is always something for all to do.

We have recaptured the old competitive spirit among the squads and brought into use the "Inter-Squad Sports Shield."

The competitions, consisting of Tabloid Sports, Football and a Cross Country Run are keenly contested among the recruits.

Quite a lot of talent for cross country running has been discovered (and earmarked for the Battalion) and fresh talent found among those recruits who played football.

Sgt.-Instructor Wright, A.P.T. Staff, deserves great praise for his "Tabloid Sports" competition. This item, besides being interesting, helps considerably to improve the P.T.

The results for February were:—

Peninsula Squad 1st, with 22 points out of a total of 24.

The Taku Forts Squad are at present leading for the March Competition.

Should one visit the Gymnasium during the evening, dull thuds and heavy breathing will be heard. It is Sgt. Wright training the Boxing Team that is competing for the Eastern Command Boxing Cup.

The final competition takes place on Thursday, 21st February, at Shorncliffe. We hope for the best as we are certainly sending a very "fit" team to compete. Sgt. Wright has seen to that.

The present weather has been a kill to all sport. Football, Hockey and Hunting are out of the question. We all look eagerly to the great thaw, when sport may again be entered into.

Training, too, has suffered, especially shooting. We have been fortunate in having very little sickness during the "flu" wave. The recruits are keeping especially fit and the casualties among the staff have been nil.

February has seen a shortage of officers. Captain Howe has been on leave, Lieut. Airy at Aldershot, boxing for the 2nd Battalion against the Irish Guards, while all available officers have been examining O.T.C.'s at various towns about our area.

It was with deep regret we heard of the death of Mrs. Howe and we extend to Captain Howe our sincere sympathies in his great loss.

### Sergeants' Mess.

During the month we were glad to see R.S.M. Jeffrey, M.B.E., who left the 2nd Battalion at Wellington, India, about 1913, for employment with the I.U.L., and has recently arrived home for discharge to pension.

We also extend a hearty welcome to L/Sgt. Baker on his posting here for duty in relief of L/Sgt. Payne, whom we wish the best of luck in the 2nd Battalion.

At the Whist Drive held on 22nd January the Ladies' prizes went to Mrs. Collison, Miss Trance and Mrs. Sayer, whilst the Gentlemen's' prizes went to Cpl. Trinkwon, S.-Sgt. Bee and Sgt. Rowe.

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Sport has been mostly confined to putting one left in front of t'other in other words—Cross-Country Running. The Company have been doing fairly well in this respect, but we still have a long way to go to bring us up to standard, for one cannot call the Company a good running company because of a few men who are up to the scratch. The "Little Arthurs" who still creep in at the rear of the Battalion could, by effort and will-power, get nearer the first man. Don't think I am using these notes as a medium for lecturing the Company, far from it, but at the same time it is very disappointing to see men who are physically fit, come creeping in at the rear and spoiling the efforts of the men who, through pride in their Company, put all their effort into whatever they do.

We all join in congratulating No. 1 Platoon in getting third place in the Inter-Platoon Shield Run. The team was:—Cpls. Kerry, Johnson, Sgt. McNeir, L/Cpl. Norris, Ptes. Jolley, Hawkins, Knight, Bard and Stuart. Also, congratulations to the Company team in holding second place in the Inter-Company Shield Race. The team consisted of:—2/Lieut. R. F. Parry, 2/Lieut. J. F. Connolly, L/Cpl. Norris, Cpl. Kerry, Pte. Stevens, Cpl. Johnson, Pte. Jolley, Pte. Knight, Cpl. Kelly, Pte. Wilson, Pte. Scullion and Cpl. Gorham.

Both events are a very noble effort, but, come on "A" Company—these are only a few of the Company—do you want "father" to lead you again?

We all join in congratulating "C" Company in pulling off both of the foregoing events: they deserved to, for the training they did. To this we must add the effort put up by "C" Company in the Command Inter-Company Cross-Country Run. Well done, "C" Company.

Football for us has a very sad story. We were drawn in the Inter-Company Shield Matches against "C" Company, a very unlucky draw, for both teams were good. A very fast and clean match was seen and it resulted in us losing by 4 goals to nil. "C" Company have a very good forward line which was our weak point. (You notice we don't blame the Referee or linesmen). Better luck, next year, "A" Company.

I think I have about said my say. Of course, if we resorted to adding to these notes "Things we want to know," I am sure we could fill *The Dragon*, especially now the "double entry" system has been introduced.

By the time these notes are published we shall have lost some of our men to the First Battalion, so take this opportunity of bidding Sgt. Annan and Mrs. Annan, Ptes. Pain, Davidson, Hayward, Mitchell, Cropton and Pettitt the best of luck with the First Battalion. Also Pte. Willmoth is leaving us shortly to go to the Army Reserve. Good luck to him and remember to join the London Branch of the Past and Present Association.

### "B" Company.

Having completed Individual Training on 9th February, the majority of our few availables hustled off to Blackdown whence they depart daily for H. Area. They are clearing Pascall Wood ready for Collective Training. With Mr. Reeves, at any rate, they are no doubt keeping warm and perhaps a few spare logs are scrounged to assist the evening blaze. In Blenheim Barracks all pipes are frozen stiff and we are all uncomfortable. I have not found anyone who really likes hard weather in England. Even the bottles of "Kent's Best" are frozen. What will Messrs. Beer and Rigden do about it?

The Company Cross-Country Running Team tried very hard, but could not compete with "C" Company whom we heartily congratulate on doing so well in the Command Inter-Company, ending up a good third.

Martin and Williams of the Company fought for the Battalion in the third round of the Inter-Unit Boxing v. Irish Guards. Martin won his fight against a huge rusty-headed Milsie, by good boxing. The Wild'un was trying to out Martin, but by failing to guard himself, got battered all over the ring. Williams met a better boxer, but fought on pluckily as he always does. Good luck to Sergeants Cox and Gillett in the Shiny. "B" Company will miss them during the coming training. Hurry up, Spring!!! Nobody of "B" Company will be sorry to see the last of Winter, 1928—29.



Sgt. R. Watson is at present undergoing a Course at the Small Arms School, Hythe, and Sgt. W. Watson is putting in full time on a Depot Motor Course.

The result of the Whist Drive held on 5th February was as follows:—

Ladies :	1st prize	...	...	Mrs. Ansell.
"	2nd prize	...	...	Mrs. Dance.
"	Last prize	...	...	Mrs. Keegan.
Gents. :	1st prize	...	...	Sgt. Trice.
"	2nd prize	...	...	Mr. Punnett.
"	Last prize	...	...	Cpl. Trinkwon.

Sgt. Blake arrived home from India on 9th February for discharge. After keeping us company for a couple of days he left for London, and, we trust, early employment in civilian life.

We heartily congratulate L/Sgt. and Mrs. Bailey on the birth of a son, William Stephen James, at Northfleet on 11th January.

We have to thank Mr. Page (late The Buffs) for his gift of a framed copy of the Menin Gate. This photograph, taken during the Legion's visit to the battle fields, is a very appreciated gift to our Mess.

On Saturday, 17th February, the Commanding Officer presented to C.Q.M.S. Taylor and W.O. (ii.) A. E. C. Collins (attached) their L.S. and G.C. Medal. These last additions make our total of G.C. Medals eight. Not bad, considering that our total is only eighteen, including attached members.

**Football Notes.**

The Depot side kept up to good form on Saturday, January 28th, when we met Chislet Colliery in the Second Round of the Kent Amateur League Knock-Out Competition for Charity. The weather conditions were most appalling for soccer. After a recent heavy snow-fall the ground was very soft and after a few minutes play became almost a bog. These conditions suited neither teams and consequently no really brilliant efforts were seen. The Depot side did most of the attacking and were the more forceful, which gave them an early lead through Ashton. This lead was strengthened soon after the re-start and was kept till within a few minutes from time. This result was no mean effort when comparing the two teams' relative positions in the League Table.

On 2nd February we journeyed to Birchington to play our away fixture with that Club. We had guaranteed ourselves two points for this game, but we "counted our chickens—"

From an eye-witnesses point of view I have never had the misfortune to see such an awful game. We didn't expect much of Birchington, but for the Depot side—well!

Sgt. Gibson scored his second goal this season, and similar to his previous one, was a very good shot. Unfortunately it was scored for Birchington and, of course, cannot count towards his goal average this season.

Result : Depot, 4 ; Birchington, 5.

**Corporals' Mess.**

Owing to the recent terrific heat and numerous sandstorms, most of the community at large appear "brown" and are wondering what they would do "if winter came." We might even play football, previously allowing "Lofty" to take his Cross-Country Run.

I have a hazy recollection of someone talking about the Corporals playing football—this might, of course, be due to an excellent imagination or else a magnificent sense of humour, but I would like to suggest that we tackle something "easy" in the first stages of our training, say the Sergeants' Mess Team. We should probably give them "What-for" if they agreed to play "by numbers."

I am sorry to announce that we have not held a dance since the last one and are not sure if we shall be holding one until next time. The last dance, held in our Gymnasium (Muscle Factory) was a "splendiferous" success, thanks mainly to the R.S.M., Cpls. Richards and Trinkwon and the remainder of the Gym. Staff.

We certainly seem to be "putting aside for a rainy day," one of those on which we usually take our annual "Outing" and, with the aid of a few more Jazzes should ensure plenty of fun this summer.

At present we are anxiously awaiting the announcement of the date for the Sergeants v. Corporals Games Tournament to be held in the Sergeants' Mess.

Most of our members have been rehearsing their "turns." "Mac." was seen playing darts with a most ferocious look on his face. "Ial" has been flourishing "knives" in the Dining Hall. I don't know whether he hopes to compete against Sgt. Allen and his famous drumsticks, but time proves all things.

Corporal Good has just returned from the "Emerald Isle" where he has been hibernating for the past month. Lucky man.

Corporal Trinkwon essayed to beat "Paddy" by journeying to Shorncliffe, but was beaten by a few winks. He joined our throng at Mess yesterday.

Corporal Cross and L/Cpl. Willson have left us to join the 2nd Battalion, where we wish them the best of luck.

In their places have arrived L/Cpls. Parsons, Foad and Bills, whom we hope will "trek" along gaily in our midst during their stay at the "Nursery," be it long or short.

At the Adjutant's Parade, on Saturday, 18th February, L/Cpl. Kennedy received from the Commanding Officer his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. This brings our total to two, not quite up to the Sergeants' total. Looking round the present members of the Corporals' Room, it will be many years before such an event as this happens again. Bills has only 15 years to go!!

**Trained Men's Notes.**

During the last month everything has been going along as well as could be expected. The 30 yards Range has got a few of us beat, but we hope to get better results next time we have a shoot.

We have lost two of our faithful band. One is Bill Bailey ; we all miss him and also his wonderful tales. Let's hope he will tell our comrades in the 2nd Battalion about the 6 ft., 7 ft., 8 ft., 9 ft., well you know, about 10 ft., SNAKE. The other is Harry Gammon. We are all sorry to lose him, but I am afraid the "Wet Bar" will feel his loss more than anybody.

We welcome Jury and Thomas to our band. May they live long and be caught by the "Cork Club."

All the Trained Men miss Cpl. Cross, as although a member of the Corporals' Room, he often helped the football team. We wish him the best of luck in the Battalion.

Beyond this nothing else has come our way, so my literary effort must come to a close.

HAGG.

**FOOTBALL.**

Result of match with St. Paul's:—Trained Men, 9 ; St. Paul's 0.

Who was the Officer's servant who had a birthday cake made for his young lady and wanted his young lady's name and his own iced on the top. (Ask Bob).

**4th Battalion.**



WE have just heard officially that our Colonel has been granted a year's extension of Command till March, 1930. This news, we know, will be welcomed by everyone in the Battalion, and we are sure everyone will join in congratulating Colonel Burns.

Mr. E. R. Gandy has been gazetted to the Battalion as 2nd Lieutenant, and will take charge of our flourishing Horsmonden platoon, which recently lost the services of 2nd Lieut. Machin, who resigned.

This month we have been cheered by receiving an excellent Annual Report on the Battalion. Our only weak point in the

Battalion is still the Signalling Section, which is still very short of men. A number of our present section are going to join the 2nd Battalion at Aldershot for

a fortnight's course on February 23rd, and will, we know, gain valuable experience there. We would like to express our grateful thanks through these columns, to our Regular brothers for their continued assistance on our behalf.

The Kent Group Boxing Finals took place at Sevenoaks, on Saturday, February 9th. Three of our competitors won their fights, and will, we hope, be able to represent the Battalion in the Divisional Finals on Saturday, February 23rd. The fighting was of a high standard and obviously showed that all the competitors meant to win.

Pte. Kirk had to fight two contests to win the Lightweight. He showed no difficulty in attaining his object and knocked both his opponents out in each first round. We still recognise Pte. Kirk as our star performer in the Battalion team and send him our congratulations on his excellent performance.

Dr. Moores won his fight in the Flyweights after a stiff fight.

Pte. Fisher, in the Featherweights, received a walk-over, as his opponent failed to appear.

These three men are our only representatives for the Chelsea Divisional Finals and we wish them every success in their fights.

L/Cpl. Steel and Pte. Garwood both received good loser's prizes for their fights, and both thoroughly deserved them.

Our new G.O.C., Major-General Peck, has visited our detachments at Folkestone, Dover, Sandwich, Ramsgate and Margate during this month. He was prevented from reaching Battalion Head-quarters by the wintry weather.

Our future M.G. Company has made a start. New hands have started classes at Dover and Folkestone, so when the Company is finally formed in April, 1930, we shall have a good nucleus to work on in addition to our present M.G. platoon.

We shall still require another 30 recruits to make us up to establishment at Camp, and to replace discharges which will occur before that date.

J. R. W.

### "A" Company (Thanet).

#### MARGATE PLATOON.

We have hardly seen our Platoon Officer or Sergeant since Christmas as they have been busy and if we are going to do any good at Camp this year we shall have to get going at once. It is not to be wondered at that we are now the lowest strength Platoon in the Company. L/Sgt. Emptage, L/Cpl. Maxted and Bass are doing their best and we are now firing for the delayed January Spoon Shoot as we had no ammunition till the skipper bought some. Sgt.-Major Johnson has got us some for the February Spoon Shoot. There is a Lewis Gun Competition for the Silver Medal on 15th March.

#### MARGATE TERRITORIAL OFFICERS' SUPPER BALL.

This was a great success and was well patronized by retired Officers and especially well supported by the Territorial Gunners from all parts of East Kent, Colonel B. G. Turner and some fourteen Gunner Officers in Mess Kit being present. As this Dance is an annual affair and appears to be the only one organized by Territorial Officers in Kent, it was hoped that more Buff Officers would have been present. Two local Officers were the sole representatives of our County Regiment. It was regretted that the Honourable Esmond Harnsworth, M.P. was unable to be present, but he generously sent his cheque for £550 for the Hospital Fund in aid of which the dance is annually given. It is hoped that next year the Lord Lieutenant of the County, The Marquis Camden, T.D. and Major-General Sir Arthur and Lady Lynden-Bell will be able to be present.

QUARTERBLOKE,  
Editor, Margate Platoon.

#### RAMSGATE PLATOON.

In conjunction with the local Branch of the Past and Present Association we held a Recruiting Concert. Captain C. S. F. Witts showed us one hundred Lantern slides of the 4th Buffs in the East fourteen years ago, in a very Machine Gun manner. This was followed by a splendid Gymnastic Display by Sandwich Detachment, who are a splendid lot of fellows. They arrived in a snowstorm, 11 3 motor

lorry, bringing a vaulting horse and parallel bars. They gave a very good show and were a credit to Sgt. Marsh who trained them in three evenings. Ramsgate Gym. Squad then gave a display on the bars and, considering the short time they had been training, they were good. Margate Detachment then gave a Guard Mounting demonstration under L/Sgt. Emptage. Considering the dreadful night, there was quite a good attendance, but sad to relate, we did not get a single recruit. However, a lot more old Buffs joined the Past and Present Association and the Serving Buffs had their interest re-awakened by taking part in the display. Corporal Reynolds appeared in costume in his Anglo-Indian ditty and caused endless amusement.

Ramsgate Drill Hall is a model of tidiness. Sergeant-Instructor and Mrs. Marsh are polishing all day and owing to the polish on the floor it is safer to enter the Officers' Room on all fours.

CAMEL PLATOON EDITOR.

#### SANDWICH DETACHMENT.

We are glad to hear that fires are going to be lit in the Drill Hall on our nights in future, i.e. during the remainder of the winter. We have not had one for months. The Gunner caretaker evidently doesn't feel cold, but we do.

Sergeant Elvery, Corporals Field, Rowley and Parker, with the Skipper's help, are arranging a Smoker and Gym. Display in the course of a few days, just to liven things up a bit and we hope to run a combined dance with the Gunners.

#### HERNE BAY DETACHMENT.

Like most other towns, we are snowed up and so there is not a great deal to write about as most of the detachment are enjoying winter sports, viz. tobogganing on The Downs. Lieut. Iggulden was last seen breaking all speed records on the sleigh run, but we are glad to say that he is still intact.

The January Spoon Shoot was won by L/Cpl. W. Thundow, a very close competition being witnessed, as the men had a hard job to keep their shots out of the "Bull."

We must also congratulate L/Cpl. Thundow on being presented with a son, another true "Buff," we hope.

We are sorry to say that Cpl. Kearney (Uncle Pat) is under the doctor and is likely to remain so for a few weeks. We shall all welcome him back and hope that he will soon be well enough to take over his duties behind the bar as some of us are going dry.

We should like to know if anyone has seen the "Skipper" as he has been rather quiet lately.

We are still recruiting strongly and when our latest recruit has been fully approved, we shall number a round fifty.

A few of the N.C.O.'s and Men have been enrolled in the Past and Present Association by Sgt. Marsh and we hope that he will soon capture more.

B.C.H.

### "B" Company.

#### SITTINGBOURNE DETACHMENT.

I must offer my apologies to all readers for the absence of our notes from *The Dragon* last month (January), but really, the Busy Bee had other important work to do.

We all offer our congratulations to Major and Mrs. V. J. Dean on the birth of a son and now, no doubt, we shall soon see the nurse out in the sun with the pram.

We also congratulate the following N.C.O.'s on passing out for promotion:—Sgt. S. Clayson, L/Sgt. G. Davis, Cpl. Wyborn, L/Cpl. Turner and L/Cpl. Ball. There is no doubt that the N.C.O.'s' promotion examinations which are now being held, will be the means of increasing the efficiency of the Battalion. We have no doubt whatever, judging by the recent promotions that have taken place in the Company, they will greatly increase the standard of efficiency and when we all meet at our Annual Camp we shall look to all ranks to give their best support and so win the Harris Shield this year.

Just at present the Platoons in the Company are busy practising on their miniature range ready for the final competition in the Brigade Miniature Range Competition. The result of the shooting will appear in our next issue of *The Dragon*. It is hoped, of course, that one of our Platoons will be in the final to represent the Battalion Platoon team. No. 8 Platoon at Sittingbourne have had plenty of practice, but our drawback is that we have only a fifteen yards range. Still, we hope our dead-eye team will put up a good show. We shall fire it off on our Canterbury range.

Whitstable and Canterbury, Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons should also do well as they both have a twenty-five yards range and every comfort for shooting. ...

The Whitstable Detachment can congratulate themselves on having had their Drill Hall thoroughly painted and done up, inside and out and I must say that I have never seen a cleaner and better kept place. On behalf of the Detachment we thank our Company Commander, Lieut. J. Turner, Or.-Mr. F. Verlander, Capt. R. J. Willows and Sgt and Mrs. Croucher for all they do for the Detachment. Preparations are now in hand for the Annual Smoking Concert which will take place on March 6th and we are all striving to go one better than last year. We appeal to all ranks of the Detachment to do their best in regard to each getting one recruit; we can still do with a few more good men to join us.



Our Monthly Miniature Range Spoon Shoots are still being held and the attendance is quite satisfactory. We congratulate Pte. Byfleet on winning the silver spoon for January; rather contrary to expectations, Pte. L. Whiskin was the winner of the Wooden Spoon. The Busy Bee looks for a surprise on the 19th of this month (February).

Our Branch of the Past and Present Association at Sittingbourne I am glad to say, is progressing satisfactorily. I will not deal with it here, as I know the Secretary has already sent up a few notes which will appear elsewhere in the *Dragon*, but I would like to see a few more members of the Busy Bee Detachment join our Association. I would thank those members of the Detachment who have already joined. Our meetings will be held on the first Friday in each month. Now then, everybody, come and join up.

Before I close I must offer my congratulations to all ranks of the Battalion on the most excellent report that has appeared in Battalion Orders and I would appeal to all to go one better next year.

With reference to the article which appeared under the heading of "The Stranger," page 53 of January issue, the Sergeant did have a shock with his visitor. None the less, through life I have always tried to help others and I hope I shall never want myself.

THE BUSY BEE.

### "D" Company.

January has found us full of energy, both on and off parade. In the absence of our Permanent Staff Instructor, C.S.M. Love, who has been away on a course at Woolwich, the duties of Instructor have fallen on the shoulders of C.S.M. Maskell. Parades have been exceptionally well attended and some very useful work has resulted especially with recruits. Our Boxing Team is training hard for the local Territorial Army Challenge Cup and the forthcoming Territorial Army Contests, the first of which, the Kent Group, will be competed at Sevenoaks on Saturday, 9th February, 1929, when it is hoped that the team will give a good account of themselves. The Dover Detachment's newly-formed Football Team took the field for the first time on Saturday last when they suffered defeat at the hands of the Fransionians Sports Club, but we are confident that when they have had a little more practice they will be giving us very good results.

The Machine Gunners are holding their Annual Dinner on Saturday evening, 26th January, and we hope to give further particulars about this in next month's notes. We feel sure that they will have a great time.

On New Year's Eve a most successful Dance was held at the Drill Hall, some 300 dancers spending a most enjoyable evening. Once again C.S.M. Love excelled himself in decorating the Hall and organising various novelties, including the departure of Father Time (ex-Cpl. Hollands) at midnight and the arrival of Miss 1929 (Miss Eileen Love) who presented Mrs. Cootie, our Company Commander's wife, with a bouquet. On February 13th, the Dover Branch of the Past and Present Association The Buffs are holding their Annual Ball which will no doubt be well attended, but we shall be glad to welcome visitors from other Companies and Branches.

The month of February has been a very active one, both from the Parade and Recreational point of view. Preparatory to the formation, possibly within the next twelve months, of a Machine Gun Company at Dover and Folkestone, N.C.O.'s and Men of "D" Company have been receiving preliminary instruction in the handling of the Vickers Gun under the tuition of C.S.M. Love and C.Q.M.S. Doe. On Tuesday evening, the 12th of February, despite the wintry weather, the Dover Detachment, under Lieut. Sherwood, and headed by the Drums, marched out to Kearsney where refreshments were partaken of and a short sing-song was held, and arrived back at the Drill Hall at 11 p.m., somewhat chilly, but decidedly happy. Apparently we set a good example to the Regular Troops stationed here as they followed suit the next evening!! It is hoped that these Route Marches will be held at least once a month before going to Camp this year as they are undoubtedly most helpful as recruits are given instruction in march discipline, etc., and all ranks are given the opportunity to get used to carrying their equipment and breaking in their Army Boots which are always a source of trouble for the first two or three days at Camp.

Company Football is still progressing slowly, but our chief form of recreation during the month of February is Boxing. Early in the month, a Battalion Boxing Competition was held in order to select the 4th The Buffs' team for the Territorials' Army Championships this year. As a result of the Battalion Competition, the following were selected to proceed to Sevenoaks to compete in the Kent Group Finals:—

MIDDLEWEIGHTS:—L/Cpl. Steel (The Drums).  
WELTERWEIGHTS:—Pte. Garwood ("A" Company).  
LIGHTWEIGHTS (2nd string):—Bdsm. Fisher ("A" Company).  
LIGHTWEIGHTS:—Pte. Kirk ("D" Company).  
FEATHERWEIGHTS:—Pte. Fisher ("A" Company).  
BANTAMWEIGHTS:—Dmr. Pollard (The Drums).  
FLYWEIGHTS:—Dmr. Moores (The Drums).

This team accordingly proceeded to Sevenoaks on Saturday, 9th February and gave, by all reports, an excellent account of themselves. On their return all members of our Team were full of praise for the excellent way in which they were entertained by the 4th Battalion The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment: such hospitality has further cemented the good feeling which exists between the Queen's Own and ourselves. In the Middleweights, L/Cpl. Steel put up an extremely plucky fight being repeatedly brought down to the floor by his opponent, but gamely coming up for more until the Referee stopped the fight and awarded Steel one of the Medals for a best loser, a decision very popular with the audience. Our Welterweight, Pte. Garwood, after a very hard fight, was defeated in the Finals on points and was awarded the other best loser's Medal in addition to the Runner-up's Medal. Pte. Kirk, who last year represented the Battalion in the

Territorial Army Finals at The Stadium, was victorious in the Lightweight contests, delivering the "Knock-out" in the first rounds to both his opponents and we are very hopeful of his going far again this year. Pte. Fisher was fortunate enough to obtain a Walk-over in the Featherweights. In the Bantamweights, Dmr. Pollard, a new-comer to the Team this year, was defeated on points in the Semi-finals and we hope that with a little more experience he will prove a valuable member of the team in future years. According to those present, the best fights of the evening were those of Dmr. Moores's, who surprised everybody by knocking out his two opponents in the 1st and 2nd rounds respectively. As a result of the Kent Group Competition, Ptes. Kirk and Fisher, and Dmr. Moores will proceed to the Divisional Finals at Chelsea Barracks on the 23rd inst. and we hope in next month's notes to record their performance in London. The Dover Territorial Army Boxing Challenge Cup, presented by the Dover Garrison, is being competed for at the Dover Drill Hall on the 26th and 27th February and we feel that we have a good chance of regaining this Trophy, but we propose to give the result in next month's issue of *The Dragon*.

Just before sending these notes to The Editor we saw in Battalion Orders that our Commanding Officer, Colonel Burns, has been granted an extension of period of Command until March, 1930. All ranks of "D" Company and Headquarter Company (Dover and Folkestone) would like to take this opportunity of expressing to our C.O. our greatest satisfaction at such a decision on the part of the Powers-that-be and assure him of the continued loyal support of all ranks.

## 1st Cadet Company, The Buffs.

"JUST like old times!" and "Do you remember when 'Whitey' turned out with the Guard with a pull-through weight hanging out of the barrel of his carbine, when we camped at Northbourne in 1919?" These were the sort of remarks we heard on Wednesday, January 23rd, when the Corps held its Annual Reunion at Messrs. Snelling's Restaurant, The Market Place, Sandwich.

The O.C. (Capt. Walter C. Collins) was, as usual, in the chair, supported by the members of the Cadet Committee (Col. H. Norris, Major W. M. K. Marshall and Capt. R. M. Bourne). Others present included the Rev. C. H. Hutt (our padre), Lieut. A. W. Twyman, B. S. M. Townshend, R.A., Sgt. E. Holness (an original Cadet) now in the Royal Artillery, Sgt. A. Elvery, Corporals Field, Rowley, Dunster and Parker (The Buffs), Mr. W. H. M. Twyman (ex-Sgt., 2nd Battalion The Buffs, 1902), Mr. A. F. Bennett (ex-Sgt. The Buffs), Mr. F. Snelling, Sen., and the members of the present Cadet Company. Of the old Cadets we had with us, besides The Buffs' Corporals already mentioned, Messrs. T. Kimber, S. Chapman, J. Bourner, W. Martin, F. Smith and last, but by no means least, Boy Blake, who quite recently left us to join the Regular Army (1st Battalion The Buffs), and by this time is on the high seas, on his way to India.

It is very much regretted that Colonel E. B. Burns and Capt. J. R. Willows were unable to be with us; we look forward to seeing them especially on these occasions. Both, however, sent kind wishes to the members of the Company.

After partaking of the excellent tea provided, honouring the various toasts and standing for a moment in silent tribute to those Cadets who have "crossed the bar," the remainder of the evening was devoted to an impromptu concert, ably led at the piano by Musician G. D. G. Hicks, Royal Marines.

During the course of the evening Captain R. M. Bourne briefly outlined the work of the Corps during the year and at the same time presented to Corporal Sawkins the Challenge Cup given by the Officers of the 4th Battalion for the most efficient Cadet in the Company. Captain Bourne also kindly promised a prize for the Cadet 'most regular in attendance.' This announcement, needless to say, was received with cheers. A really enjoyable evening terminated about 9.15—quite late enough for young people.

Of the several ex-Cadets who have come to see us recently we are specially proud of Stanley Knight, who joined us in 1920; he is now a Lance-Sgt., Grenadier Guards, after just over four years service.



## The Regimental Gazette.

### Officers.

#### REGULAR ARMY. COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following appointments are made:—

Bt.-Lieut.-Colonel Hon. P. G. Scarlett, M.C., The Buffs, to be G.S.O. 2nd Grade. War Office (January 1st).

The following seconded while students at the Staff College (January 21st):—Capt. C. J. Wood, M.C.

The following Gentlemen Cadets from the Royal Military College, to be Sec.-Lieuts (January 31st):—

The Buffs: C. R. Tuff, A. G. Jelf.

The following Sec.-Lieuts. to be Lieuts. (February 4th):—

M. P. D. Dewar, F. W. B. Parry.

#### TERRITORIAL ARMY.

4TH BATTALION THE BUFFS.—Sec.-Lieut. K. S. Machin resigns his commission (January 1st).

4TH BATTALION THE BUFFS.—Edward Richard Gandy to be 2nd-Lt. (January 1st).

#### COMMISSIONS IN THE ARMY.

##### PASSING OUT LISTS.

SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE.—A. J. Reith, The Buffs; C. A. R. Gordon, The Buffs.

The following 2/Lieuts. from the Supplementary Reserve of Officers to be 2/Lieuts (February 1st).

S. STAFFORD REGT.—C. A. R. Gordon, The Buffs.

### The 2nd Battalion.

#### RECRUIT—BOY.

Boy W. R. Sharman attested 30-1-29 for 1st Battalion for 12 years (9 years Colours and 3 years Reserve) as from attaining the age of 18 years, *i.e.*, 19-4-31.

#### EXTENSION OF SERVICE.

6281749 Pte. E. Jury, "M.G.," extended to complete 12 years with the Colours, 4-2-1929.

6278727 Sgt. A. Field, "H.Q.," re-engaged at Aldershot, 8-2-29 for The Buffs for such period as will complete 21 years Colour Service.

#### TRANSFER TO ARMY RESERVE.

2214023 Pte. H. Amer, "C.," transferred to Army Reserve, 11-1-29 under K.R. 369 (i).

6281478 Pte. L. Down, "H.Q.," transferred to Army Reserve, 22-1-29 under K.R. 369 (1).

6281490 Pte. F. Murphy, "M.G.," transferred to Army Reserve, 5-2-29 under K.R. 369 (i).

#### DISCHARGES.

6278600 L/Cpl. F. Harper, "H.Q.," discharged 16-1-29 under K.R. 370 (xxi).

6282586 Pte. C. Pearce, "A.," discharged 21-1-29 under K.R. 370 (xvi) (a).

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The Welch Regiment. The Essex Regiment.  
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The Sherwood Foresters. The Loyal Regiment.  
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## Colonel of The Buffs.

His Majesty The King has been graciously pleased to appoint General Sir Arthur Lynden Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., to be Colonel of The Buffs, in succession to the late General Sir Arthur Paget (of glorious memory).

Before the *Dragon* goes to press this appointment will have appeared in the *London Gazette*.

Let us therefore rouse the Sleeping Drummer bid him sound Reveille and the General Salute and let us on our front page extend a hearty welcome and our best congratulations to our new Colonel, Sir Arthur Lynden Bell.

All his old Comrades will be delighted when they get the news, as will also the host of young Buffs who have already made the General's acquaintance.

The Record of General Lynden Bell's Service is published below shewing how all his early Army life was spent in the Regiment; up to the time when he became a field officer, and afterwards began his brilliant Staff career.

During all those busy years on the General Staff Sir Arthur never forgot that he was first, a Buff.

Who will ever forget his cheery welcome to the 2nd Battalion on their arrival in South Africa for the Boer War? Or his zealous care of the 1st Battalion going out to the Ypres Salient for the first time. We all know Sir Arthur's first thoughts are for the welfare of the Regiment and for all Buffs, Past and Present.

The appointment of each new Colonel marks another epoch in the life of the Regiment, let this be one, if possible, of even greater union and affection amongst all members of our glorious Corps.

R. Mc.D.

25th March, 1929.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I should like to say that what I am proudest of in all the good fortune I have had, is that I served 24 years in the Regiment, was Adjutant of the 1st Battalion from 1892-1896, including the Chitral Expedition, commanded the Depot 1905-1907 and then the supreme honour of being given the Colonelcy of the Regiment by His Majesty. What soldier could wish for more than the latter.

Yours sincerely,

A. LYNDEN BELL.

Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., who resides at Stone Ridge, Platt, Sevenoaks, and is a very keen supporter of The Buffs Past and Present Association, was at Sandhurst, joined the Buffs in 1885, was promoted Captain in 1894, Major 1902, Lieutenant-Colonel 1908, and Colonel 1912. He served in the Chitral Campaign as Adjutant to the Buffs. He passed the Staff College in 1898-99, was sent to South Africa on special service, served as Adjutant to the Mounted Infantry Battalion, and was severely wounded. He served at the War Office as Staff Captain in the Intelligence Department and subsequently as D.A.Q.M.G. Intelligence 1900-1905. He was on the General Staff, Southern Command, 1907-11, and the General Staff, Lowland Division, 1911-14.

Serving in the European War, 1914-17, he was ten times mentioned in dispatches. For distinguished service in the field Sir Arthur received promotion to Major-General, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.; Grand Officer of Order of the Rising Sun (Japan); Grand Officer of the Order of the Crown of Italy; Grand Officer of the Nile (Egypt); Grand Officer of the Order of the White Eagle (Serbia); Commander of the Legion of Honour (France); Commander of the Order of Leopold (Belgium); Order of St. Vladimir (Russia); and the American D.S.M.

He was Chief of the Staff of the 3rd Army in France, and when Sir Charles Monro was sent in October, 1915, to the Dardanelles to report on the situation there, Sir Arthur Lynden Bell accompanied him as Chief of the Staff. Sir Charles Monro was subsequently ordered to carry out the evacuation of the Gallipoli Peninsula. The evacuation was carried out without the loss of a single life. The Germans, who said the British were lucky, have also said that the evacuation was a "marvellously skilful operation of war." Sir Arthur was Chief of Staff Duties 1918-21, retiring in 1924. Both the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge conferred upon him the Hon. Degree of M.A.

### Personalia.

WE offer our sincere congratulations to Dr. G. K. A. Bell, Dean of Canterbury, on his appointment to the Bishopric of Chichester. During the period Dr. Bell has been at Canterbury he has taken the greatest interest in The Buffs and has at all times done everything possible to help us in every way and to strengthen the bond existing between the Regiment and the Cathedral, particularly in respect to the Warriors Chapel.

We are asked to state that Major General Sir A. Lynden Bell is most deeply grateful for the many kind messages of congratulation which he has received on his appointment as Colonel of the Regiment, all of which he will answer individually.

Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden Bell has been appointed President of the League of Nations Investigation Commission for Hungary.

Major-General Sir Guy and Lady Bainbridge were present at the R.E. Point-to-point and witnessed the Regimental Race and also attended the Staff College Point-to-point.

Hearty congratulations to the Officers of the 2nd Battalion on winning the Inter Regimental Race against the Norfolk Regt., and particularly to Major H. de R. Morgan on coming in first on his second string. It is very pleasing to note that hunting in the Battalion is becoming so general. Not so long ago there was difficulty in finding a team of four, to enter for the Regimental Race; last year there were six starters and this year twelve entries and nine starters. Soon we shall see things as in Kilkenny in '97; when there was only one officer who did not hunt, and he was permanent orderly officer during the season. We are indebted to Capt. R. Tuke for the account of the race.

Colonel A. C. Trollope, who is once again back in South Africa, has just become a Life Member of the Past and Present Association.

Brig.-General R. McDouall and Mrs. Ronald are both to be thanked for their good services in obtaining offers of employment during the last month for men of the Regiment.

Colonel H. Findlay and Major C. S. Field were present at a Conference held by the G.O.C. in C. Eastern Command recently to discuss "Employment of Ex-Service Men."

The following have been presented to the Regimental Museum:—

1. The original wooden Cross erected over the graves of men of the 1st Battalion who fell in action at Aubers Ridge.

2. A Gorget with the Dragon and figure 3 on it, and a nineteenth century Officer's Cross Belt Plate. The latter two gifts are from Lt.-Colonel L. Messel. Needless to say how very much these gifts are appreciated.

In addition to the above Capt. C. Vallange has forwarded the following medals for sale; the proceeds to be credited to the Buff's Benevolent Fund. We should be very pleased to receive offers.

"Afghanistan" 1878, 79, 80.

"Crimea" 1854, with Bars, Sebastopol, Balaklava, Alma.

La Crimea, 1855.

India, 1857 to 1868.

India, 1857 to 1858 with Bar, Defence of Lucknow.

South Africa.

Kabul to Kandahar, 1880.

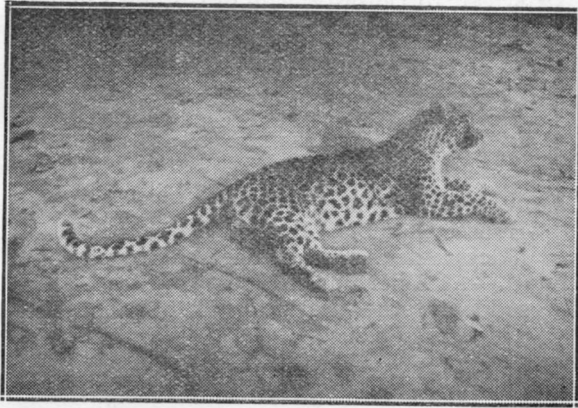
New Zealand.

Arrangements have been made for the Dragon Club Dinner to be held this year at Claridges Hotel, on Wednesday, June 19th.

Major Norman and Mrs. Hart appear to be having a very sporting as well as exciting time, as the accompanying photographs will show. Tiger has been their main objective. During the last twelve months the total bag has included two tigers and four panthers. Mrs. Hart was in the michan with Major Hart when he shot his last panther, which in spite of a smashed shoulder and shot heart, charged ahead 66 yards before going over.







We hear that Mrs. Howard Smith is coming home for a change; she leaves India at the end of April, in the s.s. *Assyria*.

We regret that we omitted to mention last month that Capt. E. H. Allen is at present at the Staff College.

Those who served in Macedonia in the early days of the Salonika Force will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Albert Kinross, the novelist and founder of the "*Balkan News*." Many will recall the excitement occasioned by the first issues of that historic sheet and there are doubtless some careful people who have preserved their copies. Mr. Kinross was succeeded in the Editorial Chair by Mr. H. Collinson Owen who, as C.O. in the *Evening Standard* since the War, has delighted thousands of readers with his sparkling humour.

It is a grim thought that thirteen years have elapsed since *The Balkan News* first began to appear with the rations.

Captain Rice and Lieut. Lister sail for West Africa on the 10th April.

Friends of Canterbury Cathedral will be interested to hear that, by a curious coincidence, the article (in the Annual Report) on the Warriors' Chapel by Major Tomlinson is illustrated by a portrait of his old servant's son, Pte. King.

Mr. J. E. King, who earlier was Captain Barker's servant, is still living at Ashford, working with the Southern Railway.

We hear on good authority that Mr. and Mrs. Harry Milton are having a good time at Poona where Mr. Milton is now Station Staff Officer.

The latest news from East Africa is that Lieut. K. M. C. Mallam, F. G. Crozier, G. H. Mitchell, W. H. Rowe, are at Nairobi. Lieuts. J. C. T. Crozier and G. E. Sankey are expected to arrive there shortly. Capt. E. W. P. Haymen is at Waziri. Lieut. Mallam has been appointed Adjutant of the 3rd Battalion K.A.R.

We are glad to hear that a special Campaign Pension has been awarded to Mr. George Apps.

We deeply regret to announce the deaths of Sergt.-Major Hildebrand and also of C.S.M. Warr.



We offer our hearty congratulations to Q.M.S. Pratt on winning the all India A.R.A. Cup with 87.

Cpl. and Mrs. C. Foad wish to say how deeply they appreciate the kindness shown them by Mrs. Crookenden during their baby's illness also to thank Mrs. Vaughan, members of the Married Families, all members of the Corporals Mess, also L/Cpl. Chisnell and Bandsman Baker for beautiful flowers sent.

We are glad to hear that Mr. J. Kemp has found employment with the Southern Railway; his ganger is also an old Buff, Lance-Corporal Taylor.

We have had an interesting letter from Mr. W. Bassett (late L/Cpl. G. 12870) from Eastbourne, where he is working at his old trade of hairdressing. Mr. Bassett joined the 1st Battalion about September 1916, was wounded in April 1917 and rejoined it early in 1918. Having been gassed later and sent to Dover, he formed part of the Guard of Honour when President Wilson landed there.

Mr. Bassett mentions two other old 1st Battalion men who are living at Eastbourne: Martin and Searle, but he does not know their address.

We have good news of Mr. A. J. Hett who had a commission in the 7th Battalion and is now living at Ardingley, Sussex.

Colonel Findlay and Lieut. Lister visited the London Branch last month. We hear that Lieut. Lister's autograph was in great demand.

We are asked to remind readers of the London Branch Ladies' Festival and Annual Dinner which take place at "The Florence Restaurant," Piccadilly, on May 4th. Tickets, 6/-, from Mr. H. Burt, 131 Peckham Rye, S.E.15.

The London Branch have got together a good cricket team. All they now require is the gear to play with. The Branch will be more than grateful for gifts—either new or second-hand—in this direction.

## Births, Marriages and Deaths.

### BIRTHS.

**Allen.**—6278332 Pte. R. Allen (2nd Battalion attached), a son, Ernest Wilfred, born at Canterbury, 7/3/1929.

**Baker.**—6279142 Sgt. H. Baker, "H.Q.," a son, Ronald John, born at Aldershot, 4/1/29.

**Dell.**—1037656 Cpl. H. Dell, "B," a daughter, Patricia Lily, born at Portland, 2/1/29.

**Eley.**—6281192 Pte. W. Eley (2nd Battalion The Buffs), a son, Ronald Walter, born at Teynham, 8/1/1927.

**Lindley.**—On March 25th, 1929, at 27 Welbeck Street, to Dorothy, wife of Gordon Lindley, of The Peak, Furze Lane, Purley, a son.

### MARRIAGE.

**Eley—Ingham.**—6281192 Pte. W. Eley (2nd Battalion The Buffs) to Ethel Annie Ingham, at Faversham, 6/4/1926.

### DEATHS.

**Annesley.**—On March 23rd, 1929, at Bat House, Hamble, Hants, Major F. D. J. (Jack) Annesley, late The Buffs, aged 65.

**Foad.**—At Aldershot on Tuesday, 19th March, suddenly, the dearly loved baby of Cpl. and Mrs. Foad.

### The Late Sergt. F. Hildebrand.

He was one of the finest Buffs who ever wore the "Dragon" in his cap. A man of firm temperament, stable character, healthy habits, he was heart and soul one thing—a Buff.

The late Sgt. Hildebrand had been employed at Worcester House, Wallbrook, London, for a long time and was a keen member of the London Branch. His work prevented him from attending the meetings as often as he would have liked but, nevertheless, he was specially enthusiastic about doing what he could to find men employment—behind the scenes.

He will be remembered as a first-class "rugger" player, particularly in the 1st Battalion in India. He was also a fine cricketer. I remember seeing the 2nd Battalion off to South Africa from Bulford for their first tour of foreign service after the South African War. Hildebrand shook hands with me and said: "Good-bye—it's a fine regiment, the old Buffs." He lived up to it.

His death was tragic. I hear he went to Tunbridge Wells after leaving London. It was during the recent terrible frost and his furniture or bedding not having arrived, he caught a bad chill and passed away in a few days.

J.E.

### REGULAR ARMY COMMISSIONS.

#### ARMY ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

The next Army Examination is announced to begin on 25th June. There are open for competition at this examination 80 Cadetships at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, and at least 200 Cadetships at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. To be eligible to sit for this examination, a candidate must have reached the age of 18 years on the 1st July, 1929, but must not have reached the age of 19 years on that date. Successful candidates will, if physically fit join their respective Institutions on the ensuing 30th August, and will undergo a course of training there of approximately 18 months' duration.

Of the 80 cadets who will enter the Royal Military Academy as a result of this examination, approximately 64 per cent. will be allotted to the Royal Artillery, 20 per cent to the Royal Engineers, and 16 per cent to the Royal Corps of Signals. The 200 cadets entering the Royal Military College will receive commissions in the Cavalry, Foot Guards (on recommendations by the Officer Commanding the regiment which the cadet wishes to join), Infantry, and Tank Corps of the British Service, and in the Indian Army.

Forms of application may be obtained from the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, Burlington Gardens, London, W.1., and should be completed and forwarded to the Commissioners in time for delivery on or before 1st May, 1929. No form of application received after that date will be accepted in any circumstances.

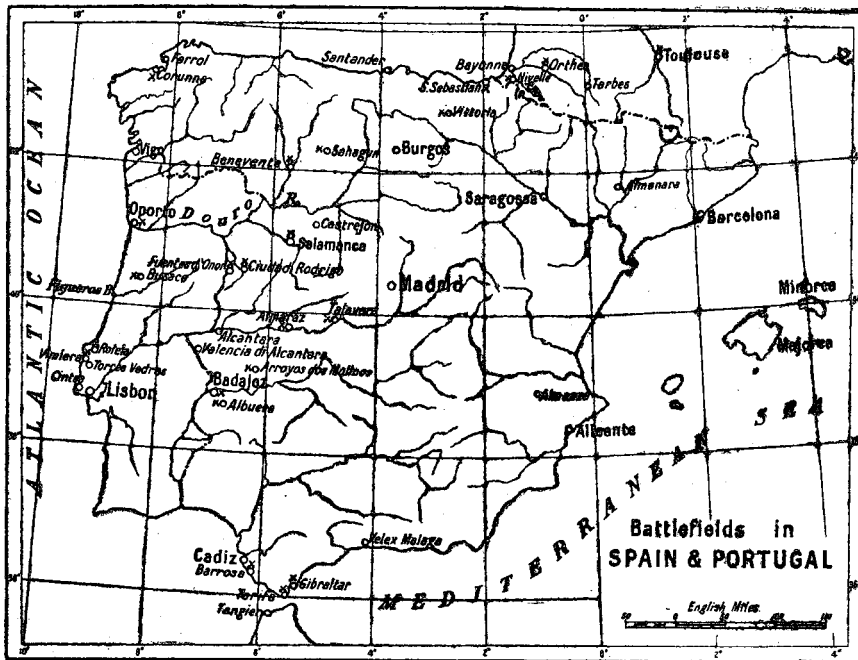


# Battles of the Buffs.

No. 35.

A SURVEY OF THE PENINSULA WAR.

1808—1814.



IT was on Christmas Day, 1807, that the Buffs landed in the Portuguese island of Madeira. Eight months later they were moved to Portugal, and from that time up to the fall of Toulouse on the 10th April, 1814, they were continually on active service. The nine big battles in which they had taken part have already been described, and the final battle honour, "PENINSULA," gives an opportunity for a very brief review of the war as a whole.

The war, as has been shewn, lasted for close on six years, that is to say for nearly two years more than the recent war of 1914-1918. Moreover during those six years there was no "leave." Wellington himself did not set foot in England from the time he assumed command of the army in 1809 until the end of the war, and there were no doubt many officers and men of the Buffs who were in the Peninsula throughout that period also. By the end they must indeed have been hardened to the long marches and discomfort that were the general rule.

Until nearly the end of the war the main base of the army was in Portugal, and three times did they advance from this base into Spain. The first advance was under Sir John Moore in 1808 and ended in the retreat to Corunna before a vastly superior French force. Though the grenadier company was present the whole time, the remainder of the regiment only reached Ciudad Rodrigo and retreated from that place back into Portugal. The second advance, which was preceded by the crossing of the River Douro, took place further to the south in 1809, under the Duke of Wellington (then Sir Arthur Wellesley). Moving by the valley of the Tagus the army reached Talavera, where it defeated the oncoming French. Again owing to the superior numbers of the enemy it had to retreat to Portugal, where it undertook the defence of the lines of the Torres Vedras and so prevented the complete over-running of Portugal.

The third and final advance commenced in 1811. At first the regiment was employed

on the right flank, where it took part in the battle of Albuhera and later advanced almost to Madrid. Later it was recalled to rejoin the main army. This caused a march back of some two hundred miles, which was followed by a further retrograde movement. Shortly afterwards the advance was resumed, and the victory of Vittoria took the army into the Pyrenees Mountains. From this moment the army continued to move forwards, and the crossings of the rivers, Nivelle and Nive were followed by the successful battle of Orthes and Toulouse. Thus the war was taken into France, the last battle being fought actually after the abdication of the Emperor Napoleon and the signing of Peace.

The nature of the fighting that they took part in was indeed varied. Their first battle, the Douro, consisted of a river crossing in the face of the enemy, while this form of warfare also loomed large in the last four battles fought on French soil. The Battles of the Pyrenees gave them a further experience in mountain warfare, to which they had had an introduction in the pursuit of Marshal Soult's army through the wild and mountainous districts of Portugal after the passage of the Douro and in the advance before Vittoria. At Talavera and Albuhera they had to stand on the defensive before superior numbers, while at Vittoria they demonstrated the power of the British soldiers in attack. Throughout the war they showed themselves the match, and more than the match, for any army that a French Marshal could bring against them; and proved, as was proved again between 1914 and 1918 that even if Great Britain is not a military power she can, when roused, produce soldiers the equal of any in the world.

In Wellington's army, discipline was sternly enforced and the lash was used generously. Possibly, as a result of this being carried to too great an extreme, there were at times grave lapses, and the Duke of Wellington is to be found continually calling attention to these lapses. About this time, in order to appeal to the higher feeling of the men, certain regiments instituted long service and good conduct medals, and this innovation was followed by other regiments granting a special medal to an officer or man for some special feat of gallantry. An example of this is the medal given by the officers of the regiment to Lieutenant Latham. No general medal was granted until Queen Victoria's reign when the survivors of this war were given the Peninsula medal with various clasps for the different battles.

Unfortunately, records are incomplete and the casualties suffered by the regiment during the war cannot be totalled up. They were

undoubtedly heavy as the battles of Talavera and Albuhera alone took heavy toll. Wherever they were called upon to fight the Buffs shewed their worth, and the ten battle honours of this war are well worthy of Blenheim, Ramillies, Oudenarde, Malplaquet, Dettingen and Guadaloupe. E.F.H.

### Territorial Army.

Official returns issued yesterday show that during the month of February, 2,301 recruits were finally approved for service in the Territorial Army, an increase of more than 600 on the number enlisted during the previous month.

The total number of enlistments since the 1st October last is now 8,656 and the total Territorial strength, exclusive of permanent staff on the 1st instant was 6,633 officers and 131,055 other ranks, divided as follows:—Northern Command (3 Divisions) 31,056; Western Command (3 Divisions) 28,520; Scottish Command (2 Division) 21,141; Southern Command (2 Divisions) 20,358; Eastern Command (2 Divisions) 20,164 and London District (2 Divisions) 16,449.

### A Book on Horsemanship.

The Riding School at Sandhurst is said to have been a terrible place in the bad old days, where cadets were "taught" to ride by terrible methods. Authorities on the history of the College are at one in the view that the old-fashioned methods were calculated to discourage rather than encourage the pupil, and that the general standard of horsemanship amongst subalterns has since those times immensely improved from the more intelligent and "human" instruction given.

No one is better qualified to speak of practical horsemanship than the Equitation Officer at Sandhurst through whose hands pass hundreds of cadets yearly: cadets who have ridden a great deal; ridden well or ridden thoroughly badly; cadets with a hunting seat, a "jockey's" seat, or no seat at all.

What the Instructor, who has to deal with all these types has to say about riding should be well worth reading, and we may therefore look forward with interest to **Practical Horsemanship**, by Captain J. L. H. Barrett, 13th/18th Hussars, which Messrs. Witherby, 326 High Holborn, will publish just after Easter.

### Our Contemporaries.

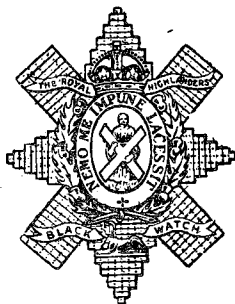
We acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of the following Journals:—

- "Aldershot Command News."
- "Faugh-a-Ballagh."
- "The Bugle."
- "St. George's Gazette."
- "Our Empire."
- "The Royal Tank Corps Journal."
- "The Green Howards Gazette."
- "On the March."
- "The Snapper."
- "The London Scottish Regimental Gazette."
- "British Legion Journal."
- "The Sapper."
- "Hampshire Regimental Journal."
- "Journal of the Hon. Artillery Company."
- "Journal of the Royal Army Service Corps."
- "The Iron Duke."



# Records of Other Regiments.

XLVII.



## THE BLACK WATCH. (The Royal Highlanders).

### BATTLE HONOURS.

Borne on the Regimental Colour:—The Sphinx (superscribed "Egypt"). "Gaudaloupe, 1759," "Martinique, 1762," "Havannah," "North America, 1763/4," "Mangalore," "Mysore," "Seringatam," "Corunna," "Busaco," "Fuentea d'Onor," "Pyrenees," "Nivelle," "Nive," "Orthes," "Toulouse," "Peninsula," "Waterloo," "South Africa, 1846/7, 1851/2/3," "Alma," "Sevastopol," "Lucknow," "Ashanti, 1873/74," "Tel-el-Kebir," "Egypt, 1882/84," "Kirbekan," "Nile, 1884/5," "Paardeberg," "South Africa, 1899/1902."

Borne on the King's Colour:—"Marne, 1914/18," "Ypres, 1914/17/18," "Loos," "Somme, 1916/18," "Arras, 1917/18," "Lys," "Hindenburg Line," "Doiran, 1917," "Megiddo," "Kut al Amara, 1917."

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The Black Watch, the senior Highland Regiment, dates back to 1725, when four companies were raised to preserve the King's peace and to keep broken clans on the Northern side of the Highland line. Two additional companies were raised in 1729 and four more in 1739 when the ten independent companies were amalgamated to form the Regiment which has since become so famous as the 32nd Foot. The name by which they are popularly known, "The Black Watch," once a nickname, now an official title, is an Anglicised version of "Am Freiceadan Dubh" (literally "The Black Soldiers"), the name which the Gaelic speaking clansman gave to the Highland Independent Companies to distinguish them from "The Red Soldiers" of English or Lowland regiments.

Experts differ as to the origin of the blue, green and black tartan worn by The Black Watch. Some writers assert that it is the Campbell tartan, adopted because three of the original Independent Companies were commanded by officers of that clan. Others say that it was specially designed as a "Government" or "Regimental" tartan, the brightly coloured stripes which distinguished the various clans being purposely omitted, so that all enlisted Highlanders should be dressed alike. The original units may quite possibly have worn the clan tartan of their respective commanding officers; but when united in a regiment, their first Colonel (Lord Crawford) was a Lowlander, and therefore had no tartan of his own; and it is possible that he may have caused the new design to be made.

After four years of home service the 42nd embarked for Flanders, and soon had their first experience of warfare. At the battle of Fontenoy they laid the foundation of the great reputation they were to hold in later years. A French writer who faced their charges on this battlefield wrote "The British behaved well and could be exceeded in ardour by none but our officers, who animated the troops by their example when the Highland furies rushed upon us with more violence than ever did a sea driven by a tempest." The Buffs were on the extreme right of the second line (described by a historian as "the post of honour") on this occasion, the Black Watch being in the first line.

Mention of the Black Watch at Fontenoy always reminds the writer of an anecdote in connection with the first chaplain of the 42nd, the Reverend Adam Ferguson. On the morning of the battle this worthy divine (evidently a believer in Saint Paul's motto, "Fight the good fight; quit you like men; be strong!"), fell in with the regiment, fully armed and ready for the fray. A scandalised Colonel, thinking this display of arms unbecoming for a Clergyman, sternly ordered him to fall out, lay aside his arms and resume the status of a non-combatant, threatening that he should lose his commission if he disobeyed. The reverend gentleman's reply was terse and pointed. He merely said "Damn my commission!", and stayed in the rank. It is pleasing to add that this militant churchman did not have to suffer the threatened penalty. He lived to the ripe old age of ninety-three, having in his later years earned a great reputation as Professor of Moral Philosophy at Edinburgh University.

In 1756 the 42nd went to America, where they were to add new laurels to those already gained at Fontenoy. At the attack on Fort Ticonderoga, on July 8th, 1758, they covered themselves with glory. Men who had been at Fontenoy afterwards declared that "the march up the thousand yards of bullet-swept grass before Fontenoy was a trifle compared with the fire they faced at Ticonderoga. Again and again the British charged; they were met by a point blank fire from the French and fell in heaps. When, after the sixth attack, the position was deemed impregnable, the 42nd were still loth to retire when ordered to do so, and they covered the retreat in such a bold and skilful way as to minimise the French victory. Many writers have asserted that the 42nd were granted the title of "Royal Highlanders" for

their bravery at Ticonderoga; but there is evidence to show that the new title had been granted prior to the date of this action. On becoming a Royal regiment the facings were changed from buff to dark blue.

In 1780 a 2nd Battalion of the Black Watch was raised at Perth. After a distinguished career in India it became, 1786, a separate corps as the 73rd Foot.

On January 5th, 1795, at Gildermalsen, in Holland, the 42nd again distinguished themselves by recapturing two British field guns which were being carried off by French cavalry. In honour of this feat they were granted the right to wear in their bonnets the "Red Hackle" or plume which distinguishes them from the other Highland regiments, all of which wear white plumes.

In the Egyptian campaign of 1801, the 42nd again earned many honours. They captured the standard of a French corps known as "The Invincibles." On their return the London, Highland Society presented a special silver medal to every officer and man of the 42nd who had taken part in the campaign, while the badge of the Sphinx was also conferred on the regiment.

In 1821 the white "shell-jacket," which was worn by the regiment in walking out dress up to 1914, was first adopted by the 42nd. The white gaiters or "spats," restored a few years ago, were first introduced in 1826.

During the Crimean War the 42nd formed part of the famous Highland Brigade, commanded by Sir Colin Campbell (Lord Clyde), who always wore a feather bonnet as a compliment to his favourite regiment. They came under his command again during the Indian Mutiny.

On July 18th, 1861, the old name of "The Black Watch," by which the regiment had always been popularly known, was recognised as an official title. When the great re-organization of infantry regiments took place in 1881, it was only natural that the 42nd and the 73rd (originally raised as 2nd Battalion 42nd) should be re-united as 1st and 2nd Battalions of The Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), with headquarters at Perth.

The 1st Black Watch (the old "Forty Two") left Aldershot for France in August, 1914, as part of the 1st Infantry Brigade, 1st Division of the original B.E.F. The 2nd Battalion landed at Marseilles in October, 1914, and spent a hectic twelve months on the Western Front with the Meerut Brigade of the Meerut Division before being transferred to Mesopotamia, where they fought alongside the 5th Battalion The Buffs, at Sheik Saad.

The 5th Black Watch arrived in France in November, 1914, being one of the earliest Territorial units engaged. They were attached to the 8th Division. In April, 1915, two more Territorial Battalions of the Black Watch entered the arena—the 6th (Perthshire) and the 7th, both of which formed part of the celebrated 51st Highland Division. In August, 1917, the 6th was "cited" in Army Orders by General Guillaumat, commanding 5th French Army, as "a battalion d'élite which has given proof of splendid dash and spirit."

On New Year's Day, 1917, a new (14th) Battalion was added to the Black Watch, its place of formation being Moascar Camp near Ismailia. Though new in name, it was composed of seasoned veterans of the Gallipoli and Senussi campaigns, dismounted troopers of the Fife and Forfar Yeomanry who exchanged riding breeches and spurs for kilt and hose. This battalion was destined to be more closely connected with the

Buff than any other Black Watch unit, for it served in the 74th Yeomanry Division, alongside the 10th (Royal East Kent and West Kent Yeomanry) Battalion The Buffs, throughout the remaining period of the war, in Egypt, Palestine, Syria, France and Belgium. It was a member of the 14th Black Watch who, having gone astray on one occasion, returned to his unit in due course and described how he had been the guest of an English regiment,—"THE DUFFS, I think it is, ye ca' them!"

Altogether there were twenty-five battalions of the Black Watch in existence during the Great War. The battle honours of the regiment number ninety-seven and fourteen V.C.'s have been won by its members.

The pipers of the regiment wear a green doublet, and kilt of the bright red "Royal Stuart" tartan. They also wear the feather bonnet with red hackle, like the rest of the regiment. In all other Highland corps the pipers wear glengarries. The regimental badge is the Star of the Order of the Thistle, with the figure of St. Andrew in the centre, and the Sphinx below. The figure of St. Andrew (patron saint of Scotland) holding the X-shaped cross on which he was crucified is worn as a collar badge.

R. MAURICE HILL.

## Correspondence.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I enclose herewith Order form A, and a cheque for 15/- for a year's subscription to the *Dragon*.

I must apologise for not having sent this before, but I am living at the moment on a ranch on the Mexican border and am somewhat far removed from any "regular address."

May I please send any best wishes to the *Dragon*, to its Editor, and to the Depot.

Yours sincerely,

F. M. PRITCHARD.

Hacineda de la Osa,

Sasabe,

Arizona, U.S.A.

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Waitakaruru,

Hanrake Plains,

New Zealand,

22nd January, 1929.

Dear Sir,

On Friday last I received the December copy of "*The Dragon*," with a slip enclosed saying the subscription expires with that paper.

I regret to inform you, that my father passed away in the Auckland Hospital, on the 21st. September last, after a months stay there. He died suddenly, as he had been successfully operated upon, a fortnight previously and I was expecting him home the following week. I did not notify you, as I made sure you would see the notice in the *Kenilsh Express* and *Ashford News* for the 10th November.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Ivy M. Marshall.

(We offer our sincere sympathy to Miss Marshall on the death of her father.—Editor).



Copy of Letter received by Major-General Sir A. Lynden-Bell from the Dean of Canterbury.

The Deanery,  
Canterbury,  
28th March, 1929.

My dear General,

It was most kind of you to write and send me the congratulations of the Buffs and yourself on my new appointment. It is a great grief to me to leave Canterbury and one of the most pleasant associations in Canterbury is that of the Buffs.

I have learnt much from them and shall value their friendship in days to come, a friendship which I hope will remain unbroken.

Yours very sincerely,  
G. K. A. BELL.

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Braal Castle,  
Halkirk,  
13th March, 1929.

Dear Sir,

I heard rather an interesting bit of news last night about "The Buffs" so I write this in case I forget.

A Col. Hartigan is fishing here, he was a prisoner of war and after the Armistice the Germans sent him to an evacuation camp in Holland. He was Colonel of the Munster Fusilliers. He was unaware that the King of Denmark was Col.-in-Chief of the Buffs. The King came one day to inspect the camp and asked Hartigan who was in charge, if there were any "Buffs." Hartigan said there were and also told the King they were known "as the Kaiser's Pets," the King asked why? Hartigan said "The Buffs" always received special treatment in Germany. The King said he had personally written a letter to the Kaiser to ask him to look after "The Buffs" and he the King of Denmark would look after the Germans in the Regiment he was C. in C. of. The Kaiser said he would. Then the King of Denmark asked to see all the Buffs in camp. Hartigan said there was one subaltern (not a regular) and about twenty men, they were duly paraded and the King saw them. Then the King said he would so much like to have a "Buffs Badge" that had been through the War. The only badge amongst the lot was one the officer had in his cap. He did not jump to the occasion, so Hartigan dug him in the ribs and made him hand over his badge to the King.

Yours truly,  
G. MEAKIN.

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To the Editor, "The Dragon."

Dear Sir,

It is quite possible that there are some other old Buffs who like myself have helped in the games and sports of the Regiment, in the past, and still take a keen interest in them. If this be the case. I feel confident that they will second this, my request. Is it possible, please Mr. Editor, for you to allot a little more space to the results of games and competitions without cutting out more important news? I have just been reading the *Dragon* for March, and I find the under the 2nd Battalion News "In the Army Boxing Competition we were narrowly defeated by the Irish Guards, only losing by one fight. Lt. E. A. Airy came from the Depot to assist us in this contest." Who were the other members of the team and who won their fights? More important still. How did they get into the 3rd Round? Who did they fight in the 1st and 2nd Rounds? Again, in the January issue of the *Dragon* we are told that the same Battalion won the 2nd Round of the Army Hockey Cup. (no names of the team are given) but there the story ends.

Has the 3rd Round been played yet, if so what was the result? There is on the other hand an excellent account of the Cross Country Running in the last issue of the paper, which I have read with much interest and I take this opportunity to congratulate the Battalion on their very fine performance.

Yours faithfully,  
F. S. REEVES.

LONDON BRANCH CRICKET CLUB.  
26 Doyle Road,  
S.W. 17.

The Editor, "The Dragon," Canterbury, Kent.  
Sir,

The above Branch having got together a good Cricket Club are in the unfortunate position of having no kit to play their matches with. The cost of gear I understand from my Cricket Committee is about £14. This sum is such that we cannot afford it and moreover it has been suggested there might be many readers of the "Dragon" who would be only too pleased to send me their second hand bats, balls, etc., which they might not have further use for, or make us a small present of cricket gear of any description. I feel, like when serving, a good sporting Branch is the foundation of comradeship, and old-Buffs know what sport plays in promoting healthy manhood.

Your obedient servant,  
J. E. ENRIGHT, Capt.

\* \* \* \*  
Stalisfield,  
Sandwich.

Dear Sir,

No doubt it will interest many Buffs to know, especially those nearing their "21," that Sergeant A. F. Bennett in spite of his erratic Golf still plays a good game of Cricket. Last season playing for Sandwich Cricket Club he topped the bowling averages with 7.2, but somehow could not quite "get going" with the bat. At the Cricket Club dinner he was presented with a ball engraved with the details of his efforts. This ball, he tells me is far superior to that with which the matches are played!

Yours faithfully,  
ALFRED W. TWYMAN.

Editor, The Dragon.

GOLFING SOCIETY.

Dear Sir,

Up to and including the 22nd March the following acceptances only had been received for the Society's Spring Meeting at Littlestone, on April 25th and 26th: Major-General Sir A. Lynden Bell; Colonel J. Body; Lieutenant-Colonels J. Crookenden and F. B. Dyne; Majors Eric Clarke, Campbell, Laverton, Guy Lee, F. O. Marchant, F. S. Reeves, B. H. Russell, and A. B. Thomson; Captains R. de Q. Child, J. V. Hitchcock, Gordon Lindley and V. Newton Moss; Messrs. R. E. Knocker, T. N. Penlington and F. G. C. Weare.

There seems to be a lot of names missing.

Yours truly,  
H. H. C. BAIRD.

Editor, The Dragon.

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## Some Sporting Reminiscences.

THE Battalion was quartered in a good hunting centre and in it was a chestnut mare well known in the country as having a good chance to win the hunt race. A local sportsman and landowner owned a grey with which he intended to win. It was heavily backed by all and sundry outside Barracks. The day of the race came. A subaltern rode the chestnut and was leading the grey by a couple of lengths as they approached the last fence. The chestnut mare was going a great pace but her rider, who was taking no chances, had her well in hand so that when they were one stride from the fence and the thing burst into flames she could not refuse, but the pair of them went through it, whether they liked it or not and won. The grey, having more time to look at the horror, refused. The idea was good enough; the furze fence was properly soaked with Kerosene but the man who fired it did so too late.

The 2nd Battalion had been a short time in Athlone when a subaltern was out hunting with the local hounds. He was riding his own line and jumped a wall into a road. As he was landing two men who had been hiding behind the wall appeared, one on each side of his horse, seized the bridle and the rider's legs and one pushing and the other pulling endeavoured to separate him from his horse, both shouting at the same time: "Damn ye, ye signed the petition against Home Rule." The subaltern not knowing or caring anything about Home Rule, but very angry at being thus attacked in the hunting field, did not ask any questions, but brought down the butt of his crop a rare smash on the head of the man on his right, knocking him out and then turned his attention to the man on his left, and was getting the better of the struggle when a lady came galloping up the road and pulled up close to the scene of the struggle, asking at the same time what was the cause of the trouble. The man, much bruised, had let go his hold and standing with his back to the wall, shouted at her: "This is the devil that signed the Petition against Home Rule; we'll not let him hunt." The lady looked at the subaltern and then said to the man "I have never seen the gentleman before, but I think he is one of the soldiers who have just come to Athlone and I don't suppose he has ever heard of the Petition against Home Rule" and the subaltern confessed that that was the case. The man thereupon stepped forward, holding out his hand and said "Be gad, sur, I beg your pardon; we mistook you for Mr.—. It's a bad mistake we made and it will be a long time before we get the marks off us." Then he asked the lady and the subaltern to help get life into "Mick," who was still stretched by the road side. This was done. The pair were left there and the other two rode off to find the hounds once more.

Three days later the man appeared in Barracks and told the subaltern that "Mick" was now more or less recovered and would much like to see him. The subaltern naturally smelt a rat and flatly refused, but the man begged so hard and swore by so many deities that there was no trap and that they had too great a fear of the police and soldiers to damage an officer so close to Barracks, that in the end the subaltern consented. On arrival at the cabin he found "Mick" rising from a chair with his head still in bandages, but with a bright smile on his face and an outstretched hand. "Captain," said he "I am glad to see you and wish to thank ye for teaching me a lesson I shall never forget." So "Mick" and the subaltern shook hands. And "Mick" never did forget and several times since then he has done the subaltern a good turn.

A Captain of The Buffs was riding a point-to-point. He had been leading the Field for over a mile when three fences from home he was caught up by a local horse dealer, riding a very hot favourite. Says the dealer: "Now Captain, you know ye are beat and its no good pushing that horse any further." "Maybe you are right," answered the Captain, "but I don't think you have the race in your pocket." The next fence was a bank over six feet high and narrow on top and the Captain went for it close to the right hand flag. The dealer saw his chance and galloped all out somewhat sideways to try and push the Captain beyond the flag. The horses bumped badly on the top of the narrow bank. The dealer's landed in the next field on his nose and knees, whilst the Captain's was completely down, but was up again almost at once, the Captain getting a leg across him as he was rising, but he lost a length which he never regained. Riding to the weighing tent the Captain let fly. "You damned rascal; that was the foulest bit of riding I have ever heard of." The dealer replied: "Quite right, Captain, but see now what was I to do, if I could not get you down you had me beat and I with £50 on me horse." Anyhow he lost the race, I suppose his £50, and was never allowed to ride in a point-to-point again.

A subaltern was staying with a member of the Kilkenny hunt and together they went to a meet of the Tipperary hunt on the border of the two counties. The subaltern was very well mounted and the Kilkenny man better still, on the horse that had won the Kilkenny point-to-point the previous year. There was a fresh breeze and a fox was found which turned its nose dead up wind, so the pace was a cracker and the two from Kilkenny got well away. Burke, the Master, was galloping on ahead with several of his hounds behind him. The Tipperary gentlemen in those days were very jealous of Kilkenny and they made a dead set at the two visitors, obstructing them, bumping them and singing out "Tipperary for sure and to hell with Kilkenny." The subaltern, who had come to hunt and not play polo, pushed on and caught up the Master and asked him to stop his field from trying to spoil sport. "Come and ride here alongside me," said he, "and no one will interfere with you." "Thank you, Sir," said the subaltern, "but you are right in the middle of the pack and I might kill a hound." "Damn the hounds, there are lots more where they came from" was the answer, so the subaltern sang out to his friend and the three galloped on together for another 15 minutes, until the hounds raced the fox to ground right in front of their noses. The leaders dismounted and the Field did the same as they came up and they took great interest in the two horses from Kilkenny, until at last one very well known member of the Tipperary hunt and one of the best mounted, said to the Kilkenny man: "That's not a bad sort of a horse you have" and back came the answer without a second's hesitation: "No, he is not a bad sort of a horse. I bought him from under the shafts of a car in Kilkenny last week. I thought he would be good enough for Tipperary."

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The following new members have been enrolled :—

*Life Members.*—G. T. Rogers, E. O. Skey, H. J. Rogers, W. C. Redman, O. L. Grant, H. Reeves, W. R. Noble, J. C. Rossale, W. Jarman, G. F. Parrett, E. L. Langston, Sgt. Waters, Cpl. Kemsley, L/Cpl. Priestly, Ptes. Ashby, Brissenden, Britton, Bell, Mann, May, Cpl. Hudson, Ptes. Glitherpe, Phipps, Farmer, Kettle, Amos, Beavis, Bell, Crust, Finnis, Moore, Webster, L/Cpl. Wilkinson, Ptes. Cruse, Dale, Wilson, Sgt. Larkin, Pte. Lott, L/Cpl. Shilling, Ptes. Garrett, Pratt, Hadley, Cpl. Cook, L/Cpl. Ingram, Pte. Garrard, C.O.M.S. Clayton, L/Cpl. Mullen, Ptes. Bullimore, Finn, Smith, Williams, Harrison, White, Bowman, L/Cpls. Sharp, Hogben, Tolhurst, Ptes. Best, Cox, Davey, Hesmer, Hudson, Laydon, Legget, Moore, Smith, Woodgate, Heard, Brabon, Kettell, Dumont, Trowell, Hopper, L/Cpl. Marsden, Ptes. Smith, Skinner, Wratten, Hancock, Bmn. Manning, Ptes. Tobin, Turner, Taylor, Tallack, Stead, Penfold, Sands, Hubbard, Knott, Brigstock, Firminger, Griggs, O'Connor, Nye, Owen, Spokes, Miller, Bmn. Henriksen, Ptes. Paramour, Finnis, Clubbs, Stephens, Warne, Carter, Harwood, McShane, Payne, Matthews, Fowler, Trowell, Alderton, Thomas, L/Cpl. Sirett, Pte. Cross, L/Cpl. Baker, Ptes. Rogers, Relif, Vanson, Frankham, Compton, Vox, Milne, Fance, Reynolds, Summers, Cpl. Handscomb, L/Cpl. McLennan, Ptes. Foster, Jeffery, Frankham, Adams, Twyman, A. C. Nicholson, J. A. Pittock, W. Padgham, A. Bradford, J. I. H. Friend, A. G. Trollope, L/Cpl. Marsden, Ptes. Smith, Skinner, Wratten, Hancock.

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Cresswell, Edwards, Goldsack, Hardiman, Hicks, Senior, Sales, Lloyd, Warburton, Wickenden, Tyrell, Jordan, Johnson, Lavender, L/Cpl. Dibble, Ptes. Davis, Collard, Sgt. Papworth, Ptes. Imeson, Barden, Maunders, Sgt. Louth, Ptes. Anderson, Bowcock, Arnold, Chappell, Ashby, Sgt. Sharp, Ptes. Coveney, Ford, Howland, Langdon, Ratcliff, Smith, Wraight, W. G. Warner, G. Alger, G. Stevens, W. T. Crook, C. S. Crook, F. C. Burchett, R. W. Baker, H. J. Baker, C. H. J. Bloomfield, C. Bloomfield, W. G. Dray, E. Gausby, G. Jarvis, H. Hadaway, W. H. Blizzard, H. G. Swinnard, H. Shaw, S. C. Pile, S. M. Stoop, J. Hamilton, H. W. Stringate, T. H. Clark, J. H. Adams, T. A. Bigg, H. C. Halliday, J. Webb, H. J. Goddard, E. Lee, E. Fuller, F. W. Manning, J. W. Smith, C. Scriven, W. J. Debenham, T. E. Chinn, N. W. G. Cox, T. Smith, F. T. Sprange, M. Cropsdill, W. Horncastle, W. G. Green, C. F. Pane, J. W. Cheeseman, E. J. Capper, J. T. Potts, G. Manktelow, H. R. Roberts, H. Simmons, E. Large, A. H. Town, F. Greaseley, F. Hayter, P. B. S. McManus, A. Bruce, S. W. Paul, G. F. Fedarb, E. Parker, C. E. Saxby, H. T. Jenkins, H. G. W. Green, L. White, P. Kearney, S. J. Shelley, G. H. Field, H. C. Boswell, G. Sutton, J. H. Johnson, I. Kemp, E. Williams.

*Associate Members.*—C. Keble, C. H. King, W. G. Sadler,

## Branch Rules.

The following Rules have been adopted :—

**FORMATION AND TITLE.**—Branches may only be formed subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, and no steps should be taken to establish a Branch until this approval has been obtained. The proposed Title of any new Branch, about to be formed, shall also be submitted to the Executive Committee for its approval.

**MEMBERSHIP.**—Membership is open to all who have served or are serving in any unit bearing the title The Buffs. Associate membership is open to any person interested in the Regiment. Temporary honorary membership may be granted by Branches to any Buff who is unable to pay the usual subscription.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS.**—(Members). :—

	Yearly	Life
Officers ... ..	5/-	£2
Other Ranks ... ..	2/6	£1
Associate Members... ..	2/6	£1

Life Membership subscriptions may be paid by instalments, if paid during the first 12 months of membership. New members joining as Annual subscribers, after 30th June, in any year, are exempt from any further annual subscriptions until 31st Dec. of the following year. All Annual Subscriptions otherwise, are due and payable on 1st January. Subscriptions will be collected by Branches for all members on their respective rolls. A member changing his address into the area of another Branch, and wishing to be transferred to that Branch, shall notify the Secretary of his Branch, who will carry out the transfer and notify the Secretary of the Association.

**BENEVOLENT FUND.**—Only members of the Association, who have paid their subscriptions up to date shall normally be entitled to financial assistance. Widows and Dependents of deceased members may also be considered for assistance. Branches will only render direct financial assistance to their respective members, appeals from others must be referred to headquarters. Financial assistance may be made by grants or loans. Advances to Branches to enable immediate assistance being made by Branches, will be made by the Executive Committee on application to the Secretary. Normally a member of the Association is ineligible for financial assistance until he has been a member for a period of at least three months.



**ORGANISATION.**—It is recommended that if possible, Branches should establish a sub-committee to deal with appeals, and that Branch Executives should consist of a Committee with:—A Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and a Treasurer, and an adequate number of members, bearing in mind that the smaller the Committee the quicker the business.

**ENQUIRIES.**—The Secretary of the Association, when requiring information regarding a member of any Branch, will apply to that Branch. If information is required regarding a Buff who is not on any Branch Roll, the Secretary will address his enquiries to the Area Representative for the district concerned or to the Regimental Agency.

**NON-DERSERVING CASES.**—Branches to forward to the Secretary of the Association, the names of any member appealing for assistance whom they consider entirely undeserving of assistance. In the event of the Branch view being concurred in, all Branches will be notified accordingly by the Secretary of the Association.

**SUB-COMMITTEE.**—(a) Each Branch will nominate annually, on the 1st January, one member to serve on the Sub-Committee, to sit as considered necessary, travelling expenses for one member, per Branch will be paid from the Association Funds. It is suggested that Chairmen of Branches should form the Sub-Committee with power to nominate a deputy, if unable to attend meeting. (b) Only 3rd class return railway fare be paid by the Association for one delegate from a Branch, attending a Sub-Committee meeting. No other expenses to be paid whatsoever. (c) In the event of the Executive Committee requesting the attendance of a Branch delegate for any purpose, at a meeting of the Executive Committee, 3rd class rail fare will be paid by the Association. (d) In the event of a Branch sending a delegate to an Executive Committee meeting for any purpose other than defined in (c) the expenses incurred by the attendance of such delegate, shall be borne by his Branch. (e) In like manner, the attendance of Branch Committee members to meetings of their own Branches, shall be borne, if necessary, by the Branch concerned. In no case will such attendance be a charge against the Association Members of the Executive Committee are not qualified to be members of the Sub-Committee.

**RULINGS.**—Members of Branches will invariably appeal to their own Branch Committee for rulings on any matter they may be in doubt about; members however, have the right of appeal to the Executive Committee. Branch Committees are empowered to take disciplinary action respecting the conduct of any of their members, and if thought fit, may erase the name of the member concerned from the Branch Roll, in all such cases, the matter will be fully reported to the Executive Committee for confirmation, and if so confirmed, the member concerned, will cease to be a member of the Association.

**EMPLOYMENT.**—All Branches shall keep a register of unemployed. If unable to find work or fill a vacancy, Branches shall immediately notify the Secretary of the Association. In like manner, the Secretary of the Association will notify all Branches.

**LIAISON.**—Branches are requested to send to other Branches, copies of their Agendas and notices, when it is considered these contain matter which would be of interest to other Branches.

**FINANCE.**—It is recommended that:

1. Every Branch should open a banking account and all cheques drawn thereon should be signed by the Chairman and Treasurer.

2. All funds received from all sources, should be paid into this account.

3. Members subscriptions be sent monthly (by cheque) to the Secretary of the Association, cash requisitions, do., do., and report of all financial assistance rendered.

4. Balance Sheets supported by vouchers accounting for funds advanced to Branches by the Secretary of the Executive Committee, to be rendered annually as soon as possible after the 31st March each year.

Signed, H. FINDLAY, Colonel,  
Secretary,  
Executive Committee.

**Ashford Branch.**

The Monthly Meeting was held at the "Market Hotel," on March 9th. Mr. H. Ades was in the Chair; Mr. Tomsett, Vice-Chair; Mr. C. Marsh, Secretary and Mr. F. Cowell, Assistant Secretary.

There was a good attendance and a steady increase in members is being maintained.

After Business the evening was spent in harmony.

**SPORTS SECTION.**

The Sports Section also shows an increase in membership.

The "Alfred Arms" New Town Sports Club paid a return visit on March 16th.

There were some keen games of Darts, Dominoes, Draughts and Cards. After the games the evening was spent in Harmony.

Mr. Ades was in the Chair with Mr. J. Swift, Vice-Chair. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Clifford, J. Swift, Cooper and Bert and Pte. L. King, 2nd Battalion.

**London Branch.**

The 27th meeting of the above Branch was held at the "Phoenix," Palace Street, Victoria, on Saturday, the 16th March last, with Capt. J. E. Enright in the Chair. We had the pleasure of giving hearty welcomes to Colonel Findlay, C.B.E. and Lieut. Lister who is shortly returning to the Gold Coast.

**THE "PHOENIX."**—The Chairman, in a few words, thanked Mr. Nicholson for granting us the permanent use of a room for the Third Saturday of each month and also the members who had sent him various addresses. Colonel Findlay presented both Mr. Nicholson and his son with Associate members' badges.

**CRICKET CLUB.**—The question of acquiring gear for the teams created an animated discussion. The cost is approximately £14. On the suggestion of Colonel Findlay it was decided to make an appeal for gear through the columns of the regimental paper as there were, he thought, many officers who would be pleased to part with cricket gear they had no further use for.

**LADIES' FESTIVAL.**—Mr. H. Burt informed the meeting the tickets were going quickly and strongly advised members, in order to prevent disappointment, to let him know at once the number of tickets they will require.

**UNEMPLOYMENT.**—It was announced that this year permanent employment had been found for ten members and temporary employment for thirteen others. This was almost entirely due to the personal efforts of the members in recommending other Buffs directly they heard of a job. At the same time, the Chairman mentioned that jobs had been offered to some and refused, either because it was too early in the morning or "digging" was too hard. In all such cases, the man has been struck off the unemployment roll.

**GARDEN FETE.**—Members were asked to let the Chairman know as early as possible what they intend to give in the way of gifts. Several responded and one member made a donation of five shillings.

**"THE DRAGON."**—Colonel Findlay explained why the Branch proposal to reduce the cost to threepence could not be recommended as the profits of *The Dragon*—about £250— are transferred to the Past and Present Association. After hearing Colonel Findlay's statement, it was proposed by Mr. Field and seconded by Capt. Smith that the proposal should be withdrawn. This was carried.

**BON VOYAGE.**—Lieut. Lister received a great ovation upon rising to respond to the Chairman's remarks of welcome. He said in a few days he would be sailing for Africa and would always remember the splendid evening the Branch had given him. He had heard a lot about the London Branch, but never thought it was such a good show. If ever in London on a Third Saturday he will never miss a London Branch Meeting.

