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Personalia.

MAJOR-GENERAL Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell was present at the Installation of the Dean of Canterbury on the 1st instant, when he represented the Regiment.

The 56th Dinner of the Dragon Club was held at Claridge's Hotel on Wednesday, June 19th. Major A. H. Tylden-Pattenson, D.S.O., was in the Chair; Colonel Sir Theodore Brinckman and Colonel E. B. Burns were the guests of the evening.

The following were also present:—

Major-General Sir A. Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.; Lieut. E. A. Airy; Brig.-Gen. A. J. Whitacre-Allen, M.C.; Major J. F. Whitacre-Allen, M.C.; Capt. E. H. Allen; General Sir E. G. T. Bainbridge, K.C.B. Lieut.-Colonel M. Beevor, D.S.O.; Major W. H. Booth, D.S.O., O.B.E.; Colonel F. W. Bradley-Dyne; Major R. P. S. Elderton; Lieut. A. A. J. N. Fearnside-Speed; Major C. S. Field, O.B.E.; Colonel H. Findlay, C.B.E.; Lieut.-Colonel A. M. B. Gage; Capt. P. Green; Major C. Gregory-Hood; Capt. W. B. Griffith; Lieut. C. Haggard; Capt. E. Foster-Hall; Major J. V. R. Jackson; Major A. F. Campbell Johnston; Capt. T. H. Keble; Brigadier J. Kennedy, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Lieut. J. E. King; Lieut.-Colonel L. C. E. Knight; Lieut. H. S. Knocker; Major Guy Lee, D.S.O., M.C.; Lieut.-Colonel L. W. Lucas, D.S.O., M.C.; Lieut. P. T. G. Lynden-Bell; Brigadier-General R. C. McDouall, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.; Bt.-Major H. de R. Morgan, D.S.O.; Capt. H. C. C. Morley; Lieut. T. N. Penlington; Brig.-General C. L. Porter, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.; Lieut.-Col. R. E. Power, D.S.O.; Lieut. A. J. D. Rose; Bt.-Lieut.-Col. the Hon. P. G. Scarlett, M.C.; Lieut. T. H. Spear; Capt. A. G. C. Stainforth, M.C.; Capt. E. F. D. Strettell; Lieut. H. D'Arcy Symonds; Major A. B. Thomson, M.B.E.; Major F. W. Tomlinson; Lieut. C. R. Tuff; Lieut. A. F. St. A. Turner; Capt. D. A. Wilkins, M.B.E.; Lieut. J. R. P. Williams; Capt. C. J. Wood, M.C. Guests: Sir T. Brinckman, Bart., C.B.; Colonel E. B. Burns.

An inovation this year, which appeared satisfactory, was the provision of an Ante Room, which was available both before and after dinner, resulting as it did in nearly all those dining remaining together instead of splitting up into small parties and scattering at a comparatively early hour.

The dinner itself, both as regards wine and food, we understand gave every satisfaction.

The following telegram from the London Branch of the Association was received with great pleasure by all:—

"The London Branch wish their past and present officers a happy evening."

Sec. ENRIGHT.

The Colonel of the Regiment has asked that the following be published in *The Dragon*:—

"I wish to express, on behalf of myself and the members of the Dragon Club, our grateful thanks to Colonel Findlay for the admirable arrangements he made in connection with the Dinner on the 19th June; as the result of his efforts we had a thoroughly enjoyable evening."

Colonel R. F. Pearson is still taking a very active part with the Cadet movement, and is this year taking his command of 120 Officers and 2,000 Cadets into Camp at Marlborough from 28th July to 10th August.

Colonel Pearson, who resides at Painswick, Gloucestershire, has several Buff neighbours, including Brigadier-General Hickson, Colonel Tarte, Captain Verey and Mrs. Ainge.

We have news of Colonel Trevor who is with his son in Kenya Colony. We are very sorry to hear that he has not been very well lately, but it is great news that he hopes to be home next summer.

We hear from Colonel J. Steele that the Royal Hospital at Kitmanham is closing down and the Pensioners have been transferred to Chelsea. Colonel Steele is remaining on until the Hospital is disposed of to the Irish Free State. This beautiful building must be of very considerable intrinsic value.

Bt.-Major F. Whitaker writes very cheerily of life in Bareilly.

Captain S. Barker, whose two children are at school at Maritzburg, has recently been visiting Colonel A. G. Trollope at his farm at Winterkloof, Natal. Colonel Trollope is well and working hard; consequently happy, in spite of heavy taxation.

Captain D. A. Wilkins continues to make runs. Recently the following are some of his successes:—105 for United Services *v.* Civil Service Crusaders; 53 for United Services *v.* R.M.C. Constabulary; 79 for local Army *v.* Navy at Portsmouth.

Captain Hammond-Davies, when last we heard from, was at Almora; "Somewhat in the wilds at a mountain warfare Camp." Mrs. Hammond-Davies is at home staying at Nonington.

Captain R. M. Webster is expected home on leave this month.

Captain W. B. Griffith sails for West Africa on the 10th of this month and Lieut. H. S. Knocker on July 17th.

Captain Sydney Maiden (Round and About), is at present at Montreuil Sur. Mer., working hard but enjoying good weather.

By kind permission of the Editor *Elder Dempter Magazine* we reproduce an article entitled "The Rise and Fall of Rabeh," written by Mr. G. J. F. Tomlinson, C.B.E., brother of Major F. W. Tomlinson.

Mr. H. P. P. Robertson has, we regret to hear, been very seriously ill, but is now up and about again, and is at Ranikhet with his wife. We congratulate them both on the birth of a second son.

Mr. W. H. Rowe is now at Nairobi with the 3rd Battalion K.A.R., having been moved from Meru where he had been stationed for two years. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Rowe on the birth of another son.

Until recently there were no less than five Buff Officers at Meru.

Some of these we hear are pegging their claim to a Coffee Plantation

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We congratulate Messrs. Rowe and Mitchell on each having each shot an elephant; total ivory output 320lbs. Mr. Rowe expects to return home in February.

Mr. Fearnside-Speed is leaving the R.W.A.F.F. and returning to the Regiment in September.

Mr. Jimmie Crozier writes cheerily from Tabora, Tanganyika Territory, where he is with the 2nd Battalion of the King's African Rifles. We congratulate him on being given command of a Company so soon after his arrival in East Africa.

We offer our sincerest congratulations to Mr. Hewitt, Bandmaster of the 2nd Battalion, in being awarded an M.B.E. in the recent Birthday Honours.

Mr. Hewitt is senior Bandmaster in the Army, and this well-earned reward has given the greatest pleasure to his host of friends.

The following programme of work of the 5th Infantry Brigade (of which, of course, the 2nd Battalion forms part), may be of interest:—

"The Battalion training period finished on July 13th. After which, from July 15th to 3rd August is to be devoted to 'Brigade Training and Collective Battle Practices.' The period August 4th—September 1st is shown as 'Leave.' The training season concludes with Divisional operations from 2nd—4th September. The whole of the training will be carried out in the Aldershot area."

We are sorry to hear that Mr. John Hillier, who was a boy in the tailor's shop in the 2nd Battalion, and is now a member of the London Branch, is lying seriously ill in Brompton Hospital.

We hear that Mr. Todd (late Private "C" Company 1st Battalion), is now lodge-keeper at Cheltenham College.

We congratulate the Ashford Branch of the Association on the splendid turn out on Sunday, June 16th, when over seventy strong they marched from their Headquarters in Market Street, to the War Memorial and formed part of a Guard of Honour to receive Major-General Sir Percival Wilkinson who was reviewing the Kent Units of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade. (Overheard ; " Good old Buffs, they have not forgotten how to march, have they ? "

One Corporal and six other ranks of the 2nd Battalion came over from the Small Arms School at Hythe, and, by invitation, fell in as part of the Ashford Branch.

Sir Percival Wilkinson congratulated the Corporal in charge on the turn out and appearance of his party, which was indeed well merited.

On the occasion of the visit of the London Branch of the Past and Present Association to the 2nd Battalion at Aldershot on June 23rd, the following message was sent by the Colonel of the Regiment to the Officer Commanding the Battalion :—

" The Colonel of the Regiment wishes you all a very happy gathering. These meetings of old and serving Buffs are of immense value to the Regiment."

It is notified for information that those wishing to attend the Memorial Service and laying up of the 2nd Battalion Colours on August 18th at 12.15 p.m., should apply to the Adjutant of the Depot not later than August 10th, as admittance will be by ticket only, except for those marching to the Cathedral from the Depot.

Lieut. L. G. Speck, 51st Battery (A.A.), visited the London Branch on the 15th ultimo as the guest of Major Tabrum. In response to an address of welcome Lieut. Speck said he he had seen many such " Organisations " but he had never seen a finer one than the Buffs.

Major H. E. James invites members and ladies of the Association who would like to visit the interior of Canterbury Cathedral and inspect historical records, including the " Supremacy " document, to meet him outside the West Door at 4.30 p.m. on Sunday, 18th August. Major James would like to hear as soon as possible how many wish to avail themselves of this invitation.

The London Branch have placed several men into good permanent employment recently. We congratulate the members of this Branch for their zeal, particularly Messrs. Thornton, Noble, M. M. Hale and Atkins for informing Captain Enright of the vacancies.

His Worship the Mayor of Chatham, Mr. Osborne Taylor, late 1st Battalion the Buffs is also to be heartily congratulated on having placed six old Buffs in good jobs, as also Mr. Hales (London Branch) who on hearing at a branch meeting that Mr. Vaughan was looking for work gave him a job at once.

It is with regret—yet joy—we hear of Mr. Harry Burt having to go away for health reasons. Regret at losing for a short time such an enthusiastic worker, and joy to think he will soon be back, restored to the health he so richly deserves, to carry on the work he does for the London Branch.

Major Vaughan, of the 8th Battalion, is an enthusiastic supporter of the London Branch Cricket Club. In the match against Fulham Conservative Club he was top scorer of both teams.

Mr. " Bobby " Wittering has given the London Branch a very fine second-hand cornet, the proceeds from the sale of which go towards the Garden Fête. Can be seen at next Branch Meeting. Price £2. Write Captain Enright, 28 Doyle Road, S.W. 17.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

Mount.—To Mrs. George Mount, Willow Farm, Harbledown, a son, Sunday, June 9th, 1929.

Towner.—6283251 Pte. T. Towner, H.Q., a daughter, Ivy May, born at Tunbridge Wells, 9/1/29.

Whitfield.—On May 31st, 1929, at Eddington House, Herne Bay, to Celia, wife of H. F. Whitfield—a son.

MARRIAGES.

Brophy—Harding.—6279642 Sgt. G. Brophy, "H.Q.," married at Bareilly on 25/1/29 to Edith Lilian Harding.

Goodsell—Streeton.—6280529 L/Cpl. L. Goodsell, "H.Q.," married 5/1/27 at Benenden, Kent, to Phoebe Harriet Ethel Streeton.

DEATH.

Bowers.—6279992 L/Cpl. B. Bowers, "A," died B.M.H. Meerut at 9.30 p.m. 17/4/29. Disease—Cerebral Neoplasin.

Correspondence.

31 Armstead Walk,
Dagenham, Essex,
13/6/29.

Dear Sir,

May I enquire the price of a "Buffs" badge and a tie? The badge I require for my Blazer Jacket or Sports Jacket and it has to be sewn on.

I am an ex-Buff myself and left the Regiment in *S.S. Singapore* in 1911 (My No., 6676 Sgt.), now serving in the Prison Department of the Federated Malay States to be termed in the very near future "*British Malaya.*" Ex-Sgts. Tom Trevor, "D" Company and Tom A. Burke, are serving out in Malaya also.

Mr. Tom H. Burke once informed me of a Mascot of the old Regiment in the shape of a paper weight and it also could be used on a car, but since then I have heard nothing further. I fancy he got very little support although I gave him my support as a likely purchaser. Can you please enquire and let me know the cost of same?

I am on leave and will be returning to Malaya about 4/10/29 sailing on *S.S. Rawalpindi.*

Wishing all old "Buffs" good luck. Kindly remember me to any that may have known me. I was in "H" Company and then was transferred to "A" Company on promotion.

At Home I have met ex-S.M. Jim Dray, Ex-C.-S. Port, Ex-Sgt. Phillips (Postman in Sussex).

Is Ex-Q.M.S. E. Smith and Ex-S.M. Birrell at the *War Office* or in some Department handy to the W.O.?

Capt. Tomlinson wrote to me some years ago and said that these two gents. were helping him in some Historical Work in connection with the Regiment.

I remain,
Very sincerely yours,
G. H. DIBBLE.

ROYAL SOLDIERS DAUGHTERS HOMES.

65, Rosslyn Hill,
Hampstead,
London, N.W.2,
22*nd May*, 1929.

Dear Colonel Crookenden,

We are anxious that this Institution shall be well-known throughout the whole Army for whose benefit it is maintained, in order that:—

Firstly—All ranks may realise the great benefits available to the daughters of soldiers whether they be Total Orphans, Motherless or Fatherless; or they have Fathers or Mothers incapacitated; or with parents who for some other reason are unable properly to care for their children.

Secondly—All units may recognise the claim for assistance of this old Military Charity which is supported entirely by voluntary contributions.

The best form of publicity is through Regimental Journals as has been proved by the number of cases that have come to our notice from those Regiments who are inserting our advertisement free of charge.

If justice is to be done to all, every man in the Army should have the same information available through his Regimental Journal.

The cost to the Journal of inserting a half page advertisement, for which we supply the block, is very small indeed. Whereas if we had to pay all the advertisement charges asked by various Editors, Agents and publishers, the cost to us, which we have ascertained, would be prohibitive.

I therefore hope that you will see your way to assisting our scheme of publicity by using your influence with your Regiment to get our advertisement included free of charge in *The Dragon.*

Yours sincerely,
PLUMER,
Chairman.

Matters of Interest.

WORK FOR DISCHARGED SOLDIERS.

During May, 170 soldiers completed courses of instruction at the Army Vocational Training Centres at Hounslow, Aldershot and Chisledon, and 130 obtained immediate employment on leaving the Colours. Ten qualified for overseas settlement, while the others took up Carpentry, Plastering, Painting, Bricklaying, Boot Repairing, Motor Mechanism, positions of trust, private service and a dozen other occupations.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL, ARMY MEDICAL SERVICES.

Major-General H. B. Fawcus, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.B., K.H.P., at present Deputy Director-General, Army Medical Services, at the War Office, has been selected for the appointment of Director-General, Army Medical Services, in succession to Lieutenant-General Sir Matthew H. G. Fell, K.C.B., C.M.G., F.R.C.S., K.H.P., who is retiring at his own wish in September next.

TERRITORIAL RECRUITS.