**CONDOLENCE.**—The Chairman mentioned the bereavement sustained by the Hon. Lady Lynden-Bell in the death of the Viscountess Chilston and the London Branch expressed its sincere sympathy. It was for that reason General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell was not at the meeting.

The business being over the Branch settled down to renew its old-time pleasure part of the programme in the way of a

CONCERT.		
SONG ... ..	" Songs of Araby "	MISS BURT
SONG ... ..	" Hiding in the Ammunition Van "	MR. FIELD
COMMUNITY SINGING (a)	" John Brown's Body "	CAPT. ENRIGHT
	(b) " Rolling Home "	

SONG ... ..	Selected ... ..	MR. JONES
SONG ... ..	"Break of Day" ... ..	MRS. SPINNER
SONG ... ..	"Land of Hope and Glory" ... ..	MISS BURT
ROUND CANNON ... ..	"Cock Robin" ... ..	VARIOUS MEMBERS
ROUND CANNON ... ..	Selected ... ..	MR. HILL
COMMUNITY SINGING (a) ... ..	"Pack up your Troubles" ... ..	CAPT. ENRIGHT
(b) ... ..	"Tipperary" ... ..	
	GOD SAVE THE KING.	J.E.

### THE LADIES GUILD.

A large number of members assembled at the "Phoenix," Palace Street, S.W.1., on March 20th last, the occasion being the Monthly Afternoon Re-union and tea. An exceptionally pleasant time was spent and after the tea vocal items were rendered by many of the Ladies.

The Guild is now over sixty strong and amongst its members are many whose names are well-known in the Regiment.

D.S.

### Dover Branch.

The Dover boys did not turn up in great strength for the March Meeting. This was accounted for to some extent by the meeting being postponed for a week.

We missed our friends, Duberry Evans and Jerry Cole, but were pleased to see Captain R. Sharpe who lives in Plymouth now.

The accounts for the Dance, held on the 13th February, were presented and showed a satisfactory state of affairs and a cordial vote of thanks was given to Mr. George Hughen and the Social Committee for their hard work in organising such a splendid show. We are looking forward to another fine show on the 19th April. In this respect we are fortunate in having the Drill Hall in which to hold them and the assistance of Sergeant-Major Love in getting the Hall ready is always a very great factor in ensuring a successful evening.

The members of the Dover Branch are unanimous in their thanks to the London Branch for their kindness towards Tim Kelly in their visits to him and the round of applause which followed the reading of Capt. Enright's letter was a sufficient index to their feelings. We do indeed appreciate all that has been done for one of our members who was suddenly forced to go to the King's College Hospital to undergo a dangerous operation.

Our thanks are also due to the Garrison Adjutant and the Commanding Officer of the Queen's Royal Regiment for supplying the Gun Carriage, Bearers and Drummers at the funeral of Mr. John Martin.

We finished up our evening with some games at Billiards in the Competition for the "Findlay" Cup. Mr. W. E. Plater played Mr. H. Blackwell and Sergeant Mead played Tommy Holloway.

We also had some practice on the Miniature Range, so taking everything into consideration we had a fairly full evening.

Colonel Findlay was present with us and was received with cheers. We missed his customary speech, but the table was calling and the Billiards players got to grips.

Our strength is now 234, which we think is very satisfactory.

### The Weald Branch.

The First Annual Meeting of the Branch was held at the Drill Hall, Cranbrook, on March 13th, about forty members being present. The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

*Chairman:* Colonel John Body, D.S.O., O.B.E., T.D.  
*Vice-Chairman:* Capt. V. T. Dampier-Palmer, O.B.E.  
*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:* Capt. A. E. Lloyd Hardcastle.  
*Assistant Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:* C.Q.M.S. W. Nash.

It was agreed to slightly alter the different sub-areas covered by the Branch and instead of twelve as last year, eight sub-areas were allocated and the following members were elected to serve on the Branch Committee as representatives of these sub-areas:—

1. Hawkhurst, Sandhurst and Newenden. Mr. E. Boulding (Sandhurst).
2. Tenterden, St. Michael's and High Halden. Mr. G. Jeffery (Tenterden).
3. Horsmonden, Brenchley and Goudhurst. Mr. J. Rylott (Horsmonden).
4. Cranbrook and Sissinghurst. C.Q.M.S. W. Nash (Cranbrook).
5. Benenden and Rolvenden. Mr. S. E. Fuggle, D.C.M., M.M. (Benenden).
6. Lamberhurst and District. Mr. G. Cosham (Lamberhurst).
7. Wittersham, Appledore and Stone. Mr. W. Woollett (Wittersham).
8. Yalding, Marden, Headcorn and District. Colonel E. B. Burns (Yalding).

The Committee were given power to co-opt two other members if necessary.

The following Branch Fixtures were arranged for the year:—

- May 8. Branch Meeting. "Oak and Joy," Hawkhurst.
- July 10. Branch Meeting. "Gun Hotel," Horsmonden.
- Oct. 9. Branch Meeting. Drill Hall, Cranbrook.
- Nov. 13. Branch Meeting. "The Bull," Rolvenden.
- Dec. 11. Branch Annual Dinner, Cranbrook.

It was agreed to have a Branch Fixture Card, similar to that issued by the London and Dover Branches, issued to Members to include these dates and others of general Association interest.

The Branch Roll of Honour Board was in position at the Drill Hall and looked very well. It is hoped to have more names for inscription at an early date.

The membership of the Branch is now 156, including 29 Life Members.

We regret to announce the death, last month, of Mr. F. Williams of Hawkhurst who was a member of the Branch and for many years a Sergeant in the 5th Battalion. We offer our sincere sympathy to his family.

A.E.L.H.

### Medway Branch.

MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING HELD AT "NAPIER ARMS" HOTEL, GILLINGHAM, ON 23RD FEBRUARY, 1929.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting having been read and passed the Chairman, Captain A. Barton, turned to the correspondence. He read a letter from General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell regretting his inability to be present as he was attending the Annual Dinner of the 7th Battalion in London that night. He expressed a wish, however, to attend as many meetings of the Medway Branch as possible. A letter from Colonel H. Pindlay, who was to have addressed the meeting, was read. The Colonel had fallen a victim to the flu and was therefore unable to be present. Letters from the President, Councillor Osborne-Taylor, and Mr. A. Pankhurst were also read.

The Chairman went on to say that one of the objects of their meeting that night was to discuss an alternative place for holding their meetings. He said that he had heard some members disapproving of the present ones and he would like an open discussion on the subject. He had visited the Drill Hall, Chatham, as a possible Headquarters, with members of the committee, and gave full information about it. Mr. T. Wheatley spoke on behalf of the British Legion as well as a Buff. He pointed out that they had done a great deal to make the Association comfortable at its meetings at the British Legion and would continue to do so, but he did not wish to persuade the meeting if they thought they could do better elsewhere. Other members spoke, chiefly to point out the disadvantages of any change, which would incidentally, cause the new membership cards to be withdrawn as useless.

Eventually it was decided, on the motion of Mr. W. H. Brown, seconded by Mr. H. Ward, that the present arrangements be adhered to.

Discussion on the visits to Wrotham on 30th June and Canterbury on the 18th August, followed and many pleasant recollections of last year's visits were exchanged.

Forty-one members were present. A Collection for the Branch Benevolent Fund realized 6/6.

### Thanet Branch.

The death occurred at his residence, 5, Wheatley Road, Ramsgate early on Sunday morning of Mr. James Henry Holness.

Mr. Holness, who was forty-six years of age, worked as a French polisher with his brother-in-law, Mr. Percy James Topley, of Broad Street, and was well-known to a wide circle of friends. He was with the 1/4th Battalion of The Buffs in the East during the war, served in the band of that unit, and his versatility as a singer and instrumentalist, combined with his straightforward nature and cheerful temperament, made him a favourite in any circle in which he moved. A keen Liberal, he was actively associated with the Ramsgate Liberal Club in days past, and had served upon the committee. His contributions at the periodical concerts in the club were always warmly received and invariably encores.

Mr. Holness had, until a week before his death, seemed to be in full health. He was a man of considerable physical strength, and his passing away—due to pneumonia following tonsillitis—has caused sincere sorrow to all who knew him. He leaves a widow and a son of twenty-two years of age. To the bereaved relatives deep sympathy is extended.

In the wintry sunshine of yesterday afternoon, the remains of Mr. Holness were laid to rest in the St. Lawrence portion of Ramsgate Cemetery. Many of his old friends, civil and military, assembled to pay the last tributes of respect to his memory.

The funeral procession left the residence in Wheatley Road headed by a firing party of Ramsgate Platoon, "A" Company, 4th Buffs, under Sgt.-Instructor Marsh, and followed by a number of old comrades in mufti. Lieut. H. D. Rose, commanding the Ramsgate detachment, who served in the ranks with Mr. Holness in the East, was on parade in uniform.

The service in the cemetery chapel and at the graveside was impressively carried out by the Vicar of St. Luke's (the Rev. Norman Larke), and at the close the firing party discharged three volleys over the grave, punctuated by the regulation calls, and ended by the sounding of Last Post and Reveille, by Sgt. Collins.

Captain Witts, Past and Present Association.

Dear Sir,

May we, through this medium, express our sincere thanks for your most untiring efforts to carry out my father's wish.

We feel more than proud of him to know that the "Good Old Buffs" respected him so. Please would you convey our message to all.

I am,  
 Yours very sincerely,  
 ALBERT W. HOLNESS.



## RAMSGATE SUB-BRANCH.

Quite a large number of Buffs, Past and Present, accompanied in many instances by their sweethearts and wives, braved the bitterness of the cold weather on Thursday last to visit the Ramsgate Drill Hall in Willson's Road.

The almost polar conditions outside found warm relief in the hall, where Capt. C. S. F. Witts, T.D., gave his interesting lantern lecture, "With the 1/4th Buffs in the East." On the screen were officers and men in khaki drill, shorts and solar topees; in the seats women in fur coats and men in greatcoats and mufflers. The lecture was keenly enjoyed and brought back many old memories. Miss Jenkins, headmistress of the Ramsgate County School for Girls, had loaned the lantern, which was manipulated by Mr. Board.

In a short speech, Capt. Witts commended to all Buffs the idea of joining up in the Regimental Association of members, past and serving. He also appealed, especially to the ladies present, for an effort to be made to secure the ten recruits necessary to complete to establishment the Ramsgate Platoon of "A" Company, 4th Buffs.

The lecture was followed by a physical training display, including horse vaulting by Sandwich Platoon of the company. It was an excellent exhibition.

Musical items were rendered by Mr. "Curly" Page, Miss Marjorie Solly and Mrs. Page. Private White recited the well-known poem, "The Private of the Buffs," and Cpl. Reynolds contributed his weird Eastern ensemble.

Margate Platoon gave a highly creditable display of guard mounting with Lieut. H. D. Rose as the inspecting orderly officer, and following that members of the Ramsgate Platoon acquitted themselves in highly creditable fashion with physical training and horizontal bar work.

The smartness of every turn of drill and physical exercise was a testimony to the excellence of the training of Sgt.-Instructor Marsh, of the permanent staff, and the keenness of the men.

A number of new members joined the Past & Present Association as the result of a very enjoyable re-union evening. At our last Committee Meeting R.O.M.S. Mullett was elected Chairman; Vice-Chairman, Sgt. C. Herbert; Secretaries (Joint), Sgt.-Major W. Jefferys, M.C., Sgt. Birch, 5 Vale Road, Ramsgate; Treasurer and Area Representative, Captain C. S. F. Witts, T.D., The East, Palm Bay, Margate.

Our next General Meeting will be held on Friday, March 22nd. There is quite a lot to talk about. We are arranging a Concert to be held on April 18th. I have seen a few of the Best Artists of the town and a very good number of promises I have had, so am sure of a good time in store for us on that night, and so get the Boys of the Dragon together.

I saw in the news of the London Branch, dated March 8th, that Sgt. E. Keily (Dover Branch) is lying ill in King's College Hospital, S.E.5. We of the Ramsgate Sub-Branch wish him a speedy recovery.

## MARGATE SUB-BRANCH.

This Sub-Branch continues to progress and now has a roll call of 108 members. A satisfactory feature is the high proportion of Life Members who now number sixteen.

It also apparently has some good friends for the following have given donations to the Benevolent Fund:—H. Denny, Esq., £2 2s.; A. Weston, Esq., £2 2s.; Wm. Young, Esq., £1 1s.; W. B. Reeve, Esq., O.B.E., J.P., 10/-; Percy Snow, Esq., £1 1s.; P. H. Venner, Esq., 11/-; Brotherhood of Cheerful Sparrows, £1 1s.

This is very encouraging to all concerned. During the ensuing summer months nothing of an extensive social character is contemplated. A special effort will be made for all members to attend the Annual Memorial Service at Canterbury, on August 18th. The London Branch will have to work hard to score over us from a numerical point of view this year. It is very encouraging to the Secretary to receive help from individual members who are endeavouring to rope in a pal.

Several cases of applications for relief have been dealt with. A Meeting of Members was held on Monday, the 18th, at the Drill Hall. Colonel F. Mainwaring-Dunstan presided. The proceedings were quite informal, several points of interest were discussed and suggestions made.

A smart Musical Programme was essayed and a Snooker Match, Past & Present, resulting in a win for the former.

The paragraph in last month's issue—"The Buffs as Gunners"—has resulted in three new members joining the branch.

This Branch desires to acknowledge the courtesy of their London Brethren who from time to time send Memoranda of their "doings," and the Secretary would be pleased to receive from Secretaries of other Branches, programmes of events that have been arranged so that useful ideas may be picked up.

The feeling in this district is that this Association is going to be a big affair—being worthy of all support.

## FOLKESTONE SUB-BRANCH.

A meeting was held at the Drill Hall, on Tuesday evening with a view to starting a sub-branch of the Past and Present Association of the Buffs in Folkestone. About fifty attended the meeting, when the Chair was taken by Major Meakin, supported by Lieut. C. H. Brook, Colonel Findlay, Secretary of the Association, Major Foster, Chairman of the Dover Branch, Major Field and Capt. Penlington.

The Chairman said it was a very great pleasure for him to take the Chair and do anything he could for the Buffs. Col. Findlay would tell them about the Association. In anything they did there, they must work together and make the branch as strong as possible by pulling together. He hoped the sub-branch would grow and grow until they were a real live show.

Col. Findlay said that meeting was for the purpose of establishing in Folkestone, a big town with a big population, a sub-branch of the Past and Present Association of the Buffs, and he felt very confident that it would not be long before Folkestone, instead of having a sub-branch, would be a branch of its own. He was sure every real Buff would aim at that. The reason he was there was two-fold. One, because he was paid for it, and two, because he joined the Buffs in 1897 and there was no better regiment in the Army. To cut it short, he liked to call the Association the Buffs' Club. Although Folkestone Branch came number ten on the list, there was always a lot in the saying, last but not least. At the moment the Executive Committee had agreed that the Branch being formed in that part of the world should be called the Hythe, Folkestone and District Branch. Some people took exception to names, and if the Folkestone Branch did not like that title they could put their heads together with Hythe and think of some other name both which suited everybody better. The Past and Present Association of the Buffs was, as he had said, simply a club, and one that was increasing tremendously. Four and a half years ago, when he became Secretary, they had not got a branch anywhere and that night they had ten. The oldest branch was Ashford, with a membership of 200, and then came London with 500, and then Dover with 260, the Chairman of which was Major Foster; he was pleased to see him there that night. They had added to their list over 500 members who had paid a £1 a head to be life members. In those days they were not going to get men to pay down £1 unless it was a winner. He thought that this fact was good enough and before any court to prove that it was a good show. The benefits of the Association were two-fold. It assisted all Buffs to maintain old friendships. There was no man there who could say that he could afford to lose an old pal and the Association assisted them materially in retaining old friends. The second job the Association did was to help Buffs, who through no fault of their own, were on the rocks. That assistance they rendered in many ways. They got fellows, who were old Buffs, work. The London branch had found permanent work for fifty old Buffs. That was what they were trying to do. In addition to finding work, they had some money to help fellows in bad times. Anybody who had studied their balance sheet for the last year would see that they had given about £1,000 to old Buffs by way of loans and grants. They did everything they could to help Buffs. With regard to meetings they were held once a month, when they first had business, and then a sing-song, told stories and had a glass of ale. One night in the year was allotted as a guest night when they invited members from the other branches and they had some form of entertainment according to the size of the branch and its funds. They met more friends at those gatherings than in any other place in the world.

The yearly subscription for other ranks was 2s. 6d.

It was not always possible for every man to put his hand into his pocket and produce 2s. 6d. at one go, so it was arranged that those subscriptions should be extended over the twelve months of the year. They could be life members for £1, and that must be paid off in twelve months. Branches must only help their own members and when a new branch was formed, a cheque from the Benevolent Fund was sent to enable a little committee to be formed to render assistance to any member of the branch. That money was used when there was insufficient time to refer to Canterbury. In addition to the ordinary members, any Civilian interested in the Buffs might become an Associate Member. The Association also helped the serving man. If he was in difficulties, he would get assistance from them. Many branches started private funds of their own, which might be a great advantage in the future. Thrift Clubs were often started. That enabled the men to get money for their various expenses on such a thing as a memorial day in Canterbury without putting his hand into his pocket. He wished the Folkestone sub-branch every success and hoped that before long they would be a branch on their own.

Major Foster, the Chairman of the Dover branch, said they had a fairly strong branch in Dover, and started just over two years ago with a very small membership. To-day they were 260 strong. They had a small private fund, got together by having a box made and passing it round at their meetings. Every man put in his bit and so they got a little money in that way. Then they had whist drives and dances and made a little that way. Last year they had organised a Christmas draw and were able, as a result, to send out 29 parcels to Buffs who were hard up in Dover. They had their monthly meetings when they met together. They generally had a fairly strong meeting. They first went through their business and then went through their old battles again and had some very happy evenings together. There was no doubt that it was the only thing to keep the men together. They had found it so in Dover and he was sure they would find just as many Buffs in Folkestone as they had in Dover. He had never been to a meeting yet where he had not met old friends. But one also new and lasting friends. He understood that the meeting was only a kick-off and if Major Meakin accepted the chairmanship he was sure that they would have a happy time and have as good a branch as Dover. (Applause).

Major Field, in the course of a few remarks, said it was a very great pleasure for him to address any branch of the Association. He supposed there were about fifty there that night, but he was sure that if they became missionaries and preached the Buffs' gospel, they would get many more. Col. Findlay had told them what they could get out of the Past and Present Association. Of course, they could not get anything out of a thing without putting something into it. He was sure they all meant to put their backs into it. Speaking of the memorial service at Canterbury, he said when it came along they could not imagine what a great thing it was to the recruiting part of the regiment to see all the old members of the Buffs there. He hoped that next year Folkestone would help to increase the numbers at that service. He hoped they would all go away that night to try and make



## Round and About.

**EASTER.** The first of the great festivals of the year will have come and gone by the time these lines are in print. And with the end of Lent comes release to many who blithely undertook some Lenten Fast—abstention from smoking, swearing, sugar and so forth. There seem to be, amongst these strong-willed people, some who are ignorant of the respite that mid-lent officially affords them. It is sad to think of the Gold Flakes shunned for the full forty days and nights. I wonder if the Imperial Tobacco Company notices Lent at all.

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**BOAT RACE.** The fascination of this yearly event does not grow less. Although rowing has in late years attracted more practical adherents, it can hardly be called a national sport. And yet the world at large is daily informed in technical terms of the progress of the two University Crews. The fact of this year's being the Centenary race goes a long way to explain the curious hold it has on the public imagination. That and the very natural impulse to partisanship are responsible for the parading of "favours" by small boys and girls all over the country in the month preceding the race and for the colossal crowds which throng the riverside on the great day.

On a summery day last week I went down to Putney to watch the crews at work, but only Cambridge was

afloat. They seemed to me a pleasing crew and in the course of their practice carried out two starts with great dash. A great crowd watched them and on the opposite bank another great crowd was cheering two football teams in the Fulham Football Ground. The sun shining on the faces of that portion of the crowd facing west produced a weird illusion of a sea of pink. The Oxford Crew I saw ashore but it needs a feminine correspondent to do justice here.

**VARIETY.** An effort has been made recently to revive some of the old glories of the Music Hall which our fathers are wont to recall wistfully. Some of the more pretensions of the Variety Theatres have got very far away from the type of entertainment provided by the old Tivoli, the Oxford and the Alhambra of days gone by. There has been too much imported stuff and dance-band turns.

Chance took me the other night to the Holborn Empire and I enjoyed myself hugely. It was real variety, ranging from a lady of fifteen summers (so the programme and the performer averred) who specialised in mimicry to Georges Carpentier in a turn which started with singing in American-English and ended with a sparring match. Although Carpentier is now an old man as far as fighting is concerned, his footwork alone is worth going to see.

A turn that delighted me and apparently everyone else was that of Max Miller, "the Cheeky Chappie," a cheerful comedian, full of quaint conceits. He was in the great tradition.

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**THE TEST MATCH.** The 'war of attrition' at Melbourne ended a little unexpectedly in a victory for Australia. The chorus of hopes that this is the last Test Match to-a-finish may perhaps achieve its end. I piously add my hopes to the others. It must have been a wearisome business and I am not impressed by accounts of "shrieks" of feminine spectators during the closing stages of the game. The English team are no doubt vastly relieved that the long and arduous tour is at an end. It will be interesting to see how stale its members are when with the short interval of the voyage home, they start on the county cricket season.

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**GEORGE ROBEY.** After an interval of some years I saw this great comedian again the other night in a *revue* which was staged for a short run in a West End theatre some time ago. Although cherishing happy memories of "The Bing Boys on Broadway" I do not consider Robey at his best in *revue*. He excelled in a twenty minute Music Hall turn. The other night he was not too well served with songs, but a dissertation of some ten minutes duration on "the human face" and a brief appearance as a District Nurse shewed what he is capable of. His hold on the audience is as great as ever and his delightfully confidential manner and artlessness were as fresh as ever.

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**TWO FILMS.** "Q Ships," now to be seen outside London, and "The Lost Patrol" are films which revive one's hope for the Cinema. The first was well handled and contained nothing that make one uncomfortable. My only criticism of it is that the "Locarno spirit" was just a trifle overdone. But that is perilously near carping. "The Lost Patrol" is described in some advertisements as "The Journey's End of the screen." This seems to be stealing thunder with a vengeance. It is to be hoped that the author of the stage play was adequately remunerated for it.

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the Folkestone sub-branch a success because it was part of the regiment and the regiment was the regiment, whether it was past or present. (Applause).

It was unanimously agreed that Major Meakin should be elected Chairman and Mr. C. H. Brook, vice-chairman.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the speakers.

A Meeting of the Folkestone Sub-Branch of the Past and Present Association The Buffs was held at "D" Company Club, 4th Battalion The Buffs, Folkestone, on Tuesday, March 19th, 1929, at 8 p.m.

C. Brooke, Esq., Vice-Chairman, was in the Chair, supported by 21 Members.

The Chairman spoke re the election of Officers and Committee and expressed his appreciation of the support given by those present.

**Hon. Secretary.**—Proposed by Mr. Vallintine; Seconded by Mr. Hawkes, that Mr. W. H. Francis be appointed Hon. Secretary. Carried unanimously.

**Hon. Treasurer.**—Proposed by the Chairman; Seconded by Sgt. Harthill, that Mr. A. Orchard be appointed Hon. Treasurer. Carried unanimously.

The following names were proposed and seconded for the Committee:—

Sergeant Martin, Mr. Vallintine, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Hart, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Berrett, Sgt. Harthill, and Sgt. Ranson.

It having been decided that five Members should be elected for the Committee, Ballot papers were issued to enable five of the nominees to be elected, with the following result:—Sgt. Martin, Mr. J. Vallintine, Mr. H. Hart, Mr. R. Gibb and Sergeant Harthill were declared members of the Committee.

**MEETING NIGHT.**—It was proposed by Mr. Crouch, seconded by Mr. Hawkes, that the first Tuesday in every month should be the meeting night of the Folkestone Sub-Branch.

The Hon. Secretary announced that the Committee of the "D" Company Club had passed a resolution that all members of the Past and Present Association had been made Honorary Members of the Club, with use of same on meeting nights only. He also pointed out that for the small sum of 2/- any Member could join the Club.

The Chairman then spoke as to further activities of the Sub-branch and said he hoped that Smoking Concerts and other social gatherings would be arranged to get the Members together, also that other Branches might be visited and invited in return. He said that he felt sure now that a Committee and Officers had been elected the Sub-Branch would go forward. He thanked all present for their keenness and asked all Members to spread the news that the Branch was now formed.

Mr. Salmon mentioned that a Money Box was passed round at Dover Meetings for the benefit of the Branch and suggested that the same procedure be carried out at Fokestone. This was agreed to and Mr. Berrett said that he had a box which he would be pleased to give to the Branch. The Meeting closed at 9.30.



# The Buffs Golfing Society.

## PROGRAMME FOR 1929.

### Arrangements for Spring Meeting.

THE following is the revised list of fixtures for 1929. Members wishing to play in any of the matches mentioned should apply to the Manager direct.

#### Fixture List.

Date.	Match.	Course.	Manager.
April 11.	St. George's Hill	Weybridge	Lieut. J. E. King, 2nd Bn. The Buffs, Blenheim Barracks, Aldershot (Tel. S. Farnborough 90)
" 12.	60th Rifles Golfing Society	Camberley	ditto
" 13.	Aldershot Command	Aldershot	ditto
" 24.	60th Rifles Golfing Society	Littlestone	Captain H. H. C. Baird, Prince's Lodge, Sandwich (Tel. Sandwich 31).
" 25.	SPRING MEETING	Littlestone	ditto
" 26.	SPRING MEETING	Littlestone	ditto
" 27.	Littlestone	Littlestone	ditto
" 28.	Rye	Rye.	ditto
" 29.	Royal St. George's	Sandwich	ditto
May 11.	Wrotham Heath	Wrotham	Maj.-Gen. Sir A. Lynden-Bell, Stone Ridge, Platt, Nr. Sevenoaks (Tel. Boro Green 53)
" 15.	Royal Ashdown Forest	Forest Row	Col. E. B. Burns, Riverside, Yalding (Tel. Hunton 16)
" 26.	Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regt.	Rye	Captain H. H. C. Baird ( <i>address as above</i> )
Sept. 19.	Canterbury	Canterbury	Maj. G. D. Hickman, Woodside, Nackington (Tel. Canterbury 86)
Oct. 6.	Royal E.K. Yeomanry	Canterbury	ditto
" 16.	AUTUMN MEETING	Royal St. George's, Sandwich	Captain H. H. C. Baird ( <i>address as above</i> )
" 17.	AUTUMN MEETING	Sandwich	ditto
" 18.	Prince's	Prince's, Sandwich	ditto
" 20.	Royal Cinque Ports	Deal	ditto

Thanks to the kindness of the Committee and members of the Littlestone Golf Club, not only will the Spring Meeting be held over their course on Thursday and Friday, the 25th and 26th April, but also a match against the 60th Rifles Golfing Society on the 24th, and a match *v.* Littlestone Golf Club on Saturday, the 27th. And these four days will be followed with a match *v.* Rye on Sunday, the 28th, and a match *v.* Royal St. George's on Monday, the 29th.

So that's that, and indeed a case of having to stop to take breath! The fare most certainly makes for a wonderful golfing holiday, and though the full repast may prove too much for many, it is hoped that the great majority may at least be able to partake of some of it.

The programme for the Spring Meeting is as follows:—

#### April 25th.

##### MORNING:—

- (a) Brinckman Cup, qualifying round, 18 holes medal play under handicap, the eight leading players to compete for the Cup by match play.

- (b) Best gross score in qualifying round.

##### AFTERNOON:—

- (a) Senior (handicap 13 and under) and Junior (handicap 14 and over) Medal competitions.

- (b) First Round Brinckman Cup.

#### April 26th.

##### MORNING:—

- (a) Lynden-Bell Trophy, 18 hole Bogey competition.

- (b) Semi-finals, Brinckman Cup.

##### AFTERNOON:—

- (a) Final of Brinckman Cup.  
(b) Playing off of ties, if any.

#### Sweepstakes.

Optional 2/6 sweepstakes will be held on the Brinckman Cup (prizes to go to the winner and runner-up of the Cup, not to the equivalent in the qualifying round), Senior and Junior Medal competitions, and the Lynden-Bell Trophy.

Sweepstakes entries will be collected at the meeting.

#### Accommodation.

Accommodation will be available at Pope's Hotel and the Littlestone Golf Club Dormy House.

Members residing within reach of Littlestone, Rye and Sandwich and able to put up one or more playing in the matches on April 24th, 27th and 29th are asked very kindly to notify the Hon. Secretary.

#### Entry Fee.

The entry fee, payable in advance, for the Spring Meeting will be 10/-.

#### Green Fee.

The green fee, payable on arrival to the Steward of the Club, will be 7/6.

#### Entry Form.

The Hon. Secretary will be grateful if those who have not yet returned the entry form recently sent them will do so as soon as possible.

#### Regimental Ties.

Regimental Ties can be had on application to the Hon. Secretary: price 4/6 post free.

HENRY H. C. BAIRD, Captain,  
Hon. Secretary.

# The 1st Battalion.



THE last month has been remarkable for the cold weather which, for India, has been severe. It is now, however, becoming warmer every day and the hot weather is approaching rapidly.

The Harris Shield events have been progressed with systematically, the only events remaining to be completed being Cricket, Boxing and Tug-of-War.

The Bareilly Week proved its usual success, the charm of the visitors and the well-known hospitality of the residents both tending to gladden the hearts of the lads.

The Regimental Polo Team are to be congratulated on achieving a well-merited success.

Major and Mrs. Whitaker and Mr. Hoare have joined us from home and seem to be settling down to life in India very readily.

Major Hart is once more out after big game and has bagged another panther, but as yet has not added to his number of tigers.

## Regimental Sports.

The Battalion Sports were held during the week ending Saturday 23rd, February, 1929. Similar to that of last year, the meeting was held under two headings, *i.e.*, (a) Individual Championships and (b) Inter-Company Team Events, both of which were run under the rules of the Army Athletic Association.

This year there were plenty of new faces amongst the winners. L/c. Hover "C" Company a novice, was perhaps the most notable. By winning the 220 yards and running Lieut. Hughes to a close finish in the 100 yards, also annexing the Corporals 220 yards handicap from scratch, showed that he is a sprinter of promise. The old Battalion Sprint Champion, Cpl. Hodkin could only run 3rd place in the sprints this year, but took the Long Jump with a leap of 20ft. 8 inches.

Lieut. J. Foster won the events in which he competed.

Capt. Wale again successfully defended his title of High Jump Champion, clearing 5 ft. 2½ in.

Mr. Andrews won the Old Soldiers Race.

The relays were perhaps the most interesting of all. Keen competition was the order of the day.

The Officers, Sergeants and Corporals were at home to their numerous friends during the afternoon of Saturday.

At the conclusion of the Sports, Mrs. Howard-Smith kindly presented the prizes, after which three cheers were called for Colonel and Mrs. Howard-Smith.

## INDIVIDUAL.

100 YARDS.—(1) Lieut. Hughes; (2) L/Cpl. Hover; (3) Cpl. Hodkin. Time: 10 2/5 secs.

220 YARDS.—(1) L/Cpl. Hover; (2) Pte. Bartlett; (3) Cpl. Hodkin. Time: 23 3/5 secs.

440 YARDS.—(1) Lieut. Foster; (2) Pte. Crust; (3) L/C. Taylor. Time: 54 4/5 secs.

880 YARDS.—(1) Lieut. Foster; (2) L/Cpl. Taylor; (3) Bdm. Parker. Time: 2 mins. 12 secs.

ONE MILE.—(1) Lieut. Foster; (2) Pte. Marsh; (3) Pte. Crowhurst. Time: 4 mins. 47 secs.

THREE MILES.—(1) Pte. Marsh; (2) Lieut. Williams; (3) Pte. Dale. Time: 16 mins. 25 1/5 secs.

120 YARDS HURDLES.—(1) L/Cpl. Randerson; (2) Pte. Brabon; (3) Pte. Goldsack. Time: 18 4/5 secs.

HIGH JUMP.—(1) Capt. Wale; (2) L/Cpl. Randerson and L/Cpl. Parker; (3) Pte. Howland. Height: 5 ft. 3 ins.

LONG JUMP.—(1) Cpl. Hodkin; (2) Pte. Whitehead; (3) Pte. Bartlett. Length: 20 ft. 1½ ins.

ENLISTED BOYS' RACE.—(1) Boy Eke; (2) Boy Satterly; (3) Boy Ireland.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT.—(1) Pte. Gudgeon; (2) L/Cpl. Cribben; (3) Cpl. Hodkin. Distance: 30 ft. 8½ ins.

OPEN (440 YARDS.—(British).—(1) Bdm. Parker; (2) Pte. Brahon; (3) Pte. Harland. Time: 57 1/5 secs.

440 YARDS OPEN (Indian).—(1) Neaz Mohd (10/9th Jats.); (2) Ibrahim Khan (M.T. Coy); (3) Chandra Singh (Indian Platoon, Buffs). Time: 62 4/5 secs.

VETERANS' RACE.—(1) Lieut. Andrews; (2) C.S.M. Mould; (3) Sgt. Truby.

SERGEANTS' RACE.—(1) C.S.M. Ransley; (2) C.S.M. Farrow.

CORPORALS' RACE.—(1) L/Cpl. Hover; (2) Cpl. Hunt.

INDIAN PLATOON RACE.—(1) Sepoy Chanda Singh; (2) L/Naik Balber Singh; (3) Sepoy Sudhave Singh.

LADIES' RACE.—(1) Miss L. Knight; (2) Mrs. Stace; (3) Mrs. Meakin.

GIRLS' RACE.—(1) Miss B. Mould; (2) Miss J. Pratt; (3) Miss E. Knight.

BOYS' RACE (UNDER 14 YEARS).—(1) Master P. Evans; (2) Master H. Knight; (3) Master R. Andrews.

## EVENTS WON BY COMPANY TEAMS.

100 YARDS.—1st	...	...	...	"A" Company.
220 YARDS.—1st	...	...	...	"A" Company.
440 YARDS.—1st	...	...	...	"D" Company.
880 YARDS.—1st	...	...	...	"A" Company.
ONE MILE.—1st	...	...	...	"A" Company.
THREE MILES.—1st	...	...	...	"H.Q." Wing.
120 YARDS HURDLES.—1st	...	...	...	"B" Company.
HIGH JUMP.—1st	...	...	...	"A" Company.
LONG JUMP.—1st	...	...	...	"A" Company.
PUTTING THE WEIGHT.—1st	...	...	...	"D" Company.
				"H.Q." Wing
				"A" Company.

INTER-COMPANY MEDLEY.—1st ... .. "A" Company.

WINNERS OF THE ATHLETIC SPORTS CUP. "A" Company.

## RESULTS OF TEAMS COMPETING IN THE SPORTS:—

1st. "A" Company	...	...	...	48 points
2nd. "D" Company	...	...	...	35½ points
3rd. "H.Q." Wing	...	...	...	25½ points
4th. "B" Company	...	...	...	28 points
5th. "C" Company	...	...	...	23 points

## Rifle Meeting.

The 5th Annual Rifle Meeting was held at Bareilly on the 12th to 15th of February, both dates inclusive. It was a great success from start to finish, and Lieut. Fox and his hard working committee deserve great praise for the organisation to which alone the success of the meeting was due.

There were approximately 600 entries from all ranks in the Battalion, and Rs. 1248 was distributed in prizes. (About £90.)

The weather was ideal, which it usually is at this time of the year in this part of India.

The introduction of the various pool targets this year was quite a brain-wave and proved a great success, according to the large number who patronised them. A word of praise is certainly due to the N.C.O.'s who looked after this part of the business.

There were Pools, Bookie targets, sweepstakes, moving and stationary tigers. This variety proved very attractive, and to some of the "dead eyes" (especially Pte. Elliott) a source of income. By the way we are very pleased to see that he has been selected



to go to Meerut for the All-India Rifle Meeting. He is taking the place of C.S.M. Farrow, who is going home for a change of air. (Someone said to get married.)

There were two stages to the meeting this year, stage 1 being open to all competitors, and stage 2, open to the 48 highest aggregate scorers in stage 1. Most of the usual old stagers managed to get into the 48 for stage 2, and there was only a difference of thirteen points between the top and the bottom score of the 48 on the commencement of stage 2.

The Drum-Major heading the list with 47. In the first practice of stage 2, the R.S.M. came up to 2nd place with a 27, but the Drum-Major was able to keep his lead in the last practice 600 yards, and finally won the Battalion championship by 10 points.

We now have a revolver championship cup to be competed for yearly. This was only bought last year, and is to be fired for during the year. It has already had a stimulating effect on the revolver shooting in the Battalion. We hope that next year a larger number will enter for it.

A full list of the winners of the various matches in the rifle meeting, is appended below.

RESULTS.

ANNUAL SHOOT, 21ST FEBRUARY, 1929.

HAMILTON G.C.B. PAGET  
CUP. CUP. CUP.

Name.	Matches.		Matches.		Matches.			Total.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
R.S.M. Martin, M.B.E.	34	36	19	30	13	17	35	184
C.S.M. Farrow	29	32	21	24	14	17	44	181
C.Q.M.S. Pratt	31	25	10	30	16	18	34	164
Sgt. Parks	21	27	7	28	19	11	40	153
C.S.M. Ransley	33	25	15	27	13	3	30	146
L./Sgt. Perry	29	31	19	19	16	7	25	146
Sgt. Turner	30	18	24	17	12	13	26	140
Sgt. Petley	28	18	17	20	14	18	20	135
C.Q.M.S. Clayton	26	24	9	19	11	9	37	135
C.S.M. Williams	28	26	14	21	9	—	37	135
C.S.M. Mould	28	25	3	18	8	17	37	136
Sgt. Meakin	24	31	9	22	13	12	22	133
L./Sgt. Clover	26	27	13	26	13	—	24	129
Sgt. Morgan	23	22	14	23	7	7	32	128
Sgt. Daisley	22	35	14	17	15	7	21	131
L./Sgt. Curliiss	33	26	—	12	19	12	23	125
L./Sgt. Vye	23	18	16	21	12	7	21	118
D/M. Sinclair	31	22	23	20	14	6	1	117
Sgt. Hancock	28	23	7	26	4	10	19	117
C.Q.M.S. Sharp	24	18	14	25	2	6	27	116
Sgt. Cross	29	13	—	19	13	6	31	111
L./Sgt. Woollard	27	24	13	9	9	3	24	109
L./Sgt. Thomas	31	11	6	18	11	4	28	109
Sgt. Vale	23	19	6	6	16	14	24	108
C.Q.M.S. Holman	27	19	3	8	14	6	30	107
Sgt. Faulkner	25	13	3	12	15	10	27	105
L./Sgt. Eldridge	22	12	7	18	11	12	20	102
Sgt. Hadaway	17	18	3	15	5	12	31	101
Sgt. Larkin	21	13	10	8	9	—	37	98
C.Q.M.S. Ravenscroft	26	14	3	25	17	3	7	95
Sgt. Waters	20	9	7	22	11	3	18	90
Sgt. Papworth	16	17	—	10	10	—	28	81
L./Sgt. Miles	17	14	10	13	11	—	15	80
Sgt. Louth	25	12	3	10	17	—	7	74
Sgt. Stace	25	12	—	8	12	4	12	73
R.Q.M.S. Evans	25	13	—	23	did not compete			61

	Score.
Winner: Hamilton Cup (Matches 1 & 2): R.S.M. Martin, M.B.E.	70
Winner: G.C.B. Cup (Matches 3 & 4): R.S.M. Martin, M.B.E.	49
Winner: Paget Cup (Matches 5, 6 and 7) C.S.M. Farrow	75
Winner: Match 1. R.S.M. Martin, M.B.E.	34
Winner: Match 2. R.S.M. Martin, M.B.E.	36
Winner: Match 3. Sgt. Turner	24
Winner: Match 4. C.Q.M.S. Pratt	30
Winner: Match 5. L./Sgt. Curliiss	19
Winner: Match 6. C.Q.M.S. Pratt	18
Winner: Match 7. C.S.M. Farrow	44
WINNER OF AGGREGATE: R.S.M. Martin, M.B.E.	184
WINNER OF WOODEN SPOON: Sgt. Stace	73

RESULTS.

MATCH 1. CLASS "A."					
1st. Cpl. Pitch	"B"	...	...	...	21
2nd. L/Cpl. Hudson	"B"	...	...	...	19
3rd. L/Cpl. Crouch	"B"	...	...	...	19
3rd. Pte. Packman	"B"	...	...	...	19
MATCH 2. CLASS "B."					
1st. L/Cpl. Woodcock	"C"	...	...	...	21
2nd. Pte. Sims	"B"	...	...	...	18
3rd. Pte. Parker	"A"	...	...	...	18
MATCH 2. CLASS "A."					
1st. D/M. Sinclair	"H.Q."	...	...	...	32
2nd. R.S.M. Martin	"H.Q."	...	...	...	31
3rd. 2/Lieut. Foster	"A"	...	...	...	29
MATCH 2. CLASS "B."					
1st. Pte. Marshall	"A"	...	...	...	29
2nd. Pte. Jones	"B"	...	...	...	27
3rd. Pte. Tebble	"C"	...	...	...	27
MATCH 3. CLASS					
1st. R.S.M. Martin	"H.Q."	...	...	...	27
2nd. 2/Lieut. Hughes	"B"	...	...	...	26
3rd. C.Q.M.S. Clayton	"B"	...	...	...	25
3rd. Pte. Boorman	"H.Q."	...	...	...	25
MATCH 4.					
1st. Pte. Elliott	"C"	...	...	...	33
2nd. Capt. Wale	"B"	...	...	...	31
3rd. Pte. Povey	"C"	...	...	...	28
INTER-PLATOON. TITLE.					
1st. "M.G." No. 1					
2nd. No. 2 Platoon.					
3rd. No. 3 Platoon.					
4th. Band.					
LEWIS GUN.					
1st. No. 4 Platoon.					
2nd. No. 16 Platoon.					
3rd. No. 15 Platoon.					
INTER-COMPANY.					
"B" Company.					
MACHINE GUN.					
1st. "B" Sub-Section.					
2nd. "A" Sub-Section.					
INDIAN PLATOON.					
1st. Nalk Hardbhan Singh.					
2nd. Sepoy Bakhtawa Singh.					
3rd. Sepoy Daya Ram.					
OPEN COMPETITION.					
1st Battalion The Buffs.					
AGGREGATE.					
1st. Drm.-Maj. Sinclair.					
2nd. R.S.M. Martin.					
3rd. 2/Lieut. Hughes.					
REVOLVER.					
1st. Capt. Wale	...	...	...	...	87
2nd. R.S.M. Martin	...	...	...	...	87
3rd. Lt.-Col. L. Howard-Smith	...	...	...	...	82

Cricket Notes.

The Cricket Season here has been going in full swing now for about a month. We did not get back from Camp until the middle of December, so this is the first chance we have had to record our doings in this great and uncertain realm of sport.

Our team has had several changes from last year, Lt. Boucher, Sgt. Burville and Pte. Richards have left us, whilst the additions are Major Hamilton and 2/Lt. Hughes from England, whilst Pte. Smith from H.Q. Wing and Pte. Hobbs from England have both received their first eleven colours. We congratulate them all, and hope they will keep it up. Smith is becoming a very good "number one," and is also a fairly successful change bowler. Hobbs is also a change bowler, and a promising bat. Our fielding generally is not good, and nearly lost us the Union Club Tournament, but owing to the indefatigable efforts of Lt. J. H. N. Foster is greatly improving.

We have played many minor games and several trials, but the serious Cricket began with the Union Club Tournament. We entered a team, but three of our better first eleven were unable to play. Captain Wilkins on account of illness, Lt. Oliver was on a course, and Lt. Hughes on leave. Nevertheless we were able to win the Cup and Medals.

Our first match in the opening round was against the Bareilly Carpentry School which resulted in a win for us by 87 runs. We batted first and were all out for 90, a very low score for us. Lt. Dewar got top score with 26. Our opponents then went in and

could only make 57, D. Banjimen only making double figures. Glazier took 6 for 28. In our second innings we did a bit better. We were 92 for 3, and then the next four batsmen could only make 14 between them. However, we were all out for 135. Our opponents then went in with 169 wanted to win. They were only able to get 81. Glazier again taking 6 for 35.

The actual scores were:—

1ST BATTALION THE BUFFS v. BAREILLY CARPENTRY SCHOOL.

<i>1st Innings.</i>		<i>2nd Innings.</i>	
Maj. Hamilton, b Tazal Ahmad.....	13	c Uddin, b Har Sarup.....	0
Pte. Smith, b Tazal Ahmad.....	0	c Panvay, b Ali Gherfoor.....	26
2/Lt. Foster, b Tazal Ahmad.....	6	b Ali Gherfoor.....	30
Sgt. Perry, b Amhud Khan.....	8	c Hamid, b L. K. Panvay.....	6
L/C. Ashmoor, c ? b Tazal Ahmad.....	4	b Amhud Ali.....	8
Pte. Hobbs, not out.....	12	c Har Sarup, b K. L. Panvay.....	19
Sgt. Truby, lbw, b Amhud Khan.....	1	b Har Sarup.....	8
2/Lt. Dewar, b Har Sarup.....	26	c Sarup, b K. L. Panvay.....	20
Pte. Barden, b Har Sarup.....	11	b Fazal Ahmad.....	10
Pte. Wilson, b Har Sarup.....	0	st Banjiman, b K.L. Panvay.....	1
Cpl. Glazier, b Har Sarup.....	0	not out.....	1
Extras.....	9	Extras.....	6
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>135</b>

BAREILLY CARPENTRY SCHOOL.

<i>1st Innings.</i>	
D. Banjiman, b Glazier.....	19
G. G. Mall, b Glazier.....	6
Amji Wali, lbw, b Truby.....	2
K. L. Panvay, st Perry, b Truby.....	5
Tazal Ahmad, b Glazier.....	0
Har Sarup, b Truby.....	1
Hamid Ali, b Glazier.....	1
Abdul Ghafoor, b Glazier.....	3
Abdul Ahmad, c Hobbs, b Glazier.....	0
Abrar Ahmad, not out.....	6
Rujaz Uddin, c Major Hamilton, b Lt. Foster.....	6
Extras.....	8
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>57</b>

*2nd Innings.*

D. Banjiman, c Lt. Dewar, b 2/Lt. Foster.....	10
G. G. Mall, b Glazier.....	0
K. L. Panvay, b Glazier.....	3
Rujaz Uddin, b Glazier.....	9
Abdul Ghafoor, b Truby.....	5
Amjud Ali, lbw, b Glazier.....	15
Har Sarup, c Lt. Dewar, b Glazier.....	0
Abdul Hamid, b Hobbs.....	22
Tazal Ahmad, run out.....	7
Abrar Ahmad, b Glazier.....	0
Hamid Ali, not out.....	2
Extras.....	8
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>81</b>

BOWLING.

<i>1st Innings.</i>	
Glazier ... ..	6 for 28
Truby ... ..	3 for 12
<i>2nd Innings.</i>	
Glazier ... ..	6 for 35

We were drawn to play the Union Club which had come in from Lucknow in the semi-final. This proved to be a very good game, and appeared likely to be interesting at noon on the second day. We went in first and compiled 104. Major Hamilton, 21 not out, 2/Lt. Foster 22, and Sgt Perry 23. Our opponents made 83, Glazier again doing the damage to the extent of 6 for 22. Our second innings yielded 116, of which Sgt. Perry made 37 and Lt. Foster 33. This left the Union Club with 137 to get. At lunch time on the second day they had collected 49 at the cost of four wickets, when they disputed the decision of the umpire in giving their crack batsman out, caught behind the wicket, and refused to carry on. A very unfortunate episode which spoilt a good game.

The actual scores were:—

1ST BATTALION THE BUFFS v. UNION CLUB, LUCKNOW.

1ST BATTALION THE BUFFS.

<i>1st Innings.</i>		<i>2nd Innings.</i>	
Pte. Smith, lbw, b Md. Jan.....	6	c Mullah, b Masters.....	5
Sgt. Perry, c Saif, b Safi Ullah.....	23	c Mullah, b Fazal Ellashi.....	37
Pte. Hobbs, b Md. Jan.....	5	b Hakim.....	8
2/Lt. Foster, c Hakim, b Safi Ullah.....	22	c Rustomjee, b Fazal Ellashi.....	33
Pte. Wilson, b Safi Ullah.....	0	b Md. Jan.....	4
Major Hamilton, not out.....	21	c Amer Ellashi, b Masters.....	7

2/Lt. Dewar, c Fazal Ellashi, b Jaina.....	5	c Amer Ellashi, b Fazal Ellashi.....	0
Sgt. Truby, run out.....	5	b Fazal Ellashi.....	0
Pte. Barden, c Fazal Ellashi, b Jaina.....	5	st Amer Ellashi, b Fazal Ellashi.....	12
Pte. Barnes, b Fazal Ellashi.....	3	not out.....	0
Cpl. Glazier, b Fazal Ellashi.....	0	b Fazal Ellashi.....	0
Extras.....	4	Extras.....	10
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>116</b>

UNION CLUB, LUCKNOW.

<i>1st Innings.</i>		<i>2nd Innings.</i>	
Joshi, b Barnes.....	1	lbw, b Barnes.....	8
Masters, b Glazier.....	9	did not bat.	1
Jaina, c Maj. Hamilton, b Glazier.....	23	did not bat.	20
Amer Ellashi, c Perry, b Glazier.....	7	c Perry, b Glazier.....	3
Fazal Ellashi, run out.....	3	not out.....	5
B. N. Mullah, b Glazier.....	1	b Glazier.....	1
Shafi Ullah, run out.....	7	did not bat.	9
Saif, b Glazier.....	11	b Barnes.....	4
Hakim, not out.....	4	did not bat.	4
Md. Jan., b Glazier.....	4	did not bat.	4
H. Rustomjee, run out.....	12	did not bat.	4
Extras.....	12	Extras.....	4
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>Total (for 4 wks.) ..</b>	<b>49</b>

The final was played on the Gymkhana Ground on the 30th and the 31st December, and 1st January, against the Union Cricket Club, Bareilly. This was a great fight from beginning to end, no less than 1079 runs being scored in all. Lt. J. H. N. Foster our skipper gave one of his best exhibitions against a good and varied attack. He missed a century in both innings, by getting caught in the 2nd innings when needing only 6 more for his second century. In the first innings he made 123. We batted first and compiled 351, something like our old form; Pte. Smith 43, Sgt. Truby 46, Pte. Barden 55, and Sgt. Perry 35 being the other top scorers. Our opponents then went in and when they were 175 for 2, we looked like being in for it. However, we disposed of them all for 287 leaving us 64 the lead on the 1st innings. Shamshuzzama and Mustaq Hasien batted well for the Union Club, getting 102 and 69 respectively. Glazier took four of their wickets for 95, whilst Lt. Foster, Smith and Sgt. Truby each got two. We then went in the second time and compiled 232, thus leaving the U.C.C. to get 296 to win. Lt. Foster 94, Pte. Ashmoor 30 and Pte. Hobbs 26 were our top scorers.

Our opponents did not fare so well at the beginning of the 2nd innings, four of their best wickets falling for 72 runs. Glazier and Smith bowled "maiden" after "maiden" and continually kept the batsman on their toes. Shamshuzzama by a swinging half-volley from Glazier was cleaned bowled. However, Captain Matthews and Karim Bux stopped the rot, and brought the score to 164 for 5. The remainder did not do much for they were all out for 209, leaving us the winners by 87 runs. Glazier took 5 of their wickets for 66 and Smith 4 for 65.

The Cup and Medals were presented to our team on the same day.

The actual scores were:—

1ST BATTALION THE BUFFS v. UNION CRICKET CLUB.

1ST BATTALION THE BUFFS.		2nd Innings.	
<i>1st Innings.</i>			
Maj. Hamilton, c Matthews, b Hadi Ali.....	0	run out.....	2
Sgt. Perry, b Hadi Ali.....	35	b Shamshuzzam.....	4
2/Lt. Foster, c Karim Bur, b Hadi Ali.....	123	c Hadi Ali, b Mathews.....	94
L/Cpl. Ashmoor, b Hadi Ali.....	0	b Mathews.....	30
Pte. Hobbs, run out.....	0	c ? b Shamshuzzam.....	26
Pte. Smith, b Mathews.....	43	b Hadi Ali.....	6
2/Lt. Dewar, b Shamshuzzama.....	7	lbw, b Abdul Hakim.....	0
Sgt. Truby, c Hadi Ali, b Sazzad Husein.....	46	b Hadi Ali.....	23
Pte. Barden, c Mumtaz Husein, b Shamshuzzama.....	55	c Karim Bur, b Hadi Ali.....	1
Pte. Barnes, b Shamshuzzama.....	13	not out.....	18
Cpl. Glazier, not out.....	4	run out.....	5
Extras.....	25	Extras.....	23
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>232</b>





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UNION CRICKET CLUB.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
A. A. Sherwani, c Hamilton, b Glazier.....	6	c Perry, b Glazier.....	4
Mushtaq Husein, c Barden, b Foster.....	69	c and b Smith.....	31
Shamshuzzama, c Hobbs, b Foster.....	102	b Glazier.....	19
Tazammul Husein, c Glazier, b Truby.....	2	c Barden, b Foster.....	14
Capt. Mathews, c Perry, b Truby	2	c Ashmore, b Glazier.....	61
Harim Bur, c Dewar, b Glazier.	55	c Smith, b Glazier.....	52
Hadi Ali, b Smith.....	22	c Foster, b Smith.....	8
Abdul Rahman, c Hobbs, b Smith	11	c Dewar, b Smith.....	2
Suzzad Husein, b Glazier.....	2	b Glazier.....	0
Abdul Rahim, b Glazier.....	1	not out.....	6
Mumtaz Husein, not out.....	0	b Smith.....	2
Extras.....	15	Extras.....	10
Total.....	287	Total.....	209

BOWLING.

1st Innings.		
Glazier ... ..	...	4 for 95
Lieut. Foster ... ..	...	2 for 48
Sgt. Truby ... ..	...	2 for 41
Pte. Smith ... ..	...	2 for 65
2nd Innings.		
Glazier ... ..	...	5 for 66
Smith ... ..	...	4 for 65
Lieut. Foster ... ..	...	1 for 43

Q.E.D.

On the 10th January, we played the Bareilly Gymkhana, which was a side picked out of the remainder of Bareilly. The game was rather one-sided as we won by 127 runs. Our opponents being tied up by the spin bowling of Capt. D. A. Wilkins who secured 6 of their wickets for 28 runs. 2/Lt. J. H. N. Foster made top score for us with 40.

The complete scores were :—

1ST BATTALION THE BUFFS v. BAREILLY GYMKHANA.

GYMKHANA.

1st Innings.	
Capt. Pert, b Capt. Wilkins.....	1
Hadi Ali, c and b Cpl. Glazier.....	1
Morgan, b Cpl. Glazier.....	8
S/Sgt. Carpenter, c Capt. Wilkins, b Cpl. Glazier.....	0
Karim Bux, c 2/Lieut. Oliver, b Capt. Wilkins.....	26
2/Lieut. Dewar, st Sgt. Perry, b Capt. Wilkins.....	3
2/Lieut. Hill, lbw b Capt. Wilkins.....	0
Latafit Ali, st Sgt. Perry, b Capt. Wilkins.....	7
L/Cpl. Wilson, not out.....	0
Mr. Giblin, c Pte. Ashmore, b Capt. Wilkins.....	0
Abdul Rahmar, did not bat.	—
Total.....	47

BOWLING.

Capt. D. A. Wilkins ... ..	...	6 for 28
Cpl. L. Glazier ... ..	...	3 for 18

1ST BATTALION THE BUFFS.

1st Innings.	
Major Hamilton, b S/Sgt. Carpenter.....	16
Sgt. Perry, c Karim Bux, b S/Sgt. Carpenter.....	7
Pte. Hobbs, b Latafit Ali.....	18
Capt. Wilkins, b Latafit Ali.....	4
2/Lieut. Foster, c and b Morgan.....	40
Pte. Smith, lbw, b Hadi Ali.....	20
Pte. Ashmore, b Hadi Ali.....	18
Sgt. Truby, b Latafit Ali.....	3
Pte. Barden, b Hadi Ali.....	17
2/Lieut. Hughes, b S/Sgt. Carpenter.....	7
Cpl. Glazier, not out.....	2
Extras.....	22
Total.....	174

On the 17th, we again played the Gymkhana side. This game showed the batsman in superiority and some very high scores resulted. We batted first and declared with a total of 271 for 5, 2/Lt. J. H. N. Foster compiling 122 before he ran out to hit Toogood and was stumped. Pte. Hobbs made 43 and Capt. Wilkins 36. Our opponents had compiled 188 for 9 when stumps were drawn.

The scores were :—

1ST BATTALION THE BUFFS v. BAREILLY GYMKHANA.

1ST BATTALION THE BUFFS.	
1st Innings.	
Sgt. Perry, c Mathews, b Mumtaz.....	0
Pte. Hobbs, c Mathews, b Carpenter.....	43
2/Lieut. Foster, st Perry, b Toogood.....	122
Capt. Wilkins, c Mathews, b Mumtaz.....	36
L/Cpl. Ashmore, c Carpenter, b Mumtaz.....	27
Lieut. Oliver, not out.....	14
Pte. Smith, not out.....	14
Major Hamilton	—
Sgt. Truby	—
2/Lieut. Hughes	Did not bat.
Cpl. Glazier	—
Extras.....	18
Total (for 5 wickets).....	271

BAREILLY GYMKHANA.

1st Innings.	
Major Heppell, b Capt. Wilkins.....	0
Capt. Toogood, c Capt. Wilkins, b Major Hamilton.....	61
Capt. Mathews, c 2/Lieut. Hughes, b Capt. Wilkins.....	0
Karim Bux, b Capt. Wilkins.....	34
Major Lambert, c Sgt. Perry, b Major Hamilton.....	22
S/Sgt. Carpenter, c 2/Lieut. Hughes, b Capt. Wilkins.....	18
Pte. Read, c 2/Lieut. Foster, b Cpl. Glazier.....	28
Pte. Barden, c Ashmore, b Capt. Wilkins.....	2
Mumtaz, c 2/Lieut. Foster, b Pte. Smith.....	2
Capt. Ricketts, not out.....	4
Mr. Clifford, not out.....	0
Extras.....	16
Total (for 9 wickets).....	188

On the 18th we left by train for Meerut to play the Dorsetshire Regiment. We arrived there about 8 a.m. on the morning of the 19th. We were met by the Regimental Bus of the Dorsets and were conveyed to their barracks where a nice breakfast had been prepared for us. We commenced the match at 12 noon. We won the toss and elected to bat. A good omen. Capt. Wilkins and Sgt. Perry opened our innings. The wicket being soft underneath was obviously a bowler's wicket, and the ball was doing all sorts of things. Some would bump up face high, whilst others did not leave the ground. Things did not look very rosy for us when two of our wickets had fallen for only two runs. Sgt. Perry was caught in trying to turn a bumper to leg, whilst Lt. Foster was bowled by one which kept very low and came back back a bit. We were all out for the meagre total of 82, Capt. Wilkins, Pte. Ashmore and Lt. Hughes being the only ones to get double figures, getting 21, 21, and 13, respectively. Lt. Longdon took 6 of our wickets for 29 runs.

The Dorsets then went in and compiled 93, a low score also for them we are told. Capt. Wilkins took 4 for 37 and Cpl. Glazier 4 for 36.

In the second innings we did somewhat better in getting 133, thus giving us the lead of 122 runs. 2/Lt. Foster 50, Ashmore 23, and Truby 20, were our highest scores. The Dorsets then went in, but were unable to put away the bowling of Capt. Wilkins and Cpl. Glazier. Maiden after maiden was bowled, Glazier at one period bowling seven consecutive maidens. He bowled exceptionally well, his analysis being :—

Overs.	Maidens.	Wickets.	Runs.	Runs per Wicket
22	14	6	17	2.8

Capt. Wilkins also did very well, and continually kept the batsman on thorns. He took 4 for 35.

The complete scores were :—

1ST BATTALION THE DORSETS v. 1ST BATTALION THE BUFFS.

1ST BATTALION THE DORSETS.	
1st Innings.	
Capt. Hewick, c Oliver, b Glazier . . . . .	0
Pte. Elliott, c Oliver, b Glazier.....	22
Lt. Allison, b Cpl. Glazier.....	3
Lt. Marden, b Pte. Hobbs.....	6
Lieut. Shoothe, b 2/Lt. Hughes .. .	12
Major Thwaites, b Glazier.....	15
Capt. Woodhouse, lbw, b Wilkins 9	—
2nd Innings.	
c Hughes, b Capt. Wilkins .. . . .	8
b Cpl. Glazier.....	6
st Perry, b Capt. Wilkins.....	4
st Perry, b Capt. Wilkins.....	0
c Cpl. Glazier.....	1
c Foster, b Cpl. Glazier.....	28
lbw, b Cpl. Glazier.....	5



Lt. Longden, not out.....	19	c 2/Lt. Oliver, b Cpl. Glazier	1
Lt. Reid, lbw, b Capt. Wilkins	0	b Cpl. Glazier.....	7
Lt.-Col. Ransome, c 2/Lt. Hughes, b Capt. Wilkins.....	0	b Capt. Wilkins.....	4
Pte. Tyrrell, c Perry, b Wilkins	0	not out.....	0
Extras.....	7	Extras.....	7
Total.....	93	Total.....	71

**Sergeants Mess.**

Since the departure of our regular correspondent to the Homeland, no one has, as yet, taken over the reins of office, the blame must be his for not handing over correctly.

News must therefore of necessity be brief. Another Christmas has passed. Our single members had their usual "Royal Night" on Boxing Day, and we were pleased to have Sgt. Burt with us again. I remember on this occasion a "grand march" and someone being led home.

Our next Social event, other than the usual Mess Functions, was our Annual Dance, which was well attended and a great success. Congratulations to the organisers.

The Annual Mess Shoot was another great success, the results are given below. Congratulations to the R.S.M. on his record of winning both the G.C.B. and Hamilton Cups. At lunch time he was the favourite for the Paget Cup and no one would have been surprised if he had performed the hat-trick. Alas, either the Caterer let him down at lunch, or else Farrow must have been lying low to try and catch some long odds off the bookies, anyway congratulations to both on their performance.

Our Regimental Sports have provided another social event, when we were "at home" to the Sgts. of the Station.

The result of the Sgts. race was in doubt until the "last jump" when the favourite C.S.M. Mould, fell and apparently tried to swim it. Congratulations to the winner C.S.M. Ransley, the 2nd, C.S.M. Farrow, the 3rd, Sgt. Meakin and 4th, Sgt. Truby, who gallantly stopped to prevent C.S.M. Mould from drowning. Rather a sorry field considering our strength at present, I think visions they had of C.S.M. Mould and Truby training must have put them off. These two must be congratulated on their turning out in the Veterans, and with the Quartermaster, frightened off any other would be competitors.

Recently we have lost a large number of "old uns." C.Q.M.S. Lane, Sgts. Cox, Blake and McLean to pension, Sgts. Larkin and Crump to Depot, Sgts. Osborne and Baker and L/Sgt. Willing to 2nd Batt. and A/S/S Johnson on posting to another unit. We are sorry to lose them all, especially to say farewell to those going to pension, but we wish them every success in civvy street. Our hearty congratulations are extended to Sgt. and Mrs. Brophy on the occasion of their marriage.

We welcome to the Mess on promotion L/Sgts. Clover, Vye, Miles, Eldridge and Curlliss, also Sgts. Hadaway, Vale, Stace and Turner to full rank and Sgt. Sharp on his promotion to Col.-Sgt., also A/S/S Whitehead, R.A.O.C. on his posting to the Battalion.

The R.S.M., C.S.M. Farrow, C.Q.M.S. Holman, Sgts. Faulkner and Perry are proceeding on leave to U.K., shortly and will be looking up old friends. Farrow has had rotten luck, his furlough passage on a trooper has been cancelled and he has been given a berth on the s.s. Mooltan *Hard Lines*. Don't get left at Gibraltar.

The members of the gun club have been pretty busy for the wind up of the season, one rather disastrous day occurred when after being out from 4 a.m., the car broke down at 10 p.m., and a 17 mile walk home ensued, with Adjutant's parade to follow in the morning. (The next time I went out I made sure I was in the first of 4 cars.)

Our Billiards Tournament is now in progress, the finalists being C.S.M.I.M. Beasley and C.Q.M.S. Clayton. The final is delayed by the unfortunate accident which befell C.S.M.I.M. Beasley on the night of the Dance. No, you are wrong, it occurred on the way to the Dance, not after. We extend our sympathy to him and wish him a speedy recovery. In the Regimental rifle

**1ST BATTALION THE BUFFS.**

<i>1st Innings.</i>		<i>2nd Innings.</i>	
Capt. Wilkins, b Tyrrell.....	21	c Tyrrell, b Longden.....	5
Sgt. Perry, c Marden, b Tyrrell..	0	c Thwaites, b Tyrrell.....	0
2/Lt. Foster, b Longden.....	1	c Shoothe, b Tyrrell.....	50
Pte. Hobbs, c Longden, b Tyrrell	2	run out.....	15
2/Lt. Oliver, b Longden.....	2	c Sub., b Woodhouse.....	4
Pte. Smith, c and b Longden.....	6	b Tyrrell.....	0
L/c. Ashmore, c Elliott, b Longden	21	lbw, b Woodhouse.....	23
Sgt. Truby, c Allison, b Tyrrell	8	lbw, b Longden.....	20
2/Lt. Dewar, c Hewitt, b Longden	0	b Woodhouse.....	0
2/Lt. Hughes, not out.....	13	c Shoothe, b Woodhouse.....	1
Cpl. Glazier, c Reid, b Longden.	8	not out.....	6
Extras.....	0	Extras.....	9
Total.....	82	Total.....	133

On the 9th and 10th, February we played the Dorsets a return on the Gymkhana ground at Bareilly. The wicket this time was much drier and consequently there were more runs scored. We on this occasion lost the toss, but the skipper of the Dorsets decided to send us in, Capt Wilkins and Sgt. Perry again opened our innings, but Perry was caught very early through failing to get on top of a rising ball. Capt. Wilkins and Lt. Foster then carried our score to 76 for the 2nd wicket. We were all out for 188.

The Dorsets then went in and certainly looked like beating our score when 61 runs had been scored before the first wicket fell. However, it was not so, for no one else could master the bowling of Capt. Wilkins, and the remaining 9 wickets fell for an addition of only 30 runs. Capt. Wilkins seemed unplayable, and secured 7 of their wickets for 38 runs.

On the second day we were again 1 for 1, Capt. Wilkins being the victim. Nevertheless Sgt. Perry and Lt. Foster pulled us up to 89 for 2. At 2.30 p.m. we declared at 190 for 5. 2/Lt. Foster giving us one of his best displays by scoring 117. He cleared the ropes once and touched them no less than 8 times.

The Dorsets then replied with 216, Lt. Allison 102. The game would have been over sooner had not Glazier missed Allison when he was 20. Capt Wilkins again took 6 of their wickets for 95 and Glazier took 4 for 48.

**1ST BATTALION THE BUFFS v. 1ST BATTALION THE DORSETS.**

<i>1st Innings.</i>		<i>2nd Innings.</i>	
Capt. Wilkins, c Capt. Woodhouse, b Lt. Longden.....	35	c Lt. Allison, b Tyrrell.....	1
Sgt. Perry, c Tyrrell, b Lt. Longden	1	run out.....	41
2/Lt. Foster, b Tyrrell.....	52	c Elliott, b Woodhouse.....	117
Pte. Hobbs, b Lt. Longden.....	0	c Lt. Longden, b Woodhouse..	8
2/Lt. Oliver, b Longden.....	35	lbw, b Tyrrell.....	15
Major Hamilton, c Longden, b Woodhouse.....	3	not out.....	4
L/Cpl. Ashmore, lbw, b Wood- house.....	33	not out.....	0
Sgt. Truby, c Tyrrell, b Longden	5		
Pte. Smith, b Tyrrell.....	1		
2/Lt. Hughes, c & b Woodhouse..	19		
Cpl. Glazier, not out.....	1		
Extras.....	3	Extras.....	4
Total.....	188	Total (for 5 wkts.) ..	190

**1ST BATTALION THE DORSETS.**

<i>1st Innings.</i>		<i>2nd Innings.</i>	
Lt. Reid, st Perry, b Wilkins.....	27	c and b Glazier.....	3
L/c. Elliott, c Oliver, b Wilkins	26	c Foster, b Glazier.....	6
Lt. Allison, c Ashmore, b Wilkins.	14	c Ashmore, b Wilkins.....	102
Lt. Marden, b Wilkins.....	2	st Perry, b Wilkins.....	9
Maj. Thwaites, lbw, b Glazier	6	st Perry, b Wilkins.....	35
Lt. Longden, c Smith, b Wilkins	0	c Hobbs, b Glazier.....	8
Capt. Woodhouse, b Glazier.....	0	c Ashmore, b Wilkins.....	11
Lt. Roper, not out.....	3	lbw, b Wilkins.....	26
Capt. Crossly, c Hughes, b Wilkins	0	b Glazier.....	0
Pte. Tyrrell, st Perry, b Wilkins...	3	lbw, b Wilkins.....	0
L/Cpl. Smith, b Glazier.....	0	not out.....	0
Extras.....	10	Extras.....	16
Total.....	91	Total.....	216



Meeting, D/M. Sinclair won the Battalion Championship, ship, R.S.M. Martin being 2nd, C.Q.M.S. Clayton and Pratt, 4th, still the "old uns" shine.

In the Royal Irish Cup A.R.A. Competition the following competed with the results as shown:

C.S.M. Farrow	...	...	73
C.Q.M.S. Pratt	...	...	53
R.S.M. Martin	...	...	50
D.M. Sinclair	...	...	32
Total			208

The thanks of the members are due to our Master-cook, Sgt. Chambers for the able assistance given by him on all occasions when there is work to be done.

In conclusion, I must congratulate our Caterer on the award of the Long Service and Medal. It hasn't been wet yet, but its soon bound to be.

We hear of a forthcoming engagement in this direction, I suppose the President will be ready with a subscription list before long. Members at the Depot please note.

The R.S.M. and C.Q.M.S. Pratt are at present at Meerut, competing in the India Rifle Meeting. We wish them luck.

Bye the way, I understand that at least one Mess bearer is being dispensed with as soon as Farrow goes on leave.

KAY ENNE

### Corporals' Mess.

Here we are again, still smiling! I think that the majority of us are looking forward to the warm weather because recently it has been rather cold.

We kicked off rather well this month by having a Whist Drive and Dance. The attendance was not very large, but nevertheless, it was a great success, thanks to Cpl. Cook, Stocken and a few others.

The attendance in the Mess during the evenings is not too good, but those who do attend seem to enjoy themselves. For instance, Oliver Stocken is the Champion Bridge Player, Cpl. Cook the inventor of Carolina, L/Cpl. Crouch, Champion at Push-Pice and our old friend, Pointer, has never been known to be without his wonderful "Soldier's Friend."

On the 13th, we held our Annual Dance at Norton's Hall. We had a very large gathering and it proved a great success, due to the fact that the arrangements were put in very capable hands, so all thanks must go to Cpls. Cook, Stocken, Sovicos, L/Cpl. Breward and Cpl. Bartlett, who very ably carried out the duties of M.C.

The final of the Battalion Sports was carried out on Saturday, the 23rd. We had a Tent, so arrangements were made to have tea on the Sports Ground which proved a nice change from the ordinary tea in Barracks.

### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

What does Butcher know about 3.14?

Does Darkie know anything about North, South, East or West?

### "H.Q." Wing.

#### PERSONALIA.

Sgt. Baker, L/Sgt. Willing, L/Cpl. Newell, Bds. Vincent and Dmr. F. R. Smith have left us for U.K. where we wish them the best of luck and good fortune in the 2nd Battalion. The two latter will be greatly missed in the football team and Spider Vincent at Hockey also.

Lieut. G. L. B. Oliver has gone for a short trip to the Jungle and we hope he will repeat his previous success in "bagging" a tiger.

Lieut. Williams has been the moving spirit in training our Athletic Competitors and up to date, thanks to his keenness and encouragement, we have done extremely well, tying with "D" Company for first place. L/Cpl. T. Smith is also a team "coach" besides being an entrant.

Congratulations to Sgt. Sharp on his promotion to Colour-Sergeant although we are sorry to lose him from the Signals. He has taken over C.Q.M.S. of "C" Company.

We also congratulate Cpls. Clover and Cowlish on their appointments to Lance-Sergeant, L/Sgt. Vale on his promotion to Sergeant and L/Cpl. Martin and Reed on their promotions to Corporal, likewise L/Cpl. Laker.

L/Cpls. Bamford and Payne also received pay for their stripe.

### HARRIS SHIELD EVENTS.

Up-to-date, we are in a very strong position and leading by 2½ points, "A" Company being second with 13½ points and ourselves 16 points.

The points are made as follows:—	...	...	4½ points
Tie with "D" Company for 1st place at Hockey	...	...	3½ "
Tie with "D" Company for 2nd place at Football	...	...	4 "
Cross Country Run, 2nd place	...	...	4 "
Bayonet Fencing, 2nd place	...	...	4 "
Total			16 points

### REGIMENTAL SPORTS.

As regards the Athletic Events to count in the Harris Shield, we have done equally well.

In the Long Jump we were unfortunate as Cpl. H. Martin had two "No Jumps" and we only got 4th place. Our entrants were Cpl. Godfrey and Cpl. Martin who jumped 16 ft. 7½ ins. and 15 ft. 9 ins. respectively.

The next event was the Three Mile Race for teams of four, all competitors of a team having to complete the course to count.

This was the prettiest finish to a long race seen for a long time, our four men finishing in the first eight and only about 20 yards between our first and last man. A very excellent piece of team work and Combs deserves special praise in the way he pulled up in the last lap, especially as some had doubts whether he would stick it. The order of running was—Lieut. Williams (who came second in the race), Bds. Barker, Ptes. Sard and Combs. We would like to offer our congratulations to Pte. Marsh of "D" Company for the magnificent style in which he finished the race. He sprinted for over 200 yards as though he was running the 220 and finished an easy first.

"Putting the weight" was the next team event, in which we tied with "D" Company for first place. L/Cpl. Cribben put it 30 ft. 8 ins., also coming second in the Individuals, being beaten by half an inch by Pte. Gudgeon. Pte. Tyrrell put it 26 ft. 3½ ins., making a total of 56 ft. 11½ ins. We congratulate Tyrrell on his throw as he was one of the smallest entrants as regards height, but he makes up for it by his sturdy build.

As regards the "Heats," we are also holding our own. In the 220 Yards Semi-final, Pte. Brabon ran second to Cpl. Hodkin and he also won his heat in the Open Hurdles. L/Cpl. T. Smith won his heat in the Open 440 Yards. Pte. Brabon ran second to Cpl. Hodkin in the Semi-finals of the 100 Yards and second to L/Cpl. Randerson in the Hurdles Semi-finals, L/Cpl. T. Smith also getting second place in the 440 Yards Semi-finals.

Ptes. Howland and E. Smith were our representatives in the High Jump, both doing very well. Smith was the first to fail at 4 ft. 10½ ins. and Howland carried on pluckily until 5 ft. 1½ ins. was reached, the winner, Capt. Wale, beating him by 1½ inches. Our Team came fourth.

We had very hard luck in the One Mile team event. Although our four men came in first, we only got second place to "A" Company, owing to the position of the runners. "A" Company had 1st, 5th, 8th and 15th places, making a total of 29 points. We had 2nd, 11th, 12th and 14th places, totalling 39 points. Dmr. Bowcock, Bds. Longman, J. Spencer and Dmr. Anderson represented our Company.

In the Individual Events, Brabon came second to L/Cpl. Randerson in the 120 Yards Hurdles and in the Open 440 Yards, Bds. Barker came 1st, Pte. Brabon 2nd and Dmr. Howland 3rd.

We did not do so well on the final day, due chiefly to lack of training in some of the team events. In the 220 Yards, 880 Yards, Hurdles and Medley Races we came nowhere. The 100 Yards was quite a good race in which we finished second. Pte. A. Taylor started and lost a little ground to L/Cpl. Priestly, L/Cpl. Fearon lost a little more to Lieut. Fox, Jelly picked up well and finished third, Brabon ran splendidly and finished second to Gudgeon.

We were unfortunate to only get second place to "A" Company in the 440 Yards. Saunders started and finished second, being one yard behind Lott, Sgt. Meakin lost ground and finished third, Cpl. Hoy ran very well and gave L/Cpl. T. Smith second place to Lieut. Foster. During this race, L/Cpl. Smith was seen to stumble and lost about four yards. After the race, L/Cpl. Smith lodged a protest that he had been tripped. Owing to the fact that no "pointers" were out, it was impossible to say whether it was accidental or otherwise, so the objection was not allowed. We finished second to "A" Company after an exciting race except for the unfortunate occurrence noted above.

O.S.

### REGIMENTAL RIFLE MEETING.

In the team event inter-company we did badly, but in the inter-platoon the "M.G." Platoon got first place with their No. 1 Team in the Tile Competition. They knocked down six plates with seven shots, a very excellent bit of shooting, for which they are to be congratulated.

In the Individual Competitions we did much better. Drum-Major Sinclair won the Individual Championship Cup with a score of 98, just beating R.S.M. Martin in the last practice. We sincerely congratulate the "youngster" on his performance against the "veteran."

We congratulate R.S.M. Martin on tying with Capt. Wale in the Revolver Shoot.

R.S.M. Martin and R.Q.M.S. Evans both got "pool bulls" which brought them in about Rs. 50 each. "Lucky devils," more beer money.

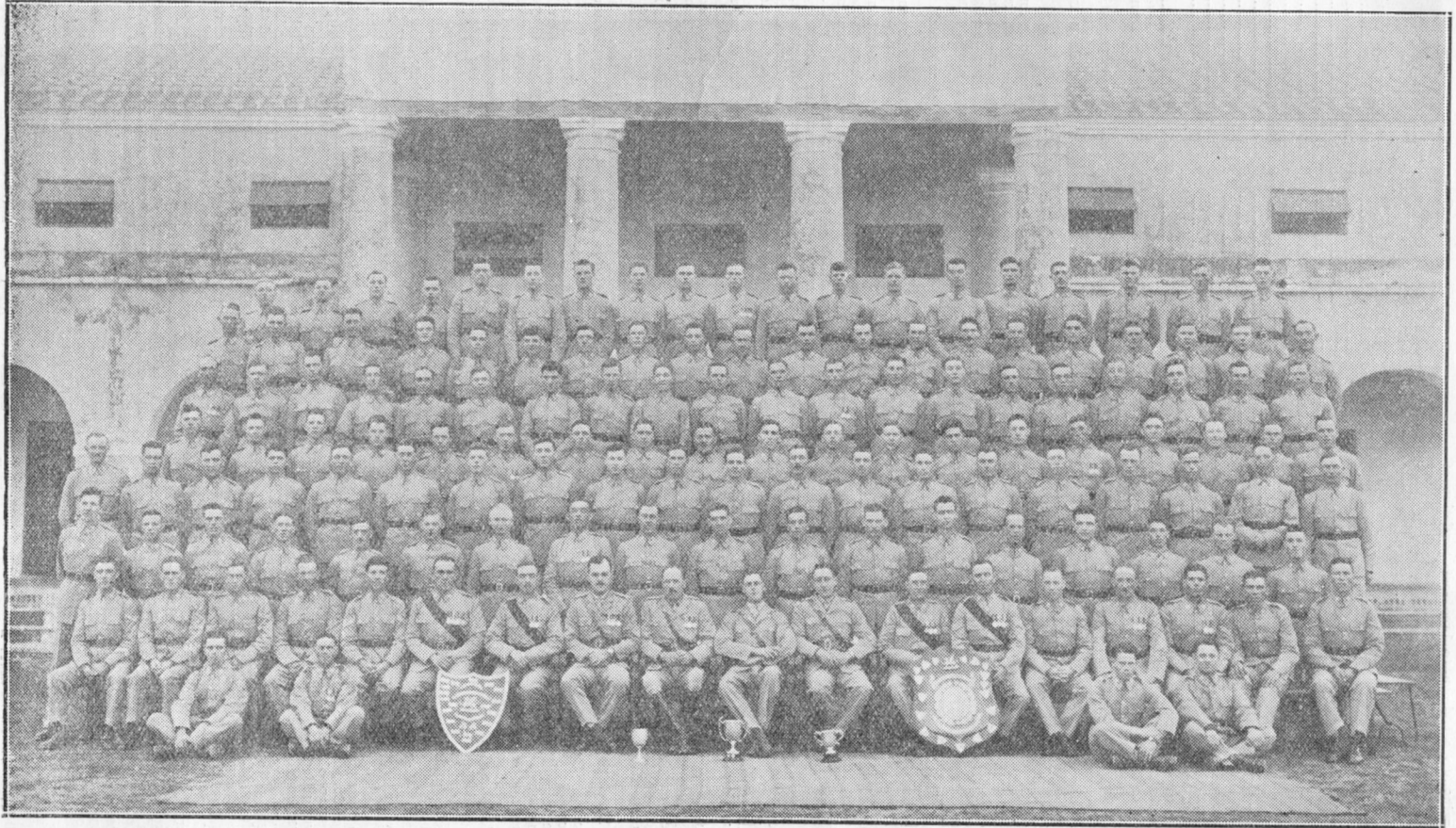
### Machine Gun Platoon.

Quite a lot of interesting things have happened since our last notes and for that I am very thankful, as our late correspondent, J.W.J. has proceeded to "Blighty" and has left the "Onion" to carry on the good work.

Firstly, I must apologise for neglecting to send in notes for January and will do my utmost to retrieve our good name now, by describing events from Christmas to the present time.

Whilst we were at Camp, those "unfortunates" who were left behind commenced to hang the Christmas bunting in our dining hall and on our return, Cpl. Jarvis and his willing band of helpers finished off the decorating and soon had a barrack room looking like the dining hall of the "Ritz" hotel.





*"C" Company, 1st Bn. The Buffs.*

*[Kinsey Bros, Bareilly.]*

On Christmas morning we sat down to breakfast consisting of Porridge, Pork Sausage Meat, Mashed Potatoes, Bread and Butter and Tea, all of which was plentiful. Then came the usual Church Parade and loosening of belts, preparing for our Christmas Dinner, etc.

Our dinner consisted of Roast Beef, Pork, Geese, Cauliflower and Baked Potatoes, followed by Christmas Pudding and Custard, Beer, Minerals and Cigarettes. The waiters were, as usual, the Sergeants, who did their job very well and I have heard it said that one of them intends applying for a job at "Lockhart's." Several speeches were given by various people during the dinner. Everybody present seemed very well satisfied with the dinner and great credit is due to the cooks, who must have found it rather hard work, preparing a Christmas dinner for over 200 men.

During the evening a concert was held and I was quite surprised at the musical talent that we have in the Platoon. Sgt. Burt, who was with us for Christmas from the "Wrigleys" School, gave us that old-time song entitled: "All the little angels have gone up on high." Twelve o'clock midnight saw the finish of a real good day.

Several changes have taken place in the Platoon. Sgt. Petley and Cpl. Curless have relieved Sgt. Baker and L/Sgt. Willing who have proceeded to the United Kingdom for a tour of duty on the Home Establishment, also L/Cpl. Newell, all of whom we wish the best of luck in their new Battalion. Cpl. Jarvis has also left us for a Vocational Course in the United Kingdom and we gave him a real good send-off, which I am sure he will never forget.

Quite a number of Shooting Competitions have been held recently and the first one, as far as the Gunners were concerned, was the Brigade "M.G." Shoot, in which we had rather hard luck a we lost first place to the 1/3 Gurkha Rifles by one point.

Our next Competition was held at the "Horse Show," during Bareilly Week, in which we entered four Sub-Sections. The competition consisted of an Action from Pack in which we fired twenty rounds of Blank, after which a whistle was blown and we had to load up and double forward 300 yards. This was won by "B" Sub-Section followed by "C," "D" and "A" Subs. for 2nd, 3rd and 4th places respectively. The winning Sub-Section received Rs. 40 as a prize.

Our next competition was in the Battalion Meeting in which we entered four Sub-Sections. This was run under the A.R.A. Rules and was won by "B" Sub. with 90 points followed by "A" with 66 points. The other two Sub-Sections failed to score although all plates were shot down. The prize for this competition was Rs. 100, but this is to be divided into 1st and 2nd prizes. In the Tile Competition we entered two teams and No. 1 team, consisting of Sgt. Petley, Cpl. Clover, L/Cpl. Cribben and Pte. J. Spencer, managed to win this and received a prize of Rs. 40.

At present we have a number of "new hand" N.C.O.'s being taught the mysteries of the Gun, preparatory to forming the "M.G." Company. Apart from the Instructors and N.O.'s, we have been available for duty. Needless to say, guards and picquets have been plentiful and we are looking forward to the time when we start training in earnest.

As far as sport is concerned, very few Platoon Games have taken place, but hardly a day passes without one can see all kinds of "Danker" matches taking place.

WRIGLEYS.

#### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Did a certain Sergeant of "H.Q." Wing buy the 4 ft. target on which he scored his first 4" group?  
Does it require nine years of practice to do this?  
Is it necessary to show the left cuff in a photograph? Ask Brabon.  
What detained Jimmie at the Corporals' Dance?  
Who was it said: "I'm the only man I've spoken to that knows anything about it"? Ask Muscles.  
Do Gharri wallahs have to enlist and for what period of service? Ask Tommy.  
Does "bighead" get commission from the "T.B."?

#### The Drums.

Congratulations to Drummers Macdonnell and Ederidge on their being appointed Lance-Corporals. Also to Lance-Corporals Hicks and R. Thomas on being appointed Paid Lance-Corporals.

The Drummers have suddenly developed a passion for cricket and we have played some very good games, the scores of which are enclosed. During the last week we have been very busy on the range at the Battalion Rifle Meeting and we congratulate our Drum-Major on winning the Cup which proclaims him Battalion Rifle Champion and the two money prizes he also won. May he keep them next year.

Drummer Ashby is now C.O.'s Bugler and he is to be seen every day at 2 p.m. punching up for the next contest.

We were sorry to lose Drummers Griggs and J. Smith and now F. Smith has left us. L/Cpl. Roberts and Drummer Wylie are waiting to proceed to the United Kingdom on the Home Establishment, so by the time these notes are printed they will be gone. Lance-Corporals Etheridge and Macdonnell are going home on leave so our numbers will be considerably lessened in a month or so.

Swill and Hooky have an allotment and it is rumoured that they are growing oak trees to build Hooky's boat.

R.C.T., 1951.

#### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Can Gus. shoot?  
And what did he fill the Cup with?  
When did Sticks play for Dover Schoolboys?

"CORBIER," 1591.

#### CRICKET.

DRUMS v. "M.G.'s."

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Houghton, b Bamford.....	5	c and b Ellen.....	19
Chappell, b Bamford.....	10	not out.....	2
Baird, b Bench.....	5	b Cribben.....	0
L/Cpl. Thomas, b Bamford.....	8	b Ellen.....	27
Burbridge, c and b Buchanan.....	0	run out.....	10
Gardner, b Bench.....	4	c Buchanan.....	16
Finch, b Bench.....	0	c Bench.....	5
Drury, not out.....	3	b Cribben.....	3
Blissett, b Cribben.....	5	b Buchanan.....	9
Watkins, b Cribben.....	4	c Buchanan.....	2
Bowcock, b Bench.....	4	b Bench.....	0
Extras.....	3	Extras.....	4
Total.....	51	Total.....	97

"M.G.'s" 1st Innings: 54; 2nd Innings, 97; Drums lost by 3 runs.

This was our first match. Owing to lack of space, the others are not printed.

"FLAG AND EMPIRE."

#### "A" Company.

Having undertaken the task of writing these notes for a matter of years, I am inclined to think that the majority of readers would appreciate a change in the style of compiling the news concerning the company. I myself would have ceased annoying the Editor months ago had I possessed the ability to overcome the dominating powers of our C.S.M.

However, time is short and no amount of ocular ablation will rid me of this job, so here goes.

A change of Officers has again occurred within the company. This time Capt. Hammond-Davies has been transferred to "B" Company and Capt. C. R. B. Knight arrived from the 2nd Battalion.

On behalf of the company I should like to express the regret that is being felt at the loss of our former Second-in-Command and I am sure that his speedy return to the company is desired by all. No doubt, Capt. Knight will help to compensate this loss and the usual hearty welcome, combined with the best wishes for the future, are offered.

The Regimental Rifle Meeting kept us busy for a matter of a week and needless to say, several Individual and Team Practices were won by members of the company.

With the Regimental Sports almost on top of us, some hurried arrangements had to be made for the Company Sports so as to enable us to select the local talent. We were pleased to notice a couple of the recent "draftees" putting up a good show and we trust that a few more will begin to help us out in our various sporting encounters. The events were well competed for and a good day's sport was witnessed. Altogether the show was a complete success and I am sure that the company heartily thank the Officers for their presence and interest which they displayed by acting as Officials. The C.S.M. and N.C.O.'s who helped to perform in the minor capacities are also worthy of praise. Points to count for the "Lucas" Shield finished as follows: No. 3 Platoon with 49 points; No. 1 with 32½ points; No. 2 with 21 points and No. 4 with 4½ points.

During the month two more successes were gained by the company in the Harris Shield Contest. In the first place we completed the Bayonet Fighting Competition and incidentally won the Cup by registering a win against all our opponents and secondly winning the Inter-Company Cross-Country Running Cup by being first in that event with the following points:—"A" Company, 378 points; "H.Q." Wing, 388 points; "B" Company, 730 points. (The others did not worry us). The course was as for the previous year and good time was maintained throughout. "H.Q." Wing certainly chased us and they deserve congratulations for their position. All our team ran well, more so, the leaders, who put up an excellent show. Our first four in proved to be:—Cpl. Bell, Cpl. Sovico, Pte. Dale and Pte. Crowhurst.

We have now lost our excellent trainer, Cpl. Bell and I am certain that as far as sport is concerned, our loss is the 2nd Battalion's gain. Two more company Notabilities have also left us recently, to wit, Ptes. Fitzgerald and Brissenden. We wish "Dingers" and "Fritz" the best of luck in the Home Battalion and trust that the latter will maintain his quiet disposition. To "Brisso" who has left the Services we offer the best of wishes for the future and trust that he will paint the town red by playing darts in the Faversham League.

Congratulations are extended to the N.C.O.'s who have recently participated in the various promotions and appointments within the company, myself excepted, because I had to fork out the trivial amount of 45 rupees, thanks to an insertion in Part II. Orders.

In the Regimental Sports which were held recently, the Company put up a splendid performance and every person who entered either individually or in a team, deserve heartiest congratulations. I am certain that a full account will be found elsewhere so I shall leave all details for the Battalion Editor to publish.

The various teams had worked hard and in most cases were suitably rewarded for their labours.

Mr. Foster was again awarded the "Walter-Locke" Shield for the best athlete of the battalion and he deserves hearty congratulations for winning the trophy and hearty thanks for the interest and hard work which he bestowed upon the company throughout the sports.

In the meantime, the "burra-sahib" gives us plenty of regimental duties and I often function upon that time-worn memorial,

"QUARTER-GUARD."



**"B" Company.**

We have been busy with our Company Sports and the Battalion Rifle Meeting the results of which will be shown below. The Company has just finished Company Training and nearly all the N.C.O.'s are on the Weapon Training Cadre in readiness for the Annual Course at Rankheth.

We congratulate the following on their promotion:—  
 L/Sgt. W. Stace to Sgt.; Cpl. Miles to L/Sgt.; L/Cpl. Pointer to Cpl.; L/Cpl. Wright to Paid L/Cpl.; L/Cpl. Harwood to Paid L/Cpl.; L/Cpl. Davis to Paid L/Cpl.; L/Cpl. Ingram to Paid L/Cpl.; L/Cpl. Bosley to Paid L/Cpl.; L/Cpl. Taylor '91 to Paid L/Cpl.; L/Cpl. Patterson to Paid L/Cpl.; L/Cpl. Bunclark to Paid L/Cpl.; L/Cpl. Breward to Paid L/Cpl.; Pte. B. Moore to Unpaid L/Cpl.; Pte. Langley to Unpaid L/Cpl.

The results of the Company Sports are as follows:—

100 YARDS.			
Pte. Whitehead.	Cpl. Hunt.	Pte. Billett.	L/c. Langley.
220 YARDS.			
Pte. Billett.	L/Cpl. Taylor.	Cpl. Hunt.	Pte. Message.
440 YARDS.			
L/Cpl. Taylor.	L/Cpl. Langley.	Pte. Woodhatch.	L/Cpl. Bosley.
880 YARDS.			
L/c. Taylor.	L/c. Bosley.	Pte. Stiff.	Pte. Scott.
ONE MILE.			
L/c. Bosley.	L/c. Taylor.	L/c. Langley.	Pte. Pooley.
PUTTING THE WEIGHT.			
2/Lt. Hughes.	L/c. Bosley.	2/Lt. Oliver.	Pte. Hawkes.
32. 4½"	32."	31. 8½"	29. 7"
HIGH JUMP.			
Pte. F. Morris.	Pte. Message.	L/c. Taylor.	Pte. Denham.
4. 9½"	2½ pts.	2½ pts.	4. 7½"
(Tied, 4. 8½")			
LONG JUMP.			
Pte. Whitehead.	Pte. Patterson.	Pte. Denham.	Cpl. Hunt.
19. 6"	17. 5½"	16. 11½"	16. 9"
HURDLES.			
Pte. Horne.	Pte. Denham.	Pte. Patterson.	
Platoon Points.			
	5	6	7 8
100 Yards ...	0	0	7 3
220 Yards ...	0	3	3 4
440 Yards ...	0	5	2 3
880 Yards ...	1	7	2 0
One Mile ...	1	7	0 2
Putting the Weight ...	1	5	4 0
High Jump ...	1	6½	2½ 0
Long Jump ...	2	3	5 0
Hurdles ...	3	2	4 0
Total ...	9	38½	29½ 12

The following are the results of the Rifle Meeting:—

MATCH 1. CLASS "B."			
2nd. Pte. Sims ...	Score. 18	7th. Pte. Patterson ...	Score. 17
5th. Pte. Brown ...	Score. 17	16th. Pte. W. Taylor ...	Score. 15
MATCH 1. CLASS "A."			
1st. Cpl. Pitch ...	Score. 21	7th. Capt. N. G. Wale ...	Score. 17
2nd. L/Cpl. Hudson ...	Score. 19	9th. C.S.M. Farrow ...	Score. 17
3rd. Cpl. Crouch ...	Score. 19	15th. Pte. Denham ...	Score. 16
4th. Pte. Packman ...	Score. 19	17th. Pte. Wallis ...	Score. 16
6th. Cpl. Cook ...	Score. 18		
AGGREGATE.			
C.S.M. Farrow ...	Score. 60	Capt. Hammond-Davies ...	Score. 69
Cpl. Cook ...	Score. 71	L/Cpl. Hudson ...	Score. 78
Cpl. Pitch ...	Score. 75	Capt. N. G. Wale ...	Score. 76
2/Lieut. T. L. Hughes ...	Score. 84	C.Q.M.S. Clayton ...	Score. 82
Pte. Packman ...	Score. 70	Pte. Thompson ...	Score. 73
MATCH 2. CLASS "A."		MATCH 2. CLASS "B."	
4th. Pte. Thompson ...	Score. 29	2nd. Pte. Jones ...	Score. 27
14th. C.Q.M.S. Clayton ...	Score. 26	15th. L/Cpl. Edwards ...	Score. 22
35th. Capt. Hammond-Davies ...	Score. 22	19th. Cpl. Hunt ...	Score. 22
36th. Cpl. Pitch ...	Score. 22	25th. L/Cpl. Harwood ...	Score. 21
37th. Pte. Packman ...	Score. 22	30th. L/Cpl. Breward ...	Score. 20
MATCH 3. AGGREGATE.		MATCH 4. AGGREGATE.	
2nd. 2/Lt. T. L. Hughes ...	Score. 26	6th. Cpl. Pitch ...	Score. 25
3rd. C.Q.M.S. Clayton ...	Score. 25		
8th. L/Cpl. Hudson ...	Score. 21		

We were the winners of the Inter-Company Competition and the scores of our team are as follows:—

(5 Rds. Slow). (10 Rds. Snaphooting).  
 Practice 1. Practice 2. Total.

2/Lieut. T. L. Hughes...	17	17	34
C.S.M. A. Farrow ...	17	30	47
C.Q.M.S. Clayton ...	12	25	37
Sgt. Stace ...	8	9	17
Cpl. Cook ...	13	29	42
L/Cpl. Hudson ...	13	19	32
Pte. Packman ...	16	19	35
Pte. Thompson ...	14	20	40
Total ...	110	174	284

The following are the results of the Inter-Platoon Shield to date:—

	No. 5 Platoon.	No. 6 Platoon.	No. 7 Platoon.	No. 8 Platoon.
Football ...	3	2	4	1
Hockey ...	1	2	4	3
Cricket ...	(Still to be played.)			
Tug-of-War ...	1	2	3	4
Bayonet-Fighting ...	3	2	4	1
Company Sports ...	...3 miles still to be run.			
Cross-Country Run ...	...Still to be run.			
Firing ...	...Not yet completed.			
Points to date ...	8	8	15	9

Pte. Lewis is due to leave us for Australia on the 1st of March. C.S.M. Farrow is also proceeding to U.K. on six months' furlough on the *Mooltan*, on the 2nd March. L/Cpl. Bunclark has proceeded to Ambala on a Physical Training Course and Pte. Feakins has gone to "G.H.Q." as a Clerk. Ptes. Wallis, Sims and Jones have gone to the Machine Gun Platoon. We are sorry to hear that Lieut. H. P. P. Robertson will be in Hospital for some time and hope he will soon be well again.

A.T.F.

**"C" Company.**

To use the words of the men, thank goodness we are back to civilisation again. We are off on the Grand Manoeuvre on the 16th of December, as a very small Company. We only had three Platoons, Nos. 11 and 10 amalgamating. The reason for this was that we had our usual bad luck. Pte. Wakerell, of No. 11 Platoon, went into Hospital with Scarlet Fever and consequently the men in his tent were isolated and were unable to go. When we saw them later they did not seem to mind. However, the manoeuvres were very interesting and instructive and generally speaking, the men were quite cheerful, in spite of it being some of the hardest training they have done.

We left Camp on the morning of the 20th, for Barcilly. Our Company being such hard workers, were given the job of loading. We left the New Cantonment Station amidst shouts of "Chah-Wallah," at about 3 p.m. and arrived in Barcilly early next morning, to receive a cup of hot tea from Khair Mohammed's profits.

Then came the preparations for that great event in a soldier's life—Christmas. Our Committee was headed by the Second-in-Command, Captain Webster, Lieut. Hill, Cpl. Mullen and two volunteers from each Platoon attended to the decorations; whilst Cpl. Robinson arranged the Concert for the evening. Much assistance was also given generally by C.S.M. Williams and our Acting C.Q.M.S., Sgt. Larkin. We will take this opportunity of voicing our appreciation and thanking the Committee, one and all. The room was very nicely decorated and the dinner was excellent. We found no "monkey-nuts" in the pudding this year. One must not forget the amount of work put in by the cooks and L/Cpl. Woolf and his staff in getting the show to go off so well.

Once again our notes have a touch of sadness in them. Pte. Isaac, better known by many as L/Cpl. Bill Isaac, went into Hospital with *Tonsillitis* on Christmas Night and sad to relate, died of *Scepticemia* at 8.30 p.m. on the 31st of December. He was buried with full military honours on the following day, many wreaths being sent by his comrades. We kindly thank all those who sent wreaths and the Company deeply sympathise with his parents in their bereavement. He was well liked by all and we shall certainly miss him.

We welcome the men of the last draft and hope that they will do their best to keep the Company's tail up.

Harris Shield Sport has commenced, our first game being a Hockey Match with "A" Company. This came off on the 3rd of January and resulted in a draw 1-1. It was not what one would call a good game. There was far too much wild hitting and not our usual passing game. In the first half Elliot ran through from the "25" and scored a very nice goal. Half-time score, 1-0. In the second half, Hollands of "A" sent across a good pass allowing Wilson to score the equaliser. "C" had many chances to score, but were unable to finish off good movements. Our team was:—Goal, Pte. Tugwell; Backs, Cpl. Robinson and L/Cpl. Williams; Half-backs, Pte. Delves, L/Cpl. Edwards and Pte. Hover; Forwards, Pte. Ash, Pte. Elliot, C.S.M. Williams, Pte. Taylor and Cpl. Farrell.

Our second match was against "B" Company on the 6th of January. This was a totally different exhibition of Hockey as the score, 5-1 in our favour will indicate. There was not so much wild hitting and far more control shown. The first was the result of a "short-corner" taken by the C.S.M. and scored by Edwards. Soon after that Taylor put in a good pass from the left, which Ash pushed

through the goal. The third goal was an individual effort-on the part of C.S.M. Williams. C.S.M. Farrow got one for "B" just before the half-time whistle went when the score stood at 3-1. In the second half the play was more in our favour and C.S.M. Williams added two more goals on his own. Our team was unaltered.

At Football we have not done so badly as we have an almost new side out. Our C.S.M. has stood down for the younger ones and L/Cpl. Edwards, our Battalion player has stood down as he is going to England for a tour of duty there. We met "H.Q." Wing in the first Harris Shield Match and after a very tough game were the losers, 1-0. Our team had many chances, but were weak in front of goal.

Our second match was against "B" Company, which was drawn with no score. The team played much better and forced numerous corners, but as before, seemed unable to shoot. "B" Company have a good side and are the favourites for the Cup, so our team one and all, did extremely well to draw with them.

Our next match rather surprised everybody for we put it across "D" Company to the extent of the odd goal in three. Our team showed even greater improvement in the forward area, especially Ash, who scored both goals for us. Our defence was also in great form. Our team was:—3 Quarter Goal:—Pte. Pultman. Backs:—L/Cpl. Williams and Pte. Vasey. Half-backs:—Pte. Bartlett, Cpl. Farrell and Pte. Rlderkin. Forwards:—Pte. Dickens, Pte. Mills, Pte. Ash, Pte. Elliot and Pte. Creswell.

In the Bayonet Fencing we did not do so well. On Saturday, the 12th of January, we met "A" Company in the first round and lost very badly. This was no doubt due in many cases to the lack of practice, although "A" have a very good team....As a matter of fact, we only win one fight out of the lot and that was Pte. Wood. Nevertheless, we hope to do better next time. Our team on this occasion was:—Cpl. Mullen, Team Leader; Sgt. Morgan, L/Cpl. Randerson, Pte. Bartlett, Pte. Whall, Pte. Wood, Cpl. Cox, L/Cpl. Williams and Pte. Goldsack.

Q.E.D.

Our Company Commander, Capt. Tukey, has left us for England. We all wish him the very best of luck in his new sphere. We also welcome Major Whitaker as our new Company Commander and hope that his stay with us will be a happy and pleasant one.

Yet another of our sportsmen has left us during the month. L/Cpl. Edwards, who represents the Battalion at both Hockey and Football, has gone to the Depot on the Home Establishment. We wish him also the best of luck; we shall certainly miss him both on and off the field of sport.

We congratulate Ptes. Weekes, Atkins, Davis, Warren and Taylor on making their first step up the ladder of fame. We wish them luck.

We lost our last game of Football, unfortunately, when we met "A" Company and were beaten 2-1. This gives us:—Matches Played, 4; Won, 1; Drawn, 1 and lost 2. However, all the new members of the team did credit to themselves, not mentioning the usual ones, and we will now look forward to even a better result next year.

Our last game of Hockey was against "D" Company, when we lost 3-0. This was not so one-sided as it might appear. Our opponents goal was threatened many times, but our forwards were not shooting so well and "D's" goalkeeper played a splendid game. This is the first serious hockey match we have lost since our arrival in India. Still, we cannot always expect to win. We have a very different team from the one we had in 1927, there being only four of our original team left. The Young Hands are coming along though and doing well.

Everyone is now either practising in the nets for the coming Harris Shield Cricket or training on the sports ground for the Annual Athletic Meeting. The Annual Rifle Meeting took place on the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th of this month. "C" Company did rather well as we had no less than 14 in the first stage of the aggregate. Pte. Elliot took quite a lot of the money, something like Rs. 117, a very good show indeed. He was also first in Match 4. L/Cpl. Woodcock was first in Match 3, Class B whilst several others of the Company got smaller prizes. In the Company Team Shoot we came third. The members of the team were:—Capt. Webster, C.S.M. Williams, C.Q.M.S. Sharp, Sgt. Daisley, Cpl. Glazier, L/Cpl. Lailey, Pte. Elliot and Pte. Ash. In the final Aggregate the top scorer in the Company was Cpl. Glazier, who shared fourth place in the Battalion.

On the 3rd and 4th of February we held our Company Sports. This was something like a preliminary to the Harris Shield Sports and gave us an opportunity to find the talent. Our Sports Committee, headed by Lieut. H. de L. Walters, spent much time in arranging things and in order to stimulate keenness, a Cup was presented to the Platoon which gained the most points. The Committee also decided to give small prizes to the winner and the runner-up in each event. A condition was made by which no competitor was allowed to take more than two prizes, one first and one second. This was done so that if there were any "star men," the others would get a chance of winning a prize. Mrs. Webster, Mother of Capt. Webster, very kindly presented the prizes.

There has also been another incentive to keen competition. Lieut. H. de L. Walters recently instituted "colours" for the members of the Cross-Country Running Team and the Athletic Team. This consists of a two-piece shield, one half red for Cross-Country and the other half blue for Athletics. These are worn on a singlet and look very nice. The men value them very much and go out of their way to win one. All these things combined brought forward quite a large number of entries, and some very closely run events. No. 10 Platoon are to be congratulated on winning the cup and are justifying their name of "Shiny Ten" No. 12 Platoon did very well to come second. The actual points obtained are shown on the following table:—

Platoon.	100	220	440	880	One Mile.	3 Miles.	High Long	Jump.	Jump.	Hurdles.
No. 9 Platoon	1	0	2	2	0	2	1	0	4	13
No. 10 Platoon	5	3	3	7	7	0	7	2	4	1 '39
No. 11 Platoon	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	3	6	2 16
No. 12 Platoon	4	6	5	1	3	4	2	4	0	3 32

In the finals themselves the three shorter distances proved to be a battle between Pte. Bartlett and L/Cpl. Hover. Bartlett won each of these events with Hover a very close second in each case. No doubt Hover, with more training, will become a first-class sprinter. The longer distances were again more or less a one-man show. Lieut. H. de L. Walters won the 880 and the Mile and no doubt could have done the three miles. He said before he started that he was only going to do two miles and then fall out, which he did. L/Cpl. Warren ran very well in these distances. He came second in the 880 and the mile. Pte. J. Mitchell came in third in the 880, 1 mile and 3 miles. Whilst on the subject, we would like to congratulate Pte. V. Mitchell on his very plucky effort. He is subject to fainting turns and had no less than three during the two days' sport. Nevertheless, he kept at it and came third in the three miles and also put up a good show in the other long distances.

There were 22 entries in the Long Jump. Now that Ayliffe has gone it is more open. (He is probably employing his ability now, dodging policemen). There was plenty of good jumping, Pte. Bartlett eventually winning it with 18 ft. 3½ ins. Cpl. Farrell was second with 17 ft. 6 ins. and L/Cpl. Hover third with 17 ft. 3 ins.

The High Jump was a race between Lieut. H. de L. Walters and L/Cpl. Randerson, the latter winning with 5 feet. Lieut. H. de L. Walters jumped 4 ft. 11 ins. Pte. Bartlett was third with 4 ft. 10 ins. L/Cpl. Randerson won the Hurdles in quite a masterly fashion with Goldsack second and L/Cpl. Williams third.

There were also many entries for the Putting the Weight. This was much more open this year as Pte. Jordan is away. It was won by Pte. Woods with a putt of 32 ft. 5½ ins. Pte. Vasey was second with 31 ft. 7½ ins. and L/Cpl. Williams third with 31 ft. 3 ins.

In the Platoon Tug-of-War, No. 9 Platoon pulled against No. 10 Platoon and beat them in two straight pulls. No. 11 Platoon pulled against No. 12 and also won. In the final, No. 11 Platoon won the first pull, No. 9 the second and No. 11 Platoon the third and the match.

We were favoured with very nice weather throughout and several ladies turned out to see the fun. Pte. Knight is to be thanked for preparing the ground.

The following are the complete results:—

100 YARDS.	(1) Pte. Bartlett; (2) L/Cpl. Hover; (3) L/Cpl. Randerson.
Time: 11 secs.	
220 YARDS.	(1) Pte. Bartlett; (2) L/Cpl. Hover; (3) Pte. Miles. Time: 24 3/5 secs.
440 YARDS.	(1) Pte. Bartlett; (2) L/Cpl. Hover; (3) L/Cpl. F. Taylor. Time: 57 4/5 secs.
880 YARDS.	(1) Lieut. Walters; (2) L/Cpl. Warren; (3) L/Cpl. E. Taylor. Time: 2 mins. 19 secs.
ONE MILE.	(1) Lieut. Walters; (2) L/Cpl. Warren; (3) Pte. J. Mitchell.
THREE MILES.	(1) Pte. J. Heaseman; (2) Pte. J. Mitchell; (3) Pte. V. Mitchell. 18 mins. 32 secs.
HIGH JUMP.	(1) L/Cpl. Randerson; (2) Lt. Walters; (3) Pte. Bartlett.
LONG JUMP.	(1) Pte. Bartlett; (2) Cpl. Farrell; (3) L/Cpl. Hover.
HURDLES.	(1) L/Cpl. Randerson; (2) Pte. Goldsack; (3) L/Cpl. Williams.
PUTTING THE WEIGHT.	(1) Pte. Wood; (2) Pte. Vasey; (3) L/Cpl. Williams.
RELAY RACE.	(1) No. 10 Platoon; (2) No. 9 Platoon; (3) No. 11 Platoon.
TUG-OF-WAR.	(1) No. 11 Platoon; (2) No. 9 Platoon.

Q.E.D.

In the Harris Shield Sports we had several individual winners, even though we did not do so well in the team events. We have many new faces in our teams who, no doubt, with training, will acquire themselves very well. We will content ourselves with mentioning the part played by our own Company.

The finals of the Individual Events took place on February 22nd. We had several entries, i.e.:—

L/Cpl. Hover, 110 yards, 220 yards and Long Jump; Pte. Bartlett, 100 Yards, 220 Yards, Long and High Jump; L/Cpl. Randerson, Hurdles and High Jump; Lieut. H. de L. Walters, One Mile; Pte. Goldsack, Hurdles.

Everyone was successful in getting through the numerous heats to the Finals. They each obtained a place in the Finals as follows:—  
100 YARDS.—L/Cpl. Hover, 2nd; Pte. Bartlett, 4th.  
220 YARDS.—L/Cpl. Hover, 1st; Pte. Bartlett, 2nd.  
LONG JUMP.—Pte. Bartlett, 3rd; L/Cpl. Hover, 4th.  
HURDLES.—L/Cpl. Randerson, 1st; Pte. Goldsack, 3rd.



HIGH JUMP.—L/Cpl. Randerson, tie for 2nd place.

ONE MILE.—Lieut. H. de L. Walters, 4th.

CORPORALS' RACE.—L/Cpl. Hoyer, 1st.

The 100 Yards was a very closely run race. Lieut. Hughes won this, with L/Cpl. Hoyer second, beating Hodkin of "A" Company by a narrow margin. Bartlett was a close fourth, in fact only a yard separated the winner and the 4th.

L/Cpl. Hoyer won the Corporals' Race in great style. There were many entrants and he was severely handicapped being the only one to start scratch. However, he simply went through the lot at a crack pace. There were a number of good runners and it seemed impossible for him to win. This will probably be the hardest race he will ever run, for it appeared almost impossible for him to pick up so great a distance. His getting first deserved the spectators' applause and it was clearly obvious that he would get a place in the 220 Yards.

The 220 Yards proved to be the best race of the meeting. After the usual false start, Hoyer went away in the lead, followed by Hodkin, Bartlett running third. After passing the second bend, each man made his final effort. Hoyer kept his lead and won a splendid race. Bartlett just managed to beat Hodkin and as in the 100 Yards very little distance separated the three.

In the Mile, Lieut. H. de L. Walters ran splendidly and obtained 4th place, which I think surprised quite a few. With the experience gained and the mastering of Track Tactics, he will be a formidable opponent. We think he is taking it seriously now. He has gained his place in the Battalion Athletic Team.

Pte. Bartlett came third in the Long Jump with 18 ft. 3 1/2 ins., losing 2nd place by an inch. We do not think he gave his best because he has a knee which has given him much trouble lately. Secondly, he was left a bit shaky after the previous track race and was taking off a foot in front of the board. L/Cpl. Hoyer came 4th and if he could lift his feet a bit better he would certainly do well.

L/Cpl. Randerson jumped very well in the High Jump and his tie with Parker at 5 ft. 2 ins. proved that his training was not in vain. He tossed for second place with Parker and took 1st Prize, as Captain Wale, who won it, did not take a prize. Bartlett, who was the other member of the team, failed at 5 ft., not so good as last year's effort. However, our team got 3rd place with 10 ft. 1 in.

L/Cpl. Randerson won the Hurdles in 18 4/5 seconds clearing every obstacle. He has improved all round from last year. Pte. Goldsack came 3rd. This is his first appearance in Battalion Sports so will be well if he sticks at it.

Congratulations to L/Cpl. Hoyer who did extremely well, as this is also his first appearance in Battalion Sports. His performance is like that of Cpl. Hughes, now T.X., who did not know that he could run until the last year of his service, when he won both the 100 Yards and the 220 Yards, the difference being that Hoyer now has many years in front of him. Also to Bartlett, who has been running several years and taking it all round, did very well indeed. It is marvellous what determination can do. Both have got their place in the Battalion Athletic Team.

"D" Company.

In last month's notes we gave hint of an anticipated change to prevent our friends from receiving a shock. Since then Dame Rumour has gained a certain amount of foundation in the form of an N.C.O.s. Instructional Class and a Squad of the Ship's hands on ditto, so I am now able to say that barring accidents, the Old Ship will, in the near future, haul down her sails as "H.M.S. Don." and run them up again re-christened "Battle Cruiser M.G. Company." The christening ceremony will, I have reason to believe, be performed by Major Hamilton, M.C., in the capacity of command. This will cause numerous changes in the Ship's crew, concerning which further detail will be to hand for print at some future date, so I will shelve the subject for the time being.

I have the pleasure, on behalf of the Ship, to extend a real hearty welcome to Lieut. N. E. Hoare, who joined our crew and signed the books as Second Mate, during February. He has already shown us his prowess in the Sports Field by assisting the Battalion at Cricket and the Ship at Hockey and Cricket. We sincerely hope he has a pleasant trip under the Old Green Flag. He quickly made himself acquainted with staff jobs, by the way.

We regret to report the loss of two of our old hands, namely Cpl. Cook and L/Cpl. Fletcher, who left us en route for Blighty and the Home Establishment on the 4th February. Both of these N.C.O.s have been with us for a considerable number of years and our loss is the 2nd Battalion's (or is it the Prison Staff's) gain. All hands wish them the very best of luck and hope they enjoy Blighty life.

We offer congratulations to L/Sgts. Woollard and Vye and Cpls. Golding, Bartlett, Button, and Hird on their recent promotion; also to L/Cpls. Oliver and Rowntree on gaining their extra beer money. We wish all of them still further success, even though a couple of them are T.E.

C.Q.M.S. Pratt and Pte. H. Buddle were selected to represent the Battalion in the recent Brigade Shoot. We sure possess some Dead Eyes and they are to be congratulated on their splendid efforts. This was followed by the Battalion Annual Rifle Shoot and again we were well represented, also bagging numerous prizes. I will not deal more fully with this subject or the Sub-Editor will accuse me of poaching on his preserves. Suffice it to say that the Company gained second place in the Inter-Company Competition.

At present, life in Bareilly, with the exception of sports, is very quiet, for, after finding the "M.G." and Signal Classes, very few are left in the Company to do duty. I think I shall have to close my notes for this issue and hope something will happen to assist a scribe before next month.

PEN—YPRES.

COMPANY SPORTS.

In continuation of last month's sports programme, we have played two games of Hockey and fought off one match of Bayonet Fencing in the Harris Shield Competition which enables me to make my final report on Football, Hockey, Bayonet Fencing and Cross-Country Running, at the same time publishing the league form. Up to the time of going to press, although having suffered some set-backs, our progress is satisfactory and we are sure to make a good fight of it. All our competitors have put up good shows and I should like, on behalf of the Ship, to offer congratulations to them on their splendid efforts. The description of the Games is as follows, concluding the league results.

HARRIS SHIELD HOCKEY.

Versus "C" Company.—Owing to injuries, a couple of changes had to be made in our team, Franklin and Batstone taking the places of C.S.M. Mould and Baker. Lieut. Hoare made his debut in the Ship's team and undoubtedly strengthened it. He is a fine player with the right temperament.

After twenty minutes' play, Lieut. Fox broke through and although tripped over in the circle, opened the scoring for us. Play after this was even and half-time came with no further score. Early in the second series, Smissons broke through and sent in a fine pass to Lieut. Fox who added to our account. Shortly after this, Lieut. Hoare put us further ahead with a good cross shot which made the ultimate result safe. I personally think the Ship was full value for its 3-0 victory in spite of the play being scratchy and at times rather too vigorous. A penalty bully was awarded against us, but I think a few more of them would have done no harm. The practice of waiting for an opponent to run on the stick before striking is undoubtedly extremely dangerous and should be stamped out of the game by the umpires dealing more strictly with players who practice it. It is not sporting and serious injuries can result from it. The following did duty for us: Pratt, Franklin, Long, G. Batstone, Stocker, Hills, Fox, Perry, Hoare, Smissons and Newbury. Batstone, in his maiden effort, put up a fine show at right-half and with very little practice will, in time, make a very good player.

Versus "A" Company.—By winning this game we shared top place with "H.Q." Wing, thereby causing a surprise as "H.Q." were expected to carry all before them in a smashing victory.—The play was rather strenuous in the first half, tackling being too vigorous. However, not intentionally, I think, but due more to the importance of the game. Prior opened the scoring for us with a fine shot at close range. Perry gave us the victory from a Penalty Bully. This, by the way, is the second Penalty Bully awarded during our Harris Shield Games and caused a considerable amount of controversy. In view of this, I will not pass any remarks concerning the awarding of this particular one, but I will say that if more of them were awarded by the Umpires it would undoubtedly check the dangerous play at present prevalent in the circle, due to excitement. Penalty corners do not seem to have the desired effect and it is the umpire's duty, being solely responsible for the nature of the play, to stamp out anything in the nature of dangerous or unsportsmanlike conduct. In the second half we should have scored at least thrice, but bad passing spoilt otherwise good movements. Our team was as follows:—Pratt, Long, Baker, Ashmore, Stocker, Hills, Fox, Perry, Prior, Smissons and Newbury. Although not wishing to comment on the play of any individual for it is team work that counts, I should like to say that Ashmore, filling the full-back berth for the first time, tackled well and cleared finely, whilst Prior, the new centre-forward, made the most of opportunities afforded him.

BAYONET FENCING.

Versus "H.Q." Wing.—We lost to the Wingers by two fights. The following represented us:—Woollard, Warren, Golding, Fletcher, Bartlett, Ashmore, Redman and Smissons, Golding, Bartlett and Ashmore being our winners. As the League Form shows, we did very poorly in this event, but I am still convinced that with a little practice we could find a winning team and I certainly hope to see something done in this direction before the next series.

REGIMENTAL SPORTS.

The Old Ship put up quite a good show, but had to give in to "A" Company whom we congratulate on gaining first place fairly comfortably, 11 1/2 points separating them and the Runners-up (Us). The following did duty for Don and are to be congratulated on their very good efforts:—Lieuts. Fox and Hoare, Sgt. Perry, Cpls. Warren, Vye and Button, L/Cpls. Stocker, Ashmore, and Sharp and Ptes. Blake, Batstone, Clayton, Ford, Long, Redman, Dolan, Newbury, King, Jones, Purkiss, Bourn, Farrell, Marsh, Hesmer and Vant.

All that remains to decide who should hold the Lord Harris Shield for the 1929/30 Season are Cricket, Fencing, and Tug-of-War and to all appearances a close fight may be expected.

"D" Coy. Results to date of the H.S. Competition:—

Event.	Pld.	W.	D.	L.	G.F.	G.A.	Points & Position	
							Pts. in Harris Shield.	
Football ...	...	4	2	0	2	6	5	2nd and 3rd with 8 3/4 H.Q. Wing.
		3	Win.	2	Draw.	1	Lose.	
Hockey ...	...	4	2	2	0	7	3	1st and 2nd with 10 4 1/2 H.Q. Wing.
		3	Win.	2	Draw.	1	Lose.	
								F.F. F.A.
Bayonet Fencing	4	1	0	3	10	22		6 4th Position. 2 Points.

Cross-Country Running:—3rd Place. 3 Points.  
Regimental Sports Meeting:—2nd Place. 4 Points.  
Total Points towards Shield:—17.



## COMPANY SPORTS DAY.

Altogether it was a sporting and enjoyable day, held annually prior to the Battalion Meeting for two reasons, *i.e.*, Inter-Platoon Competition and to enable the Selectors to choose teams to represent the Company in the Inter-Company Sports. Some new talent was found and good results obtained as the following timings prove:—

- 100 YARDS.—(1) Pte. Ford (13 Ptn.); (2) Pte. Pullen (16 Ptn.); (3) Pte. King (13 Ptn.). Time: 11 1/5th secs.  
 220 YARDS.—(1) L/Cpl. Stocker (13 Ptn.); (2) Pte. Blake (13 Ptn.); Pte. Redman (14 Ptn.). Time: 22 3/5th secs.  
 440 YARDS.—(1) Pte. Ford (13 Ptn.); (2) Pte. Blake (13 Ptn.); (3) Pte. Redman (14 Ptn.). Time: 57 3/5th secs.  
 HURDLES.—(1) Cpl. Warren (13 Ptn.); (2) Pte. Bourn (15 Ptn.); (3) Pte. Purkiss (13 Ptn.). Time: 21 1/5th secs.  
 ONE MILE.—(1) Pte. Marsh (14); (2) Cpl. Golding (13); (3) J. Humphrey (14).  
 THREE MILE.—(1) Pte. Marsh (14); (2) Pte. J. Humphrey (14); (3) Pte. Wickenden (14). Time: 19 mins. 42 1/5th secs.  
 MEDLEY MILE.—(1) Pte. Redman (14); (2) L/Cpl. Stocker (13); (3) Pte. Heath (16). Time: 4 mins. 7 2/5th secs.  
 LONG JUMP.—(1) Pte. Ford (13); (2) L/Cpl. Stocker (13); (3) Pte. Jones (15). Distance: 16 ft. 10 1/2 ins.  
 HIGH JUMP.—(1) Pte. Crampton (14); Cpl. Warren (13), L/Cpl. Bartlett (14), and Pte. Purkiss (13), tied. Height: 4 ft. 8 ins.  
 PUTTING THE SHOT.—(1) Cpl. Warren (13); (2) Cpl. Vye (14); (3) Pte. Crampton (14). Distance: 34 ft. 1 in.

## INTER-PLATOON CRICKET.

Although no Platoon Shields are being fought for this year, it was decided to hold this event to choose the Company Eleven. Some

excellent sport was witnessed, No. 13 running out winners by not losing a match, followed by Nos. 14, 15 and 16 Platoons. From the play, I came to the conclusion that the Company will field a much stronger side this year.

## DANKER FOOTBALL.

A Sport organised and run by Long and Redman, who have made their own ground. The rules appear to be Dankers one night and Pro's the next, so everyone gets a chance of a game. An excellent idea and well worth supporting.

## THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

- Why a certain N.C.O. addressed a letter to himself?  
 Is he expecting an E.D. Course?  
 What is biscuits Bible?  
 When is Jock Bat getting married?  
 And does it still shine?  
 Who gave the order "Eyes Right" and chucked up one to the Q.M. Runner? Ask Redman.  
 Should Stick Orderlies salute the same Runner? Ask Stiffy.  
 When will Bats-Fanny event take place?  
 And whom did the dream, "Blue Eyes and Pink Slippers," refer to?  
 Who sent his medals to the Regimental Moochie?  
 Does Aubrey possess a Triangle Band? Ask Heath.  
 Is Sarah taking on as keeper of the Range Tiger?  
 Who saw two bullets go through the same hole? Ask John.



Sgt. Kelly.

Bdm. Coleman.

Cpl. Andrews.

Cpl. Keep.



## The 2nd Battalion.

THE BUFFS



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SELDOM has Aldershot experienced such a variety of temperature as it has been our lot to endure in the past month. Farnborough had its share of the "great freeze"—29 degrees of frost were registered on more than one occasion and now during the past week there have been bursts of really hot sunshine—approaching 70°. In spite of this, the ground is still frozen in many places beneath the

surface.

During the latter half of February all sports except skating came to an abrupt standstill for about a fortnight, and even military training was at times seriously hampered.

Nevertheless, the abundance of lakes and ponds round Aldershot drew huge crowds every day on the ice and particularly good sport was obtained on Fleet Pond, Mytchett Lake, Kingsmore and the Royal Military College and Staff College Lakes.

Influenza has been thinning our ranks temporarily for some time and amongst those who have been "down" for various periods are Lieut.-Colonel Crookenden and Mrs. Crookenden, Major Guy Lee, Capt. Morley and Lieuts. Knocker, Nicholson, Lynden-Bell, R. F. Parry, Williams, Kenward and Wooller. All these, we are glad to say, are now fit again.

We extend a hearty welcome to Capt. Robin Tuke, who has joined us from the 1st Battalion. The sub-editor is grateful to his opposite number in India for his remarks on Capt. Tuke's literary prowess, which has been called upon already and will be in evidence in this number on the subject of the Regimental Point-to-Point.

Lieut. d'Arcy Symonds paid us a welcome visit during the month, before returning to Africa and it was unfortunate that Lieut. Lister was unable to come too, as we had hoped for a re-union in the Mess.

We also had a flying visit from Capt. E. H. Allen who has apparently quite settled down at the Staff College after his last minute recall from the "Coast."

The most important events of the Month have been the Aldershot Command Inter-Unit Cross-Country Championship Run and the Regimental Point-to-Point Race.

In the former, held at Bordon, on 5th March, our team retained its position of fourth, in spite of illness and was higher than last year on the score of points. Thus, we enter for the Army Championship at Bulford on March 20th where we hope to keep our third place gained last year. Great credit is due to team and trainer for their conscientious practice throughout the frost in spite of bad conditions.

The Point-to-Point Race was run at Dippenhall on March 12th and was included, by kind permission in the Royal Engineers' Point-to-Point Steeplechases.

The race was run under the same conditions as last year except that the team race against the 2nd Battalion The Norfolk Regiment, drew a team of nine horses a side, by far the biggest field yet.

We congratulate Bt.-Major Morgan on being first past the post and Lieut. Bruce on winning the Subalterns' Cup. Our victory was a narrow one—90 points to 102, and if one more member of the team had come in after the four-minute time limit allowed the score would have been 102—108 to the Norfolks.

"A" and "C" Companies are doing Company Training and are glad to see that someone has noticed the valuable time wasted in previous years in marching many miles to and from the training areas for motor transport is now provided whenever they have to go far afield.

"B" Company have been at duty and the "D" Machine Gun Company, as they are now styled, have been firing their annual course with very good results. They are to be congratulated on obtaining an average score of well over "Marksman."

### Football Results for February and March, 1929.

#### SENIOR LEAGUE.

- 7-3-29. K.O.R.R. Won. Away. 3-1.
- 9-3-29. R.E. Won. Home. 5-2.
- 13-3-29. R.A.S.C. Lost. Away. 0-3.
- 16-3-29. Coldstream Guards. Lost. Away. 2-9.

#### JUNIOR LEAGUE.

- 7-3-29. R.A.S.E. Lost. Away. 0-4.
- 9-3-29. H.L.I. Draw. Away. 2-9.
- 13-3-29. Irish Guards. Won. (Given to us).
- 16-3-29. Coldstream Gds. Lost. Home. 3-4.

## BOYS' LEAGUE.

- 5-3-29. K.O.R.R. Won. Away. 3-2.  
 7-3-29. E. Yorks. Lost. Home. 0-4.  
 8-3-29. Irish Guards. Won. (Given to us).  
 15-3-29. Coldstream Gds. Won. Home. 9-2.

## Hockey.

The following matches have been played this month:—

- v. No. 5 Coy. R.M.C. Away. Lost. 2-3.  
 v. Army School of Physical Training. Away. Won.  
 v. No. 5 Coy. R.M.C. Home.  
 v. No. 4 Coy. R.M.C. Home. Lost. 3-7.  
 v. No. 1 Coy. R.M.C. Home. Lost. 1-3.  
 v. No. 1 Coy. R.M.C. Away. Won. 6-0.

The following have represented the Battalion in the above matches:—

Cpl. Riley, L/Cpl. Beal; Lieut. King, C.Q.M.S. Burville; Lieut. R. F. Parry, Lieut. Bruce, Bdsm. Brookes; Cpl. Viney, L/Cpl. King, Lieut. Haggard, Lieut. Connolly, C.S.M. Coaster, Pte. King, Cpl. Watts.

## Cross-Country Running.

On the 22nd February we held the friendly fixture with the Norfolk Regiment.

Teams of twenty to run and twelve to count were the conditions.

In this race the Norfolks were without their two best men, L/Cpl. Hubbard and Cpl. Lalonde, who were resting so as to be able to represent the Command in the Southern Championships the next day. Ptes. Walton and Divers were out of our team for the same reason. In addition, we had 2/Lieut. R. F. Parry and Pte. Frost down with the "flu" and so were unable to run for us. Nevertheless, we managed to bring off a good win. The following is the result:—

2nd The Buffs.		2nd Bn. The Norfolk Regt.	
Pte. Lewis ...	1st	Sgt. Scott ...	4th
Pte. Hurley ...	2nd	L/Cpl. Collins ...	10th
Pte. Rowe ...	3rd	Pte. Suffolk ...	12th
Pte. Stevens ...	5th	Cpl. Fulter ...	15th
Pte. Pooley ...	6th	Sgt. Purton ...	18th
Cpl. Handscomb ...	7th	Cpl. Melton ...	19th
Pte. Burgess ...	8th	Pte. Rosier ...	21st
L/Cpl. Norris ...	9th	L/Cpl. Gage ...	23rd
Pte. Marsh ...	11th	L/Cpl. Worthingham	26th
Pte. Toms... ...	13th	L/Cpl. Dalby ...	29th
Pte. R. Wilson ...	14th	Pte. Eggleton ...	30th
Pte. Felce ...	16th	Pte. Harvey ...	*1st

Total 95 pts. Total 238 pts.

Our spare men finished as follows:—Pte. Bone, 17th; Pte. Mathews, 20th; Pte. Bell, 22nd; 2/Lt. J. F. Connolly, 24th; Pte. Pilgrim, 25th; Pte. Wilson, 27th; Pte. Collins ("H.Q."), 28th; Pte. Austin, 32nd. On the completion of the run tea was provided by the Norfolks.

On the 19th February, the second of our series of Battalion Runs was held, No. 13 Company having the best percentage of points, with "A" Company second; "C" Company falling back to third place. This falling-off of "C" Company should not be taken seriously, for on the previous Tuesday they had had their hard race for the Inter-Company Command Championships. Some, no doubt, were still feeling the effects and added to this was the illness of Frost and the absence of Lewis.

The following was the result:—

1st: 13 Coy.—60% of the Possible Points; 2nd: "A" Coy., 56% of the Possible Points; 3rd: "C" Coy., 53.3% of the Possible Points; 4th: "M.G." Coy., 46.5% of the Possible Points; 5th: 24 Coy., 39.5% of the Possible Points; 6th: "B" Coy., 29.1% of the Possible Points.

## INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS.

(1) Pte. Walton, 13 Coy.; (2) Pte. Divers, 13 Coy.; (3) Pte. Hurley, "C" Coy.; (4) Pte. Stevens, "A" Coy.; (5) L/Cpl. Norris, "A" Coy.; (6) Lieut. R. F. Parry, "A" Coy.; (7) Pte. Marsh, "C" Coy.; (8) Dmr. Pooley, 24 Coy.; (9) Pte. Rowe, "B" Coy.; (10) Pte. Burgess, "C" Coy.; (11) Cpl. Handscomb, "C" Coy.; (12) Pte. Frost, "C" Coy.

Positions of Companies to date (Two Runs):—

1st: "C" Coy., 62.5% of Possible Points; 2nd: "M.G." Coy., 52.05%; 3rd: 13 Coy., 51.8%; 4th: "A" Coy., 47.7%; 5th: 24 Coy., 41.75%; 6th: "B" Coy., 26.85%.

On the 5th March, the Battalion Team proceeded to Bordon to compete in the Inter-Unit Command Championship. Quite a good number of supporters proceeded to Bordon to cheer the team on. We knew the team stood little chance of the first or second place, but were determined to battle for one of the next positions. The recent illness of Pte. Frost proved a big handicap to us. Although he ran, he was far from fit, and this made a large difference in our points.

Having walked over the course the previous day, I am in a position to say the going was hard and difficult in many places; on the other hand, there were places where the going was good. The teams faced a difficult climb at the start; after going about one-and-a-half miles they had about a mile of gorse and furze to pass over, the ground underneath containing many holes.

Standing about a mile from the finish, it was soon seen that we could not occupy either of the first three positions. The D.C.I. and the Staffords had their teams well up, but our worst sight was the Tanks who had six men in the first 13, so our chance of beating them had gone. It was soon seen that our place would be fourth. The following was the actual order:—

(1) 2nd Bn. D.C.I., 264 pts.; (2) 2nd Bn. North Staffords, 321 pts.; (3) 2nd Bn. R. Tank Corps, 426 pts.; (4) 2nd Bn. The Buffs, 765 pts.; (5) 2nd Bn. E. Yorks., 943 pts.; (6) 1st Bn. R.U.R., 976 pts. and down to the 20th team. 14/20th Hussars, 3,023 pts.; 21st Team failed to finish.

Our team placings were:—Pte. Walton, 15th; Pte. Divers, 26th; Pte. Burgess, 36th; Pte. Hurley, 44th; Dmr. Pooley, 53rd; Pte. Rowe, 55th; L/Cpl. Norris, 69th; Cpl. Handscomb, 71st; Pte. Lewis, 78th; 2/Lieut. R. F. Parry, 93rd; Pte. Stevens, 106th and Pte. Frost, 119th.

Last year the Buffs were fourth with a total of 836 points.

I do not intend to comment on the individual members of the team in detail, although I should like to say the first eight ran particularly well and up to expectations. Pte. Burgess, in particular, rose to the occasion.

Pte. Lewis is suffering with an injured knee, or he would have been a good deal further up. 2/Lieut. R. F. Parry had a touch of "flu" a little while back. But still, I think more training would assist, I know its hard work, but it must be done.

I see no earthly reason why Stevens should have been loitering about at 106, I should say this was about his worst position of the year. He had been one of the most improved runners up to this run. Frost will not be at the rear if we are able to run in the Army. Our appearance in the Army Championship depends on the consideration of the Army Cross-Country Committee, for only the first three teams are down to go in to the Army Championship. We applied to get it last year and were successful, and hope to get the same result this year.

Aldershot Command had 21 teams, competing and were allowed three places in the Army Run.

Eastern Command, with 11 teams, got three places also; we think we are justified in asking to go in.

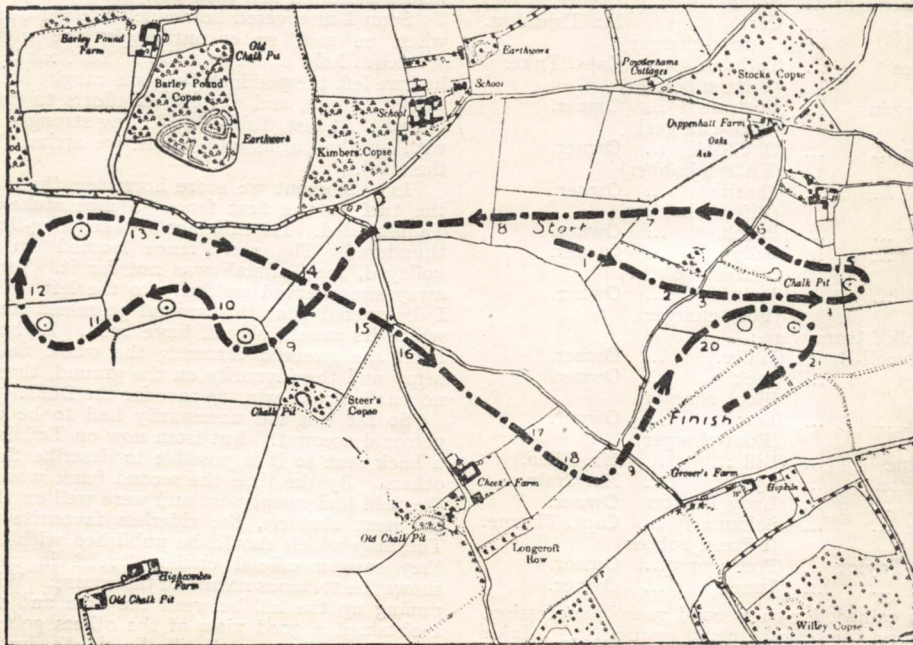


# The Point-to-Point.



*Going to the Post.*

## PLAN OF COURSE: 3 1/4 MILES



On the 12th March, the third run was held for points. There was quite a large attendance on the occasion of this run. The result bears out my earlier remarks, that "C" Company's set-back was only temporary. Two hundred and twenty-six men managed to arrive home in time to score for their companies, *i.e.*, ten minutes after the first man.

The following was the result:—

(1) Pte. Hurley, "C" Coy.; (2) Pte. Divers, 13 Coy.; (3) Pte. Burgess, "C" Coy.; (4) Pte. Rowe, "B" Coy.; (5) Pte. Pooley, 24 Coy.; (6) Cpl. Handscomb, "C" Coy.; (7) Pte. Bell, "M.G." Coy.; (8) L/Cpl. Norris, "A" Coy.; (9) Pte. Toms, "13" Coy.; (10) Pte. Marsh, "C" Coy.; (11) Pte. Collins, "A" Coy.; (12) Pte. Mathews, "C" Coy.

Position of Companies:—

(1) "C" Coy., 71.9% of Possible Points; (2) "13" Coy., 57.4%; (3) "24" Coy., 49.5%; (4) "M.G." Coy., 44.3%; (5) "B" Coy., 40.2%; (6) "A" Coy., 33.7%.

Position of Companies to date. Three Runs:—

(1) "C" Coy., 65.63% of Possible Points; (2) "B" Coy., 52.33%; (3) "M.G." Coy., 49.43%; (4) "24" Coy., 44.33%; (5) "A" Coy., 43.03%; (6) "B" Coy., 31.3%.

It should be mentioned that "13" Company were without Pte. Walton in the third run; he was playing football for the Battalion Team. This was a great handicap, for Walton is easily our best cross-country runner.

The Battalion have been allowed to enter for the Army Championship so we hope to give a good account next month.

A.V.O.

### 2nd Battalion Point-to-Point.

On Tuesday, March 12th, the 2nd Battalion at the Royal Engineers point-to-point meeting at Dippenhall, near Farnham, held their annual race against the 2nd Battalion The Norfolk Regiment.

Each Battalion entered a team of nine, the following representing The Buffs:—

Owner.	Horse.	Rider.
Lt.-Col. Crookenden ...	Sonia ...	Owner.
Major Guy Lee ...	Cara ...	Mr. Thurston.
	(foot-charger)	
Major Guy Lee ...	Tallulah ...	Capt. Tuke.
	(Fifteen bobber)	
Major H. Morgan ...	Fortune ...	Owner.
	(Foot-charger)	
Mr. Nicholson ...	Old Nick ...	Owner.
	(Fifteen bobber)	
Mr. Reeves ...	Charlie ...	Owner.
	(Fifteen bobber)	
Mr. Bruce ...	Peach ...	Owner.
Mr. Woolen ...	Sally ...	Owner.
	(Fifteen bobber)	
Mr. Williams ...	Judith ...	Owner.
	(Foot-charger)	

The Norfolks' team were:—

Lt.-Col. Brudenell-Bruce	Jill iv. ...	Owner.
Captain Oakes	Jack ...	Owner.
	(Foot-charger)	
Captain Clode ...	Tom... ...	Owner.
	(Foot-charger)	
Captain Thorne	Bill ...	Mr. Allen.
Captain Davison	Gypsy ...	Mr. Craine.
Mr. H. Long	Lady Benton	Owner.
Mrs. H. Long	Solomon ...	Capt. Thorne.
	(Fifteen bobber)	
Mr. Freeman-Taylor	Pontecorvo... ..	Owner.
Major Otten	June	Owner.

The Buffs gained, for the second year in succession, a narrow victory, the score being 90 against 102. Major Morgan was first past the post on his "Fortune," thus

scoring a hat trick for the three years; and Mr. Woolen rode a good second, Capt. Thorne being third, Mr. Craine fourth, Mr. Allen fifth (although he did not ride the full course he was counted in by mistake), Mr. Bruce sixth, Major Otten seventh, Lt.-Col. Crookenden eighth, Mr. Nicholson ninth, Mr. Williams tenth, Capt. Oakes eleventh. The following were not within four minutes of the winner:—Capt. Tuke, Mr. Shurston, Mr. Reeves, Mr. Long, Capt. Clode, Mr. Freeman-Taylor, Lt.-Col. Brudenell-Bruce.

### THE RACE.

Before describing this race I must, out of self-defence, disclaim all responsibility for accuracy—the reason will be made clear later.

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He came hobbling into the mess the evening before and greeted me affably, clinching his hospitality by pressing the bell. At once I felt at home for it was delightful to meet old friends again, and this one not looking a day older.

"So glad you've come," he beamed. "Jolly good nag I've got for you. Jumps like a stag—and fast too. Stands a very good chance."

I preened myself and thought of the glory and triumph that might be mine on the morrow.

"Catches hold a bit, y'know. But'll be all right once you start."

"Oh yes, of course," I smiled a little wanly. I've met that sort before!

"You may have a little trouble getting her to start," he continued, "but I expect she'll soon settle down."

Though I hope I refrained from saying so, inwardly I sincerely trusted it would be as he said.

And the next afternoon I saw my Tallulah—so named, I presume, because she was a good performer. A nice-looking mare well up to weight, which was just as well, for the scales showed I must give away a stone. Powerful quarters denoted jumping ability and a deep chest staying power. But how about that thick short neck? A puller, born and bred, if ever there was one.

Eighteen horses went dancing and kicking round the paddock. Then eighteen horsemen with pounding hearts mounted and filed out.

Soon I discovered how true were her owner's words when he said so encouragingly the night before: "catches hold a bit." A bit! Ye Gods! No sooner had we left the paddock than she caught hold of no less than two bits, and despite all efforts to the contrary, bolted. At last, Tallulah, blowing strongly and master with numbed arms and hands, we arrived together at the start.

In a moment we score horsemen thundered across the turf to the first fence—a nice stake-and-binder. Tallulah led. Hurrah, she's over, stag-like. On we thundered. The next fence loomed up. Then we volleyed, for Tallulah was not for it. Twenty yards away she swerved suddenly to the left. Then it was I discovered that this animal possessed merely a slot where its mouth should have been. Right across the front she swerved throwing the whole field into disarray and the favourite on the ground, thus serving in no small way to win the race for the Buffs.

So far this has necessarily had to be a decidedly personal account. But from now on Tallulah occupied a back seat so it is possible to describe the doings of others. By the time the second fence was negotiated, the field had swept past and were well on their way to the next obstacle, the riderless favourite going well. The map which should be published with this, and as they say in official circles, "read in conjunction," shows the tortuous nature of the course. With Tallulah puffing up the hill between the fifth and sixth fences I obtained a good view of the others going solidly in a bunch. All was well till the eighth, but on the far



side a corpse-like figure lay sprawled limply—the first casualty. One found the next fence with a quaking heart. Still in a bunch, with Tallulah a little closer, we pounded along over glorious turf. From time to time Tallulah refused, but we arrived in time to witness the confusion that reigned at number fifteen. This was a tricky in-and-outer with a lane leading away on the left hand, and down this the majority clattered, Tallulah, of course, following suit later. From now on I am unable to pen a first hand account of the race for, a lonely horseman, Tallulah and I floundered along to the distant finish. I hear, though, that at the seventeenth or eighteenth the Colonel stood, somewhat abruptly, on his head which no doubt accounted for the bird-like cock of his head the following morning at breakfast.

In conclusion, it is only fair on Tallulah to state that she was not lost. Admittedly she very nearly did not finish at all for, twenty yards from home, she suddenly elected to jump the ropes and it was more than her exhausted rider could do to stop her. Willing hands, though, helped her back into the path of virtue whence she lumbered past the post—spent, though not dismayed.

#### THE PEOPLE.

Owing to the hard conditions prevailing in England recently, the Aldershot Command Meeting had to be postponed a week and so unfortunately, clashed with the R.E. Meeting. In spite of this, however, I noted a large contingent of Buffs and many old friends from Gibraltar.

Amongst the former were Major-General Sir Guy Bainbridge and included in the latter were Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Power, both looking remarkably fit, Major and Mrs. Prescott Roberts just home and searching for a house near Borden where they are now stationed. Captains Wood and Hudson Allen snatched a few hours from their labours as "new boys" at the Staff College, and Mr. Rose, as debonair as ever, darted over in his limousine from Sandhurst. Then along with the P.R.'s came our old friend, Major Murray, R.A.V.C. (Begob, and its glad I am to see ye! And how's all the bhoys ye left in India!) And then at the scales was an old yachting friend, Major Young of the Signals. Also our old "Field Master" with the Royal Calpé—he who used so gently but firmly to restrain ardent spirits of the Chase till hounds were given their chance, then let us all go, but giving way to no man (ladies not included for it was never any use trying to stop them)) led the van. I refer to Colonel Goldney, R.E. who was riding in the R.E. Lightweight Challenge Cup race. Also, Captain Coxwell Rogers, who will be remembered as a former whip with the Calpé and a dashing polo player.

R. T.

#### Sergeants' Mess.

Until reminded to-day that I had, in a moment of rashness, promised to deputize for "The Gugnunc Expert" as the month's *Dragon* correspondent, I had forgotten it entirely. However, with the aid of a book which is kept in the mess for members to jot down any items of interest, I will do my best to relate the occurrences of the month.

On the 15th, a series of games was played against the Corporals in the Sergeants' Mess. Billiards, Snooker, Crib, Phat, Shove-alfpenny and various other indoor games were played. Whether the Corporals or Sergeants ultimately won I am afraid no one knows, since, although every game was religiously recorded at the commencement, yet towards the end of the evening very few results were put on paper; possibly this was due to the cold weather or possibly—but 'nuff said!!

On the 20th the final of the Billiard Tournament was played, the contestants being C.S.M. Coaster and C.S.M. Ongley, resulting in an easy win for the former. That this was a foregone conclusion was the general opinion, but taking into consideration the huge handicap imposed on C.S.M. Coaster and the recent form of C.S.M. Ongley, a few were doubtful of the result, until Coaster got really "going."

The next item of interest occurred on the 22nd, when the members of the Sergeants' Mess Royal Tank Corps paid us a visit for a series of games. A most enjoyable evening was spent, the games being very evenly contested.

We welcome to the Mess Sergeants Baker and Willing, who have recently joined us from the 1st Battalion and who are at present enjoying a month's leave.

Quite a number of members of other messes are attached to us while on a vocational training course. We extend to them a hearty welcome and hope that the short time they are with us will be recalled with very pleasant memories when they enter civilian life.

The 7th City of London Territorials came down for training on Saturday, 9th March and we were glad to see among them a member of our own mess—Sgt. Hodges. They remained until Sunday night, doing their "stunt" on Sunday.

They all appeared to be enjoying themselves tremendously on Saturday night—too well in most cases, I believe, to enjoy the following day's training!

A further link to our chain of friendship with our allied Regiment in Canada arrived on the 12th March, in the shape of eighteen magnificent drinking mugs, inscribed as follows:—

Presented to

The W.O.'s Staff Sergeants and Sergeants,  
2nd Battalion The Buffs,

by

The W.O.'s, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants,  
Queen's Own Rifles of Canada,  
1928,

the badges of both units being embossed on the mugs.

A strong bond of friendship has always existed between the two regiments, which the years will only tend to strengthen.

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THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Is it true that McLaren of "C" Company suffers from "Synovitis" Dance?

#### "C" Company.

Company Training for us commenced on the 28th February, we being allotted the period with "A" Company.

As we all remember, the weather at this time was at about its worst; with the result that a few days had to be spent in barracks and barrack rooms. I should say there is nothing worse than trying to carry out Company Training in barrack rooms, although there are many things that can be done; one is not actually carrying out Company training. Sickness claimed a number of our Company Officers about this time. I.t. P. T. G. Lynden-Bell had a few days or so with "flu," but soon recovered in time to take charge of the Company during the first eight days or so of training.

Our Captain was down with the "flu" for a few days and on recovering was away on duty at the Staff College for about a week, hence his absence from Company Training. Lieut. J. G. Nicholson spent a short time in hospital; we are pleased to see that he has recovered and has been successful in gaining a short period of leave.

We are pleased to welcome to the Company, 2nd-Lieut. C. R. Tuff. We hope he will stay long with us,

also that he will be able to assist the Company in the field of sport. The Company is always looking out for new talent to replace that which departs. We understand he is good with the bat and ball, but have not yet interviewed him on any other branch of sport. Up to now we have seen little of this officer, the R.S.M. appears to keep him busy.

I understand that the skating championship was competed for during a break on training. On this particular day I was not present so am unable to give the winner's name. Neither have I been informed of the winner by anyone who was present. Perhaps they are still trying to decide who won. This event took place on the Basingstoke Canal.

Just prior to Company Training the revolver course was completed, the first two days of this being uneventful, except for the perishing cold. The third day was much more enjoyable. Reason:—the trench.

One cannot remember all the remarks passed during the time this practice was fired. But believe me, there were many. Milne was particularly interested as to whether he had to fire at one target perched up in a doorway two feet away. To see some expressions on some of the faces when the trigger was pressed, one began to wonder whether there was a real live enemy round the corner.

During the past month we welcome to the Company, Cpl. Cook and L/Cpl. Fletcher from the 1st Battalion. Both have since proceeded on leave, Cpl. Cook may be able to assist us in the Long Jump and the short distance events. On completion of leave, Cpl. Cook is down to proceed to Hythe on a course.

Pte. Bailey has rejoined the Company from a tour at the Regimental Depot. I have not yet heard much about this wonderful snake of Bailey's which I read about in last month's *Dragon*. Bailey is at present employed in the Corporals' Room, where, no doubt he will be a success.

Cpl. Viney has been transferred to us from "H.Q." Wing. We hope he settles down in the new Company. He will be an able substitute for Cpl. Coade at outside-right, in our football team.

With departures we have lost L/Sgt. Stubberfield, who has been transferred to the Army Reserve. This is another loss the Company will find hard to replace.

We are not sure what employment L/Sgt. Stubberfield intends to follow, no doubt his abilities as a P.T. Instructor, etc., will be a great asset to him.

Pte. Owen has also departed to civilian life during the past month. At least I am told he has gone, although few saw him depart. Reasons:—various.

Cpl. Cross, L/Cpl. Hobson and Pte. Griggs have been selected to proceed to Hythe with the demonstration Platoon formed by this Brigade. We hope they will spend a useful time there. Pte. Pye also proceeds as cook.

L/Cpl. Baker nearly proceeded on his Vocational Course, but we understand that he has a few more months to do yet.

As to football, I am afraid I can write little this month. The fault is not ours. We played off our first round of the knock-out competition for the Shield, but have since been held up owing to no progress being made by other Companies. We understand there is a move to be made in this direction and that the draw for the next round has actually taken place. "C" Company meet the winners of "H.Q." 24 and "B" Company. We have arranged to play on the 20th March, so will have to record this match next month.

In the meantime, Ptes. Rhodes and Garrett and Cpl. Viney continue to play for the Battalion First Eleven and Sgt. Wade, Ptes. Church, Hanson and Cpl. Salsbury and occasionally Pte. Nye for the Second Eleven.

Judging by the remarks of the "M.G." Company in last month's *Dragon*, we understand they are anxious

to meet us at this game. We hope to meet them in the final, but theirs has been and will be, an easy progress to this stage of the competition.

Perhaps they are under the impression we have lost all our talent, but we have a plentiful supply left. In any case we have not sent out any S.O.S.'s; neither have we offered any large transfer fees to procure players from the 1st Battalion or the Depot, as it is often assumed we do for runners. We have tried to arrange fixtures with "M.G." Company, but was not convenient to them at the time.

Congratulations to the Battalion Cross-Running Team on obtaining 4th place in the Command Inter-Unit Race at Bordon on the 5th March. They have since been accepted for the Army Championship at Bulford, on the 20th March.

The Company running team continues to do well, although we received a slight set-back awhile ago. In the second "points" run we were third in the Battalion. As most readers know by now our best runner Pte. Frost has been out of action for some time, owing to illness, we hope he will soon get better. There was also Pte. Lewis away sitting for his 2nd Class certificate. These casualties added to the errors of the numbers of competitors given off by H.Q. 13 proved too big a handicap for us. Pte. Burgess, Hurley, Cpl. Handscomb, Ptes. Lewis. Frost ran well for the Battalion in the Command run. Pte. Marsh had another bad day. He was suffering with a bad cold, I am sure he will yet do well.

The Battalion will soon be commencing to fire the annual course. We hope for some good weather and good scores. Looking round the Company all will need to make an extra effort if the Company Section Commanders, etc., are to wear those cross-guns and crown for another year, I hope it will be a better effort than that actually made to procure those badges that should have been worn since last August. I notice other units wearing them. Where is our interest in shooting?

As we expect to read of many encouraging remarks in the April *Dragon* from our rivals, we should like to get a few observations in early. As I have said, we fell to third place in the second "points" run, but in the third run, held on 12th March, we came back with vengeance. The Company scored 71.9% of Possible Points. Thanks mainly to our good runners, secondly, to the excellent support given to them by the remainder of the Company. Having received a few encouraging and other remarks from the C.S.M. every single man obtained a point. Now if it can be done on one run, it can be done on all runs; no doubt some of the Company will think there is a disadvantage to this effort. There is: you will be expected to do it always. Why shouldn't you?

Ptes. Hurley, Burgess, Cpl. Handscomb, Ptes. March, Mathews ran way very well for the Company on this occasion. Pte. Frost is still far from feeling fit, but hopes to be able to run better for the Battalion in the Army Championship.

A. V. O.

#### Band.

Since our last notes appeared we have had a few changes in the Band, Bdsm. Smith and Summers leaving us for the Depot. We wish them a happy tour. (Trust Smudger). Bdsm. Vincent is home from India; Bdsm. Ashton and Allen from the Depot. The Band wish their stay here a happy one.

We had one representative of the Band in the Battalion Boxing, against the Irish Guards, (our Jim) and his fight was voted the best and gamest of the whole evening! That is saying some!!! Well done, Jim.

At Hockey we have had a good game with the Signallers, winning 3-2. Then we played 13 Company for the platoon points and after a well fought, sporting game, we drew 4-4. Our replay comes later on! Both sides are eagerly looking forward to it. It means another good fight.

At footer we played with the Drums and Anti-tanks and lost 6-2 owing to having a team that had not practiced together. 13 Company played very good football, Walton being our worry.





Ice Hockey at Fleet (February).

(MAY & Co.)

The Band had their Examination of Ambulance Work this month and judging by the way in which I heard the questions being answered, I should imagine everybody passed. We are all waiting for the result to appear in "Orders."

Some of the Band took the opportunity of hearing the "Kneller Hall" band concert that was "billed" at the Aldershot Hippodrome. Those who did go heard some really fine music, also two solos by our late Band-Sergeant, Barsotti. He played one of his own compositions and nearly brought the house down.

Our Depot readers might be interested to hear that Student Foster (who used to play in the Depot Band a few years back) also gave an exquisite trombone solo that night and he thoroughly deserved the applause given to him. Well done, Nobby!!

**THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.**

When is Bruin going to "earn" another watch?  
 How many Internationals are the band going to produce at hockey this year?  
 Who started the Doddle Club?

"HARMONY."

**Drums and Anti-Tanks.**

In starting these *Dragon* Notes, I owe our worthy Friends, the Anti-Tanks, an apology for having omitted them from last month's.

We have since played the "Signals" in the final of the Hockey Tournament and we only managed to gain the three points, but still we must be thankful for small mercies. If we had had our regular Goalie we should never have lost by the number of goals we did.

We shall run the Cross-Country Run off to-morrow for the Cadder Points and we should bag another three there. We are already well in the lead and we are certain to keep it, too with the able support of the Tanks ("Fred's Gang.") We are sorry to announce that Freddy has had an awful accident. He cut up rough with a beer barrell and the said article took a lump out of Freddy's finger and that puts us at the loss of a Full-Back in the Tiddlewinks' Team.

We were glad to welcome home Dr. Smith of the 1st Battalion Drums and we regret the loss of a good Side-Drummer in Cpl. ("Titch") Viney who has returned to duty with "C" Company. I can say they have a capture there because he is an all-rounder. ("Still, they are like the times, they come and go.")

I think readers might be interested in the Sports Table (Company Ladder Tournament) which is roughly described below.

"Congrats." to Bt.Major Morgan on winning the Regimental Race on "Fortune."

POINTS.

Game.	Signallers.	Drums and Anti-Tanks.	Band.	Employ.
Cricket ... ..	2	3	4	1
Swimming ... ..	3	4	2	1
Shooting ... ..	1	3	4	2
Football ... ..	1	3	4	2
Billiards ... ..	3	4	2	1
Bayonet-Fencing ...	2	4	1	2
Cross-Country Running	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
Hockey ... ..	4	3	*	*
Tug-of-War ... ..	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
Water Polo ... ..	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
Athletics ... ..	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
Total points to date ...	16	24	17	9

\* Awaiting decision. (N.D.) Not yet decided. Possible Points to date: 28.

(Signed) NAVONOD, 1819.

**THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW**

When is (1951) going to answer Paddy's letter?  
 Is Major Segrave testing the Depot Bus for Darky Hudgell's Course?  
 Or Tommy Smart's motor cycle? Ask Tim or Peter.  
 Is Alf signing on? Ask Percy.

**Signals.**

The weather inspires us!!! Monsieur Frost, having overstayed his leave with us, has been transferred elsewhere. No longer must we melt ice before shaving, nor do we have to journey afar for the only tap in use.

We were non-plussed at a reference in the last issue of *The Dragon* to a 11-0 victory inflicted on us by the "Drums," but after all, there is only our Signal Sergeant who has over seven years' service, and as he doesn't seem to recollect it, we are forced to believe that it happened "once in the dear dead days beyond recall."

Our Soccer team lost to the D.C.I., I. Signallers by 3-1 and then we defeated the same team 4-0.



We entertained the "Loyal" Signals at Billiards and won by 17 points. The "tit-bit" of all was we gained four points in the "Ladder" by defeating the "Drums" at Hockey by 2-0. This was indeed a good performance and says much for the enthusiasm displayed by the Section in this new (for us) realm of sport.

Pte. Bone has gained his place in the Battalion Running Team and to show our appreciation we ran winners in the inter-group cross-country run (just another "step" upwards).

Signal Training is in full swing and one or two men have been seen "turning the sod" after parade hours—evidently a whiff of Easter in the "wind."

With apologies to such things as room duties and "Silent Fund," we submit the following:—

Can't see the fun—sitting in the sun,  
Cleaning up a bath  
For inspection.  
Can't see the sense—spending all your pence,  
On coal and curtains  
For the Section."

N.B.W.

### Employed Notes.

Having just returned from Run, Cross-Country G.S. Pattern, inspiration, like my legs, is rather dubious in functioning, but still, like the true soldier that I am, the shoulder must be placed to the wheel and with 1,800 lbs. to the square inch thereby applied, something is going to move.

We are bidding farewell to Pte. Dawson who, lucky man, is going to the Depot. No Manoeuvres. Words fail me on this delicate subject (Pte. Tobin is asked to digest this in private). This deficiency is made up by the return of "Nooker" from hospital, laden with sundry gifts from the Padre.

Mr. William Knight, to whom we tender our congratulations, is now being initiated into the mysteries of Signwriting or something in that line. He, with the rest of the A.V.T.C., proceeded to London to show the "Ideal Homes" Authorities just how things should be executed.

To Harold and James our sympathy is extended. They are now undergoing the trials and troubles of Company Training. They say that riding in a bus makes them ill, it must be that cheap Russian Petrol.

Well, I am sorry to disappoint our readers knowing how they look forward to the Employed Notes, but 6 p.m. is nigh and this must cease. So, till next month, farewell!

SNIARB.

### "A" Company.

I must apologize for not putting Cpl. Kelly in the Platoon Running team, and Pte. Collins in the Company team in last month's notes. It is nice to be able to turn up copies of the *Dragon* in 40 years time and shew your grand-children what a "stout fellow" you were in those days.

Notes this month will be very short, as Company training has filled in our time. Sport has been confined to a couple of Battalion runs.

We wish to congratulate the Battalion team on retaining the position in the Command Run. 2/Lt. F. F. Parry, Pte. Stevens and L/Cpl. Norris were our Company quota to the team. Pte. Collins being a reserve man.

Pte. Barr and Pte. Wilson have left us for a tour of duty at the Depot, and we wish them all the best of luck, although we shall miss both of them at sports.

Cpl. Wyles and Pte. Fitzgerald have been posted to us from the 1st Battalion and to them we extend a hearty welcome. In spite of the fact that various portions of England has moved, "Rubber-jaws" managed to find a place to go on leave to. We hear that he is for the C.I.D., on his return from leave.

L/c. Richardson, Ptes. Taylor, R., Scullion, King and Carter have been selected to go to Hythe with the Brigade demonstration Platoon. 2/Lt. J. F. Connolly has also gone as second in command of the Platoon. We sincerely hope that they have a good time there, and no doubt will come back bursting with knowledge.

By the time the next lot of notes are due we shall be thinking seriously about the Annual course. In the meantime "Eyes down—look in."

### "B" Company.

Owing to the fact that "A" and "C" Companies are doing Company training, and that we have had to furnish all employed and fatigues etc., we have been unable to do very little as regards sport.

During March Sgt. Baker, Cpl. Bell and L/Cpl. Edwards joined us from the 1st Battalion and we extend to them a hearty welcome. Cpl. Bell will be most useful to our Running team, especially as there is a great deal of room for improvement in that line of sport. L/Cpl. Edwards will considerably strengthen our Soccer team.

Mr. Kenward has been laid up with "flu, but we are pleased to say that he is about again and hope that he will soon be perfectly fit.

Capt. T. A. Keble sat for his Staff College Examination during the month and we hope that he is very successful.

Ptes. Richards and Moat have left us for "civvie" life and we trust that they are successful in procuring suitable employment and that we have not lost sight or touch with them for good.

L/Cpl. Robbins has gone on a P.T. course and Pte. Hodgson on a course in Water duties. It is hoped that they return with first class reports.

A hearty greeting is extended to Pte. Hooker on joining us from the Depot.

On Thursday afternoon we played our Athletic Shield Football Match versus No. 24 Company (H.Q.) and the result was a draw. One goal each. On the whole it was an exceedingly good game, well contested and played in the right sporting spirit. We were weak in one or two departments but hope to remedy matters before the replay takes place. L/Cpl. Robbins got a very nasty knock on the head which nearly cost us his services for at least 50 minutes but he very sportingly carried on after half-time. On the whole the team played well and their performance in forcing a replay is very creditable. We also congratulate No. 24 Company on their very fine effort and hope that the replay is as good a match as the one mentioned.

By the time these notes appear in print, we shall have received a draft of 10 men from the Depot. They arrive just in time for Company Training, which commences on 23rd March. We hope that they will materially assist in all sports and that their stay in Aldershot will be pleasant.

There are about 5 of the Company training for Water Polo with a view to playing for the Battalion team. It would greatly simplify matters if more N.C.O.'s and men went to the Baths and had some practice and training.

Just one more thing before I conclude. Remember that the Company and Battalion Sports will take place very soon, so that it is time to commence training for them. You never know what you can do until you try.

BY PROXY.

### "D" (Machine Gun) Company.

The past month has indeed been a very busy and important one. Having mentioned last month that everybody was "shaking" on losing either Proficiency Pay or Skill-at-arms badges (or both) I am now in a position to give the details. Now before I write of our Annual Machine Gun Course will the 1st Battalion Gunners please make a note of scores and averages. First and foremost nobody lost their pay, please bear that in mind you other Companies—a *Company without a "bung"*. We congratulate Pte. F. Jordan on becoming Company Shot with a marvellous score of 353 (last year's best was 303). Pte. Bell was a good second with 340. Lieut. A. F. St. A. Turner and Pte. Barnes tied for third best each scoring 305. So much for individual honours. I will tabulate the remainder for convenience sake.

COMPANY STATISTICS..				
No. fired.	Marksmen.	1st Class	Qual.	U.Q.
67	40	20	7	Nil.
Company Average: 222.89.				

PLATOON STATISTICS.				
No. 1 Platoon	...	...	...	Average:—208.5
No. 2 Platoon	...	...	...	Average:—218.18
No. 3 Platoon	...	...	...	Average:—217.09

(Note:—As a score of 210 is MKS., it will be seen that the Company averages over a marksman's score).

We still have a few casualties to fire and until then Pte. Jordan holds the Individual Cup and No. 2 Platoon the Cup for the Best Shooting Platoon.

We have only one football match to report this month and that was played against the Corporals, resulting in a win for us by 5 goals to 3. We admit the fact that they only had ten men, but in view of the fact that they had four Battalion players and the remainder all good Company players, the honours are easily ours. Sgt. Saunders, Pte. Mahoney, Pte. Hudd and Pte. Hancock (2) scored for the Company.

By the time these notes appear we shall have played our Athletic Shield tie with H.Q. 13 Company, and also our Annual Young Hands v. Old Hands game.

We welcome to our fold L/Sgt. Willing, L/c. Newall, both late of the M.G. Platoon, 1st Battalion. I am sure they will never regret coming to us.

Pte. E. Ward has left us for the Army Reserve, we hope he does well and hope to hear how he is going on through the pages of the *Dragon*.

Congratulations to Ptes. Haines and Hadlow on their appointment to L/Cpls. Now that the latter is punching up for his 1st he should be able to write a good account of how he attained the giddy heights without the aid of Pelmanism.

H.F.S.

## A Song in Spring-time.

I passed along a country lane  
Neath winter's sky that threatened rain:  
I heard a croaking couple say  
"The world is sad where once 'twas gay,  
Alas, alack, and well-a-day."

But when I passed again that way  
White was the hedgerow with the may;  
The vernal green clothed all the land,  
A lark trilled out its message, and  
Two lovers walked there hand in hand.

The moral you must understand  
Is neither subtle, good, nor grand;  
'Tis plainly this: That we complain  
When skies are dull, but soon regain,  
When shines the sun, our wonted vein.

E. C. F.



## Beneath Bell Harry.



WE expect March to be perverse, but this year she has carried it too far. Not so many months ago she was stopping our games, breaking our pipes and calling in her ally, flu, to confound us, yet now she smiles upon us with all the tranquility and balminess of perfect spring.

Despite her, or perhaps to spite her, (note, I take her sex for granted) we turned our thoughts indoors and there found new fields to conquer or more accurately old fields to re-conquer and went to

Hounslow to win the Inter-Depot Boxing Competition (Eastern Command) for the second time in four years. To Sergeant-Instructor Wright and his P. T. Staff the greatest credit is due for the hard work they put in to produce so excellent and consistent a team, of which every member reached the semi-final of his weight.