Official returns issued yesterday show that in April 3185 recruits were finally approved for service in the Territorial Army and that the total number of enlistments during the seven months of the present recruiting year was 14,946. Last month the Northern Command led the way with 735 recruits, followed by the Western Command, 730; the Scottish Command, 724; the London District, 344; the Eastern Command, 331; the Southern Command, 321.

The total Territorial strength, exclusive of permanent staff is now 6,681 officers and 130,964 other ranks.

THE OFFICERS DRESS REGULATIONS—AMENDMENTS.

The following amendments to the above Regulations have been made.

Page 4.—Under "Cane" for "Messrs. James Richardson, price 6d." Substitute "From Tailors or Battalion."

Page 5.—Last line, for "half an inch" substitute "3/8 of an inch."

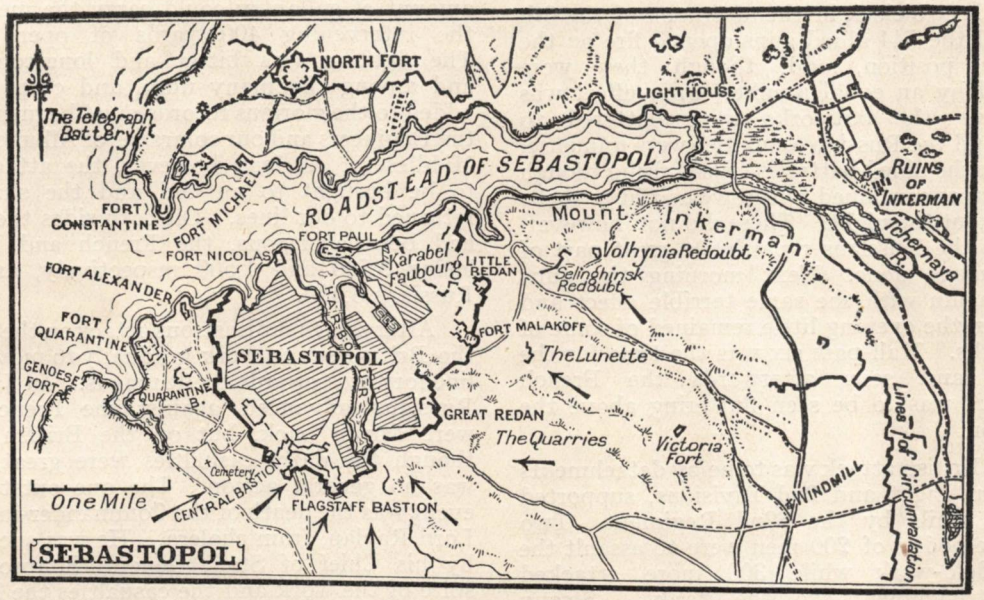
Battles of the Buffs.

No. 38.

SEVASTAPOL, 1855.

ATTACK ON THE QUARRIES, 7TH JUNE, 1855.

ATTACKS ON THE REDAN, 18th JUNE, 1855 AND 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1855.



In 1854 a long standing quarrel between Russia and Turkey broke out again and England and France espoused the cause of Turkey. Both countries sent their fleets into the Baltic and a combined naval and military expedition to the Crimea. The armies landed in the Crimea on the 14th September, 1854.

Their first action was the crossing of the river Alma on the 20th September in the face of strong Russian opposition, and, following this, the army undertook the siege of Sevastapol. To carry this on successfully it was necessary to secure a harbour as a base of operations and the little land-locked harbour of Balaclava was chosen and secured. Its defence was entrusted to the Turks, but a determined Russian attack was only repulsed by the gallantry of the 93rd Highlanders. Reinforcements were brought up but were not required ; but by some blunder the Light Brigade of cavalry was ordered without any support to attack a whole division of Russian cavalry, backed by six battalions of infantry and thirty-six guns. The gallant 636 did not flinch but few remained to tell the tale or to read Lord Tennyson's stirring peom describing it.

The seige of Sevastapol was then continued, but on the 5th November the Russians in a dense fog issued from the town and surprised our troops in the trenches near the ruins of Inkerman. Fresh regiments were hurried up and although they went into action as they arrived and without any higher control or organisation, the " soldiers' battle " was a victory and the Russians were driven back. Then followed a winter in the trenches made far more terrible than it should have been by disease and by administrative neglect.

During this time the Buffs had been stationed at Malta, but in April they embarked for the Crimea where they landed on the 2nd May. They took their place in the 3rd Brigade of the 2nd Division. At that time the right of the line was held by the French who had opposite them a strong trench position with two big forts, the Little Redan and the Malakoff. This position had as outworks two small redoubts and a strong fortification known as the Mamelon or the Lunette. The main Russian position opposite the British front centred on the Great Redan, with a strong outwork some 400 yards in front which took

its name from some quarries near by. At the beginning of June the French and British Commanders-in-Chief decided to make a determined attack and planned to sieze these outworks in their first assault and then to attack the main line itself. Their plan was for the French to attack first and to give a signal when the Mamelon was in their possession. This was to be the signal for the attack on the quarries.

At three o'clock in the afternoon of the 6th June all the 544 allied guns opened fire on the Russian position, and, though they were opposed by an equal number, their effect was enormous; the outworks were battered to pieces and the Russian casualties were immense. At dusk the allied batteries ceased firing though the mortars continued to throw their huge shells throughout the night. These did not, however, prevent the Russians repairing a great part of the damage done. Next morning the guns began again with the same terrible effect and by six in the evening little remained of some of the works. Half-past six was the time for the assault and soon afterwards the French Tricolour was to be seen fluttering above the Mamelon.

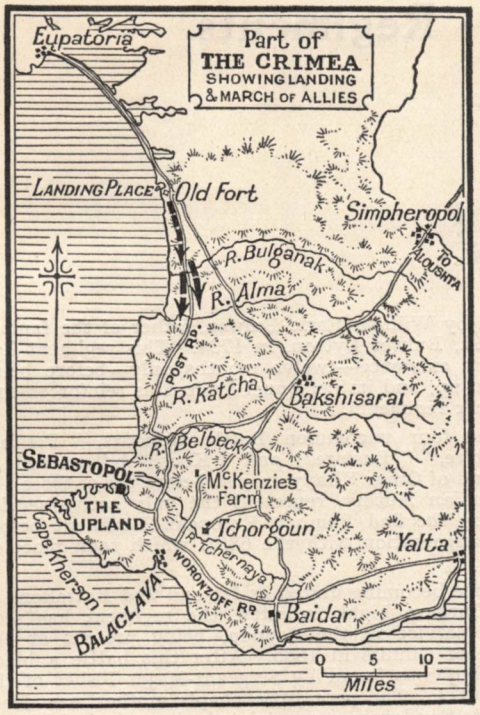
The British attack was to be by detachments from our Light and 2nd Divisions, supported after a while by the 62nd Regiment. Two separate bodies of 200 men were to assault the main field-work while 300 more attacked the entrenchments to the flank. Strong supports and working parties were to follow. Unfortunately our artillery was unable to keep its fire on the quarries during the advance, but its work had been well done and the fort was soon in our possession. The Russian guns then opened a terrible fire on the quarries and their infantry made determined counter-attacks, pushing our men back some way, but a gallant charge finally drove all the Russians into their fortress of the Redan.

The next phase was timed for the 18th June, the anniversary of Waterloo. Once again the guns opened their terrible fire as on the day before, but on this occasion the French Commander suddenly changed his plan and determined to dispense with this second bombardment on the following morning. Once again the Russians spent the night repairing the damage done, but this time no second bombardment came. When the French moved out from their trenches they were met by a tremendous fire of grape and musket and the whole attack finally failed.

Lord Raglan, the British Commander-in-Chief, had a difficult decision to make. Once again his attack was not to be made until the French had captured their principal objection, but under the circumstances he decided that he must do his best to assist his allies and ordered the attack to go forward. This was to be made by two columns, one against the right and the other against the left flanks of the Redan. Soon after dawn both the columns advanced towards the Redan but they were met with a most terrible fire. The damage to the Redan had been largely repaired and no amount of gallantry could carry the men over the intervening 400 yards of open space. The fighting was bitter and long-continued and among the many units and corps which added to the glorious records must be mentioned the Engineers and our comrades of Albuhera, the Middlesex. At last, however, the attack had to be brought to an end and the survivors returned to our lines. On both sides the losses had been enormous, the French and British losing 3,500 and 1,500 respectively, and the Russians 5,400.

After this first disastrous attack on the Redan the British set to work gradually to move their line forward towards the Russians. In July the Russians advanced against the French and were driven back, but on the British front, though the daily casualties were great, there was no general action. The one outstanding event was the death of the Commander-in-Chief, Lord Raglan, from cholera. He was succeeded by his Chief of Staff, General Simpson. In spite of the work and the casualties the British line could not be advanced very much, and on the 8th September, when the next attack took place, there was still some 400 yards of open ground to be crossed.

The attack was planned for twelve o'clock, as the French discovered that the daily Russian relief took place at that time and that the old troops walked out before the fresh ones came in. Full advantage was to be taken of this. The British attack was to take place just after the French and was again to be made by units of the Light and Second Divisions. First was to come a covering party whose duty was to keep down the enemy's fire and cover the advance of the first storming party, who were to carry ladders and place them down into the ditch of the Redan. Then came a second storming party followed by supports and a working party. The divisional order says that the first storming party were to be " good men and true to their difficult duty," and it must have been for this reason that they were chosen from the Buffs. The covering party consisted of 100 men of the Buffs under Captain John Lewes, and a similar number from the 2nd Rifle Brigade of the Light Division. The scaling ladder (or first storming) party numbered 160 Buffs



under Captain F. F. Maude and 160 of the 97th Regiment. The second storming party was formed from four other regiments.

Just after twelve our men left the foremost line. As they got into the open they were swept by grape shot and musketry and of the leaders only Captain Lewes, Captain Maude and two others reached the Redan. The men, gallantly led, leaped into the ditch, scrambled up the other side and scaled the parapet. Here, however, there appeared a tendency to stop and return the enemies fire, and those officers and men who advanced into the Redan were left unsupported. It may be that this was the effect of a rumour that the Redan had been mined, but whatever the cause it gave the Russians time to rush up from barracks behind and increase the intensity of their fire. It was in these circumstances that Captain Maude found himself supported by only nine or ten men of the Buffs. Nothing daunted he seized and defended a traverse, although he was dangerously wounded, until all hope of support was at an end. Private Connors, also, penetrated far into the Redan and when fighting furiously came on an officer of the 30th Regiment who was surrounded by the enemy. Connors rushed to his assistance, shot one of the Russians, bayoneted another and then carried on a hand to hand encounter until support came. When the Victoria Cross was instituted, both Maude and Connors were selected to receive it.

The confusion of the Redan was terrible. Men of all regiments were mingled together and many of the officers had fallen. The Russians on the other hand were arriving in swarms from the town and from Malakoff, which had been occupied by the French, and at last our men gave way followed by the Russians with the bayonet, with heavy musketry and even throwing stones on them as they lay in the ditch. A short and desperate struggle followed. The enemy were met with the bayonet, every British soldier fighting some three or four of them. But the solid weight of the enemy, each moment becoming greater, at last prevailed against that gallant and isolated band. Some reached our foremost trenches but many lost their lives in the attempt. The casualties of the Buffs during the day amounted to 39 men killed and 7 officers, and 76 wounded. Colonel Van Straubenzee was wounded when acting as Brigadier to the 1st Brigade.

The Commander-in-Chief decided not to renew the attempt that day but planned to do so next morning. That night, however, the camps were shaken by various violent shocks and Sevastapol was seen to be on fire. The fire grew and spread, fed by numerous explosions ; and by 10 a.m. the town was in a mass of flames. The Redan was found to be abandoned and soon Sevastapol itself was occupied, the enemy evidently thinking it untenable after the capture of the Malakoff by the French.

The Russians now took up a position on the north side of the harbour, while the Allies, determined to remove for ever that outstanding menance to Turkey, the Russian fleet, destroyed the docks and harbour of Sevastapol. A second winter came on, but now the British Government had learned a lesson and the feeding, housing, clothing and medical arrangements were excellent. On the 25th February an armistice was arranged and the Treaty of Paris was signed on the 30th March, 1856.

During the winter the Buffs remained in huts and their Colours were the only ones to enter the town of Sevastapol. In May they embarked for Corfu and later sailed for India. Throughout this campaign their casualties amounted to 3 officers and 78 men killed, and 13 officers and 259 men wounded. The decorations gained included two Victoria Crosses, four Legions of Honour, ten Orders of the Medjidieh, three Sardinian medals and five French war medals. The Crimea medal with clasp for Sevastapol was issued during the winter of 1855, and later Sevastopol was granted as a battle honour.

E.F.H.

Records of Other Regiments.

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BATTLE HONOURS.

Borne on the Regimental Colour.—" Salamanca," " Vittoria," " Pyrenees," " Nivelle," " Orthes," " Peninsula," " Alma," " Inkerman," " Sevastopol," " Reshire," " Bushire," " Koosh-Ab," " Persia," " New Zealand," " Relief of Ladysmith," " South Africa, 1899–1902," " Afghanistan, 1919."

Borne on the King's Colour.—" Ypres, 1915, '17, '18," " Hooge, 1915," " Loos," " Somme, 1916, '18," " Arras, 1917," " Aisne, 1918," " Messines," " Lys," " Hindenburg Line," " Sambre."

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The 1st Battalion Durham Light Infantry was raised in 1756 as a 2nd Battalion of The Royal Welch Fusiliers, (23rd Foot), being converted into a separate regiment, as the 68th Foot, on April 22nd, 1758, its first Colonel being John Lambton, who was Member of Parliament for Durham for many years and grandfather of the first Earl of Durham. It was in accordance with his wish that the regiment became the Durham Regiment in 1783.

In September, 1808, the 68th, then encamped at Brabourne Lees, between Shorncliffe and Canterbury, was ordered to become a Light Infantry Regiment. Three years later they joined Wellington's army in the Peninsula. After forty years of peace the 68th served in the Crimea where two V.C.'s were won by members of the corps. Pte. John Byrne was decorated for two acts of valour. At Inkerman he risked his own life to save a comrade, and six months later he distinguished himself in a hand-to-hand encounter with the enemy in the trenches outside Sevastopol. Captain T. de Courcy Hamilton earned his Cross in a night attack, when the Russians made a sortie from Sevastopol and forced their way into a British battery position. Captain Hamilton led the gallant counter-attack by which they were dislodged.

The 68th next saw active service in New Zealand where another V.C. was won by Sergeant John Murray. At Taurangi he attacked a Maori rifle pit single-handed and killed or wounded every one of the ten Maoris occupying it.

The 2nd Battalion D.L.I. was raised in 1839 as the 2nd Bombay European Regiment. The late Major-General Sir Henry Creswicke Rawlinson (father of the late Field Marshal Lord Rawlinson of Trent), who joined the regiment as an Ensign in 1827 notes in his memoirs that they were then popularly known as " The Bombay Buffs."