To those of us who hunt in March has been no more kind. Frost put a stop to hunting for nearly six weeks and now bright sun and dry ground militate against scent. Despite this, the end of the season has produced some quite good days and one which ended at 6 o'clock, with the field pounded, near Wye (hounds having met at Chequers, Stone Street) must particularly be noted. But to our regret the time for "taking the string out of our 'ats'" is almost upon us. The point-to-point season is in full swing and we have seen good racing at Whitfield and Postling where the West Street Harriers and the Highland Brigade have held their meetings respectively. Major Field rode "Tom" in the Nomination race of the latter and after a very good ride came in fourth.

On March 12th, General Peck, our new Area Commander, paid us a visit and after a tour of the squads at work lunched with the Officers. General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell and Colonel Burns were also here to lunch on the same day. Recent visitors to the mess have included Major Tomlinson, Captain Rice and Mr. Lister.

On the 20th, Lieut. Boucher took the Peninsular Squad to join the 2nd Battalion at Aldershot. We are sorry here to lose a good, all-round squad and shall look for several of their names in the sporting activities of both Battalions.

The death of Major-General C. W. Scott, Major-General i/c Administration, Eastern Command, is much regretted by us all here and I know that our sympathies as well as those of the many friends he made in the 1st Battalion at Gibraltar will go to Mrs. Scott and her family in their loss.

### Winners of Eastern Command Depot Competition.

At the Royal Fusiliers' Barracks, Hounslow, on March 6th, the Buffs Depot boxing team was successful in winning the Eastern Command Depot boxing competition for the second time in four years.

The following Depots had qualified for the finals in their group competitions: The Buffs, the Middlesex Regiment, the Northampton Regiment, the Royal Fusiliers, the Essex Regiment and the Royal West Kent Regiment, and the competition actually finished in the foregoing order. The success of The Buffs was secured not so much by dint of individual performances,

but rather by the consistent form shown by the team as a whole, no less than three members out of the team of five winning through to the finals of their respective weights.

The team was constituted as follows: Bantam weight, Pte. Mangleshott, runner-up of weight; fly weight, Pte. Squire, semi-final loser; light weight, Pte. Chandler, winner of weight; intermediate, Pte. Cordo, semi-final loser; welter weight, Pte. Martin, runner-up of weight.

Two fights particularly worthy of mention were those of Ptes. Martin and Mangleshott, both men being congratulated by the referee on their plucky displays.

At the conclusion of the contests the Depot Boxing Cup and the individual prizes were presented by Col. V. N. Lockett, commanding the 17/21st Lancers, Hounslow. In a short speech, Colonel Lockett told the competitors that he was sure that they would be warmly welcomed when the time came for them to join their respective battalions.

### Football.

Since the last notes the following League Fixtures have been played:

Feb. 22nd. v. Ramsgate St. Luke's, at Ramsgate.

Mar. 9th. v. Canterbury Waverley. Away.

In the match versus Ramsgate, St. Luke's, we confirmed our previous victory over them when we beat them in the Knock-Out Competition.

We set the pace—a fast one—which was kept up the whole of the first half. Tutt scored an early goal which proved to be the best goal of the day. A beautiful drive from 20 yards out at an acute angle, Ramsgate replied vigorously, but only to get as far as the backs. Both Gibson and Martin played a rattling good game. The former is not much favoured at Ramsgate because of his bulk and criticisms from the line are not always in his favour.

The Depot scored once more before the half-time and this lead encouraged our side no end.

The commencement of the second half saw no slackening of the pace and the Depot scored another early goal. Ramsgate now thought it time to start and after pressing well, scored from a scramble in front of goal. This was followed very quickly by another—from a penalty, which no one, except the Referee, knew for what it was awarded. Sanders saved splendidly, but we were penalised again for an infringement of the laws by one of the opposing side who ran forward, the second shot found the net. We revenged ourselves by running straight through from the centre which followed and scoring. The result now stood at 4-2 in our favour. A ding-dong game ensued until about five minutes from time. Ramsgate managed to net once more. Result, 4-3. Two points well earned.

The match with Waverley was really a first class affair and was played before quite a huge gate. The attraction was that, in order to enhance their chance of getting the full points, Waverley turned out their full Kent League Side. The first 15 minutes gave a very interesting and equally distributed game, when fate stepped in against us. Martin, at left-back, got crooked and went off for the remainder of this half. Such an opportunity with a good team soon set Waverley going and with rapid succession scored 4 goals. Wilson, who was officiating between the sticks in Sanders' absence, put up a remarkably good show, which was commented on by the spectators and but for which, more goals must have been scored. We were a very depressed team at half-time with 4 goals against us. We had been on the verge of scoring not a few goals, but had something, luck or otherwise, in front of goal, did not assist us. Martin came out and went forward, but his injury would not let him play as he can. We managed to bag 3 goals to Waverley's 1 this half, so the result, 5-3 against, was not so bad. A really good game of Soccer was enjoyed.

H.B.S.

### Sergeants' Mess Notes.

We heartily congratulate C.O.M.S. Pratt, 1st Battalion, on winning the All-India A.R.A. Cup.

Sgt.-Instr. Wright deserves great credit for the way in which he trained our team which won the Command Inter-Depot Recruits Boxing Tournament, at Hounslow, on 6th March.

During the past month Sgt. Trice has proceeded to Woolwich to attend a course in the repair of Small Arms, whilst Sgt. Butt has proceeded to Porton to attend a course at the Chemical Warfare School. Sgt.-Instr. Wright has also recently attended a short Refresher Course at Shorncliffe.



## RESULT OF WHIST DRIVE ON 19-2-29.

Ladies : 1st prize ... ..	Miss Ryan
" 2nd " ... ..	Miss Crouch
" 3rd " ... ..	Mrs. Crouch
Gents : 1st prize ... ..	Sgt. Shorter
" 2nd " ... ..	Mr. Dance
" 3rd " ... ..	C.Q.M.S. Taylor
Ladies Special Prize : ...	Mrs. Holloway
Gents Special Prize : ...	L/Sgt. Bailey

At the Whist Drive held on 5th March, the Ladies prizes were won by Miss Petts, Mrs. Griffen and Mrs. Dickenson, whilst the Gents. prizes went to Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Beasley and Mrs. Corney.

We much regret to have to record the death of Ex-R.S.M. C. S. H. Warr, at Canterbury, on 7th March, and we express our deepest sympathy to the family and relatives. The members of the Sergeants Mess were represented at the funeral by C.Q.M.S. Taylor and Sgt. Larkin.

## CORPORAL'S MESS.

Since our last effort the weather has become considerably warmer, but just at present it has the tendency to cool off again, in fact it is hovering around Zero at this very moment.

I am hoping against the elements in that I wish to finish these notes without my pen becoming attached to the paper by "Ink icicles." There is even a thin layer of ice on the ink-pot.

We can say that we have started playing football, but oh! what a start. We played the Trained Men's Team and sustained a heavy defeat. We certainly cannot compete with our Brothers at the Battalion whom we must congratulate on their most remarkable performances.

Tennis and cricket will soon be in fashion again and we will endeavour to put up a better show than we did at football.

Cpl. Sanders has just returned from a Fire-fighting Course and we imagine that he is "Hot-stuff" now. At the moment he is indulging in a totally different occupation. You might even term it a Vocational Training Course. He is the Depot "Postman."

## TRAINED MEN'S NOTES.

During the last month we have been keeping up to Physical Standard. A couple of Physical Training parades have made us feel like "Samsons," but I must mention that the first parade nearly had us beaten.

Hooker, Allen, Ashton and Diplock have left us to rejoin the 2nd Battalion and we wish them the best of luck.

We welcome Barr, Smith, Summers and Dawson to the Depot and hope they will soon get settled down.

We congratulate the Recruits' Boxing team on winning the Eastern Command Inter-Depot Boxing Cup. I did not see the contests, but I believe some very good and clean boxing was staged.

HAGG.

## Football.

Our team met Sandwich Tannery at home and after a very hard game we lost by five goals to one. The Tannery fielded a very strong team to avenge our previous victory.

We also played the Corporals and after a very one-sided game the match ended in a three-goal victory for us.

## Personal.

Does Roger and Bonso know the "Sano" round yet? (Ask Fred).  
A servant wanted.—Who for? Ask Cohen.

## 4th Bn.—continued from opposite column.

We know too well what the hospitality of the 2nd Battalion can be, and once again would like to thank them for the kind way in which they support us at every turn.

Lt. Wayland and Cpl. Page have just completed a short M.G. Course at Shorncliffe, in preparation for forming our future M.G. Company.

We now hear that we are not going to Falmer for our Camp this year. We are to take part in a new experiment of allowing Territorial Troops to do their Training once in every 4 or 5 years with Regular Troops. We understand that we shall go to either Dover or Shorncliffe for our Camp. I feel sure that the training records under these conditions will be of the greatest value to the Battalion, and it is up to us to make the most of our great opportunity and ensure its success.

So let us try and exceed our attendance percentage of 1928, and make that for 1929 nearly the 100% mark.

J. R. W.

## 4th Battalion.



THE Battalion has I believe for the first time achieved the honour of having had the highest Camp attendance, both in actual numbers and percentages of any unit in the 44th H.C. Division for 1928. This includes R.A. and R.E. of course. Our official attendance was 84%.

Our Division Commander Major General Peek, visited our Battalion H.Q. on Tuesday March, 12th and we hope he was very satisfied with all he saw.

We held our first Battalion Tactical exercise of the year on the 16th and 17th of March at Canterbury. Once again the attendance was excellent and 100 Officers and N.C.O.'s took part. We chose a new piece of ground in the vicinity of Stodmarsh, and discussed the mighty questions of Outposts and Rearguards.

The N.C.O.'s spent the night in the Canterbury Drill Hall, and we understand thoroughly enjoyed their night in spite of hard floors and a moderate supply of blankets.

Fortunately we were again blessed by gorgeous sunny weather, both on the 16th and 17th. Somehow the God of Sunshine must approve of Tactical Exercises as he always appears to give us his presence and blessing.

The Sergeants Mess took the opportunity of holding their Annual Dinner on the evening of the 16th. I understand nearly 50, including a few guests sat down to Dinner. I know the Commanding Officer and the Officers who had the privilege of attending thoroughly enjoyed their evening. By a most fortunate circumstance ex-C.S.M.'s Wood and Barron, two of our old well-known past members, were among the guests, and the Colonel was able to present them with clasps to their Territorial Efficiency Medals during the course of the evening.

"D" Company are to be highly congratulated on winning back the Emden trophy once again. Long may it continue in their possession. They celebrated their success by holding a Company Concentration, on Monday, March 18th, at Dover. Nearly 100 of the Company was present. I will leave them to give fuller details of the evening. But before leaving the subject, we were all delighted to hear our Colonel sing the "Farmer's Boy" once again with his usual and accustomed vigour.

Drummer Moores represented the Battalion and also the Division at the Stadium in the T.A. Boxing Finals, on March 13/14th. He managed to get through the first series, but lost in the second on points. This was an exceedingly good attempt for a young boxer, and I'm sure he will justify his name and that "More" will be heard of him in future years.

We were glad to see Captain Coote back again from Italy looking very bronzed and fit. We hear he could scarcely remember the way from Folkestone to Dover on a certain Monday night, as he had been abroad such a long time.

Sgt. Freeman has been given an extension till August, 1929, when he completes his army service.

Our four signallers, who have recently been on a fortnight's course with the 2nd Battalion, at Aldershot, came back bursting with knowledge and enthusiasm.



**"O" (Weald) Company.**

A bout of flu and a foot of ice in the Company inkpot resulted in no notes from the Weald in last month's issue, but with the flight of the germ and the completion of the thaw, things look brighter—Editorially, at any rate.

We are all delighted that the Commanding Officer has got an extension of Command, the more so as he is of the Weald and so closely associated with this Company. This is not the time to refer to the great work he has done for the Battalion, but we respectfully suggest that he should buy a bottle of hair dye (anything but red), and apply for another ten years' Command. It is difficult to imagine the Battalion without him.

The change of plans for the Annual Training this year came as a great surprise. That we should be affiliated to a Regular Battalion is a most admirable idea and should prove to be of the greatest possible value to all ranks in every way. This seems a happy method of really getting in touch with the Regular Army without the necessity of going to war with somebody to do it. It is far cheaper and nothing like so dangerous—even on the last night of Camp. It is up to us to do (what a lot of little words), our utmost to make the most of this opportunity and to put up the best possible show that we can, so that we leave a really good impression behind us.

Come on the Weald—let's have the Harris Shield in this memorable year!

By the time these notes appear in print we hope to have the Company strength up to 120. Recruits are coming in steadily and we want this to continue so that we may keep our numbers up.

We welcome Mr. Gandy to the Company. He has taken over the Command of the Horsmonden Platoon which must now be nearly the strongest in the Battalion, having over fifty N.C.O.'s and Men.

Talking of strength, we want at least 1000 of the Company in Camp this year.

Lieut. Geering, whose luck has not been good since he joined us last year, has been suffering from a very painful inflamed eye, but we are glad to learn that he is fit again.

Those who served in the 5th Battalion will be sorry to hear of the death last month of ex-Sgt. F. Williams of Hawkhurst. He was Pioneer-Sergeant for some years.

Also of ex-Sgt. R. Burgess of Tenterden, who died early this month. He served for many years in the 5th Battalion and curiously enough was also Pioneer-Sergeant at the Depot at Bangalore, in 1917—18. We offer our sincere sympathy to their respective families.

A.E.I.H.

**"D" Company.**

We are now in a position to give the results of the Inter-Unit Boxing Competitions held at our Dover Drill Hall at the end of last month. The Competition were divided into three classes, namely:—Dover Challenge Cup Competitions, teams being entered by the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, Seaforth Highlanders and the Lincolnshire Regiment; The Territorial Army Challenge Cup, teams being entered by 168th Heavy Battery R.A., Cinque Ports (Fortress) Royal Engineers and "D" Company, 4th Battalion The Buffs; and the Boys' Challenge Cup, teams being entered by The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, Seaforth Highlanders, Lincolnshire Regiment and The Duke of York's Royal Military School. The Dover Challenge Cup was won by the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, the Boys' Challenge Cup was won by the Duke of York's Royal Military School, and last, but not least, we are glad to announce that the Territorial Army Challenge Cup was won by "D" Company, 4th Battalion The Buffs. By so doing we have achieved our main objective this year, namely, to win the Emden Shooting Trophy and the Territorial Army Challenge Cup for Boxing, these two trophies being the only two open for competition between T.A. Units stationed in Dover. Our Featherweight, Pte. Kennett, a newcomer to the Ring, lost his contest on points after a very plucky and strenuous fight; our Lightweight, Pte. Kirk, handed the "Knock-out" to his opponent in his first fight, Kirk being far the superior boxer; Lance-Corporal Pascall made a welcome return to the ring as our Welterweight, defeating a very plucky opponent in Gunner Wells, on points. Doctor Elliott, our M.O., suitably dealt with the Cup at the end of the evening to the entire satisfaction of our Team and its seconds!!

Once again this year the Battalion has had a representative in the Territorial Army Boxing Finals at the Stadium Club, High Holborn, in the person of Drummer Moores who has made great strides this year in the "noble art of self-defence." Moores gained the decision in his first fight, but lost on points in his second fight to his opponent who was the eventual winner of the Flyweight Championship of the Territorial Army. Moores has gained a lot of experience this year and we look forward to even greater success on his part next year.

On Sunday, 10th March, the Drums and "D" Company joined with the Dover Branch of the Past and Present Association The Buffs in a Church Parade in celebration of the Battle of Driefontein. Major F. W. Foster was in command of the Parade and was supported by Major R. E. Knocker, who was once the Company Commander of "K" Company, 1st Volunteer Battalion The Buffs, the predecessors of the present 4th Battalion, Capt. Cole who was in charge of the Past and Present Detachment and Lieut. J. Sherwood, who was in command of "D" Company, 4th Battalion The Buffs.

On Monday, 18th March, both Dover and Folkestone Detachments of "D" Company and Headquarter Company, concentrated at Dover and were inspected by our Commanding Officer, Colonel E. B. Burns, who congratulated the Company on its general turn-out and steadiness on parade. Following the Commanding Officer's inspection, a Smoking Concert, organised by C.S.M. Love, assisted by ex-Sgt. Drummer Hogben, was held. Our Company Commander, Capt. D. V. Coote, was in the chair and was supported by Colonel E. B. Burns,

Major Collard, Capt. J. R. Willows, Lieuts. J. Sherwood, C. H. M. Brooke and W. Wagland, R.S.M. Couchman, Dr. E. E. Elliot and W. S. J. Williams, Esq., who will be remembered as an Officer by many members of the 4th Reserve Battalion The Buffs, during the War. Mr. Williams has succeeded our old Company Commander, Capt. Lionel Smith, as Manager of the National Provincial Bank, Dover. The following programme was carried out:—

TOAST ... ..	The King ... ..	... ..	... ..
SONG ... ..	... ..	... ..	DMR. COCK
CONCERTINA SOLO ... ..	... ..	... ..	MR. STONEMAN
SONG ... ..	"The Farmer's Boy" ... ..	... ..	COLONEL BURNS
TOAST ... ..	The Officers ... ..	... ..	C.S.M. LOVE
SONG ... ..	... ..	... ..	MR. ETHERIDGE
RESPONSE ... ..	... ..	... ..	COLONEL BURNS
VIOLIN SOLO ... ..	... ..	... ..	PTE. SPENCER
SONG ... ..	... ..	... ..	MR. JARVIS
TOAST ... ..	The Permanent Staff ... ..	... ..	CAPT. COOTE
CONCERTINA SOLO ... ..	... ..	... ..	MR. STONEMAN
RESPONSE ... ..	... ..	... ..	CAPT. WILLOWS
SONG ... ..	... ..	... ..	DMR. COCK
SONG ... ..	... ..	... ..	MR. ETHERIDGE
CHORUSES ... ..	... ..	... ..	THE COMPANY

**GOD SAVE THE KING.**

During the Concert, Colonel Burns read a letter from ex-C.S.M. Barron regretting his inability, through work, to be present with his old Company and wishing everyone a most enjoyable evening. Letters regretting unavoidable absence were received from Major D. J. Dean, V.C., and Lieut. E. Parish. Before the party broke up, C.S.M. Love called for three cheers for the Commanding Officer and judging by the response which nearly brought the roof off, our Commanding Officer is even more popular than ever, if that is possible. We should like to congratulate C.S.M. Love on the splendid way he made all arrangements for a most successful evening.

The Company is very pleased to see its Officer Commanding, Capt. Coote, back from his holiday in Italy and expects that a few foreign languages will be introduced into orders at Camp this year. We are also wondering if the balance of "D" Company left over when our Machine Gun Company is formed will become a Mounted Infantry Company seeing that our O.C. Company has been in the land of expert horsemen.

**WEEK-END TACTIOS.**

On Saturday officers, warrant officers, and N.C.O.'s of the 4th (Territorial) Battalion of the Buffs from all parts of East Kent assembled about a hundred strong, at the Drill Hall, St. Peter's Lane, Canterbury, for a week-end tactical exercise.

The proceedings opened in the evening with a lecture, at headquarters, concerning the following day's operations, and later the Sergeants' mess entertained at dinner the commanding officer (Col. E. B. Burns), senior officer, and three of the old hands—Messrs. "Sid" Barron (Dover), F. Wood (Sittingbourne), and C. J. Mullett (Ramsgate).

R.S.M. B. Couchman presided over a very happy gathering, and, in proposing the toast of "The Officers," gave a warm welcome to the guests, and said that, with regard to the annual training, all ranks were out to make it a great success.

Col. Burns said it was a very happy thought that this reunion should be held, and added that it emphasised the spirit which so strongly animated the Battalion throughout. They were all Buffs. So far as the change in the venue of annual training was concerned, it was a great honour for the unit to have been selected for co-operation with Regular troops, and it seemed that the honour had been conferred because the Battalion was one of the few in the Territorial Army up to strength and able to try out the scheme. The sergeants were the backbone of the Battalion, and if the sergeants were going all out to make a show, then the show would go well. The Battalion had had a good steady recruiting season throughout the winter, and the result was that they were again as near up to strength as possible.

**THE COLONEL'S COMPLIMENT.**

The commanding officer then presented clasps and "roses" to Mr. Barron and Mr. Wood, in indication of the fact that they had, in service, won twice over the Territorial Army Efficiency Medal. He referred to the recipients as "those who were a shining example of men who had devoted their spare time to the service of their country with enthusiastic sense of duty."

Mr. Barron replying, said he very much appreciated the honour of receiving something which again would remind him of the finest comrades he had ever met anywhere.

Mr. Wood also replied.

Songs were rendered by Mr. Barron and Sergt.-Major Harry ("Dabber") Jones, and the warrant officers and sergeants returned to the Drill Hall "to sleep, perchance to dream." (Perhaps!)

On the following morning, which opened in a fog that afterwards gave way to brilliant spring sunshine, the party went away to the neighbourhood of Stodmarsh, some mile from Canterbury, there to establish an outpost line and to "fight their way back" by means of a rearguard action. There was, however, no bloodshed. Not a shot, ball or blank, was fired. It was just a factual exercise, intelligently brought to its instructive conclusion.

Then the Territorials dispersed to their homes, immensely satisfied with the experience of the week-end and eagerly anticipating the annual training.

The arrangements in all respects—housing, bedding, and catering—were admirably planned and there was no hitch.

## 8th Battalion.

### Annual Re-Union Dinner.

The 8th Battalion The Buffs held their Sixth Annual Re-Union Dinner on Saturday, March 23rd, at "Ye Olde Rainbow" Hotel, Fleet Street, London.

There was an excellent attendance of Past and Present Buffs from the 8th Battalion, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The guest of the evening was our old Divisional Commander in the 24th Division, General Sir John Capper, K.C.B., and the Chair was taken, on this occasion, by our energetic and hard-working Secretary of the Dinner Club, Mr. Gordon Lindley, M.C.

Before proposing the health of "His Majesty, The King," the Chairman read a telegram, received that evening, from one of His Majesty's Equerries thanking the Battalion, in His Majesty's name, for their loyal message and wishing them a happy evening.

A telegram was also received and read out at the Dinner, from the King of Denmark, and also a letter of good wishes from Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden Bell.

A silent toast to "Our Fallen Comrades" proposed by the Chairman, followed.

The toast of "The Regiment" was then given by Lt. and Quartermaster P. Dare, who took the opportunity of pulling the leg—unmercifully—of "Micky" Barton (his first R.S.M. some twenty-six years ago). "Micky," needless to say, replied in suitable vein!

The health of "Our Guest" was then proposed by R.Q.M.S. Leonard, to which Sir John Capper replied, saying how much he appreciated the knowledge of the esteem in which he was held by all ranks of the 8th Battalion The Buffs.

Mr. Gordon Lindley then followed with the speech of the evening. It had always been his ambition, he said to speak after a General had spoken, but, during the War he had always found it wiser, after a General had spoken, not to answer him back! However, the War being over, he proceeded to entertain us with stories of the trenches, in which Sir John figured largely, much to the delight of the members, and the evident enjoyment of the General himself.

In every way it was a grand evening, and we want to see many more members of the old 8th Battalion next year. We promise them that they will not regret having made the journey, if they will only make the effort.

## Blinder and Dusty.

It was one of those forward positions where all work in improving the defence was undertaken at night by working parties sent up for the special purpose. Parading at 6 p.m.—with picks and shovels—struggling up the line being strafed to hell—getting one's destination about 10 p.m.—slogging away until about 4 a.m. and tearing down the line home again before the morning barrage dropped and washing out of one's mouth the accumulation of bad language with the aid of some hot water, flavoured a brownish colour by a little tea. Blinder paraded with No. 4 platoon of the 7th Buffs preparatory to proceeding on one of these all night excursions and the men filed passed the tool dump collecting picks and shovels alternately.

"Come on Blinder" shouted the Q.M.S. "Get 'old of one of them shovels and stop yer dodging the coloumn."

"I 'ad a shovel last night—can't I 'ave a pick?"

"Yes—have yer pick if yer want it, but get a move on."

Blinder searched all over the dump and claimed a four foot measuring rod.

"Whats that you've got" shouted once more the Q.M.S. "That's not a pick."

"No—it may not be what you ud call a pick, but I does, and a blinking good un too."

On the way up the line Blinder espied a dead "Jerry" huddled up in a shell hole, so stopped to ascertain if there was anything in the man's pockets which might lead to his identification, but you can believe it or not. All of a sudden, a staff officer demanded to know what Blinder was doing. Blinder thought a moment and gave his reply.

Not a word of it was believed. The staff officer called Blinder a nasty thing and demanded to know what he was doing with the measuring rod.

"Oh, just a seeing as ow long a corfin 'eel want."

"What! you know we don't find men coffins who get killed in shell holes. Bury them where they fall."

"Yus sir—but 'is watch is goin'."

"You don't mean to say that dead man's watch is going?"

"Yus sir, it's goin' 'ome to Blighty when I goes on leave."

"These blinking shovels'll be the deaf of me" yelled Tombolo, otherwise known as St. Peter, when old Charlie Hill, carrying his shovel over his shoulder, suddenly halted in the dark, thus causing Tombolo's neck to feel cold steel.

"Be blinking glad it didn't slice yer 'ead orf" answered Charlie "Me and this 'old shovel is pals in what they calls adversity."

"Add what?" queried Tombolo.

"Add versity—I knows about you in the You-knee-vers-i-tea; calls yerself an undergraduate, but I'd sooner be an over arm bowler. Talking about me and my shovel Tombolo, I'm in for a dig to-morrow morning for saying summit about the 7th—but I was a talking about the 7th Fusiliers, not the 7th Buffs. Now me old shovel's in for a dig to-night just because 'e reckons it's not 'is place to pick 'oles."

Every time a "Very" light went up there was a great clatter of shovels and picks as the working party fell to the ground. Several men nearly lost their lives through the picks persisting in keeping their points uppermost.

"Damn it" shouted Tombolo again as someone's pick grazed his right ear.

"Quiet" shouted Major Kay. "you forget yourself using that bad language. When we are fighting, be ferocious as the 7th always are, but, when going up the line on a working party—keep as quite as little lambs."



"Quite right sir—quite right sir" said the Sergeant Major which set the boys humming—

"The 7th Battalion had a little Lamb"

"His feet were tens you know"

"His feet were tens you know"

"And every where the 7th went"

"The Lamb was sure to go"

"The Lamb was sure to go."

Arriving at the appointed place for work, the question arose as what should be done with the excavated earth. It could not be thrown anywhere otherwise "Jerry" would spot it. However, the difficulty was solved by a budding young R.E. officer, who suggested for a start, only 10 yards of trench should be dug. Then another 10 yards, and the excavated earth from the latter should be deposited into the former.

"Give 'im a drop of rum" said Blinder to Tombo. "I reckons that ud do 'im good."

"I say old boy" spoke Percy Softcollar to Blinder. "Do you think we'll er-er-be shelled to-night?" It was Percy's first time in the line so the question was quite natural.

"What do yer fink we is" answered Blinder, "A bushel of peas or a basket of 'ard boiled eggs? Don't talk so blooming sloppy."

Crash—crash—crash! came three long Johnsons which caused Percy to fall into the first ten yards of trench.

"Stop rattling them blinking shovels" shouted Blinder to Percy.

"Er-er-er-it's not the shovels—its my bones and knees" answered Percy.

J. E.

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### REGULAR ARMY.

#### Officers.

**THE BUFFS.**—Sec.-Lt. J. H. N. Foster to be Lt. (Feb. 24th), with seniority Feb. 4th.

**THE BUFFS.**—Capt. F. A. J. F. Marshall, D.S.O., M.B.E., M.C., is sec'd. for serv. on the Staff (Nov. 19th, 1928); Capt. E. H. Allen (sec'd.) remains sec'd., whilst a student at the Staff Coll. (Jan. 24th).

The following are restored to the establishment:—Capt. T. H. Keble (Nov. 19th, 1928); Capt. D. A. Wilkins, M.B.E. (Jan. 21st).

#### The 2nd Battalion.

##### RECRUITS—BOYS.

Boy Kember, attested 11-3-29 for 1st Bn. The Buffs for 12 years (9 years Colours, 3 Reserve) as from attaining the age of 18 years, *i.e.*, 19-3-32.

Boy C. S. Watts, attested 1-3-29 for 1st Bn. for 12-years (9 years, Colours and 3 Reserve) as from attaining the age of 18 years, *i.e.*, 3-1-1932.

Boy W. A. Ireland, attested 1-3-29 for 1st Battalion for 12 years (9 years Colours and 3 Reserve) as from attaining the age of 18 years, *i.e.*, 17-6-1931.

##### APPOINTMENT.

6282093 L/Sgt. W. Adams, "H.Q.," appointed Paid Lance-Sergt., 10-3-29.

6283679 Pte. J. Haines, "M.G." and 6283168 Pte. J. Hadlow, "M.G.," appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporals, 1-3-29.

##### LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL.

6279488 Sgt. G. Osborne, "H.Q.," awarded the L.S. & G.C. Medal (with gratuity).

##### DISSEMBARKATIONS.

62784 Sgt. Baker, 6279583 L/Sgt. Willing, 6279642 Cpl. Bell, 6279699 Cpl. Wyles, 6279603 Cpl. Cook, 6279716 L/Cpl. Edwards, 6279219 Pte. Fitzgerald, 6279910 L/Cpl. Fletcher, 6281378 Bdm. G. Vincent, 731758 L/Cpl. G. Newell, 6278723 Drm. F. Smith accompanied by families, disembarked at Southampton, 1-3-29 ex. S.S. *Delta*. Joined Battalion same day.

6279488 Sgt. G. Osborne (accompanied by family), disembarked at Southampton, 16-2-29 ex. *H.T. Nevada*.

##### EMBARKATION.

6278493 Sgt. G. Cox "B" and 6281713 L/Sgt. G. Gillett, "B," (accompanied by families) embarked at Birkenhead per S.S. *City of Paris*, 25-2-29 en route to join 1st Battalion.

##### STRENGTH—DECREASE.

6278493 Sgt. G. Cox, "B" and 6281713 L/Sgt. G. Gillett, "B," struck off Strength, 25-2-29 on posting to 1st Battalion.

##### TRANSFER TO ARMY RESERVE.

6283134 Pte. E. Ward, "M.G.," transferred to Army Reserve, 14-3-29 under K.R. 369 (i).

6281521 L/Sgt. P. Stubberfield, "C," transferred to Army Reserve, 9-3-29 under K.R. 369 (i).

2216824 Pte. C. Brinton, "A," transferred to Army Reserve, 22-2-29 under K.R. 369 (i).

##### DISCHARGES.

6283802 Pte. E. Smith, "B," discharged 15-3-29 under K.R. 370 (x).

1401353 B.-Mr. F. Leach, "H.Q.," discharged 23-2-29 under K.R.'s 370 (xxi).

##### The Depot.

##### RECRUITS.

Attested as shewn:—

Recruits W. F. Tampssett, 14-2-1929; S. Harvey, 12-2-1929; F. Tyson, 14-2-1929; S. W. Fowler, 13-2-1929; J. L. Bishop, 18-2-1929; E. S. Green, 15-2-1929; G. Berry, 15-2-1929; T. E. E. Bedford, 18-2-1929; A. A. Vandome, 18-2-1929; F. A. Parker, 18-2-1929; R. A. Marsburg, 18-2-1929; J. H. Tickner, 19-2-1929; H. Heath, 19-2-1929; G. F. Miller, 23-2-1929; C. J. Burden, 25-2-1929; M. S. Drew, 26-2-1929; S. V. Baker, 5-3-1929; A. G. Lamb, 14-3-1929.

#### The 4th Battalion.

The undermentioned recruits having joined the Battalion are taken on the strength and posted to Companies as shown:—

##### ENLISTMENTS.

6284047 Pte. K. Chapman, "C" (C), 22-1-29; 6284044 Pte. W. Grover, "C" (H), 14-1-29; 6280841 Pte. W. Hammond, "C" (H), 14-1-29; 6284042 Pte. N. Jell, "C" (H.K.), 10-1-29; 6284041 Pte. V. Jell, "C" (H.K.), 10-1-29; 6284043 Pte. F. Manktelow, "C" (H), 14-1-29; 6284046 Pte. S. Merton, "D" (D), 21-1-29; 6284045 Pte. G. Ratcliffe, "D" (D), 18-1-29; 6284051 Pte. R. Jewson, "B" (C), 25-1-29; 6284048 Pte. E. Searle, "A" (H.B.), 12-1-29; 6284049 Pte. F. Wade, "A" (M), 18-1-29; 6284052 Pte. P. Wanstall, "B" (C), 23-1-29; 6284050 Pte. C. White, "A" (H.B.), 21-1-29.

##### PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

6082053 Cpl. S. Clayson, "B" (C), promoted Sergeant, 19-1-29.

6281960 Cpl. G. Davis, "B" (S), appointed Lance-Sergeant, 19-1-29.

6281825 Cpl. F. Ball, "B" (W), appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal, 1-2-29.

6282620 Cpl. C. Turner, "B" (W), appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 1-2-29.

##### TRANSFERS.

6279435 Pte. G. King, "D" (D), transferred to 7th Battalion Middlesex Regiment, 18-1-29.

6283961 Pte. W. Baker, "D" (D) transferred to 19th London Regt. 14-2-29.

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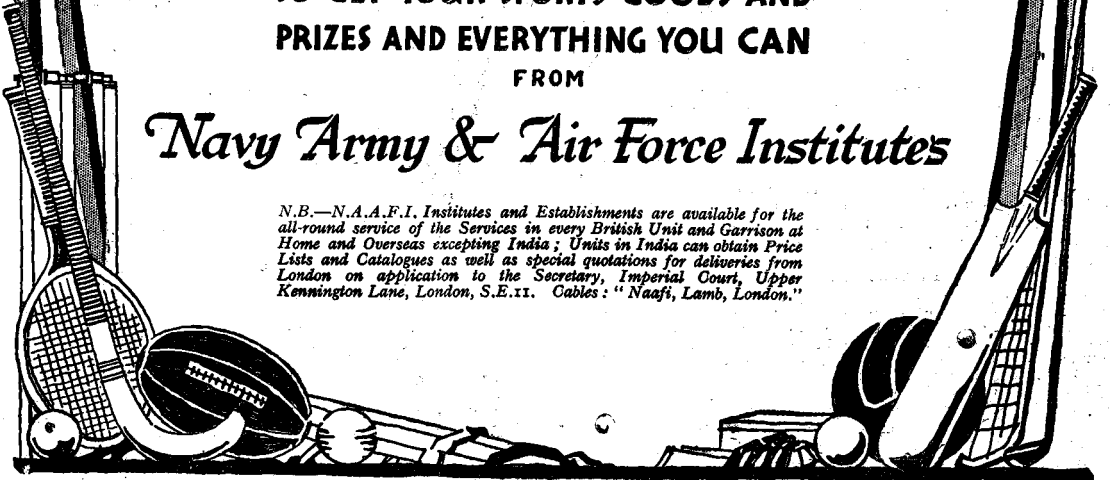
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## Personalia.

OWING to the death of General The Rt. Hon. Sir Arthur Paget, Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell has become President of The Regimental Golfing Society and Brigadier-General R. McDouall, Vice-President.

Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell is deeply touched by the number of Buffs who have so kindly come to see him during the past month. He hopes that no Buff will pass his house without coming in, but he would be grateful if Buffs who intend to come and see him would, if possible, previously telephone Borough Green 53 as he does not want to run the risk of missing any of them.

Colonel Crookenden has invited the Colonel of the Regiment to come to Aldershot on May 22nd and be formally received on parade by the 2nd Battalion—an invitation which has been accepted by the Colonel with great pride.

Brigadier-General Whitacre Allen and Captain E. H. Allen visited the Depot during April and stayed to lunch.

Brigadier-General R. and Mrs. McDouall have just returned from a yachting trip in the Mediterranean.

We very much regret to hear that Colonel Sir Theodore Brinckman has had to undergo an operation at a nursing home in Bordeaux: his many friends in the Regiment will wish him a speedy recovery.

Colonel H. Findlay was in the Chair at the first Annual Dinner of the Canterbury Branch, Past and Present Association, which was held on Saturday, April 20th. Sixty-eight members sat down to dinner, which was most successful in every way.

Colonel W. H. Trevor is still in East Africa, the date of his return home is uncertain: we are glad to hear he is very well.

We have received from Colonel H. F. Sparrow from Monte Carlo, accounts of the many successes achieved recently by Captain A. Paget with his yacht "Sirena," the vessel specially designed by Mr. W. Fife for the late General Sir Arthur Paget.

We offer our congratulations to Captain Paget.

Last month we had great pleasure in congratulating the 2nd Battalion on the number of fortunate officers who had found it possible to hunt this season; to-day we extend our congratulations to the sixteen officers who are playing polo at Bareilly, with considerable success.

Major J. F. Whitacre Allen is due to arrive home from China this week. We publish in our correspondence column an interesting letter recently received from him.

Many old Buffs will very much regret to hear of the death of Mr. White, so well-known to all Buffs who were in Hong Kong in 1908—1909.



An interesting ceremony took place on Sunday, 14th April, at the Depot, when the Commanding Officer presented the Meritorious Service Medal, on parade, to Mr. Warren, formerly Staff Sergeant R.A.S.C., and to Mr. J. Griffith, who was Bandmaster in the 2nd Battalion The Buffs and at The Depot, 1892—1902, and served at Chatham, Athlone, Kilkenny, Brighton and Canterbury.

Mr. Griffith enlisted in the Royal Artillery in 1878, and is still hale and hearty, as is Mr. Warren, who enlisted eight years before that in the Royal Irish Regiment.

Both Mr. Warren and Mr. Griffith now reside at Herne Bay.

We congratulate Lieut. D. S. Lister on being appointed Local Captain in West Africa.

Lieut. A. J. Fearnside-Speed is due home from East Africa sometime this month.

We would remind our readers that the London Branch march to the Cenotaph will take place on Sunday, May 26th. Parade, 2.30 p.m., at the Horse Guards.

It is hoped that as many Buffs as possible, irrespective of which Branch they belong, will attend. Correct dress, mufti with medals.

Mr. J. Middleton, well-known at the Depot some five years ago as a footballer, has we are glad to hear, recently received an appointment under the Hythe Town Council.

We much regret to announce the death of the late Sergeant T. Kelly (Regt. No. 5565) and offer our sincere sympathy to his widow and family.

The London Branch Picnic to Wrotham will be held on Sunday, June 30th. All Branches are asked to participate and probable numbers should be sent to the Chairman of the London Branch by June 1st.

We regret to hear of the serious operation undergone at the West London Hospital by Mr. Peacock and hope he is well on the way to recovery.

Mr. Daniels, one of the 7th Battalion members of the London Branch, and who resides at Gillingham, hardly misses a meeting. "It's like being back in the 7th again on a meeting night," he says. That's the spirit to make things go.

The Colonel of the Buffs had a busy time at the last London Branch Meeting autographing photographs; but the sale of *Dragons* went up and so did the Branch Benevolent Fund to the tune of one penny per autograph.

## Births, Marriages and Deaths.

### BIRTHS.

**Miller.**—6281815 L/Cpl. N. Miller, a daughter, Marjorie Patricia, born at Aldershot, 20/11/28.

**Sharp.**—6282376 Pte. J. Sharp, "H.Q.," a son, Ralph Samuel John, born at Aldershot, 20/3/29.

### MARRIAGES.

**Bowyer—Elsworthy.**—6282902 L/Cpl. F. Bowyer, "A," married at Enfield, Middlesex, 10/2/29 to Elizabeth Rebecca Elsworth.

**Osborne—Howard.**—6279288 Sgt. H. Osborne, "H.Q.," married at Chiswick, 14/8/27 to Ethel Constance Howard.

**Panther—Smee.**—6281695 L/Cpl. L. Panther, "A," married at Aldershot, 1/4/29 to Henrietta Josephine Smee.

### "Effects."

Applications from persons supposing themselves entitled as Next-of-Kin, should be addressed by letter to "The Under Secretary of State, War Office, Caxton House, Tothill Street, London, S.W. 1," and marked outside "Effects."

Cairney, J., Pte., E. Kent Regt. ... £22 9s. 3d.

### Service.

#### Record of Service of No. 6279488 Sergeant G. P. OSBORNE.

Enlisted at Canterbury : 3rd March, 1910.  
 Posted to Depot : 3rd March, 1910.  
 Posted to 1st Battalion : 18th June, 1910.  
 Appointed Unpaid L/Cpl. : 7th October, 1911.  
 Appointed Paid L/Cpl. : 11th November, 1911.  
 Promoted Corporal : 13th June, 1913.  
 Posted to Depot : 1st October, 1913.  
 Appointed A/L/Sgt. : 27th March, 1915.  
 Appointed S/Sgt./Instr. : 17th June, 1916.  
 Appointed A/C.S.M.I. : 13th August, 1917.  
 Posted Salonika Forces : 22nd February, 1919.  
 Discharged on Re-enlistment.  
 Re-enlisted : 23rd April, 1919.  
 Attached Army Gym Staff : 23rd April, 1919.  
 Posted on reversion to Corporal, Depot :  
 20th April, 1920.  
 Appointed Paid L/Sgt. : 17th May, 1920.  
 Posted 2nd Battalion : 25th May, 1925.  
 Promoted Sergeant : 25th April, 1926.  
 Posted to 1st Battalion : 3rd September, 1926.  
 Posted to 2nd Battalion : 16th February, 1929.  
 Service at Home and Abroad :  
 Home, 3/3/10—21/2/19 ; 8 years 356 days.  
 Salonika, 22/2/19—22/4/19 ; 60 days.  
 Turkey, 23/4/19—6/10/19 ; 137 days.  
 En/R., 7/10/19—31/10/19 ; 25 days.  
 Home, 1/11/19—2/9/26 ; 6 years 308 days.  
 Gibraltar, 3/9/26—6/2/27 ; 158 days.  
 India, 7/2/27—15/2/29 ; 2 years nine days.  
 Home, 16/2/29—



# Battles of the Buffs.

No. 36.

PLATTSBURG.

11TH SEPTEMBER, 1814.

**D**URING the progress of the war with France, Napoleon had attempted to ruin the commerce of Great Britain by closing the ports of Neutral Countries to British shipping. As a result Great Britain had taken certain steps which the United States of America resented bitterly. They complained against the infringement of their rights as neutrals and in 1812 declared war. The invasion and conquest of Canada seemed to them to be an easy matter, but their three invasions of 1812 were all completely defeated and in 1813 they had no better success.

At the conclusion of the war in France therefore, the British Government decided to send out reinforcements and the Buffs embarked near Bordeaux on the 31st May, 1814 and landed about one hundred miles above Quebec two months later.

The Commander-in-Chief in Canada, Sir George Prevost, now decided on an advance into America by way of Lake Champlain, his main reason being that the state of Vermont, in that area, was well disposed to Great Britain. In fact it was from this State that the British Army was receiving most of its fresh meat and much of its corn.

At the beginning of September he had collected his force of 11,000 men and the frontier was crossed on the 1st of that month. The Buffs were brigaded with the 5th, 27th and 58th regiments under the command of Major-General Sir Manley Power. On the approach of this army the Americans evacuated their entrenched Camp at Champlain, on the Great Chazy river and this was occupied on the 3rd September. The army, after leaving a detachment here, advanced on the 5th within eight miles of Plattsburg. From here the advance was made by two roads, but was considerably delayed by obstructions such as felled trees and broken bridges, left by the enemy. A strong position behind a stream called Dead Creek was turned and on the 6th Plattsburg was occupied. The enemy, who had withdrawn to the south side of the river Saranal, consisted of some 4,000 men, of whom only 1,500 were of any real value. The British Army, on the other hand, which was about 7,000 strong, was largely composed of Peninsular veterans. Sir George Prevost, however, decided—and the Duke of Wellington approved the decision—that it was hopeless to think of any further advance without

naval superiority on the lake. He therefore waited for the British flotilla to arrive and engage the American fleet which was supporting the Army from the flank. The British flotilla was delayed while its largest ship was made ready for action and did not advance till the 11th September. By this time the Americans had improved their entrenchments and strengthened their force.

On the 11th both fleet and army were put into motion. Two brigades, of which General Powers' was one, were ordered to move down under cover of a forest to a ford wide on the left of the American position, while the third brigade approached the enemy's centre. Unfortunately, the two brigades were misled by a guide, although the ford was only three miles away. Obligated to counter-march they lost at least an hour, but then forced the ford and were in the act of advancing through the wood when a messenger arrived from General Prevost ordering them to break off the engagement and retire.

The reason for this order was that the British naval force had been completely defeated and routed. Owing, apparently, to misconduct, the majority of the gun boats never came into action and one of the sloops drifted into the American line and was forced to surrender. The naval commander was killed and the only two big ships were also forced to surrender. General Prevost therefore decided that it was a waste of life to persist in the attack, and decided to fall back into Canada. The whole affair was a complete fiasco, for which Sir George Prevost was summoned home to England to stand his trial by court-martial. He died, however, before this was possible.

In the action and the subsequent withdrawal the Buffs lost two officers and two rank and file killed and four officers, one sergeant and thirty-four rank and file wounded. Peace with America was concluded that winter and the Buffs embarked from Quebec on the 4th of June, 1815, being ordered at once to Flanders. Here they arrived too late to take part in the Battle of Waterloo and proceeded to Paris as part of the army of occupation. The regiment returned to England towards the end of 1818, having been abroad since December, 1807.

E.F.H.



## Some Notes on Vocational Training

BY

LT. COLONEL F. K. HARDY, D.S.O.

A doubt must exist in the minds of many soldiers as to whether, having gone through a vocational course and incidentally paid a good sum in fees, they can become sufficiently skilled to earn a living at the trade. It would be mis-leading and in fact untrue if I were to say that every man going through one of these courses is assured of gaining sufficient skill and of getting employment in the trade. There is no doubt whatever, though, that if a soldier is suitable for the trade and puts his mind to it, he can become about seventy per cent. skilled, and so is quite fit to take his place in the trade. By being suitable for the trade I mean that the soldier must, by making inquiries, satisfy himself that he will like the work and is physically capable of doing it, and that there are reasonable prospects of employment in that line near his home, or wherever he wishes to settle. Once he has decided on the trade he wishes to learn, he must concentrate on learning and be determined to succeed. Our failures are nearly all soldiers who have chosen a trade for no particular reason and go about the learning of it in a half hearted manner. Our successes on the other hand, are nearly all soldiers who selected their course after careful consideration, made up their minds to get every bit of knowledge they could, and were determined to get a job in the trade. Their energy and enthusiasm not only helps them whilst under instruction, but also impresses employers with their worth.

It is my practice at Hounslow to send out to students six months after they have left, asking how they have got on, and for any criticisms and suggested improvements concerning our training methods. Unfortunately we do not hear from everyone, but those who do reply often give most valuable advice, based on the conditions in the trade as they have found them. Needless to say, these criticisms are very carefully considered and acted on whenever practicable.

The following are extracts from some of the replies received in the last six months. They show, I think, that in spite of the short period of the course, soldiers can and do succeed.

### CARPENTRY :

"Previous to my course I had not the slightest knowledge of carpentry, and since the first day of entering civilian life I have been earning 1/9 and in one case 1/10 per hour. I am now a Union man.

### PLUMBING :

"I wish to thank Mr. Larchet for his instruction in plumbing, which has helped me to get my employment."

### MOTOR MECHANICS :

"I am very pleased with the instruction received at the school.....without boasting of myself, I would gamble that a man with six months experience at the A.V.T.C. could compete with these so called life-time fitters in civil life."

### ACETYLENE WELDING :

"I am quite satisfied with the course."

### HANDYMAN :

"The Centre is a fine place all round.....Everyone is given his money's worth of instruction."

### BRICKLAYER :

"The Centre, in my opinion, has excellent instructors.....I am more than satisfied with the instruction I received."

### PRIVATE SERVICE :

"The training I had was invaluable to me in obtaining my present situation."

### PAINTING AND DECORATING :

"I must thank the school for what I learnt in so short a time, and how they helped me to get a good job."

### BOOT REPAIRING :

"What I was taught at Hounslow, has put a trade in my fingers..... As regards hand-sewing, I would back myself against anyone in....., though I could not knock a nail in a shoe before."

### COACH PAINTING :

"I don't think the instruction can be improved on.....in my case I find it has been thorough."

### FITTING AND TURNING :

"I benefitted a great deal with my six months at the Centre, and don't think any more could have been done for me."

## Netherne Mental Hospital, Coudson.

Attendants are engaged for a probationary period of three months, which period may be extended should the Medical Superintendent think it necessary, and, whilst on probation, may leave or be asked to leave at the expiration of a week's notice. Attendants who at the end of their probationary term, and after an examination by a Medical Officer of the Hospital, are found to be suitable, are placed upon the permanent staff, receive uniform, and are then entitled to give, or receive one month's notice to terminate their engagement. An Attendant's misconduct may, however, be followed by a summary dismissal.

PAY : *Male Nurses are paid weekly, as follows :—*  
47/6 per week.

To be paid increments of 2/- per week on the completion of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th year of service, conditional on satisfactory efforts being made to obtain the necessary Certificate of training.

On qualifying as Staff Nurse, 6/- increase to be paid per week.

On appointment as Charge Nurse, 6/- increase to be paid per week.

Night Nurses to rank as Charge Nurses.

CHARGES : Board, 1/7 per day for every day boarded in the Hospital.

Lodging and Laundry, 7/9 per week.

LEAVE : Evening leave from 8 to 10 p.m. is granted upon the conditions that there is a sufficient number of Attendants left in the wards, and that their services are not required for assisting in the Patients' recreation, etc. Two whole days per week. Seventeen days annual leave after twelve months' service.

HOURS OF DUTY : The ordinary hours of duty are from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. with intervals for meals.

DUTIES, ETC. : The duties of a Mental Hospital Attendant comprise sick nursing, attending to the Patients and their clothing, bedding, meals, employment and amusements, and ward cleaning.

All Attendants are under the supervision of the Head Attendant, who is responsible that all instructions and orders of the Medical Superintendent are carried out.

Attendants do not sleep in the Patients' dormitories, but have bedrooms of their own.

Attendants are encouraged to attend the Classes of Instruction in Nursing held during the winter months.

All Officers when placed on Staff, come within the scope of the Asylums Officers' Superannuation Act, 1909, and contribute thereunder at the rate of three per cent. per annum upon all salary and value of emoluments attached to their office. (Service of not less than two years in any one Mental Hospital will be reckoned for the purpose of superannuation).

Any Attendant who will apply at the General Office can obtain any information he may desire concerning the above mentioned Act.

N.B.—The travelling expenses of Applicants will not be paid.

Application forms can be obtained from the Secretary, Past and Present Association.



# Records of Other Regiments.

XLVIII.



## THE EAST LANCASHIRE REGIMENT.

### BATTLE HONOURS.

Borne on the Regimental Colour:—The Sphinx, (Superscribed "Egypt"). "Gibraltar, 1704/5". "Cape of Good Hope." "Corunna." "Java." "Badajoz." "Salamanca." "Vittoria." "St. Sebastian." "Nive." "Peninsula." "Waterloo." "Bhurtpore." "Alma," "Inkerman," "Sevastapol," "Canton," "Ahmad Khel," "Afghanistan, 1878—1880," "Chitral." "South Africa, 1900—1902."  
Borne on the King's Colour:—"Retreat from Mons," "Marne, 1914," "Aisne, 1914—1918," "Neuve Chappelle," "Ypres, 1915, '17, '18," "Somme, 1916, '18," "Arras, 1917, '18," "Doiran, 1917, '18," "Helles," "Kut Al Amara, 1917."

The 1st Battalion East Lancashire Regiment was raised by Colonel Thomas Sanderson, in 1702, and was known as "Sanderson's Marines." When first raised, the regiment appears to have drawn the recruits mostly from Lincolnshire and Tyneside, although the original headquarters of the regiment were fixed at Canterbury.

In its early days the regiment saw much fighting, both ashore and afloat. It was present at the capture of Gibraltar in 1704, and also during the siege of 1727 '28. As marines aboard the Channel Fleet, the regiment took part in the sea fight off Cape Finisterre on 3rd May, 1747, when Lord Anson defeated the French.

In 1751 the regiment was numbered the 30th Regiment of Foot, and thirty-two years later adopted the county title of "The Cambridgeshire Regiment."

On the outbreak of the French Revolutionary War the 30th again embarked for service as marines—this time in the Mediterranean Fleet under Lord Hood.

In 1800 the 30th took part in the capture of Malta, and the siege of Valetta. They share with the Royal Irish Fusiliers the distinction of being the first British regiments to do garrison duty at Malta. The regiment served with distinction in the Egyptian Campaign of 1801. Sir John Burgoyne, Bart., in his account of the operations near Alexandria, describes how seven companies of the 30th charged a large body of French troops who were advancing to the attack, and routed them. This charge was witnessed by the whole army, and the nearest regiments loudly cheered the 30th.

In 1807 they once more assumed their old rôle and served as marines under Sir Edward Pellew, in naval operations off the coast of Java, and in the Bay of Bengal. Meanwhile a 2nd Battalion had been raised, which

served in the Peninsular and Waterloo Campaigns, being disbanded in 1817. This battalion was complimented for its gallantry at Quatre Bras by no less than five Generals; three foreign (Alten, Kielmansegge, and the Prince of Orange); and two British (Picton and Halkett).

The present 2nd Battalion East Lancashire Regiment, the old 59th Foot, was raised in 1755, drawing its personnel mostly from Notts and Leicestershire. Originally the facings of the regiment were crimson—itself an uncommon colour, but they were later changed to an even more unusual shade, namely purple. They are now white, like those of the non-Royal English regiments.

The Battle of Bunker's Hill was the first engagement in which the 59th took part. On returning from America it received the title of "Second Nottinghamshire," before embarking in Lord Howe's fleet, en route for Gibraltar. The regiment landed on "The Rock" on 11th October, 1782, as a reinforcement for the hard-pressed garrison, and served until the end of the siege in the following April.

This was the third and last attempt by the French and Spaniards to drive the British out of "the key of the Mediterranean." The East Lancashires are the only regiment who have taken part in all three sieges.

In the early days of the Napoleonic Wars the 59th Regiment were stationed on the coast of Kent, where they helped to build many of the Martello Towers, which were erected when a French invasion was expected.

The 30th took part in the Crimean War. During the attack on the Redan at Sevastopol, Regtl. No. 2469, Private John Connors of The Buffs won the Victoria Cross by saving the life of an officer of the 30th. Major (afterwards General Sir) Mark Walker of the 30th, who won the Victoria Cross at the Battle of Inkerman, afterwards served in The Buffs.

The Battle Honour "Canton," borne by this regiment alone, commemorates the services of the 59th in China between 1857 and 1860.

In 1881 the 30th and 59th were amalgamated as The East Lancashire Regiment. The regimental badge consists of the Sphinx, with the Crown above and the Red Rose of Lancaster below, within a wreath of laurel. The regimental nicknames are "The Three Tens" and "The Lilywhites."



## Round and About.

THE ARRIVAL OF SPRING. I write on a day stolen from Summer and yet the Football Season is by no means finished. Daffodils in the Parks of London are making a brave, if slightly belated show, and if the weather of to-day persists I don't give much for the talkings of the advertising outfitters who command "the discerning man" to buy his Spring Overcoat from them. I suppose there are people who have an overcoat for every season. One met them occasionally in the books of Phillip Oppenheim; the sort of cosmopolitan elegants who were usually to be found, in at least one chapter of the book, eating *ortolan* in aspic. I remember how in Macedonian days we used to conjure up visions of Oppenheim feasts, the while we ate Bully Curry off enamel plates on an immaculate water-proof sheet which served as a table cloth. However, I stray from Spring. Not that it matters, I suppose, because everything that can be said about the season has already been said for the nineteen hundred and twenty-ninth time.

CRICKET IN PROSPECT. For some days now cricket practice has been going on and our South African visitors are loosening their muscles after the voyage. Meanwhile the victorious M.C.C. team have been reported in Europe and if this quarantine excitement does not prevent their speedy return across France we shall soon be hearing the roof lifted off Victoria Station. I imagine that the Test Matches this year will be less of a runaway than those against the gallant West Indians and decree less stern than the long-drawn fights in Australia last winter. Whatever happens there is an interesting season ahead, especially if Summer behaves itself.

THE GENERAL ELECTION. This business will cause its usual disturbance of life and few people will do otherwise than breathe thankful sighs when all the seats in the House of Commons are once more duly allocated. There are naturally some persons in the community to whom the General Election is a godsend, bringing money or rewards in some way or other, but the vast majority of the nation considers it a necessary upheaval which is usually unnecessarily prolonged.

GREAT FIGURES OF THE WAR. The death of Marshall Foch has added one more name to the list of great figures of the War who have died since the Armistice. Writing without any books of reference at hand, it would seem that we in England have suffered most. French, Haig, Sturdee, Rawlinson, are amongst our leading post-war casualties. Italy has lost Marshals Diaz and Cadorna,

Russia, the Grand Duke Nicholas, and the U.S.A., President Wilson. General Sarrail's death, shortly after that of Marshal Foch, removed a less successful figure, but one whom Buffs who served in his army in Salonika will always remember as a magnificent looking General. The 2nd Battalion was on parade when the G.C.M.G. was conferred upon General Sarrail, as Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces in that theatre of war. It seems only a very short while ago that the battalion marched down from its camp above Baldza, to Lembet, where the parade took place. Actually it is just about thirteen years ago, to a month. I have a photograph of the battalion passing the Saluting Base. I bought the photograph at the Imperial War Museum (Photographic Section) and I believe copies of it are still obtainable.

WAR BOOKS. The publication of books dealing with the war, continues apace. "Undertones of War" by Edmund Blunden, mentioned in these columns already, was followed by "The Case of Sergeant Grischa" and "All Quiet on the Western Front," and I hear rumours of a book by an Englishman who figured in a somewhat sensational case shortly before the end of the war. This book, so rumour says, is likely to be considered the finest war book. All this is somewhat vague, I fear, but I can discover nothing very definite about the book yet and so must possess my soul in patience. Meanwhile "Journey's End," the most successful war play and the hit of the theatrical season, is playing to packed houses at the Savoy, and paying periodical bonuses to all concerned in it. I believe that there are at least three "big noises" in the theatrical management world whose principal daily exercise is kicking themselves.

SWEEPS. I had intended to write full directions for winning either the Calcutta or the Stock Exchange Sweepstakes (or Mutual Benevolent whatever you call it). But on second thoughts, I have decided to win both of them myself. In these circumstances it is quite obviously impossible for me to divulge my system. As it is I am bitterly disappointed to read in my evening paper that the Stock Exchange is having two first prizes. I consider that this ruins the whole thing. What is a paltry £125,000 when it might have been double? But still, there is always the Calcutta to make up the amount.

### Spring.

"Oh, to be in England now that April's here."...A long way after Browning!

A mass of grey-brown water seething on the sand,  
And overland

A grey and lowering sky that droops to meet  
And greet

The ridge of waves that match its ruddy hue;  
And you,

Shivering beside me, whispering in my ear:

"Say, April's here!

Glad April poets praise,  
A gilded gift of glorious days.....

Now chant a lay,  
Poor Mutt!"

And I have nought to say,  
But:

"If this be April in our British clime,  
Then give me Winter time!"

E. C. F.

### Records of other Regiments—continued from page 141.

Seventy nine Battle Honours and six Victoria Crosses have been awarded to the regiment, which had seventeen battalions during the Great War. The 1st Battalion landed in France in August, 1914, with the 4th Division. The 2nd Battalion, which was in South Africa when the war started, was at once brought home and joined the 8th Division at Winchester, proceeding to France in November, 1914. Both the Regular battalions saw the whole of their war service on the Western Front, but Territorial or New Army battalions of The East Lancashire Regiment served in Gallipoli, Egypt, Salonika and Mesopotamia.

R. MAURICE HILL.



## Correspondence.

### BUFFS IN A FOG.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I am certain that it is unprecedented in the history of The Buffs that they have ever "been in a fog," but nevertheless such was the case yesterday. I had the pleasure to escort Brigadier General McDouall and Mrs. McDouall across the Channel to Calais, on their way to Cannes. I introduced the General to Captain Morrison, skipper of the s.s. *Maid of Kent*, and despite the fact that the sun was shining brightly and that there was every prospect of an excellent crossing, the Captain feared that we might encounter fog in the Channel. His prophesy came true, as after twenty minutes travelling we ran into a very thick fog and arrived at Calais at 4.20 p.m., instead of 2 p.m. Many attempts were made to find the "front door" to Calais, but with small measure of success; the four times we came in sight of the entrance to a difficult harbour, coincided with the appearance of General McDouall in the bow of the ship, and I informed him that if we wished to be successful I was of opinion that he should be posted as a permanent sentry in that position!! It was not until we sighted that harbour for the fifth time that we were able to reach our destination, as on each of the four previous occasions we were slightly on the wrong side of the pier, and only a matter of about ten yards from the light-house, making straight for it.

Despite the lengthy journey General McDouall whiled away the time by meeting several members of the crew and the Steward's Staff, who had served in one of the many Battalions of the Buffs before, during, and since the War, including Ticket Collector Pettit, who will be remembered by many members of the 1st/4th Battalion as an energetic boxer in India; Steward Dann who served in the 1st, 2nd and 6th Battalion The Buffs and was for some time batman to Lieut. Penlington; Steward Saunders who served with the 7th Battalion and Steward Howell, who was badly wounded in the face whilst serving with the the 8th Battalion.

General McDouall, whilst not objecting to the name of the ship, (s.s. *Maid* (made) of *Kent*), was of opinion that it would be better named s.s. *The Dragon*, or should at least apply to Captain "Bobby" Childs for an enlarged model of his motor mascot which should adorn the flag-staff at the bow of the ship.

Yours sincerely,

J. SHERWOOD, Lieut.  
4th Bn. The Buffs.

Drill Hall,  
Dover.

To The Editor, "The Dragon."

Dear Sir,

Please send my *Dragon* direct to me at the following address:—

Biphen,  
British Somaliland.

I note that you address me as Captain E. Barry. I am only a subaltern on the Reserve of Officers.

Yours faithfully,

E. BARRY.

Dear Colonel,

24, Bina Gardens,  
S.W. 5.

Up till a comparatively short time ago I could not understand why I had not received my *Dragon* this year, but when I visited my last address and found them congregated there, I understood that the reason was that, despite adequate instructions, my correspondence was not all being forwarded to me.

It was good of you to keep sending my copy when I was eighty in arrears with my subscription, and I only hope that my tardiness has not caused you any inconvenience.

I have pleasure in enclosing a cheque for the current year's subscription and also for my annual 10/- to the Past and Present Association, with every good wish to the Regiment, its institutes, and all connected with it for 1929.

Yours sincerely,

W. V. S. SINCLAIR.

H.M.T. Somersetshire.

My dear Colonel,

I started a letter to you towards the end of February, from Hong Kong, asking you to send *The Dragon* to me to await arrival, Lloyds Bank, Cox's & King's Branch, F.I., until further notice. But one thing after another happened and my letter did not make much progress.

We were to have travelled home in the troop-ship "Dorsetshire," which was to have left Hong Kong on March 2nd and arrive at Southampton on April 8th. But this ship broke down shortly after leaving Singapore on her outward voyage, which threw the trooping programme out, so we sailed in her from Hong Kong, on March 22nd and are due at Southampton on May 2nd. As troopers go, she is very comfortable with a particularly nice lot of Ship's Officers. We have the 1st Queen's and half 1st Northampton's on board, both bound for Malta; the 1st Queen's were at Kilworth when the 1st Battalion was at Fermoy. But not very many of the present officers were there. Vesey, whom many of the 1st Battalion will remember is on board though.

Race week at Hong Kong was very successful this year; good racing, and on the whole, good weather, and it was one of the few occasions that the Allen family ended up a race meeting no worse off than they started it. It was marred by the death of poor old "Shiny" White, whom you and many others in the 2nd Battalion at Hong Kong will remember well. He was at the time President of the Hong Kong Jockey Club. I spoke to him for a moment on Champion's Day, and he seemed perfectly fit and well; he died of heart failure, early the next morning. I went to the funeral at Happy Valley.

We had a couple of hours on shore at Singapore. The place has expanded a good deal, and on the island the old red latente roads are now tarmaced and there is a great volume of motor traffic.

Most of the married officers' bungalows at Tanglin have been pulled down and rebuilt in stone and brick, and the billiard room of the Mess has been fronted in stone. There are now officers' bungalows between the Mess and the Garrison Church.

I have been given ninety-three days leave from the War Office, and as my father is now living at Charing, near Ashford, I hope to go to Canterbury and see you shortly after we land.

Remember me to Field please, and tell him I hope to see him soon.

Yours,

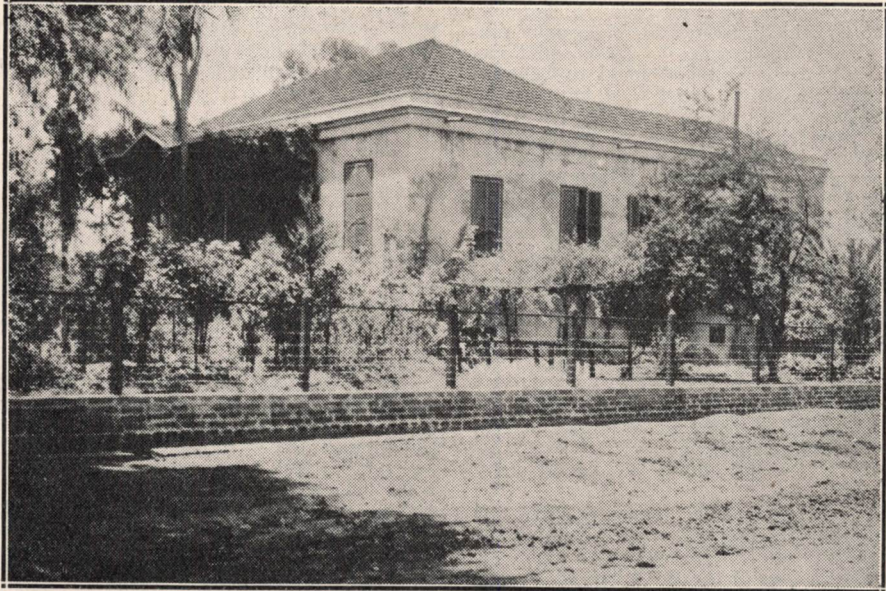
J. F. WHITACRE ALLEN.

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Remittances should be sent to the Editor, Depot The Buffs, Canterbury.



## BRAZIL.



To The Editor, "The Dragon," Depot, The Buffs.

Dear Sir,

I enclose 15/-, my subscription for *The Dragon* for this year. I should be obliged if the copies up to and including the October one, could be sent to me at the above address, and after that to Hackington House, Canterbury, as I am going home on leave about the end of October, after just over five years on this Coffee Fazenda (or estate).

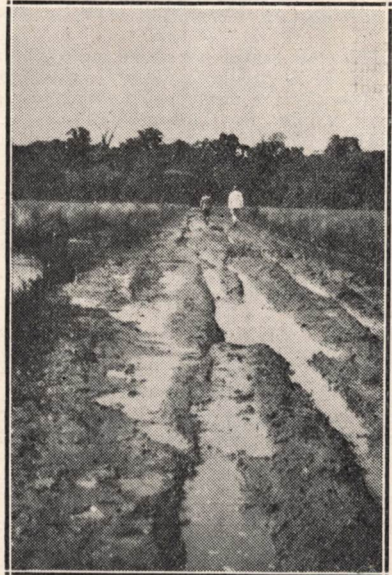
This is a splendid life, and the climate is good, though perhaps a trifle on the hot side, on and off, between October and March. In the cold season I don't think the climate could be beaten, except that sometimes, it's mighty cold when one starts work early in the morning, with a bit of frost quite frequently.

I enclose a snap or two, in case they be of interest. One is of my house, and the other of a bit of main road near here, after fairly heavy rain. It is quite impossible for any form of motor transport of course, the mud and water being too deep for even Chevrolets and Fords! I've seen as many as eight cars stuck in that one piece of road at one time, and usually the only way to get them out is with a large gang of men to lift and push, and a few mules to pull. I've sunk into real sticky mud with my Chevrolet, well above the axles, and, in one case, about half way up the radiator! However, these little things are sent to try us (and certainly succeed), and I would not change the life with any other.

Yours sincerely,

R. O. PINKEY.

Fazenda Dumont,  
Ribeirao Preto,  
Brazil.





# Past and Present Association, The Buffs.

## BUFFS WARRIORS' CHAPEL ENDOWMENT FUND.

The following donation to the above Fund has been received:—

	£	s.	d.
Miss E. L. Smith ... ..	0	10	0

## DONATIONS.

During the period 18/3/29 to 18/4/29 the following donations have been received for the Benevolent Fund:

	£	s.	d.
Percy Snow, Esq. ... ..	1	1	0
Brotherhood of the Cheerful Sparrows ...	1	1	0
P. H. Venner, Esq. ... ..	11	0	0
R. J. Froome, Esq. ... ..	5	0	0

## DISBURSEMENTS.

During the period 18/3/29 to 18/4/29 the following disbursements have been made:—

	£	s.	d.
Mar. 19. Grant ... ..	2	0	0
19. Grant ... ..	3	0	0
20. Grant ... ..	2	0	0
20. Grant ... ..	1	0	0
22. Grant ... ..	1	0	0
22. Grant ... ..	2	0	0
25. Grant ... ..	1	10	0
26. Grant ... ..	1	10	0
26. Grant ... ..	1	0	0
April 4. Grant ... ..	0	2	6
4. Grant ... ..	7	0	0
5. Loan ... ..	2	0	0
8. Grant ... ..	0	10	0
8. Grant ... ..	0	5	0
9. Grant ... ..	2	0	0
10. Grant ... ..	1	0	0
10. Grant ... ..	1	17	6
10. Grant ... ..	1	10	0
13. Grant ... ..	1	0	0
13. Loan ... ..	1	0	0
15. Grant ... ..	1	0	0
17. Grant ... ..	0	2	0
17. Grant ... ..	2	0	0
17. Grant ... ..	1	0	0
18. Grant ... ..	2	0	0

## NEW MEMBERS.

During the period 18/3/29 to 18/4/29 the following new members have been enrolled:—

*Life Members.*—W. H. Taylor, L. Lambkin, T. P. Baldwin, Lt. Col. F. Phillips, Major R. T. Monier-Williams, O.B.E., W. S. J. Williams.

*Annual Members.*—J. J. Hermitage, A. I. Long, E. Venn, W. McLeland, P. L. Webster, S. J. Bright, C. T. Anderson, N. Blaskett, F. G. Gibbens (the late), F. C. Richards, G. May, F. A. Jones, W. H. Bryant, T. A. Steward, A. Addley, E. T. Bush, W. E. Cozens, E. S. Knightly, J. Pollard, J. Ralph, A. W. G. Smith, M. E. Solles, C. Williams, S. A. Bassett, G. W. Ramell, G. Rumney, H. Fagg, H. G. Fordred, T. A. Fordred, J. Harthill, R. J. Fleet, S. Maskell, F. J. Hawkes, A. J. English, T. Hart, A. Ames, G. E. Cole, H. Beverley, A. Edwards, Major R. W. H. Baker, Cpl. A. J. Willcox.

*Associate Members.*—G. Fisher, N. C. Nicholson, E. Nicholson.

## 2nd Battalion Branch.

The above Branch has been formed now some considerable time, but I think this is the first time that their activities have seen the "light o'day" through

the medium of *The Dragon*. We will endeavour to mend this for the future, and if the Editor is kind to us, perhaps he will give a corner to our notes. I really think we deserve it, for we must be the strongest Branch existing, our numbers now reading:—Life Members, 436; Yearly Members, 52; so you see, in the words of the 2nd Battalion, "We have got 'cracking.'"

Life Membership has caught on in the Battalion since the inauguration of the instalment system. Everybody in "civvy street" buy their cars and mangles and sewing machines on the plan, it must be good, so it was started with the Pip Pip Ack. The men pay their "mites" as they afford it each week, a record is kept, and when they have completed the guinea, they are presented with their Badge and they are then a fully fledged Life Member. It brings the Life Membership within the reach of all; before, the guinea was a lot to put down in a lump, and it needed someone with a knowledge of soldiers and their little idiosyncrasies, our R.S.M. in this case, to start the scheme in the Battalion, that brought in the kudos.

So much for the inauguration part of the 'bus, now for some of the doings.

During February a party of Members visited the London Branch at their new Headquarters, and had a real good time, a good evening was the result, and all were pleased at the opportunity of seeing old faces that were known in the Battalion, in the surroundings of civilian life. We hope to again visit the Branch when the opportunity lends itself.

A party was got up to visit the Vocational Training Centre at Chisleton on the 19th March. The party consisted of men in their last year of service, who were interested in the Government Immigration Scheme to Canada that is being carried out at this Centre.

The party left at 7 a.m., and after a pretty adventurous journey (it was foggy) they arrived at the Centre at 10.30 a.m. They were met by Farmer Cook, very much changed from the R.Q.M.S. Cook we knew here in Aldershot. This Warrant Officer is at present on a course at Chisleton, and will shortly be proceeding to Canada in company with Colonel Stibbard, the Commandant of the Centre. We were conducted round the establishment. Everything was explicitly explained to us, and the whole visit was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended, and left most of them with lots to think about.

The visit has borne fruit, for four of the party have applied to proceed on the next Course that commences at the Centre. Perhaps one day we shall see a Buffs Colony started out yonder, in the country of wide spaces.

An employment bureau has been started, rather in the nature of advice than getting positions, although any job that may be forwarded to the Secretary would receive the greatest attention. We want to help the man who is about to start a new life, that is stepping back to civilian life. At the present moment, when he gets to within eight or nine months of his date for leaving the Colours, he puts his name in for a Vocational Course at one of the Centres now running, Aldershot, Cattrick, Hounslow or Chisleton, and trusts to luck he has picked a course with a vacancy going.

He does not trouble to find out the opportunities in the trade he selects. His main idea appears to be to "get on his course." It is suggested that if the Advice Bureau was started, no doubt some idea of the opportunities would be given. Then again outside Regular Courses, there are Vocational Courses running under the auspices of the Vocational Centres, that are really courses outside the Centre, being with civilian concerns, and the range of these courses is limitless.







It was splendid to read the letters from old and aged Buffs whom the Ladies had visited, which proved the great value of the work they were performing.

When General Sir Arthur and The Hon. Lady Lynden-Bell were on the point of leaving, Mrs. Hill played the Regimental March after which the members gave vent to: "For he's a jolly good fellow" followed by cheers for himself and The Hon. Lady Lynden-Bell.

During the social part of the programme we were delighted to have Major and Mrs. Guy Lee as visitors and they stayed the whole evening.

The following contributed vocal items:—Capt. E. A. Carter, M.C., Mrs. Sylvia Dalton, Mr. Hill, Mrs. and Miss Burt, Mr. Ainge, Miss Isobel Lamb, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Debling, Mr. (Wally) Tapsell, Mrs. Hill, Mr. Thatcher, Mrs. Spinner, Mr. Gadd, etc., etc.

### Dover Branch.

Our Meeting on the 12th was not quite so well attended as we could have wished, but the weather was anything but promising and that no doubt, kept a good many away.

Major Foster took the Chair at 8 p.m.

The trip to Wrotham came up quite early in the evening as the result of the Secretary reading a letter from Capt. Enright and we seem to have quite a number who are going. Quite right, too, because it will be a jovial occasion. That part of Kent is well worth a visit as I know full well, having been "raised" close to Sevenoaks.

So we gather that the London Branch know Vic. Hallam. Good old Vic. We must keep our shooting eyes bright for that Branch Competition and as we discussed the matter someone told the tale of the Musketry Instructor of The Buffs who reproved a recruit who had missed several times.

"Give me your rifle," said the Instructor to the recruit who meekly handed it over with a silent prayer for help. However, the Musketry Instructor also put three steady ones into the Bank and got three flags. But no Musketry Instructors in those days (and these) could grasp a situation quickly. This one turned round to the recruit with a terrible look on his face and in a rasping voice said: "There my lad, that's how you shoot."

Well then, after that we got to Billiards. George Fincher came over from Temple Ewell and defeated with great eclat our indefatigable Secretary. Secretaries are always that. Our Secretary died at 70 and George romped home and later on proceeded to defeat Billy Plater in the next round. This was close. Then came Mr. G. Mace with some smart play to score a win over Billy Marsh. Mace is apparently as good at Billiards as he is on the range. Very hot stuff.

Since the meeting we have lost our old friend, Tim Kelly. He died at the King's College Hospital on Sunday morning early and was buried on Thursday, the 18th, at Dover (St. James' Cemetery). The Bearers and the Buglers were supplied by the Lincoln Regiment and a fine smart party they were. There were a good many of the Branch there considering that it was a workday and we were favoured with a beautiful afternoon.

FLOREAT DUBRIS.

### The late Tim Kelly, Regt. No. 5565.

We laid old Tim to rest this afternoon, and there was a good number of the Dover Branch present. He had been in King's College Hospital for some weeks, but his case was hopeless apparently, from the first. However, he kept his spirits up wonderfully and was greatly cheered by visits from friends of the London Branch, and letters from old comrades.

Tim Kelly was, for most of his time, in the 2nd Battalion, and during his service he was an extremely fine athlete. At athletics, he was good at any of the distances up to a quarter, and it seemed funny that in the April *Dragon* a photo appeared of the four who won the mile relay open to the army in South Africa. The others being Andrews (now Qmr.), Coleman and Patsy Keep.

At football he was a mover at outside right, and at cricket he could send in a fast ball that wanted a lot of watching. He was in the regimental team at both these games.

He served through the South African War and was wounded at Baakenlaagle with Benson's Column.

During the late war he was in France with the 1st Battalion, whom he joined on the Somme, I think, in 1916.

He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters. The sons are both athletes, the eldest being in the R.A.O.C. and well known in that Corps in Cairo as a cricketer and footballer, the youngest being more than useful as a middle weight boxer in London Territorial circles, and also as a goalkeeper.

So farewell Tim, for the time being.

*Requiscat in Paceo.*

### Medway Branch.

MINUTES of a General Meeting held at the British Legion Club, Chatham, on Saturday, 30th March, 1929:—

The chair was taken by Captain A. Barton and about forty members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and passed, on the motion of Mr. W. C. French, seconded by Mr. P. T. Richardson, the chairman proceeded to the correspondence.

A letter from Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell was read. He wished them a pleasant evening and promised to come himself to the meeting on the 27th April.

The business on the agenda of "suggestions for the promotion of social events" was then brought forward. The chairman said that it had been felt that if it were possible to arrange games or other events of a social nature, it would be greatly to their benefit, and if anyone had suggestions on the subject, he would like to hear them. This met with an enthusiastic response. Mr. T. Wheatley offered to get dates from the British Legion when The Buffs could meet them at indoor games. After discussion it was decided on the proposal of Mr. T. Wheatley, seconded by Mr. G. H. Mills, that a series of matches including, whist, crib, darts and billiards be played against the British Legion, Chatham Branch.

A Games Committee was then elected. This consisted of the following members:—

Mr. J. H. Bradbury, Mr. P. T. Richardson, Mr. R. Fletcher, Mr. W. J. Dunn, Mr. J. T. Godden.

A wish was expressed that a social evening might be arranged with Sittingbourne Branch who might be challenged to a series of games in addition.

Further business was curtailed to enable the games committee to proceed with the selection of teams for the various games.

A Collection for the Branch Benevolent Fund realized six shillings.

### Margate (SUB-BRANCH).

At the last monthly meeting of members it was decided to have a quarterly meeting combining business and music, etc.

Two more Life Members have been enrolled: Mr. Percy Edward Sankey, Solicitor of Cecil Square, who held a Commission with rank of Captain in the 3rd East Kent Regiment some years ago and Mr. Wm. Robert Ingamells, who served in the old 1st Volunteer Battalion in the pre-Territorial days.

We regret having to report the death of Frederick George Gibbens of 10 Coastguard Cottages. He joined the Association on 22nd March, 1929 and died suddenly on the Sunday Evening following and was buried on the Thursday. The Hon. Secretary only heard of the sad event the day prior to the funeral, but sent a letter of condolence on behalf of the Association.

Our late Comrade must have joined up at a very early age. He was 31 when he died, yet was the proud possessor of the 1914/5 Star, General Service, Victory and the Afghan Medals, so his age on enlistment works out at 16. He served with the 4th Battalion principally in the East. A Comrade we were all proud of.

The Hon. Secretary reported that on behalf of the Branch he had sent a letter of congratulation to Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., on his appointment as the Colonel of the Regiment and had received a personal acknowledgment from Sir Arthur appreciating the letter and saying he hoped to pay the Branch a visit in the Summer.

G. F. ROGERS, *Hon. Sec.*

### The late MR. G. HARMAN.

The funeral took place at St. John's Cemetery, Margate, on Tuesday afternoon, of the late Mr. George William Harman, of Queensdown, Woodchurch, who died on Thursday of last week. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. H. Partridge, and the mourners were:—Mrs. G. W. Harman (widow), Mrs. Harman (mother), Messrs. R. H. Harman, W. G. Harman and E. E. Harman (brothers), and F. W. Cripps (brother-in-law). There was also present Mr. G. T. Rogers, representing the Past and Present Association of the Buffs; whilst among the floral tributes was a beautiful wreath from the members of that Association.

The deceased, who was forty-seven years of age, was well known as an ex-service man in Margate. He took part in the South African War, and, after completing his service in The Buffs Regiment as a regular and a reservist, he joined the R.A.M.C. as a Territorial. He was in camp with the Corps when the war broke out in 1914, and shortly afterwards secured a transfer to his old regiment, with which he saw service in France. He was awarded the Military Medal, and held the rank of acting Company-Sergeant-Major at the time of his discharge. In addition to the South African War and the Great War decorations, he held the Territorial medal.

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# The Golfing Society at Aldershot.

OWING to two "big" events taking place at St. George's Hill and Camberley Heath, our fixtures for this meeting had to be re-arranged. On April 11th we journeyed to Liphook where we were defeated by seven matches to five; the course was in excellent order, but golf was made very difficult by a high wind. Next day we took on the newly formed 60th Rifles Golfing Society at Fleet, on the North Hants course. This match was a win for us by eight matches to three. We gathered at the end of the day that our opponents were looking forward to reversing that result when we meet again at Littlestone, at the end of the month!

On the 13th we had our annual match against the Aldershot Command, and once again managed to field a big side. This year we ran the Command very close, the match finishing all square.

The weather on all three days was very dull, and we were fortunate to get through our programme without getting a ducking. We were very pleased to have Mr. A. H. Goodall and Mr. W. R. Findlay staying with us, and only wish more of the past members had been able to get down here: however, we hope to see more turn up next year.

Full results were as follows:—

v. LIPHOOK, 11th April, 1929.

<i>The Buffs G.S.</i>		<i>Liphook.</i>	
N. R. Reeves (5 & 4) ...	... 1	W. G. Barlow ...	... 0
W. C. Lamarque ...	... 0	Leslie Williams (2 up) ...	... 1
A. H. Goodall (5 & 4) ...	... 1	H. Stubbs ...	... 0
Capt. C. E. A. Terry (1 up) ...	... 1	W. E. Broomfield ...	... 0
C. T. Kenward ...	... 0	Major G. H. Jollye (4 & 3) ...	... 1
J. E. King ...	... 0	C. L. Macdonald (6 & 5) ...	... 1
C. Haggard ...	... ½	C. B. Prettejohn ...	... ½
R. F. Parry ...	... 0	Lt.-Col. Blois Johnson (3 & 1) ...	... 1
	3½		4½
FOURSOMES.		<i>Liphook.</i>	
Reeves and Goodall (3 & 2) ...	... 1	Barlow and Leslie Williams ...	0
Lamarque and Terry ...	... 0	Stubbs and Broomfield (3 & 1) ...	... 1
Kenward and King ...	... ½	Jollye and Macdonald ...	... ½
Haggard and Parry ...	... 0	Prettejohn and Blois Johnson (3 & 1) ...	... 1
Total ...	5	Total ...	7

v. 60th RIFLES, 12th April, 1929.