In 1860 the army of the Honourable East India Company was taken over by the Crown, and the 2nd Bombay European Regiment became known as the 106th (Bombay Light Infantry) Regiment of Foot. Two other regiments of the line had previously borne this number—the 106th or " Black Musketeers " raised in Ireland by Colonel Isaac Barre in 1760, and disbanded in 1763; also the 106th or Norfolk Rangers, raised by William Earle Bulwer, father of the famous novelist, Bulwer Lytton, in 1794. This regiment had a short existence—twelve months only—before being broken up, and its personnel drafted as reinforcements to other regiments.

The four uncommon Battle Honours, " Persia," " Reshire," " Bushire " and " Koosh-ab," earned in the land of Omar Khayyam just before the outbreak of the Indian Mutiny, represent the only active service seen by the 2nd Bombay European Regiment before its amalgamation with the 68th, which took place in 1881.

Since becoming united as 1st and 2nd Battalions of The Durham Light Infantry, the regiment has seen active service in the Soudan, being present at the Battle of Ginniss in 1885. After this battle a black baby boy was found by Sergeant-Major Fisher of the 2nd D.L.I. The poor little chap's mother was dead, and his Soudanese compatriots had overlooked him in the hurry of their departure. Therefore he was adopted by the regiment as a pet and given the name of " Jimmy Durham." In 1899 Lord Roberts gave special permission for Jimmy to be formally enlisted in the D.L.I. Before his death the ex-foundling of the Nile became leading clarionet player in the band of the 2nd Durhams, also first violinist in the regimental string band.

The 1st Battalion fought in the South African War, their charge at Vaal Krantz being particularly noteworthy. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle describes it as follows, in his book " The Great Boer War " :—

" The attack was led by the Durham Light Infantry of Lyttleton's Brigade, followed by the 1st Rifle Brigade, with the Scottish Rifles and 3rd K.R.R. in support. Never did the old Light Division of Peninsular fame go up a Spanish hillside with greater spirit and dash than these, their descendants, facing the slope of Vaal Krantz. In open order they moved across the plain, with a superb indifference to the crash and patter of the shrapnel, and then up they went, the flitting figures, springing from cover to cover, stooping, darting, crouching, running, until with their glasses the spectators on Swartz Kop could see the gleam of the bayonets, and the strain of furious, rushing men upon the summit, as the last Boers were driven from their trenches."

The 1st Battalion D.L.I. was one of the British Regular units retained in India during the Great War, but the 2nd Battalion saw over four years active service on the Western Front. Like the 1st Buffs, the 2nd Durhams were in the 6th Division. The regiment raised no less than thirty-seven battalions during the Great War, in which they earned fifty-nine Battle Honours and six Victoria Crosses. The regimental nickname is " The Faithful Durhams," and the regimental badge is a bugle with strings, surmounted by a crown, the initials " D" " L" " I" being placed between the strings.

R. MAURICE HILL.

Round and About.

FRANCE. This month's notes must deal exclusively with France for I am at the moment in that country and have been so for the past month—on business and not for pleasure. It is some years since I crossed the channel and there are many things to be noticed, some of which may be of interest to readers of this page.

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BOULOGNE. From Folkestone I crossed to Boulogne where I stayed a week. There is one outstanding feature about this sea-port and that is smell. I am told that there are four and twenty distinct smells there, but two chiefly assailed my nostrils and one, the more pungent, was fish. Boulogne is a curiously disappointing place. It has something in common with Dover; situation, *raison d'être* and size, but it is vastly inferior on the whole, in spite of possessing a magnificently situated Cathedral and a Casino. It is more colourful than Dover, but it is so dirty that the drabness of the Kentish port is positively virginal by comparison. After smell, noise. I stayed in a small hotel near the Quai Gambetta, my landlord being an ex-R.A.S.C. man who married a Frenchwoman in 1915 and was fortunate enough to be quartered in Boulogne throughout the war. Sleep was difficult. The fishing boats in the harbour usually put out to sea in the small hours and their method of recalling their crews (who are coffee-housing as a rule) is to blow their sirens frantically. When they have eventually collected their crews they put out to sea. But their departure brings no peace for those who would sleep. At what always seemed to be two or three in the morning market carts or some such vehicles rattled their noisy way over the pavé and so on until the coal carts in the early morning took up the devil's music.

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EXCURSIONS. Whilst in Boulogne I made one or two excursions to neighbouring places, but the country, especially on the coast, is dull and uninspiring. The seaside resorts, Wimereux being the nearest, are of the Swiss-Chalet order, varied occasionally by some outrageous travesty of Moroccan architecture.

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TERLINCTHUN. Between Boulogne and Winereux, down a little by-road, is the British Military Cemetery of Terlincthun. I walked to it one day past the column which commemorates Napoleon's Grande Armèe. Terlincthun is a model cemetery, beautifully situated in a small valley. Like all other cemeteries in France and Flanders it is kept in excellent order and the grass and flowers were delightful. I am told that the French people admire these cemeteries enormously and if their simple impressiveness can do anything to improving the taste of the French people in this matter something will have been done towards removing one eyesore in the landscape. A French burial ground (I write of the ordinary communal cemetery) is a nightmare and nothing less.

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ETAPLES. This name recalls many uncomfortable memories to thousands of British soldiers of the Great War. To-day there is practically no trace of our occupation beyond the enormous cemetery by the side of the Railway. I think this is one of the most impressive in France and I hope that the hundreds of pleasure-seekers who go to Paris Plage and Le Touquet via Etaples pause a moment in their urgent errands to consider what the fourteen thousand graves mean. Immediately opposite, across the river Canche, great new hotels are raising their shameless heads out of the pathetic scrub that is called the Forest of le Touquet and hundreds of overdressed men and women fly about in noisy motor-cars and feel that "everything is for the best in this best of all possible worlds." It is not good for one's spirit to think overmuch about the awful contrast. The ghosts of the Casino of the Forest which was once the Duchess of Westminster's Hospital, must find many causes for grim humour.

Places like le Touquet must exist and they provide people with a livelihood (as well as depriving some of that same necessity), but they are rather on the whole sickening.

Etaples itself is a drab-like place, existing solely as a Railway Station for the resorts of pleasure. The main industry, except for that, is fishing and the only part of the little town that is at all attractive is the quayside with its fishing fleet.

I spent two hours in Etaples on my way to Montreuil and I saw the market in progress. It was chiefly a variegated display of shoddy clothes and boots. While crossing the New and incongruously grand bridge I saw huddled up against the parapet a small puppy. It looked from a distance to be curiously still and on approaching I found that it was terribly injured, presumably by a motor-car. One paw was crushed out of recognition and it had also quite obviously serious internal injuries. The passers-by seemed to ignore it entirely. I tried to enlist help towards doing something for it, but had no luck. One or two fisher-folk expressed sympathy and horror and passed on. I tried to find a doctor or a policeman. Eventually I ran the local gendarme to earth in the Maine. He had evidently just risen from his after-lunch nap and when I told him about the puppy he said that the best thing to do was to tie a rope round its neck and fling it in to the Canche. When I suggested that, as the policeman, perhaps he could undertake the task, he replied hastily that the bridge was outside his jurisdiction and, besides, he was due in a few minutes to accompany his Chief on a tour of the town.

The attitude of the French towards animals, and dogs in particular, exemplifies more than anything else, except perhaps the question of sanitation, the miracle of the *Entente Cordiale*.

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MONTREUIL. From Etaples I came on to this town which resembles our Rye and Winchlesea very strongly. Its mediaeval walls and elaborate fortifications are probably unique. In spite of the unhampered growth of ivy the walls are wonderfully preserved. It is not many years since British soldiers well-nigh outnumbered its population and now my solitary progress through its charming old streets causes stares on the part of the older inhabitants and occasional giggles from the youths who were just being weaned when Haig's Headquarters were at Beaurepaire Chateau near the town. There must be quite a number of people living in Montreuil now who were here during the war, but I have not yet met one. Indeed the only sign of British occupation is a tablet on the wall of a house in a small by-street which reads (in French) :—

A. Collie,
Sergeant-Major (English),
Royal Engineers,
Victim of Aerial Bombardment,
30th May, 1918.

It is strange to think of this quiet little town suffering the horrors of air-raids.

There is a great deal to be said about Montreuil, but space forbids. Besides I have a few general comments with which to conclude.

SUMMING-UP. The few remarks which follow may be of interest to readers of *The Dragon* who had many opportunities of observing France and her ways eleven or twelve years ago.

1. *Politeness.*—The proverbial French politeness shows no sign of diminishing. I don't care whether it is entirely superficial or not, but it is nice to be greeted on the road by even small children of four or five with "M'Sieu." I am doubtful about the necessity of so much perfunctory handshaking, but let that pass.

2. *Verbosity.* This does not grow less either. I waited in a bank for half-an-hour while a lady chatted with the Clerk. The first half of her conversation was about bonds and she seemed curiously ignorant or obtuse. That I could not reasonably object to, but when she proceeded to discuss the weather and things in general in spite of my anxious and impatient looks I grew a little restive.

3. *Public Servants.*—In contradistinction to shop-keepers, who are invariably polite, Railway Booking Clerks and Post Office officials (usually women) are curiously disobliging. I believe all public servants are underpaid and that may account for their gracelessness.

4. *Mental Arithmetic.*—Calculation was never my strong suit, but I think I could take on most French people at it and win by lengths. When a young woman in a teashop has the awful task of reckoning two or three items amounting in all to four Francs 50 Centimes and has to resort to pencil and paper to do it (with a decimal coinage to boot !) I grow ironical.

5. *Noise.*—The motor-car has a great deal to answer for everywhere, but in France it produces Hell. Never have I heard such "tooting" of motor-horns, all of which have a very high-pitched note. The great thing in driving a motor-car in France is to "blow and go." This, in spite of any number of notices painted on bridges and roadside objects with such legends as "*Soyez prudente sur la route*" and "Better be late than never." The motor-busses are the worst offenders for they signalise their arrival at a stopping-place by a continuous series of strident hoots lasting as long as three minutes.

6. *Sanitation.*—I have already alluded to this. Suffice to say that it is rudimentary, especially in Montreuil. The country is plastered with notices about Vaccination and Diphtheria and a great "Save the Children" movement is on foot, but the sewage question remains where it always was.

All these comments seem to be of a carping nature, but I like the French as I like their country. As a Frenchman pointed out to me when I was discussing these things with him, "If we were as well organised as your country in these matters, Great Britain would not hold the position she does." That must be one's consolation when the nose or the ear (and sometimes the eye, too) are offended.

Our Contemporaries.

We acknowledge with many thanks receipt of the following Journals :—

"The Die-Hards," "The Snapper," "The Green Howards Gazette," "The Royal Tank Corps Journal," "On the March," "British Legion Journal," "London Scottish Regimental Gazette," "The Iron Duke," "Journal of The Hon. Artillery Company," "The Sapper," "Hampshire Regimental Journal," "Journal of the Royal Army Service Corps," "Aldershot Command News," "The Bugle," "Our Empire," "St. George's Gazette," "Faugh-a-Ballagh."

Past and Present Association.

DONATIONS.

During the period 18/5/29 to 18/6/29 the following donation has been received to the Benevolent Fund :—

	£	s.	d.
"The Mayflies" Concert Party ...	2	16	5

DISBURSEMENTS.

During the period 18/5/29 to 18/6/29 the following disbursements have been made :—

		£	s.	d.
May 22.	Loan	2	0	0
24.	Grant	1	0	0
24.	Grant	2	0	0
June 3.	Grant	1	10	0
10.	Grant	0	9	6
13.	Grant	1	0	0
14.	Grant	1	10	0
18.	Grant	2	0	0

NEW MEMBERS.

Life Members.—Sergeants J. Goss and W. Stace ; Corporals C. Hunt and J. Pointer ; L/Cpls. J. Taylor, H. Breward, F. Boseley, J. Harwood and A. Langley ; Privates W. Amos, A. Barnden, J. Bell, B. Crick, A. Crowhurst, E. Edwards, W. Groves, J. James, W. Kempster, L. Martin, W. Moore, P. O'Moore, T. Saunders, C. Simmonds, R. Smissens, E. Stone, R. Thomson, L. Tombs, W. Uffindell, P. Wallis, F. Whitehead, E. Woodhatch, F. Fox, C. Holton, J. Arnold, J. Beach, R. Corbett, C. Crockwell, H. Denham, R. Flasham, A. Harrison, C. Jones, F. Message, S. Moverley, T. Rashbrook, H. Scott, F. Sims, T. Smith, W. Taylor, C. Tilley, T. Tritton, A. Walker, R. Wanless, R. Woods, J. Newman, T. Parker and H. Packman ; Mr. F. Taylor.

Annual Members.—Privates E. Townend, G. A. Whaley, R. G. Giddings, H. Bryan, C. E. Read, G. H. Gleeson, P. Inman, J. A. Baker, J. Machin, E. F. Haines, A. A. Seymour, H. Cornish, A. Rogers, W. J. Garlinge, E. Didymus, E. White, E. V. Gary, W. C. Battey, A. Moody, W. J. Fletcher, F. H. Glassby, F. A. Burns, I. Berry, S. A. Burch, F. G. Bodching, R. Smith, F. J. Potter, W. H. Chapman, H. H. Stickells and E. V. Manning ; Messrs. R. D. Richardson, C. G. Ray, W. Newman, C. Berrett, E. J. Hambrook, W. A. Pettman, C. P. Holness.

Ashford Branch.

The monthly meeting was held at the Market Hotel on Saturday evening, when there was the usual good attendance.

Officers present were Mr. H. Ades, Chairman ; Mr. G. Tomsett, Vice-Chairman ; and Mr. C. Marsh, Secretary. They were supported by Col. Findlay, Secretary of the Association ; Major Field, O.C. Depot ; and Lieut. Denniss.

We were all pleased to welcome Col. Findlay and Major Field. We are always glad to have them with us as it does our Branch an immense amount of good.

Col. Findlay gave us some good, sound advice, which we are always pleased to have. Major Field also spoke to us and gave us credit for the work we are doing ; and we hope it will not be long before we have the honour of their company again.

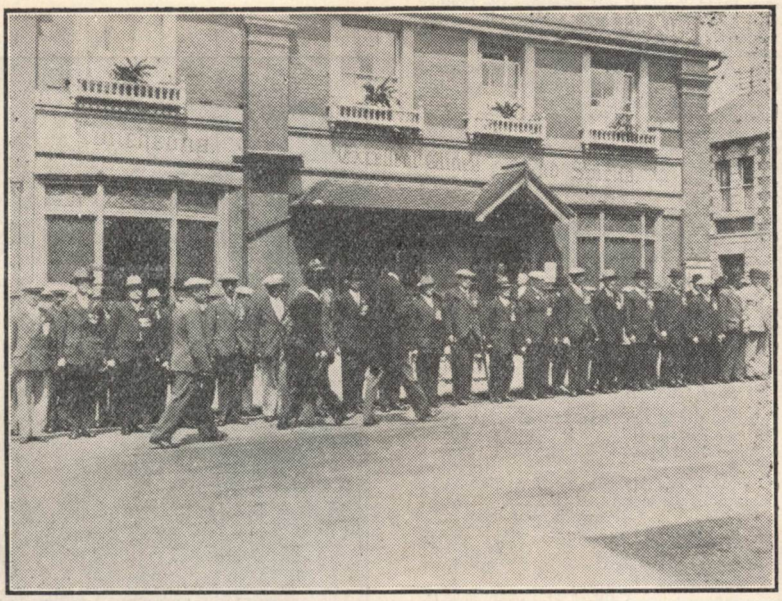
After the business part was over the evening was spent in harmony. Mr. W. Clifford was at the piano and songs were ably rendered by Messrs. G. Hopkins, J. Greenland, L. W. G. King, 2nd Batt., A. Blackford, F. Salmon, L. Kitchenham and E. Link.

We are pleased to know that the opinion of this Branch has had some weight in saving the Tank from being moved away.

We are looking forward to a visit from General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, also Captain Enright at our next monthly meeting.

We are living in eager anticipation for a jolly Picnic on the 30th instant.

We also expect a good muster for the Memorial Service at Canterbury.



Ashford Branch.

We were all pleased to see our old friend Mr. F. Cowell put in an appearance at the meeting, but were sorry he could not stay with us as the exertion was too much for him. We are pleased to know that he is improving and hopes to be at the Picnic and also at Canterbury.

E. H. CHAMBERS.

This Branch paraded on Sunday, the 16th to form a Guard of Honour to the St. John's Ambulance Brigade who visited Ashford. A wreath was laid on the Memorial by Major-General Sir P. W. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B. The parade was attended by Colonel Findlay and Major Field. The members turned up in good style, seventy-seven being on parade.

We were pleased to see the detachment of the 2nd Battalion from Hythe, also the smart way in which they turned up ; thus making a truly Past and Present Parade. After being inspected by the General, Colonel Findlay marched the Parade back to Headquarters and complimented them on the smart way they turned out, and the number that were on parade.

London Branch.

The 30th meeting of the above Branch was held at the " Phoenix," Palace Street, Victoria, on Saturday, 15th June, with Captain J. E. Enright in the Chair. We were pleased to welcome, with " London Branch Fire ! the Colonel of the Regiment.

CORRESPONDENCE.—Letters of regret were received and read from Colonel Findlay, C.B.E. and Mr. G. Peacock expressing inability to attend.

CANTERBURY.—The Chairman explained the arrangements as to luncheon. It was proposed by Mr. Blacker, seconded by Mr. Tong and carried unanimously, that the Branch proceed to Canterbury by charabanc at a cost of 8/6 per member and that the cost of the luncheon including a bottle of beer or mineral water be defrayed out of the Branch Funds for all members. This will entail a Branch expenditure of roughly £15 to £20 which is agreed will be a sum well spent on the members.

ALDERSHOT VISIT.—The question of this event was discussed and it was resolved that those proceeding on the Saturday make their own arrangements. Those going down on the Sunday meet at Waterloo Station.

WROTHAM PICNIC.—Captain Carter, M.C., explained that owing to Act of Parliament it was impossible for beer to be sold on the field by occasional license on a Sunday. Several members collapsed on hearing this cheery news. However, Branches had been asked to bring a supply with them or alternatively, a supply can be purchased in the village. There would be a goodly supply of minerals, tea, cakes, ices, etc. Mr. Lamb was busy collecting the fares.

GARDEN FETE.—Owing to unforseen circumstances this event has been postponed until August 3rd. All members are asked to roll up in force and help to make this show a real success.

CRICKET CLUB.—The following very kindly presented kit to the Club. Mr. (Timbolo) Peters responded and thanked the donors :—

General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.M.G.—Cricket Bat ;
Colonel H. Findlay, C.B.E.—Cricket Bat ;
Captain T. O. Cook, M.B.E.—Leather Cricket Bag, suitably engraved.
Major R. W. Keown, M.C.—Two pairs of Batting pads.
Major H. E. James.—Wickets and Bails.
Mr. (Spud) Austin.—Bat.
Mr. (Joe) Green.—Bat, Ball and scoring book.
Mr. (Bobby) Wittering.—Two Balls and a Ball Cover.
Mr. Hierons, M.M.—Pair Batting Gloves.
Captain Carter, M.C. and Captain Enright.—Pair of Wicket-keeping Pads and Gloves.

THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT.—In a brief speech the Colonel of the Regiment very specially mentioned the march to the Cenotaph and when he looked back and saw such a fine body of men with each section of fours well dressed and in step it reminded him of the old 1st Battalion of " Jelunda " days. With respect to Canterbury—he did want a big turn out of the Branch ; it would be a great day in the history of the Regiment and he anticipated an assembly of over 2,000 old and present Buffs. He emphasiased the point that he wanted the parade to move off at 11 a.m. sharp. As to " unemployment " he wanted the members to be continually thinking about finding a less fortunate Buff a job. He asked all to remember the name and address of Mr. Spears and if any member requires a taxi to give the job to a Buff. The General mentioned he had shown the monthly notice to a friend of his who simply wondered how it was all done.

Captain Enright responded to the General's remarks and said nothing gave the Branch greater pleasure than to have the Colonel of the Regiment with them. Whenever he, unfortunately, happens to be away, a meeting was like eating roast pork without the flavour of the stuffing ; it went down alright but something was missing. With reference to the question of finding employment he could assure General Sir Arthur no finer body of men existed than in the London Branch—they were ALL out to help one another as proved by the success attending their efforts in the quest to find another Buff a job.

MAJOR JAMES.—Next to the Colonel of the Regiment it would be hard to find a more popular member than Major James. Unfortunately, neither his own health nor the health of Mrs. James has been recently of the best, but his smiling cheery face was a sure indication of progress. In a nice address, the Major again opened his

large heart by inviting the members and their ladies to take tea with him in his grounds of " Grey Friars " and if wet at either the County Hotel or the County Hall. After tea, he would take them to the Cathedral and make an interesting tour of the interior, particularly showing them the " Supremacy " document.

He would ask Captain Enright on his behalf to extend the welcome to visit the Cathedral to the other Branches and to see the "Supremacy " document which was of great interest.

DEATH.—It was with extreme regret a letter was read from Miss Johns informing the Branch of the death of her father the late Mr. J. G. Johns. It was passed a letter of sincere condolence be sent to the family. Mr. Johns passed away very suddenly after only a few days illness. He will be remembered by many who served in both the 1st and 2nd Battalions.

APPRECIATION.—The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to the neice of Mr. (Spud) Austin a letter of thanks for the very beautiful wreath she made on the occasion of the march to the Cenotaph.

" THE DRAGON."—It is gratifying to be once again " SOLD OUT," and Mr. Green is ordering a bigger supply in future. We shall soon reach the 5,000 circulation mark if all take an interest in their own personal journal. By doing so, you will keep yourself in touch with the PRESENT as well as the PAST.

SOCIAL PART.

After the formal closing of the meeting ladies were invited to a really first class concert. The following contributed to a happy evening :—

PIANO SOLO ... ... Mrs. C. Hill.
SONG ... ... " Me and the Moon " Capt. E. A. Carter, M.
RECITATION ... ... " Gon-ga-Din " ... Mr. Joe Green
SONG ... ... " Look down dear Eyes " Mrs.D. E. Spinner
SONG ... ... " Absence " ... ... Mrs. Burt
SONG ... ... " Can't Change it " ... ... Mr. Field
SONG ... ... " I'll be up with the lark " .....
Capt. E. A. Carter, M.C.
SONG ... ... " Romona " ... ... Mr. E. Ainge
SONG ... ... " The whole world glad " ... Mr. C. Hill
SONG ... ... " Love's old sweet Song " ... Mrs. Burt
SONG ... ... " The Bugler " ...
Capt. J. O. Cooke, M.B.E.
SONG ... ... " Danny Boy " ... ... Mrs. Denny
J. E.

Dover Branch.

Owing to the closing of the Drill Hall during the 4th Battalion Annual Training the Dover Branch held its June meeting in May (so it did). The Chairman, Major F. W. Foster, read the conditions of the Inter-Branch Shoot, and the price of *Bulls* on Exchange dropped several points ! But we never say die in Dover and we shall be in it.

We shall have a good crowd for the Wrotham Picnic, sixty-four *certs.* having registered their intention of going.

We have to thank Mr. L. Hobday, of Buckland, for a very generous gift of one pound to our funds. " Thank you very much, Mr. Hobday."

Old soldiers never die, and in some cases the fading process is scarcely noticeable. I refer to the fact that Mr. Ashby, in the Pioneers' Race at the " Dukie's " Sports, covered 100 yards in seventeen seconds.

We have two new members to greet, Mr. G. A. Fox and Mr. Spearpoint have joined our happy band.

It appears that the London folk are undecided as to whether the Regimental tie should have a dexter or a sinister bend. When they have reached a conclusion I should be glad if someone will communicate the result to 8747.

Major General Sir A. Lynden-Bell laying Wreath on Cenotaph, 26th May, 1929.

Folkestone Sub-Branch.

The March to the Cenotaph.

Medway Branch.

A very successful meeting, attended by fifty-one members was held at the British Legion Club, Chatham, on Saturday, 25th May, 1929.

The chair was taken by Captain A. Barton.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on the proposal of Mr. T. Wheatley, seconded by Mr. P. T. Richardson. Arising from the minutes the chairman said that a supply of ties of the regimental colours would shortly be available at every branch at 3/6d. and 5/- each.

A gratifying feature of the correspondence was a letter of thanks on behalf of six members of the branch, who had been found employment through the good offices of the President, Councillor Osborne Taylor. Amusing accounts of the shooting competition at Sittingbourne and the game versus the British Legion were then given by Messrs. H. Bradbury and P. T. Richardson. Both speakers impressed the necessity of more support from the members generally. They should not leave all the organization and work to one or two.

Members of the Sports Committee were there to get things done, and it was felt that this committee could be strengthened by additional members who would *work*. Eventually the names of Mr. W. C. French and Mr. C. J. Englefield were added.

At Sittingbourne the Branch lost the match but won the Silver Spoon (Mr. H. Ward) and the Wooden Spoon (Mr. J. H. Bradbury). The contest against the British Legion was won by 10 points to 8.

On the proposition of Col. J. H. Langton seconded by Mr. J. H. Bradbury, it was decided that one half of the amount collected at the meetings be placed to the Branch Benevolent Fund and one half to the Branch General Fund. The collection that evening amounted to 8s. 2½d.

The remainder of the time was devoted to discussing the visit to Wrotham on June 30th. 53 tickets were taken at the meeting and over 36 more were spoken for.

Mr. T. Wheatley extended an invitation to the British Legion outing.

Folkestone Sub-Branch.

The usual monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 4th, and there was a good attendance of members including a few from the Dover and Canterbury Branches who were in Camp with the 4th Battalion at Shorncliffe. I am glad to say, Mr. Editor, that we are progressing steadily and at the Meeting various means of further attracting new members were discussed and several excellent suggestions were made. Probably a little later on some of our local Cinema " fans " will see one result of the suggestions.

On Sunday, the 8th inst., about 60 members of this Branch attended Church Parade Service with the 4th Battalion. They were met at Cheriton by the 4th Battalion drums under Drum-Major Tripp and were played into Camp. After the Service many old friendships were revived and the air seemed to be thick with " do you remember " or " when we were at— " and altogether a very enjoyable morning was spent.

SMUDGER.

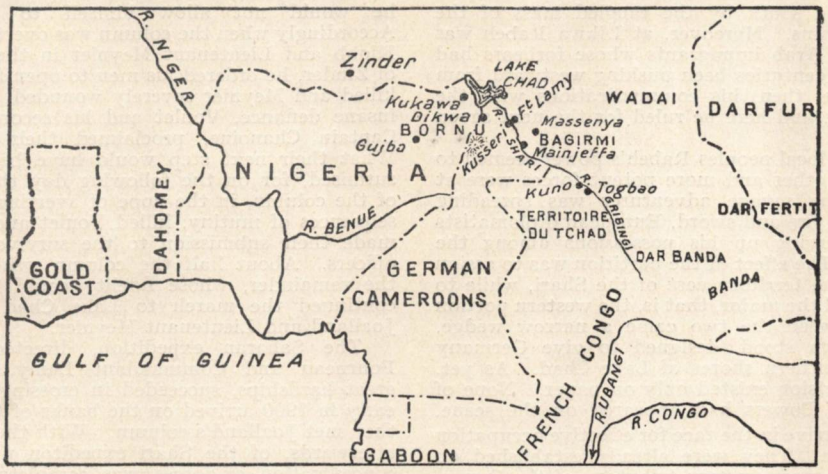
The Ladies at the Cenotaph March

Members of Ramsgate Sub-Branch who marched to Cenotaph

The Rise and Fall of Rabeh.

By G. J. F. Tomlinson, C.B.E.

(*Late Acting-Secretary for Native Affairs, Nigeria*).



WHEN at the end of the Great War a strip of the German Cameroons adjoining Nigeria was brought under British rule, there were probably few people in England who appreciated the historical interest attaching to Dikwa (or Dikoa, as it was formerly written), a town situated in the extreme north of that strip of territory, close to the shore of Lake Chad. Yet Dikwa in its day was famous throughout the Western Sudan as the headquarters of Rabeh, the great filibustering adventurer, who in the last two decades of the nineteenth century spread rapine and destruction through great spaces in Northern Equatorial Africa.

In order to understand the beginnings of Rabeh's career, we have to turn to the happenings in the Egyptian Sudan during Gordon's first Governor-Generalship in the "seventies." No one who has studied the fascinating history of those troubled times can forget the part played by Zobeir Pasha. the great slave trader, who while governing the province of the Bahr-el-Ghazal came under the suspicions of the Egyptian Government. Having been invited to visit Cairo he was there detained.

Chief among Zobeir's adherents was Rabeh. Whether, as has been asserted, he was originally a slave or whether like his master he was a free member of the Ja'alin tribe, the essential fact remains that Rabeh became pre-eminent as one of Zobeir's fighting generals in the Bahr-el-Ghazal and Darfur. After Zobeir's detention in Cairo, his son Suliman raised the standard of revolt in the Bahr-el-Ghazal and for some time set the forces of the Egyptian Government at defiance. Throughout the vicissitudes of his career. Suliman received from Rabeh the same powerful assistance as his father had received before him—save only in the closing scene in 1879. After inflicting a severe defeat on the rebels. Gordon's lieutenant, Gessi Pasha, invited Suliman to surrender under promise of an amnesty. In the council of war that followed Rabeh spoke energetically against capitulation. Finding himself in the minority he broke away to the west with a large body of followers. Suliman surrendered and a few days later, being suspected of trying to escape, was shot by Gessi's order.