<i>The Buffs G.S.</i>		<i>60th Rifles.</i>	
N. R. Reeves (4 & 3) ...	... 1	L. Burgoyne ...	... 0
Capt. W. E. Lamarque ...	... 0	Capt. Harker (3 & 2) ...	... 1
A. H. Goodall (2 & 1) ...	... 1	Capt. Saunders ...	... 0
Lt.-Col. Crookenden (8 & 7) ...	... 1	Major-General Sir S. Hare ...	... 0
C. T. Kenward ...	... 0	Capt. C. Wilson (3 & 2) ...	... 1
J. E. King (8 & 7) ...	... 1	Brig.-General Jelf ...	... 0
C. Haggard (2 & 1) ...	... 1	Lt.-Gen. The Hon. Stuart Wortley ...	... 0
Total ...	5	Total ...	2
FOURSOMES.			
Reeves and Lamarque ...	... 0	Burgoyne and Harker (5 & 4) ...	1
Crookenden and Goodall (7 & 6) ...	1	Hare and Saunders ...	0
Kenward and King (4 & 3) ...	1	Stuart Wortley and Wilson ...	0
C. Haggard (6 & 5) ...	1	Brig.-General Jelf ...	0
Total ...	8	Total ...	3

v. ALDERSHOT COMMAND, 13th April, 1929.

<i>The Buffs G.S.</i>		<i>Aldershot Command.</i>	
N. R. Reeves (2 up) ...	... 1	Captain Mayveo ...	... 0
A. H. Goodall (2 & 1) ...	... 1	Lt.-Colonel Adair ...	... 0
W. C. Lamarque ...	... 0	Major Brown (2 & 1) ...	... 1
C. T. Kenward (3 & 2) ...	... 1	Captain Cowan Douglas ...	... 0
Colonel J. Crookenden ...	... 0	Captain Roscow (3 & 2) ...	... 1
J. E. King (1 up) ...	... 1	Major Gladstone ...	... 0
C. Haggard (5 & 3) ...	... 1	Major Hyland ...	... 0
W. R. Findlay ...	... 0	Mr. Allen (7 & 5) ...	... 1
R. F. Parry ...	... 0	Captain Willis (5 & 3) ...	... 1
Major J. V. R. Jackson (1 up) ...	1	W. O. Annear ...	... 0
Captain R. Tuke ...	... 0	Mr. Coggins (7 & 5) ...	... 1
Captain Wilson ...	... 0	Captain McIvor (4 & 2) ...	... 1
Colonel L. W. Lucas ...	... 0	Mr. Stevenson (6 & 4) ...	... 1
Total ...	6	Total ...	7
FOURSOMES.			
Reeves and Goodall (3 & 2) ...	1	Mayhew and Adair ...	0
Lamarque and Kenward (1 up) ...	1	Brown and Cowan Douglas ...	0
Crookenden and Findlay (2 up) ...	1	Willis and Roscow ...	0
King and Haggard (4 & 3) ...	1	Gladstone and Hyland ...	0
Foster Hall ...	0	Allen (8 & 6) ...	1
Major J. and Tuke ...	0	Annear and Coggins (3 & 2) ...	1
Wilson and Lucas ...	0	McIvor and Stevenson (4 & 3) ...	1
Total ...	10	Total ...	10

## SPRING MEETING.

The full details of the Society's Spring Meeting must be held over until next month, but here are the results:—

### SPRING MEETING.

In the final of the Brinckman Cup A. H. Goodall beat R. E. Knocker by 4 and 2.

The Lynden Bell Trophy was won by Lieut. T. N. Penlington with a score of 1 up.

Other winners were:—

- Senior Medal, Lieut.-Col. F. B. Dyne (8) net 79.
- Junior Medal, Lieut. T. N. Penlington (18) net 82.
- Colonel H. F. Sparrow's Prize, Lieut.-Col. J. Crookenden.

### v. LITTLESTONE.

The Society lost by 12 matches to 3.

### v. RYE.

The Society won by one match.

### v. ROYAL ST. GEORGE'S.

This match was played by foursomes only, and the Society lost by 10 matches to 4.

At the Spring Meeting, the Honourable Lady Lynden Bell very kindly presented the prizes.

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### Canterbury Branch.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the "Ben Jonson," Canterbury, on the 4th instant.

Major F. Keeler was Chairman with about 55 members present.

It was with regret that the Committee received the resignation of the Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. W. Pierce, owing to the illness of Mrs. Pierce.

The Committee and members of the Branch wish to tender their grateful thanks to Mr. G. W. Pierce for his excellent work as the first Hon. Secretary of the Branch and Relief Committee and also take this opportunity of wishing him the best of luck and a speedy recovery to health of his esteemed wife.

The branch appointed Mr. T. Holloway as Hon. Secretary vice Mr. G. W. Pierce, resigned.

Other business took the shape of trying to liven up the social side of the branch from which arises:—

The first Annual Dinner of the Branch to be held at the Savoy Cafe (Long's), High Street, Canterbury, on Saturday, the 20th April. Tickets, 3/- each.

A Whist Drive and Dance to be held at the Foresters' Hall, Canterbury, on Monday, 22nd April, at 7.15 p.m. Tickets 1/- each.

Tickets for either of these events may be obtained from Mr. G. W. Pierce, "Ben Jonson," Mr. T. Holloway, 3 Mill Lane, Canterbury, or any member of the Committee.

The members of the Branch appeal to all local Buffs to come forward and support the branch in its efforts to get going.

I am pleased to say that during the evening, eight new members were added to the roll. Now, Dear Reader, are you a member of your Regimental Association? If not, I have spare forms which only require your name to be entered, and so help to fill up a few blank files.



## The 1st Battalion.



**D**URING the past month the remaining items of the Harris Shield have been completed and "H.Q." Wing are to be congratulated on being the winners of the Shield. The final results will be found tabulated elsewhere.

A most interesting series of contests against the Royal Irish Fusiliers took place recently, the Cross-Country Run, Sports and Football events being held at Bareilly; the Boxing, Hockey and Tug-of War at Agra, where the Royal Irish Fusiliers are stationed.

The Football match proved an easy win for our side who were undoubtedly the better combination, and our team won by 3 goals to love after an interesting and very clean exhibition of Football. The remaining events are fully described elsewhere.

It is much to be hoped that these inter-unit competitions will be continued, as, in a one-unit station, one is apt to create a false impression of the merit of the battalion athletes in general owing to limited opposition.

We have also been fortunate enough to play cricket matches against the Dorsetshire Regiment and the Royal Berkshire Regiment, and have more than held our own in this department.

Our representatives at the All India Rifle Meeting did very well and we congratulate C.Q.M.S. Pratt very heartily on winning the A.R.A. All India Cup with a score of 87 out of a possible 100.

R.S.M. Martin is also to be congratulated on being 27th in order of merit out of 314 competitors for the King's Medal and for being the winner of an A.R.A. Bronze Medal, being sixth in his class in the above competition.

### Visit to Agra.

The programme arranged between the regiment and the Royal Irish Fusiliers included three events to take place at their station, Agra. These events were the Tug-of-War, Boxing and Hockey.

Accordingly, on March 14th, the teams and a certain number of spectators left for Agra in company with the Royal Irish Fusiliers teams, which had been competing over here. The party consisted of sixty-two men and four officers; Hoare, Williams, Hughes and Walters, the first three playing in the hockey team and the other in charge of the boxing team.

We were met on arrival by the Band, which played the men up to the barracks. During their short stay the men were most extraordinarily well looked after, and enjoyed themselves immensely. Most of them took advantage of this stay to go and see the Taj Mahal and the Fort. Unfortunately there was no moon, so the Taj Mahal had to be seen by day. On the last night a huge dinner was given, which was the grand finale to a perfectly wonderful time.

### THE TUG-OF-WAR.

A gymkhana was held on the fifteenth, and one of the chief items was the tug-of-war. The pulls were sandwiched in between the events.

The weights of the two teams were very much the same. The Royal Irish Fusiliers were, most fortunate in having an expert coach, and were expected to win without much difficulty.

**1ST PULL.**—The Irish Fusiliers at once started to pull us. The difference in the two teams was most marked. The Irish Fusiliers were stretched out and leaning slightly over the rope, making full use of the weight of their bodies, and working beautifully together. Our team, on the other hand, was hunched up and relied entirely on the strength of the arms. This pull was marked by a good deal of holding. The Irish Fusiliers gained the advantage, but then lost it, and were pulled over in a series of good pulls. Our coach, Sergeant Meakin, is to be congratulated on taking full advantage immediately of the slight error made by our opponents.

**2ND PULL.**—The better team work of the Irish Fusiliers told. They gained the advantage at the outset, and, after a really hard pull, managed to win.

**3RD PULL.**—An excellent pull. The better team work of the Irish Fusiliers again told. Two of our men lost the skin off their hands, and the team rather cracked at the end of the pull.

We have learnt an invaluable lesson, the correct method of training a team. The team did extremely well, and put up a very fine show indeed.

It consisted of:—

**COACH:** Sergeant Meakin.

**TEAM:** Ptes. Dixon, Barnes, Cpl. Godfrey, Pte. Bentley, Ptes. Johnson, Harland, Kettel, Spencer, King, L/Cpl. Leadbeater.

**RESERVES:** Ptes. Tugwell, Lillywhite.

### BOXING.

This was held on the night of the sixteenth, in an outdoor ring. The Irish Fusiliers won by thirteen points to eleven, after a most exciting finish.

### HEAVY WEIGHT.

**THE BUFFS.** **THE ROYAL FUSILIERS.**

Pte. Andrews *v.* Fusilier Spelding.

Andrews was outclassed, but put up a very plucky fight indeed, and finished out the time in spite of being knocked down several times.

### LIGHT-HEAVY.

L/Cpl. Cribben *v.* L/Cpl. Taylor.

A very good even fight. An extra round was necessary to decide the issue. Won by L/Cpl. Cribben, who was the more aggressive in this final round.

### MIDDLE.

Pte. Allen *v.* L/Cpl. Chapman.

Allen was outboxed. He is a strong man, but only possesses one punch. He has no defence, and relies entirely on obtaining a knockout. He is so painfully slow that he will never win unless he speeds up and learns to guard himself.



## WELTER. 1ST STRING.

Cpl. Martin *v.* Sergeant Mahoney.

The best fight of the evening. Cpl. Martin was up against an ex-army champion. He put up an extraordinarily good fight against a very clever opponent. He won the last round, but lost the fight. This was very good boxing indeed, and Cpl. Martin is to be congratulated.

## WELTER. 2ND STRING.

Pte. Bartlett *v.* L/Cpl. Keaton.

Bartlett is the best boxer in the Battalion, and only boxed second string as he was suffering from a bad leg after the sports. This was a very close fight, just won by Bartlett. He had lost his usual speed, no doubt due to the leg.

## LIGHT.

Pte. Denham *v.* Fusilier Gaynor.

A good fight won by Denham. He is a very pretty boxer, but must develop a punch. Won easily on points.

## FEATHER.

Pte. Taylor *v.* Fusilier Faulkner.

Taylor was fighting another army champion, and put up a most plucky fight. He was outboxed and the fight was stopped in the third round. Taylor is improving every time he boxes.

## BANTHAM.

Pte. Mills *v.* Fusilier Stanfield.

A good hard fight and in doubt until the end. Mills must learn to guard himself. Battles are not won by aggression alone.

Cpl. Warren, Pte. Bentley and Pte. Rashbrook also came with the team.

**Hockey.**

We heard so much about their team; how good it was, that we rather wondered if we could give them a game.

Our team was as follows:—

*Forwards*; L/Cpl. Fearon, Ferrell, Hughes, Fox, Hoare. *Half-Backs*; Hover, Williams, Coates. *Backs*; Cpl. Robinson, Pte. Penfold. *Goalkeeper*; Bidwell.

Fox and Coates had preceded us to Agra in order to play in the polo tournament.

The game started with an immediate attack on our goal, which lasted for several minutes before the pressure was relieved. After about ten minutes play, Hoare got the ball, and, after some neat passing with Fox centred perfectly to enable Hughes to beat the goal-keeper with a fine shot. On the resumption the Irish Fusiliers pressed hard but were unable to score. Our goal-keeper played a magnificent game, and saved shot after shot. Just before half-time, however, the Irish Fusiliers broke through and scored. Play was nearly entirely confined to our twenty-five at this period.

The score at half-time was one all.

On the resumption of play, the Irish Fusiliers attacked again, but the ball was taken up the field and Fox nearly scored. We attacked hard now, and two shots at their goal failed. Play in this half was more open, and their attack was not pressed so hard. Our goal-keeper again distinguished himself by saving what looked like a certain goal. Time went with the final score at one all.

There is no doubt that individually they were a much better team. They were much quicker than we were on the ball. Our forward combination was good, and was always a source of danger. The defence was very good indeed, and it was due to the hard-working backs and Williams, that their score was not larger.

Congratulations to the Polo team on winning the Agra tournament, and beating every team it opposed.

LABORE.

**Harris Shield.**

	A	B	C	D	H.Q.
Football ... ..	1½	5	1½	3½	3½
Hockey ... ..	2	1	3	4½	4½
Cricket ... ..	4	4	2	1	4
Cross Country ... ..	5	2	1	3	4
Shooting ... ..	3	2	5	1	4
Boxing ... ..	1	3	4	2	5
Bayonet Fighting ... ..	5	3	1	2	4
Athletics ... ..	5	2	1	4	3
Tug-of-War ... ..	3	2	4	1	5
Total ... ..	29½	24	22½	22	37

**Inter-Battalion Sports.****THE BUFFS v. THE ROYAL IRISH FUSILIERS.**

An excellent Athletic Meeting took place at Bareilly, on March 13th, between representative teams of the Buffs and the Royal Irish Fusiliers, from Agra.

The Royal Irish Fusiliers deserved their fine win by 17 points to the 15 gained by the Buffs.

**THE CROSS COUNTRY RACE.**

The conditions of this race were, 12 to run and 8 to count. The course was mapped out over rough and heavy country for about 4½ miles. Pte. Marsh, the Buffs' long distance runner, lay fourth for half the distance, when he forged ahead closely followed by Fus. McNamee and Lt. Williams.

Marsh won a great race by some 200 odd yards from Fus. McNamee, who was a few yards ahead of Lt. Williams. Four Fusiliers came next, running well paced, followed by two Buffs.

The Fusiliers won the team race by 53 points to 87.

100 YARDS.—The Buffs won by 5 yds. Time 42 3/5 secs.

220 YARDS.—The Buffs won by 30 yds. Time 1 min. 35 secs.

440 YARDS.—The Fusiliers won easily. Time 3 mins. 38 secs.

HALF MILE.—The Fusiliers won. Time 8 mins. 32 1/5 secs.

MILE.—This proved to be a very good race, the Fusiliers winning. Time was 4 mins. 45 secs.

L/Cpl. McAtamney, the Fusiliers mile champion drew inside position, but was content to run fourth during the first three laps. Lieut. Foster, of the Buffs, lay third to the beginning of the last lap when he came up to second place. McAtamney immediately raced to the front and took the lead. Some 300 yards from the tape Foster made a desperate and gallant attempt to catch him, but without avail, the Fusilier winning by 30 yards. Fusilier Duffey was third, Marsh, the Buffs fourth, Gilwarry and Jones, Fusiliers fifth and sixth, and Crowhurst and Lieut. Walters, the Buffs, seventh and eighth.

HIGH JUMP.—Capt. Wale, the Buffs, Cpl. Fraser and Fusilier McDowel, Royal Irish Fusiliers, jumped 5 ft. 4 inches, but failed at 5 ft. 5 inches. L/Cpl. Randerson, the other Buff representative failed at 5 ft. 4 inches which gave the R.I. Fusiliers a win.

PUTTING THE SHOT.—A win for the Fusiliers. Cpl. Fraser, R.I.F. 38ft. 10½ ins.; Sgt. Guy, R.I.F. 35 ft. 6½ ins.; L/Cpl. Cribben, Buffs, 31 ft. 8 ins.; Pte. Gudgeon, Buffs, 30 ft. 5 ins.

120 YARDS HURDLES.—This event proved to be a much closer race than was anticipated. Had not Pte. George, the Buffs, fallen and completely missed a hurdle in the first run the Buffs may have made the R.I. Fusiliers run faster to win. The hurdling of Lt. French and Cpl. Fraser, R.I.F., was well up to standard form.





*No. 10 Platoon, winners of Cup for best turned out Platoon.*

(Kinsey Bros., Barcilly).



**ONE MILE MEDLEY RACE.**—This event was the most exciting one of the day. It was run in the following order. 220 yards, 440 yards, 880 yards, and 220 yards. The Buffs gained about 5 yards in the first run, Hodkin running very strongly, Crust increased this to 15 yards in the 440 yards and handed over to Lt. Foster who was running the half mile against McAtamney the very fast miler of the R.I. Fusiliers. The latter moved up to Foster in the first 200 yards and kept in this position till 300 yards from the hand-over, when he made his bid. Foster, too, made his effort and what a great struggle it was. McAtamney took the lead after about 100 yards running abreast and was quite 6 yards ahead when Foster made a most sensational finish and beat the Fusilier by 2 yards. Lieut Hughes, the Buffs, held this over the last 220 yards winning this event in a roar of wild excitement. Time 3 min. 48 secs.

**3 MILES RACE.**—This event resulted in a tie, the first man in was Marsh, the Buffs, who ran a fine race.

	POINTS.		R.I.F.	Buffs.
One Mile	...	...	2	1
440 yards	...	...	2	1
Long Jump	...	...	1	2
100 yards	...	...	1	2
Hurdles. 120 yards...	...	...	2	1
220 yards	...	...	1	2
880 yards	...	...	2	1
High Jump	...	...	2	1
Putting the Shot	...	...	2	1
Medley Race. 1 mile	...	...	1	2
Three Miles	...	...	1	1
Total			17	15

#### Polo Notes, 1929.

The Regimental Polo team seems to have at last definitely decided itself, and with Coates as our captain, Fox as 1, Foster 2 and Hammond-Davies back, we proved successful in our first tournament of the season during Bareilly week. There were two other local teams; the Gunners, and a Gymkana side, for whom Reid and Hill were playing. An American tournament had been intended, but owing to rain on Monday it had to be altered to a knock out.

On Wednesday, the Regimental team met the Gymkana and managed to defeat them, while on the same day the Gunners from Meerut laid low their Bareilly brothers. On Friday we succeeded in beating the Meerut team after a thrilling match, and so gained our first tournament win. Foster was dribbling the ball well in his own inimitable style, one of his ponies having an aptitude for threading in and out which can only be likened to the qualities of a needle. Our team work, after some study, was worthy of praise, for even when on occasions we missed the ball, we were at least, generally in the right place.

After this, somewhat elated by our victory, we went to Roorkee. On this occasion Hill took the place of Fox as 1, in the latter's absence. We drew the 2nd Gurkhas to begin with, and were well and truly beaten, which was a foregone conclusion when we saw their mounts. We were however, disappointed at being beaten by the Black Watch, in the subsidiary tournament, when we were not playing up to form.

On March 13th we went to Agra in connection with the sports in which we were competing against the Irish Fusiliers. Agra was holding it's week and a low handicap tournament had been arranged in which the four teams that entered played an American tournament. On the first day we played a local Agra team calling themselves the "Optimists," these we managed to beat by one goal, while on the same day the Irish Fusiliers defeated a team from Muttra. On Friday we played the Irish Fusiliers, and had an exciting game

beating them in the last Chukker by 4-2½. This was the best game we had and at half-time we were not feeling too hopeful.

The Muttra team on Sunday proved a fast game, but though they were well mounted no doubt the fact of their being Gunners, and therefore Pig-Stickers rather than Polo Players, gave us an easy win 6 goals to love; and so we became the proud holders of the Challenge Cup.

Our Tournament season ends next week after the Stubbs Cup, which is a Cup to be competed for only by local teams. We hope to enter two Regimental teams for this, while others of the regiment may play in scratch fours; but the pony difficulty is acute. Although we have now quite a number of ponies, it is not an easy matter to find 20 which are fit for tournament play. The price of the "made pony" is exorbitant, and well beyond most of our pockets even with the kindly and indispensable help of the Sporting Club. We are therefore bound to rely on our own powers of "making" the raw pony, which some of us have been fairly successful in doing; or we have to take our chance with the numerous made but unsound ponies which can be bought fairly reasonably, and which may or may not stand up to hard work. However, our ponies are improving by degrees and new ponies and new players are coming into the game, so we hope for further successes in the future.

The two tournaments won this year, are the first since the war and the regiment can boast of 16 polo pony owners of varying proficiency.

#### Sergeants' Mess.

First and foremost must be recorded our congratulations to C.Q.M.S. Pratt on his splendid performance in winning the A.R.A. All-India Cup at the Rifle Meeting recently held at Meerut. He thoroughly deserves his success considering the number and quality of the competitors. 43 out of 50, kneeling at 400 yards and 44 at 500 yards, shows that despite the hospitality bestowed overnight, he was very steady in the morning.

One hears of a W.O. who ran him very close, whose regular breakfast was four large G. and G, to clear the spots away from his eyes, but I'll bet Tom didn't follow his example.

The R.S.M. is also to be congratulated on finishing 27th in the King's Medal Competition. Some one said that his recent successes with a rifle and revolver are responsible for his trip home. Maybe we shall hear of him collecting some more easy money at Bisley.

The "Stoke up" has commenced, our numbers will gradually diminish, but of course the influx of grass widowers will liven things up a bit.

The R.S.M. and C.S.M. Farrow on leave, C.Q.M.S. Holman, Sergeants Perry and Faulkner going (as they hope), C.S.M. Mould as Garrison Sergeant Major at Ranikhet, Ravenscroft as Q.M.S. Alma Barracks, Ranikhet, Sergeant Clover Provost Sergeant at Naini Tal, Sergeant Larkin at Kathgodam have already departed.

Social events have been very prolific and well patronized. The latest attraction, Ladies' Billiard Competitions, are a great success, and I hear applications have been received for the 1929 tournament for the Mess Billiard Cup to be played off, competitors to include Ladies.

Writing that reminds me, congratulations to C.Q.M.S. Clayton who has just won the Cup for 1928 (Exigences of the Service prevented it taking place earlier). He also won the Cue for the highest break.

Congratulations to C.S.M.I.M. Beasley the losing finalist, who ran him very close despite the handicap of a bad shoulder, the result of his recent accident.

K.W.P.



### Corporals' Club.

Like the cow's tail, we are all behind again and therefore have not time to pen very much.

However, we have had a fairly bright time. We have held a tennis singles handicap and must congratulate Cpl. Hodkin on getting "runner-up," he being a novice at the game.

Then we held a "Carolina" Tournament (this is a mixture of Billiards and Snooker) which was won by L/Cpl. Priestley, the runner-up being L/Cpl. Smith of "H.Q." Wing. All Jews are lucky.

We also had two teas on the Sports Ground, one during Battalion Sports and one during the competition against the Royal Irish Fusiliers. I am very much indebted to the Indoor Committee for all of these. They all worked well and must be congratulated on getting up some fine shows.

The Outdoor Committee have been "dormant" since our last issue and I hope they will "back up" in the near future.

This week some of our N.C.O.'s will go to the Hills and this, no doubt, will lessen the life in the Club. L/Cpls. Crouch, Ingram and Patterson will be leaving us shortly for the United Kingdom. We shall be very sorry to lose them, especially "cutlet." He, in particular, is always "full of Beans."

Before closing these notes it is worthy to note, L/Cpl. Cole won the "Wood" Cup for Shooting. Needless to say, "Oliver" won the Wooden 'Un and he firmly believes Badger had a finger in the pie.

The great Joe P. is still flourishing gaily and no event is complete without him. He is now better known as the "Commandant." Football or Hockey, a Flag, Sports, a Suit of Blues and a piece of paper, in any photograph, Shorts and what not, in the Club, one huge noise and bags of lap.

We welcome Cpl. Pitch to the Mess and hope he will "love" his new surroundings.

### Headquarter Wing.

R.S.M. H. Martin, M.B.E., has just left us for six months' leave in England. Rumour has it that he will obtain the rank of Lieut. and Quartermaster whilst he is there. We wish him every success and sincerely hope he will obtain this well-merited "step up the ladder." In the meantime, R.Q.M.S. E. Evans is ably carrying on the duties of R.S.M. which we hope will be permanent.

Lieut. G. L. B. Oliver has just returned from a three weeks' holiday in the Jungle, shooting. Unfortunately he did not have the same luck as last year, the biggest thing he and Lieut. Coates shot being one of their own water-buffaloes. Nevertheless, they had a very enjoyable time and came back looking very fit and pleased with life.

By the time these notes appear in print, several more of our men will have left us, en route for U.K. L/Cpl. Fearon, L/Cpl. Cribben, L/Cpl. Roberts, Pte. Girling and Dmr. Wylie go to join the 2nd Battalion on the Home Establishment, where we wish them every success. L/Cpl. Macdonnell and L/Cpl. Etheridge go home on Summer leave, lucky devils, and Pte. Reid is invalided home as a dysentery germ carrier. We hope the more equitable climate of England will soon bring about a speedy cure.

### TUG O' WAR.

Sgt. Meakin (Havildar) took in hand the training of our team (110 st. team) and right well he did it, as results will show. Ours was not a big team by any means, but all "stocky" chaps with plenty of pulling power in them. The chief credit is most certainly due to Sgt. Meakin for the way he trained them and his "coaching" was superior to anyone else's. It is sufficient to say that he is the "coach" to the Battalion team which goes to Agra to compete against the R. Irish Fusiliers. The Team played up well to him and were entirely confident of winning.

The team was as follows in their order on the rope: Ptes. Dixon, Lillywhite, Cpl. Godfrey, Ptes. Bentley, Spencer, G., Johnson, C., Kettell, Harland, King, L/c. Leadbeater (anchor).

Our first pull was against "A" Company. The first pull was quite a good one but superiority of coaching told. Each time our opponents pulled, our team checked and pulled immediately after. The calm way in which our coach stood and hardly moved seemed to completely disconcert the opposing coach, as it did several others. We won both pulls.

The next pull was against "B" Company who proved to be "easy meat" for our team, who walked away with it.

"C" Company put up a very good show against us but did not do as well as was expected of them. The second pull was quite exciting as, after a strenuous pull, both teams collapsed and the rope was not over the mark quite, but nearest our side. Luckily our No. 1 noticed it and pulled it over the line himself, Moore having hold of the rope.

"D" Company scratched to us, as it did not alter our position as first place. We went through the competition without losing a single pull. The Commanding Officer presented the Cup on conclusion of the pulling and Capt. Reid, M.C., our Coy. Commander, gave instructions for the time honoured custom of "filling the cup" to take place at his expense.

### Band Notes.

Just before I commence to write this short epistle, I should like to ask everybody to bear up and not have a nervous breakdown, owing to the appearance of some Band Notes this month, also to be excused any bad grammar as I am quite a novice at the job. During the past month we have had quite a lot of duties to perform. These included about six cricket matches and of course the Band had to entertain the Officers and "Savages." The Battalion then had a visit from the Royal Irish Fusiliers to compete in an athletic meeting for a Cup presented by the Battalion. Needless to say the Band

performed again. To wind things up the Battalion played the Fusiliers at football and beat them 3-0. Before the match commenced the Band formed up on the Football ground and played that heart-rending Overture "Little Brown Baby." I will now try to give you a brief account of our own sports.

Our first match was a Cricket match against the Signal Section, which we lost by 38 runs. This was only a danker match so we did not shame ourselves. W. Longman and Boy Ireland bowled very well; also Saunders gave a good account of himself in the field. Langdon, our wicket-keeper, made a mistake and caught one of the Sigs. out. Our next match was Second Eleven Hockey match against "A" Company. This was a carving-up parade. I am not sure, but I believe that about six of the players shortened by several inches. Grace Luscombe, our centre-forward was trying to cut out Dhian Chand, Langdon played centre-half in the first half of the game, but was not up to much so he went back in the second half and gave an exhibition of American Golf. Wilfred Bunter, our prize balloon, played a splendid game in goal and we have hopes of him playing for All India later on. Our third match was a game of football against the R.A. This was the Band First Eleven. I would like to mention that this was the finest game of football that I have seen the Band play. Slimey, our usual right-back, played inside-left and I have been informed that nine of the R.A. are now in hospital in a critical condition owing to this change in our team. Spud, our right-half, reckoned that the R.A. outside-left weighed fourteen ton? he meant fourteen stone. The whole team played very well. Our next match was Hockey, against the "M.T." Company. I did not witness this game so I don't know much about it.

### BAND 2ND XI. VERSUS NO. 3 GROUP.

This was a very good game. Butler and Boy Dixon played well. The next match was football, Band First Eleven versus No. 3 Group First Eleven. This was a very good game on both sides. Blair, our goalkeeper, played a rattling good game between the Sticks. Spud and Dr. Crippen also played well. Crippen, while in Blighty, must have been watching "Dixie Dean," but he has not quite got the idea.

Just before I close these notes I take great pleasure in announcing that the Board of Band Censors have kindly consented for the VENITE of the 10th day to be played in Church, in place of the one of the 25th day. Many members of the Band are wondering if they will be serving in the Army when the next Change takes place: these members also include some Boys.

### RESULT OF BAND SPORTS.

Band v. Signals.—Cricket. Lost by 38 runs.  
Band 2nd XI. v. "A" Company. Hockey. Lost, 1-0.  
Band 2nd XI. v. "D" Company. Football. Draw, 2-2.  
Band 1st XI. v. R.A.—Football. Won, 3-1.  
Band 1st XI. v. M.T. Company.—Hockey. Won, 2-1.  
Band 1st XI. v. No. 3 Group.—Football. Won, 2-1.  
Band 2nd XI. v. No. 3 Group. Football. Lost, 3-2.

HAVILDAR.

### "A" Company.

During the past month the Company have been kept very busy by, firstly, finding all regimental duties; secondly, by completing the various events in connection with the Harris Shield, and thirdly, supplying a majority of competitors for the Battalion teams that were matched against the Royal Irish Fusiliers in the recent inter-unit competition.

To describe the first item that occupied our time would be uninteresting, and so I shall go straight away on to the personal news and then attempt to make some kind of a narrative out of the sporting events.

I notice that "Drummy," the burra sahib, is getting warm with his descriptive accounts in the local press, so perhaps he will loan me some of his talent. (This, of course, would have to go on the 293).

Our proportion of the draft that joined us recently is very small indeed, but the smallness in no way lessens our welcome which we heartily extend to them all.

The "Quarter-Block" has left us for another seven months, by going on the Hill Depot Staff again and we have in his stead a stranger from the "Wing," to wit, Cpl. Stocken. For the benefit of people not conversant with this individual's personality, I might mention that his initials is "O," he wears "windows," and at times indulges in a million dollar smile.

We welcome back an old member of the company in the form of Sgt. Papworth and may the anticipated course at Pachmari be concluded with the elusive "D."

Our Company Commander contemplates having a leave shortly and I am sure it is the wish of the Company that the change will benefit the health of Mrs. Wilkins and furthermore, trust that an enjoyable time will be experienced by them both.

Sgt. Hadaway, an old associate, has left us at last, being transferred to the "Wing" where we trust he will continue to have the best of luck and prosperity.

Collective training for the company is close at hand, so for next month my attention will be concentrated on the area around Thria Wood and I shall have to particularly bear in mind that "lessons are to be learnt."

It is with sincere regret that I have to announce the death of Pte. W. Collard (Tiny) at Kasauli. Always hardworking, willing to oblige and a steady going soldier, he earned the respect of the whole company. To his relatives, we as fellow-comrades, extend the deepest sympathy.

The struggle for the Harris Shield supremacy of 1928-29 has finished and we find ourselves this year in the second position. All the individuals in the teams concerned are to be congratulated on their



splendid performance in giving the "Wing," which contains more men than any other company, a good run for their money. Briefly, the events that have been decided during the last month are as follows:—

**BOXING.**—We did not shine as a team, but individually, Allen did well by winning his weight. Cribben, in the Light-Heavies, reached the position of runner-up and Hope, a newcomer, put up a good show.

In the Tug-of-War we appeared to require a good coach and I am certain that our old trainer, Sgt. Larkin would have got the team in a higher position than third.

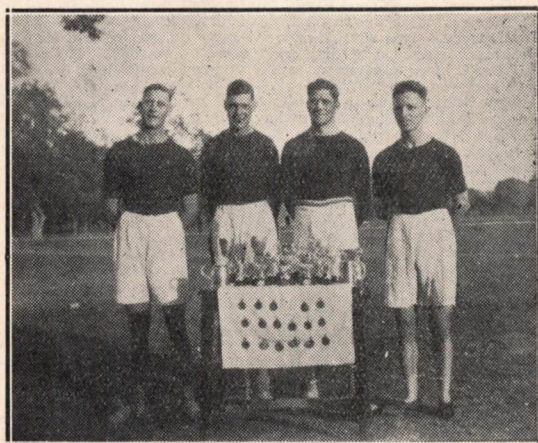
With a strong Cricket side we have made a name for ourselves by defeating "H.Q." Wing by 9 wickets, "C" Company by 3 wickets and the match against "D" Company was won without the loss of a wicket. We have yet to meet "B" Company and with good fortune the Cricket Shield is ours.

During the year the company have won the following trophies:—Cross-Country Running Cup, Bayonet Fencing Cup, The Walter Lockie Shield (Mr. Foster) and lastly, the Athletic Cup.

Trusting the Editor can make room, I am enclosing a snap which depicts four of our best men in the company (Hodkin, Parker, Gudgion and Crust) with some of their recent winnings at the annual push-pice competition.

Having an acting R.S.M. running the duty rolls, I thought I might be missed but giving credit where it is due, I must say that he knows his job because every two days I obliged on the jolly old

"QUARTER-GUARD."



"A" Company's best Runners.

### "B" Company.

The official *Dragon* Notes Correspondent having gone on six months' leave to the United Kingdom, the burden (not unpleasant, however), has fallen upon my shoulders to do the necessary until his return.

The Company was well represented at the Inter-Battalion Sports Meetings that were held between The Buffs and the Royal Irish Fusiliers who came from Agra. At Football we had:—Goal, Pte. L. Horne; Right Half, Pte. A. Morris; Left Half, 2/Lieutenant G. E. F. Oliver, Inside Left, Pte. Lawson; and Outside Left, L/Cpl. C. Ingram. In the Athletics we were represented by:—100 yards, 2/Lieutenant T. L. Hughes; 220 yards, 2/Lieutenant T. L. Hughes; 440 yards, L/Cpl. Taylor '91; 880, L/Cpl. Taylor, '91; Long Jump, Pte. F. Whitehead (Reserve); High Jump, Captain N. G. Wade, and in the Medley Race, 2/Lieutenant Hughes again ran the 220 yards. The Boxing Team went to Agra to perform, Pte. Rashbrook going as fly-weight and Pte. Denham as reserve. Pte. Rashbrook did not have to fight as his opponent could not enter the Ring.

Privates Bullimore, Spencer, Harmon and P. Taylor have gone to Ranikhet for employment as Garrison Police and L/Cpl. Taylor, '87 as Cook N.C.O.

2/Lieutenant A. G. Jelf has been posted to the Company and we all give him a hearty welcome.

We welcome to the Company—Ptes. Flemming, Fowler, Finnis, Hubbard, Lewis and Paramour, who arrived with the last draft. L/Sgt. Annan is posted to our Company, but was left behind in Karachi Hospital.

2/Lieutenant G. E. F. Oliver and Cpl. Pointer, accompanied by 24 other ranks, have proceeded to Ranikhet on Advance Party. The Company follows them in April.

We played "H.Q." Wing at Cricket in the Harris Shield and lost by 2 wickets and 1 run. This, of course, was due to the fact that most of the regular team were not playing.

We played "C" Company in our Second Cricket match and the result was a win for us by 112 runs. In this match we played the regular team including 2/Lieutenant A. G. Jelf, who has proved to be one of our best players. Our next opponents in the Harris Shield are "A" Company.

The game of Quoits is getting very popular in the Company, Pte. Garrard being one of our "star performers," but he lacks the style of our "Archie." It is a pity that this is not included in the Harris Shield as with the form that is being shown, we would stand a good chance of winning it.

W.W.G.

### 6 Platoon Notes.

During the last month many games of football have been played by the "dankers," including "Our Butch," who, I think, is getting ready for some professional team in civvie street where he will soon be going. No doubt his services will be in great demand.

Our Star Player, Pte. A. Morris, was selected to play for the Battalion Team *versus* The Royal Irish Fusiliers.

L/Cpl. Boseley with his cricket "team" has been knocking the leather round the barracks getting ready for the coming season.

W.H.A.

### "C" Company.

This month we have been living on Drill Books and Schemes. We started off with Platoon Training and the last few days were devoted to Company Training. Everyone seems to have enjoyed it. Sgt. Papworth came from "A" Company and took command of No. 11 Platoon for a short time. This being the social part of the year, the Officers are now and again hopping off on leave for a few days. This was so in respect of Lieut. C. G. Hill, No. 11 Platoon's Commander.

Cpl. Farrell has just returned from Roorkee where he attended a Field Works' Course. He is always talking of "tasks" now.

Four of the Regiment went to Meerut to take part in the All India Rifle Meeting. We had one representative from the Company, Pte. Elliott. He did very well and won a Rs. 30 prize. We congratulate him.

The N.C.O.'s of the Company are now attending a Weapon Training Cadre. Cpl. Mullen and Cpl. Robinson have been appointed to the W.T. Staff.

We congratulate L/Sgt. Eldridge on his promotion although we see very little of him in the Company.

We are publishing photographs of No. 10 Platoon who won the Cup presented for the best-turned-out Platoon in the Battalion and the Cup presented for Platoon Athletics. We trust that this will meet the eyes of Sgt. Crump, Ayliffe and Pte. Wead.

In the Harris Shield Boxing we repeated our performance of last year and were Runners-up to "H.Q." Wing. Our team was:—

Bantam Weight—Pte. Mills; Feather Weight—L/Cpl. Taylor and Pte. K. Cresswell; Light Weight—L/Cpl. Belcher and Pte. Cowley; Welter Weight—Pte. Goldsack and Pte. Ash; Middle Weight—Pte. Trebell; Light Heavy Weight—L/Cpl. Weekes; Heavy Weight—Pte. Bartlett. Pte. Mills got a bye in the first round and went straight into the final when he met Pte. Hamill and beat him on points. L/Cpl. Taylor met L/Cpl. Taylor of "B" Company in the first round Feathers and knocked him out in the first round. In the first round Light Weights, L/Cpl. Belcher met Pte. Stevenson of "D" Company and after a good fight, lost on points. Pte. Cowley met Pte. Cherry of "A" Company and won on points. In the first round Welters, Pte. Goldsack was drawn against Cpl. Martin, the Battalion Champion. He lost on points, but put up a very plucky fight and was congratulated by the Referee. Pte. Ash, our other Welter, knocked out Pte. Bell of "A" Company in the first round. Our other Feather—Pte. K. Cresswell—met L/Cpl. Langley. This was one of the best and pluckiest fights of the Tournament. In the second round both had a cut over the eye, but kept at it and Langley won on points. Pte. Trebell met the ultimate winner in the first round of the Middle Weights. He was scoring two points to his opponent's one and had a distinct advantage, but left himself open and was knocked out. Our Light-Heavy Weight was knocked out by L/Cpl. Cribben, a more experienced fighter. Pte. Bartlett was our entry in the Heavy Weight Class, although weighing only just over ten stone. His first fight was against Pte. Andrews of "H.Q." Wing and he won on points.

On the final night, L/Cpl. Taylor lost to Pte. Taylor of "H.Q." We congratulate him on his good show. Pte. Cowley, in the Lights, was beaten by the Battalion Champion, Pte. Denham, on points. Pte. Ash was beaten on points by Harland after a "rough house." Pte. Bartlett defeated Cpl. Warren in the final of the Heavies. Ptes. Mills and Bartlett have both received their colours and represented the Battalion against the Royal Irish Fusiliers at Agra. Pte. Bartlett won, whilst Pte. Mills lost on points.

We were runners-up to "H.Q." Wing in the Inter-Company Tug-of-War for the Harris Shield. We defeated "B" and "D" in two pulls, and "A" by two pulls to one, but lost to "H.Q." by two pulls to one. The team did very well and much credit is due to Cpl. Robinson who trained and coached them. The team was:—Sgt. Daisley, L/Cpl. Fuller, Ptes. King, Bishop, Tugwell, J. Sparks, K. Cresswell, Mansfield, Goldsack and Davies.

In the Athletic Meeting between The Buffs and The Irish Fusiliers, we had several representatives from the Company, to wit:—L/Cpl. Hover and Pte. Bartlett in the 100 yards and the 220 yards; Pte. Bartlett in the Long Jump and Lieut. H. de L. Walters in the One Mile, 440 and 880 yards. Incidentally, we won the 100, 220 and the Long Jump.





Kinsey Bros, Bareilly.

"C" Company's Team,

We have finished Harris Shield Cricket. Our first game was against "A" Company which they won by four wickets. Out of their 128 Lieut. Foster made 106. The actual scores were :-

"C" COMPANY v. "A" COMPANY.

<i>"C" Company.</i>		<i>"A" Company</i>	
Lt.C.G.Hill, st Foster, b Curtis ..	68	Capt. Wilkins, lw, b Ash.....	5
Pte. Elliott, lbw, b Wilkins .....	2	Pte. Curtis, b Ash.....	5
Cpl. Glazier, b Curtis.....	2	Lt. Foster, not out.....	106
C.S.M. Williams, c Wilson, b		L/c. Wilson, c Cox, b Ash.....	0
Wilkins.....	15	Pte. Crust, lbw, b Glazier.....	0
L/c. Lailey, st Foster, b Wilkins .	3	L/c. Parker lbw., b Glazier.....	0
Capt. Webster, c Cole, b Wilkins	7	Pte. Ansell, b Glazier.....	2
Cpl. Farrell, st Foster, b Wilkins .	5	L/c. Beauchamp, not out.....	1
Pte. Ash, not out.....	9	L/c. Cole	
L/c. Hover, not out.....	0	Pte. Fox } did not bat.	
L/c. Warren, c Ansell, b Curtis	1	Pte. Barnes }	
Cpl. Cox, c Parker, b Curtis.....	4	Extras.....	9
Extras.....	7		
Total.....	123	Total.....	128

Our next match, on the 14th of March, was against "D" Company which we won by 65 runs. The scores were :-

"C" COMPANY v. "D" COMPANY.

<i>"C" Company.</i>		<i>"D" Company.</i>	
Lieut. Hill, run out.....	19	Pte. King, c & b Glazier.....	4
Pte. Elliott, b King.....	22	Pte. Bailey, st Williams, b Glazier	13
C.S.M. Williams, c Heath, b		L/c. Stocker, c Elliot, b Ash.....	6
Newbury.....	28	Sgt. Perry, b Glazier.....	14
Pte. Ash, b Perry.....	2	Pte. Ashmore, c Williams, b Glazier	0
Cpl. Glazier, c Ashmore, b		Pte. Butler, c Eliot, b Glazier....	53
Stocker.....	39	Pte. Davey, c Farrell, b Ash....	2
Capt. Webster, c King, b O'Neil	1	Pte. O'Neil, c Ash, b Jordan.....	10
L/c. Lailey, b O'Neil.....	11	Pte. Batstone, b Glazier.....	10
Cpl. Farrell, b O'Neil.....	0	Pte. Newbury, c Williams, b	
Pte. Jordan, not out.....	17	Glazier.....	0
L/c. Warren, c Stocker, b Ashmore	3	Pte. Heath, not out.....	2
Pte. Pellett, b Ashmore.....	0	Extras.....	11
Extras.....	38		
Total.....	180	Total.....	115

Our next match was against "H.O." Wing. The scores were :-

<i>"C" Company.</i>		<i>"H.O." Wing.</i>	
Lieut. Hill, lbw, b Truby.....	8	Pte. Hammond, b Ash.....	9
Pte. Elliot, b Hammond.....	11	Pte. Smith, b Ash.....	29
C.S.M. Williams, c Smith, b		Sgt. Truby, b Ash.....	32
Hammond.....	0	L/c. Read, b Ash.....	8
Cpl. Glazier, c Barden b Truby	5	Lieut. Dewar, c Warren, b	
L/c. Hover, b Hammond.....	1	Glazier.....	22
Pte. Jordan, c Saunders, b		Pte. Barden, st. Williams, b	
Truby.....	12	Ash.....	0

Capt. Webster, not out.....	13	Pte. Kendall, c Lailey, b Glazier	9
Pte. Ash, c and b Truby.....	4	L/c. Bench, run out.....	2
L/c. Lailey, b Hammond.....	0	Pte. Boorman, c Hill, b Glazier	0
Cpl. Farrell, b Hammond.....	0	Pte. Deveson, not out.....	4
L/c. Warren, b Hammond.....	0	Pte. Saunders, b Glazier.....	0
Extras.....	2	Extras.....	7
Total.....	56	Total.....	124

Our last match was with "B" Company. The scores were :-

<i>"C" Company.</i>		<i>"B" Company.</i>	
Lieut. Hill, b Jeff.....	4	Major Hamilton, c Webster, b	
Pte. Elliot, b Jeff.....	8	Glazier.....	7
C.S.M. Williams, c Hamilton, b		Pte. Moore, b Glazier.....	6
Stiff.....	10	Lieut. Jeff, c Glazier, b Ash.....	28
Cpl. Glazier, c Davis, b Jeff.....	9	Lieut. Hughes, c Glazier, b	
Pte. Ash, c Lawson, b Stiff.....	0	Elliot.....	56
Pte. Jordan, b Stiff.....	22	Pte. Hobbs, b Glazier.....	6
Capt. Webster, b Jeff.....	0	Capt. Hammond-Davis, b Elliot	14
L/c. Hover, b Jeff.....	0	Pte. Morris, b Glazier.....	24
L/c. Warren, b Stiff.....	7	L/c. Boseley, b Glazier.....	2
Cpl. Farrell, b Jeff.....	4	Pte. Scott, not out.....	16
Pte. Pellett, not out.....	6	Pte. Lawson, c Glazier, b Ash	21
Extras.....	4	Pte. Stiff, st Williams, b Glazier	3
		Extras.....	6
Total.....	74	Total.....	191

STRATEGY OF "SWIFTLY" AND "SELMIM."

In this old Regiment there are two well-known characters whose "nom-de-plumes" are "Swiftly" and "Selim." The first-named being renowned for always being a bit too late for anything appertaining to work and the latter for his ingenious methods of dodging it. These two were also noted for their strategical tactics in evading the enemy, all the "chah wallahs," etc.

Well, one pay-day the enemy gained a distinct advantage and cornered them in the room. After a desperate brain struggle, "Swiftly" thought of a way by which he could out-manoeuver the enemy.

He addressed the Commanding Officer (Supper Wallah) and explained to him that he was running in the Battalion Sports and was sure to win at least Rs. 20. The C.O. did not believe him, so in order to prove to him that he could run, he said he would run against "Selim" in front of them all. This being a good proof, it was decided on, 220 yards being the course. Now this is where "Swiftly's" manoeuvre came in. Instead of stopping at the 220 yards finishing point, they kept running until the enemy saw no more of them.

Key for the uninitiated.—Swiftly: Pte. Bartlett; Selim, Pte. Miles.

MISINTERPRETATION OF REGIMENTAL DETAIL.

R.S.M.: "For to-day's trial match white vests will be worn." Misinterpreted as: "White and Vasey will be warned." Result:—White and Vasey were duly warned.



## HEARD ON EDUCATION PARADE.

*Instructor* : " The man who tells me the date of the battle of Albuhera can fall out."

*Would-be-Historian* : " 16th May, 1908, Corporal."

*Instructor* : " Correct—Fall out."

Q.E.D.

## H.M.S. Don.

In concluding our last month's effort, we expressed the hope that something would happen to come to the assistance of a scribe. Unfortunately this hope has not materialized to the desired effect, but we have a few things of interest and will endeavour to do our best with these items, hoping to have more at our disposal next month.

In dealing with item one, we extend a hearty welcome to the Draft who we understand are posted to us *pro tem* as prospective Gunners. As records prove them to be first class Tripod Carriers we announce them as certain " Shipmates." Their arrival was signalled with an amusing incident, *i.e.*, a certain witty youth paroled the verandah wearing cardigan and overcoat. The merriment is derived from the fact that the thermometer read 80 degrees and a bit in the shade. Although they has the misfortune to be placed under isolation immediately after arrival (Scarlet Mumps, we believe) we trust they will soon settle down and get used to the " Old Ship." The following were posted to us :—Ptes. Bersey, Cooksley, Cornish, Flanagan, Flowerdew, Glead, Goodwin, Knott, Penfold, Port, Pullman, Reader, Rush, Relf, Stephens, Sands, Tong, Tyson, Twyman, Venes, Vanson, Whitaker.

## EXCITEMENT IN THE MESS ROOM.

Two events worth recording have taken place in this " Watch," No. 1 being the whole Staff were Budly-ed and some " Old Sweats " put on.

No. 2 was caused by the Messing Officer and took the form of Trays of Fried Eggs. To the Squattie, this needs no explaining, but perhaps I had better add the following three points to enlighten Civilian Readers :—

(a) The " Hen Fruits " are dished up in batches of Approx. 40 and resemble a Landscape Target or Painting. (z) There's no " Bad Uns " in fried product and (c) Gas Marks not being part and parcel of a Tommy's Kit in India, a special permit for one to be issued to the cooks on Egg Days has to be obtained. " Nuff said."

## INTRODUCTION TO A NEW SPORT.

A Catapult Shooting Club has recently been formed in the Company under the management of Professor Shavo. The first meeting took place in the Ward Room, the Manager and the Pach-Mari expert, who by the way, informs us, great skill is required to obtain accuracy. The shots, Ekips and Phyllis, were it is understood, highly amused until the latter, glancing up, caught an over-ripe oval object abruptly. We hope, however, to hear more concerning the activities of this enterprising Club in the near future.

Congratulations to Ekips on being awarded his first staff job and to our Skipper and his Second-in-Command on their success in the revolver shoot, which upheld the traditions of the " Ship." We also would like to take this opportunity of congratulating the " Harbour Master " on his success at Meerut. To bag the All India Championship Shooting Cup and then learn tips on how to shoot, is truly a record to be proud of. We apologise for being unable to turn out the Band to welcome him back owing to his unexpected arrival. We hope he will take the thought for the deed.

Congratulations are also due to Lieut. N. E. Hoare on his successful bag of Staff Jobs.

We cannot congratulate Pte. Marsh too much on his excellent running against the Royal Irish Fusiliers, especially his show of pluck in the last one.

Also to those of our hands who were selected to represent and were awarded their Battalion Colours in the recent Inter-Regimental Sports Meeting.

To our Boxers, particularly Pte. Smissons, who gained Best Loser's Cup, we must also tender hearty congratulations.

Owing to so many Hands being split up to represent every branch of employment, both Garrison and Regimental, also the Young Classes being found, we conclude these notes, apologising for their poor quality, but after all we are only a couple of unaided

PER-YPRES.

## Sports Notes.

The programme this month has indeed been disappointing for we have suffered defeat in both of the Harris Shield Sports. In the Tug-of-War, after having chosen a team of Cert. Starters, we got heavily defeated, losing all our Pulls. In the face of this, however, we still maintain that, given training, the same team would prove winners.

In cricket the same thing happened and at the risk of being accused of repeating, we say the fault was exactly the same. It must of course be understood that we in no way blame our men; they gave of their best, but the same thing happened to them as would a good Rowing Crew if the Stroke broke his oar at halfway house. No other explanation is required, we dare to presume.

## TUG O' WAR.

"D" Company pulled 3, lost 3, scratched 1. Points towards Harris Shield, 1. The Company was represented by Woollard, Warren, Hogben, Pryer, Stevens, Taylor, Bailey, Clifton, Redman and J. Humphrey. Coach, C.S.M. Mould.

## CRICKET.

Lost to "A" by 5 wickets, "B" 13 runs and "C" 68 runs.

The following represented the Ship :—Capt. Peareth, Lieut. N. E. Hoare, Sgt. Perry, L/Cpls. Stocker, Ashmore, Ptes. Bailey, King, Purkiss, Davey, O'Neill, Batstone, in all Games. Ptes. Butler and Newbury took the places of the Officers in the last Game.

To put Finis to our H.S. Programme, we learn that we are bottom in the Annual Shooting.

Considering the talent held in the Company this is really a deplorable state of affairs and we earnestly hope strong action will be taken before next season. The only thing that is really lacking is good training and this should be taken in hand at once. We are convinced that there are several good men in the Company who could attend to this.

## BATTALION BOXING COMPETITION.

*The Ship's Team.*—Cpl. Warren, L/Cpl. Campbell, Ptes. Stevenson, Bailey, Smissons and J. Humphrey.

**HEAVY WEIGHTS.—Finals :—**Warren *v.* Bartlett, "C."

Warren fighting against a man of big reputation, put up a splendid show and all but pulled it off. In fact, so fast was the bout and good the boxing that the verdict was in doubt the whole time. Bartlett gained this with a narrow margin of points.

**MIDDLE WEIGHTS.—Semi-Finals :—**Bailey *v.* Bentley, "H.Q."

Bailey got K.O. in the first round. In the opening stages he did well, holding his man who is a typical fighter of the old school, but later did the wrong thing in mixing it.

**FEATHER WEIGHTS.—First Series :—**Campbell *v.* Taylor, "H.Q."

Taylor is another big reputation man, a fact which seemed to shake Campbell off his stride quite unnecessarily for he put up quite a good show, his fault being too much defence work. Taylor won on points.

**WELTER WEIGHT.—First Series :—**J. Humphrey *v.* Harland, "H.Q."

Harland rushed his man the whole time in an endeavour to land a K.O., but Humphrey boxed him and held him off, but just before the final gong, went to the boards. Here he did wrong, for in thinking the referee was speaking to him instead of Harland, stayed down and was consequently counted out. A pity, for we venture to think he was winning on points up to this stage.

**LIGHT WEIGHTS.—First Series :—**Stevenson *v.* Belcher, "C."

A fast and excellent bout, both boxers packing a hard punch. Stevenson, who showed the better style, throughout, gained a hard-earned verdict on points.

**LIGHT WEIGHTS.—Second Series :—**Stevenson *v.* Cherry, "H.Q."

Stevenson won on points. Both these boxers had already fought once during the previous rounds and were obviously tired.

**LIGHT WEIGHTS.—Second Series :—**Smissons *v.* Green, "B."

Smissons busted into his man from the opening round to the final gong and by not giving him a chance to settle, gained the verdict on points. It was really a well-thought-out plan of Smisson's.

**LIGHT WEIGHT.—Semi-Finals :—**Smissons *v.* Stevenson, "D."

Stevenson was obviously the better boxer and the harder hitter, but although Smissons took a whole load of punishment and went to the boards several times in succession, he put up a very spirited opposition and showed true pluck and grit. At the conclusion of the bout he was congratulated by the Referee and, as previously mentioned, awarded best loser's prize.

**LIGHT WEIGHT.—Final :—**Stevenson *v.* Denham, "B."

Both were good boxers and an excellent bout in which Denham gained the verdict on points resulted. Stevenson had already fought before and under the circumstances put up a very good show.

## THE SUBLIME AND THE RIDICULOUS.

A recruiting Sergeant once said to me :— Ran-Gonga Banks are bonny  
" In which Regiment do you wish to be ?" And very slimy too.  
I answered him as I signed on the line :— "Twas there a Buff (un  
" Give me the best, and the best every mentioned),  
" time." Fell in—'tis very true.  
The grey-headed veteran just heaved a sigh, And ireful was his eye,  
So that is where your ambitions all lie, And mournful was his cry,  
Although the Buffs will fulfil your request, For its on a feather mattress  
Much better to Give not Want of the best. I would lay me down and die.

His neck like Cherry Blossom,  
His face as black as mud,  
And the words ejaculated,  
Would turn—bad men good.  
And fearful looks he shot,  
And glowering was his eye,  
It truly was a wonder,  
The Ram-Gonga didn't run dry.



## The 2nd Battalion.



IT was with great satisfaction that all ranks of the Battalion heard that that famous old Buff, Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, had been appointed to the Colonelcy of the Regiment to fill the vacancy caused by the death last December of the late General Sir Arthur Paget (of glorious memory). We are sure that no honour has been better deserved, nor more fittingly bestowed, for General Lynden-Bell's un-

tiring work for the Regiment and for the 2nd Battalion in particular, is so well-known and appreciated by all ranks that it is unnecessary to make an eulogy in these columns.

Our new Colonel is to visit us on May 22nd: we need only say that a real Buff welcome awaits him.

Since writing our last notes we have to record a severe attack of "veneralitis," or spring fever, a complaint that always breaks out in Aldershot at this time of the year. The symptoms include excessive activity in all directions, a desire to discard parts of one's clothing prematurely and a mania for re-decorating everyone and everything within sight.

The remedy prescribed is to run up and down or round a field for distances up to 3 miles until all desire to move about is extinct.

This is proving very efficacious in some companies though in others it appears only to aggravate the malady. Thus, training for athletics has started in earnest, and by the time that these notes appear there will only be one week before Albuhera Day, when some companies will no doubt be holding sports meetings to choose their teams for the Regimental Sports. These take place on May 30th and 31st, the first day being allotted to the individual events and the second to relay and team events. This system was tried out for the first time last year and was more satisfactory than the old one, for the all-round athlete is now limited as to the number of prizes he can win and the events he can enter for, while greater importance is given to the teamwork of companies.

At the time of writing, other sport is at a standstill as all football, regimental or inter-company, is over and there is only the final of

the inter-company hockey to play off. Cricket is to begin soon and the water-polo season has opened already.

The Buffs Golfing Society held a very successful meeting at Aldershot on April 11th, 12th and 13th. There is a full description elsewhere in this issue, but we cannot let the occasion pass without remarking on the fine victory of our team over the King's Royal Rifle Corps, who are considered a formidable side, and the very exciting finish of the Match with the Aldershot Command, when, having been one down in the morning on the singles, we ended up all square.

We were very pleased to see Capt. Goodall, Capt. Lamarque and Mr. Findlay, who came down to play: we hope they will come again next year and persuade others to do likewise.

A surprise visit was paid to us the other day by our late commanding officer, Lieut.-Colonel Lucas, and Mrs. Lucas. It was a pity that they could not have stayed longer for several of the Officers missed seeing them.

Major Field, whom we have not seen for some time, also came over from Canterbury and gave us cheerful news of the Depot.

Our congratulations go to Lieut. Lister on his temporary appointment to the rank of Captain, whilst serving in Africa.

Bt. Major Morgan has left us for a tour of duty at the Small Arms School (Netheravon Wing) whence Lieut. Parry (to whom we offer our belated congratulations on his promotion) has returned from a qualifying course. Capt. Keble has just completed a refresher course at Hythe, while 2/Lieut. Williams is shortly going to Catterick.

We welcome 2/Lieut. Sherston (Supplementary reserve) who has been attached to the Battalion for a month.

### B.A.D.S.

The Society wish to express their gratitude to "B" Company for having got up two excellent smoking concerts during the past month, for the purpose of finding new talent.

The standard was of a very high order, considering the impromptu nature of the concerts and consequently the Society received applications for membership from three new aspirants, namely:—

Pte. Squires, whose voice shows considerable promise;



Pte. Macnamara, who has some good patter and dexterity on a mouth organ ;

Pte. Hodgson, who will make a good comedian.

All of these will be great acquisitions and, once again we tender our thanks to "B" Company for their enterprise. Several members also gave turns to help the concerts, amongst whom were C.Q.M.S. Smith, who gave some old favourites and L/Cpl. Bowyer, who gave that now famous song, "Sonny Boy," its debut on the Buffs' Stage.

We ask the other companies to emulate "B" Company and produce us some more hidden talent as soon as they can.

#### Cross Country Notes.

By far the most important event under this heading during the past month, was the Army Cross Country Championship at Tidworth, on the 20th March.

This was the second year in succession that the Battalion have been represented at the Championship. On each occasion, we have not actually gained our place in the Command run ; finishing fourth instead of in the first three places ; our claim to be allowed to compete in the Army Championships has been accepted on both occasions. We again feel we have justified our inclusion by finishing fifth in the Army. By obtaining this position, the team beat the winners of all other Commands, etc., with the exception of the "Southern" and now famous "Aldershot" Commands. The Aldershot Command have set up a really good record by having its four teams in the first five of the Army. The other team being 3rd Divisional Signals, who finished third in the Army. As this team includes the famous Sgt. Cotterell, International, Southern, Army and Inter-County champion, also L/Cpl. Broadly, 2nd in Southern and Army, it is no wonder they have a good team.

Before commenting on our team, I should like to state a few facts about cross-country running in the Army to-day. I have often mentioned of the high standard of running in the Army at the present. In the Southern Counties Championship this year, we find that the 1st, 2nd, 5th, 8th and 9th men are all serving men. That three Army teams finished in the first six places ; Aldershot Command 2nd, one point only behind the winners, 3rd Divisional Signals fourth, 2nd D.C.L.I. sixth. Since then Aldershot Command have set up a new record for the preliminary run for the London to Brighton relay. Pte. Walton of this Battalion, was a worthy member of this team, whilst Pte. Divers was a reserve man. Ptes. Divers and Walters were also members of the team in the Southern Counties Championship. A feature of the Army run this year was the small number of individual runners as compared with last year. This means that nearly all the class runners were members of a team, therefore the team standard was very high. We find L/Cpl. Hubbard of the 2nd Norfolk Regt. 3rd, Bdm. Folkes, East York Regt. eleventh, the only individuals to occupy a low position. Whereas last year we had Cpl. Sutherland and L/Cpl. Broadly, Pte. Bendell, Wakefield, Cpl. Webb, Sgt. Cotterell occupying the first six places in the Army as individuals.

On this I should point out that the D.C.L.I. have now had the experience of winning the Army Championships on five occasions, a remarkable performance. This means that their team is packed with experience gained over many years. Next we find the 2nd Battalion North Staffords running them a very close

second ; this has been the case on many occasions now. This puts the first two teams almost on a level. Coming to third place we find the 2nd Divisional Signals have moved up from their fourth position of last year. This has been arrived at by the transfer of Sgt. Cotterell and L/Cpl. Broadly from Catterick since last year. Now any team finishing fourth in the Army one year, and having the addition of two great runners as these, should do really well. At fourth place we find our old opponents 2nd Battalion the Tank Corps, truly a great combination. In the Command run they beat us by 339 points, in the Army our men closed this gap to 177 points. The Tanks have about the best six men in the Army to-day, as a team of six they would win any Army run. A departmental corps have better material available to train, also facilities for transfer appear to be easily arranged. Having read over the foregoing remarks, perhaps readers will now be inclined to accept our fifth position as a really good performance on the part of our men. Actually as a place this does not show any improvement over last year ; but I hope it will be seen that the value of fifth place is higher than last year. Perhaps, to many, a fifth place in the Army Cross Country Championships is not great. To me it represents six months of real hard training, days after days we have gone out into the country to run over our 3, 4, 5, 6 miles and back again to work, always something turning up to prevent all members of the team training together. On other occasion, others have been kept late on duty, whereby the whole team have been late starting. Sickness at times has claimed a good deal of our attention. In fact for the Army Run, Pte. Frost was far from fit. 2/Lieut. R. F. Parry, Ptes. Stevens and Frankham were unable to run at all.

After all, what is there in cross-country running except hard work. There is not time to argue with one another, as is often in the case of Football, Hockey, etc. One needs all their strength and breath to keep them going, the result being ; a sociable sport. One is always inclined to pity a hard struggling opponent rather than condemn him.

Should any have other views as to whether it is hard work, will they accompany the team next year in all its training runs, etc.

Our men are gaining fast the experience necessary for championship runs. Although we still have what might be termed a young team. Ptes. Walton and Divers have gained some valuable experience this season. In Pooley, Rowe, Hurley, Frost, Burgess, L/Cpl. Norris, Bone, Lewis, Bell, Frankham, Collins we have good material for several years to come. We hope to get the services of Cpl. Trinkwon next year, as his tour of duty at the Depot will be nearly completed. This should help us.

During the next six months we shall be watching for any likely new material. Cpl. Handscomb will no doubt leave us this year. His place will need a great deal of replacing.

In finishing 8th (9th including individuals) Pte. Walton gained his Army Badge. Walton has come up to my early expectations, although at one time I thought this would not be so. Perhaps we can thank the Command for claiming his services over the Battalion Football Committee. I still say Walton is a cross-country runner. Seldom have the Battalion occupied such a good position. Walton is suited for a real good stiff course. The harder the going the better the position. In finishing 32nd Pte. Hurley has shown us a glimpse of what is to come when he gets a little older and stronger. For after covering 6½ miles of the stiff Army course, Hurley was inside the first twenty, it was only over the last lap he fell back. Well done. At 38th we find our old "cert" Pte. Divers much about the same place as last year. Second or third place in the team will always find Divers ; what more can a trainer want. 47th in the Army we find Pte. Rowe, a young soldier in his





*Cpl. Drake ; Pte. Walton ; Sgt. Payne ; Dr. Gosling ; Pte. Jarrett ; (Gale & Polden).  
 L/Cpl. Cunningham ; L/Cpl. Goatley ; 2nd Lieut. Williams L/Cpl. Marsden ; L/Cpl. Robbins ;  
 L/Cpl. Bowyer ; Cpl. Vincy.*



first year, should he need any further encouragement to continue next year? A couple more "Rowes" and "Hurleys" from the Depot would do it next year. Pte. Burgess ran very well indeed to finish 58th. I should say the course was not suitable to Burgess, over a lighter course he would certainly have been further up. L/Cpl. Norris finished at 67th, this was his first attempt in the Army. He is a very strong runner, but not over fast. Will yet do better. Drm. Pooley 77th, was perhaps not quite such a good place as last year's, there is heaps of time to improve. Anyway, 77th in the Army is a real good position. Cpl. Handscomb, 79th occupies his normal position in the team, I understand he leaves us this year. I hope the remainder will live up to his example when he is gone. Pte. Lewis, 83rd was not nearly so good as last year, knee trouble has been the cause here, if this should right itself before next year, then we shall see a better Lewis. Pte. Bell, 90th, Pte. Toms 97th, Pte. Matthews 111th, were all brought into the team owing to illness, and ran very well to occupy the position. Pte. Frost was 112th, this is really one of our best performers of the season, except for the Command and Army runs when he had not recovered from the "flu." Had Frost been fit, a good many points would have been off our total. Perhaps he will make amends next year. Pte. Marsh 117th and Pte. Bone 118th, the other two spare men ran quite well, both will yet do better.

#### TEAM PLACINGS.

1st.	2nd Battalion The D.C.L.I.	...	322	points
2nd.	2nd Battalion North Staffs.	...	439	"
3rd.	3rd Divisional Signals	...	526	"
4th.	2nd Battalion The Tank Corps	...	610	"
5th.	2nd Battalion The Buffs	...	787	"
6th.	2nd Battalion The Cheshire Regt.	...	848	"
7th.	2nd Battalion Worcester Regt.	...	921	"
8th.	2nd Camerons	...	975	"
9th.	2nd Beds. and Herts. Regt.	...	1130	"
10th.	3rd Battalion Royal Tank Corps	...	1167	"
11th.	Guards' Depot	...	1771	"
12th.	2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards	...	—	"

I should like to state that many other members of the Battalion trained hard all during the season as reserve men; without these a team could not get on. It is essential that a reserve man should be as good as the man whose place he may have to fill.

On the 26th March, the Battalion fourth and final run for points was held. The run took place over our usual Battalion course of about four miles. There was an attendance of 275 for this run.

All except about 30 finished within ten minutes of the first man. It will be noticed that there is little difference in the position of companies on this run. If all companies would get down to it earlier in the season, there would not be much between companies. It should be noted that "B" Company only lost 3rd place by a narrow margin on this run. I am sure they could have done better earlier in the season.

#### RESULT OF RUN.

1st, Pte. Walton, "13" Coy.; 2nd, Pte. Hurley, "C" Coy.; 3rd, Pte. Divers, "13" Coy.; 4th, Pte. Matthews, "C" Coy.; 5th, Pte. Rowe, "B" Coy.; 6th, L/Cpl. Norris, "A" Coy.; 7th, Pte. Frost, "C" Coy.; 8th, Pte. Lewis, "C" Coy.; 9th, Drm. Pooley, "14" Coy.; 10th, Pte. Marsh, "C" Coy.; 11th, Pte. Bone, "13" Coy.; 12th, Pte. Bell, "M.G." Coy.

#### RESULT BY COMPANIES.

1st.	"C" Company with 65.8%	of possible points.
2nd.	"13" "	63% do.
3rd.	"M.G." "	48.99% do.
4th.	"B" "	48.2% do.
5th.	"24" "	47.5% do.
6th.	"A" "	43.3% do.

#### FINAL POSITION FOUR RUNS DURING SEASON.

1st.	"C" Company with 65.67%	of possible points.
2nd.	"13" "	56% do.
3rd.	"M.G." "	49.32% do.
4th.	"24" "	45.12% do.
5th.	"A" "	43.1% do.
6th.	"B" "	35.52% do.

#### FINAL POSITION FOR POINTS TOWARDS ATHLETIC SHIELD.

	Inter-Company run 29-1-29.	Series of runs.	Points to Shield.
1st.	"C" Coy. ...	6	6
2nd.	"13" Coy. ...	4	5
3rd.	"M.G." Coy. ...	3	4
4th.	"A" Coy. ...	5	2
5th.	"24" Coy. ...	1	3
6th.	"B" Coy. ...	2	1

So ends the Cross-Country Season, 1928-29. A.V.O.

#### Football.

1st Coldstream Gds.	20	17	1	2	130	34	35
2nd E. York R.	20	13	4	3	68	28	30
1st King's Own R.	20	10	3	7	69	60	23
2nd The Buffs	20	9	4	7	53	51	22
Royal Engineers	20	9	4	7	62	61	22
2nd D.C.L.I....	20	9	3	8	69	50	21
R.A.S.C. Ser. Coys.	20	7	5	8	55	59	19
1st H.L.I. ...	20	7	2	11	66	59	16
3rd Grenadier G'ds.	20	7	1	12	42	87	15
2nd Norfolk R.	20	4	3	13	40	85	11
1st Irish G'ds.	20	2	2	16	28	96	6

#### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL (1ST ELEVEN).

Short resumé of 1928-29 season.

Above is shown the final position of the Battalion in the A.C. Senior League; the Battalion occupying fourth place.

Had it been possible at all time to place a full team in the field, higher honour would have been earned. It would be well perhaps, to show how we fared with each team in the league.

Coldstream Guards.—We lost both matches.

E. Yorks Regt.—We drew at home and won away.

King's Own Rgt.—We drew at home and won away.

R. E. Aldershot.—We won at home and lost away.

2nd D.C.L.I.—We won at home and drew away.

R.A.S.C.—We lost both matches.

1st H.L.I.—We won both matches.

Grenadier Regt.—We won away and lost at home.

2nd Norfolk Rgt.—We won both matches.

Irish Guards.—We won at home and drew away.

As can be seen, more matches were won than were lost, but more matches ought to have been won.

#### 2ND ELEVEN.

The second eleven have not yet completed the league programme, but at present occupy a place about mid-way in the league.

They have done extraordinarily well considering they have so often been called upon to provide players for the senior team.

Had they been able to put their proper team in the field, they probably would have won the league.

#### OFFICERS v. SERGEANTS.

After an unaccountable lapse of several seasons, this historic event has been revived again this year, and, judging by the enthusiasm which it evoked, both from players and spectators, this match is likely to rank beside the tug-of-war and the cricket in popularity.

At Aldershot on the 25th inst., I was acting as *Dragon* reporter in search of news, when I saw.....

..... no, I must curb my military diction. It was 4.30 on a lovely spring afternoon, (that's better) rain threatens; ominous clouds appear on a bearing of 45 degrees; seeing a match about to begin they pass on.

It is now 4.40, and for ten minutes the opposing teams have had time to size each other up, and make their final dispositions, which are given below.



2nd Battalion Rugby Team.



*Top.—Pte. Milne, Pte. Young, L/Cpl. Crane, Bdm. Rawlings, Cpl. Crane, L/Cpl. George, Pte. Bates.  
2nd Lt. Reeves, 2nd Lt. R. F. Parry, Lt. Haggard, Lt. Nicholson, Lt. Turner, Lt. F. W. B. Parry, 2nd Lt. Kenward,  
Lt. Knocker, Lt. Bruce. (Gale & Polden).*



OFFICERS.—Goalkeeper; 2/Lieut. H. P. Williams: Backs; Lieut. P. Dare, 2/Lieut. Sherston: Half-Backs; 2/Lieut. C. R. Tuff, 2/Lieut. R. F. Parry, Captain Foster-Hall: Forwards; Major Morgan, Lieut.-Col. Crookenden, 2/Lieut. C. T. Kenward, Lieut. J. E. King, 2/Lieut. N. R. Reeves.

SERGEANTS.—Goalkeeper; R.S.M. Vaughan: Backs; Drm.-Major O'Dell, C.Q.M.S. Smith (c): Half-Backs; 1/Sgt. Saunders, C.Q.M.S. Coaster, 1/Sgt. Wade: Forwards; C.S.M. MacWatter, Q.M.S. Barirke, O.R.Q.M.S. Ricketts, C.Q.M.S. Smith (A), Sgt. Page. From this point on, your reporter must plead guilty to a charge of letting his enthusiasm run away with his sense of duty, and consequently these abridged remarks on the game had to be written up when all was over.

The Officers opened the game with two good rushes down the field and at a third attempt Reeves centred from the left, and King intercepted and shot. This particular combination was to be the feature of the match, as will be seen.

The ball now began to spend most of its time in the air, and the fine "howitzer" work of the backs was answered by sustained "heading" from halves and forwards. However, it was eventually brought to earth, and Lieut.-Col. Crookenden managed to keep it down until Reeves arrived to take it over, and after a solo run up the left wing, shot into the corner of the net to the dismay of its guardian.

The Sergeants were now roused, and immediately countered with a forward rush, and C.Q.M.S. Smith (A), scored the only goal for the Sergeants. The Reeves—King combination now got into deadly form, and scored again before the interval, the score then being 4—1 to the Officers.

At half-time, Lieut. Bruce, as linesman, appeared on the field in a gaudy "tarbrush," carrying a large tea-bucket and cup. Both sides felt a warm anticipatory glow steal over them, the "X.X.P.S." experts looking perhaps the more expectant. The sight of a cup of cold water was however too much for the members of the Sergeants' Mess, and to this fine strategical move, the Officers no doubt owe a large part of their ultimate victory.

Any hopes the Sergeants may have entertained as to their recovery from this shock were dashed to the ground by the addition to the Officers' score of two goals, one centred by Morgan and shot by King, the other a solo by Kenward.

The Sergeants now appeared to be getting a bit demoralised, but nevertheless gave Williams a lot of saving to do, and R.S.M. Vaughan, at the end spent a hectic time disposing of what seemed to be a hail of footballs, arriving from all angles, and would have welcomed another pair of hands. The score now mounted rapidly, and Sherston's long range howitzer kept the "dashing" forward line well supplied with material, with the result that our left wing combination brought the score to 9—1 shortly before time, when the most spectacular feat of the day was witnessed. The ball was headed to the centre by Lieut.-Col. Crookenden, passed by a back-slip from Reeves to King, who contrived to put a dazzling off-swerve into it, which proved too much for the "goalie," and amid scenes of great enthusiasm the Officers team obtained a double figure score (10—1) which remained unaltered until the whistle put an end to a very fine match.

The Sergeants were then invited to repair *en masse* to the Officers' Mess, where the event was suitably celebrated, and revenge was solemnly sworn by the R.S.M. on behalf of the Sergeants, who then retired home to discuss their position. It is rumoured that the building contractor, now completing some alterations in barracks, has been asked to construct a brick wall in front of the Sergeants' goal!

### Sergeants' Mess.

It will be remembered that in last month's publication of *The Dragon* I gave an account of the gift which we received from our sister regiment in Canada—The Queen's Own Rifles. This month I have been asked to publish the letters which passed between the two regiments in connection with the gift—which consisted of 18 pewter mugs. The first, dated February 5th, 1929, read as follows:—

The Sergeants' Mess,  
Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

R.S.M. C. Vaughan,  
2nd Bn. The Buffs,  
Blenheim Barracks,  
Aldershot, England.

Dear Comrade,

We will be shipping in a few days to your regiment, eighteen mugs as a token of friendship between the Warrant Officers, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, and the Buffs in Aldershot, England.

You will doubtless recognise the badges which you were good enough to send us at our request, and although we will not be wearing them it is our hope in the near future we will be polishing the outside of the mugs with the sleeve of our tunic, and drink your health in your own barracks in Aldershot.

I may state that before the mugs were sent to be packed, they were on exhibition at our Mess, and at our regular meeting held on the 31st of January, they were filled with real beer and our R.S.M. proposed the toast and the health of "The Buffs" in general, and R.Q.M.S. Brooker whom no doubt some of you will remember, proposed the toast of the 2nd Battalion, and Sergeant Couchman, an ex-Sergeant of the Buffs proposed the toast to the 1st Battalion.

We drank your health, and our only regret was that you were not with us to see and receive the wishes of good feeling and comradeship that existed. I cannot be expected to place on paper all the nice things that were said about the Buffs.

We hope the package will reach you in good condition, and that every time the mugs are lifted above the elbow, the two crests will blend together and become one, as the two regiments are now.

Yours very truly,  
S. B. HERBERT, B.Q.M.S.  
Sec. Sgts. Mess Q.O.R.

The mugs were, as stated last month, received on March 12th, and on the 28th the following letter was sent:—

Blenheim Barracks,  
Aldershot,  
28/3/29.

Dear Comrade,

I am directed on behalf of the Sergeants' Mess, 2nd Battalion The Buffs, to write and thank you for the gift of the eighteen mugs which arrived safely last week.

A special Mess meeting was held on the 25th March, 1929, when the mugs were filled, and after a speech by the Regimental Sergeant Major, the health of The Queen's Own Rifles was drunk to musical honours.

I cannot put down in detail all the remarks of the R.S.M., but he spoke of the friendship and good feeling existing between us and our sister Regiment, and expressed a hope that the day would not be far distant when we would have a visit from you.

After the toast the meeting broke up, and the mugs now occupy a treasured position in the Mess.

Yours very truly,



On the 25th we played football (or perhaps I had better say attempted to play!) against the Officers, which we were perhaps fortunate in losing only by the narrow margin of 10-1!

Having lost the notes I took during the game, and having reason to believe a full account appears elsewhere, I have only a very few remarks to make. These remarks were overheard either during or after the game:—

A pathetic-looking player after the match:—  
 "I had only one kick all the game, and that was one I received on the ankle!"

A suggested advert, in a sporting paper, to the effect that a transfer fee of 1/11½ would secure the services of certain members of the Sergeants' Mess team.

Remark from a fatigue man:—"The R.S.M. appears to be on fatigue to-day—retrieving the ball from the back of the net!"

"Was it the excitement of the game that caused a certain gentleman to fall over his "bike," or did he think he could see the game more comfortably from that position?" Heard in the Mess after the match.

I would like to add that everyone did their best, but that the officers were far too good for us. In the opinion of quite a number of spectators, a certain beverage obtained from Geo. Beer and Rigden, assisted materially in our defeat!

A spoon shoot was held on 8th April, the winner of the silver spoon being L/Sgt. Pain, with a score of 39, while the wooden 'un passed from the Educational department to the Signal Section, Sgt. Field having the honour of filling it.

The spoons were presented immediately after the Monthly Mess Meeting held on the 11th. A speech was demanded when Sgt. Pain received the silver spoon, and he spoke a few words, mentioning that as he would be leaving the services shortly, he would not be competing for it many more times.

When Sgt. Haynes, of the A.E.C. handed over the wooden spoon to Sgt. Field—after the customary parade around the Mess with the spoon at the "slope," he, Sgt. Haynes, spoke as follows:—

"It gives me great pleasure to hand over to you this wooden emblem of our prowess. Perhaps, some fifty years hence, crowds will stand before this spoon, and one, gazing upon the names of Haynes and Field, will say, "These were they who made the rifle an obsolete and inaccurate weapon."

There were hopes in the Mess that Sgt. Haynes have the pleasure of handing over the spoon to his colleague, Sgt. Mansfield, A.E.C., who was a close runner-up to Sgt. Field. However, as I have just reminded Sgt. Mansfield, his turn will come!

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who was the "well-fed turkey" at the football match?

W.A.L.

The Drums and Anti-Tanks.

Things have been moving since our last issue. To-day has seen the Final of the "Wing" Water-Polo between the Band and Drums. The Band were able to add four more points to their total. The firing was also re-contested by arrangement. Result:—(1) Employed; (2) Signals; (3) Drums and Anti-Tanks; (4) Band; so the re-arranged table will read as below. There are only two more events to be decided now, Athletics and Tug-of-War.

The Drums and Anti-Tanks played the "Sigs." a game of Hockey and we lost a good game by 5-2, our scorers being Lieut. Haggard and L/Cpl. Donovan. The scorer in the Water Polo was Paddy McCorkell (2), the team being as follows:—

L/Cpl. Bowman; Drs. Harding and Smith; Bowell; Drs. F. Hudson, E. Pooley and McCorkell.

No, I quite agree with N.B.W. Reference 11-0 Football. There are no Old Soldiers in the "Sigs," but their minds are more advanced than their Service. We still remember this match, though, as we also remember all others.

We are sorry to say that by the time these notes appear we will have lost a good body in the shape of Dusty Miller and we wish him the best of luck in Civvy street.

Congratulations to Ginger Thomas, 1st Battalion Drums, on being made Paid-Lance-Corporal.

Game.	Signallers.	NAVONOD, 1819 (A.O.F.P.) Groups.		
		Drums . Anti-Tanks.	Band.	Employed.
Cricket ... ..	2	3	4	1
Swimming ... ..	3	4	2	1
Shooting ... ..	3	2	1	4
Football... ..	1	3	4	2
Billiards... ..	3	4	2	1
Bayonet-Fencing ... ..	2	4	1	2
Cross-Country Running	4	1	2	3
Hockey ... ..	4	3	1	2
Tug-of-War ... ..	*	*	*	*
Water Polo ... ..	1	3	4	2
Athletics ... ..	*	*	*	*
Total Points to date	23	27	21	18

\*Not yet contested. Possible Points (36).

NAVONOD (1819).

"M.G." Company.

The month having been devoted to Company Training, naturally everybody has not a great deal of spare time on their hands and the writer being under this category, begs readers to accept that as an excuse for brevity. I would mention, however, that we are having a comparatively easy time at training this year and the institution of "evenings" during each day out is quite an innovation. We hope that things at Netheravon, where the Company proceeds to make its presence felt on the 26th, are in keeping with the last month's activities.

I am sorry to relate that the Company lost its Athletic Shield Football tie (semi-final) to "H.Q." "13" Company to the tune of 3 goals to 2. Since our opponents won the final we do not stand disgraced, but live to fight another day to gain the point allotted for third place.

At Hockey, however, we have been very successful. Starting off with a purely experimental team composed in the main of novices, the Company can now boast of a fairly good combination thanks to the efforts of our officers, C.S.M. and Cpl. Watts. With only teams for trial purposes we have met and defeated the Signallers, 1-0; "H.Q." "24" Company, 2-1; "C" Company, 4-3, losing one match against "A" Company, 2-3. Having found what appears to be our best side, we played "B" Company in the first round of the Athletic Shield and won 5-3. This was a very good match and the result highly satisfactory. The Goal-scorers for our team were:—Pte. Blencowe (2), Lieut. Knocker (2), Sgt. Saunders and Cpl. Watts. We are now ready to have our revenge on "A" Company in the semi-final which takes place to-morrow.

We have had no departures from amongst us this month, but have been strengthened by L/Cpl. Everest, Ptes. Jolley and Blencowe. We shan't see much of them, however, as they are shortly due for Vocational Training Courses.

Next month I hope to have a lot of copy resulting from our stay at Netheravon. H.F.S.

Signal Notes.

To Tom and Family,  
 We are now in the midst of a great "grind," the reason being "Classification," which takes place on Wednesday and Thursday, 17th and 18th April.