Rabeh's movements during the next few years are imperfectly known. He appears to have spent some time in the Banda and Fertit countries, where he and his followers continued to enrich themselves by raiding pagan tribes for slaves. What precisely were his relations with the Mahdi, Mohammed Ahmed, is also uncertain. Monsieur Gentil (to whom reference will be made later) tells a story that after the death of Gordon, the Mahdi sent messengers to Rabeh inviting him to join his victorious army at Khartoum. Rabeh at once responded and set off to Khartoum, but on arriving at the frontier of Darfur he learned that the Mahdi's intention was to have him assassinated. Thereupon he turned back and resumed his westward career. Although the precise details of his route are not fully known, it is certain that he suffered a rebuff in an attempt to conquer Wadai. Still pressing onwards to the west he next came in conflict with the kingdom of Bagirmi, on the eastern bank of the River Shari, the great southern affluent of Lake Chad, Here again he met with incomplete success. Gouranga, the Sultan of Bagirmi, after being besieged for some months in Mainjeffa, made a sortie and retired to Massenya where he subsequently maintained himself.

The Conquest of Bornu.

But for Rabeh the opposition of Bagirmi was merely a check on the march to his ultimate goal, the conquest of Bornu. Having crossed the Shari he now stood on the confines of that great Kingdom. The conflict was one between discipline and vigour on the one hand and on the other disorder and decadence. The Shehu (Sheikh) Hashim offered but feeble resistance and was assassinated by his nephew, Kiari, in whom for a moment the ancient spirit of the Kanembu dynasty was again kindled. Having assumed command command he actually defeated Rabeh's army not far from the capital, Kukawa. But in the hour of victory indiscipline brought about defeat, The Bornu army scattered too early in order to plunder the enemy's camp, whereupon Rabeh hurriedly collected the remnants of his troops and completely routed Kiari's forces. Kiari was captured and executed.

Thus, in 1893, Rabeh found himself undisputed master of Bornu. It was not, however, in Kukawa. the former capital west of Lake Chad, that he established himself. That great city was plundered and partially destroyed after Kiari's death. Rabeh made his headquarters at Dikwa. The new capital was chosen with rare, strategic skill. Lying as it does to the southwest of Chad, it is flanked on the north by the Lake itself and to the south by the tangled mass of the Mandara Mountains. Moreover, at Dikwa Rabeh was in the midst of Arab immigrants whose forbears had for the last two centuries been pushing westward from Kordofan. Here, then, his communications with the east were secure, and here he ruled for the next seven years.

But if to the local peoples Rabeh's power seemed to be unassailable, other and more potent forces were at work. While the savage adventurer was spreading devastation with fire and sword, European diplomatists were quietly carving up his possessions among the Great Powers. The effect of the partition was to assign to the French the territory east of the Shari, while to Great Britain fell the major, that is, the western portion of Bornu, Between the two came a narrow wedge, on which Dikwa stood, designed to give Germany access to the southern shores of Lake Chad. As yet. however, the division existed only on paper. None of the three Great Powers had appeared on the scene.

The first to arrive in the race for effective occupation were the French. They were already established on the Ubangi, the great western tributary of the Congo. It was, therefore, from the south that they first began to penetrate into the Chad region. In 1895, an expedition was organized under the command of Emile Gentil, a Colonial official who commenced his official career in the Gaboon. With immense labour a small steamer, named the *Lèon Blot*, was transported in sections across the Shari-Congo watershed, and was put together on the head waters of the Gribingi. Here the expedition embarked and having sailed without difficulty down the Chari at length attained the open waters of Chad in the autumn of 1897. They also came in touch with Gouranga, the Sultan of Bagirmi, who still set Rabeh at defiance. Oddly enough, they encountered no opposition from Rabeh's forces.

Gentil, accompanied by two emissaries from Bagirmi, returned to France in 1898 and aroused immense enthusiasm by the narration of his adventures. The French Colonial Office then decided to make a bold attempt to secure effective occupation of the French portion of the Chad Basin. Gentil was placed in charge of a second and larger expedition which, like the first, was to operate from the South. Two other expeditions were also organized, one starting from Algeria in order to cross the Sahara, while the other was to proceed to Chad from the Upper Niger, following an eastward route immediately to the north of what is now the Northern Nigerian boundary.

The Gentil Expedition.

Gentil left France in February, 1899. In spite of his larger resources his progress was fiercely contested. The advance section of the expedition under Lieutenant Bretonnet was annihilated by Rabeh at Togbao, near Kuno, on the bank of the Shari. A few weeks later, Gentil, travelling in the *Lèon Blot* with the main body, succeeded in inflicting a severe reverse on Rabeh near the same place, not, however, without sustaining heavy losses himself.

A Blot on a Page of History.

At this point we must turn aside to pick up the story of the two other expeditions which, starting from widely distant points, came to join hands with Gentil in the Chad Basin. It is here that we meet one of the most amazing stories that disfigures the annals of the Dark Continent. The second column, which, as already stated, was to skirt the Northern Nigerian boundary, was commanded by a certain Captain Voulet. After the expedition was well on its way, the French Government decided to send after it a senior officer, Colonel Klobb, who would take command of the combined forces.

On receiving this information, Voulet decided that he would not allow himself to be superseded. Accordingly when the column was overtaken by Colonel Klobb and Lieutenant Meynier in the neighbourhood of Zinder, he ordered his men to open fire. Klobb was killed and Meynier severely wounded. By this act of insane defiance, Voulet and his second in command, Captain Chanoine, proclaimed their own outlawry. What their next step would have been can only be surmised, for on the following day the rank and file of the column, in the hope of averting the worst consequences of mutiny, killed Voulet and Chanoine, and made their submission to the survivors of the loyal officers. About half the column was sent back and the remainder, whose fidelity could be relied upon, continued the march to Lake Chad under Captain Joalland and Lieutenant Meynier.

The Saharan expedition, directed by Monsieur Fourneau and Commandant Lamy, after enduring great hardships, succeeded in crossing the desert and early in 1900 arrived on the banks of the Shari, where they met Joalland's column. With the arrival, shortly afterwards, of the Shari expediton under Gentil the concentration of forces was complete. The military command devolved on Commandant Lamy, who occupied the town of Kusseri on the west bank of the Shari. Raben and his forces established themselves in a stockade not far from the town. On the 22nd April, 1900, the long awaited trial of strength took place. After prolonged and desperate fighting the French carried Rabeh's stronghold by assault. Rabeh himself was killed and his army put to flight. The victory, however, was dearly bought, for at the end of the day Commandant Lamy received a wound from which he died.

A remarkable situation now arose in the Chad Basin. Rabeh had been defeated and killed on German soil. Dikwa, moreover, although in German territory, was within a few miles of the British frontier. But neither Germans nor British were in sight. The command of the remnants of Rabeh's army now devolved on his son, Fade-Allah, who, having fled westwards, maintained himself for more than a year in British Bornu whence he harried the French by raiding and pillaging. In these circumstances, the French could clearly not allow themselves to be hampered by international niceties. Dikwa was occupied a week after the battle of Kusseri, but it was not until a year later that the French, exasperated by Fadl-Allah's guerilla tactics, fought and killed him at Gujba in British Bornu.

Britain and Germany Commence Occupation.

Both British and Germans arrived in 1902 to begin the effective occupation of their respective spheres. It was not till then that the French evacuated Dikwa and retired to their own territory east of the Shari. There on the river bank, almost opposite Kusseri, they founded the post which has since been the headquarters of the " Territoire du Tchad." It is named Fort Lamy to perpetuate the memory of the gallant victor of the fight at Kusseri.

Not without reason has Rabeh been described as " an African Napoleon." He belongs to the great band of adventurers and buccaneers who from time to time have succeeded in exalting themselves at the cost of untold human suffering. The secret of his success lay in the union of barbaric ruthlessness with the power

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The 1st Battalion.

THOSE of us who imagined that the hot weather in Bareilly would spell for us a rest, or at least a comparative rest, have discovered that we were sadly mistaken for what with Annual Weapon Training Courses, the formation of the new Machine Gun Company, Equitation Courses, lectures and tactical exercises, to say nothing of nearly everyone doing at least two jobs, the day is usually fully occupied. This however, is a very good thing as there is nothing more demoralizing than having nothing to do in the hot weather ; the more we have to do, the quicker will the time pass until the Battalion is together again and we can resume a normal existence. On the whole the weather in Bareilly is very kind to us, for at least a portion of the day there is a cool breeze and the thermometer has yet to rise above 112°, 116° was last year's record, so there is really not a great deal to complain of.

As stated last month, with the Battalion split up as it is, few events of importance are to be recorded, in fact news gets less and less as the weeks go by. There is little news from the detachment at Ranikhet, no doubt they are too busy to write ; it is hoped, however, that they will have produced a full account of their doings by the time these notes have to be mailed.

Major Hart is off again for a fortnight in the jungle ; we expect at least one more tiger and also a short article for next month's *Dragon* from him !

The Rise and Fall of Rabeh—*continued.*

of enforcing discipline—a power acquired in his early days in the Egyptian Sudan where he had opportunities of learning modern methods of training troops.

To the French belongs the sole credit of defeating so redoubtable an enemy and incidentally, of saving the British and Germans a vast amount of difficult and dangerous work. When the latter appeared on the scene, they found a country devastated and impoverished indeed, but completely pacified by the removal of the tyrant who for seven years had reigned supreme.

And now, by a further turn of Fortune's wheel, it is a British Political Officer who makes his headquarters in Rabeh's palace at Dikwa.

Last month's notes contained no word of welcome to the draft which joined at the end of March from the 2nd Battalion, we hasten to apologize for this omission. They have found many old friends here and we hope that by now they have become quite accustomed to their new surroundings.

For various reasons, chiefly the heat and the small number of men here, Albuhera Day passed this year without any celebration in the way of a ceremonial parade or the usual sporting events with which its keeping is associated. The Sergeants and Corporals, however, managed to amuse a great many of us with a fancy dress football match, which was unfortunately brought to a premature close by a very heavy sandstorm. The whole of the day of course was observed as a holiday. Rumours are rife as to our next station and when we shall move to it. Who knows, perhaps we may all be together this time next year and be able to celebrate Albuhera Day in a fitting manner ?

Sergeants' Mess.

During the last month we have been very quiet, our only occupation being that of sending and receiving people to and from the Hills. (Lucky people).

Our regular correspondent has gone off to the hills on leave, and unfortunately did not ask anyone to deputise for him, therefore the Sub. Editor is on my track. However we will do our best.

Our great day, Albuhera, was kept up as far as we possibly could in India. We held a fancy dress football match against the Corporals in the early evening, and later on we played them card games, and a sing-song was held afterwards.

The football match was a great success, but unfortunately it came to an abrupt ending, owing to a heavy sand-storm arriving which caused our team to become rather thirsty.

Another unfortunate occurrence was the non-appearance of our captain, Oh how easy it is to say " I'll run this and that," and then forget it.

So we all retired to Berts' pub. the " Dew Drop Inn " and proceeded to get mellow, that's a nice word mister Editor, if only that word was on my sheet, instead of one in Red ink, I would not mind how many multitudes of sins it covers.

We commenced the games, I remember, but as to who won, well we " don't know," (those captains again) but it is sufficient to say that everyone who was there (they all weren't) enjoyed themselves, and it was a splendid evening socially. Quite a good lot of talent was discovered, the new ones being Sergt. Bert Daisley in " Drinking, Drinking, Drinking," and C.Q.M.S. Sharpe in " Roll up for your Simbo chittys " both were most amusing and will become great artistes with a little practice. Some of our old entertainers obliged, Jack Cross and Sal Curtis in a double turn (double skey I mean). Tom Burt was as good as ever with his ' monograms.'

C.S.M. Ramsley and Taffy Morgan were excellent in their double turn " All Jews are lucky."

Several could eat no breakfast the following morning, our " Oliver Underwood " could not eat even. I enclose a list of the programme in full elsewhere.

We have heard from several members who have left us just recently, we had a letter from Joe Blake, who is now the Master Shoe-Maker with the 3rd Royal Tank Corps. at Lydd. He has seen Bob Galloway, who is doing quite well, and he can still spin a good yarn or two. Joe Blake has also been to the Depot, where he met a lot of old faces, Gibbo included. (We all thought he was dead). We hear Tubby Lane has a Woodbine Shop. Save us a packet Tubby we may want one and we shan't be long. We are glad to hear he is doing so well. Of course we admit that he was a Quarter Master Sergeant, but even so, well—.

Toby Farrow appears to be having a good time in England. He writes very cheerfully, and tells us that he called at Gibraltar on his way home (What for ?) Oh just to see a few of our old friends. (We felt envious). I hope he turns up at Canterbury at Cricket Week.

We hear news that he is to be married, but we hope it is not true, as we single members will lose our father. We hope he lets us know, if he will want a married quarter got ready.

Another old member who has visited us is Sgt. Tom Burt, from the Machine Gun School, he is on leave, but he seems to find plenty to do with the young gunners.

Bert Daisley seems intersted in Machine Guns lately too, I don't know why, but he seems afraid to fire one, as when it came his turn he was found hiding behind a tree, with the R.S.M.'s dog " Rags." Is this how he got this " rooty gong ? "

Talking of dogs the mess is quite a dog's home now what with " Nancie " Farrow and " Rags " Martin.

" Rags " will not leave the caterer and " Nancie " will not leave the barman, so its impossible to pinch a drink. However we hope soon to have " an interesting event." Cheerup Toby.

We have had notification from our Sister Mess, the Canadian Buffs, that we are to receive from them a present of eighteen Tankards. We are looking forward to their arrival and also keen to be the first to drink from them, and so assist to blend the two badges together more closely.

Our Indian Army Rifle Champion, is getting in some excellent practise just lately by parting tree rats hair with ·22 ammunition.

We are getting a temperature of only 112° at present, but we hope to get it warm later. But there is plenty of calls for " a nice cold Shandy Bert please."

We all welcome to our fold our new B.M. Bandmaster Salmon, late of the Royal Berkshire Regt. We are sorry he has gone to the hills so soon. We are sorry to lose Sgt. Parks who has gone to the Auxiliary Force at Allahabad.

We have received lots of news about our old members who are now with the 2nd Battalion. George Barrell and Drummy Norwood being frequently mentioned. How did George get Brigade Quarter Bloke, are his feet still bad ? Has Drummy met any of our friends from Constant and Checknedje. Tom Burt had quite a moan when he saw the 2nd Battalion M.G.'s result. I don't know anything about it but he was mumbling, Wangle, Short Butts, etc. Perhaps Shoey knows.