No doubt there are a few individuals who are full of moans and will remain so until the results come out and when they find that they have passed, the remark will be:—ITS EASY. But the worst of it is, once they have passed Classification or several of them, they think they have finished learning and are Signallers. But little do they realize that one can still learn quite a lot even if one has been a signaller five or six years, as well as improve oneself generally in theoretical knowledge and practical.

But never mind so much about the above at present. When they have all passed Classification, then they can digest the above piece of advice and take still more interest.

Good luck to them all and may they do their best.  
 We will let you know the results by post, as the amount of space allotted for notes will not permit notes as well as results. We shall also be very glad to receive the results of your Classification.

We have just finished a Final Rag Test and I am afraid that our "Signalling Officer" is going to suffer by it as he will have to produce nine silk flags for those who obtain one hundred per cent. on all reading.

Congratulations to Mr. Williams for passing his Entrance Test for Catterick and may the best of luck go with him when he goes to the "School."

Congratulations to you, Tom, on your promotion to Signalling Sergeant.

We are sorry to say that we only came fourth in the Water Polo (Inter-Group), but never mind, it is one more point towards the top. Cherio for this month!  
 I.K.L.



## THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Does Married N.C.O.'s' home-work start at 2 p.m. sharp, daily? If so, when does work in Barracks finish? Is Catterick a faded dream, now?

## Employed Notes.

Being a new hand as a scribe, I do not profess to do wonders, but I will endeavour to accomplish my task as the Employed *Dragon* Correspondent.

Since writing our last notes the Employed have been in the limelight with sport, such as water polo, football, and running. We managed to beat the Champion "C" Company in the football final by 2 goals to 1 after a very exciting game. The goal-scorers for us were:—Blencowe and Milton.

We extend a hearty greeting to Ptes. Wilkin and Pearson on joining us from "C" Company, hoping they will have a good time in "H.Q."

Many congratulations to L/Cpl. Brace on his promotion to Cpl.; also on his appointment to O.R.C.

Ptes. Walton and Divers still uphold their running careers and congratulations to Walton on winning his Army Badge. (Was it due to "Ovaltine"?) Owing to ankle trouble, Walton could not take his place in the Command Team in the London to Brighton Relay. He was sorry himself as he has a fancy for running around the world.

Two of our prominent football players have strayed away from our fold, namely, Ptes. Blencowe and Knight. Anyway, we wish them the very best of luck as we all know, we miss Professor Blencowe with his zoological antics.

We hope very soon that Harold will win one of the well-talked-of "Nugget's" first prizes, as he has promised to pay for the suppers for the "Employed."

The photographer has patronised a few members of the Group during the last week or so. Perhaps George will explain about having a reserve photograph.

Unfortunately I will have to close my notes now, but hope by next time I write notes, that the "Employed" have fired their course with success.

RAWOG.

## THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who is relieving Flo? Ask Wilkie.

Who uses Brillantine on his top lip? Ask Nooker.

What accounts for the vacancy by the fire nowadays? Does Fred know?

Who is it that looks upon "The Singing Fool" with envy? Ask Treacle.

RAWOG.

## "A" Company.

All Ranks of the Company join in extending to Major-General Sir A. Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., our heartiest congratulations on his appointment as Colonel of the Regiment. We are all proud to have so great a Buff to command us, and are looking forward to his visit on the 22nd May.

Since our last notes a lot of things have been happening, chief among those is the arrival home from India of Captain R. Tukey, who has taken over command of this Company. We offer him a hearty welcome and look forward to some pleasant times with his hands upon the reins of this Company. He has told us a lot about the 1st Battalion and their doings, also about various things which could be put right at this end to save "two-bobbers" expense when drafted abroad. We hope he will have it published for future reference. Our late Company Commander, Captain W. B. Griffith, we are pleased to say, is still remaining with us as Second in Command.

We welcome to the Company the following men from the Depot, and only hope that they will live up to the traditions of this Company—"Beaten, but never defeated." Ptes. Chandler, Gray, Wellard, Himesworth, Forsythe, Nash, Supple, Lawson, Mitchell, Robinson, Brooks, Brown, and Savill. We hope that they have a good time with us.

Pte. Daw came to the Company from the Depot, but remained only a short time, he has been posted to H.Q. Wing as a Policeman. We lost at the same time L/Cpl. Beal, Ptes. Collins, Pullman, Fitzgerald, Allen and Potter, all going to H.Q. Wing for various duties. We are sorry to lose them, for some were useful men in the sports line. There is always a vacant bed for them should they care to come back. H.Q. Wing has sent to us Sgt. Dowse, M.M., L/Cpl. Panther, Ptes. Hird and Hanson, all of whom we welcome to us. Some are shortly due for discharge or Vocational Courses.

Hearty congratulations to L/Cpl. Panther on his marriage, which took place at Aldershot on 1st April. Rather a bad day to choose, but sincerely hope it turns out alright.

A large number of the Company took Easter Leave, and from their various remarks and reports had a very enjoyable time, although the weather did turn a bit cold. Kent is looking well, but owing to the severe weather this winter, has not the verdant appearance of Spring. Bit of bad luck on the spring poets and "what nots" but all that is worrying us is that the mint comes up in time for the Canterbury lamb. L/Cpl. Marriott, who left us to join the M.F.P. was seen at Waterloo Station, he is looking well and likes the job, and has promised to reserve a nice quiet corner of the "clink" for members of "A" Company.

The unfortunates who did not go on leave at Easter had a fairly good time, duty was not too heavy. A 'bus party was arranged on Easter Monday for some of the Company, made up by some men of H.Q. Wing. Cpl. Derwoone of "C" Company kindly took charge on the journey and provided the sandwiches for all. I am told that a very enjoyable day was spent at Brighton, the weather not being too cold down there. No special arrangements were made, but all seemed to "pair off" pretty well. Brighton is a nice place, but the powder does taste so. Majority of those who did not go on this trip saw the final for the Army Cup.

During the month, Capt. T. H. Kemble, organized a visit for men shortly leaving the service, to Chiseldon. I believe they saw some wonderful things in connection with farming in our Colonies. R.Q.M.S. Cook was seen down there, looking hale and hearty. We all look forward to more of these visits, for I am sure that shewn the right way, more men would emigrate to the Colonies, there is always room there for men of the right sort, and I am quite certain that The Buffs do produce the right sort.

We are all disappointed in the results of the Cross Country Running, finishing up 5th place, but living up to our motto "Beaten, but never defeated," we hope to do better in that class of sport next season. I am told that the method of scoring in the Company runs next year is to be altered, I hope so, for at present the Company that owns a few specialists can always win, the average man gets no chance.

Congratulations to Pte. King on getting his 2nd Class Certificate of Education. No doubt he was inspired by the weird pictures in No. 2 Platoon's Room.

We should like to know if "The Rock on which to build" is an advertisement for N.A.A.F.I. buns, and also the spots on the other picture represents Empire pepper or currants.

Having disposed of Football we are now having a Hockey period. We played the M.G. Company on 27th March and won 2-1. An excellent game on both sides. On the 3rd April we played the Signallers and disposed of them 3-2, another good game in which our new goalkeeper, Pte. Morecroft, distinguished himself. We hope to see more of this man in the Hockey field, for, with more experience he may develop into a Battalion goalkeeper. (Don't let your head bust, Morecroft!).

On the 6th April we played "C" Company in the 1st Round of the Inter-Company Hockey for points towards the Athletic Shield. Our team on this occasion being—Goal, Pte. Morecroft; Backs, L/Sgt. Kerry and C.Q.M.S. Fawcett; Half-backs, Cpl. Johnson, 2/Lt. R. F. Parry and Cpl. Gorham; Forwards, Cpl. Kelly, Pte. King, 2/Lt. J. P. Connolly, Cpl. Wyles, Sgt. Buxton; Reserves, L/Cpl. Bowyer and Pte. Knight. We beat "C" Company 6-2. An excellent game around, it would be hard to name any individual for good play, for everyone played good. Pte. King scored our first 2 goals, Mr. Connolly contributed two, one off a free knock taken by Mr. Parry. Mr. Parry then scored a goal off a short corner taken by Sgt. Buxton, Cpl. Wyles giving us the final goal. Cpls. Viney and Salisbury found the net for "C" Company, two good shots which more experienced goalkeepers than Morecroft would have failed to stop. I shall be able in my next notes to give further results of the Second Round.

Sgt. McNeir has returned from his course at the Chemical Warfare School and tells us that he thinks he has done well, we hope so, but please tell us where to put the "Spear-mint" when wearing a gas mask. He says that the course is very interesting and wished it was longer.

Pte. King, who came up to play Hockey for us, tells me that our section at Hythe are doing well, having won the Inter-Section Eight-a-side football. When are we going to get some news from them in the *Dragon*. I am sure they could fill a couple of pages.

We are shortly to embark upon that dangerous season of the year, known as the "Annual Course" period. I call it dangerous, not from the markers point of view, oh no! safest place on the range in the butts, but with our Company the "Bull" is a very unhealthy spot. We have done a little practice shooting on the range, and testing of rifles. From the results obtained it appears as if we are about to enjoy a very successful year in shooting. Talking of shooting, it is very pleasant reading the A.R.A. handbook for 1929, especially to go through the prize lists, to see The Buffs mentioned on thirteen occasions, it points out that we are finding our feet (or our aims) in the shooting world. This Company send out congratulations to our sister Company in the 1st Battalion on their position in the Company Shield and we hope to see them further up next year. Before I conclude these notes I should like to say that I hope all ranks will take up shooting as a sport, not a military necessity, for I consider it as one of the finest sports going, but they should always remember that practice in the Barrack Room is just as important as on the Range.

I am handing the Company Correspondent's duties over this month to one who has been on a Course at the School of Education, so no doubt the Battalion Correspondent will be pleased. No more "blue pencil." All men of this Company should make it their duty to let the man who writes the notes know of anything going on, not only in the Coy. or Batt. but at their homes or where they go to on week-ends, etc., for although it may not interest you, it would give our readers in the 1st Battalion and elsewhere an idea of how things are going on in this country. If you meet old Buffs on your travels let us hear about them and what they are doing.



**"B" Company.**

Here we are, nearing the end of Company Training and then straight on to the Annual Course.

During the past month we have played our replay Soccer match against "24" Company and lost 4-2. There is no doubt we were outplayed, so have no excuses to make.

We played "M.G." Company in the Hockey Competition and after a really close game, we were defeated by 5 goals to 3. However, we hope to do much better next year and also hope to do well in the forthcoming Regimental Sports and Battalion Rifle Meeting.

We have had two Company Concerts and both have been quite a success and much talent has been revealed. We hope to have more concerts during Battalion Training in June. When the first concert was held the following secured prizes:—Pte. McNamara, Collins, Kemp, Briggs, Squires, Maslin and L/Cpl. Hone. The Officer i/c B.A.D.S. gave three prizes and the Company gave three. Winners of prizes in the last concert have not, as yet, been decided. Here is the programme of the last concert held:—

1. SELECTIONS BY "THE DRUMS."
  2. SONG ... .. "Sonny Boy" ... .. L/CPL. BOWYER "A" COY.
  3. SONG ... .. "So Tired" ... .. L/PL. STONE
  4. SONG ... .. "You Did" ... .. PTE. LAKHRI WOODS
  5. DANCES ... .. "Irish Jigs, etc." ... .. SGT. DENNIS
  6. SONG ... .. "Rings on her Fingers" ... .. MAJOR J. V. R. JACKSON
  7. A FEW CHORUSES ... .. PTE. SPILMAN
  8. SONG ... .. "Red Robin" ... .. C.Q.M.S. SMITP
  9. SONG ... .. "Me and My Shadow" ... .. PTE. SCURIES
  10. SONG ... .. "Ramona" ... .. PTE. COLLINS
  11. MOUTH ORGAN RECITAL ... .. PTE. McNAMARA
  12. MONOLOGUES by ... .. PTE. HODGAN
  13. COMMUNITY SINGING CONDUCTED BY ... .. PTE. LAKHRI WOODS
  14. REGIMENTAL MARCH ... .. THE DRUMS
- GOD SAVE THE KING.

To-night, 17th April, 1929, we go out to do Bridging. Last year on a similar scheme, only eight managed to fall in the Canal. This time, perhaps, the number will be in the region of fifty.

Mr. Reeves has been on a P.T. Course and we hope he has done well.

We hope Mr. Reeves and Kenward have enjoyed their numerous "days off," playing golf.

During Company Training a certain Senior N.C.O. was marching on a bearing of 368°. Who was it?

Official notification has just been received that "B" Company is to be mechanized. Up to the present about fifteen of the Company have been issued with their machines (Cycles) by Phillips Bros., Aldershot.

As time and tide wait for no man, these notes must be concluded. No, Cheerio until next month.

SAME OLD SCRIBE.

**"C" Company.**

All Ranks of the Company heartily congratulate Major-General Sir A. L. Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., on his appointment as "Colonel of the Regiment."

Having read through the list of moves for the coming season and not finding the 2nd Battalion of The Buffs mentioned, everyone seems to have cast aside all knowledge of rumours of our likely move to Shorncliffe, etc., etc. After all, Aldershot is quite a good station compared with the many others we are likely to proceed to next. The Battalion will be at a good standard in most things by the time we leave.

There appears to be only one point in favour of a change of stations on completion of three years instead of four. By the time one has carried out training on the various areas for three years they become so accustomed to the ground, landmarks, etc., that it is really difficult to imagine that one does not possess any previous knowledge of them. At one time during the completion of Company Training we feared the order would be issued for all well-known trees to be cut down; this would not have been a great task. Should someone order the various well-known hills to be removed, then we should have cause to collapse.

Company Training finished, we are now preparing to fire our Annual Course. It is hoped by all to obtain a high standard this year. Everything possible seems to have been done by those responsible. The Miniature Range has been available on most evenings and a great deal of practice has been done on the 30 yards range. Rifles have been thoroughly overhauled. Quite a number of afternoons have been spent on the open ranges. Now for a good result.

On the 20th March, a draft arrived from the Depot, our share being Ptes. Belson, Miles, Olfent, Hargan and Salin. We hope they soon settle down in their new company and take a keen interest in all things.

We congratulate Ptes. Lewis and Cloke on obtaining their 2nd Class Certificates of Education, and Ptes. Miles and Olfent on being awarded their 3rd Class Certificates since leaving the Depot. Ptes. Dowling and Punnett have to pass in one subject only.

All ranks of the Company congratulate the Battalion Cross-Country Running Team on obtaining 5th place in the Army Championship for the second year in succession. "C" Company had a good number of representatives in the team.

In the semi-final of the Inter-Company Football we met "24" Company. For this match the Company were able to turn out a fairly representative team, although we were deprived of the services of one of our best players. This may not have occurred if the Committee

concerned had applied for his services through his Company. Anyway, we were able to beat "24" Company by 4 goals to 2. It was quite a good match. Our goals were scored by Cpl. Viney (2), Cpl. Salisbury and Pte. Nye. At back, Sgt. Wade and Pte. Church played their usual sound game, ably supported by Rhodes in goal. Pte. Nye played quite a good game, in fact he played as well as he has done for some time. The remainder of our forwards were fast, and quick to seize any opportunity to score. Our team was:—

Pte. Rhodes; Sgt. Wade and Pte. Church; Cpl. Norris, Pte. Hanson and Pte. Fox; C.Q.M.S. Burvill, Cpl. Viney, Cpl. Handscomb, Pte. Burgess and Pte. Nye.

It will be noticed that this team does not include Pte. Garrett and L/Cpl. Lee, the former being in hospital and the latter absent for reasons unknown. In the final of the football we met and lost to "13" Company. On this day we lost to a better all-round team, for we were still forced to take the field with a couple of weak positions. Pte. Garrett being still in hospital and L/Cpl. Lee being forced to look on. This was a very well-contested game, the issue being in doubt up to the final whistle. Both sides made frequent raids into their opponents' area, but at half-time there was no score. After many good raids in the second half the Company were placed one goal up by a good shot from Burgess. This lead was held until about eight minutes from time, when "13" Company forced two goals in quick succession. The Company tried hard to equalise before time, but this was not to be. So after three good games we find ourselves runners-up in the football for the second year in succession. With just a little of the ordinary luck and a little more kindness we might have won the competition. But the various handicaps proved too great for us, for our first team was only a vision of the one which met "A" Company in the first round. I am sure this was the best match of the competition. The ultimate result naturally, was not to our satisfaction, but it seemed generally well received.

On the 25th March, the final run for points took place. The Company were able to win this run with a good margin. Pte. Hurley ran well throughout and finished second. Pte. Matthews sprang a surprise and came in fourth. Pte. Frost, finishing seventh, showed us that he will again do well when he has completely recovered from illness. Lewis ran well for eighth place. Pte. Belson, a new arrival from The Depot, ran well to finish thirty-first; he should develop into a good runner by next year. For Cross-Country Running we obtained three points towards the Athletic Shield. In the Athletic Shield we have been awarded nine points so far, made up as follows:—

- Battalion Rifle Meeting ... .. 2 points
- Tug-of-War ... .. 2 points
- Cross-Country Running ... .. 3 points
- Football ... .. 2 points

The next nearest company to date is "13" Company with five points.

This brings us to the Inter-Company Hockey. On Wednesday, 3rd April, the Company played a practice game to select a Company Team. Hockey has not been played a great deal by the Company: the result being that we did not proceed far in this competition. Perhaps next year we may find time for more practice. But we should like to point out that most N.C.O.'s and Men have been kept busy with Battalion Running and Football Teams.

On Thursday, 4th April we played a practice game with "M.G." Company, which was lost by 4-3. It was a good game. As "M.G." Company have beaten "B" Company in the first round it shows that we have a fair Hockey team. Had the draw been a little different we might easily have gone on. For in meeting "A" Company in the first round, we played a very solid team, possessing far more than an average forward line. I predict "A" Company as the winners, providing they are able to field the same team. This was a real good game, in spite of the score, 6-2 against us. Our forwards might have easily reduced this by two goals on two occasions. "A" were the better team and deserved their win. But we claim to have given them a good sporting game. Our team was as follows:—

Cpl. Riley; C.Q.M.S. Burville and Pte. Church; L/Cpl. Lee, Lieut. J. G. Nicholson and C.S.M. Ongley; Cpl. Cook, 2/Lieut. H. P. Williams, Cpl. Salisbury, Cpl. Viney and Pte. Hanson.

During the month many changes have taken place in transfers between Companies. It is rumoured that there may be a Vocational Training Company formed shortly, i.e., all N.C.O.'s and Men on Vocational Courses. The Company claims nearly one Platoon, thanks to recent transfers. Cpl. Crowhurst, Ptes. Wills and Knight have joined the Company during the past month, but their stay will only be a matter of a few months. Ptes. Pearson, Wilkin and Nye and L/C. Terry have been posted to "H.Q." Wing. Pte. Nye and L/Cpl. Terry have only been with us for a short period. Pearson and Wilkin were two useful members of our No. 10 Platoon Shooting Team which obtained second place in the Command for the Imperial Tobacco Companies' Shield last year and 25th place in Hopton Cup. A few more transfers and good-bye to any further hopes of success in these competitions.

Sgt. Wade has left the Company for a tour of duty on the Territorial Staff of the 8th Battalion Middlesex Regiment T.A. We were sorry to lose him for he has assisted us in many ways during the time he has been in the Company. The Company hope he is successful in his new appointment.

On the 1st May several N.C.O.'s and Men will proceed on various Vocational Courses. Ptes. Parsons, Austin and Wakefield proceed to the Depot for a Course in Motor Driving under Past and Present Association arrangements. Sgt. Harvey commences a Course at the A.V.T.C., Aldershot.

L/Cpl. Hurley has at last been successful in "HEARING" that he was to be discharged. He has now left for civilian life, although we do not know what work he intends to take up. Probably the greatest job of all—"Looking for it."



## Beneath Bell Harry.



WE have come to a time athletically when things are momentarily at a standstill. Football and hockey have made their bow, cricket has not yet put in an appearance. The ground, however, has responded to treatment, the barren beats of patrolling goal-keepers have been re-turfed at each end and by the time the next

*Dragon* appears we hope to have several games to report.

The point-to-point season has also well-nigh drawn to a close. We were very pleased to entertain many friends to tea at the East Kent Meeting at Smeeth on Easter Monday. The Mid-Kent held their meeting on the 6th at Sutton Valence and the Tickham on the 13th, at Frinstead. Those who flattered themselves that by the latter date they had gauged the form of the horses, were, however, sadly at fault.

On Wednesday, the 10th, we were very pleased to see General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell here, his first visit to the Depot as Colonel of The Regiment. Sir Arthur paid a brief visit to the Sergeants' Mess before lunching with the officers. After lunch he very kindly presented the Inter-Squad Shield to the Sevastopol Squad, the winners of it for the current month. Colonel Burns was here to lunch on the same day. Other visitors to the Mess during the month have included Captain Foster-Hall and Mr. Dare.

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Pte. Hubbard is to be re-posted to the Company from the Machine Gunners. Evidently every man is not capable of making a Machine Gunner.

L/Cpl. New has proceeded to the School of Education at Shorncliffe pending transfer to the Army Educational Corps, to try his hand as an Instructor.

L/Cpls. Acott and Lee were members of the Battalion Lightweight Tug-of-War Team in the recent Bronze Medal Tournament.

There appears to be one other member of the Company deserving of mention for his recent form shown during the Battalion Cross-Country Runs. Pte. MacLaren has ran well throughout these runs and shows distinct promise of being a member of the Company team next season. We are not expecting any other Company to claim his services before this date. So this is one good runner to replace those already lost.

Training has commenced for the Battalion Sports which are being held on 31st May and 1st June. It is hoped to be able to give more details of our prospects at a later date. A.V.O.

### The Band.

At Hockey we played and lost to "M.G." Company by 2-1. It was a very good game and both sides fought hard.

The Band won the Water Polo points in "H.O." Wing's (Lawson, 2; Golding, 2), by beating the Drums in the final, 4-2.

When the weather clears we hope to start the Athletic Hockey Competition. And I think we shall get a good place in the Honours List, too.

### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

What is Jim's occupation? And is it Decorator?  
Who lost his "dress cuffs"?

HARMONY.

A quite exceptional meeting has been that of the four Regimental-Sergeant Majors at the Depot during the month and one that cannot have taken place for many years. It is hoped that a photograph of this interesting event will appear in this or next month's *Dragon*.

On St. George's Day a party of recruits and the Band, under Lient. Boucher, attended a service at St. George's Church, Canterbury.

Our numbers remain up—four squads in training and one almost formed, but soon we shall be losing three in as many weeks and shall be left weak for the summer.

The paucity of news for the month appals us. We cannot even enlarge upon the topics of the day, for the Budget failed to move us and even Gretna Green leaves us cold!

### Sergeants' Mess.

The members of the Sergeants' Mess respectfully congratulate Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., on his appointment as Colonel of The Buffs, and we much appreciate his unofficial visit to us on 10th April.

In a happy little speech, R.S.M. Potter welcomed our new Colonel and also thanked him for the lovely bunch of heather he brought along.

One has only to read *The Dragon* to realise the enormous interest Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell takes in the welfare of all ranks of our famous Regiment—and the dependants of those who, in the past, have assisted to uphold its glorious traditions—to foresee that we are once again blessed with a real live wire and one who, by his unflinching personal attendance and interest, greatly inspires all gatherings of Buffs to forge ahead for the ultimate benefit of one and all connected with the Regiment.

A convivial evening was held in the Mess on St. Patrick's Day when the members of the Ladies' Cork Club produced a One Act Farce entitled "The Employment Bureau."

Secret rehearsals had previously been taking place and it eventually transpired that Capt. Corney was the gallant producer of this interesting entertainment.

Anyhow, we all got a complete surprise and thoroughly enjoyed the show, and we also wish to thank all those who took part in it. The cast was as follows:

M. Nosey-Parker, Proprietress	...	...	...	Mrs. Ings.
'Orace Smuts, Office Boy	...	...	...	Mrs. Allen
Arabella Smart, Ladies Maid	...	...	...	Mrs. Potter
Percy Pink, Gardener	...	...	...	Miss Corney
Maria Mopper, Charlady	...	...	...	Mrs. Jackson
Sally Muddle, Daily Help	...	...	...	Mrs. Gutteridge
I. Curem, Nurse	...	...	...	Mrs. Sutton
Mlle. D'Armentiers, French Governess,	...	...	...	Mrs. Keegan
Nancy Lee, Gipsy	...	...	...	Mrs. Philpot
Kate O'Connor, Flower Seller	...	...	...	Mrs. Griffen
P.S. 1572, Policeman	...	...	...	Mrs. Slender
Bertie Sakespoke, Concert Artist	...	...	...	Mrs. Rowe
O.T. Squills, Doctor	...	...	...	Mrs. Peck
Jane Cakebread, Cook	...	...	...	Mrs. Beasley
Sarah Grub, Housekeeper	...	...	...	Mrs. Shorter
Maudie Longpull, Barmaid	...	...	...	Mrs. Collins
Mrs. Fitznoodle, Lady	...	...	...	Mrs. Dickenson
Joe Turnut, Farmer	...	...	...	Mrs. Watson

L/Sgt. Chapman, who recently left us on transfer to the A.E.C., has been posted to our neighbours, the Guards' Depot, for duty and is thus with us again, complete with any new yarns that may be going spare.

Result of Whist Drive held on 19.3.29:—

Ladies	1st	...	...	...	Mrs. Ings.
"	2nd	...	...	...	Miss Franks.
"	3rd	...	...	...	Miss Bangham.
Gents.	1st	...	...	...	S.-Sgt. Bee.
"	2nd	...	...	...	Mrs. Dennis.
"	3rd	...	...	...	Mrs. Potter.



Result of Whist Drive on 2-4-29 :-

Ladies	1st	...	...	...	Miss Bangham.
	2nd	...	...	...	Mrs. Petts.
	3rd	...	...	...	Miss Taylor.
Gents.	1st	...	...	...	Mrs. Dennis.
	2nd	...	...	...	S.Q.M.S. Peck.

Our old friend, ex-R.S.M. Jack Bennell, has visited us several times during the past month. I am glad to be able to state that he looks extremely fit in spite of his 78 years.

**Corporals' Mess.**

The members of the Corporals' Room offer respectful congratulations to our new Colonel, Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.

Since our last issue of *The Dragon* we have made amends for our loss to the Trained Men at Football. This game was a very one-sided affair in which we defeated them.

On Friday, April 12th, we held a non-stop dance in the Gymnasium which turned out to be a huge success. It was a novelty and novelties always appeal to the community at large, hence the large attendance and its success in all "departments."

We must propose a vote of thanks to Cpl. Richards and the remainder of the Dance Committee for their untiring efforts in decorating the Gymnasium and arranging the whole show.

One of our members is in Shorncliffe Hospital and we all wish him a complete and speedy recovery. I am sure we all miss his cheery "chuckle" very much and shall be pleased to welcome him back in our midst.

L./Cpl. Chipp-Smith is either suffering from over-work or else "Love." We are wondering whether he is courting a "Pug"—illust or if it is only "Reeta"-liation.

Paddy is in a similar plight, but we don't think he likes men who wear "Black Caps."

Several of our Members proceeded to a dance at Chartham and I am sure they all enjoyed themselves to the fullest degree, especially when a "Buff" won the First Prize for the Gents' Fancy Dress. They certainly thought he was a "Hive" and swarmed round him like bees, but it wasn't honey they were after. Oh, No! One doesn't buy honey in boxes of fifty.

Talking about Chartham, I am anxious to know whether several of our Company are seeking a bride or just booking a home for the future. "Mac" or "Trinky" might be able to enlighten us on this matter. Did the moon shine brighter at Easter on the Chartham Road than after the last dance there?

We are told that a bird-in-the-hand is worth two in the bush, but are two birds in the hand worth one in a "bus"?

Have Corporals King and Bishop saved enough to buy a home yet? If not I should advise them to purchase one sufficiently near the *Stour* to ease their task for them—carried unanimously.

Just recently Lofty has been seen wearing a "White" left hand. Is he practicing for his "coppery" future or was it the result of a "glassy" past.

Since our last Football Match we have learnt that "Alf" and "Jock" have been signed on by Sheppey. Is this true? One would have thought that their talent would have taken them higher than this.

**Trained Men's Notes.**

We all wish to congratulate Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell on his appointment as Colonel of The Regiment. We were very glad to see our new Colonel here last week.

During the last month we have lost Private Daw who has left us to join the 2nd Battalion. I have been told that he now belongs to the C.I.D., Blenheim Branch. Private Tofts has filled his place and is present on the Police Post.

I have been asked to thank the Corporal for the splendid dance they had on 12th. I am sure everybody enjoyed themselves.

**FOOTBALL.**

HAGG.

We played the Tannery in a return match at Sandwich and after a very good game we avenged their previous victory by beating them by three goals to one.

Our return match with the Corporals was also played, but this time we were defeated, but they had to play a few of the Depot team this time.

The last match of the season was played on Saturday, St. Paul's being the opposing team; this was a very one-sided match from beginning to end, the result being a six-goal victory for us.

Owing to our crowded cricket fixture list this season I hope, if the Corporals want a match with us they will book early to save disappointment.

**NOTICE.**

We regret that owing to pressure of work Captain Enright's "Mrs. Smither's" arrived too late to be included in this number.

**4th Battalion.**



SINCE writing last month's notes we have heard the excellent news that General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell has been appointed Colonel of the Regiment. All ranks of the 4th Battalion will, I know, join in sending their heartiest congratulations to our New Colonel on his appointment. No one has ever taken a more lively interest in our affairs in the past, or given us such unreserved assistance in all our wants. We can assure him of the heartiest welcome to all our future gatherings.

Arrangements for this year's camp are well under way. The 1st Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, to whom we shall be attached at Napier Barracks, Shorncliffe, are rendering us every assistance to make our Annual Training a great success. The Battalion will be under canvas on the plain adjacent to Napier Barracks, as there is insufficient accommodation within Barracks. The Officers of both regiments will mess together, but the Sergeants' and Men's Messing will be entirely separate. The training will be on much the same lines as last year with the added assistance of the regulars. We are hoping that Companies will make every effort to obtain a very high Camp attendance this year, and bring up our percentage to a higher level than in 1928.

Easter Training at Dover for the Machine Gunners and the future Machine Gunners proved a great success and "D" Company are to be congratulated on their numbers attending. The Drums put in some very useful practice. Unfortunately they were without the valuable assistance of Sgt. Rick, who has been very seedy, but is now, I am glad to say, on the road to recovery.

"A" Company held a Concentration at Birchington on Sunday, April 14th. No fewer than four Officers, and 112 Other Ranks attended. They carried out a valuable day's work with Company, Platoon and Section Leader Training.

The Annual Battalion Tactical Exercise takes place on April 21st, in the vicinity of Tunbridge Wells. We are sure that all who can attend will gain much useful knowledge.

R.S.M. Couchman has been granted an extension with the Battalion till April, 1930 and we hope that this will not be his last extension with it, as few people realize the importance of a good R.S.M. in a Territorial Battalion and how essential it is to retain the services of the same Warrant Officer for longer periods than in the case of Company P.S.I.S.

We hope to have another new officer with us by Camp time this year. Mr. H. W. Rogers, who lives at Deal, has applied for a Commission, and when gazetted, will join the "M.G." Section at Dover. We are sure that he will be warmly welcomed, when he joins us.

I am sure those of us who had the pleasure of attending the Mid-Kent Point-to-Point at Sutton Valence, on April 5th, will congratulate our Colonel on the excellent arrangements, which were made through his efforts as the Secretary of the Mid-Kent Hunt. They were indeed a model, which some of the other local point-to-points might do well to emulate.



Recruiting has had to be stopped for the present, as the Battalion has reached a strength of 656. This should allow for the normal wastage before Camp and allow us to go to Camp at normal establishment of 636. All Companies are to be congratulated on their efforts to attain these figures, thus avoiding an influx of raw recruits a few days before Camp.

J.R.W.

#### SITTINGBOURNE DETACHMENT.

Training is in full swing and satisfactory progress is being made by all N.C.O.'s and Men at our Detachment Drill Halls. As much out-door training is now being carried out ready for our annual training in camp, keenness and interest is still being taken by all ranks of the Company in their attendance at Drills.

The result of W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s having to pass their examination for promotion is just now being felt in the Company and no doubt in the Battalion and it will still be felt in the latter whilst we are at Camp. Without any doubt it is a good system started and in a very short time our Battalion will reap the benefit of it. As the old motto says: "It is the N.C.O.'s that are the backbone of the Battalion." We send our congratulations to all those N.C.O.'s who have been successful in passing out for their examinations for promotion.

The Company have now commenced their annual Musketry course and up to the present the shooting on the whole has been satisfactory; it is always our ambition to go one better each year. The course this year to be fired appears to be much more straight forward than last year, so we hope that all N.C.O.'s and men will endeavour to turn up and fire before we go to camp. Whitstable detachment must be congratulated through the efforts of Sgt. Croucher on so many turning up to fire their course, it must be mentioned that 22 N.C.O.'s and men fired out of 28. We hope other detachments will follow their example. It is the "Busy Bee's" last year and it is most deeply regretted too, that I shall not have the opportunity of being on the range, therefore I am keen to get as many of the Company through their annual musketry before I leave (worst luck).

Preparations and arrangements are now being made for the Battalion to go to camp at Shorncliffe and we shall be attached to a regular unit. What an excellent idea and ain't we lucky. For no better opportunity affords itself to unite us with our Brothers, the Regular Army and without doubt our Battalion will greatly benefit by being attached to a regular unit during camp. I feel almost sure that all ranks will be most heartily welcome and assistance will be given where required and that our friends of the regulars will do their utmost to make our training and stay in camp even better than that of previous years. We all hope that the Company will put their shoulders to the wheel and attend and do their very best whilst in camp. The usual events will take place in camp for the Harris Shield, the "Busy Bee" really looks to the N.C.O.'s this year, to put their heart and soul into all sport events, as no doubt we shall have rather a trying time and some hard nuts to crack. The list of events and conditions are out and all N.C.O.'s should have a copy, so as to prepare for them, if we don't win the Shield we hope to put up a good fight for it. Annual camp is being held from 2nd June, 1929 to 16th June, 1929.

Our usual monthly miniature range silver spoon shoots are still being fairly well attended, the shooting amongst the younger members is most exceptionally good and I hope to be able to register their names very shortly for one of the silver spoons.

We congratulate the following N.C.O.s on being the winners of the silver spoon:—

Sgt. B. Blaney for the month of March. Score 44.

L/Cpl. F. Allen for the month of April. Score 45.

Pte. J. Beakland was the winner of the wooden spoon with a score of 29 for the month of March.

Pte. A. Homewood was the winner of the wooden spoon with a score of 12 for the month of April.

We are very pleased indeed to see that our Past and Present Association branch is still growing and that a few of our present serving Territorials are becoming members. There is of course still room for more of the members to join us, it all helps to keep up our good name and the "Busy Bee" would be very pleased if a few more serving members will join, especially the N.C.O.s who should set the example. Now, come on, what about it, Reg., George and John.

THE BUSY BEE.

#### "D" Company.

All Members of "D" Company are delighted to hear that His Majesty The King has chosen Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., for the high position as Colonel of The Buffs, especially in view of his great assistance to this, the Territorial Battalion of The Regiment. May he hold such position for many, many years to come.

A most successful week-end training was carried out at Easter, and the numbers attending such training were in excess of those attending in previous years, an average of over 80 parading each of the four days. In view of the formation in the near future of the Machine Gun Company, the whole of the work was concentrated on that arm of the service with excellent results. Unfortunately owing to illness we were without the valuable assistance of our Permanent Staff Instructor, C.S.M. Love, but useful instruction was given by C.Q.M.S. Doe and the N.C.O.s of the existing Machine Gun Platoon.

Judging by the keenness of all those members of "D" Company who are new to Machine Gun Training, there is little doubt that when the M.G. Company becomes an accomplished fact, the Battalion will have cause to be proud of it. Our Commanding Officer visited us on Easter Sunday and appeared to be very pleased with everything he saw.

A most successful Dance, attended by 450 patrons, was held at the Dover Drill Hall, on Easter Monday. Once again our Permanent Staff Instructor, C.S.M. Love, proved what a splendid organiser he is, sparing no efforts whatever towards making the event a great success. The music for this non-stop dance, supplied by Jack Austin's Dance Orchestra and The Arcadians' Dance Orchestra, was greatly appreciated and repeatedly encored. The Hall was splendidly decorated by C.S.M. Love's merry and willing Band of Workers. The next Dance to be held at this Drill Hall is the Past and Present Association Dance on Wednesday, 17th April.

Preliminary training in the Drill Hall prior to attending our Annual Training in a few weeks' time is in full swing and we hope that our Camp this year when we are to be attached for the first time to a Regular Army Battalion, will be a very successful one and we propose to do our level best to give a good account of ourselves both on and off parade and so further cement the good feeling that exists between the Regular Army and the Territorial Army.

#### WHITSTABLE DETACHMENT.

A very enjoyable evening was provided at the Drill Hall, Whitstable, on Wednesday on the occasion of the annual smoking concert and prize distribution in connection with the local platoon of the 4th Buffs (Territorials).

Lieutenant Turner, who commands the local platoon, presided over the gathering which included a large number of visitors.

During the proceedings Lieutenant Turner regretted that Colonel Burn, the commanding officer of the 4th Buffs, Major Collard, second in command, and Adjutant Willow were not with them that evening and explained that they were not attending the concerts and prize distributions of each detachment this year. There were sixteen detachments in the Battalion and it was difficult for them to attend all those gatherings. They had with them that evening, however, their company commander, Major Dean, whom they were all pleased to see. (Applause). Lieut. Turner said they were fortunate in their gathering that evening because they had with them representatives of the police, the Sea Cadets, the Royal Engineers and the Season Ticket Holders' Association, and they were pleased to see them all. (Applause). The tradespeople of Whitstable had been very kind to them and had given them a large number of prizes, and he wished to thank them for their generosity. The local detachment was now 30 strong, but he thought they would be allowed to have about 40. The detachment was very efficient and that fact was due to the N.C.O.'s. They had two very good sergeants in Sergeants Freeman and Croucher, who looked after the detachment and worked very hard, and thanks were due to them. Lieutenant Turner also expressed his thanks to the artistes who were entertaining them that evening.

Major Dean presented the prizes as follows:—

Efficiency Cup.—1, Pte. Court; 2, Pte. Ackling; 3, L/Cpl. Turner.

Miniature Range Championship.—1, Pte. Hurlock; 2, Pte. Ackling; 3, L/Cpl. Turner.

Annual Musketry.—1, L/Cpl. Ball; 2, Pte. Foreman; 3, L/Cpl. Turner.

Drill Attendance.—1, L/Cpl. Turner; 2, Pte. Ackling; 3, Pte. Court.

Arms Drill.—1, Pte. Ackling; 2, L/Cpl. Turner; 3, Pte. Court.

Recruits' Arms Drill.—1, Pte. Hurlock; 2, Pte. Hogbin; 3, Pte. Olive.

Tradesmen's Shoot.—1, L/Cpl. Ball; 2, L/Cpl. Turner; 3, Pte. Ackling.

The prizes were given by Messrs. W. Sholl, J. Lawson, Cheney, H. Ewing, Daly, Rose, W. Holden, Wastall, Watts, Colman, Worlds Stores, Dewhurst, Ltd., Fletchers, Ltd., London Central Meat Co., Lane's Library, Ridout's, Beasleys, Hatchard, Picture House, Arthur Collar, Ltd. and J. Webb, High Street.

Major Dean said previously Whitstable had only been a detachment of "B" Company run to a certain extent from Sittingbourne and belonging to the Sittingbourne platoon, but lately they had been feeling their feet and had wanted to form a platoon of their own and be independent. He thought that was the right spirit and now they had a platoon of their own. What was wanted now were a few more recruits to bring them up to strength for they were a little below strength compared with other platoons. They looked to the supporters of the Territorials to help in every way they could and if they knew of any likely fellows who might be prepared to come along to personally help them to make up their minds. He was particularly pleased to see so many ladies present that evening, for they always liked to see the ladies interested in the local activities of the Territorials. Mothers could see that the young recruit got to drill on time in the same way as they saw him off to school and the best girl could tell her young man that he ought to be in the Territorials and would not go out with him unless he was in khaki. (Laughter). If the ladies would help it made all the difference. As they had heard, the Whitstable platoon was now thirty strong, but they would like to see the number up to forty. Whitstable and district had done well in the past and he saw no reason why it should not continue to provide a jolly good class of recruit. (Applause).

During the evening an excellent entertainment was provided, the artistes including Mr. Doughty, Mr. Cannon, Miss Flora Strand, Mr. Burden, Mr. Charlton and his marionettes, Mr. Phillips with his clever conjuring, Mr. Dick Woods, and Mr. Wilson's jazz quartette.



## Our Contemporaries.

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## Lloyds Patriotic Fund.

The Annual Report for 1928 shows that during the year the total number of cases benefitted were 1,225, and the grants amounted to £14,169.

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## Territorial Recruits.

Official returns issued yesterday show that in March 3,105 recruits were finally approved for service in the Territorial Army, and that the total number approved during the first six months of the present recruiting year was 11,761. Last month Scotland led the way with 817 recruits, followed by the Northern Command, 668; the Western Command, 541; the Southern Command, 416; the Eastern Command, 363; the London District, 300.

The total Territorial strength, exclusive of permanent staff is now 6,658 officers and 130,998 other ranks.

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### Officers.

#### REGULAR ARMY.

THE BUFFS.—Major-General Sir A. Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., ret. pay, to be Colonel vice Gen. Rt. Hon. Sir A. H. Paget, G.C.B., K.C.V.O. (decd.), (Dec. 10th, 1928).

The following Lts. are granted the temp. rank of Capt.:—D. S. Lister, M.C., The Buffs, whilst empld. with the R.W. Afr. Fron. Force (Feb. 2nd).

#### REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

THE BUFFS.—Capt. R. F. Foster resigns his commn. (April 3rd).

### The 2nd Battalion.

#### PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

6282093 L/Sgt. W. Adams, “H.Q.” appointed Paid Lance-Sgt., 5-3-29.  
 6282041 Cpl. W. Kerr, “A,” appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant, 10-3-29.  
 6282079 L/Cpl. J. Gower, “H.Q.” appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 20-3-29.  
 6283548 L/Cpl. G. Cunningham, “A,” appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 20-3-29.  
 6282107 Pte. W. Brookes, “H.Q.,” appointed Bandsman, 23-3-29.  
 6282107 Bdm. W. Brookes, “H.Q.,” appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal, 23-3-29.  
 6279236 L/Cpl. T. Sivers, “B,” promoted Corporal, 27-3-29.  
 6282918 L/Cpl. H. Jones, “A,” appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 27-3-29.  
 6281871 L/Cpl. G. Willson, “B,” appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 27-3-29.  
 7578307 L/Sgt. K. Mansfield, Att. “A,” promoted Sergeant and appointed Sergeant-Instructor (Education).  
 6281739 L/Cpl. G. Brace, “H.Q.,” promoted Corporal, 4-4-29.  
 6281739 Cpl. G. Brace, “H.Q.,” appointed Orderly Room Clerk, 4-4-29.  
 6278603 Cpl. W. Cook, “C,” appointed Unpaid Lance-Sergeant, 15-4-29.

#### RECRUITS—BOYS.

Boy L. Lane attested 25-3-29 for 1st Battalion The Buffs for 12 years (9, colours and 3 reserve), as from attaining the age of 18 years, *i.e.*, 28-3-31. Joined Battalion, 26-3-29.

Boy J. L. Thatcher attested 9-4-29 for 1st Battalion for 12 years (9 years Colours and 3 Reserve) as from attaining age of 18 years, *i.e.*, 5-6-32.

#### EXTENSION OF SERVICE.

6282025 Pte. R. Wilson, “A,” 6280518 Pte. G. Smith, “H.Q.” and 6281647 Pte. W. Good, “B,” extended service to complete 12 years with the Colours, 27-3-29.  
 6281739 L/Cpl. G. Brace, “H.Q.,” extended his term of Service to complete 12 years with the Colours, 9-4-29.  
 6276132 Pte. L. Woods, “H.Q.,” permitted to continue in the Service beyond 21 years for a further period of one year, up to 26-11-1930.  
 6278788 Sgt. E. Wade, “C,” re-engaged at Aldershot 25-3-29 for The Buffs for such period as shall complete 21 years with the Colours.

#### TRANSFER—INTER-UNIT.

6283744 Pte. E. Jarvis, “M.G.,” transferred to R.A.S.C., 19-2-29 as Private (Non-tradesman).

#### POSTING.

6278788 Sgt. E. Wade, “C,” posted to 8th Battalion Middlesex Regiment T.A., for tour of duty, 4-4-29.

#### TRANSFER TO ARMY RESERVE.

6653117 Pte. G. Owen, “C,” transferred to the Army Reserve, 20-3-29.  
 6283138 Pte. G. Richards, “B,” transferred to Army Reserve, 22-3-29.  
 6281541 Cpl. C. Fagg, “A,” transferred to Army Reserve, 26-3-29.  
 6283141 Pte. S. Willmoth, “A,” transferred to Army Reserve, 28-3-29.  
 6281553 Pte. S. Moat, “B,” transferred to Army Reserve, 31-3-29.  
 6281380 Pte. L. Marchant, “B,” transferred to the Army Reserve, 28-3-29.  
 6281820 Pte. W. Lawrence, “B,” transferred to the Army Reserve, 29-3-29.  
 6281561 L/Cpl. H. Clark, “B,” transferred to the Army Reserve, 11-4-29.

#### DISCHARGES.

6283802 Pte. E. Smith, “B,” discharged 15-3-29 under K.R.’s 370 (x).  
 6283803 Pte. H. Smith, “C,” discharged 23-3-29 under K.R.’s 370 (x).  
 1055402 L/Cpl. J. Hurley, “C,” discharged 11-4-29 under K.R.’s 370 (xvi) (a).

### The Depot.

#### RECRUITS.

Attested as shewn:—  
 Recruits W. T. E. Johnson, 19-3-29; A. Collins, 13-3-29; S. Stokes, 26-3-29; T. W. Hawkins, 26-3-29; P. C. Heyward, 3-4-29; H. Colley, 4-4-29; T. Cunningham, 4-4-29; P. J. A. Pope, 13-4-29 and A. H. Barton, 13-4-29.



## STRENGTH—DECREASE.

The undermentioned proceeded to Aldershot to join the 2nd Battalion, 20-3-29:—

6283823 Pte. G. Chandler, 6283825 Pte. K. Forsyth, 6283827 Pte. A. Mangelshot, 6283829 Pte. A. Nash, 6283830 Pte. A. Kemp, 6283832 Pte. J. Olfent, 6283836 Pte. A. Gray, 6283705 Pte. F. Supple, 6283990 Pte. J. Thompson, 4445963 Pte. P. Lawson, 6283846 Pte. P. Flaherty, 2203167 Pte. E. Miles, 6283853 Pte. L. Wellard, 6283850 Pte. L. Mitchell, 6283824 Pte. H. Barrett, 6283826 Pte. G. Robinson, 6283828 Pte. G. Lovett, 2023868 Pte. W. Horgan, 767219 Pte. A. Himsforth, 6283838 Pte. C. Button, 6283837 Pte. J. Brookes, 628384 Pte. T. Tappenden, 6283844 Pte. P. Belson, 6283845 Pte. W. Brown, 6283847 Pte. A. Squire, 6283848 Pte. W. Savill, 6283851 Pte. W. Martin, 6283798 Pte. J. Sabin.

7809266 Pte. W. Daw (reposted to 2nd Battalion on completion of tour of duty, 25-3-29.

6281817 Cpl. A. Wilcox, reposted to 2nd Battalion, 15-4-29.

## POSTINGS.

6283420 Pte. Tofts, posted from 2nd Battalion to Depot for a tour of duty, 23-3-29.

6281975 Cpl. J. Hodges, posted to Depot from 2nd Battalion for tour of duty, 15-4-29.

## TRANSFERS.

2811160 Pte. B. Jennings, voluntarily transferred to the Seaforth Highlanders, 20-3-29. Proceeded to join 1st Battalion Seaforth Hrs. at Dover, 20-3-29.

## CONTINUANCE IN THE SERVICE.

6278118 R.S.M. F. W. Potter, permitted to remain in the Service beyond 21 years for a further period of one year, up to 6-3-1931.

6282025 Pte. R. Wilson and 6280510 Pte. G. Smith extended to complete 12 years with the Colours, 27-3-29.

## DISCHARGES.

6280108 Pte. A. Beech, discharged under para. 370 (v) (a) K.R.'s, 16-3-29.

6283869 Pte. J. Sheehy, discharged under para. 370 (v) (a) K.R.'s 18-3-29.

6284114 Pte. W. Longbottom, 6283879 Pte. W. Collins, 6283890 Pte. F. Smith, discharged under para. 370 (vi) (b) K.R.'s, 5-4-29.

## The 4th Battalion.

## ENLISTMENTS.

The undermentioned recruits, having joined the Battalion, are taken on the strength and posted to Companies as shewn:—

6284059 Pte. G. Bugden, "D" (F), 22-2-29; 6284058 Pte. H. Loy, "A" (R), 22-2-29; 6284961 Pte. A. Weight, "A" (M), 22-2-29; 6284060 Pte. F. Weight, "A" (M), 22-2-29; 6284063 Pte. R. Baird, "A" (M), 1-3-29; 6284062 Pte. W. Bridgland, "C" (H.B.), 81-2-29; 6284078 Pte. S. Dale, "A" (H.B.), 4-3-29; 6284068 Pte. G. Field,

"A" (H.B.), 24-1-29; 6284070 Pte. G. Hammond, "A" (H.B.), 11-2-29; 6284064 Pte. H. Keam, "C" (C), 8-3-29; 6284069 Pte. C. Kearney, "A" (H.B.), 24-1-29; 6284067 Pte. G. Triggs, "A" (H.B.), 28-12-29; 6284077 Pte. F. Turner, "A" (R), 14-1-29; 6284065 Pte. J. Weller, "C" (C), 8-3-29.

## ENLISTMENTS—SUPERNUMERARY TO ESTABLISHMENT.

The undermentioned recruits having joined the Battalion, are posted to Companies as shewn, and borne on the strength as supernumeraries:—

6284073 Pte. G. Akhurst, "A" (M), 8-3-29; 6284082 Pte. A. Avery, "A" (M), 15-3-29; 6284072 Pte. W. Braggs, "A" (M), 8-3-29; 6284079 Pte. W. Brenchley, "A" (R), 7-3-29; 6284074 Pte. H. Carter, "C" (H), 11-3-29; 6284080 Pte. L. Gardner, "A" (M), 12-3-29; 6284075 Pte. S. Gilbert, "C" (C), 13-3-29; 6284071 Pte. L. Hogben, "A" (M), 8-3-29; 6284076 Pte. H. Pierce, "C" (C), 13-3-29; 6284081 Pte. W. Turner, "A" (M), 15-3-29.

## PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

6280783 L/Sgt. H. Emptage, "A," to be Sergeant, 24-3-29.  
6281725 Cpl. G. Fox, "A," to be Lance-Sergeant, 24-3-29.  
6283951 Pte. F. Head, "C," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 20-3-29.  
6283263 Pte. H. Knight, "C," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 20-3-29.  
6284003 Pte. W. Edwards, "D," appointed Bandsman, 20-3-29.

## DISCHARGES.

3185 Cpl. A. Field, "C" (C), discharged on Termination of Engagement, 22-3-29.

6282721 Pte. A. Stoakes, "D" (D), discharged on Termination of Engagement, 1-3-29.

5820299 Sgt. S. Marshall, "A" (H.B.), 6282861 Pte. J. Reader, "A" (R), 6282673 Pte. W. Walker, "A" (R), 6280708 Sgt. H. Woodland, "A" (M), discharged under Para. 193-3 T.A. Regs., 23-3-29.

## RE-ENGAGEMENTS.

6280467 R.Q.M.S. G. Arnold, "A," re-engaged for 4 years, 29-7-29.  
6282734 Bdm. J. Blake, "A," re-engaged for 1 year, 23-5-29.  
6282866 Pte. L. Bracey, "A," re-engaged for 1 year from 2-7-29.  
6281139 Pte. W. Chadwick, "B," re-engaged for 4 years, 5-4-29.  
6281077 Sgt. R. Clancey, "B," re-engaged for 1 year, 29-3-29.  
6281084 Pte. J. Clifford, "C," re-engaged for 4 years, 10-3-29.  
6282729 Pte. R. Cotter, "D," re-engaged for 4 years, 23-5-29.  
6281191 Pte. J. Frost, "B," re-engaged for 1 year, 7-4-29.  
6282728 Dmr. T. Gascoigne, "D," 9-3-29.  
7814148 Sgt. J. Harthill, "D," re-engaged for 4 years, 22-4-29.  
7278033 Pte. T. Hayter, "C," re-engaged for 2 years, 30-5-29.  
6278031 Pte. E. Matnard, "C," re-engaged for 1 year, 30-5-29.  
2200267 Sgt. (O.R.C.) H. Jackson, "B," re-engaged for 1 year 25-3-29.



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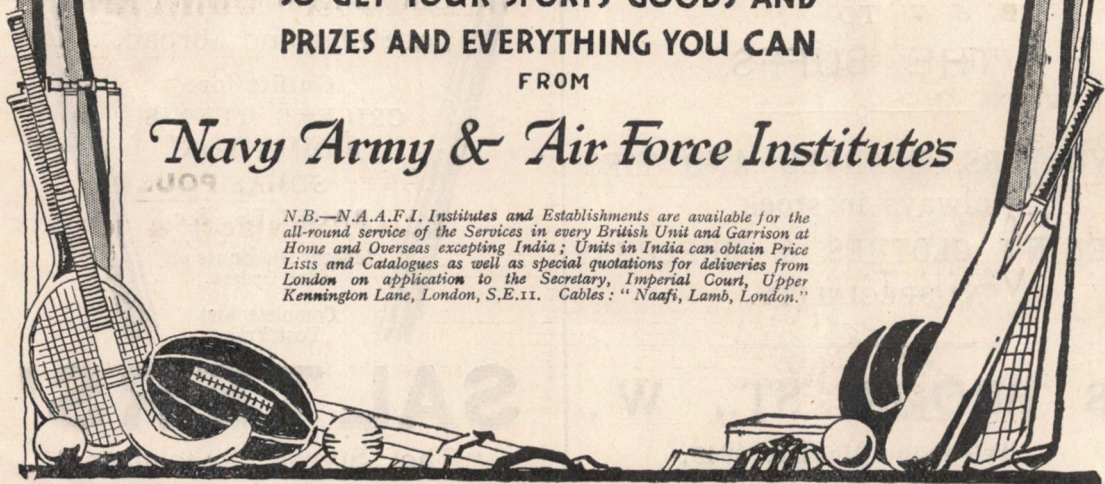
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## Personalia.

**MAJOR-GENERAL** Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell presented the following officers at the 2nd Levee on May 6th:—Captains Howe, Essell and Tuke, Lieut. Boucher and 2nd Lieut. Tuff.

The Very Reverend G. K. A. Bell, Dean of Canterbury, is to be consecrated Bishop of Chichester on the 11th June.

The vacancy thus caused will be filled by the Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard, C.H., M.A., D.D., Hon. Chaplain to the King and lately Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square.

General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, on behalf of the Regiment wrote to the new Dean, congratulating him and inviting him to take the Memorial Service on August 18th and received the following reply:—

The Red House,  
Godalming,  
15th May, 1929.

Dear General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell,

I cannot tell you how deeply I appreciate the most generous letter you have sent me on behalf of yourself and The Buffs. I know you so well by name that I feel I already know you, and it will be an honour to meet you later. I know full well all about the close connection that happily unites the Cathedral and your famous regiment. Indeed, I will gladly do my best to say some simple words in the Cathedral on August 18th. It is very good of you to invite me.

With respect, Yours sincerely,  
H. R. L. SHEPPARD.

Brigadier J. Kennedy, who recently broke two ribs while playing polo, is expected home on three months' leave almost at once and hopes to be present at The Dragon Club Dinner on June 19th.

Latest news from Biarritz is to the effect that Sir Theodore Brinckman is recovering satisfactorily from his recent operation—misfortunes, however, have unfortunately not come singly, for in addition, Sir Theodore has had a broken cartilage; we are very glad to learn, that the gallant Colonel hopes to be able to avail himself of the invitation of the members of the Dragon Dinner Club to be present at Claridge's Hotel on June 19th, at 8 p.m.

Those of our readers who were at Canterbury about 20 years ago will be sorry to hear of the death of Colonel G. W. Treble, C.M.G., who, for a time, was Postmaster at Canterbury.

Colonel Treble commanded the Army Post Office Corps in the South African War and the 7th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment in the Great War.

Mrs. Howard Smith sailed for England on 30th April, but, at the time of going to press, we have not heard of her safe arrival.

Lieut.-Colonel J. Crookenden has asked us to remind all our readers that on Sunday, August 18th the old Colours of the 2nd Battalion will be handed over to the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury Cathedral.

The handing over of the Colours will be combined with the Annual Memorial Service which will commence at 12.15 p.m.

Major Norman Hart continues to add to his bag of "cats."—total to date, 2 tigers and four panthers.



We congratulate the 1st Battalion on the large number who have recently become Life Members of the Past and Present Association—in Major Hamilton's Company alone, fifty have paid the pound—may we say "Well done, George." Major Hamilton is now taking over Command of the Machine Gun Company.

Mrs. Eaton, Major and Mrs. Gould were recently seen at the opera in Paris.

Colonel A. W. Eaton is now in Norway for the Fishing.

Mrs. and Miss Ravenhill have been staying at Versailles.

The Secretary of the Association would be very much obliged if all members of the Dragon Dinner Club would notify him as soon as possible whether they intend being present at the Annual Dinner on June 19th. To date, the following have notified their intention of being present:—

Brig.-Gen. A. J. Whitacre Allen, C.B.; Major J. F. Whitacre Allen, M.C.; Capt. H. H. C. Baird, D.S.O.; Major W. H. Booth, D.S.O., O.B.E.; Major C. S. Field, O.B.E.; Col. H. Findlay, C.B.E.; Lt.-Col. A. M. B. Gage; Capt. W. B. Griffith; Lieut. C. Haggard; Lt.-Col. L. C. E. Knight; Lieut. H. S. Knocker; Major Guy Lee, D.S.O., M.C.; Lt.-Col. L. W. Lucas; Major-Gen. Sir A. Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.; Bt.-Major H. de R. Morgan; Brevet Lt.-Col. The Hon. P. G. Scarlett, M.C.; Capt. E. F. D. Strettell; Lieut. H. D'Arcy Symonds; Major A. B. Thomson; Major F. W. Tomlinson; Lieut. A. F. St. A. Turner; Major A. H. Tylden-Patterson, D.S.O.; Capt. D. A. Wilkins, M.B.E.; Lieut. J. R. P. Williams; Capt. C. J. Wood, M.C.

We understand that Major F. W. Tomlinson intends to go to Ascot all four days.

Major Allen has joined the 2nd Battalion at Aldershot, pending absorption.

Captain N. D. Rice and Lieut. D. Lister have arrived safely in Nigeria; the former is temporarily in command of the 2nd Battalion owing to the Commanding Officer, having been killed at polo.

Lieut. Lister is with the 1st Battalion.

Captain E. B. Backhouse is at Accra.

Captain R. M. Watson and his bride, who have been spending their honeymoon at St. Albans, kindly lent by Captain and Mrs. O'Brien, visited the Depot during last month.

We are asked to draw the attention of our readers to the articles dealing with the plaques, describing the colours which are to be put up in the Warriors' Chapel (*p.* 175) and the Short History of the Buffs which will be ready during June (*p.* 175).

Captain C. R. B. Knight and Lieuts. Hoare and Hill are we hear, doing remarkably well at pig-sticking.

Owing to pressure of work Captain Sydney Maiden has been unable to send us this month his usual interesting article "Round and About."

Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Roy Webster and daughter have arrived home from Bareilly.

Captain Webster is probably coming home on leave in July.

Captain A. Barton is temporarily acting in a dual capacity as Chairman and Secretary of the Medway Branch of the Association. His address is 208 Napier Road, Gillingham.

Captain V. J. Hallam has taken over the Secretaryship of the Dover Branch of the Past and Present Association from Mr. J. E. Marchant consequent on the latter in the course of his profession having been transferred to a new station.

Lieut. J. L. Blanch, late the Buffs (T.F.) has been granted a commission in the Gold Coast Defence Force.

We congratulate Sergt. Stewart whom we hear has been promoted R.S.M. and posted to the 3rd Battalion Nigerian Regiment at Calabar.

Mr. C. G. W. Robson has returned from Australia and Major J. F. W. and Mrs. Allen from Hong Kong.

Lieut. A. J. Fearnside-Speed reached England, on leave, from Nigeria, on the 13th May.

His many friends will regret to hear that the very hard working and popular secretary of the Ashford Branch, Mr. F. Cowell is far from well. Mr. and Mrs. Cowell recently celebrated their silver wedding. (Some may remember Mr. Cowell as No. 3806, F. Homewood, "Sandy").



We congratulate Mr. C. Crane (London Branch) on being the first Member of the Past and Present Association who has established his justification to become a Life Member in having paid 12 annual consecutive subscriptions (War period excepted) to the Association.

Playing for the United Services *v.* Sandhurst Wanderers at Portsmouth on 25th May, Captain D. A. Wilkins, going in first, made 11 runs and later took two wickets.

We congratulate Mr. C. G. W. Robson on his engagement to Miss Daphne Shepherd-Cross; we understand that the marriage is to take place shortly.

Lieut. d'Arcy Symonds is not returning to the Gold Coast: he expects to be posted to the 1st Battalion.

#### LONDON BRANCH.

We are pleased to hear Mr. Peacock of the London Branch is now out of hospital and we believe getting back his strength in a convalescent home at Deal.

It was with regret Mr. Ainge found it absolutely necessary to relinquish the Hon. Secretaryship of the London Branch. He has been a hard worker for the Branch. Mr. J. Green of 15 Viewland Road, Plumstead, S.E.18, takes over the appointment.

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Harry Burt on the wonderful evening on May the 4th, he gave the members and lady friends on the occasion of the London Branch Ladies' Festival.

For the March to the Cenotaph on May 26th last, the London Branch specially sent a written appeal to nearly 200 old Buffs resident in London who have *not* yet joined the Association. Altogether they sent special notices to 675 old Buffs, everyone of whom OUGHT to be a member.

### Births, Marriages and Deaths.

#### BIRTH.

**Wilson.**—6282070 Cpl. H. Wilson, "H.Q.," a son, Douglas Harold, born at Aldershot, 22/4/29.

#### MARRIAGES.

**Towner—Russell.**—6283251 Pte. T. Towner, "H.Q.," married at Tonbridge, 22/3/29 to Maria Russell.

**Cooksley—Lee.**—Pte. P. W. Cooksley, 6282789, M.G. Company, 2nd Battn. Married at Faversham 25/12/28 to Ethel Florence Lee.

### Short History of the Buffs, 1572-1929,

BY

Captain E. FOSTER HALL, M.C.

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As the book will make a charming gift, it is hoped that there will be a great demand for it both from serving soldiers and Branches of the Past and Present Association.

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### Warriors Chapel and Colours of the Buffs.

It has been found that visitors to the Warriors' Chapel have experienced great difficulty in finding out which battalions carried the various colours displayed there.

It has been decided therefore, to place a small tablet underneath each pair of colours stating during what period they were in use and to what battalion they belonged.

Omar Ramsden, the well-known worker in metal and enamel, is designing the tablets which will be 6 in number. They will be of a buff-coloured enamel, with dark blue enamel letters superimposed, the whole being contained in a sterling silver frame and fastened to the wall with silver nails having heads in the form of a rose.

Each tablet or plaque, will cost between £8 and £9 and it is thought that it would be appropriate if members of each battalion subscribed towards their peculiar tablet.

The colours at present in the Chapel are as follows: 1st Battalion, 2 pairs; 2nd Battalion, one pair (to be laid up this year); 3rd Battalion (East Kent Militia) one pair; King's Colours of the 6th, 7th, 8th, and 10th Battalions, grouped together with one tablet.

It is hoped that the tablets will be in position, ready to hand over to the Dean and Chapter at the service on the 18th August.

Subscriptions should be sent to the Officer Commanding, Depot the Buffs, Canterbury.



## Battles of the Buffs.

No. 37.

PUNNIAR. 29TH DECEMBER, 1843.

THE Buffs arrived in India in 1843 and for sixteen years served in various Indian stations. During this time a most unfortunate campaign in Afghanistan had lowered the prestige of the British army, and as a result much unrest was to be feared in India.

The first sign of trouble occurred in the native state of Gwalior. The death of the Mahratta Chief, Scindia of Gwalior, had as usual been followed by a struggle for the vacant throne, or, to be more exact, for the guardianship of the widowed Rhani, aged 12, and her adopted heir, aged eight. This position was seized by a late minister of the deceased ruler, who showed himself hostile to the British and ordered the British Resident to withdraw from Gwalior.

Lord Ellenborough, the Governor-General, therefore, formed an army of observation at Agra under General Sir Hugh Gough, lately returned from China. Gough made his plan of campaign ready for all emergencies and formed his force into two wings, one under himself at Agra and the other under Sir John Grey at Jhansi. The Buffs and the Fiftieth (now the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment) with the Ninth Lancers, five native battalions and some other native troops, formed Sir John Grey's force.

By the beginning of December both wings were ready and there appeared little likelihood of war. A counter revolution had taken place and an advance of both wings towards the frontier of Gwalior resulted in the handing over of the former minister. Lord Ellenborough, however, thought fit to order a reduction of the Gwalior army and in order to back up his demand he ordered a further advance and the two wings crossed the frontier on the 22nd and 24th December. Christmas Day was spent in Gwalior with little thought of the proximity of war, but suddenly news arrived that the Rhani would not meet the Governor-General to discuss matters and that on the contrary a large force had marched out from Gwalior. This meant war, and Sir Hugh Gough at once sent orders to General Grey to march on Punniar while he approached the town Gwalior from his direction. On the 29th December, General Grey came up to the Antri Pass, and, finding this strongly occupied, decided to turn it by the south and make for Punniar. This

force was, as was usual in India, much encumbered with baggage, mules, etc., and covered a distance of ten miles. His route lay parallel to, and, it seems, only a few hundred yards from, a range of hills on his right. However, he formed no flank guard and trusted entirely to his advanced and rear guards; thus he did not realise that the Mahrattas were marching parallel to him on the other side of the hill.

About three in the afternoon he reached his halting-place near Punniar and the troops prepared to make themselves comfortable. Suddenly there was a sound of guns in the rear of the column still many miles distant, and native troops came galloping into the lines in panic, crying out that the rear-guard was attacked and was being cut in pieces. Two companies of the Buffs formed part of the rear-guard, but the remainder were busy pitching their mess tents when round shot came flying into the camp and the elephants and camels broke out in confusion. The Buffs at once rushed to their arms, extended in skirmishing order and commenced firing. Although the 50th Regiment had the percussion musket, the Buffs still had the flintlock. However, they had fallen in and marched out one hour before the general order was given, and by so doing are considered to have saved the baggage. Reinforcements of cavalry with horse artillery were at once sent to the rearguard. General Grey then realised the situation and found out that the main Mahratta force was in position on some high hills four miles to the East. He at once sent forward the Buffs and the Sappers and Miners alone over the crest. On their report that the Mahrattas were in great force on the other side, he also sent the 50th and two native regiments to support them, giving them as their orders "to go and find the enemy as the Buffs had done." The Buffs, under Colonel Clunie, with an artillery battery, were hotly engaged in a valley filled with enemy's infantry, supported by guns on the ridge behind. Charging under very heavy fire they cleared the valley and captured eleven guns and an enemy standard. The Rajput carrying the standard was shot by Pte. Martin Daly and the standard instantly seized by Lieut. Douglas, who carried it throughout the remainder of the fight. The 50th and the native regiments were half a mile to their right and also cleared the valley and charged



# Records of Other Regiments.

XLIX.



## THE ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

In the dark ages, when armies lived on the plunder of the countries in which they were campaigning, the question of supplies for the troops was easily dealt with; they could either fend for themselves, or go hungry. As warfare became a more scientific business and less of a rough and tumble affair, a certain amount of transport began to accompany armies in the field, and civilian contractors, known as "sutlers" or "commissaries," began to take a hand in supplying food, forage, and other necessities. In the days of "Good Queen Bess" we find mention of a "Proveant Master," to supervise the provisioning of the army,

### Battles of the Buffs—continued from page 176.

a battery of four guns. By night fall the action was at an end and the Mahrattas were completely defeated. On the way back an unfortunate incident occurred when one Captain Magrath passed a bullock cart laden with ammunition and was said to have told one of his men to put a portfire to it. He and several of his men perished.

On the other side General Gough, that same day, had also inflicted a severe defeat on the enemy, and the two battles of Maharajpore and Punnar, both fought on the 29th December, 1843, finished that short campaign. A treaty was signed with the Rhani and the formidable danger of a union between the Mahrattas and the Sikhs against the British was averted.

According to the Illustrated London News of 9th March, 1844, the casualties of the Buffs were one officer, four sergeants, six rank and file and one horse killed: three officers, two sergeants and fifty-six rank and file wounded. The 39th Native Infantry had sixty-two casualties and the 50th Regiment forty-two.

To commemorate the battles Lord Ellenborough had a bronze star struck from metal obtained by melting down the captured cannon and each man received the star. It was as a result of this that the question of medals was raised and debated at home, and as a result a Peninsular medal was afterwards issued and has been followed by campaign medals since that date.

Two years later the regiment returned to England and in both 1845 and 1846 was able to march through the City of London.

E.F.H.

and a "Waggon Master General" to organise its transport. In Cromwell's army the "Commissary General" combined his duties as chief supply officer with the colonelcy of a regiment of horse.

In 1762 we find that the Governor General of Jamaica furnished fifteen hundred negroes "for transport duty on shore," with the expedition which was being sent to attack Havana. This number proving insufficient, it was augmented by the purchase of five hundred more.

In 1794 the first real attempt at organizing a military body to carry out the transport duties of the British army was made, when "The Corps of Royal Waggoners" was formed. According to Sir John Fortescue, this corps had so many ex-convicts in the ranks that it was known as "The Newgate Blues."

About five years later "The Corps of Royal Waggoners" appears to have been superseded by "The Royal Waggon Train." This corps appears to have been employed more for the transport of sick and wounded, and of regimental heavy baggage, than for the carriage of supplies. "The Royal Waggon Train," which bore the Battle Honours "Peninsula" and "Waterloo," was disbanded in 1833. From that date the British Army had no organised transport service until the Crimean War. A small Commissariat Staff still remained in existence, and rendered good service on famine relief duties in Ireland during the terrible days of "the hunger forties," when the failure of the potato crop, staple food of the Irish peasantry, brought thousands to the verge of starvation.

The Crimean War, while it brought glory to our fighting men, certainly did not add to the fame of those responsible for the organisation of our armies. The twin faults of neglect and mis-management must surely have reached their zenith in the middle of last century, when the troops of the wealthiest nation in the world sailed for the Crimea to perish of hunger and cold, or to undergo sufferings which could have been avoided, if the supply and transport services which feed the soldier in health, and the medical services which look after him when sick or wounded had existed in a properly organised and efficient form. Unfortunately these important services had been sacrificed on the altars of economy. When the British Army landed at Varna, thousands of bullock carts, with Bulgarian drivers, (at three shillings and eightpence a day), were hired. Their speed of travelling was described by Sir William Russell as being "about one mile and a half per hour," and the drivers, pressed into service by the Turks (still their hated overlords, in those days), deserted whenever they got a chance.

The next step was the organisation of "The Land Transport Corps," which rose to the strength of about fourteen thousand drivers, (some British, but more foreigners), and twenty-eight thousand animals. The officers, many of whom were transferred from Line regiments, wore "blue uniforms with grey, yellow and red facings." As to the rank and file, Sir William



Russell described them in scathing terms. "They are Turks, Elamites, Afghans, dwellers in Mesopotamia, Kurds, Parthians, Canaanites, Greeks, for whose services in the Land Transport Corps you, John Bull, pay daily the sum of three shillings per man, and they ought now to be carrying up provisions to your soldiers, but being philosophers of the Epicurean school, they prefer the pursuit of the grape and the insouciance of the siesta, to tramping over dusty roads or urging their mad career down stony ravines on thy much-bewhacked quadrupeds."

This unsatisfactory state of things caused the British Government to establish the transport service on more efficient lines at the end of the war, and a new force, at first consisting of two battalions, but later increased to six, was organised. It was called "The Military Train"—a title probably inspired by association with our French allies in the Crimea, for the branch of the French Army responsible for transport duties was known by this name. The Military Train was formed of splendid material, voluntary transfers from the mounted units of the forces in Great Britain and Ireland, only men of good character and education being accepted. The Life Guards, R.H.A., Royal Scots Greys, and 17th Lancers provided the N.C.O.s and most of the men for the 2nd Battalion, Military Train.

On the outbreak of the Chinese War, this battalion was ordered to the front. Owing to the outbreak of the Indian Mutiny, they were sent to India instead, but on landing were told that they would be of no use for transport duties in that country. The Commanding Officer therefore interviewed Sir John Campbell, pointing out that nearly all his men were trained cavalrymen, and willing to serve as such. If not required in that capacity, every man could ride and drive a pair of horses, and they would gladly serve as artillery drivers. The offer to serve as cavalry was accepted, and the "M.T. Cavalry," 250 strong, was organized in four troops, "Bays," "Greys," "Chestnut," and "Mixed," the horses being taken from Native Cavalry whose loyalty was suspect.

In the operations round Lucknow during Christmas week, 1857, they greatly distinguished themselves, capturing four guns and twelve ammunition waggons. They were thanked in orders for their "cool and soldier-like behaviour," and for "the bold front shown, and the gallant advance by their skirmishers" when the enemy attempted to re-take the guns. Two months later, in the face of an enemy force of 30,000 men, and under the fire of eleven rebel regiments, (according to General Outram), the M.T. charged and captured two field guns; on returning to camp the whole of the British infantry turned out to cheer them. When the 2nd Battalion, M.T., left for England in 1859, the Viceroy issued a farewell order, thanking them for their services "which would have reflected credit upon the oldest and most experienced cavalry soldiers," and ordered a salute to be fired in their honour by the guns of Fort William. On reaching England two members of the unit, Farrier Michael Murphy and Pte. Samuel Morley, received the Victoria Cross for having saved the life of a wounded officer who was surrounded by the enemy.

Alas, the success of the "M.T. Cavalry" in the Mutiny, caused a certain amount of jealousy, and we find a staff officer during the Chinese War of the early sixties, complaining that since they had been employed as cavalry the Train considered transport work beneath them.

While the attention of the British public was fixed on our wars in India and China, our diplomats were entering into commercial treaties with the Japanese, who, after stagnating for centuries and ignoring the outside world, had suddenly begun to take a more

progressive path. Naturally there were a number of Japanese who objected to this; attacks on Europeans and Americans took place, some being murdered. Therefore Sir Rutherford Alcock, the British charge-d'affaires at Yokohama, was allowed a small guard of soldiers of the Military Train. These were the first European troops, armed and equipped on modern lines, to be seen in the land of the Mikado, whose own warriors still wore plate armour and carried two-handed swords.

In 1870 the Military Train was disbanded; at that time it took precedence before the Foot Guards, and bore the Battle Honours "Lucknow," "Taku Forts," and "Pekin." From 1870 to 1875 the supply and transport services were under the "Control Department," and for the first time the title "Army Service Corps" was used. Then came the Commissariat and Transport Corps, which lasted until 1888, when the Army Service Corps was organised in something like its present form. The late General Sir Redvers Buller had a good deal to do with the re-organisation of the corps, a fact which is commemorated by the name of "Buller Barracks," the home of the Royal Army Service Corps, at Aldershot.

During the Zulu War, Assistant Commissary J. L. Dalton won the V.C. for bravery at Rorke's Drift. When the South African War broke out in 1899, six hundred Army Service Corps drivers, surplus to the requirements of their own corps, were lent to the Royal Artillery.

In 1914 the strength of the Royal Army Service Corps was about 500 officers and 6,000 other ranks; on the day the Armistice was signed, there were no less than 11,408 officers holding commissions in the corps, while the rank and file had increased to 311,478. The following table of casualties sustained by the corps, 1914—18, may be interesting—and perhaps surprising—to readers:—

	Officers.	Other Ranks.
Killed in Action ... ..	59	988
Died of Wounds ... ..	36	945
Accidentally Killed, or		
Died of Disease ... ..	193	5,083
Total	288	7,016

The title of "Royal" was conferred on the corps in November, 1918, in recognition of its services in the Great War. Besides the handling of the vast quantities of supplies needed for not one, but several British armies in the field, in all quarters of the globe, the corps was responsible for a huge amount of clerical and administrative work, and undertaking transport duties of every kind, with horses, camels, mules, and even the humble donkey (in Palestine), as well as the various forms of mechanical transport. A motor-ambulance driver, Pte. R. G. Masters, R.A.S.C., was given a well-earned V.C. for evacuating wounded over road which was "reported impassable," owing to shell-holes and debris; was swept by machine-gun fire, and was being bombed by enemy aeroplanes.

The initials worn on the shoulder-straps of the men of this branch of the service have given rise to most of the nick-names by which they have been known from time to time. Thus, the L.T.C. of Crimean days was said to mean "London Thieving Corps." The M.T. likewise became "Murdering Thieves," until mules were introduced, when the nick-name was changed to "Moke Train," (sometimes corrupted into "Muck Train"), which was so unpopular that the mules had to be withdrawn and horses restored.

R. MAURICE HILL.



## Correspondence.



R.S.M. Vaughan ; R.S.M. Martin ; R.S.M. Couchman ;  
R.S.M. Potter.

### SERGEANT-MAJORS.

To The Editor, "The Dragon," Canterbury.

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing a very unique photograph which I thought you might like to publish in *The Dragon*.

As will be seen, it is a photograph of the four Regimental Sergeant-Majors of the Regiment, who met at my house on the 22nd April, 1929.

R.S.M. Martin is on leave from the 1st Battalion, R.S.M. Vaughan was paying the Depot a visit, whilst R.S.M. Couchman and myself were on the spot.

I felt that such an opportunity might never occur again (and I wonder has it ever happened before)? when all the Regimental-Sergeant-Majors would meet at the same place, so took advantage of the moment and called in Fisk Moore, so that a record could be kept of the unique meeting of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, (and Depot) and 4th Battalion senior Warrant Officers.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

F. W. POTTER,  
R.S.M.,

Depot The Buffs.

21-5-1929.

### 2ND BATTALION DRUMS AT CRYSTAL PALACE—AN APPRECIATION.

52 Holmewood Gardens,

Brixton, London, S.W.2,

22-5-29.

To The Editor, "The Dragon," The Buffs, Canterbury.

Dear Sir,

I had the pleasure of hearing The Drums of The 2nd Battalion at the Crystal Palace on Whit Monday and I really must write and tell you about them.

I daresay there was a record attendance of the public on that day. Oh, how delighted I was when I saw Drum-Major O'Dell and his Corps of Drums at such a big show, quite a new thing, as it has always been only done by the Brigade of Guards; this time it was Buffs, Royal Warwickshires, Scots and Coldstream Guards.

Our 2nd Battalion Drums gave a splendid show. I was near them from 5 till 6.30 p.m. to see and hear for myself what the public thought of a real good set of Drums at work and more so, as it was The Buffs, their own London Regiment. Their performance was first class and well received by the large crowd.



Two other Old Buffs, Spud Austin and Ainy Ainge, were there like myself, to hear our Boys. I noticed they were almost twice as strong in numbers to other Corps of Drums.

After delighting everyone with tunes in the Bandstand, we asked a favour of Drum-Major O'Dell, to bring them out of it and let them march up and down in front so that the public could see them in full swing on the march and my word! they worked like a machine. The Big Drummer, whose name I asked for, was Dr. Smith; he seemed to do just what he liked swinging his drum sticks in all directions and likewise the Side Drummers.

The next show took place in the centre transept at the Grand Military Concert (The British Army Quadrilles), The Buffs' part being the arrival of the Irish Brigade. I was sitting in rear of the Massed Bands on the platform and when our Boys came marching in I could hear the remarks all around me: "Here comes The Buffs." Oh, how proud I felt at the time when they came swinging in to that good old Irish tune: "Garry Owen" and Drum-Major O'Dell, a son of Erin, leading them in. The applause they received when they formed up on the concert platform was a splendid reward for their smart bearing and performance.

In conclusion, I will say, Well done, Drums, Major O'Dell and your smart Corps of Drums, for the topping show you gave at The Crystal Palace on Whit Monday and I hope you will be there again on August Bank Holiday.

Yours sincerely,  
NOBBY CLARKE.

CYPRUS.  
Depot, Military Police,  
Nicosia,  
Cyprus,  
14-5-29.

Dear Colonel,

Many thanks for your letter and for making me a member of The Past and Present Association.

I am coming back on leave this year and all being well, we sail on June 4th, so would you be so kind as to have *The Dragon* for June, July, August and September sent to me at:—

27 Medina Villas,  
Hove,  
Sussex

which will always find me during leave; shall hope to see you some time.

Yours sincerely,  
E. M. BAKER.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND.  
16-5-29.

To Colonel Findlay,

Dear Sir,

I would like to thank you and all concerned on behalf of my husband and myself, for the very substantial and acceptable gift of money from the Association which was more acceptable as it was so unexpected and has enabled us to get through a very trying time and relieved us of an unavoidable debt. We cannot express our deep gratitude to yourself and Captain Barton for the great trouble and interest you have taken on our behalf and I must say it has given us great encouragement to carry on. My husband was greatly cheered by the visits of Captain Barton and has improved wonderfully since he has found that someone was taking an interest in our troubles.

Please accept our most grateful thanks and best wishes to the Association.

We remain,  
Yours gratefully,

PENSION.

From

The President, Officers' Mess,  
2nd Bn. The Buffs,  
Blenheim Barracks,  
Aldershot.

To The Editor, "*The Dragon*,"  
Depot The Buffs, Canterbury.

14-5-1929.

Dear Sir,

Will you please put enclosed notice in *The Dragon* if you think fit.

Yours faithfully,  
H. C. MORLEY, Capt.,  
P.M.C.

GIBRALTAR POLO CLUB.

Fernando, the Polo Groundsman for forty-eight years, is now seriously ill, bed-ridden and in reduced circumstances.

A Pension Fund is being opened. It is thought that many officers who have served in Gibraltar and have known Fernando would like to subscribe.

Subscriptions, however small, will be gratefully received, and should be sent to:

The Hon. Secretary,  
Gibraltar Polo Club,  
Gibraltar.

AUSTRALIA.

Wylie House,  
Nornalup,  
Western Australia,  
9th April, 1929.

Dear Sir,

I enclose my subscription to *The Dragon* for 1929. Interest in the Old Regiment will never wane while *The Dragon* keeps Past Members so ably in touch with it. With hearty greetings from the Antipodes.

I am,  
Yours sincerely,  
T. R. PRICE.

R.S.M. W. G. Stewart,  
3rd Battalion, Nigeria Regiment,  
Calabar, Nigeria,  
2nd May, 1929.

To The Editor, "*The Dragon*," Canterbury.

Sir,

Will you please be kind enough to have future copies of my *Dragon* sent to the above address from now and until further notice.

I have seen both Major Rice and Captain Lister since their return and both look extremely well after their leave in the United Kingdom. The former is at present Commanding the 2nd Battalion, Nigeria Regiment.

Lieutenant A. A. J. M. Fearnside-Speed proceeded on leave to the United Kingdom on the 30-4-29. He sailed on the *Apapa*.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
W. G. STEWART, R.S.M.

EXTRACT FROM "THE LINK"—THE JOURNAL OF THE  
ARMY VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE.

We were pleased to hear from *ex-Private Tallack of The Buffs*. He writes from Sheerness and tells us that he started at his trade as a *Painter*, but has now developed into a Handyman. When painting is slack he has a turn at laying bricks and does a carpenter's job or two. It is a pleasure to know he has adapted himself so well to local conditions and we wish him the best of luck.





Photo by Hawksworth Wheeler, Folkestone.