We are soon to lose two more of our members, Sgt. Brophy and Sgt. Turner who are to go on the staff at Ahmednagar and Pachman respectively. A good number of our members are away on staff jobs, C.S.M. Mould as Garrison Sgt. Major Ranikhet, C.Q.M.S. Ravenscroft, Garrison Quarter Master Sergt. Ranikhet (how does he do it ?). L/Sgt. Clover is at Nani-Tal as Garrison Provost Sgt. Now I think this is all and we owe a very deep apology to our Sub-Editor for being late but we shall be in time next month.

" Beer and Guns."

C.R.R.K.

FANCY DRESS FOOTBALL MATCH.

Sergeants versus Corporals.

Albuhera Day, 1929.

Thomas (Sleepwalker).

Beasley (in Bed).	Morgan (Major Segrave).
Cross (a Sporty Girl).	Burt (a Bombay Lady).
Daisley (Father Times).	Papworth (Policeman).
Chambers (Tennis Boy).	Petley (Eastern Lady).
Woollard (Harry Lauder).	Hancock (Fool).

CONCERT PROGRAMME.

Sgt. Papworth ...	" Don't you pull that Face at me."
Sgt. Daisley ...	" Drinking, Drinking, Drinking."
Encore	" Till the boys come Home."
Sgt. Morgan Duet, C.S.M. Ransley	" All Jews are lucky."
Cpl. Stocken ...	" Put me in my little bed."
Sgt. Burt	" Oh where is my boy to-night."
C.S.M. Beasley ...	" Absent—Hurt."
Cpl. Holness ...	" Oh drat that Fly."
Sgts. Cross and Curtis	" Doubles."
C.Q.M.S. Sharpe ...	" Roll up for your Lemon chittys."

CAN YOU TELL US.

1. Can you really fire a D.P. Gun.
2. Can a Captain of a Comic Football match control it in Bed.
3. Is Christopher married yet.
4. Can Gibbo walk up Military Road yet.

"C" Company.

The Summer Season having commenced, one normally expects a period of sustained inactivity, but we have been anything but inactive. The Company has been doing duties on a rather large scale, the N.C.O.'s and Men doing two guards a week owing to "A" Company firing their Annual Course and "B" Company being at Ranikhet.

C.S.M. Williams and Cpl. Robinson have gone on a month's leave to Ranikhet, and Sgt. Cox on leave to Naini Tal, all of them on visits to their families. Sgt. Morgan is at present doing the C.S.M.'s job.

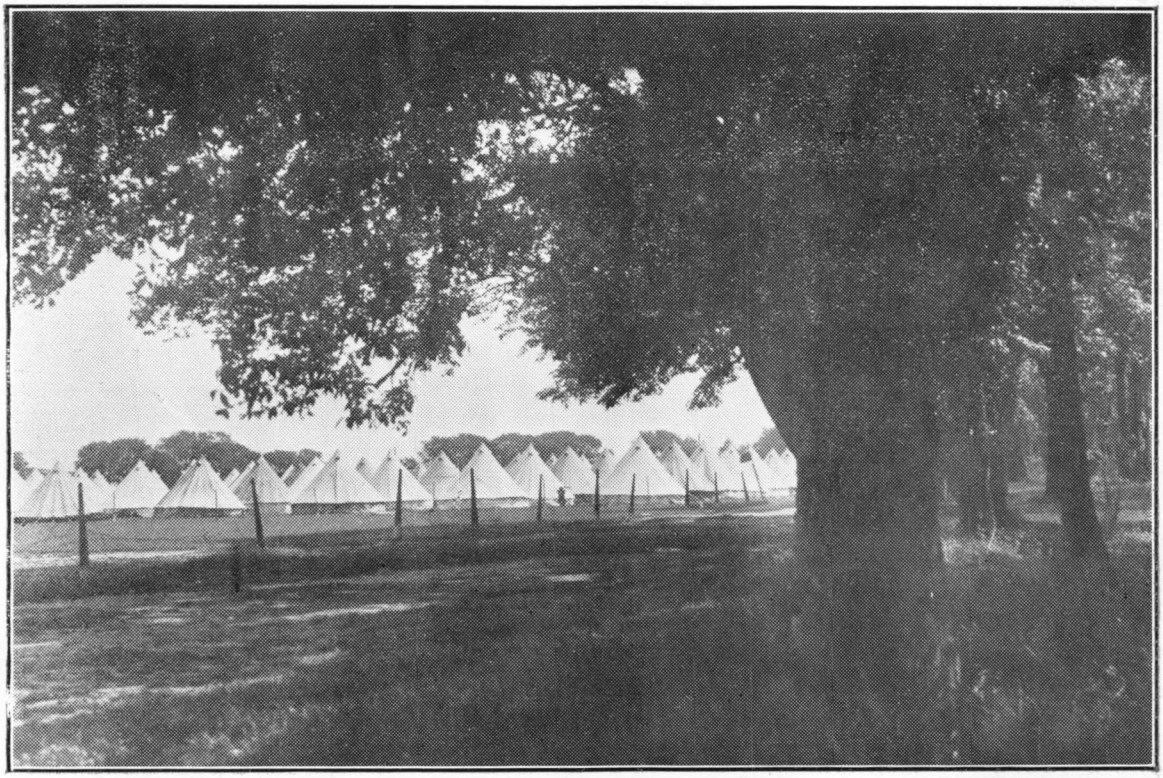
Major Whitaker, our Company Commander, has also gone on leave to Ranikhet for two months, his place being taken by Captain R. M. Webster, who we hear is also shortly going on leave—to England.

Lieutenant H. de L. Walters has gone on leave whilst Lieut. C. G. Hill put in a warrior-like appearance the other day ; it appears that he had been taking part in the hazardous proceeding called pig-sticking. He seems to have liked it pretty well, for he went off again about a week later.

Walking round the other night we noticed everyone acting in a very excited manner, turning out kit bags, etc., and we wondered what had happened. We heard one man say " 50 down the roll " and on enquiry we found out that the list for repatriation to U.K. during 1929–30 had been published in B.O.'s. Quite a lot of N.C.O.'s and Men of the Company leave us. The cause no doubt being due to the first line of the second verse of " Old Soldiers never Die."

The Hot Weather League is now in full swing. Our First Eleven Football Team has undergone several changes owing to the change over of personnel with the "M.G." Company, and our centre-forward, C.S.M. Williams being on leave. However, up to the present

4th Battalion, The Buffs.



Camp at Shorncliffe, June, 1929.

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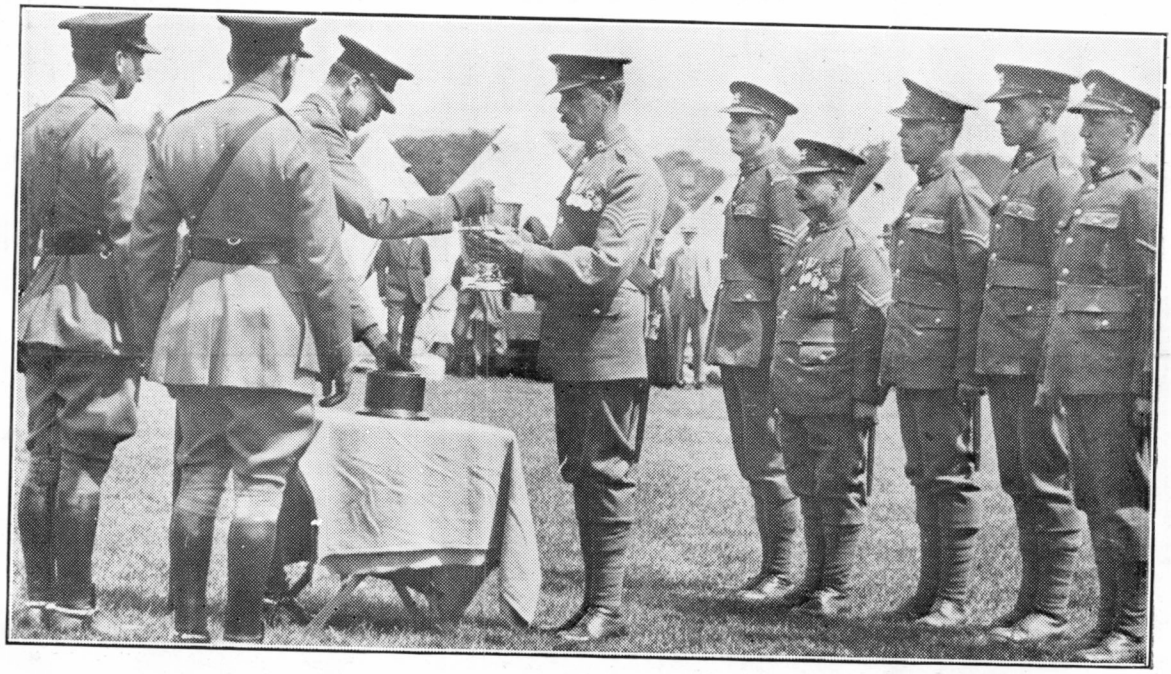
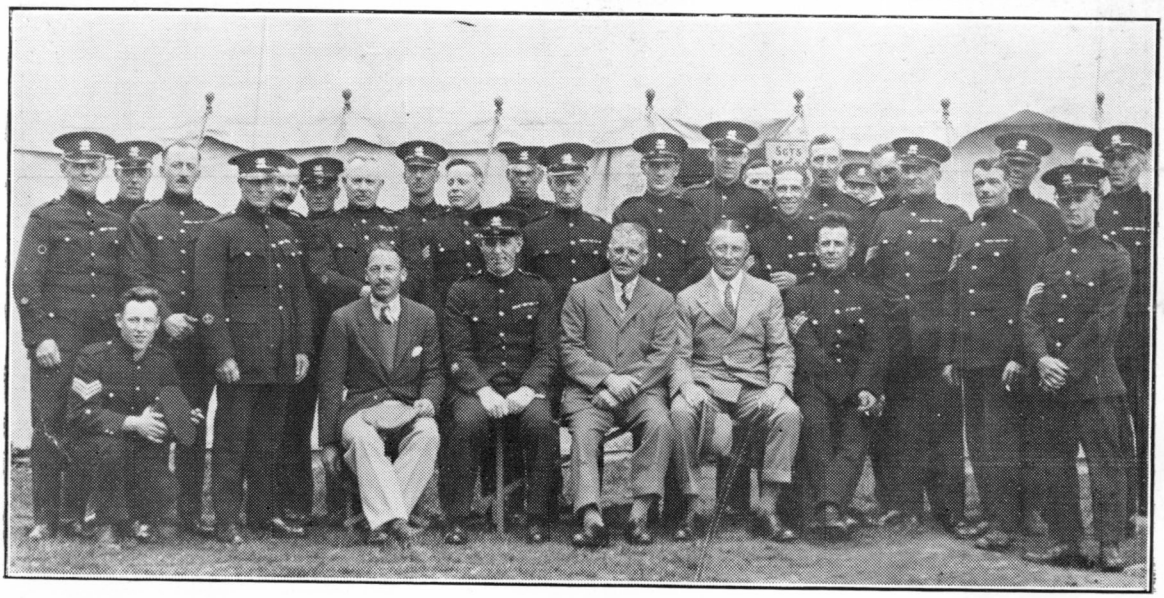
Sergeants.



Colonel H. E. R. R. Braine, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding Brigade, presenting Inter-Brigade Rifle Cup to No. 5 Platoon, "B" Company.

Brigade Commander's Inspection, "A" Company.



Colonel E. B. Burns, Commanding Battalion and Sergeants.

Beating Retreat on the Leas, Folkestone.

they have not done too badly, they have played two, won one and lost one. The first game was against "D" Company. We had heard previous to the match that we should be beaten by six clear goals. Our team turned out as follows :—Goal : Pte. Price ; Backs : Ptes. Pitchford and Bartlett ; Half-Backs : Elderkin, Williams and Trebell ; Forwards : Savage, Vasey, Elliott, Ash and Dickens. "D" Company, winning the toss, elected to kick with the wind, which at 5.30 is invariably fairly strong. Our first goal was the result of two infringements. A free kick was given against "D" and Williams put the ball in the Penalty Area, where it was again handled by the backs of "D." We were awarded a Penalty which Vasey took and scored. After the kick-off we were soon awarded another Penalty which Vasey also took and repeated his last performance. Dickens playing outside right, scored our next with a good shot, and Elliott, at centre, scored our fourth from two yards out. The final result was 4—0 in our favour. The team played exceptionally well. I doubt if we have ever seen them play better, Vasey and Savage being particularly good whilst Pte. Trebell fully justified his inclusion in the First Eleven.

In the next match we saw exactly the opposite, None of the team seemed able to do anything right. On this occasion we were up against "A." Our opponents won the toss and kicked with the wind. In the first five minutes Vasey ran right through and kicked over the bar. Ash was also kicking wildly. "A" scored their first goal two minutes before the interval. In the second half our team went to pieces and concentrated on preventing "A" from scoring. About five minutes before the end, "A" put in a shot which our goalkeeper did not see. There was no other score, the result being 2—0 against.

The Second Eleven Football have also played two matches, but lost both. The reason no doubt is that they have never played together before, and there was not much combination. The first match was against "A" Company. We won the toss and kicked off with the sun at our backs. In the first half we were mostly on the defensive. Pte. Whall scored our first and only goal in the early part of the game. "A" scored twice in the first half. In the second half we did the attacking, but could not score. Just before the end "A" scored again making the final result 3—1 against. Our team was :—Goal : Pte. Mansfield ; Backs : Russell, and Izzard ; Halves : Cable, Trebell and Goldsack ; Forwards : Fellows, Lieut. C. G. Hill, Whall, Hover and Twyman.

Our second match was against "H.Q." Wing. We lost the toss and kicked against the strong wind, adopting rather a defensive attitude. They scored a lucky goal during this half from the right wing. In the second half, with the wind in our favour, we were always attacking, but simply could not score. The forwards would have done better to shoot more often. "H.Q.'s" second goal was the result of a breakaway and a misunderstanding between the backs. Result 2—0 against us. Our team had several changes and was as follows : Goal : Pte. Mansfield ; Backs : Belcher and Tugwell ; Halves : Durrant, Golsdack and Izzard ; Forwards : Hover, Lieut. Hill, Mills, Heathfield and Twyman.

In the Hot Weather League Hockey we are keeping up our reputation. Up to the present we have played two matches and won both. Our opening match was against "D" and we were somewhat lucky to win by the only goal of the match. We were unfortunately handicapped by having to play without C.S.M. Williams and Cpl. Robinson. However, with the services of L/Cpl. Franklin and Pte. Smissens, recently transferred from "D" Company, our team showed great promise, and these two ably filled the vacant places. The Hockey was not of the same standard as it was in our last Hot Weather League, hard hitting being much too prominent. There was no score at half-time although both goals had narrow escapes. Our efforts were rewarded half-way through the second half when L/Cpl. Hover scored from a short corner. From this time on we had the best of the game. No further score was made and we left the field winners by the only goal. Our team was :—Goal : Snelling ; Backs : Bartlett and Williams ; Halves : Franklin, Hover (Captain) and Jordan ; Forwards : Cpl. Farrell, Pte. Ash, Smissens, Elliott and L/Cpl. Taylor.