## The Mayflies.

Mrs. T. L. Wall, who it will be remembered was very largely responsible for the success of the Cabaret Ball last year in aid of the Benevolent Fund has again been responsible for organising an Amateur Entertainment called "The Mayflies," in aid of the Building Fund of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

After performances at Elham, Barham, Aylesham and Folkestone, this Company came to the Prince of Wales' Institute on Friday and Saturday the 17th and 18th ultimo in aid of Army charities. The choice of nights was unfortunate, but could not be avoided, The performance was worthy of a far larger audience than it actually got. However, soldiers must have their Whit week-end leave like everybody else.

The Caste were thoroughly cheery and hardworking and there was no lack of talent. In fact a "very good show."

Mrs. Wall divided the programme equally between "Sketches" and Musical Numbers. The popularity of the latter may be gauged from the fact that no other dances are now heard in Barracks with the possible exception of the everlasting "Sonny Boy"—even that had to work hard for a hearing.

The Caste had no Al Jolson among its number, but Mrs. Penlington gave the only "straight" songs very well with that rara avis of an Amateur Show, a trained voice.

The pianist, Mr. Webster, deserves special mention as his accompaniments and syncopation were first class.

Miss Molly Champneys supplied the comic relief most efficiently, Miss Kirk and Miss Rowena Atkinson danced delightfully, and all the sketches were fitting and well acted.

Really the whole Caste is worthy of a "mention," but as space is limited, and I am anonymous, I will hereby congratulate Mrs. Wall, as the guiding spirit, and all the Caste on the very excellent performance and trust we may see them all again in the Autumn.

### Correspondence—continued from p. 180.

The Arsenal,  
Quetta,

Baluchistan.

To The Editor, "The Dragon,"  
The Depot, The Buffs, Canterbury.

Sir,

I am forwarding you by the current mail, a Money Order for the sum of Eight Shillings, and I should be grateful if you will send me all back numbers of *The Dragon* from, and including the month of September, 1928, until such time that my subscription is exhausted.

During my stay in Quetta, I have met a few old friends of the Regiment. These include Major Shepherd, R.A.M.C. who was sometime M.O. to the 2nd Battalion in Multan. S/Sgt. Guppy, I.C.C., who no doubt will be remembered by members of the 2nd Battalion Sergeants' Mess at Steamer Point in 1922. Another is Lieut. Gate, S. & T., who, I believe, served as a boy with Bandmaster C. B. Hewitt a "few" years ago. Lieut. Gate was I/C Supplies at Dalhousie during the Hot Season of 1920 when the 2nd Battalion had a Detachment there.

Wishing *The Dragon* the best of luck and a continual increase in its circulation,

Yours respectfully,

A. ROBINSON, Sgt. I.A.O.C.,

Late 1st and 2nd Battalions.

8-5-1929.



## Some Notes on Vocational Training,

BY

Lt.-Colonel F. K. HARDY, D.S.O.

The pamphlet issued with A.C.I. 219 of 1928 gives full particulars of the facilities which exist for soldiers to undergo Vocational Courses in subjects other than those taught at an Army Vocational Training Centre. The advantages to be gained by these "Outside Courses" does not seem, as yet, to be fully realized by serving soldiers, so a few notes drawn from a year's experience of the scheme may not come amiss.

The Scheme for Outside Courses is this :—

A Soldier can apply through the usual channels for vocational training in any subject he likes. His application in due course reaches me as Commandant of A.V.T.C. Hounslow. I, in turn, approach Civilian schools or bodies who may be prepared to accept the applicant as a pupil. If they agree and I am satisfied that the instruction will be suitable, the Course is arranged. The soldier of course has to pay the whole fee demanded by the Civilian School and also his travelling expenses between Hounslow and the school. He does not however have to pay the fee of 7/6d. per week, which soldiers doing a Course at an Army Centre have to pay.

Before putting in for one of these courses a soldier must be sure of several points. He must have enquired into the possibility of obtaining employment in the line he takes up. Unless he has some definite aim in view success is unlikely. Previous knowledge of the subject is in most cases essential as the soldier will be trying to do in six months something the civilian beginner would take a year or more to do. He must be prepared to work twelve hours a day, if necessary, when learning and to put down a good round sum in fees for his training. These fees vary from a £1 or so to £25.

The soldier must in fact know exactly what he wants, why he wants it, and should prepare himself for the course by previous study and by saving money for his fees and other incidental expenses.

In submitting an application the soldier has to add a letter in his own handwriting explaining his reasons for requiring the training and giving details of any experience he may have had. The name of a suitable school or place of instruction should be given, if known. The fuller detail given in this letter the better chance there is of arranging a course. Civilian schools have to be asked if they will accept the applicant as a pupil and those of the better kind will not do so unless they think he will prove successful. It is a great help if the name of a suitable school can be mentioned and there is no reason why a soldier should not make tentative enquiries himself. In fact if the training is required at a business house or firm it is better that this should be done. It should be remembered that these courses can only take place in the London Area.

Applications for training in a remarkably wide range of trades and callings have been received and it has been possible to arrange training in over 15 different subjects as widely different as Ladies' Hairdressing and Monumental Masonry.

The largest number of applicants have been for Book-keeping. This is a subject I would not advise anyone to take unless they have a definite end in view. The labour market is full of girls who can do the work and will do it for 25/- a week. The next most popular has been "Knowledge of London." This is training in order to pass for a Scotland Yard Licence as a Taxi-driver. The test is extremely hard, even for a Londoner, for he has to know the Streets, Clubs, Theatres and principles buildings like a book, and a

man has to be quick witted and put in long hours of work in order to pass in six months. It can, however, be done and employment is a certainty. I am told on good authority that an enterprising taxi-driver in London can earn £5 per week.

Salesmanship is a subject for which there has been a considerable demand but at present there is no suitable whole time school. Quite a number of soldiers who were unable to get vacancies at this Centre in the Motor Mechanics Class have attended for an outside course in Motor Driving at a well known Civilian school.

Pastry Cooks and Bakers have been accepted at the L.C.C. School of Bakery and a Printer at the London School of Printing. Previous employment at the trade is however an essential at these two particulars schools and at some others.

Wireless Operating has been taken by several but without considerable previous knowledge six months is too short a time in which to get the Postmaster General's Certificate.

There is an excellent school for Ladies Hairdressing available but the fees, £25, are prohibitive in most cases.

Ticket writing is a subject which has been taken in only one case and is seemingly one which soldiers, who can do a bit of drawing or sketching, might make enquiries about. There may be good chances of employment.

Success where it has come, and it has come in many cases, has been due entirely to the ability and energy of the soldier himself. Similarly those who have failed have done so through their own lack of ability and determination.

In conclusion these Outside Courses are an undoubted boon to soldiers who have taken the trouble to investigate the possibilities of obtaining employment after a course, and who prepare themselves beforehand to take full advantage of the teaching they will receive.

## Jessica in London.

TEMPLE BAR.

LONDON's full of statues—

Some of them are kings,  
And some of them are gentlemen  
Who just did clever things ;  
And some of them have horses,  
Some only sit or stand,  
And some are rather queerly dressed  
And some are very grand.

*But what, oh, what did the dragon do  
That he was given a statue too ?*

His wings are long and pointed,

He's got a lot of scales,  
He's very like St. George's  
And those in fairy-tales ;  
He looks a little haughty,

His tail is in the air ;  
But nobody can tell me  
The reason he is there.

Though dragons in the stories  
Were as bad as they could be  
And people had to kill them  
To set Princesses free

I'm sure he was a good one,  
But they haven't put his name,  
And not a word about him,  
And I think it is a shame.

*And I wish so much, so much that I knew  
What did the dragon really do.*

R. F.

*By kind permission of the Editor of Punch.*



# Past and Present Association, The Buffs.

MINUTES of the 86th meeting of the Regimental Committee and the Executive Committee of the Past and Present Association, The Buffs, held in London, on Saturday, May 4th, 1929, at 2.30 p.m.

*Present:*

Major-General Sir Guy Bainbridge, K.C.B.

Lieut.-Colonel R. E. Power, D.S.O.

Lieut.-Colonel J. Crookenden, D.S.O.

Colonel H. Findlay, C.B.E. (Secretary).

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## Regimental Committee.

CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE.—The Chairman and all members expressed their willingness to accept the Colonel of the Regiment's invitation to continue to serve on the Committee for a further year:—August, 1929—August, 1930. The following three additional members have been nominated by the Colonel:—Brigadier J. Kennedy, Lieut.-Col. L. W. Lucas and the Officer Commanding 4th Battalion; to join the Committee in August, 1929.

MEETINGS.—It was decided that normally the Regimental Committee and Executive Committee of the Association should meet quarterly, but that extra meetings might be called by the Chairman when and where considered necessary.

It was further decided that the meetings should generally be held in London.

YPRES CHURCH MEMORIAL.—The following inscription was approved:—Regimental Crest—"Sacred to the memory of Buffs who fell in the Ypres Salient."

## DRAGON DINNER CLUB.—

- (a) The Committee noted with pleasure that Major A. H. Tylden-Patterson had accepted the Colonel of the Regiment's invitation to take the Chair.
- (b) The Committee unanimously recommended that as a general rule there should be no speeches, unless the Chairman personally desired to speak himself.

## CORRESPONDENCE.—

- (a) *Regimental Ties.*—A proposal submitted by Captain Baird respecting the sale of Regimental Ties having been considered, it was decided that, provided Branches concurred, supplies of Ties would be available for issue in bulk by the Secretary of the Association to Branches on sale or return, and that as heretofore, a supply of Ties would also be available for sale to individuals from the Secretary's office.
- (b) Claims to Life Membership submitted by Sgt. A. Smith and Mr. A. E. Colley were accepted.
- (c) An invitation received from the Royal West Kent Old Comrades' Association to play two Cricket Matches during the summer (on Sunday), one at Canterbury and one at Maidstone, was considered.

The views of the Archdeacon of Canterbury having been obtained, it was decided that there was no objection to the proposal, but that the Subcommittee should be asked to consider the matter and decide for or against, as also regarding the match at Canterbury taking place on the afternoon of August 18th.

## (d) Finance.

- (a) A grant of £5 was approved in the case of Mr.—
- (b) A pension of £1 a month to Mrs. —, for six months, was approved.
- (c) The Committee regretted that in view of the assistance already given and the sum due to the Benevolent Fund from Mr. —, no further assistance could be given.

(d) The appeal for assistance on behalf of Miss —, was considered, and it was decided that as this man served in the R.A.S.C. (Barrack Dept.) longer than in The Buffs, this Corps should be approached with a view to it combining with the Regimental Association in rendering some help.

(e) It was decided that a pension of £12 a year (subject to review) should be made to Mrs. —, widow of the late —.

It was decided that a grant of £50 should be made to the Officer Commanding 2nd Battalion from the Past and Present Association account to assist in defraying expenses in connection with the depositing of the Battalion Colours in the Warriors' Chapel on August 18th.

The Balance Sheets for the financial year ending 31st March, 1929, were placed before the Committee, and the Secretary instructed to forward same to the Auditors.

As it appeared from the Balance Sheet of the Past and Present Association account that the Motor School had cost £80, the Committee invited the Officer Commanding the 2nd Battalion to consider the possibility of having a suitable N.C.O. or man trained to take over the Instructorship of the School.

REGIMENTAL DIARY.—In view of the cost of and uncertainty as to sales, it was decided that this production should not be proceeded with.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING.—5.30 p.m., at Canterbury, August 17th.

## BUFFS WARRIORS' CHAPEL ENDOWMENT FUND.

The following donation to the above Fund has been received:—

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. B. Prescott-Roberts	...	3	0 0

## DONATIONS.

During the period 18/4/29 to 18/5/29 the following donations have been received to the Benevolent Fund:—

	£	s.	d.
1st Battalion The Buffs	...	12	0 0
T. A. Steward, Swaziland	...	0	7 0
B. Ronald, Esq.	...	2	0 0
Capt. J. Smith	...	1	0 0

## DISBURSEMENTS.

During the period 18/4/29 to 18/5/29 the following disbursements have been made:—

	£	s.	d.
April 22. Grant	...	1	0 0
22. Grant	...	1	10 0
22. Grant	...	1	10 0
25. Grant	...	1	10 0
25. Grant	...	0	2 6
26. Grant	...	1	0 0
29. Grant	...	0	6 0
May 2. Grant	...	5	0 0
3. Grant	...	2	0 0
6. Grant	...	1	0 0
6. Grant	...	1	10 0
8. Grant	...	2	0 0
11. Loan	...	4	0 0
13. Grant	...	1	10 0
13. Grant	...	5	0 0
16. Grant	...	2	0 0
17. Grant	...	1	0 0
18. Grant	...	1	0 0



## NEW MEMBERS.

During the period 18/4/29 to 18/5/29 the following new members have been enrolled:—

*Life Members.*—S. Shilling, S. Turner, Ptes. H. Osbourne, S. Bashford, F. George, L. King, A. Collins, S. Hewitt, C. Pett, H. Washington, A. Potter, W. Henderson, G. Pilgrim, W. Eggleton, J. Mason, T. Divers, Bdmn. T. Henriksen, J. Quinn, R. Ratcliffe, J. Sharpe, J. Collins, Boy T. Catt, Boy H. Filmer, Sgt. S. Carvell, Major F. O. Marchant, M.C., H. A. Newman, W. H. Hearson, W. R. Ingamells, P. W. Sankey, G. Clarey.

*Annual Members.*—G. E. Read, A. Sorrell, H. C. Allen, Sgt. F. Sidwell, M.M., F. King, H. F. Reeves, E. A. Austin, Ptes. H. Stevens, H. Smith, W. Masitoni, W. Caless, Sgt. Cronin, Cpl. J. Jarvis, L/Cpls. Knight, R. Newman, S. Smith, Bdmn. Bulgin, R. E. Barman, W. G. Spratt, E. W. Nunn, C. J. Pidduck, V. Austin, W. Marsh, A. J. Fuggle, E. E. Stanger, H. Mannerling, E. Smith, J. B. Gore, F. Lawes, F. W. C. Bourne, E. E. Drury, F. Ames, R. J. Evenden, H. R. Jones, E. A. Arnold, S. Barden, C. E. J. Ivens, R. P. Collins, H. P. Down, E. S. W. Nichols, A. A. Palmer, W. Barnett, G. Bainbridge, J. H. Allen, W. Pascall, B. G. Borrett, G. J. Cooney, W. J. Kelly, R. H. Matthews.

*Associate Members.*—Mr. Godden, E. W. Noble.

## Ashford Branch.

The monthly meeting was held at the Market Hotel. Mr. Ades was in the Chair, supported by Mr. Tomsett, Vice-Chair, and Mr. Marsh, Secretary.

There was a good attendance. The month's working was very satisfactory, showing a balance in the Branch funds.

The Branch decided to send representatives to the march to the Cenotaph. After business the evening was spent in harmony; Mr. W. Clifford presiding at the piano. We had a jolly company including Nappy Higgins, No. 2832, and every other old timer.

A good number of old 2nd Battalion boys will remember Nancy Higgins, old 2832, who is still laying bricks (not block houses), and is still going strong and can still take his medicine. Mr. Tomsett, and others who were in South Africa with Nancy, made it a real old comrades evening.

Our old friend Mr. Cowell turned up for a short time although his health is far from good.

## London Branch.

The 28th Meeting of the above Branch was held at the "Phoenix," Palace Street, Victoria, on the 18th ultimo, with Capt. J. E. Enright in the chair.

*CANTERBURY MEMORIAL SERVICE.*—The chairman gave the details of the proposed arrangements as discussed by the sub-committee at Canterbury, which met with approval. Mr. Green was authorised to make the best arrangements possible for conveying the Branch to Canterbury on August 18th.

*REGIMENTAL TIES.*—This question created a lively debate and it was decided to defer the question pending the receipt of sample ties from the Executive Committee. In the meantime it was proposed to ask for a definite ruling on:—

(a) The correct direction of the diagonal stripes, *i.e.*, right to left, or vice versa.

(b) The correct width of such stripes.

*MARCH TO CENOTAPH.*—Final details were placed before the Branch and approved.

*BRANCH SECRETARY.*—Two nominations were approved by the Committee and submitted to the meeting for ballot, which resulted in the election of Mr. Green, to fulfil the vacancy caused by the reluctant resignation of Mr. Ainge. Mr. Brown volunteered to act as Assistant Secretary and help Mr. Green in every possible way. The chairman spoke of the good work done by Mr. Ainge since the formation of the Branch, and it was proposed by Mr. Tong, that some mark of appreciation should be shown by the members, and the Branch be circularised for subscriptions, in order that a suitable presentation can be made to our late Secretary. This was carried unanimously.

*THE LADIES FESTIVAL.*—Mr. Burt presented his report, and after everything was settled he hoped to hand the Branch Treasurer about twenty-five shillings. He had done his best to please all and hoped everyone thought it a very happy evening. The rush for tickets during the latter period necessitated booking an overflow room, but by the experienced gained it was hoped that on future occasions all will dine in one room. Several congratulatory speeches were made, and the heartiest vote of thanks of the Branch was given to Mr. Burt for his untiring efforts in providing such a splendid evening.

*INVITATION TO ALDERSHOT.*—The Chairman read out letters from the Officer Commanding the 2nd Battalion, Lt.-Col. J. Crookenden, and from Major Guy Lee, inviting the Branch to Aldershot on Sunday, June 23rd, and extending a welcome to a limited number who wish to see the Tattoo, and stay Saturday night in Barracks. The Chairman pointed out it was one week prior to Wrotham, but nevertheless, he felt sure a goodly number would take advantage of the more than generous invitation. It was decided to delegate Mr. (Spud) Austin to find out cost of charabancs, and call for numbers in next month's notices.

*WROTHAM PICNIC.*—The Chairman explained that the Branch will leave by train on Sunday, 30th June, arriving at Wrotham at mid-day. Capt. Carter, with Messrs. Warren and Austin would look after the "inner" man. Refreshments would be available on the field at ordinary prices, and tea would be one penny per cup. Sandwiches and cake would also be provided at a small charge. This arrangement, however, is not intended to take the place of the "Picnic Basket," but simply to provide eatables for tea, and must be looked upon as supplementary.

*INTER-BRANCH SHOOT.*—The details of the Inter-Branch Shoot was placed before the members and approved.

*CHARABANC FLAGS.*—It was proposed by Mr. (Nobby) Clarke and carried unanimously, that the Ladies' Guild be kindly asked to make and present the Branch with two flags with the "Dragon" embroidered on them. It was pointed out that when the Branch is travelling, it ought to advertise the fact "we are The Buffs."

*THE ALDERSHOT TATTOO.*—Mr. Long urged the members to see this wonderful show; it was worth going to, if only to see O'Dell in front of the massed drums. Captain Carter pointed out it was unique to find both the Senior Bandmaster and the Senior Drum Major belonging to the same regiment, and both had done their work well and brought credit to the regiment at the Tattoo. Mr. Long also reminded the meeting that the 2nd Battalion Drums were giving a display at the Crystal Palace on Whit-Monday, and though it would be a good idea if such engagements could be announced beforehand in *The Dragon*.

*VISIT TO THE BATTLEFIELDS.*—The Chairman mentioned that he had received a letter from Messrs. Thomas Cook and Sons, relative to such a visit in 1930. He would ask the members to think about it and if sufficient numbers were forthcoming, no doubt it could easily be arranged for all our Branches to participate throughout the Association and run from Headquarters at Canterbury.

J.E.

## LONDON BRANCH CRICKET CLUB.

Owing to the miserable weather, the match against the "New Cross Empire Sports Club" was cancelled. Although pouring with rain, and it was the day after the "Ladies Festival," the teams turned up at London Bridge Station ready for the fray.

On Sunday, May 19th, the team met at Victoria Station and proceeded to Park Royal to play the "Fulham Conservative Club." We lost by 42 runs. Major Vaughan motored over from Beckenham to play for the Branch, and had the satisfaction of being top scorer of both teams. Our team consisted of Major Vaughan, Messrs. Gammon, Coveney, Peters (Capt.), C. Household, W. Household, Hickey, Fisher, Nicholson, J. Noble and E. Noble. Scorer: Mr. Lamb. Umpire: Capt. Enright.

TOMBOLO.

## ANNUAL DINNER AND LADIES' FESTIVAL.

The Second Annual Dinner and Ladies' Festival took place on Saurday, 4th May, at the Rupert Restaurant, Piccadilly when well over 200 sat down to a really good dinner, which was followed by a dance lasting until midnight. It was a first-rate show, bestowing great credit on Mr. Burt and those who assisted him, for the splendid way it was organised.

The Colonel of the Regiment and the Honourable Lady Lynden-Bell and Daughter arrived punctually at 6 p.m., and took up position in the ante-room where everyone was announced by name and received by General Sir Arthur and her Ladyship before proceeding to their tables. At 6.30 p.m. the Colonel of the Regiment was escorted into the banqueting room to the strains of the Regimental March and took the chair, with the Hon. Lady Lynden-Bell on his immediate right. Many distinguished Buffs were present to support the Colonel of the Regiment, including Colonel Findlay, Colonel Lucas, Lt.-Colonel Crookenden, Major Guy Lee, Major Keown (Vice-President of the Branch), Alderman Cheney, from Ramsgate, Major Foster, from Dover, Captain Smith, Captain Carter, Major Nicholson, Captain E. Foster-Hall, Lt. S. P. Lynden-Bell, Lt. Nicholson-Turner, Sergeant Majors Martin, Potter and Vaughan, "Spud" Austin, "Nobby" Clarke, Captain Corney-Stone, "Donkey" Warren, Mr. Ainge, Boy' Denny, Captain T. O. Cook, and many, many others too numerous to mention, all accompanied by their ladies and friends.

The Honourable Lady Lynden-Bell was presented with a beautiful bouquet of roses intermixed with a lovely shade of regimental blue.

During dinner telegrams were received and read out amidst great applause from:—

His Majesty the King; His Majesty the King of Denmark; The Rt. Hon., the Lord Mayor of London; The Worshipful Mayors of Canterbury, Dover, Ramsgate, Chatham, Folkestone and Hythe; The Medway Branch and one very much appreciated wire from Mr. Peacock, who, lying ill in the West London Hospital, sent his good wishes.





LONDON BRANCH—THE LADIES' FESTIVAL.

*Reliance Photo Service*



In proposing the toast 'The Colonel of the Buffs,' Lt.-Col. Crookenden said it was a toast which gave him the greatest pleasure to propose. Everyone knew the great work General Sir Arthur had done for the Regiment, and how he had always interested himself in its welfare and particularly in the well being of old Buffs. Of all the many decorations and honours bestowed upon him for his great services, he felt sure the one General Sir Arthur would prize the most, was his appointment by the King as Colonel of the Buffs. The toast was drunk with terrific enthusiasm and the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow."

The moment the "Colonel of the Buffs" rose to reply he was received with "LONDON BRANCH FIRE" led by the Toastmaster and announcer, Capt. T. O. Cook. He said it was a very happy day for him to be amongst so many dear old friends of his. He mentioned, how, when he received the news of the great honour bestowed upon him by His Majesty, he went out to play golf and remained out the whole day—he simply did not know what to do with himself. On arrival home, his daughter appealed to him, her right arm was almost helpless; she had been sitting all day at the telephone writing down the multitude of messages which had been received, and he was pleased to think the very first was from his old friend "Spud" Austin.

The General said the Colonelcy of the Buffs would always be to him the highest honour he had received. He asked all to back him up in the good work of furthering the cause of the Regiment and all our dear old Buffs. He very specially referred to the good work performed by the Ladies' Guild, and hoped similar guilds would be started in other Branches.

Major Keown, the Vice-President of the London Branch, proposed the toast of Capt. Enright, the Branch Chairman, and mentioned the work done with respect to unemployment. Capt. Enright in responding touched on the growth of the Branch and the great assistance given him by the members, which made a pleasant task so easy.

The Ladies and Guests was proposed by Capt. Smith, who made several delightful touches of humour. Mrs. Spinner replied for the Ladies and her remarks scored many half-crowns and new members. Major Foster sincerely thanked the Branch for their kindness to the late C.S.M. Kelly.

Major Guy Lee was received with enthusiasm when he rose to propose the toast of the Past and Present Association. He spoke of the great work being done by Col. Findlay and hoped that great work would continue. Also, the efforts being made by the 2nd Battalion Branch to find men employment before leaving the colours.

Col. Findlay responding spoke of the vast organisation of the Past and Present Association of 5,000 members.

He mentioned, he replied not only for members but for all those down and out who could not afford the subscription; he would like to see them all taken on the strength of Branches as Hon. members and pay their subscriptions when better times came. He outlined the work of the Association, and with his intimate knowledge gave some very interesting facts.

The Colonel of the Regiment spoke highly of the work for the Branch by Mr. Ainge, and hoped he would continue the good work as Secretary.

Following the sumptuous repast the entire company made ready for the concert and dance. The artistes were really first class and included:—

Miss Edna Burt, Mezzo-Soprano; Miss Cathcart Lynn, Contralto; Miss Lily Bradford, Soprano; Messrs. Douglas and Ross, American Jazz Experts. Pianist: Mr. Douglas D. Davis.

The M.C.s were Mr. E. Lamb and "Nobby" Clarke. The winners of prizes during the dances were:—Mrs. Denny, Mr. Ainge, Mrs. Huxter, Bobby Wittering, Mrs. Blackman and one other whose name is not recorded.

Capt. T. O. Cook made an admirable Announcer and Toastmaster. Mr. H. Burt, who was the responsible individual for the whole affair, is deserving of the highest praise for giving us one of the best nights of our lives, and it was the unanimous opinion of all present, there was not a better show in London on May 4th than at the Rupert Restaurant.

The Band of the 2nd Battalion, by kind permission of Lt.-Col. J. Crookenden, played excellently during the entire evening.

## Cenotaph Sunday

SUNDAY the 26th of May, 1929 will be long remembered by all who participated in the great march to the National Shrine to pay tribute to those Buffs of all ranks who made the great sacrifice. The total of 6,500 of our great regiment who gave their lives for King and Country was indeed, a heavy price to pay, but they died willingly in order that this England of ours should remain for ever under the Union Jack—the flag of liberty and justice. It was thus, right that we—who might have shared their fate—should pay to them the homage which is due to their memory.

It was a great day for the Past and Present Association. A total of nearly 850 of all ranks—including 115 ladies of the London Ladies Guild, Royal

Cambridge Homes and bereaved—marched shoulder to shoulder together. Members walked with the aid of crutches; men who had lost limbs; mothers who had lost their only sons; young children who proudly wore their dead father's decorations, all with the one thought in their minds—he died in the Buffs and belonged to me.

One of the most pleasing features was that out of a strength of 500 members hardly a man of the London Branch was absent off parade. Moreover many others resident in London who—though not members—came along and participated in response to letters sent them. It was splendid too the way the Ramsgate Branch came along with two charabancs of members and ladies; also the Ashford Branch with 31 members; then there were the "Present" represented by contingents from the 2nd Battalion and the Depot, the latter in uniform. The "Past" with our men from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea wearing their blazing scarlet and cocked hats, combined with many hundreds of be-medalled old Buffs.

The Mounted and foot police started to clear the parade ground precisely at 2.15 p.m. and the vast assembly of spectators were shepherded back into long line not only on the Horse Guards Parade, but along the processional route and at the Cenotaph. On the stroke of 2.30 p.m., the Sergt.-Major (Mr. F. Lamb) paraded and covered off the markers in the following order:—

Chelsea Pensioners.  
2nd Battalion Troops.  
Depot Troops.

### THE LONDON BRANCH.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions  
4th, 5th, 9th, 10th     "  
6th                         "  
7th                         "  
8th                         "

The Ashford Branch.  
The Ramsgate Branch.  
The Ladies' Guild (London Branch).  
Bereaved relatives.

Representatives from Dover, Medway, Weald, Hythe also took part in the procession. Mr. Lee of the London Branch who belongs to the St. John's Ambulance was on parade in uniform and full kit ready to render First Aid, which fortunately was not required, but nevertheless, he had a busy time in giving assistance in several likely cases and preventing possible sickness.

After the instructions were read out by the Adjutant, Capt. T. O. Cook, M.B.E., the assembly fell in on their respective markers when the senior officer of the Branch with each Battalion assumed command. The arrival of the "Colonel of the Buffs" Major General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell with his two A.D.C.'s Captain E. Smith and Lieutenant P. T. Lynden-Bell, the parade was called to "attention" and on the instruction of the General again stood at ease.

Punctually at 2.50 p.m., Mr. Ainge led the Escort and Wreath on to the parade whilst all stood to "attention." The Carriers of the wreath were Mr. Spud Austin and Mr. Nobby Clarke. The wreath was carried along the entire right flank of the parade for all to see and was eventually halted in line with the 7th Battalion.

As the first chime of 3 p.m. boomed forth from Big Ben the Colonel of the Buffs took up position well in advance and with his two A.D.C.'s ten paces in rear. Behind came the Escort to General Sir Arthur commanded by Captain E. A. Carter, M.C. The procession advanced in column of route; the Executive Committee represented by Colonel H. Findlay, C.B.E. with Major C. S. Field, O.B.E. and other distinguished



officers, marched in rear of the escort followed by the Chelsea Pensioners.

On nearing the Cenotaph the long column was divided and with military precision marched along either side of the National Shrine for some distance, finally terminating into a huge rectangle with the Cenotaph in the centre. The Colonel of the Buffs stepped forward into position to receive the wreath and having done so placed it in position; the whole parade stood hatless to attention for two minutes whilst all our thoughts were united with the thoughts of our General in silent prayer for those beloved Buffs who had, on many occasions, traversed the duck boards up to the line with us, and whom we could see in memory once again seated in the dug-out, and hear their cheery voices singing the old wartime ditties, until we suddenly realise—they are dead. We move off once more saying quietly to ourselves: "May they rest in Peace."

On we went, passing the historic Houses of Parliament on our left, leaving on our right Westminster Abbey wherein is the tomb of the "Unknown Warrior." Again we thought of whom he might be—was that great unknown soldier a Buff? Who knows except God? No living creature. Again we chant to ourselves: "God give him the Peace he so much desired" and continue our march. The crowds which lined the route were sufficient indication of the great loss our regiment sustained during the Great War. Hats were removed as we passed by; one could see here was gathered relatives and friends of the fallen, who had preferred to line the processional route as, perhaps, the march might be too much for their emotions. Nevertheless—they had come to pay homage.

The Mounted Police guided us to The Drill Hall of the 2nd City of London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers) where tables were laid for tea, which was served in relays of 250.

Thus ended what one might call the solemn part of our day. After the departure of the Colonel of the Regiment there was a great re-union which lasted until 9.30 p.m. It would be impossible, in a short narrative, to give the names of all on parade or even a few. The London Branch can only, through the medium of *The Dragon*, sincerely thank the Colonel of the Regiment for depositing the wreath. We offer our thanks to Colonel Findlay, Major Guy Lee, Major C. S. Field, Major J. V. R. Jackson, Captain E. F. Hall, Captain H. C. T. Stronge, Major Foster, Captain Barton, Colonel Burns, R.S.M.'s Potter and Vaughan, The 2nd Battalion, The Depot, The Commandant of the Royal Hospital and our Chelsea Pensioners, The Commandant of the Royal Cambridge Homes at Kingston and the Ladies of the Buffs therein resident, and to each individual who helped to make the day such a great success.

I cannot close without one or two special marks of appreciation and congratulation. Firstly, the magnificent parade of the London Ladies' Guild of the Buffs who turned out in such great strength to take part in the march. It was pleasing to see Mrs. Guy Lee, Mrs. Stronge and others marching along Whitehall, led by their Chairman, Mrs. D. E. Spinner. Secondly, Ramsgate and Ashford are to be congratulated on giving the London Branch such a fine recognition. We shall not forget it and look forward to next year and to seeing every Branch of the Association taking part in this **Great Cenotaph Sunday**.

J.E.

#### Dover Branch.

The Dover Branch held its 18th General Meeting on May 10th, at the Drill Hall, with Major F. W. Foster in the Chair.

It was a gala night and the lads turned up in force to welcome our new Colonel, who was visiting "D" Company, 4th Battalion.

Sir Arthur was received by a guard of honour of "D" Company under Lieut. Sherwood, who were drawn up on one side of the Hall, while the other side was occupied by a company of the old 'uns of the Dover Branch, under Capt. Cole

The Drums were present in uniform under Drum Major Tripp, and made cheerful noises.

Then Sir Arthur inspected the whole parade, and in a speech, in which he said kind things about us, he thanked us for the reception.

The monthly business of the Branch was then transacted and we sat down to enjoy a real good sing-song and variety show. Miss Marchant, in a well rendered recitation, told us of the doings of Pte. Moysse of the Buffs. Col. Burns related (in song) the hard life of a lad who wanted to "plough and to sow," etc, and Messrs. Potter, Hopper, Stoneman, Evans and Newing, added greatly to the gaiety of a jolly good show.

Peggy Marchant, our Secretary, is shortly leaving Dover for Tonbridge, so we are losing his services, and a serious loss it is. All the same, we wish him all the very best of luck in his new town, and we know that he has been too closely associated with us ever to forget his old friends.

Now the cloak of Elijah has fallen on to your humble servant.

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#### Medway Branch.

A large gathering of the Past and Present Association, The Buffs, Medway Branch, celebrated on Saturday last, at the British Legion Club, Chatham, the anniversary of its formation.

The routine business, which included the final arrangements for a set of games versus the British Legion, and for sending a team to shoot against Sittingbourne Branch on May 4th, having been disposed of, the President, Councillor Osborne Taylor, reminded the members of the special importance of the meeting. He said that it was a great night for old Buffs, for they would shortly greet their old friend Major General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, in his new capacity of Colonel of the Regiment.

The General arrived almost immediately, and was greeted with long, sustained "Kentish Fire."

The President then addressed his remarks to the guest of honour, saying, "We all realize the exceptional honour His Majesty the King has bestowed upon you. We are indeed lucky to have so distinguished an old Buff to come and see us, and take such an interest in the Association. You, Sir Arthur, are a splendid example of our motto, 'Once a Buff, always a Buff,' for you are still heart and soul looking after the welfare of the Regiment; you live for it! On behalf of the Medway Branch and of the British Legion, I offer you our heartiest congratulations, and promise you our undivided support for the cause."

On rising to reply, Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell expressed his thanks for his cordial reception, and the kind remarks of the Mayor. He went on to say what a delight it was for him to be at the anniversary of the formation of the Branch. Since he first heard of it, and the names of its President and Chairman, he had no doubt of its success. The Mayor and he were old friends in the Regiment and he recalled his prowess in athletics and the Rugby field.

He was pleased with the progress of the Medway Branch during its year's existence. At the inaugural meeting, the Mayor, its first life member and twenty-seven ordinary members were enrolled. The strength was now one hundred and eight. But the Association itself had grown from 2 Branches two years ago, to 10 at present. In no small way was this wonderful progress due to the energy of the General Secretary, Colonel Findlay, who was present that evening. He now has 3,000 to look after, and the speaker knew the amount of work that entailed.

But there was one thing about which the General was not happy. That was the number of old Buffs who were without employment. He asked his hearers to put to themselves the question, every day, "What have I done, to-day, to get a job for a Buff?"

If any thought of settling overseas, they would find regiments allied to their's in Eastern and Western Canada, and shortly in Australia and New Zealand as well.

This speech was enthusiastically cheered and all rose to sing, "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Later on the whole company was entertained to a concert specially arranged for the occasion by the British Legion.

The excellence of Mrs. Tranah's Orchestral Party is well known, but special mention must be made of the juvenile artistes, Miss McIntosh and Miss Mason. Their turns were of exceptional merit. They well deserved the compliment paid to them by the presentation, by General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, of a bouquet of white flowers each.

#### Sittingbourne Branch.

Our Fourth Monthly Meeting was held on Friday, May 3rd, 1929, when Major D. J. Dean presided over a good attendance of members.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed, the Chairman proposed that a letter of congratulation be sent to Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., on his appointment as Colonel of the Buffs. This was seconded by the Vice-Chairman, and carried unanimously. Other business items having been disposed of, the remainder of the evening was spent on the Miniature Rifle Range. This proved to be very popular among the members, and altogether a very enjoyable evening came to an end all too quickly.

On Saturday, May 4th, Captain Barton and about twenty members and lady friends from the Medway Branch, came down to compete with us on the Miniature Rifle Range. On arrival the party were welcomed by Major Dean and Captain Bedelle, and we soon got to business. The competition consisted of five rounds each, Grouping and Application, and before the match commenced each member of the visiting team fired off five rounds, "just to refresh his memory." During this preliminary we noticed our friends had a few "dead eyes" among their number. The result was a victory for Sittingbourne Branch by 103 points.



## MEDWAY BRANCH.

Name.	Grouping.	Application.	Total.
Mr. Ward	...	25 17	42
" Richards	...	20 14	34
" Street	...	20 14	34
" Dunn	...	20 13	33
" Stone	...	10 12	22
" Clark...	...	w.o. 9	9
" Light	...	w.o. 6	6
" Bradbury	...	w.o. w.o.	w.o.
Total			180

## SITINGBOURNE BRANCH.

Name.	Grouping.	Application.	Total.
Sgt. H. G. Freeman	25	19	44
Mr. F. Wood	...	20	18
" Tylor	...	20	18
" Sinclair	...	20	17
" Hambrook	...	20	14
" Partridge	...	15	19
" Bills	...	20	13
" Luckhurst	...	20	5
Total			283

After the match the members of both Branches were entertained to supper by Major Dean, who said how pleased we all were to have our Medway friends with us, and he hoped that this was only the forerunner of many such meetings. Captain Barton suitably replied for the Medway Branch and expressed the hope that the return match would take place at no distant date. Major Dean then complimented Mr. Ward on his meritorious score and presented him with a silver spoon as a souvenir of the occasion. Mr. Bradbury also was the recipient of a spoon—a wooden one—in recognition of his contribution to the visitor's score. Needless to say, this was the cause of much laughter and amusement. The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, etc., and the visitors started their homeward journey at 9.45 p.m. This was voted by one and all to have been a most successful and enjoyable evening, and we are all united in saying, "Let's have some more of 'em." Our thanks are due to Major Dean for so kindly placing the Hall and Miniature Rifle Range at our disposal.

M.T.O.

## Thanet Branch.

## MARGATE SUB-BRANCH.

This Branch reports a quiet, uneventful period. Being a sea-side resort nothing much is expected during the season, except a steady satisfactory progress.

For information of other Branches, the Secretary reports that since its inception in November last, 121 members have been enrolled, including 16 Life Members and 1 Associate; and that the Hon. Secretary has received £10 16s. in donations for benevolent purposes. Mr. Percy Edward Sankey is one of the latest to become a Life Member, he was Captain in the 3rd Battalion, many years ago. The Margate Branch learns with great satisfaction that the Ramsgate Branch under the new Secretaryship of Mr. Birch, is practically level with regard to membership. There is nothing like good-natured, healthy competition to keep things going. The aim of the Thanet Branch is to be "second to none." Members are now looking forward to a great gathering at Canterbury on the 18th August. The Margate Branch has received a personal acknowledgement from Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., to the letter of congratulation sent on his appointment to the Colony of the Regiment.

G. F. ROGERS, *Hon. Sec.*

## RAMSGATE SUB-BRANCH.

The Ramsgate Branch is going strong. A concert was held on April 25, and it was a great success. Alderman Prestidge, the Mayor; Captain Balfour, M.C., the Conservative Candidate for Thanet, and Col. Findlay was the main-spring of the show, and also the artistes which consisted of—

NO COPY.

We had a jolly good night, (I say that), for we enrolled 53 new members, which brings our membership total to 119 and still they are rolling in, so Thanet is making things hum.

We are getting a load for the Cenotaph on May 26th, so Captain Enright will have a few more to swell his muster on that date.

I must thank Major Foster for the most wonderful meeting we had at Canterbury, on May 11th.

E. J. BIRCH, *Hon. Sec.*

## FOLKESTONE SUB-BRANCH.

In March last a meeting was held to endeavour to form a sub-branch of the Past and Present Association, which was fairly well attended. Col. Findlay, supported by Major Field, from the Depot, and Major Foster, from the Dover Branch, explained all the "why's and where-fors," and has given us much help in various matters.

Major Meakin, formerly of Barham, and now residing in Folkestone, was elected President and a small Committee was formed, of which Mr. C. H. Brooke is Chairman.

Very good progress has been made, meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, and I am glad to say that our numbers now amount to about eighty. In two or three more month's time I hope to be able to report that we have at least trebled this number, and there is no doubt that with the present enthusiasm of the members this will easily be done.

Already projects are in the air for social gatherings such as smoking concerts, outings, etc., and later the possibility of running dances and whist drives is to be gone into.

"The box" is very substantial and requires a lot of filling, but is beginning to be very useful, and, with a little more funds in hand, I think, Mr. Editor, you will be hearing much more of the Folkestone sub-branch, or, as I hope later on, the Folkestone Branch, without the "sub."

Our Secretary is Mr. W. H. Francis, and the Assistant Secretary is Sergeant Martin, now instructor to the local Detachment of the 4th Battalion, and very well known at the Depot.

SMUDGER.

## Canterbury Branch.

I am pleased to say we have been busy since April.

The first Annual Dinner of the Branch was held at Mr. Long's Savoy Cafe, Canterbury, on April 20th. Colonel H. Findlay, C.B.E., took the Chair, and presided over an excellent company at dinner. He was supported by Major F. H. Keeler, T.D., Vice-Chairman, and Mr. T. Holloway, Hon. Secretary of the Branch.

There were some rare old birds amongst the company, two youngsters who saw service in the Zulu War of '78, were on parade, making a total of 69.

Following the excellent dinner, the health of the King was loyally honoured, and the toast of the evening, "The Canterbury Branch," was submitted from the Chair and cordially drunk, and responded to by Major Keeler. Later the health of the Chairman was accorded musical honours, and Colonel Findlay in replying, wished to point out the various benefits to be derived from the Association, if not for ourselves, it is most useful for helping our comrades who are less fortunate than ourselves, and asked everyone to assist in getting all Old Buffs to join the Association.

During the evening the following lent harmony to the meeting:—Messrs. W. Hart, J. Ives, Johnings and Marsh and Toby Nash.

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE.—A very successful whist drive and dance was held in the Foresters' Hall, on Monday, 22nd April, at which there was an attendance of more than 300. A very enjoyable evening being spent. Mr. T. Holloway was M.C., for the whist drive. On the conclusion of the drive Mrs. H. Findlay kindly presented the prizes, for which the Branch was grateful.

The prizes were given by the following gentlemen and tradesmen of Canterbury, to whom we tender our sincere thanks:—Col. and Mrs. Findlay, Major Keeler, Col. Fellows, Major Hickman, Messrs. Burniston and Co., Martin's, Canterbury Ltd., Mr. W. Pollard, Messrs. Austin, J. Martin, Penn and Co., Hart and Co., Baldwin and Son, Finn and Sons, Timothy White, Walker and Harris, J. Hunt and Sons, J. I. Barber and Sons, Jude Hanbury and Co., Fremlin Ltd., Court Bros., H. J. Goulden and H. & F. Sanger. Great praise is due to Mr. and Mrs. Alders for the excellent manner in which they had decorated the hall for the occasion.

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE.—The Branch held their second whist drive and dance on May Day, which was another signal success, not only the hall, but the entrance passage of the Foresters' Hall had been gaily decked with bunting and banners and baskets of flowers, and in honour of the day, a Maypole was erected in the centre of the hall. Mr. and Mrs. Alders are worthy of special thanks and congratulations on the effective display they had made.

There was another splendid attendance at both the whist drive and dance. Mr. Bernard Collard presented the prizes to the successful winners. Mr. Holloway was M.C. for the whist drive and Mr. J. Ives M.C. for the dancing.

Great praise is due to the Vice-Chairman and Committee in carrying out the work in connection with the dinner and the whist drives.

Our other work mostly lies in trying to raise new members. Our efforts have resulted in obtaining two Life Members and seven Annual Members since last month, and arranging for a programme for next winter.

## The Buffs Motor School.

The members of the above have now completed one month of their training, and, under the tuition of Silas K. Biggs, have now developed into fairly competent drivers. The question which is uppermost in their thoughts now, is, whether a Morris Commercial can be driven to beat the notable record recently achieved at Daytona Beach.

It must not be thought, however, that they have reached this standard of efficiency without any mishap. Lofty, for instance, made a notable attempt to alter the geography of the Cavalry Square, having had a slight argument with the water trough. Freddy also discovered that it wasn't the game he thought it was in trying to turn in the width of a road, and he became quite frantic in his endeavours, much to the consternation of pedestrians.

On the road, we have been more successful, and only require an occasional reference to our handbooks. At such times the effort of trying to read the book and drive the car at the same time, completely flabbergasts other users of the road.

## THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

T.J.

Who said the second rule of the road is, "Look at your handbook?" Are we really on a hill?

## Military Appointments.

The following appointments are announced by the War Office:—

Major-General C. G. Fuller, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., has been appointed Major-General in charge of Administration, Eastern Command, in succession to the late Major-General C. W. Scott, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.



# The Buffs Golfing Society.

SPRING MEETING AT LITTLESTONE-ON-SEA.

APRIL 25TH AND 26TH.

THE Spring Meeting at Littlestone-on-Sea went off without a hitch on April 25th and 26th, thanks to the work put in by various members, especially Mr. A. H. Goodall, the winner of the Brinkman Cup, who never seemed to have any time for food (I don't know about drinks?). He always seemed to be arranging matches, collecting sweepstakes, and playing golf when his arduous labours permitted.

The weather was bitterly cold, with a north-easterly wind and very little sunshine, but it was certainly better than last year, when we played in a blizzard.

Unfortunately the meeting clashed with the 2nd Battalion Musketry programme, with the result that no one from Aldershot was able to be present.

Heartiest congratulations are offered to the prize winners. Lt. Penlington's heroic efforts on the second day compensated him for his valiant 14 in the rough at the 16th on the first: Colonel Bradley Dyne showed his usual accuracy and steadiness; and mention must also be made of Captain Terry, who, in the course of a round, so it is said, played almost as many shots in a ditch as he did out of it.

The semi-finals for the Brinkman Cup provided two very close matches; Lt.-Col. Crookenden being beaten on the 19th green by Mr. R. E. Knocker, and Mr. F. Whitfield on the 18th green by Mr. A. H. Goodall, who was successful in the final by a margin of 4 and 2. There could be no more exciting or jollier golf and we all left with the hope of meeting again in the autumn. We tender best thanks to the Littlestone Golf Club for allowing us to play on their splendid course.

D.V.C.

Those present at the meeting were:—

Major-General Sir A. Lynden-Bell.

Colonel J. Body.

Lt.-Colonels F. Bradley Dyne and J. Crookenden.

Majors Eric Clarke, Campbell Laverton, F. S. Reeves and A. B. Thomson.

Captains D. V. Coote, Dampier Palmer, V. Newton Moss, A. Howard Reed, C. A. E. Terry and E. H. Allen. Messrs. M. Creswick, A. H. Goodall, H. S. Greenwood, R. E. Knocker, F. G. C. Weare and H. F. Whitfield.

The following are the results of the matches between those who qualified to compete by match play for the Brinkman Cup:—

1ST ROUND.—A. H. Goodall beat H. S. Greenwood 9 and 8. H. F. Whitfield beat Captain Dampier Palmer 5 and 3. R. E. Knocker beat Major Laverton 4 and 3. Colonel Crookenden beat Major Eric Clarke 3 and 2.

SEMI-FINAL.—Goodall beat Whitfield 1 up. Knocker beat Crookenden at the 19th hole.

FINAL.—Goodall beat Knocker by 4 and 2.

THE SENIOR MEDAL for those with a handicap of 14 and over was won by Lt.-Col. Bradley Dyne with 87 — 8 equals 79.

THE JUNIOR MEDAL was won by Lieut. T. N. Penlington with 100 — 18 equals 82.

Lt.-Col. H. F. Sparrow very kindly presented an additional prize in the form of a cigar lighter, which was won by Lt.-Col. J. Crookenden. We hope very much that Lt.-Col. Sparrow will be able to be with us at the Autumn Meeting, so that we may thank him personally for his continued interest in our doings and the practical support which he has given us.

In addition to the Spring Meeting, the following matches were played last month with results as follows:—

V. LITTLESTONE, 27th April, 1929.

Lost by 12 matches to 3.

<i>The Buffs.</i>		<i>Littlestone.</i>	
A. H. Goodall ...	... 1	G. Martin ...	... 0
Capt. C. E. A. Terry ...	... 0	Major J. A. D. Bell ...	... 1
Major Campbell Laverton ...	... 1	V. Holmes ...	... 0
Colonel E. B. Burns ...	... 0	Col. Clive Murdoch ...	... 1
Col. Bradley Dyne 3 & 1 ...	... 1	A. E. D. Anderson ...	... 0
H. T. Greenwood ...	... 0	Major R. B. Learoyd ...	... 1
Lt.-Col. J. Crookenden ...	... 0	D. Stephens, K.C. ...	... 1
Capt. A. Hosgard Reid ...	... 0	H. E. Stuart Menteth ...	... 1
Col. J. Body ...	... 0	A. S. R. Thorton ...	... 1
Major Eric Clarke ...	... 0	H. G. Stuart Menteth ...	... 1
Total ...	... 3	Total ...	... 12

FOURSOMES.

Goodall and Crookenden ...	... 0	Martin and Stephens ...	... 1
Terry and Burns ...	... 0	Bell and Murdoch ...	... 1
Laverton and Body ...	... 0	Holmes and Thornton ...	... 1
Dyne and Greenwood ...	... 0	Anderson and Learoyd ...	... 1
Reid and Clarke ...	... 0	Menteth and Murdoch ...	... 1
Total ...	... 3	Total ...	... 12

V. RYE, April 18th.

Won by 8 matches to 7.

SINGLES.

<i>The Buffs.</i>		<i>Rye.</i>	
F. G. C. Weare (halved) ...	... 0	Sir E. H. Bray (halved) ...	... 0
A. H. Goodall ...	... 0	Capt. H. A. Shadforth (7 & 5) ...	... 1
H. F. Whitfield ...	... 0	E. J. Maltby (3 & 1) ...	... 1
Capt. C. E. A. Terry (2 & 1) ...	... 1	Brigadier-General H. D. Tuson ...	... 0
Major Campbell Laverton (6 & 5) ...	... 1	Major P. S. Roston ...	... 0
Lt.-Col. J. Crookenden (2 & 1) ...	... 1	W. E. F. Cheeseman ...	... 0
Col. Burns ...	... 0	Capt. M. H. Ravenhill (4 & 2) ...	... 1
Col. F. Bradley Dyne ...	... 0	C. Kenward (2 & 1) ...	... 1
H. S. Greenwood (4 & 3) ...	... 1	P. Donovan ...	... 0
Major F. S. Reeves (4 & 2) ...	... 1	Capt. Dampier Palmer ...	... 0
Col. J. Body (halved) ...	... 0	Major V. Finclater (halved) ...	... 0
Major E. Clarke (halved) ...	... 0	M. C. Tweedie (halved) ...	... 0
Total ...	... 5	Total ...	... 4

## The Past & Present Association—continued from p. 187. 2nd Battalion Branch.

We open this month with a sincere expression of thanks to all Branches of the Past and Present Association, for the very fine way in which they have received our innovation of an Employment Bureau in our Branch. We circulated a list of men who are finishing during the next six months, to all the Branches, and already three of the men have been fixed up with genuine employment by the London Branch, and we have received very nice letters from all other Branches assuring us that the list will be kept in view, and word will be sent if a job crops up that will suit anyone on the list.

The lists are being supplemented each month, giving the names of those who will be leaving the Colours during the next six months. The Adjutant is doing the compiling business, the work entailed having been well repaid by having three men already fixed up with jobs to go to.

We are also pleased to be able to state that the following men have made up their minds to settle overseas and try their luck in Canada. Meanwhile the Overseas Settlement Course at Chisleton will become their first objective.

Pte. P. Weekes, L/Cpl. Etheridge and Pte. Knight.

We venture to hope that this is but the leading section of the vanguard of a Buff Colony alongside our allied Regiment in Canada, and possible members of a future Canadian Branch of the Past and Present Association.

Outings for the coming season have been proceeded with, the first having already been organised. A party of just over a hundred other ranks will be going to London to witness the evening performance of the Royal Tournament at Olympia on the 27th May.

Following close will be the outing to the Derby; the Commanding Officer has very kindly granted the day off from training (we shall be in camp at Old Dean Common), to go and see the Blue Riband on the Turf. On our return from camp, the proposed Sunday outings to various seaside resorts will be got along with, these outings will take the form of impromptu affairs. There will really be nothing to organise, just a party of members who will say they would like to visit Southsea, say, the char-a-banc will be arranged, and off they will go.

Last month I spoke about correspondents getting on the trail if I cribbed their copy. Well, I am on the trail. I spotted a correspondent writing his notes, and over half of it concerns OUR outing to Olympia, and also goes on to talk about the Derby. So, correspondents, please, keep off the track of the Past and Present, otherwise to fill the gap, I shall have to crib your copy regarding other doings.

What about the Standard Tests? There is enough copy there to make a decent batch of notes for anyone.

So sorry these notes are so short, but next month (hush, hush), things will be different. There are great things in the offing; besides which, there will be accounts of the Olympia outing, and also how the 2nd Battalion routed the Rings at Epsom.

So 'bide a wee'.



FOURSOMES.			
Weare and Goodall (3 & 2) ...	1	Bray and Shadforth ...	0
Whitfield and Terry (4 & 3) ...	1	Malby and Ravenhill ...	0
Laverton and Crookenden ...	0	Rostron and Cheeseman (2 & 1) ...	1
Burns and Greenwood ...	0	Tuson and Kenward ...	1
Reeves and Col. J. Body ...	0	G. B. Hale and Palmer (2 holes) ...	1
T. Penington and Clarke (4 & 3) ...	1	Findlater and Tweedie ...	0
Total ...	8	Total ...	7

FOURSOMES.			
Reeves and Kenward ...	0	Chittenden and Palmer ...	1
Burns and Bradley Dyne ...	0	Bedrick and Fleming ...	1
King and Crookenden ...	0	Machin and Smith ...	1
Lynden-Bell and Body ...	0	Phillips and Wingfield Stratford ...	1
Totals	3½	Totals	8½

v. ROYAL ST. GEORGE'S, April 19th.

Lost by 10 matches to 4.

This match was played under handicap and by foursomes throughout. The Society were the guests of the Club and are much indebted for a most enjoyable day and the kind hospitality afforded them.

MORNING.

The Buffs.		Royal St. George's.	
A. H. Goodhall and Lt.-Col. F. Bradley Dyne (6 & 5) ...	1	D. Grant and A. H. Godfrey ...	0
T. N. Penington and H. S. Greenwood ...	0	F. A. Worter and Dr. C. E. Murphy (6 & 4) ...	1
H. F. Whitfield and Capt. C. E. A. Terry ...	0	M. F. Ramsay and Major W. H. Callander (3 & 2) ...	1
Major H. E. Ward and Col. J. Body ...	0	F. Barlow and K. Barlow (7 & 6) ...	1
Major F. W. Tomlinson and T. James ...	0	H. Farquhar and A. O. Snowden (5 & 4) ...	1
Major Campbell Laverton and Capt. J. V. Hitchcock (1 hole) ...	1	Lt.-Col. G. A. Mc. L. Scales and Adm. F. S. J. Farquhar ...	0
Major G. D. Hickman and Capt. A. Howard Reed (1 hole) ...	1	F. C. Brooke Hunt and R. C. Ramsay ...	0
Total ...	3	Total ...	4

AFTERNOON.

Goodall and Bradley Dyne ...	0	Worter and Murphy (1 hole) ...	1
Penington and Greenwood (1 hole) ...	1	Farquhar and Scales (3 & 1) ...	0
Whitfield and Terry ...	0	Grant and N. E. Stainton ...	1
Ward and Body ...	0	Ramsay and Callander (7 & 6) ...	1
Campbell Laverton and Hitchcock ...	0	Snowden and A. Farquhar (1 hole) ...	1
Hickman and Howard Reed ...	0	Barlow and Barlow (4 & 3) ...	1
Tomlinson and James ...	0	Brooke Hunt and Ramsay (4 & 3) ...	1
Total ...	4	Total ...	10

v. ROYAL ASHDOWN FOREST, May 15th.

Lost by 11½ matches to 3.

This was a delightful day. The course was in beautiful order, and the Society was most hospitably entertained by the Club.

The Buffs.

Royal Ashdown Forest.

N. R. Reeves ...	0	Darsie Watson ...	1
A. H. Goodall ...	0	C. I. Burns ...	1
C. T. Kenward ...	0	Col. W. Bruce ...	1
J. E. King ...	½	Cdr. A. A. Scott ...	1
Lt.-Col. F. Bradley Dyne ...	0	Col. E. M. Birch ...	½
Col. E. B. Burns ...	0	T. G. Burton ...	1
Major Gen. Sir A. Lynden-Bell ...	0	Capt. F. W. Card ...	1
Col. J. Body ...	0	Col. C. G. Fischer ...	1
Major Eric Clarke ...	1	M. W. Cooksey ...	1
		G. Simpson ...	0
	1½		8

FOURSOMES.

Reeves and Kenward ...	0	Watson and Bruce ...	1
Goodall and Terry ...	1	Burns and Scott ...	0
King and Dyne ...	0	Birch and Burton ...	1
Burns and Bell ...	0	Card and Fischer ...	1
Body and Clarke ...	½	Cooksey and Simpson ...	½
Total ...	3	Total ...	11½

v. WROTHAM HEATH G.C. 11th May, 1929.

Lost by 3½ matches to 3½.

This was a very enjoyable day and Wrotham Heath were, as usual, most kind and hospitable. Sir Arthur and the Hon. Lady Lynden-Bell very kindly entertained the Buffs team at Stone Ridge after the match.

The Buffs.

Wrotham Heath.

N. R. Reeves ...	1	R. G. Chittenden ...	0
C. T. Kenward ...	0	R. Palmer ...	1
Col. E. B. Burns ...	0	W. E. Bedrick ...	1
Lt.-Col. F. Bradley Dyne ...	½	A. L. Fleming ...	½
J. E. King ...	1	N. Machin ...	0
Lt.-Col. J. Crookenden ...	0	R. J. L. Smith ...	1
Major-Gen. Sir A. Lynden-Bell ...	0	P. Phillips ...	1
Col. J. Body ...	1	Brig.-Gen. Wingfield Stratford ...	0
	3½		4½

v. THE QUEEN'S OWN ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT GOLFING SOCIETY.

May 26th

Won by 11 matches to 5.

The Buffs.

West Kent Regt.

N. R. Reeves ...	0	A. J. Mitchell, (221) ...	1
F. G. C. Weare, (422) ...	1	Capt. Battye ...	0
H. F. Whitfield, (1 hole) ...	1	Capt. Ogle ...	0
C. T. Kenward, (524) ...	1	Capt. Johnson ...	0
A. H. Goodall, (halved) ...	0	Major Whitty, (halved) ...	0
Capt. W. C. Lamarque, (221) ...	1	Major Hancock ...	0
Capt. C. E. A. Terry, (1 hole) ...	1	Col. Bush ...	0
Col. E. B. Burns ...	0	Brig.-Gen. Robinson, (625) ...	1
Lt.-Col. F. Bradley Dyne (725) ...	1	Col. Lynch-White ...	0
J. E. King, (624) ...	1	Capt. Baker ...	0
Lt.-Col. Crookenden ...	0	Brig.-Gen. Martyn, (2 & 1) ...	1
Capt. J. V. Hitchcock ...	0	Capt. Waddington, (2 holes) ...	1
	7		4

FOURSOMES.

Reeves and Weare, (3 & 2) ...	1	Mitchell and Batty ...	0
Whitfield and Kenward ...	0	Ogle and Johnson, (1 hole) ...	1
Goodall and Lamarque, (2 & 1) ...	1	Whitty and Hancock ...	0
Terry and Burns, (halved) ...	0	Bush and Robinson, (halved) ...	0
Dyne and King, (1 hole) ...	1	Lynch-White and Baker ...	0
Crookenden and Hitchcock, (1 hole) ...	1	Martyn and Waddington ...	0
Totals	11	Totals	5

Settlement in Canada.

The following extracts from speeches reported in *The Times* give the references to settlement in Canada by Lord Jellicoe and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at the Annual Conference of the British Legion on Whit-sunday:—

Lord Jellicoe's Address.

A decided step forward in the matter of migration had been taken by the Legion during the past 12 months, and the experiment of three years ago of training unemployed men from industrial areas for settlement in Canada had been repeated. The Canadian authorities had undertaken that at the end of a suitable period the families would be settled in satisfactory employment and ultimately provided with farms of their own. The Legion had thus given a fresh start to 50 ex-Service men and their families. Lady Haig and he had seen those families at the Chiseldon training centre a few days before they embarked, and already letters had been received, indicating that the families had been comfortably settled in satisfactory employment. (Cheers).

The Prince's Speech.

Families selected by the Legion and recently trained at the training centre at Chiseldon have now reached Canada. We have been informed by the British Empire Service League, of which the British Legion and the Canadian Legion are members, that those families have made a very good impression on their arrival.

Note.—Chiseldon is also open to single and married serving soldiers desiring to settle overseas on leaving the Colours.

Work for Discharged Soldiers.

During the past two months 326 soldiers completed courses of training at Hounslow, Aldershot and Chiseldon Vocational Training Centres, and of this number 238 obtained immediate employment on leaving the Colours. The majority took up carpentry, bricklaying, plastering, painting and plumbing, general and dairy farming, private service and positions of trust.



## The 1st Battalion.



THIS week's mail brought to us the long awaited news of the appointment of our new Regimental Colonel in succession to the late General Sir Arthur Paget.

In voicing a welcome from all ranks of the 1st Battalion, it will be unnecessary to refer to the untiring interest which Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell has always taken in his old regiment.

Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell first joined when this Battalion was quartered at Ranikhet, our present hill station, in 1885, his long and distinguished career has been fittingly rewarded by the highest honour His Majesty the King can confer upon a Buff.

The Hot Season is upon us and this week has seen the departure of a large portion of the Battalion and of the married families to Ranikhet, several officers have also gone on leave and thus we are now altogether rather a small party in Bareilly.

As the result of the exodus of officers, it is somewhat difficult to keep the Polo going; some account of the recent doings of the Polo team will be found elsewhere in these notes.

Several officers have recently been giving their support to the Bareilly Tent Club and a number of good pigs have been accounted for and a number of falls sustained, though this is naturally all part of the game. Mr. Hoare with Mr. Cartland of the Indian Police, scored a somewhat notable achievement on the 21st of April, when after a hunt of some four-and-a-half miles they successfully speared a Nilgai an exceedingly rare occurrence.

In addition to officers on leave the Battalion has been called upon to find several officers to fill the vacancies of staff officers on leave. Captain Peareth is at present officiating D.A.Q.M.G. of the Presidency and Assam District at Darjeeling and Captain Reid at the time of writing is packing up preparatory to going to Ahmednagar as an instructor for eight months. Captain N. G. Wale has been appointed Station Staff Officer, Bareilly.

It was a great pleasure to receive last month a visit from Major General Sir Edmund Ironside, so well-known to many members of the Battalion when he Commanded the 2nd Division at Aldershot.

We are pleased to welcome to Bareilly, Major W. M. Millerick, R.A..M.C., who for some two years was Medical Officer in charge of the Depot at Canterbury.

We should like to congratulate Mr. Robertson on his recovery from his very serious illness and it is hoped that the change to the hills will enable him to recuperate fully.

The Notes of this month must of necessity be somewhat bare of interesting news for the hot weather provides small material for the pressman's copy.

### POLO.

#### THE STUBBS CUP.

The Stubbs Cup, which was played for this year, on March 22nd, 25th, 27th, resulted in a further win for the Buffs, and their third cup this season.

This has so puffed them up, that they have had their photograph taken after the approved style of all polo teams.

Entries for this cup are limited to local teams only, and this year, Bareilly, not being a very large station, could only enter three teams; the Gymkana, consisting mostly of Gunners and including the Brigade Major, and two teams from the Buffs, the second one consisting of six players, thus allowing the 'one pony' man to perform.

On the first day we played the Gymkana. They were well mounted but not used to playing together. We were given one goal on handicap, but beat them by 4½ to 2. The Buffs may not be class players but they do keep together, and attribute much of their success to the fact that they are usually in the right place.

On Monday we played our second team. These had, modestly styled themselves the 'Contemptibles' but by no means lived up to their name. We all suffered badly from lack of ponies. Mr. Fox had lamed his "Susan"; and Mr. Foster's "Squealer," on whom we pin so much faith, had for once thrown in her cards; and after playing a fast chukker at a smart trot, she was asked to 'sit out' while his other pony "Julia" had to play two chukkers running, rather a lot to ask, even of "Julia," in this temperature. Before we go on, 'hats off' to "Squealer" who has been on her last legs for many months, but has made them do work for eight first class ones and who has the heart of a lion. We believe she originally came out of a Tonga, and when her polo days are numbered, hope that a kindly bullet will take the place of 'shafts' to her intrepid little soul.

Having two teams, almost every pony in the Regiment was playing, whether good or bad and there was very little to fall back on in emergencies. When Captain Peareth's "Nigger" appeared, as an umpire's pony, a loud cheer went up! We felt that our "Well" had been "plumbed," as "Nigger," with Mr. Fox on board went leaping across the Polo Ground, bucking with delight at the fact that his true merit had been at last discovered!! The "Contemptibles," luckily for us, were not playing so well as they did against the Gymkhana on Wednesday. We had to give them six goals on Handicap and found them no easy matter to defeat. In the second chukker they made a goal which we had not calculated for, and we only managed to draw level in goals during the last half minute. This necessitated a further Chukker and more trouble over



the pony question. Julia could hardly be asked to play a third chukker running, so Capt. Hammond-Davies' "Sona" (who is a complete beginner and should not be in tournaments at all) carried Mr. Foster. Luckily the goal was quickly "shot" and the cup won for "The Buffs."

On Wednesday, the Comtemptibles played the Gymkhana, who gave them seven and a quarter goals on Handicap. The Comtemptibles were playing well and scored two more goals, while the Gymkhana only achieved three.

We are glad to have won the "Stubbs Cup" this year and are proud of our prowess. As the Colonel gleefully remarked after the Bareilly Tournament, "Well, now you've cracked the egg," we feel that having cracked three eggs in the season out of four attempts we have not done too badly.

### Sergeants' Mess.

A number of our members have departed from the Mess and gone to England on leave. These young soldiers are R.S.M. H. Martin, M.B.E., C.S.M. Farrow and Sgts. Perry and Faulkner.

Their "sole" reasons for wanting to return to that small plot of land are these:—The R.S.M. to figure out the difference between Snooker and Billiards. C.S.M. Farrow to find somebody who can beat him at Tennis and also to find who wrote the "Jazz Band." Sgt. Perry to interview Strudwick and attend for Cricket Week and Wicket-keeping, and last, but not least, Freddy Faulkner to delve into the River Stour or some other stream to get some "big stuff" as the rivers out here are so small nothing in the way of fish can be obtained under five feet in length. We hope he gets a good catch at Wandsworth.

The Billiard Tournament, 250 up, resulted in very much the same way as last year, the finalists being C.S.M. Beasley and C.Q.M.S. Clayton. Beasley led up to 200, but the odd 50 was soon managed by Clayton in one break of 25 and another of 24. But who can play against an old Band-Boy with 30 years' Service?

The ladies are taking a great interest in Tennis now. Nearly all the members' wives attend every evening. It is quite nice to see so much enthusiasm. Toby will miss this at least, now he is on leave.

During the month of April the Corporals gave us a game and we were *thoroughly beaten*. I will not put the result in figures as the words *in italic* will tell.

We had a Spoon Shoot on the 17th April, Rifle and Revolver. There were quite a number of prizes in Rupees.

The Silver Spoon was won by Drum-Major Sinclair. Nearly all the members of the Mess won small prizes of sorts and these were presented by Lieutenant P. R. H. Fox who remarked that the standard of shooting throughout had improved quite a lot and that competitions of this kind must be encouraged not only in the Mess, but throughout the Battalion to maintain a good standard all through.

Several members and their families have arrived from the 2nd Battalion and we wish them welcome. They are:—Sgts. Gillett, Cox and Annan, Mrs. Curliss, Mrs. Miles and Mrs. Brophy; we hope they soon settle down to this warm climate.

We were glad to hear from old Joe Blake and glad to know he is settled into a good job. We are glad to welcome Sgt. Burt back from Ahmednagar. Still as fat as ever. He may probably stop with us a little longer now. He arrived quite in good style—Grey Suit, Topee, and moustache to match. We wish him luck in the Machine Gun Platoon.

Alas! The Married Families have gone to the Hills. Everybody seems off the chain. They had quite a nice send-off from the Mess. Our Acting R.S.M.,

R.Q.M.S. Evans, suggested inviting them all to dinner before they went off and we were very glad to see all the members' wives and their kiddies sit down to an enjoyable and very pleasant spread. As one of the hen-pecked ones myself, on behalf of the members' wives I and the remainder thank him for his forethought and consideration in doing this for us.

I will write more about our doings in Bareilly while the families are away next month. They *will* be interesting.

W.H.B.

### "D" Company.

A few months ago I gave a hint of an anticipated change in the "Old Ship's Hands." Since then the rumour has materialized and on the 1st July, "H.M.S. Don" will haul down her sails and run them up again re-christened "Battle Cruiser "M.G." Company."

Up to the present we have lost about 100 of the "Old Ship's Hands," who have gone to other Companies and received in return about two-thirds of this number, all of them budding young Crank Handlers with a glorious future before them.

We welcome them all and hope that they in turn will keep up the traditions of the "Old Ship" just in the same way as our late hands did. It is a very noticeable fact that although transferred to another home, our old members are always to be found strolling round their late Abode of Rest. "D" Company will always remain "D" Company to them no matter how long they serve in the Army.

We have lost Captain Peareth who, we understand, has gone on a Staff Billet somewhere for about eight months. On his return we hear that he takes over the command of his old Unit, Headquarter Wing.

Lieut. Hoare has been in charge of the "Old Ship" for about a month, but has now handed over to Major Hamilton who will be in command of Battle Cruiser "M.G." Company on its final formation.

The Company gave a Farewell Concert to those members whom it was found necessary to transfer, and thanks are due to Cpl. Chandler for decorating the Gymnasium and erecting a really first class stage; Ptes. Ede, Hill and Stevens for so ably looking after the 'ops side of the show; and I/Cpl. Hogben, Ptes. Stokes and Sinstead for their excellent management of the lighter refreshments. All this, combined with the very good efforts of the Artistes, made the Concert a Great Success, which ended all too quickly.

Just before the end, Lieut. Hoare gave a Speech, finally calling on the band for that famous old melody, "Auld Lang Syne," at the same time making everybody link hands. Thus ended "The Old Ship's" Farewell Concert to her old and faithful deck hands, whom we all hope will find life in their New Haven of Rest as pleasureable as it was when they were serving H.M.S. Don.

### SPORTS.

Sports during the past month (as far as the Company is concerned) have been on the wane except for a few trial and friendly games of Football and Hockey in an effort to replace members of our teams who have gone to strengthen some of the other Companies.

Now that "B" Company have gone to Ranikhet we find that the Hot Weather League has to be decided upon and hope that in the next month's notes we shall be able to make a favourable report of the efforts of our (shall I say) new Company teams.

THE PEN-YPRE.



## 1st Battalion Polo Team, 1928—29.



*Mr. P. R. H. Fox ; Mr. J. H. N. Foster ; Mr. D. C. Coates ; Capt. B. E. Hammond-Davies.*

### Corporals' Mess.

At one time I possessed the idea that if one remained "doggo" at a Mess Meeting, there was little chance of being caught for service on any of the committees, but that must have been a mere fallacy on my part, for I suddenly find myself responsible for the accuracy of the wires on the dart board and other interior hobbies.

This editorial gaff hardly comes within my scope, but being as the remainder of the Mess are busy watching Oliver attempting to make a decent score at billiards without the assistance of Dame Fortune, (some people have another name for this), I as the "onion" have to do the necessary.

Recently we have lost, principally by transfer to the home establishment, a number of our older members and the regular attenders, such as Cutlet, Darcy Ingram, Fearon and Co., are properly missed from the family circle.

Their departure meant the arranging of a "smoker" and the committee concerned are to be congratulated upon the creditable show that resulted.

Several speeches were given by the departing members, and I believe the general theme was to wish for the future prosperity of the Mess, (I was more concerned with establishing the identity of the person who thieved my pig's ear). Anyway we reciprocate those wishes, and trust that they have the best of luck in the future.

I should have mentioned that the afternoon was enlivened by holding a "pukka" comic football match in the hospital grounds. So humorous were the tactics, and so weird were the dresses, that eight of the UP Patients were straight away placed on the S.I. list. The game was clean throughout, but an abundance of neck-oil made the ball difficult to control. "Badger" dressed as a Greek, kept the game under control, but made the mistake of continually giving "hands" against Priestley's feet. The teams designated themselves as Medallists and Non-Medallists, and the latter left the arena with a crate of beer and a score of three wickets for one penalty try to their credit.

The Mess is again few in numbers owing to the usual Hill exodus, but with a full patronage the new committee hope to make the place livelier by introducing weekly tournaments and monthly socials.

It is close to 6 p.m., so these notes will have to finish; I already annoy you elsewhere in this journal, so the same tally will not be amiss.

"QUARTER-GUARD,"

### Band Notes.

As we are just moving to a colder clime (Ranikhet), my notes will be very brief, but I hope to give you a longer epistle for next month. We are very pleased to say we have a Bandmaster at last, and a very

good, enthusiastic worker, in Bandmaster W. B. Salmon, I.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., who has already made an improvement in the Band's playing; we also hope to see him running some Musical Comedy or Concert for the Battalion next cold season. I am sorry to state that our Band Corporal is in hospital at present, with Rheumatic Fever, we all wish him a speedy recovery, and hope he will be up the Hills with us soon. At sports we are improving rapidly, the young blood in the Band is beginning to blossom forth, and during the winter months we hope to give a good account of ourselves. I regret to say we have lost a jolly good N.C.O. sportsman and instrumentalist in L/Cpl. Fearon; we all wish him every success in his new sphere of life. We welcome Lieut. Fox to H.Q. Wing as our temporary Company Commander, pending the return of Captain Peareth and hope he will help the Wing in the Hot Weather League (Hockey). I forget to mention that the Band won the Battalion Tile Competition, the team being L/Cpl. Smith, T. Ptes. Green and Kelsey. I hope to give a better assortment of news for the next *Dragon*, so Cheerio!

"TARZAN" W.W.B.K.

### The Drums.

At present we are having a fairly strenuous time at Weapon Training, so we have not the necessary time to write long notes this month.

L/Cpls. Macdonnell and Etheridge have gone home on leave for six months, and Mac' is getting married. Hard luck, Mac'! We all wish him the best of luck as a married man, and are looking forward to welcoming Mrs. Macdonnell to the Battalion.

We also welcome Drummers Perry, Tritton and Ray to the Drums, and the seven Boys. Boy Bolan has gone to the Band. L/Cpl. Hicks has been fortunate enough to proceed to Ranikhet for the whole period. However, if the Boys he has under him are not full fledged drummers when they come down, Hicky will be "for it." That seems to be the idea in the Drums, at least. But the world wasn't made in a day, and drummers have never been made in anything less than two years.

We noticed in the last *Dragon*, that somebody stated that, "All the readers of *The Dragon* would be feeling the cold." When we read those notes, the thermometer stood at 98° in the shade, and summer hasn't started yet. We wish we were feeling cold!

"CORBIE" R.C.T.

### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

When is Baldy going to start football again?  
How does Pug like England, and has he got his suit of Reds yet?  
When is Chippy "signing on," and why?

T. PESTAL.



**"A" Company.**

If these notes were due in every quarter, instead of monthly, I might possibly introduce news of a more varied and interesting nature; as it is, a monthly demand hardly gives one time to notice what is really happening, and in my case, nothing really of any importance has happened, unless I care to mention about the purchase of a new bicycle by Mr. Foster, and even that hardly justifies mentioning, so for this month these notes must be likened unto our C.S.M.'s supply of smoking commodities, which, needless to say, are always very short.

Collective Training (so designated because you collect eleven months' work together and do the lot in one), should have kept us occupied for the greater part of last month, but the warm weather stepping in rather early, with full vigour, compelled us to finish rather abruptly, with only three weeks' training to our credit, and thus the cycle of movement is again within the Company—the staff men to their "cushy billets," and the duty men direct their attention to the "Corner House." Needless to say, my interests are entirely for the latter.

Even this move lasted for but a short while, and now our latest occupation finds us in the midst of a yard and a half of T.O.E.T., which, being freely translated means, that we are preparing for our Annual Course. (Some people call this the period when sixpence might have a plus or minus value attached to it).

To Mr. Foster we extend hearty congratulations on his recent promotion.

With the finish of the Harris Shield events, sport has naturally fallen off to a great extent, but even now a number of friendly games keep us on the move and by these matches we shall endeavour to find our talent for the Hot Weather Leagues of football and hockey, which both come into being very shortly.

On account of the forming of the M.G. Company, we have lost a large number of the Company, and in exchange some older hands of "D" Company have joined us. To both parties we hope for an early settlement, and wish them the best of luck for the future.

Close following the death of Pte. Collard, I am sorry to have to announce the loss of I/Cpl. Bowers, of this Company, at Meerut B.M. Hospital. As an old member of the Company there did not exist a better liked person, or a more conscientious soldier, and with his quiet, good-natured disposition, he earned the respect of all. On behalf of his old Company I should like to be the means of expressing to his relatives and friends the deepest of sympathy.

Hoping to present a bumper number for next month with the results of the course, etc., I will now go and see if there still exists such a thing as a

**"QUARTER-GUARD."**

P.S. Just bumped into the R.S.M., and he reckons that it does exist, (worse luck).

**"B" Company.**

News is very scarce this month as the Company is very busy preparing for the move to Ranikhet on the 20th, where we fire our Annual Weapon Training Course. After a short stay at Ranikhet, we will proceed to Hawalbagh to be initiated into the mysteries of Mountain Warfare. Of course this proposed training has brought on the usual epidemic of House Maids' Knees, Mumps, Sore Throats, etc.

However, I expect that the Medical Officer will have us all sorted out when the time for training arrives.

Sgt. Goss has returned from Pachmari Small Arms School and has taken over acting Company Sergeant Major.

Many changes have taken place during the last month. Twenty men were transferred to "D" Company, which is to be turned into the Machine Gun Company. Ptes. Pooley and Green have transferred into the Drums and are letting everybody know it. We welcome to the Company thirty N.C.O.'s and men from "D" Company, also I/Cpl. Sharpe from "A" Company.

The Company played one or two games of football last month. Firstly we played "A" Company and were beaten by 2-1. We then played "C" Company and were again beaten, this time the score was 4-3. The "Danker Teams" have been giving good accounts of themselves. There have been no games of hockey lately; I expect that the Company is saving its energies for when we get to Ranikhet. The following attended an Anti-Gas and Anti-Aircraft Course under Sgt. Goss:—Cpl. Butcher, I/Cpl. Fox, I/Cpl. McMullen and I/Cpl. Gambrell.

**NO. 6 PLATOON.**

We have not much to relate in the way of sports this month, as most of our Platoon is at present in the Hills on Advance Party, getting Alma Barracks ready for our stay at Ranikhet. But from what I hear we will not see the Barracks at all.

Pte. Smith and his gallant "Danker Teams" of football players have been wearing large holes in the playing pitches out here. They seem to believe in getting their money's worth.

At present our sports storeman (Pte. Bell), is overhauling the hockey gear so the hockey team have turned football players.

We welcome to our Platoon Sgt. Annan, who we hope will soon get settled down in his new surroundings.

**NO. 8 PLATOON.**

W.H.A.

Here we are again after a long absence, for the usual scribe has just woken up, and has at last got something for *The Dragon*.

The last month has been very quiet. We have had one or two pick up games of cricket, but owing to somebody using the score book for writing paper, we cannot give you any real results. We played the Drums and actually beat them. Our Neville had a wonderful stroke of luck and scored 21 runs, to everyone's great surprise.

Q.E.D.

**"C" Company.**

This month we have been very quiet. It is getting much warmer and in a few days the first detachment will be going to the Hills. Our Company does not go until the second half of the hot season.

We have finished our Company Training and also the N.C.O.'s cadre course. We congratulate I/Cpl. Hover and Cpl. Farrell on obtaining first and second places respectively. The Company has now resumed regimental duties. We also congratulate Cpls. Robinson and Mullen on passing their promotion examination from Corporal to Sergeant.

Owing to the formation of the M.G. Company, we, like other Companies have had a change round in personnel. Several good men have left the Company, and several more have joined us. Amongst those gone are two of our Company Football Team, Ptes. Cresswell and Pulman. We wish them the best of luck.

Yet another Company notability has recently left us and gone home. Pte. Rocky Rose, through the influence of his father having purchased his discharge. May he have a good time in civil life.

We welcome another draft from home, and hope their duty in India will be as pleasant as possible.

Lieut. H. de L. Walters has left to go on leave to England for three months. His place as Education Officer is being taken by Lieut. C. G. Hill.

As usually happens after the Harris Shield Sports, there has been a lull in serious sports. Nevertheless the sports grounds are fully occupied every night. There is not a night passes without we turn out at least three teams of different sorts. We have yet another incentive to keen sport in the Company, Major Whitaker having presented a Cup for Inter-Platoon football. The tournament is run on the league system, each Platoon playing each other twice. We have had five games up to the present, and they have been very keenly contested. During these games a very good standard has been maintained. No. 11 Platoon are at present on the top of the league, having played three and won three. It is quite a pleasure watching Lieut. C. G. Hill and Cpl. Glazier playing for their Platoon.

Indoor sports appear to be coming into their own. Several card tournaments, etc., have been started in the men's Company Library, and it is nothing fresh to see the room full every evening. At a recent sports meeting many improvements were suggested, which we, no doubt, shall hear more about later.

In addition the Company have entered a team in the Outram Institute Billiard Tournament. This is run on the league system, each team playing the other twice. At present we have only played one game. This was against a strong team from the R.A. The table came a bit strange to our team at first, and we lost by about 60 points. Our team is Cpls. Glazier and Mullen, and Ptes. Thomson and Elliott. We have also had a friendly billiard match with the East Indian Railway Institute, lasting two nights. They were very enjoyable evenings, and we had some very good games. The team on this occasion was:—Cpls. Glazier, Mullen and Cox, and I/Cpls. Shorter, Franklin and Hover, and Ptes. Thomson, Elliott and Izzard.

The Hot Weather League will soon be starting in which we play hockey and football for first and second elevens. I/Cpl. Hover and I/Cpl. Williams have been selected captains of the first elevens hockey and football respectively. The captains of the second elevens have not yet been decided.

Q.E.D.

**Our Contemporaries.**

We acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of the following Journals:—

"The Tiger and The Sphinx." "Aldershot Command News." "The Queen's Own Gazette." "St. George's Gazette." "The Bugle." "Our Empire." "On The March." "Journal of the Society of Army Historical Research." "The Snapper." "The Green Howards." "The Lion and The Rose." "The Oak Tree." "Royal Tank Corps Journal." "The Sapper." "London Scottish Reg. Gazette." "The Lillywhites Gazette." "Hampshire Regtl. Journal." "British Legion Journal." "The Red Hackle." "Journal of the Hon. Artillery Co." "Journal of the R.A. Service Corps."

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1st BATTALION THE BUFFS.



*Cross Country and Football Teams v. Royal Irish Fusiliers—March, 1929.*

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## The 2nd Battalion.

### THE BUFFS



Officer 1801

WHOEVER invented the conditions for the Connaught Cup must have been a humourist. It must be explained that this is a mounted event in which all mounted officers of every infantry battalion have to enter, each battalion providing a team.