The second game was against "A" Company and once again we won. The same team represented us, and it was a joy to see the improvement in the play. The outstanding feature was Cpl. Farrell's great display at outside right. Our forwards missed several chances in the opening stages of the game, but they soon settled down and a very good goal was scored by Smissens. We did not keep the lead long, for "A" equalised soon afterwards after a melée in front of goal. Ash and Elliott broke away later just before half-time. Tactics altered during the second half, the play becoming rougher. We had the better of the exchanges and were unlucky not to score again. However, we kept our opponents busy and won the game 2—1.

As regards the Second Eleven Hockey they have not done so well, but as they also have not played together before we are expecting some better results later. The first game was against "H.Q." and we were rather unlucky to lose by the only goal of the match one minute before full-time. The selectors had a difficult task and it was noticed that we could make some alterations. This was done in the next match against "A" Company, and proved quite successful. Although we did not win the team must be congratulated on its splendid performance. They were up against long odds with "A" Company as they had five first eleven included. L/Cpl. Randerson scored for us early in the first half and Fellows added another shortly afterwards. We led by these two goals at half-time. The second half saw our defence weaken and two goals from "A" Company put the teams on level terms. Our forwards tried hard for the winning goal, but were unlucky and the game ended in a draw 2—2. Our team was :—Goal : Pte. Heathfield ; Backs : Ptes. Pitchford and Tugwell ; Halves : L/Cpl. Warren, Lieut. Hill (Captain) and L/Cpl. Cable ; Forwards : Pte. Morrison, Pte. Elderkin, Pte. Fellows, Pte. Mansfield and L/Cpl. Randerson.

Q.E.D.

The Drums.

During the month we have been busy preparing for the Annual Classification Rifle Course, and owing to the fact that it is not quite completed yet I am unable to state anything about it in this month's notes.

As regard sports we have been busy this month, every evening there is something in the way of Sport, or spoof. (Lemon chits being the Kitty).

Our Football and Hockey teams have been active, what with one thing and another it is hard to say exactly how we stand, because there are so many changes one cannot keep account.

We should all like to see Chap-pell get the job of Battalion Chiropodist, simply because his late system of trimming has proved a great success (ask Baldy).

A few of the knuts went fishing one fine Sunday morning and a somewhat supprising catch resulted.

The noted Deal Fisherman displayed great skill in landing an immense Conger-eel, after a somewhat lengthly struggle. The Thames Fisherman also landed some fine catches in the way of Minnows quite a number was required to make up for the big one which he said he lost. (Hooks, Rod and line as well).

It was very annoying when after all that trouble, to know that the so-called Conger was nothing else but a poisonous Water Snake. (Hard luck Clampy). The Hook Fishing Co. are now enjoying themselves at Ranikhet, may they find better fishing pools up there. (Pinnacle Pool would make better fishing Grounds, owned by J. Johnson).

By the time these notes are published we expect to see two of our C.E.R.B.S. back off leave looking fit and well and perhaps accompanied with a better half (more trouble).

Sgm. A.F.B. 2225.

Hot Weather Leagues Result.

Results up to date of the "H.Q." Wing Hot Weather League :—

FOOTBALL.	*Goals.*	
Lost to the R.A.	3—0	1st League Football.
Won to "D" Company	1—0	
Drew with "3" Company	0—0	
HOCKEY.	*Goals.*	
Won to "D" Company	3—0	1st League Hockey.
Lost to the R.A.	5—0	
FOOTBALL.	*Goals.*	
"H.Q." 2nd XI. *v.* "C" Coy. 2nd XI. won	2—1	2nd League Football.
"H.Q." 2nd XI. *v.* "D" Coy. 2nd XI. lost	1—0	

HOCKEY.

		Goals.
"H.Q." 2nd XI. *v.* "A" Coy. 2nd XI.	Won	1—0
"H.Q." 2nd XI. *v.* "D" Coy. 2nd XI.	Lost	2—1
"H.Q." 2nd XI. *v.* R.A. 2nd XI.	Drew	1—1

The Final Results of the above-mentioned Leagues will be published in the next issue of *The Dragon*.

SGN. 650. C.C. O.H.V. MODEL **N.** (HOPES).

"A" Company.

This month's notes represent a kind of unofficial punishment on my part, simply because I allowed a slight misunderstanding to exist between Mr. Foster and myself. Having now got the nucleus of my readers' attention I shall describe the unfortunate incident. Said our second-in-command one bright morning, " How about half-an-hour in the nets ? " I naturally expressed approval and said I was all for it. Anyway, to cut a long story short, I have since found out to my bitter cost that Mr. Foster waited two hours in the cricket nets whilst I bemoaned his non-appearance for the same space of time under the mosquito net.

The Annual Course is now keeping us busily engaged and up to the present the results of practices are only available ; a number of details from "H.Q." Wing help to swell our numbers, with the result that the firing is taking considerable time and the days are extended still more on account of the firing having to be finished by 9.30 a.m. daily. The warm weather makes the majority wish for a speedy finish and I have no doubt that their wish will be gratified by the end of this month.

The Hot Weather Leagues of Hockey and Football are in full swing again and like last year there are two teams for each event. Practically every night one of the Company Teams is engaged and the results up to date are shown below.

For the year 1928—1929 the following individuals have been awarded their Company Colours in their respective events :—Cricket : L/Cpls. Wilson, Parker, Beauchamp, Cole ; Ptes. Crust, Curtis, Fox, Ansell and Barnes. Hockey : L/Cpls. Cole, Parker, Wilson, Ptes. Spice, Crust, George, Ansell, Fox and Gudgion. Athletics : Cpls. Hodkin, Sovico, L/Cpls. Parker, Cole, Beauchamp, Priestley, Ptes. Gudgion, Crust, Crowhurst, L. Dale, George, Wells, Fox, Burt and C.S.M. Ransley. On account of these notes being due in I am compelled to show the remainder of the awards in next month's issue.

Results.

Versus R.A. 1st XI. Football. Company lost 3—1. (Lawson).
Versus "C" Coy. 1st XI. Football. Coy. won 2—0. (Parker, 2).
Versus "C" Coy. 2nd XI. Football. Coy. won 3—1. (Cherry, Farmer, Bartley).
Versus R.A. 2nd XI. Football. Draw 3—3. (Priday, Bartley, 2).
Versus R.A. 1st XI. Hockey. Coy. lost 1—0.
Versus "C" Coy. 1st XI. Hockey. Coy. lost 2—1. (Ansell).
Versus "C" Coy. 2nd XI. Hockey. Draw 2—2. (Hoskins, Parker).
Versus R.A. 2nd XI. Hockey. Coy. lost 2—0.

Next month will show a greater variety of opponents and in the meantime we must hope to improve our position.

In addition to these games several of the Company turn out frequently for various Battalion trials and the remainder of the Company keep fit by indulging in " danker " games which are organised by that energetic person, Pte. Wells.

It behoves me to finish off now because I have to put Cpl. Stoken through his T.O.E.T. and so I shall again cunningly hide myself under the title of

" QUARTER-GUARD."

Things we want to know.

Where is a " Magpie 10 o'clock " on a Snapshooting Target ?

When is the owner of No. 52 Rifle going to get some more " special barrel oil " ? Eagerly awaited by No. 56.

"D" Company.

In last month's notes I mentioned that H.M.S. Don had practically ceased to exist and that this month's notes would be the beginning of " The History of the Machine Gun Company."

Up to now nothing exciting has happened except that the Company has been split up into two Platoons for the purpose of Training, half of these in Section Drill and the remainder combining elementary training with a few Guards, etc. All of our recent transfers have settled down and seem to be taking things very comfortably, especially M.G. Training.

During the past week we have had a Touring Revue Company in Bareilly who have helped to brighten the troops up a bit. No doubt at the end of the month a few of the lads will wish this particular Concert Party in a place hotter than Bareilly (about 111 degrees in the shade).

Cpl. Chandler and his assistants are to be thanked for again starting the Whist Drives in the Company. These are being held once a week. The first one was held last Thursday and was a great success. During the interval, Phil, Trousers, Jock and our Jazz Drummer Sound-Box amused the troops with Banjo Selections and Songs while refreshments were being served BUCKS. When play re-started it was a noticeable fact that Ginger was going round giving a few of his selected cronies words of advice on how to play whist ; or perhaps he was picking up a few tips himself. Anyhow it is to be hoped that he will speculate eight annas on the next one. The prize-winners were very satisfied with the results afterwards.

We hear that EKIPS, who is at present on a tour of duty at Ranikhet, has practically convinced himself that "D" Company is there with him. This is easily understood when one thinks of the number of men of his Old Company who have been transferred to "B."

I must not forget to mention that Sammy Curtis is at present Acting C.S.M. of the Foreign Legion and so far has found the job quite to his liking. We shall all miss him when he goes home on his English Voca. Course, especially the Office Staff. We shall all have to find someone else to provide the Pops when he does go. In fact I have already got my eye on a fellow who has a very large Bank Book that requires breaking into and am seriously thinking of taking him in hand. In any case I am treating a Pop all round on the strength of it.

Sports Notes.

Our first game of football was a trial against "A" Company which we won by the odd goal in three after an evenly-contested game. The following did duty for the " Old Ship " :—White, Newbury and Clifton, Venes, Purkiss and Yates, Bourn, Davidson, Heath, L/Sgt. Gillett and Bartlett.

The first of the Hot Weather Games was against "C" Company and it was decided to field the same team that beat "A," but from the start they showed no sign of First Eleven Football and "C" won comfortably by 3—1, Davidson scoring our only goal in the second half.

Versus "H.Q." WING.

By this time we had formed a selection committee and thus the team was changed round a bit. From the start we soon took the game in hand and several times came very near to scoring when the whistle sounded for the necessary breather, no goals having been scored.

On the game being resumed, end to end play followed and eventually "H.Q." scored a very easy goal. After this the game brightened up a bit, but we could not find the net and the final whistle blew with a very unsatisfactory result, the Wingers winning by the only goal scored in the match. Our team was as follows :—Pullman, Clifton and Newbury. Yates, Purkiss and Cox, Bourn, Davidson, Heath, Cresswell and Bartlett.

Versus 1ST FIELD BATTERY R.A. Played on the R.A Ground.

From the start there was nothing much to choose between the teams, the game being evenly contested, but I venture to suggest that if our team had taken opportunities they would have won.

Early in the second half we were awarded a penalty, Newbury being called upon to take the kick, but unfortunately he failed to score his shot going wide. After this the game became very interesting and both sides forced several corners. About four minutes from time the Battery scored from a corner-kick ; thus the game finished 4—1 in the R.A.'s favour. The following did duty for us :—White, Blackman and Clifton, Tilly Purkiss and Newbury, Bourn, Davidson, Jones, Cresswell and Bartlett.

2ND ELEVEN *versus* 2ND ELEVEN R.A.

This has been the best game seen in this standard for both teams were very keen on winning. After about fifteen minutes play we were awarded a penalty, Bourn taking the kick, landed the ball in the net. Again, before half-time, Jones scored with a first time shot, thus giving us the lead of 2—0 when the breather came. In the second half play was very fast and the Battery, after several efforts scored, and again, just before time the game ending in a draw 2—2. The team was as follows :—Pullman, Blackman, and Port, Venes, Bailey and Cox, Bourn, Tilly, Jones, Senior and Tonge.

2ND ELEVEN *versus* 2ND ELEVEN "H.Q." WING.

There was nothing much in this game, our side winning by the only goal, scored by Jones in the second half. The following represented "D" :—Pullman, Blackman, and Ashmore, Venes, Bailey and Cox, Button, Tilly, Tyson, Jones and Tonge.

2ND ELEVEN *versus* 2ND ELEVEN "A" COMPANY.

The team did not play as a team. All the forwards seemed to be right off form throughout the whole match, "A" winning easily by 2—0. The same team did duty for us in previous matches.

Things the Foreign Legion would like to know.

What is the meaning of :—" Think me of a stamp to-morrow," and could a North country lad explain to us ?

Who was the young hand gunner who said : " You pass the Tab of the Crank Handle through the Feed Block " and could he demonstrate how it is done ?

Has Harry got No. 13 Platoon climbing up the wall yet or is it too slippery ?

Who was the man who borrowed three sets of equipment and four bayonets to mount guard and did he get the stick also ? Who was the other man of the same guard who borrowed the Sergeant's Kit and was he grieved because he had to do twenty-four hours duty ? Perhaps WAG can enlighten us.

PEN-WIPERS.

The 2nd Battalion.

THE last few weeks have been so crammed full of interesting events, that, it seems there has hardly been time to write about them. However, by dint of diligent strafing of laggard correspondents we have succeeded in collecting a certain amount of copy.

The outstanding episode of the month, of course, was the visit of Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell in his capacity of Colonel of the Regiment. A full account of this momentous occasion will be found below and we hope space may be found for the photographs showing the General sitting amongst his comrades.

Those who give more than a cursory glance to the pages of *The Dragon* and delve into the small print of the Company notes, will become aware of the immense amount of athletic activity that has recently been taking place. This culminated in the Battalion Sports on May 31st, when individual events were decided, and June 1st, when team events were run off. On the second day the Battalion was "at home" to its friends and a very happy gathering it proved to be. Amongst those present we saw General Sir Guy and Lady Bainbridge ; Major Greenway ; Lt.-Col. Hon. P. G. Scarlett ; Captain and Mrs. Stronge ; Mr. and Mrs. Penlington, who motored up specially from the Depot ; Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Beevor ; Mr. Walters and Mr. Williams, just home from India for a spell of leave (hard earned, we feel sure) ; Mrs. Roy Webster (who was only just in time, for we hear she missed her ship in Bombay for Messrs. Rowe and Wood from the cradle and nursery respectively, at Camberley ; Captain Hudson Allen ; Miss Hulke (who has never been to Gibraltar) ; and Mrs. Lucas.

The results of the athletic part of the show are recorded elsewhere.

At about the same time as the sports, another event, which taxed the thews and endurance of a far greater number, took place. This was the competition for the Evelyn Wood Cup. Every Company in every Battalion in the Command entered a team of one platoon thirty strong and in due course competed against each other. As far as we were concerned our "C" Company team were the most successful, coming out second on the Brigade eliminating day and finally eighth in the whole Command.

No sooner were these activities concluded than the Battalion marched out to Old Dean Common Camp for a fortnight's training, and now the maze of tracks that radiate through the woods above Camberley from Lower Star Post are no longer a source of confusion to us, indeed, more than half the Battalion knew this area only too well before, as was demonstrated beyond a doubt during the short period that precedes the grey hour of dawn on one memorable morning !