This was held this year on the 15th April and the starting point was Ball Hill. The conditions lay down that on arrival at the starting point the Commanding Officer shall ride

to the top whence he will be told a story relating the terrible experiences of a mythical battalion hard-pressed by a relentless though imaginary enemy on the far side of Long Valley. Whilst he listens to this harrowing tale, the other members of the team sit uneasily in their saddles beneath the crest and submit to the close scrutiny of a lynx-eyed judge (from the Cavalry) who, with a scarcely veiled and slightly amused sneer, cons each steed in turn muttering meanwhile, in a knowing kind of way, "ha, speedy cut, spavin, thrush, ringbom," and other derogatory equine remarks. Then comes the Colonel and off gallops the whole cavalcade after him across country. Before anyone can rise to the rank of captain he is supposed to be able to ride—but we all know what that means, and of course to the hunting fraternity this tilt up across country has no terrors, but there are others..... As the team covers the ground it is the C.O.'s business to fire out his orders for the relief of the hard-pressed battalion in the line, the time-limit being eight minutes. Then, perspiring and may be a little sore, one arrives at the next point where everyone dismounts and is in turn called upon to give an account of the situation. But this is mere child's play for now follows the cream of the whole joke. Poised once more on a steeply shelving eminence one watches with all the sang-froid one can muster one's seniors hurl themselves down the decline and canter away across rough country. Then facing one suddenly is a yawning ditch. To fall in would surely mean an untimely end so the only thing is to throw one's heart across and hope to follow it as rapidly as possible in more or less close connection with one's stumbling steed. Beyond are four thick and forbidding-looking bush fences, all of which must be negotiated in turn after which yet another judge examines the condition of each horse.

Our turn for this ordeal did not come till late in the afternoon and we acquitted ourselves fairly well, coming out twelfth in the Command (with a score of 690) out of about thirty or forty entries whilst the Irish Guards were first with 725 points.

On the 17th April, the South Berks. Hunt held its point-to-point at Arborfield. Once again Tallulah took the field with thirty-nine other starters, but this time with Mr. Sherston in the saddle, and was going well, though slowly, until three-quarters of the way round when a stiffish in-and-out brought her to a standstill and her rider to the turf. Mr. Nicholson was also riding his horse in this race, but was unfortunately baulked at the first fence by a loose horse and parted company.

Amongst the onlookers we saw Colonel and Mrs. Lucas both looking very fit and full of beans after their sojourn in the south of France. They are now installed in their charming old canal side house at Trimley Green.

We must take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Reeves on his fine performance in winning, on April 30th, the Aldershot Command Golf Championship on the local course with a score of 76 and 79. Since then he has been showing his prowess further afield, but this is such common knowledge to golfers that there is no need to say more about it here. In any case, our golf correspondent has promised a full account of the inter-Regimental match held recently at Sandwich. But we take off our hat to him for doing so well under such difficult conditions in the Army Championship. Hagen will have to look out!

On May 6th, Mr. Tuff and Captain Tuke met Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, Captain Howe, Captain Essell and Mr. Boucher in Town and, under the protection of the General attended the second levee of the season at St. James's Palace, and afterwards returned for a "family" gathering at the Naval and Military Club for luncheon.

Those who read our Company Notes will see how busy the battalion has been lately on the Ash Ranges. The results speak for themselves. But wait till you get to India, young feller-me-lads, with the temperature hovering about 110° in the shade, the sun rising over the butts and the targets dancing like dervishes in a mirage—then tell us how you can shoot! We have seen marksmen become bungs out there in those conditions.



Albuhera Day this year is being devoted to the Annual Battalion Rifle Meeting and, if our hard-worked musketry officer can get it in in time, the results should appear in this issue.

Mr. Boucher has recently come to Aldershot from the Depot to attend a P.T. Course and is staying with us—a welcome visitor. R.S.M. Vaughan is attending the same course and we hear is rapidly shaping as a champion weight putter.

Mr. D'Arcy Symonds is another welcome arrival. Having finished his tour on the Gold Coast he has been posted to the 1st Battalion but is attached here till next cold weather.

The Battalion is now eagerly waiting to welcome Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell on May 22nd when he is paying his first visit to the battalion as the Colonel of the Regiment. The previous evening the officers are entertaining him to dinner.

On May 11th, we opened our cricket season with a match against Hawley C.C., at Hawley. This was played on the village green in splendid weather and a good wicket so that the afternoon was most enjoyable. We were fortunate in winning with a score of 90 of which Major Jackson accounted for 26 and Mr. Tuff for 35. Afterwards we bowled out our hosts for 71, Mr. Tuff taking five wickets, P. L. Nelthorpe three and Pte. Hammond one.

Major Greenway, an old Buff, who was well-known at the Depot a few years ago, as Secretary of the Past and Present Association and is one of those delightful people whom it is always a real pleasure to meet, entertained the officers to tea on the ground.

#### The Battalion Rifle Meeting.

The Rifle Meeting was held on Albuhera Day, just after completion of the Annual Course. We were fortunate in having glorious weather; this, coupled with the fact that the 1st Battalion. The King's Own Royal Regiment kindly provided us with markers and other duties, went far towards making a long day more enjoyable and less strenuous for all.

The Programme was altered slightly from last year, mainly in order to save time and economise ammunition. The chief alteration was to limit the entries for the Battalion Championship in the various Classes to 25 from each Company. Perhaps this caused some heart-burning among those good shots not lucky enough to be selected to represent their Companies, but no doubt they were more than consoled to find what great assistance they rendered in winning points in Match 2. It was in fact, the good shooting of the 2nd Class shots in "C" Company which finally brought them out on top.

The Team Matches proved open and very interesting. For the second year in succession, the Sergeants proved easy victors over the Officers, Corporals, and Privates

respectively in the Paget Cup. In the Plate Knock-Out Match, the M.G. Company were particularly successful, having one semi-finalist as well as the winning team.

Those whose tastes inclined towards the lighter kinds of shooting, tried their luck on various "Swindles" (thus miscalled!) run by Lt. King and his hard working band of fellow tricksters—as they seemed to their dupes.

"Sandown"—a L.A. Target—both took and paid out most money. The Pool Bull was worth 10/-, while The Tiger, Sweepstake, and Bookie all had many supporters. It was rumoured, and no doubt was true, that "Old Bill's" Pipe—a really difficult target—fell to the bullet of a 2nd Class shot: such is the magnetic power of a shilling.

Even the "serious" shooting had its lighter moments. The Officers and Sergeants were entertained by an endless procession of White Figures of divers shapes and sizes, floating, ghost-like, along the mantlet: while an unseen but plainly much-harrassed Power tried to gain control over them. Finally order prevailed, and as a result of two minutes tense shooting, the Sergeants with their last shot knocked out one more figure than the Officers. The But Registers afterwards showed the shoot to be a draw, but the Sergeants won handsomely at 600 yards—where one unlucky officer discovered it an insuperable difficulty to "find" the target—and so gained the Match.

Many competitors were attracted to the Revolver Range, where the Individual and Team Matches were fired concurrently, while sweep and pool shooting was in progress. Few of the group at the latter targets, impatient to see their scores, will forget the imperturbable "Load!" evoked from the supervising Officer by their request to put up the Red flag.

Space does not permit all prize-winners to be mentioned by name. The principal results are given below, but it should be remembered that their good shooting brought, in all, about 125 different competitors on to the Prize List. Very hearty congratulations go to C.S.M. MacWalter, D.C.M., M.M., whose interest in, and hard work for the cause of shooting, more than entitle him to win the Battalion Championship: to Pte. Williams, H.Q. Wing and Pte. Matthews, "C" Company, Battalion Champions in their respective classes: and finally to "C" Company on once more gaining first place.

On the following day, Mrs. Crookenden very kindly presented the prizes. The principal winners were as follows:—

#### MATCH 1. THE BATTALION CHAMPIONSHIP.

	<i>Open.</i>	<i>Class B.</i>	<i>Class C.</i>
1st.	C.S.M. MacWalter, D.C.M., M.M.	Pte. Williams.	Pte. Matthews
2nd.	Cpl. Bell	Pte. Rowe	Pte. Dodd
3rd.	Sgt. Cronin	Pte. Briggs	Pte. Aylott

#### MATCH 2. DELIBERATE.

1st.	Pte. Hammond	Pte. Wratten	Pte. Gore
2nd.	Lt.-Col. Crookenden, D.S.O.	Pte. Lovett	Pte. Tobin
3rd.	Capt. Causton, M.C.	Pte. H. Smith	Pte. Miles

#### MATCH 3. COMPANY MATCH.

1st.	"B" Company.	2nd.	"H.Q. 24."
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#### MATCH 1. PAGET CUP.

	<i>Series A.</i>	<i>Series B.</i>
1st.	Sergeants	"13" Company
2nd.	Officers	"A" Company

#### MATCH 5. YOUNG SOLDIERS.

1st.	"24" Company	2nd.	"C" Company
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#### MATCH 6. TEAM KNOCK-OUT.

1st.	"M.G." Company, No. 1 Team.
2nd.	"B" Company, No. 2 Team.



**MATCH 7. OFFICERS v. SERGEANTS.**

1st. The Sergeants.

**MATCH 8. LEWIS GUN.**

1st. No. 9 Pln., "C" Coy. 2nd. No. 8 Pln., "B" Coy.  
3rd. Capt. H. C. Morley.

1st. Capt. C. E. Wilson, O.B.E.; 2nd. Lt. J. E. King;  
3rd. Capt. H. C. Morley.

**MATCH 10. INDIVIDUAL REVOLVER.**

1st. Pte. Milne 2nd. Dmr. Wales 3rd. Pte. Cowley.

**MATCH 11. TEAM REVOLVER.**

1st. "M.G." Coy. 2nd. "A" Coy.

**MATCH 12. MACHINE GUN.**

1st. No. 10 Team; 2nd. No. 11 Team; 3rd. No. 5 Team.

**POINTS.**

Coy.	Matches	Match	Match	Match	Match	Total	Athletic Shields
	1 & 2.	3	4	6	11		
"C" ...	12	3	4	—	4	23	3
H.Q. 13.	10	4	6	—	2	22	2
"B" ...	8	6	3	3	1	21	1
"A" ...	4	2	5	1½	5	17½	—
"M.G." ...	2	1	2	5½	6	16½	—
H.Q. 24	6	5	1	—	3	15	—

**Golf.**

**THE ARMY MEETING AT SANDWICH.**

The Battalion was represented in the above meeting by Colonel Crookenden, Lieut. King and 2/Lieuts. Reeves and Kenward. In the individual championship, the following scores were returned:—

Colonel Crookenden ...	...	No return	= 87
Lieutenant King ...	...	94 + 93	= 187
2/Lieutenant Reeves ...	...	93 + 77	= 170
2/Lieutenant Kenward ...	...	98 + 86	= 184

The conditions on the first day were terrible, a very strong westerly wind making good scoring very difficult. On the second day the weather improved considerably, although there was still a strong wind, and Reeves is to be congratulated on his fine score of 77, this being the lowest scratch score of the day and the meeting.

In the first round of the inter-unit competition, The Buffs beat The Coldstream Guards by 12 holes to 7:—

The Buffs.		Coldstream Guards.	
N. R. Reeves ...	7	Maj. Sir G. F. N. Palmer	0
C. T. Kenward ...	4	Capt. Lord Bingham	0
J. E. King ...	1	W. L. Steele	0
Lt.-Col. Crookenden ...	0	Capt. R. V. Martyn	7
	12		7

The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders were our opponents in the second round and they defeated us by 8 holes to 4:—

The Buffs.		A. & S.H.	
N. R. Reeves ...	0	Capt. C. B. Robertson	8
C. T. Kenward ...	3	Capt. A. G. Spiers	0
J. E. King ...	1	Capt. L. H. Methuen	0
Lt.-Col. Crookenden ...	0	Capt. R. J. F. McAllister	0
	4		8

**Sergeants' Mess.**

Although the Battalion have finished the Annual Weapon Training, the members of the Mess have not wrapped their rifles up in cotton wool until next year. On the contrary, a considerable time has been spent on the ranges at Ash "getting our eyes down" for the

Hencker Cup and other competitions. Our scores in these practice shoots have been slightly below the standard required for the Hencker Cup, but conditions have been very much against getting the best results; a strong and gusty wind, very difficult to judge, does not tend to make for accurate shooting, and this has been the cause of the comparatively low scores obtained. Since these conditions are, of course, the same for everyone, we stand an equal chance with all units competing; being an optimist, I will say rather more than an equal chance.

Our Spoon Shoot for April was held on the 15th, the winner of the Silver Spoon being C.S.M. MacWalter and the Wooden, Sgt. Bromley. The complete scores were as follows:—

C.S.M. MacWalter ...	50	Sgt. Payne ...	27
C.Q.M.S. Fawcett ...	43	C.Q.M.S. Burville ...	27
Sgt. Adams ...	41	Sgt. McNeir ...	26
"Wass ...	40	" McNulty ...	26
" Barrell ...	40	D.Major O'Dell ...	26
" Cronin ...	39	R.S.M. Vaughan ...	25
" Chapman ...	37	C.S.M. Shoobridge...	25
" Osborne ...	37	Sgt. Buxton ...	24
C.S.M. Coaster ...	34	C.Q.M.S. Smith, A. ...	23
C.Q.M.S. Smith, C. ...	34	Sgt. Maplesden ...	22
C.S.M. Oagley ...	33	" Dennis ...	22
Sgt. Saunders ...	33	" Baker ...	21
" Diamond ...	33	C.Q.M.S. Norwood ...	20
" Willing ...	32	Sgt. Kerry ...	19
" Wright...	31	" Richardson ...	18
" Field ...	29	Q.M.S. Ricketts ...	17
C.S.M. Tong ...	27	Sgt. Bromley ...	13

We entertained the members of the R.A.E. Club, Farnborough to a shooting match in the miniature range on April 25th, and we were defeated by the narrow margin of seven points. Practices fired and scores obtained were:—

	Practice I. 10 Rounds at S.M.R.C. 5-Ball Target. H.P.S. 100. Open Sights.	Practice II. 10 Rounds at S.M.R.C. 5-Ball Target. H.P.S. 100. Aperture Sights	Practice III. 5 Rounds at Small representative 4ft Target. H.P.S. 20 Open Sights.	Total.
<b>BUFFS.</b>				
C.S.M. MacWalter	84	91	19	149
Sgt. Osborne	68	92	15	175
Sgt. Cronin	79	72	19	170
D.-Maj. O'Dell	58	79	20	157
R.S.M. Vaughan	44	65	13	122
C.Q.M.S. C. Smith	66	—	—	—
S.I.M. Baker	—	73	11	150
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>97 ...</b>	<b>968</b>
<b>R.A.E.</b>				
Mr. Mills	81	92	16	189
Mr. Brown	71	94	17	182
Mr. Colliver	65	93	14	172
Mr. Dixon	65	79	12	156
Mr. Jacobs	35	92	16	143
Mr. Allan	23	93	17	133
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>975</b>

It will be observed that we gained a lead in the first practice, when sights to which we were accustomed were used, but lost the lead—with interest—when aperture sights were used.

The Silver and Wooden Spoons were presented to the winners by the R.S.M. at the Mess Meeting, held on the 10th May.



Running Team. 2nd Battalion.

4th Aldershot Command Inter-unit Championship.

5th Army Cross Country Championship.



*Pte. Bone, Pte. Marsh, Pte. Bell, Pte. Toms. Pte. Matthews, Pte. Wilson, Pte. Frost, Pte. Lewis.  
Pte. Divers, Pte. Walton, 2/Lt. R. F. Parry, C.S.M. Ongley, Cpl. Handscombe, Pte. Hurley, Pte. Rowe,  
Pte. Burgess. (Trainer) L/Cpl. Norris. (Gale & Polden).*



C.S.M. MacWalter, on receiving the silver spoon, said that he was naturally pleased to add yet another one to his collection—making half-a-dozen in all. He said that he was hoping to make the competition teams up from the younger members of the Mess, but that, so far as he could see at present, he would have to fall back on the same older members as before. He also thought it would be a good idea to get up a competition between the members who enlisted prior to the Great War and those who joined since. He considered the old 'uns would more than hold their own. This, apparently, was not the unanimous opinion of all, as will be gathered from the speech by the winner of the Wooden 'un, Sgt. Bromley, which was as follows:—  
“Gentlemen,

I will now endeavour to say a few words following the presentation of this historic trophy. I will not, as our friend and late holder, Sgt. Haynes, did, paint the rifle as an ancient and obsolete weapon, but had it been one with a tripod under it I might have told a different story. Unlike the speech of our worthy member and winner of the silver spoon, C.S.M. MacWalter, there is no need to open the windows for my little effort. To make sure of not winning this spoon again, I must follow the example set by various other members and take the good wife on the range to watch the targets and to steady my nerves!”

“Now, glancing back through the ancient history of the mess, I find that in days gone by it was the custom to fill the spoon with “bubbly.” Two reasons prevent me from doing this, firstly owing to the “financial cramp,” and secondly, that some of the members whom we so seldom see here might get “gassed” by the smell of it, much to their dismay on arriving home, and to mine when next their wives saw me! So, weighing these points together, I think the best thing to do is to return it carefully and reverently to the presidential table.”

Apropos the above two speeches, I have received the following from a member signing himself “Touchstone” :—

A YOUNG 'UN'S EFFORT.  
Old soldiers never die, they say,  
But gently go and fade away.  
Now some sure like to “boost their chat,”  
Expecting us their backs to pat.  
We youngsters, you must give us due,  
Can give you points, and still beat you!  
You'll take this seriously, we hope,  
And don't back out, or use “soft soap.”  
The other night one had a jaw,  
And peppered us with stuff pre-war.  
They must have been quite skilful shots,  
To go their “bold” with Pints and Pots  
At dry lips took we several licks,  
As he modestly said, “this makes the six.”  
Don't think I'm jealous, for I'm not,  
Nor am I just a poor “bung shot,”  
But just a member, young and keen,  
And some old soldiers—I have seen!

R.Q.M.S. Cook sailed for Canada on 10/5/29. We wish him every success in his new life. W.A.L.

### Corporals' Room.

The Annual Weapon Training Course is now finished, with the exception of Casuals. It is believed that one or two members have been heard to breathe unusually deep sighs of relief at the conclusion of the last day's firing. I wonder why?

Several Corporals have left us for civilian life, and we are glad to say that they have all found employment. Cpl. Fagg may often be seen in the Odiham district resplendent in the uniform of a R.A.C. Scout. L/Cpls. A. Smith and Foad have quite recently taken up employment as Asylum Attendants, while L/Cpl. Howard has found a Post Office job.

Cpl. Hodges has left us on posting to the Regimental Depot for a tour of duty, but Cpl. Wilcox has been posted to the Battalion in exchange.

We welcome to the Mess many of the 1st Battalion N.C.O.'s who have come to us recently, some on Home Establishment and the remainder for A.V. Courses.

“ELDEVERE.”

### “A” Company.

During April the Company have played two matches in the Battalion Hockey Championship and were unlucky to lose the first. The teams who were selected from the following, are to be congratulated on their very fine show and keen sportsmanship:—

Lieuts. R. F. Parry and J. F. Connally, Sgts. Buxton, Keny, Cpls. Gorham, Johnson, Keely, Wyles, Ptes. Morecroft, L. King, W. King and C/Sgt. Fawcett.

In the first match, against the “M.G.” Company, we lost 3 goals to 1. Both Captains approached each other with the flag of truce and we were all prepared for a very stiff game, and there is no doubt left in the spectators' minds that it was a good, clean, stiff game. The ground was not at all favourable for hockey and there was an unkind mist hanging very low over the field of play during the whole of the game. The “M.G.'s” won the toss and pressed from the start, but “A” began to rally and after a good run down field, Mr. Parry put in a splendid pass, but in the scramble it was difficult to say who scored, so we will just say “It was the team.” One could hear the spectators continually shouting “Slide, Keely, slide!!!” and there is not the slightest doubt that Keely has the ability to slide. After the change round the “M.G.'s” renewed their efforts and Blencowe scored, leaving us level. Only a short time elapsed before Watts gave our opponents the lead and unfortunately one of our own side put the “M.G.'s” two to the lead of us. No further score was made, but we had many narrow shaves, and with a team like this next season we expect to beat all comers.

The second match, against “H.Q.” 13 Company, was a good, fast clean game, ending in a win for us 8 to 1, the individual scorers being:—

Lieut. J. F. Connally	...	...	3
Cpl. Wyles	...	...	2
Pte. W. King	...	...	1
Pte. L. King	...	...	1
Lieut. R. F. Parry	...	...	1

Other sport, however, has not been neglected and the runners, jumpers, sprinters and shot putters are having practice under the Company-Sergeant-Major, but we will not forecast anything, and let results speak for themselves.

The Annual Musketry Course which is really of primary importance, is now practically over, except for Table “A” who are firing this week. This year we produced eight marksmen with the rifle and ten with the Lewis Gun. They are as follows:—

#### NO. 1 PLATOON.

Rifle:—Cpl. Johnson (retained), Sgt. McNeir.

L.A.:—Cpl. Johnson (retained), Pte. Spice, Pte. Knight.

#### NO. 2 PLATOON.

Rifle:—C.S.M. MacWalter, D.C.M., M.M.

L.A.:—Sgt. Knights, D.C.M., Pte. Cathrae, Pte. Masikonis.

#### NO. 3 PLATOON.

Rifle:—C/Sgt. Fawcett, L/Sgt. Payne, Ptes. Stevens, Barnes and Humphreys (retained).

#### NO. 4 PLATOON.

Rifle:—Lieut. R. F. Parry, Sgt. Buxton, M.M.

A.A.:—Lieut. R. F. Parry.

A.A. Marksmen Gunners:—Ptes. Clinton and Wardle.

The weather on the whole was favourable for firing. The highest scores were made by:—

#### PART I.—

C.S.M. MacWalter, D.C.M., M.M. ... 118

#### PART II.—

Pte. Stevens ... 110

#### PART III.—

Pte. Bartholomew ... 121



## PART IV.—

Pte. Wardle . . . . . 108

Both Ptes. Bartholomew and Wardle are to be congratulated on their scores as this is the first trained men's course they have fired, and we venture to say that Bartholomew's score, if not the highest, runs a close second in the Battalion. Just previous to firing classification the C.S.M. was testing a rifle when a "Bull" was signalled up before he had fired. Thinking something extraordinary had happened, as the nearest firer was at least four targets' distance away, he looked round and was met with a lot of blinking and stuttering and "I fought it was my target." It sounds very much like "One round distribution. Fire!!!"

We are now preparing for the Battalion Rifle Meeting and the ranges have been put at the disposal of Companies for practice shoots, and we are sure that "A" Company will be prominent among the prize-winners this year.

The team for the "Evelyn Wood Cup" are in training and have great hopes. We wish ourselves luck and hope for the best.

I/Cpl. Banks returned from the Army School of Education, Shorncliffe having passed a course there as Class II. "Satisfactory."

Speaking of Education, Sgts. Buxton, Knights, Kerry and I/Cpl. Banks are now studying for the First Class Certificate (all subjects) and the Company joins in wishing them luck. It is noticed that some of them do their outdoor schemes by algebraic proportion methods. For instance, what is four sandbags to two shovels if two sections hold a frontage of 200 yards.

I/Cpl. Marchant, Ptes. Styles and Dunkling have gone to the Depot on a motoring course and we hope by the time they arrive back here they will be as sound in limb as they left us; also anyone they may come in contact with whilst motoring.

I/Cpl. Parsons has returned from a Depot Course and leaves us this week to take up employment in Canterbury.

Several have gone to the Army Reserve during the month and we wish them every success. Amongst them are:—I/Cpl. C. Smith, who has gone to live at Letchworth and is expecting to start work as a plasterer; Pte. Brawn rejoined us from a bricklaying course at Hounslow and just stayed the night, leaving us next day for a job as bricklayer in London. Pte. Caless attended a successful course of welding and left us with a view to employment in the suburbs. I/Cpl. Cadman has also been successful in finding employment as a poultry farmer; in all probability he will be able to induce the hens to lay by playing them a few tunes. Through the efforts of the Past and Present Association I/Cpl. A. Smith has been found a job in Coulsden as an asylum attendant and will be leaving us shortly. There are still more to leave us in the near future and their going will be duly recorded in *The Dragon* as their turn comes along.

We are glad to see I/Cpl. Jones, Ptes. Saville and Gray back with us again from hospital and hope their stay at duty is permanent.

The Company joins in congratulating I/Cpl. Bowyer on his marriage, but they all said "Oh, Freddie!; why did you keep it such a profound secret?"

On the 16th Cpl. Cyril Fagg paid us a visit. He is now an Official on the R.A.C. and has been posted to the North Hampshire area. He is living in Farnborough and doing quite well. When in conversation with him about the life he said he would advise all "Bufs" with cars to join the R.A.C., and assures them of prompt attention and service now HE IS HERE. Anyway, he looks quite resplendent in full regalia.

Speaking of visits, we will always be pleased to see any of the old Company when they are this way or, failing a visit a line to the Company Correspondent will always receive a prompt reply.

Finally, we again appeal to all members of the Company to supply us with any interesting news of events or persons, in order to brighten things up. We are certain if you make a special effort you can supply us with something that probably your comrades in the 1st Battalion will be glad to read. Stick to your motto, "Beaten—but never defeated" and remember this also applies to *Dragon* Notes. MONTY.

### The Signallers.

For once in way we can pat ourselves on the back, having done something which the other groups cannot argue with us about, namely, "Classification" and, being very modest about it, I must say we did quite well, having finished up with an average of 99.9. As there are two sides to every question, one or two people "had" to show how theory questions should (NOT) be answered, as below, and I daresay they wish all questions were asked in confidence too.

Lots of things have been "dropped" since we last went to press, crossed guns, 6d. per diem's, and opinions being just a few of them and if notes on "How I lost my Guns," were published, we would need a *Dragon* of our own, just for this section.

Both of our "heads of department" are away at present, one chasing holes with a golf ball, and the other chasing the elusive electron, (with a towel and a block of ice), and I'm sure we all wish them the best of luck.

We sent a party of Sigs. to Netheravon with the Gunners just lately, and according to what I hear, they saw some "pretty" scenery. I can vouch for the fact that at a certain place, on a certain day, one part of said scenery was distinctly blue, so if anyone DOES happen to find a spare "cross-roads" lying about, will they please give it to the above section, who will present it to the one who lost it.

Well, seeing that the owner of this pen is looking for it, I suppose we must refrain from inflicting any further pain on the *Dragon* readers for another month, before the editor has something to say about it. K/Something.

### AGONY COLUMN.

FOR SALE:—Very Cheap. An "oozulum bird." Gets up at reveille, and sings till breakfast in any language bar English, answers to the name of "Dicky," wears "skeets" and plays with "biathers." No reason able offer refused.

### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW

How long has a telescope resembled a helio?

How many reveilles were there per day at Netheravon? Ask I/Cpl. Swaffer.

Is the new method of remembering the lenses of a telescope "Old soldiers can swallow beer?" Ask him again.

Has anyone seen my Queen (9778)? Ask Nonentity.

Has "Daddie" got used to that rocking motion so familiar to married Dads, and how much practice did he need?

Has he found out how many cells there are in a helio yet?

When WILL that "milk-float" come into being again?

### The Band.

We are now competing for the Inter Group Athletic points, and up to the present I think we have a pretty good chance of winning the points.

Our late arrival from the Depot is pulling us up quite a lot. (Claude by name), and we had some fun seeing him do the mile. Guess he wants some training.

We played the M.G. Company for third place in the Company Athletic Shield, and after a jolly good game we were beaten. Vincent, from the 1st Battalion put up a good performance at back, and Allen, from the Depot, played very well. Rather hard luck losing, still everybody enjoyed it, so what matters?

We hope to get going at cricket soon. The Band has always had a good reputation as a cricket team, and this season we hope to keep it up.

The Band are hard at it now, preparing for the Tattoo, and as we are "setting" the music for the different acts, other bands have to take the lead from us, of course we are doing the job, (as is usual).

Since our last notes men in the H.Q. Wing have fired their annual course, and the Band had the best average, too! Having only a Bungs and, they passed easily in the re-classifying.

The Battalion shoot comes off this month, and we hope to figure prominently in the different competitions then. Our Douglas and B.M. should do quite well there.

### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Did Nat get a "slake on" in the "fix"?

When is the R.N. Askus coming?

Is Brown giving his "civvies" a good airing?



### The Drums.

We congratulate Boy A. Garratt on winning the Silver Bugle Competition held at Aldershot, also Drummer Hudson on gaining second place.

The Drums had bad luck in losing against the Employed at Tug-o'-war; they gained second place. Better luck next time.

We congratulate Drummer Perry on winning the Silver Bugle and keeping up the old drums reputation in the 1st Battalion. We are very sorry to have lost the main-stay of the Drums, L/Cpl. Donovan and Drummer Mercer. We congratulate the Drums and Anti-Tanks on winning the group shield after an easy struggle. It proves we have the best sportsmen.

We were glad to receive some drummers from the 1st Battalion, and we hope they are better than the ones we sent.

Good old Drums, another engagement. This time the Drums are going to Crystal Palace and hope to put up a show on Whit-Monday.

#### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Is it right that Tronkey cannot see after 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> o'clock, and has he got a mate? Ask two old soldiers.

TOM-TOM.

Is it right that old Bill is going on the dole? Ask the Sheikh.

BEAR.  
A.O.F.B.

### M.G. Company.

The past month has been a very busy time for the "Gunnery." In the completion of Training and the departure for Netheravon, our time was fully occupied in painting and burnishing guns, etc., practicing the Composite Platoon and assisting the Rifle Companies in their Annual Musketry Classification by providing markers.

We were amply rewarded for our labours on the guns by the envious glances they attracted from the other units on Concentration.

Prior to Concentration, the word Netheravon brought forth loud groans from all "old hands," and grave feelings of anxiety on the part of most "young hands," but to one whose first experience it was of it, the work did not appear at all hard. The weather was not too kind, neither was the smell from a nearby Sewerage Farm exactly bracing, otherwise we had "no complaints."

In the competitions we did very well, No. 2 Platoon enabling us to obtain 3rd place in a shoot on the 50 yards range, and up to the time of going to press, the Composite Platoon is holding 2nd place in the Fire Control Cup Competition, this cup being competed for annually by all Companies attending Concentration at Netheravon, Larkhill and Tilshead.

On the completion of the Concentration, the Company Commander congratulated us on the work and results obtained, and we all came away a good deal happier than we went.

The last few days we have occupied in firing the Annual Rifle Course, and although our P.P. is not dependent on the result, some very good scores have been obtained, these have not yet been officially posted.

#### SPORT.

##### ATHLETIC SHIELD HOCKEY COMPETITION, SEMI-FINAL.

We started by beating "A" Company by 3 goals to 1. It was a very good game, and was notable for the manner in which everyone "got cracking," and kept going until the final whistle.

##### FINAL.

No. 24 Company were our opponents in the Final and we must congratulate them on putting up such a stout resistance, and after having been 2 goals down for the greater portion of the game, being able to have caught us "groggy" in the last few minutes and win by 3 goals to 2. Perhaps if Mr. Turner had not got rather a nasty knock, we should have had a brighter tale to tell.

##### ATHLETIC SHIELD FOOTBALL v. No. 24 COMPANY.

This was to decide for third place, and we managed to obtain our revenge for our defeat at hockey and won by 3 goals to nil. Although it is the general idea that our forward line needs strengthening, no ideas have been offered whereby we can do so, but we hope for some before next season.

##### SWIMMING.

We are glad to see the Company has a representative in the Battalion Water Polo Team, Pte. Woolford, we hear he is a tower of strength.

##### ATHLETICS.

The Company Sports take place on the 14th and 15th May, we hope to find plenty of talent for the Battalion Sports.

#### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Why does Ford wear that beautiful smile?

Who was the L/Cpl. who wanted a small cleaning rod for the blank-firing barrel?

What the Battalion does when the "Gunnery" go on Concentration? How does it carry on?

Is it right, the Battalion thinks the "Gunnery" go on Concentration for a holiday?

### "B" Company.

Company Training finished with a test scheme conducted by the Colonel. In his remarks to us afterwards there was a distinct absence of that fruit, which, though "rare and refreshing," we all try to avoid like small-pox. In fact we flatter ourselves that we were given a good mark, and we were proud of the compliments paid in our presence to Major Jackson, our Company Commander.

Firing on the range followed. "B" Company again gave a good account of itself. Let us therefore with good conscience "throw a chest," or in Weapon Training I suppose it should be a matter of "swinging an arm," now incidentally adorned with worsted badges, instead of metal ones. The facts are as follows:—

RIFLE.—Marksmen, 8; 1st Class Shots, 19; 2nd Class Shots, 10; Two 3rds. now repeating.

L.G.—Marksmen, 13; 1st Class Shots, 8; 2nd Class Shots, 4; 3rd Class Shots, Nil.

Here we wish to congratulate Corporal Clinker on his fine performance in obtaining the highest score in the Battalion. One of our N.C.O.s, before firing each practice religiously "salaamed" his rifle, saying, "I'll pull the trigger, and you guide 'em." He finished up a marksman, but we hope Hythe won't hear of it, in case they want to amend "Points before Firing." The weather was good and the regimental 'bus, driven by Corporal Wilson, did noble service to and from the range.

From firing we passed to training for the Evelyn Wood Challenge Cup, A.R.A. Competitions, the Battalion Rifle Meeting, Battalion and Company Sports. Table A. was also in progress. May is indeed a hectic month, and very trying for those who have to organise everything for us. If I were a muse, the walls of the Company office might inspire me to burst into song. Shall I try?

"Chits, chits, chits by the score,

It's simply impossible—

Bricks without straw.

Bricks, bricks, bricks without straw,

It's hopeless, I cannot compete anywhere.

Despite the desperate odds, and the difficulty at times of knowing which way to turn, our chief decides he will—and he does compete. Bricks are made to order, and "B" Company sets forth to do its best. Our banner is unfurled. Emblazoned on that banner stands a tiger in majesty erect and completely surrounded by greyhounds. We do not content ourselves merely with brick-making. Occasionally a brick is dropped. Our boast, however, is that we go on and lay our bricks, well and truly. What we say to ourselves—new hands and old—is, "Build on and hoist the banner high."

We congratulate Mr. Reeves on winning the Aldershot Command Individual Golf Championship.

We bid farewell to L/Cpl. Foad. We are glad he has a job to go to, found—be it noted—by the London Branch of the Past and Present. Cpl. Thompson has also left us and we wish him the best of luck.

Sgt. Wass is congratulated on having extended his service, and on obtaining a 1st Class Certificate of Education. Although we see little of him, we realize the importance of his work in the Quartermaster's stores and that he doesn't forget his Company.

We are glad to have Mr. Sherston with us again.

The versatility of C.Q.M.S. Smith deserves comment. On one day, he was C.Q.M.S., acting C.S.M., and a Pte., acting big-drummer, beating retreat, after which, it is believed he rapidly reverted to being a member of the Sergeants' Mess.

Cpl. Parrett is complimented on his straight eye in white-washing the line for the parade in honour of the visit of the Colonel of the Regiment.

It is impossible to mention all the names of our new draft, but we look forward to recording their personal achievements as they rise to distinction.

Cpl. Bell, Cpl. Ingram and Pte. Phelan have joined us from the 1st Battalion, and we appreciate the weight they can, and no doubt will pull in the Company.

We bid farewell to Mr. Kenward, and hope he will soon get used to "A" Company and their nautical ways.

THE BUSY BEE.

### "C" Company.

All ranks of the Company heartily congratulate L/Sgt. McNulty on the result of his course at the Small Arms School, Hythe, he having been awarded a "Distinguished" certificate. Also to Cpl. Salsbury on having obtained a 1st Class Certificate on the Advanced Course at Army School of Physical Training, Aldershot. This result may mean Cpl. Salsbury leaving the Company at a later date. During the past month the Company have been firing their Annual Course. The weather was about at its best during the time Table B. was fired, but turned to rain and strong winds for the less fortunate Table A. The Company was fairly strong for Table B., as most of our young hands joined us last autumn in time to fire Table A. first year. This meant we had a large number of men firing Table B. with hardly twelve months' service in. The majority of these did exceptionally well, in fact one, Pte. O'Connor had easily the top score in the Company of those who fired Part II., a score of 119 out of a possible of 140, this was only beaten by one N.C.O. in the Battalion.

On the other hand, a few bad ones existed, which no doubt will lower the Company slightly in the shooting this year.



The Classification has been raised since last year. Nevertheless, we managed to get 16 Marksmen, 12 1st Class Shots, 19 2nd Class Shots, 10 Marksmen L.A. Gunners, 23 1st Class L.A. Gunners and 9 2nd Class L.A. Gunners. We still have a number of Casuals to fire. A few marksmen of first year found the extra points too much for them to obtain. On the other hand several new marksmen have appeared. Hence a good deal of transferring of badges has taken place. The present time is being devoted to practice for Company Shield and Evelyn Wood teams.

The eliminating round for the Evelyn Wood Cup takes place on the 27th May, and the final on the 31st May. Last year we reached the final and gained tenth place, we hope for a better result this year. The team is under the command of Lieut. P.T.G. Lynden-Bell, with Sgt. Carvell as Platoon Sergeant. L/Sgt. McNulty and Cpls. Fry and Handscomb and Salisbury are Section Leaders. They have carried out a few practice marches and one range practice, arranged by the Weapon Training Officer.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting is to be held on the 16th May. Points are scored for the Athletic Shield. The Company Teams have been arranged. If all can shoot up to their normal standard we shall have a good deal to record. In Lieut. J. G. Nicholson, Cpl. Viney, Sgt. Carvell L/Cpl. Lee, Pte. O'Connor, L/Cpl. Fletcher, L/Cpl. Brooker, L/Cpl. Acot, Cpl. Salisbury, Pte. Martin, Pte. King, etc., we have some real good shots. But it is to the all round support we shall rely on, no— in this Company never did rely on specialists, we train them all. This paragraph is for the benefit of the worthy correspondent of last month's *Dragon* who suggests that had the scoring been different they might have done better in the cross country running. That this Company owns a few specialists. Perhaps this same correspondent will give us his definition of the word "few." Does the word "few" extend to include the officers, and from C.S.M. down to the last joined recruit of the Company, for all these trained hard and ran well throughout the season. No matter how good a man left the Company, we always have someone ready to fill his place. Were not Ptes. Matthews, Cloke, Austin and Reynolds a few examples. No, the new system of scoring points will not benefit to that extent. It is only real hard continuous training that counts. Was there any Company that trained harder than "C"?—NO—. Therefore we won the cross-country running points. Looking up our past records I find that during the season 1928

we had on the	1st run	8 in the first	40
	2nd "	10 do.	40
	3rd "	18 do.	40
	4th "	16 do.	40
	5th "	19 do.	40
	6th "	15 do.	40
	1929.		
	1st run	13 in the first	40
	2nd "	11 do.	40
	3rd "	12 do.	40
	4th "	12 do.	40
	5th "	12 do.	40
	6th "	13 do.	40
	7th "	15 do.	40
	Inter-Company Run	12 do.	38

This looks like a good all round continued effort, than the work of a few specialists.

The Battalion Sports are being held on the 1st June, at least the team and relay events. It is these we have concentrated on. No doubt we shall have a few individual results come to the Company. Many good runners left since we won all the relay events last year, but we have good material to rely on to carry us through once more. A good deal of time has been spent on training our various teams so any race we win, we shall have earned, for those we lose our opponents will know they have been running. Most of the teams have been selected but the names will be withheld until next month.

L/Cpl. Patterson, L/Cpl. Crouch and Pte. Thirst have been posted to the Company after a few years absence, having left the Company to go to the 1st Battalion from Aden, in 1922. Pte. Grigsby has also been posted to the Company from 1st Battalion, but is at present remaining in hospital at Netley. Cpl. Wilcox has rejoined from a tour of duty at the Depot.

It will probably interest his friends at the Depot to know that Bailey has had some lightning appointments since arriving here. First at duty in the Corporals' Room, then to the gardens and tennis court at the Officers' Mess, and lastly as chief gardener to the G.O.C., 2nd Division. This appears to be the real jobs for Bailey. A good deal of alarm was caused on the day of Bailey reporting for his appointment. It appears that whilst awaiting for the A.D.C. to conduct him to the G.O.C., the G.O.C. came along himself and inquired what Bailey was doing there, the result being he was conducted inside by the General himself. In the meantime the A.D.C. had phoned to the Battalion to enquire when Bailey was going to report. In the end the A.D.C. finds Bailey confidentially explaining to the General how plants should be or should not be planted. I hope all past associates can picture the above scene.

L/Cpl. Spence still remains in hospital, he will no doubt be a great loss to our relay teams, we have some able substitutes. This N.C.O. has spent a long period in hospital; his back was strained during running last season and except for a short period has been in hospital since. 2/Lieut. H. P. Williams has gone on his Signalling Course at Catterick. Pte. Stokes has gone there also as officer's batman.

On the 2nd June we go to camp to commence Battalion Training. This year we look like having a fairly strong Company, for on the 15th May a draft arrives from the Depot. Of these we are allotted eleven; Ptes. Stone, Sowerby, Reid, Cunningham, Butler, Senior, Bates, Corden, Jossip, Marks and Haigh.

A.V.O.

## Beneath Bell Harry.



SERGEANT-MAJORS have been known to say that during their whole 25 years of service there has never been a fine Albuhera Day: Majors, too, have often remarked even before the War they cannot remember when it did not rain on May 16th.

However, here in Canterbury, at any rate, Albuhera Day belied its ancient tradition of being the wettest day of the year

by going to the opposite extreme and producing the warmest and sunniest day we have had lately.

So instead of postponing the Depot Sports, we were able to hold them in glorious conditions and a successful and enjoyable day was the result. For the second year in succession, invitations were issued to those parents and relations of recruits from the County of Kent to come and inspect the Depot, watch the Sports and have tea.

Included in the Sports were many amusing events and an excellent Gymnastic display, organised by Cpl. Trinkwon who enlisted the services of several N.C.O.'s, trained men and also two recruits: the result was a clever and difficult display of gymnastics, relieved occasionally by amusing turns.

Some 300, all told, sat down to tea in the drill shed during the interval between events: the Depot Band, under Sgt. Adams, played throughout the afternoon.

In the evening several of the recruits' relations stayed for the All Ranks' Dance in the Gymnasium, which, as usual, was ably organised by C.S.M. Howard and his Committee.

On the 9th of May the Depot was honoured by a visit from Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G. in his first official capacity as Colonel of the Regiment.

After inspection of the parade, Sir Arthur made a tour of the various Depot buildings and offices and visited the men at dinner. Photos, some of which appear in this issue, were of course taken to mark this momentous visit, which, needless to say, was very much appreciated by all ranks.



Brig.-General MacDouall, Col. Findlay, Colonel Friend, Colonel Burns, Major Hardy, and Capt. Baird were amongst those at lunch in the Officers' Mess : in the evening Sir Arthur journeyed to Dover to attend a branch meeting of the Past and Present Association.

We were pleased to see Capt. Tuke who came to stop the night at the Depot and took away a draft to the 2nd Battalion the following day. This draft consisted of the Punniar and Sevastopol squads, who were amalgamated for their final fortnight's cadre training and turned out to be one of the best drafts ever sent from here.

We were also paid short visits by Lt.-Col. Crookenden, and Lieuts. King and Kenward, who have been down at Sandwich playing in the Army Golf Meeting.

Lieut. Boucher is at present staying with the 2nd Battalion while on a P.T. Course at Aldershot.

**Football.**

It is rather late after the close of the season to be still on this topic, but as the photograph has only just come to hand, a few general remarks on the season's work will not be out of place.

We commenced the Season brilliantly by beating Margate Amateurs by 8 to 0. Following on this success, we had rather a run of reverses in the way of scores ; it seemed as if we always put up the better game, but just could not shoot goals. Towards the middle of the season we were doing well. Occasional inconsistency of form or unavoidable changes in our team seemed to be the reason for our not being further up the League Table. However, we thoroughly enjoyed the keen contests provided in this League and hope to do better next season.

We could not include in the photo all those who have turned out for The Depot on some occasions only, and they were left out only to make the picture represent a Soccer Team instead of say a Rugby XV.

**Cricket.**

THE BUFFS VERSUS BEVERLEY.

<i>The Buffs.</i>		<i>Beverley.</i>	
Lt. Boucher, b Tomlin.....	20	L. Divers, lbw, b Boucher....	7
L/Cpl. Sirett, c Evans b Philpott.....	0	F. Evans, b Willows.....	4
Lt. Penlington, b Ingleton...	0	H. Philpott, b Boucher.....	0
Capt. Willows, c Evans, b Tomlin.....	11	E. Tomlin, c Sirett, b Bryan	9
Cpl. Sanders, b Tomlin.....	0	H. Divers, b Berry.....	10
Sgt. Gibson, b Divers.....	1	C. Vincent, c Willows, b Boucher.....	12
Pte. Bottomley, b Tomlin.....	1	H. Sanders, b Berry.....	0
Rct. Berry, c Evans, b Divers	3	M. Finch, b Boucher.....	0
Pte. Bryan, b Tomlin.....	7	A. Cresswell, lbw, b Willows...	9
Cpl. Good, not out.....	0	E. Ingleton, not out.....	1
Pte. Dawson, b Tomlin.....	0	P. Scott, st. Penlington, b Willows.....	3
Extras.....	3	Extras.....	3
Total.....	46	Total.....	70

THE BUFFS DEPOT VERSUS GUARDS DEPOT.

<i>The Buffs.</i>		<i>Guards Depot.</i>	
Lt. Penlington, b Hughes....	1	L/Sgt. Watkins, lbw, Dawson	4
L/Cpl. Sirett, b Hughes.....	12	Sgt. Dolgheish, b Willows....	11
Cpl. Sanders, b Hughes.....	6	Rct. Manners, c Sanders, b Dawson.....	22
Cpt. Willows, c Stuart-Brown b Hughes.....	0	Rct. Attenborough, st. Penlington, b Willows.....	9
Pte. Bryan, run out.....	5	Cpt. Polehill-Drake, b Bryan	16
C.Q.M.S. Taylor, c Dee, b Attenborough.....	4	Lt. Henessey, b Dawson.....	0
Sgt. Gibson, c Polehill-Drake b Attenborough.....	4	Lt. S. Brown, c Willows, b Berry.....	16

Drm. Hudson, b Henessey....	4	Sgt. Richards, c Sanders, b Berry.....	34
Rct. Berry, st. Richards, b Attenborough.....	4	Capt. Mayfield, b Berry.....	2
Pte. Dawson, not out.....	4	T/S Hughes, not out.....	13
Pte. Bottomley, b Attenborough.....	0	Rct. Dee, st. Penlington, b Willows.....	3
Extras.....	2	Extras.....	13
Total.....	46	Total.....	142

THE BUFFS DEPOT VERSUS KENNINGTON.

<i>The Buffs.</i>		<i>Kennington.</i>	
L/Cpl. Sirett, b Heads.....	4	Wheatley, c Sanders, b Tutt...	22
Pte. Bryan, c Ruff, b Heads	4	Ravin, b Bailey.....	9
L/Cpl. Bailey, b Heads.....	3	Gilham, b Dawson.....	7
Lt. Penlington, b Holbrook...	22	Clarabut, c Dawson, b Tutt...	12
Sgt. Tutt, b Gilham.....	4	Ruff, b Sirett.....	11
Sgt. Gibson, c Stuart, b Gilham.....	8	Martin, b Dawson.....	5
Pte. Dawson, b Gilham.....	5	Holbrook, b Dawson.....	0
Cpl. Sander, c Stuart, b Heads.....	0	Heads, did not bat.....	0
Rct. Berry, c Buss, b Heads	2	Buss, c Dawson, b Tutt.....	0
L/Sgt. Dolbear, not out.....	2	Stuart, b Dawson.....	0
Cpl. Good, b Heads.....	0	Wood, not out.....	0
Extras.....	6	Extras.....	17
Total.....	60	Total.....	84

THE BUFFS DEPOT VERSUS GOODNESTONE PARK.

<i>The Buffs.</i>		<i>Goodnestone Park.</i>	
E. Stickle, b Dawson.....	9	Lt. Boucher, b O. Homersham	0
F. Hope, c Tutt, b Dawson...	17	2/Lt. Tuft, lbw F. Munk....	26
E. Goodban, c Tutt, b Dawson	5	L/Cpl. Sirett, b O. Homersham	5
J. Homersham, c Sirett, b Tuft.....	9	Lt. Penlington, c Goodban, b Homersham.....	4
O. Homersham, b Tuft.....	4	Capt. Willows, b F. Munk.....	14
J. Sayer, b Tuft.....	0	Sgt. Tutt, b F. Munk.....	8
C. Vickers, b Willows.....	0	Pte. Dawson, b F. Hope.....	0
W. Gregory, c Penlington, b Tuft.....	7	Pte. Styles, c Vickers, b Hope	14
G. Stickle, b Tuft.....	1	Sgt. Gibson, b Munk.....	0
F. Munk, b Willows.....	3	Rct. Berry, b Munk.....	0
H. Vickers, not out.....	3	Pte. Bryan, not out.....	11
Extras.....	9	Extras.....	6
Total.....	68	Total.....	88

Second Innings.

G. Stickle, b Sirett.....	19	Pte. Bryan c Vickers b Goodban	1
J. Sayer, run out.....	1	Pte. Berry, c Munk, b Goodban	12
C. Vickers, b Penlington.....	55	Sgt. Gibson, c Hope, b Goodban.....	0
H. Vickers, c Bryan, b Gibson	9	Pte. Styles, c Homersham, b Sayer.....	1
E. Goodban, not out.....	1	Pte. Dawson, b Sayer.....	0
Extras.....	11	Sgt. Tutt, c Homersham, b Stickle.....	44
Total, 4 wks.....	97	Capt. Willows, c Hope, b Homersham.....	4
		Lt. Penlington, not out.....	38
		L/Cpl. Sirett, b Stickle.....	10
		Lt. Tuft, did not bat.....	0
		Lt. Boucher, did not bat.....	0
		Extras.....	8
		Total, 7 wks.....	118

Depot Sports.

RESULTS.

OPEN 2 MILE.		
1. Cpl. Trinkwon.	2. L/Cpl. McBride.	3. Rct. Inman.
PILOTT FIGHT.		
1. Rct. Berry.	2. Rct. Axford.	3. Rct. Tampsett.
RECRUITS 100 YARDS.		
1. Rct. Berry.	2. Rct. Haines.	3. Rct. Southwell.
EGG AND SPOON RACE.		
1. Rct. Berry.	2. Rct. Glesson.	3. Rct. Bedford.
OPEN 440 YARDS.		
1. Cpl. Good.	2. L/Cpl. McBride.	3. L/Cpl. Chipp-Smith
MUSICAL PEGS.		
1. Rct. Burch.	2. Rct. R. Smith.	3. Rct. Norris.
SACK AND BUN RACE.		
1. Rct. Norris.	2. Rct. R. Smith.	3. Rct. Vandome.
RECRUITS 880 YARDS.		
1. Rct. Southwell.	2. Rct. Parker.	3. Rct. Inman.
OBSTACLE RACE.		
1. Rct. Gray.	2. Rct. Betty.	3. Rct. R. Smith.
BAND RACE.		
1. Sgt. Allen.	2. Mr. Norwood.	3. Pte. Lamming.
LADIES RACE.		
1. Mrs. Adams.	2. Miss M. Hambrooks.	3. Miss G. Hambrooks.
LONG JUMP.		
1. Cpl. Good.	2. Rct. Inman.	3. Sgt. Tutt.





Major General Sir A. Lynden-Bell with Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants, Depot The Buffs. *Fisk-Moore.*



- HIGH JUMP.  
 1. L/Cpl. McBride. 2. Cpl. Good. 3. Rct. Machin.  
 INTER-SQUAD RELAY.  
 Taku Forts Squad.  
 INTER-SQUAD TUG-OF-WAR.  
 Chitral Squad.  
 CHILDREN'S RACE.  
 THE FIELD.

### Trained Men's Notes.

During the last month, our Colonel, Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, visited us and congratulated our Commanding Officer for the fine "turn out" and efficiency of the Depot.

Our Sports were held on the Sports Ground, on May 16th, Albuhera Day; this year we were favoured with splendid weather, after the sports a well attended dance was held in the Gyms, and I can assure you that everybody who was present had a "top-hole" time; many woke up the following morning feeling very worn after their evening's enjoyment, but the Whitsun holiday has put us all straight again.

We are now waiting for our new Recreation Room to be opened. Strictly Private—Trained Men only. I am sure we will all spend some very enjoyable evenings together when it is opened.

We are looking forward to seeing some of our friends from the 2nd Battalion in August. I hope our old pal "Jolley" will be one of the "Merry Band."

Our old friend Bill Bailey came over to see us the other week-end and by what he tells us, he is having quite a fine time in the Battalion. HAGG.

A warning to all whom it may concern:—

Whilst writing this, I am thinking of a (SOLDIER) who enlisted as a Boy, about the year 1906.

In the first eight years of his service he used to bolt everything eatable he could lay his hands on. Of course the result was, when war broke out he had to start strenuous exercise and suddenly shooting pains in his chest. One did not at the time know whether that was just "wind up" or not.

But as the years have gone on, his complaint has got worse, and the Medical Officer has diagnosed his complaint as "CHRONIC INDIGESTION" through bolting his food when he was young and foolish.

His menu, since he has been a domestic servant at the Depot, is one "WOODEN SPOON" per quarter.

A SYMPATHIZER.

### Sergeants' Mess.

Major-General Sir A. Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., as Colonel of The Buffs, held his first official inspection of the Depot on 10th May and we much appreciate the congratulatory order that was afterwards published in Depot Orders.

We congratulate Sgt. R. Watson on qualifying Q.1. at the Small Arms School, Hythe, course just completed.

W.O. 11 Collins, A.E.C. and Sgt.-Instr. Fletcher, A.P.T.S., are both at present away on short Refresher Courses at Shorncliffe and Aldershot (for Olympia) respectively.

Result of Whist Drive on 16-4-29:—

Ladies: 1st	...	...	Miss Bangham.
" 2nd	...	...	Mrs. Holloway.
" 3rd	...	...	Mrs. Dickenson.
Gents.: 1st	...	...	Mrs. Dennis.
" 2nd	...	...	Cpl. Trinkwon.
" 3rd	...	...	Mrs. Blythe.

On 20th April the R.S.M., R.Q.M.S. and C.Q.M.S. attended the Annual Dinner of the Canterbury Branch of the Past and Present Association, and spent a most enjoyable evening with many old pals.

Ex-Sgt. Baines, M.M., who is at present in employment in Canterbury, has paid us several visits during the past month and we were glad to know that he is very fit and energetic in spite of an artificial leg.

Sgt. L. C. Potter, who has recently returned to U.K. from West Africa, attended at the Depot on 27th April in connection with his discharge, and we wish him the best of luck on returning to civilian life.

Result of Whist Drive on 30-4-29:—

Ladies: 1st	...	...	Mrs. Griffin.
" 2nd	...	...	Mrs. Rowe.
" 3rd	...	...	Mrs. Padbury.
Gents.: 1st	...	...	Sgt. Shorter.
" 2nd	...	...	Mrs. Petts.
" 3rd	...	...	Mrs. Corney.

Highest Aggregates for part-period of the season:—

Ladies: 1st	...	...	Mrs. Martin.
" 2nd	...	...	Mrs. Rowe.
" 3rd	...	...	Mrs. Gutteridge.
Gents.: 1st	...	...	Sgt. Gibson.
" Last	...	...	C.Q.M.S. Taylor.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Whist Drive Committee for all the hard work they have put in during the season.

Now that the warmer weather is gradually finding its way to Canterbury we hope to shortly get going with some good games at tennis, and I hear that a Silver Cup has already been earmarked for competition later on.

The efforts of the Sergeants' Mess Team in the Miniature Rifle Clubs Small Bore Rifle Match fired off on 18th March did not prove to be very successful, but we hope to put up a better show next time.

### The Corporals' Mess.

This has been a month when our Outdoor Committee have taken chief honours. The Annual Sports took place on Albuhera Day, accompanied by really fine weather. We must congratulate several of our members on their success in several open events. L/Cpl. McBride won the High Jump at 5 ft. 1 in., Cpl. Good the Long Jump at 19 ft. 4 ins. and Cpl. Trinkwon, the two-mile event. We cannot forget L/Cpl. Yates, who, by the way, is now on a well-earned leave. He assisted one of the fair sex to win first prize in the Ladies' Race. One of the finest events of the day was the Open 440 yards, in which Cpl. Good took first prize and L/Cpl. McBride was a good second. This was quite a fast race, considering the heat was so terrific and everyone appeared on the verge of sleep.

We learn that the Bagatelle Board is coming back into the Mess. This should aid members who have become brain-fagged to take their minds off their daily difficulties.

I am sure that everyone feels the absence of Lofty considerably. Nevertheless, Crib is still in full swing.

Several new members have just recently joined our Mess from the Battalion. They are here on one of the "Running Repair Courses," and we sincerely hope that during their stay with us, they will settle down and have the time of their lives. They might even "sign on" again, one never knows.

We all tender our best wishes to L/Cpl. Drury and sincerely hope that it will only be a very short time now, when he will be back in our midst, bringing with him his old "chubby" smile.



The four best shots.

[Fish-Moore]



**Recruits' Shooting Competition.**

An interesting competition was carried out on the Thirty Yards Range on 8th May.

The first matches were to decide the winners of the Silver Medal which is given to the recruit who scores the highest points in Table "A," Part III. without repetitions in his Squad.

Recruits Hawkins and Hilliar of Punniar Squad had tied with scores of 87 while Recruits Read and Berry and of Taku Forts Squad had tied with scores of 88.

The Competition consisted of an Application Practice, Snap Shooting and Fifteen Rounds Rapid. Hawkins and Read proved the winners with scores of 50 and 58.

The next Competition was between teams of six from Sevastopol, Punniar and Taku Forts Squads. As each man fired, his points were added to the score of his team thus causing a constant change in the position of the teams and keeping the members of the teams and spectators in a constant state of excitement.

Sevastopol won with a total of 307; Taku Forts second, with 289; Punniar third, with 277.

The results in detail are given below, together with a photograph of the "champions" of Punniar and Taku Forts.

Pte. C. Read has proved to be one of the best shots who has passed through the Depot in recent years and we hope to see him keeping up this reputation in "Young Soldiers" Competitions when he joins the Battalion.

**RESULT OF THE SHOOTS.**

Rank.	Name.	Squad.	Practice I Application	Practice II Snap	Practice III 15 Rds Rapid	Total.	Remarks
Pte.	Hawkins	Punniar	14	14	22	50	Silver Med.
"	Hilliar	"	9	12	17	38	Bronze "
Pte.	Read	Taku Forts	19	16	23	58	Silver Med.
"	Berry	"	18	9	21	48	Bronze "

**RESULT OF COMPETITION.**

Rank.	Name.	Squad.				Total.	Remarks.
Pte.	Kelly	Sevastopol	15	16	27	58	Winners with a score of 307.
"	Goode	"	14	13	27	54	
"	Haigh, H.	"	17	14	27	58	
"	Snior	"	14	16	22	52	
"	Rogers	"	17	11	33	61	
"	Bates	"	17	11	23	51	Runners up with a score of 289
"	Haines	Taku Forts	17	10	25	52	
"	Giddings	"	14	18	22	54	
"	Gleeson	"	15	11	11	37	
"	Berry	"	13	13	23	49	
"	Didymus	"	15	13	20	48	Score 277
"	Read	"	15	12	22	49	
"	Butler	Punniar	8	18	24	50	
"	Austin	"	15	10	19	44	
"	Cotterill	"	16	8	18	42	
"	Blissett	"	14	11	29	54	Score 277
"	Moat	"	5	5	23	33	
"	Loveridge	"	15	17	22	54	

**Apprentice Tradesmen in the Army.**

An Army Order states that a soldier enlisted as an apprentice tradesman who, after attaining the age of eighteen years, is found to be unsuitable for further training in the trade for which he was enlisted, or who fails to pass the appropriate trade tests after a reasonable period, will be transferred to a semi-skilled or a non-tradesman category, according to the particular arm of the Service for which he was enlisted or to which he has been posted.

**4th Battalion.**



THE Battalion this month has been very occupied with preparing for Camp. The probable numbers would appear excellent in some districts, and rather poor in others. However there is yet time for these latter places to increase their numbers.

We must extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Mount and his Canterbury platoon team on winning the cup for the B. and E. miniature Range Competition this year. This is the first time this trophy has ever been won by this Battalion and we trust it may now rest with us for some years. I am sure the team, who competed would like R.S.M. Couchmans name mentioned, as they were very carefully coached by him during the winter months.

"A" Company put up a most excellent show in their competition for the Coleman Cup, which was held at Margate on Thursday, May 9th. As an unofficial spectator I would like to congratulate Captain Witts and his Company on their smart turn out, drill and good marching. Our thanks are due to the authorities at Margate and also to the officials who so ably co-operated in making the Show such a great success. We hope Captain Witts will be able to supply *The Dragon* with a few photos, as judging by the number of photographers present, something in the nature of a good picture should result.

This month we have to say farewell to one of our oldest members of the Battalion, C.S.M. Whaley of "C" Company. Owing to living out of the area and his work, he is now unable to give much time to his T.A. duties. He will, I know, be greatly missed by all ranks, and we are certain he will keep in close touch with his old company, which he has served so well and with such distinction.

At Camp we hope to hold an Officer's "At Home" on Saturday, June 8th in connection with a cricket match between ourselves and the 1st Battalion A. and S. Highlanders. We hope to see a number of our friends and also some of the employers of labour from Kent, who always give us such warm support at all times.



### Practical Patriotism.

A PATRIOTIC COUNCIL.

The Officer Commanding "A" Company, 4th Buffs, has received the following letter from Mr. B. J. Wormleighton, Town Surveyor of Herne Bay Urban District Council, in response to the request to grant leave to Territorial employees to attend the Territorial Annual Training:—

Herne Bay,  
13th May, 1929.

Dear Sir,

I have brought your letter dated April, 1929, before the last meeting of the Works Committee of my Council when I was instructed to inform you, "that my Council is prepared to release so many of the men as are in their employ and are Territorials, for the Annual Camp from the 2nd to the 16th June next, and to pay them in addition the sum of 10/- per week as per last year."

Yours faithfully,  
B. J. WORMLEIGHTON,  
*Engineer & Surveyor.*

There are seven Territorial employees, and Captain Witts desires to thank the Herne Bay Urban District Council for the splendid example they have set to other public bodies and firms in Kent, in appreciating what the citizen soldiers of to-day do in giving up their time and holidays to soldiering, as, if it were not for the Territorial Army, we should have to enlist at far greater expense a second line of defence, as the Territorial soldier, who has to undertake to serve overseas in the event of war, only receives a bounty of 30/- a year, and is deserving of every encouragement.

H.W.  
Headquarters,  
Eastern Command,  
Horse Guards,  
London, S.W. 1.  
14th May, 1929.

Dear Captain Witts,

I am most gratified to hear of the account of your successful route marching competition, and to learn how loyally you were supported by your Company: a sign of sound esprit de corps consistent with the traditions of your regiment.

My heartiest congratulations to you and all ranks of your Company.

Yours very truly,  
R. D. WHIGHAM,  
Lieut.-General  
Commanding in Chief Eastern Command.

To Captain C. S. F. Witts, T.D.,  
Commanding "A" Company, 4th Buffs,  
Margate.  
"B" Company.

CONGRATULATIONS.

All ranks of the Company send their congratulations to the team of the Canterbury Detachment on winning the Brigade Miniature Range Cup. We would thank all those that have assisted in any way, that has enabled the team to bring, not only the cup, to the Battalion, but great credit to the Battalion. Lieut. G. W. Mount, R.S.M. Couchman and C.S.M. Jones, should be specially commended on their great efforts for what they have done. Well done, Canterbury!

CAMP.

We are all looking forward now to our Annual Camp at Shorncliffe, and by the time these few notes are printed we shall be happily settled down in camp. The Busy is very pleased to be able to say that all numbers that are attending for camp, appear to be very satisfactory from each of our Detachments, and we do hope to have a record attendance this year. It must be remembered by every individual, that everyone attending camp goes to help the Battalion to uphold its grand reputation.

The Busy Bee, Mr. Editor will endeavour to give you a little account of our work in camp for our next month's issue of *The Dragon*. Now then, you lads, why not buy a *Dragon* and help to keep the ball a-rolling?

The Busy Bee will now apologize to his friend Reg, when he said "what about joining our Past and Present Association," because he has now joined, and also another one of our senior ranks, George Jow Dike John, and a few more following the example set by the above, it is only 2/6. You are all very welcome and you are all Buffs. Why not join us? Congratulations to Reg and George on joining us.

The usual Miniature Range Competition was held on Tuesday evening, the 14th May, and some very good scores were obtained. We all congratulate Pte. G. Bills on being the winner of the Silver Spoon. Pte. Apps put up a good show, but was unfortunate in his grouping practice. John had hard lines, but he has already won two spoons. Dug didn't shoot this time or things might have been different. Little Jimmy and Big Jimmy are improving; keep your eyes on the recruits or they will be slipping off with a spoon.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Has, or did Little Jimmy get a silver watch with his suit?  
Will Albert at Whitstable, see if he can get a few members to join our Past and Present Association?

THE BUSY BEE.

### "B" Company.

CANTERBURY DETACHMENT.

At last, after many months, the deathlike silence of No. 5 Platoon is to be broken, and henceforth we hope a few notes will appear regularly in *The Dragon*.

First of all we will congratulate our team on carrying off the Brigade Miniature Range Cup. We were not exactly surprised by the result of our contest with Herne Bay, (they are only "A" Company after all), but we hardly expected to win the Competition.

Now, No. 5, having won the cup, we must not lose it again.

The final positions were:—

No. 5 Platoon	4th Batt. The Buffs	...	467
No. 5	" 5th "	R. Sussex Regt.	422
No. 13	" 4th "	R. W. Kent Regt.	413
No. 6	" 4th "	R. Sussex Regt.	383

We would congratulate the individual members of the team on their shooting, the scores being:—

Sgt. Clayton	48	L/Cpl. Moat	...	45	Pte. August	36
L/Sgt. Wyborn	57	L/Cpl. Moxon	...	40	Pte. Ballard	57
Cpl. Roberts	46	L/Cpl. Nicholls	...	55	Pte. Blanche	38
					Pte. Giles	45

Total 467.

Possible 650.

Mr. Mount, after putting in a lot of practice unselfishly stood down in the final shoot.

Perhaps this victory will encourage more members of our Platoon to attend the monthly shoots regularly, we should like to see more of the younger members on the range.

We hear that Mr. Mount is arranging for the team to have a dinner to celebrate their victory.

We also congratulate L/Sgt. Wyborn and Cpl. Roberts on their promotion, and L/Cpl. Moxon and L/Cpl. Nicholls on their appointments.

Our budding Hammonds and Larwoods have been putting in some practice on the Depot Ground, and we hope to play our first match there on Whit-Sunday. The result (if we win) will appear next month.

Recruits seem to keep rolling in, it is a pity they delay their appearance until such a short time before camp, but what would C.S.M. Follet do without 'em?

By the time these notes appear we shall be at Shorncliffe. This camp should prove enjoyable and instructive. We will, however, reserve further comments until we have had the actual experience.

We will finish this effort with an appeal to all members of No. 5 Platoon to join the local branch of the Past and Present Association without delay, and then to put in an appearance at the monthly meetings.

Oxo.

### "D" Company.

The outstanding feature of our activities during the month of May has been the visit of The Colonel of The Buffs, Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., on the occasion of the monthly meeting of the Dover Branch of the Past and Present Association The Buffs. A very great honour was accorded to "D" Company, 4th Battalion The Buffs on being the first Territorial Company to furnish a Guard of Honour for the General in his new capacity as Colonel of The Buffs and according to his remarks after he had inspected the Guard of Honour, he was well pleased with the general turn-out. The Guard was composed of Lieut. J. Sherwood (in command), Lieut. E. G. Parish, C.S.M. Love (Permanent Staff Instructor), C.S.M. Maskell, Sgts. Mead, Harthill, Martin and Ranson and 30 other ranks of "D" Company (Dover and Folkestone) and The Drums under Drum-Major H. Tripp. A Guard of Honour of 80 Members of the Dover Branch of the Past and Present Association The Buffs, under the command of Major F. W. Foster, was also inspected by the General who met several old friends and fellow campaigners. On arrival at the Drill Hall, the General, who was accompanied by Colonel E. B. Burns, Commanding Officer of the 4th Battalion, was officially received by Major Foster and Capt. D. V. Coote, Commanding "D" Company. On the completion of the General's inspection, Major Foster called for three cheers and judging by the hearty response, it is a wonder that the roof of the Drill Hall is still intact. Other gentlemen present with us during the evening included: Colonel H. Findlay (the energetic Secretary of The Past and Present Association The Buffs), Major C. S. Field (Commanding Depot The Buffs), Capt. G. R. Howe (Depot The Buffs), Dr. E. E. Elliott ("D" Company's enthusiastic Medical Officer), W. J. S. Williams, Esq. (late of the 4th Reserve Battalion The Buffs) and W. H. Rogers, Esq. (who is shortly to be gazetted to this Battalion). A smoking concert organised by



## Mrs. Smithers.

### WHY GIRLS LIKE SOLDIERS.

"Oh yes my dear Mrs. Scrubbers—I quite understand—quite understands: it's so different when a girl walks out with a soldier. I'd never walk out with a civvy—oh no; why, they buys toffee, chocolate and doughnuts, and just let me tell yer, what they does. First yer as to meet 'em—supposing yer've got only one bloke—after ees finished is work about 8 p.m.; generally outside Lyonsis or at the corner of the street. He comes up to yer, takes orf 'is 'at—gawd knows what for—makes a spot on yer face and says 'coming for a walk?' Yer says nothing but—like the lass in the 'Belle of New York' yer follows on. Then yer gets carted all round the town until the 'eel of yer shoe gets caught in a grating, and orf it comes: when yer commences to dot and carry one, cause one legs longer than the other, 'e calmly asks if yer've got a sore 'eel or a blister."

"I quite agrees Mrs. Smivvers—"

"Please don't interrupt Mrs. Scrubbers while I am 'aving a word: its always the same with you my dear. You simply will not let me speak. As I was a saying, after doing a route march for about two hours, 'e 'olds yer 'and—yes Mrs. Scrubbers—actually, 'olds yer 'and and says, 'aint it nice?' Then, if yer're any lady yer says—'good night, see yer to-morrow at eight."

"I quite agrees Mrs. Smivvers—I quite agrees. I'd never walk out with a civvy even if, I 'ad never been married—I could 'ave 'ad 'undreds of 'em—"

"My dear Mrs. Scrubbers—'undreds is nothing—I could 'ave 'ad fousands 'ad I wished."

"So could anyone else Mrs. Smivvers—it all depends where yer go and sit, but please don't

interrupt: yer're always the same yer is. Civvies aint got a bit of symphony for any young lady. Why, walking about looking as if they owned the earf, rubbing their noses against shop windows, and asking yer if yer likes that one or this one, and when yer says, 'that' one 'e looks down the street and say's 'come on so do I.' Oh, I aint got any room for civvies—give me the brawny soldier."

"Yer know Mrs. Scrubbers—Civvies aint got the intelligence to know 'ow to use their 'arms' like soldiers: of course, soldiers are so well trained day and night, that they uses 'em by force of 'abit.' Why my Jim, when he used to wald out wiv me before we was married 'ad lovely arms, but now they're getting rusty for want of use. 'I does wish I was a company storeman' he told me once, and when I asked 'im why, 'e says 'so that I could use more arms. Oh 'e was a fine strapping orderly man in those days. One night 'e came to the 'ouse where I was in service, and stood under the window a singing love songs. I 'eard 'im sing "Come down, come down sweet Angel" and when I rushed to open the window to put me 'ead out, bang went a flower pot slap on poor Jim's 'ead."

"Ow sad Mrs. Smivvers—but my old man never did things like that. His time was so fully occupied in the barracks that I 'ad to go and sing to 'im at the gate. Every time the bugle sounded there was a rush of soldiers all running to the Guard room with my old man in front. Then I'd sing—

"Come, come, come and 'ave a drink wiv me,  
Down at the old Bull and Bush."

of course, Mr. Scrubbers 'ud 'ear me, and would sing back through the railings,

"I'll be there love at 'alf past nine,

I'll be there if it's wet or fine."

and 'e 'ud be there too. Of course, he used to break out of barracks, but I didn't know it in them days."

"Yes my dear I knows" replied Mrs. Smithers "There's summit manly about a soldier, more particularly if 'e is a Buff. They don't take yer to the pictures or Lyonsis, or walk yer about until yer nearly faints, no my dear—it's the 'Soldiers in the Park' everytime a teaching yer the use of arms. That's why girls like soldiers." J.E.

### The 4th Battalion News—continued from page 208.

George Hogben followed the brief Branch Meeting and was much appreciated. During the concert the General addressed the audience expressing his great pleasure on being with them again.

On April 27th, Lance Corporal "Dick" Morland Hughes resigned his amateur status as a Member of "D" Company, 4th Battalion, The Buffs and signed professional forms, joining The Depot, to use his own terms, as a "Rookie."—He carries with him the best wishes of all members of "D" Company with whom he was very popular and the knowledge that his future will be carefully watched by us all. We wonder whether, when he applies for Whitsun leave, he will be able to run faster than C.S.M. Howard or whether C.S.M. Howard will catch him up with his inseparable pace stick! Good luck to Hughes!

We should like to express how very pleased we are to have Sergt. Rich back with us again after a very long and trying illness. We sincerely hope that he will now retain his health and remain with us for many years to come. We shudder to think of what effect it would have had on our Drum-Major if Sergt. Rich had had to be away any longer; we began to notice signs of wasting away in the case of the Drum-Major and we feel sure that the absence of his inseparable pal was largely due to this state of affairs!

The congratulations of all ranks are offered to Cpl. Collins on his promotion to Transport Sergeant vice Sergeant Ames resigned. By all accounts it is hoped that our Transport this year will be a decided credit to the Battalion and if it is, it will be mainly due to the long hours and hard work that Sergt. Collins has put in during the course of the last 12 months.

By the time that these notes appear in print we shall be at Annual Training which we feel sure will be the most satisfactory Camp from all points of view since the re-organisation after the War.

## The Regimental Gazette.

### Officers.

#### REGULAR ARMY.

#### RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Capt. E. Carter, M.C., 14-5-28; Capt. C. H. P. O'Hagan, 26-7-28, M.C., 14-5-28.

#### COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following relinquish their appointments, (May 3rd) :—  
Major J. F. W. Allen, M.C., The Buffs, D.A.A., and Q.M.G., S. China Command.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

The following officer, Gold Coast Defence Force, is granted a commission in the rank against his name :—  
Lieut. J. L. Blanch, late The Buffs, (T.F.), (Sept. 14th, 1928).

### The 1st Battalion.

#### TRANSFER TO THE ARMY RESERVE.

6281462 L/Cpl. F. E. Smith, transferred to Army Reserve in India on 16-2-29.

6282131 Pte. C. Lewis, transferred to Army Reserve in India on 28-2-29.

#### RE-ENGAGEMENTS.

6278138 C.Q.M.S. R. Ravenscroft, re-engaged for The Buffs on 29-1-29.

6280041 Sgt. H. Chambers, re-engaged for The Buffs on 25-2-29.

#### CONTINUANCE IN THE SERVICE.

6279178 Cpl. E. Holness, permitted to continue in the Service beyond 21 years, up to 16-7-30.

#### INCREASE.

5328491 L/Sgt. W. B. Salmon, (2nd Battalion Royal Berkshire Regt., transferred to 1st Battalion The Buffs, with effect from 24-2-29.



## DECREASE.

6278404 Sgt. F. Baker: 6279583 L/Sgt. W. Willing; 6279642 Cpl. H. Bell; 6279699 Cpl. S. Wyles; 6279603 Cpl. W. Cook; 6279716 L/Cpl. C. Edwards; 6279219 Pte. J. Fitzgerald; 6279910 L/Cpl. J. Fletcher; 6281378 Bdm. G. Vincent; 731758 L/Cpl. C. Newell; 6278732 Dmr. F. R. Smith; 6281527 Pte. W. Brissenden, and families disembarked at Southampton on 1-3-29.

## INCREASE.

6281713 L/Sgt. Gillett (and family); 6278493 Sgt. G. Cox (and family), joined Battalion on 24-3-29.

## COURSES.

6188750 Sgt. J. Goss, attend 1st N.C.O.'s Course at the S.A.S. Pachmarhi, from 7-1-29, to 20-3-29.

## PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

6282546 Pte. A. Farmer; 6282399 Pte. G. Goldsack; 1665399 Pte. W. Foster: 6283346 Pte. W. Wilson, appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporals, with effect from 26-3-29.

5328491 L/Sgt. W. B. Salmon, promoted W.O., Class 1, and appointed Bandmaster from 24-2-29.

6282488 Pte. W. Bridgeman, appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal, with effect from 8-4-29.

## BOYS' AGE.

6283153 Boy H. Dixon, attained the age of 18 years on 14-4-29.

## EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.

6279123 Q.M.S. (ORS), W. Hall, passed Intermediate Examination of Corporation of Accountants, December, 1928.

6283339 Pte. C. Travers, passed in English for 1st Class Certificate of Education, March, 1928.

6283754 Pte. A. Paramour; 6283470 Pte. J. Davidson, awarded 2nd Class Certificate of Education, 29th/30th November, 1928.

6282747 Pte. L. Jordan; 731869 Pte. F. Marsh; 6283350 Pte. A. Hope; 6282764 Pte. W. Webster; 6281665 Pte. R. Smisens; 6282016 Pte. A. Barden; 6282290 Pte. R. Tebble; 6283158 Pte. C. Holton; 6282340 Pte. P. Cherry; 6282060 Pte. W. Purvis; 760972 Pte. W. Moore; 6282960 Pte. J. Hamill; 6282759 Pte. G. Legge, awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education, 22-3-29.

## The 2nd Battalion.

## RECRUIT—BOY.

Boy F. L. Pawley, attested 19-4-29 for 1st Battalion for 12 years (9 years Colour and 3 years Reserve), as from age of 18 years, i.e., 27-12-31. Joined Battalion 20-4-29.

## APPOINTMENTS.

6282927 L/Cpl. R. Marsden, "B," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 4-4-29.

6283194 L/Cpl. T. Hill, M.G., appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 8-4-29.

6283719 L/Cpl. K. New, "C," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 12-4-29. Attended School of Education.

## STRENGTH—INCREASE.

The undermentioned were posted from 2nd Battalion to 1st Battalion to Companies as shewn:—

6279300 L/Cpl. C. Cribben, M.G.; 6279149 L/Cpl. L. Crouch, "C"; 6280181 L/Cpl. A. Roberts, H.Q. 6278731 Pte. J. Wylie, H.Q.; 6278339 Pte. U. Phelan, "B"; 7144349 Pte. P. McGann; 6278723 L/Cpl. C. Ingram, "B"; 6278675 L/Cpl. G. Patterson, "C"; 6278616 L/Cpl. H. Fearon, H.Q.; 6278802 Pte. G. Girling, "A"; 6278663 Pte. J. Thirst, "C".

Posted to 2nd Battalion from 1st Battalion, 27-4-29:—

6282210 Pte. Grigsby.

6281806 L/Cpl. D. Stocker; 6281834 Pte. J. Prior, (1st Battalion The Buffs), disembarked at Southampton, ex-H.T. "Nevasa." Joined Battalion same day, 16-4-29.

## TRANSFERS—INTER-UNIT.

6282954 Pte. J. Smith, "C," transferred to K.R.R. Corps, 6-5-29.

## RE-ENGAGEMENTS.

6279514 Sgt. J. Wass, "B," re-engaged at Aldershot, 22-4-29, for The Buffs, for such period as shall complete 21 years with the Colours.

## EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE.

6281815 L/Cpl. N. Miller, H.Q.; 6281921 Pte. V. Divers, H.Q., 22-4-29.

## TRANSFER TO THE ARMY RESERVE.

5987441 Pte. P. Young, "B"; 5987647 L/Cpl. A. Howard, H.Q. transferred to the Army Reserve, 23-4-29, under K.R. 369 (i).

6281598 Pte. D. Brawn, attached 1st Battalion, The Buffs, "A," transferred to the Army Reserve, 30-4-29, under K.R. 369 (i).

6281610 Cpl. H. Thompson, "B," transferred to the Army Reserve, 8-5-29, under K.R. 369 (i).

## DISCHARGE.

6283752 Pte. J. Carter, "A," discharged on 19-4-29, under K.R. 370 (xiii).

## EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.

6279514 Sgt. J. Wass, "B"; 6279041 L/Cpl. P. Beal, H.Q.; 6283196 Pte. P. Dyke, M.G., awarded 1st Class Certificates of Education at an Examination held at Aldershot in March, 1929.

## COURSE RESULT.

6337420 L/Sgt. A. McNulty, "C," attended Qualifying Course at the Small Arms School, Hythe, from 28-1-29, to 5-4-29, and passed Distinguished.

6283169 L/Cpl. J. Gowen, M.G.; 6282316 L/Cpl. V. Toms, H.Q., attended 28th Asst. Instruction Course at A.S.P.T., Aldershot, from 8-1-29, to 11-4-29, and passed 2nd Class.

6282156 Cpl. A. Salsbury, "C," attended the Advanced Course of P.T., at Aldershot, from 8-1-29, to 11-4-29, and awarded First Class Certificate.

## The Depot.

## RECRUITS.

Attested as shewn:—

Recruits F. F. Davis and W. Marsden, 16-4-29; L. R. Heyward and D. T. W. Reynolds, 18-4-29; R. W. Morland-Hughes, 29-4-29; W. F. James and J. Bryant, 26-4-29; E. C. Malyon, J. W. Malyon and W. E. Stowe, 6-5-29; A. Norris, 1-5-29; R. H. Thompson, 3-5-29; A. W. Turner and B. W. Roberts, 6-5-29; R. J. Harlow and H. J. Harlow, 9-5-29; C. F. Newell and T. W. Ryalls, 13-5-29; R. C. Jackman, 15-5-29.

## POSTINGS.

6283887 Pte. A. Martin, posted to 2nd Battalion, 26-4-29.

The undermentioned proceeded to Aldershot to join the 2nd Battalion on 15-5-29:—

6283856 Pte. E. Hawkins, 785696 Pte. W. Loveridge, 6283860 J. Stone, 787361 A. Cotterill, 6283865 H. Sowerby, 6283864 H. Kean, 6283880 J. Spanton, 6283885 E. Davis, 6283892 T. Bates, 6283895 R. Rogers, 6284102 A. Barker, 6283857 R. Barman, 787390 J. Jessop, 6283861 W. Halliwell, 6283863 R. Moat, 6283874 R. Hillier, 6283878 L. Marks, 4532605 W. Kelly, 6283893 J. Foreman, 6283897 J. Bishop, 6284100 G. Cunningham, 6284104 J. Haigh, 6283061 A. Blissett, 785087 G. Waghorn, 6283862 E. Austin, 6283873 T. Hill, 6283877 W. Macey, 6084097 H. Reid, 6283889 C. Godde, 6283891 W. Cook, 6283896 F. Pickering, 6284105 T. Corden, 6283852 A. Pierce, 6283855 T. Tucker, 4743883 G. Langhorn, 6283872 M. Butler, 3126300 J. Simcox, 6283881 J. Dawkins, 6283888 W. Ward, 4685295 W. Senior, 6283894 W. Williams, 6284103 H. Haigh.

## TRANSFER TO ARMY RESERVE.

6283488 Pte. F. Dixon, transferred to Army Reserve under K.R.'s 369 (ii) (c), 1-5-29.

## EXTENSION OF SERVICE.

6281751 Pte. W. Maynard, permitted to extend his Service to complete 12 years with the Colours, 15-4-29.

6281975 Cpl. J. A. Hodges; 6281909 Pte. W. H. Hall, extended their terms of Colour Service to complete 12 years with the Colours, 1-5-29.

6281759 Pte. F. Parbery, permitted to extend his Service to complete 12 years with the Colours.

6278071 R.Q.M.S. G. F. Inge, permitted to continue in the Service for a further period of one year beyond 21 years, until 24-3-31.

## COURSE OF INSTRUCTION.

6281811 Sgt. R. Watson, attended Long Qualifying Course at Small Arms School, Hythe Wing, from 25-1-29, to 5-4-29, and passed Q.I.

## EDUCATIONAL AWARD.

Recruit R. Morland-Hughes, awarded 1st Class Certificate of Education, in October, 1928, whilst serving in the Territorial Army.

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