Now once more we are back in Aldershot with Tattoo Week upon us, the Horse Show to follow, Ascot in the offing, and the attraction of our local Lido on Mutchett Pond for those who delight in the company of shapely limbs or dare to brave the rigour of an icy plunge.

The whole Battalion will unite in congratulating most heartily our venerable Bandmaster, Mr. Hewitt, on being awarded in the Birthday Honours List with the M.B.E. Mr. Hewitt has served with the Buffs for more years than we can reckon and is the senior Bandmaster in the Army, so that the pride which he must justly feel in being the recipient of this honour is equally shared by the whole Battalion and the whole Regiment.

Visit of The Colonel of the Regiment.

On May 22nd we were honoured with a visit of inspection by Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell and thanks to the excellent weather we were able to give him all that was in store for him. General Lynden-Bell came as Guest of Honour to a Regimental Guest Night the evening before, together with General Girdwood, Commandant of the R.M.C. and one of his old staff officers, with whom he was staying. At the end of dinner the Commanding Officer rose, and in a short speech said that though it was neither the time nor the place for speeches, he could not let the occasion pass without alluding to the notable occasion of a Colonel of the Buffs, himself a Buff with 26 years of Regimental service, dining once more as a serving Buff after 22 years away from the Regiment. He wished to say how gratified everyone was with the appointment and proposed the health of our new Colonel.

Rising to reply, General Lynden-Bell said that the ambition of his life had been realised and that of the honours that His Majesty had conferred on him, there was none he prizes so greatly as this last one, the appointment to the Colonelcy of his old Regiment. He wanted to thank everybody for their great kindness in writing to him and for the wonderful reception he had had.

At the close of the evening a plot was hatched and when our guest showed signs of imminent departure his feet were seen to leave the floor and he was carried in a lofty and precarious position to his car, of which the chauffeur had " had instructions." The car moved off at a rapidly accelerating pace under the push of its

powerful twenty-subaltern power engine which, however, had eventually to be dropped in favour of some far less willing, if more competent, source of power.

The following day at 11 a.m., the Battalion was drawn up in line on the square and as General Lynden-Bell arrived on parade he was received with a General's salute and the Regimental Colour was dipped. Lieut.-Colonel Crookenden dismounted and went forward to receive him and the General inspected the battalion. He was accompanied by Lieut. Lynden-Bell who acted as his orderly officer. After the inspection, three sides of a square were formed and the General addressed the parade.

He said that what had impressed him most during his visit so far was the wonderful " present arms " that had been given him which, as an old Adjutant, he had looked at with a keenly critical eye and with which he was quite unable to find fault in any way. People were inclined nowadays to say that the soldiers of to-day were not what they had been in past years, but he wanted to tell the Battalion that in his opinion the soldiers of to-day were every bit as good and, from what he knew and could see, even better than of old. He knew all the officers, most of the Warrant Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers and not a few of the men personally and could honestly say that there was not a finer lot to be found in the Army : he was proud to be their Colonel.

Continuing, General Lynden-Bell remarked on the fine turnout and good conduct of the men in town and on leave, which he, travelling as he did all over Kent, was continually noticing. It was by the conduct and turnout of the men out of barracks that a regiment was judged. He was talking to a very distinguished general officer a few days ago, he said, and could never forget one remark he heard. " I can't understand what it is, but there is something different about these Buffs of yours : I can tell a Buff a mile off." He knew that we should continue to live up to that.

In conclusion, he pledged himself to do his best for all Buffs for all time and he was very proud, he said, to have that duty, but that he would, in return, ask for the co-operation of all ranks to assist him in his work, the great and inspiring work of upholding the noble traditions of a glorious Regiment.

The General now went back to the saluting base where a small dais had been erected in front of the Regimental flag. A large gathering, chiefly composed of the ladies of the Battalion, had assembled to watch the march past and General Lynden-Bell had time, whilst the parade was being formed into column, to shake hands with most of his friends.

The Battalion then marched past, first in column, to the Regimental March and then in close column to the " Quarter Column " march, and the General took the salute.

After the parade had been dismissed a full programme was embarked upon including photographs with the Officers, Sergeants and Corporals, and a comprehensive tour of barracks, which, like all good inspections, ended up in the Sergeants' Mess. Here, the General was most interested in the presentation tankards given by our Allied Regiment, the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. He said it was a striking proof of the closeness of our bond of friendship which he was hoping to see extended to the West of Canada also by alliance with the Vancouver Regiment.

R.S.M. Vaughan made a short speech of welcome to which Sir Arthur replied, saying that he knew he could always call upon the Sergeants for support and be sure of getting it. Healths were drunk, and as time was getting on the " procession " moved up to the Officers' Mess.

General Lynden-Bell, The Honourable Lady Lynden-Bell, Miss Lynden-Bell and Lieut. Lynden-Bell were entertained to luncheon by Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Crookenden and the programme concluded with a visit to the Royal Military College to interview new candidates for the Regiment.

It must be many years since such a day as this has occurred and the visit has given a great fillip to our activities in this " mäelstrom of military machinations " known as Aldershot.

Sergeants' Mess.

Last month's notes having been sent in before the Battalion Rifle Meeting was held, I must take this opportunity of congratulating C.S.M. MacWalter on his splendid show in winning the Battalion Championship, and also Cpl. (now Sgt.) Bell and Sgt. Cronin on getting second and third places respectively. Although it appeared in last month's *Dragon*, I should like to say that the Sergeants also won the Paget Cup and beat the Officers in the Officers *v.* Sergeants' match. A jolly good show.

At the conclusion of the Rifle Meeting a N.C.O.'s Dance was held in the Marlboro' lines theatre, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

One of our oldest and best known members has left us during the month for civilian life—Sgt. Douse. A special meeting was held on the 30th to wish him good-bye. Unfortunately I have lost or mislaid the notes I took of the speeches during the meeting, and not being blessed with a very retentive memory all that I can say is that we all joined in wishing him the very best of luck in his new life. Au revoir, Mick ; don't forget your old comrades of the Sergeants' Mess.

On the 1st June the Annual Sports were held. The Sergeants' race was won by Sgt. McNulty, the second and third prizes going to Sgts. Page and C.S.M. Coaster. Actually the second and third home were C.S.M. McWalter and Sgt. Field.

In order to give every competitor a sporting chance, a number of playing cards were placed at the " winning post," each runner on his arrival taking one, and the competitor who drew the ace of Diamonds received first prize and the King of Diamonds second, the first man in of course, receiving the Cup.

An informal dance was held in the mess during the evening, and a very enjoyable time was spent by all.

On the same day we had the pleasure of welcoming into the mess, Sgt. Bell, who joined us recently from the First Battalion.

On the following day—the 2nd—the Battalion marched out to Old Dean Camp for training and I am afraid I must excuse myself by blaming camp life for the shortness of these notes.

W.A.L.

" M.G." Company.

Company Sports.

Company Sports.—These were held on May 14th and 15th, the Inter-Platoon Athletic Shield and Suppers presented by the O.C. Company, being won by No. 14 Platoon, the points obtained by each Platoon were :—

No. 14 Platoon 80 points. 1st.
No. 13 Platoon 73 points. 2nd.
No. 15 Platoon 66 points. 3rd.

From the above it will be seen that there was not much between Platoons, although the winners led from the start and never looked like being beaten. The performance of No. 14 Platoon is all the more meritorious in that last year they were a very bad last. The Sports were run on the Standard Time Basis which enabled all of us who would not otherwise have had a chance to have opportunity to gain a few points for our respective Platoons. The star performers of the various Platoons were Pte. Cowley and L/Cpl. Tracey of "13," Lieut. F. W. B. Parry and Pte. Bell of No. 14 and L/Cpl. Newell, Pte. Jordan and Pte. Frankham of No. 15. These we expect to form the nucleus of the Company Team for the Battalion Sports. Pte. Cowley won the watch presented by Lieut. Turner for the best athlete.

Major General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, and Members Sergeants' Mess, 2nd Battalion.

Battalion Rifle Meeting.

Although having very little to do with the Rifle in comparison with other Companies, we managed to put up a good show and capture a few prizes. We supplied the winning team in the Team Knock-Out Match, after tieing with a "B" Company Team. No. 14 Platoon were strongly represented in this team, with four competitors, the remaining two coming from No. 13 Platoon.

The Revolver Team Match was won by the Company Team, captained by the O.C. Company. Pte. Milne won the medal for the highest individual score with the Revolver.

Teams from No. 15 Platoon took 1st and 2nd places in the Machine Gun Sub-Section Cup, but No. 14 could not be kept out of it and captured 3rd place. L/Cpl. Newell captained the winning Sub-Section.

Guns.

Whilst on his first inspection of the Battalion as Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General Sir A. Lynden-Bell visited the Company and inspected the Guns of the Platoons. After a very minute examination, he decided the guns of No. 15 Platoon were the best.

Battalion Sports Meeting.

Perhaps the most interesting event of the past month was the Battalion Sports Meeting. The Company Team surpassed all expectations by finishing second to "C" Company. This result was obtained by good all round performances at both Running and Field Events and although only getting one first place (Putting the Shot), not one of the teams finished lower than fourth, a performance which "C" Company, the winners could not equal. The best performers of the Company Teams at the various events were Pte. Cowley—Sprint Races, Pte. Bell—Long Distance Races and Lieut. F. W. B. Parry—Field Events. Probably the most thrilling event of the day was the Inter-Company Relay, in which the Company Team finished second, Pte. Henderson, in particular, running a very plucky 440 yards.

Camp.

On Sunday, June 2nd, the Company went under canvas at Old Dean Common with the remainder of the Battalion for Training. The weather, which can make training bearable or otherwise, was not too kind at first, but has since improved and we are now busy putting out fires which the sun always brings to Old Dean, and cursing the dusty tracks. The Gunners did their bit towards helping to make the Annual Battalion Test Scheme a success.

A Rounders Competition has been held whilst we have been in Camp, No. 13 Platoon being the winners.

Note.—Rounders is a game after the style of American Base-Ball, the rules being made as the game proceeds and by the team with the strongest lungs. Girls have been known to get excited when playing this fascinating and strenuous game.

The Company Tug-of-War Team, under the guidance of Sgt. Wright, have been putting in some intensive training at Camp, assisted by the remainder of the Company on the other end of the rope.

We extend our best wishes to the Gunners of the 1st Battalion and hope to hear more of them now that they are a Company.

Congratulations to Cpl. Cribben on his promotion, also to Cpl. Crane on passing his Promotion Examination.

E.H.W.

Things we want to know.

Did Pte. Hopper find the "Stoppage Detector"?

Do L/Cpl. Tracey or Pte. Hancock recommend any particular face cream or soap for the complexion?

Who is Speedles and did he take the candle?

Did L/Cpl. Hadlow save much time by cleaning his buttons with his tunic on?

E.H.W.

Signallers.

Scheme.—(G.S., signal-night).

Orders (Past).

Information.—A night scheme *was* held some time last month—date forgotten—around area Long Valley—Pt. 242. The night being rather cold, no enemy were in sight. Boundaries :—anywhere except Barracks.

Intention (R.S.O.'s).—To instil into the section some idea of night-working and map-reading by night.

Appreciation* See below.

Method of Execution (?? need I say). Rendezvous :—The "Foresters" (outside). Assembly points :—In some cases, not quite where originally ordered.

Administration.

Transport :—Two-legged.

Ammunition :—Nil (we'd just cleaned our rifles).

Rations :—Cocoa was issued "during the night."

Baggage :—(leaving out lamps, stands, cable, D. III's and a few other things) Nil.

*Appreciation.—We very much appreciated the way our storeman carried out the duties of head cook and bottle washer, especially when he put his hand in the Dixie to see if the water was boiling (it nearly *was*).

Inter-Communication.—Position of "H.Q."—perhaps "Dirzee" could tell us after the move.

Ack.

What with people being cured by faith-healing, and a whole week's sunshine in June, there are some queer "goings on" lately. Even on Battalion Training someone actually saw "Barney" smiling.

I don't want to appear pessimistic, but that can only be either a sign of bad weather or an earthquake for sure. I've seen him grin once, but he was going on annual leave *that* day.

We played the Anti-Tanks at Basket-ball last week and sad to state that in spite of repeated cries of "Come on, the Anti-Tanks, tear 'em apart," from the referee, we won, but the score was rather uncertain.

Apart from the above "sports," there being nothing more to relate, I must close with the usual.

Agony Column (No. 2).

Will the gentleman who borrowed a bicycle pump during training, call round some time and I shall be only too pleased to present him with the bicycle to hang said pump on.

Things we want to know.

Could "baby" possibly fetch his trowell?

Are there really two signal Corporals on strength, or is one of them purely a "Leave rank."

The Band.

We must apologize for the absence of notes in last month's number, but we were just too late to catch the mail.

Well, here we are, in the midst of another Tattoo which promises to eclipse all previous shows. If the amount of work we are putting in is any criterion, it should be the best ever produced, or likely to be produced. At the time of writing we are preparing for the final rehearsal, and to-morrow brings the first of five eventful days. Our only hope is that it will keep fine.

We are sorry to lose L/Cpl. Fearon, who only joined us recently from the 1st Battalion. He is now at Liverpool and we wish him every success in his new sphere.

Congratulations to our Bandmaster, Mr. C. B. Hewitt on his well-earned decoration, the M.B.E. He certainly deserves it, for he has worked hard in his position as senior Bandmaster.

By the time these notes reach our readers, we shall have visited Bath, so our notes in the next number of *The Dragon* should be interesting.

"Father Crotchets."

The Drums.

We have been very busy just lately, getting ready for the Aldershot Searchlight Tattoo which I am sure will be one of the finest shows on record.

We have not wasted much time while the Battalion have been to camp. Our old friend Paddy saw to that, but I suppose it was for our own good, as you see a couple of our Drummers are shortly going to civilian life and weeding should come in handy.

We congratulate Pte. Burgham on being appointed Drummer. We are longing to hear how our 1st Battalion drummers are shining. I suppose they are used to the hot sun now.

All Drummers congratulate L/Cpl. Pooley on his appointment and hope one day to see him a Company-Sergeant-Major if not something higher. We congratulate Drm. Smart on his forthcoming marriage and we wish both his bride and himself every happiness. We are inclined to think the matrimonial problem is getting larger on each announcement as we have heard on the quiet that a few others of our youngsters are thinking seriously of doing the deed, and we are beginning to think it is catching.

We are expecting to lose our much-beloved Drum-Major as he is going on his Vocational Course after he has finished the Tattoo. He cannot go before as he is the Drum-Major in charge of the Massed Drums and this is the second time he has been honoured with this great responsibility.

We heartily congratulate Bandmaster C. B. Hewitt on his being awarded the M.B.E. We entered our Boys' Team in the D.C.L.I. Sports and they finished fourth after a very hard run. We hope to do much better in the Command run.

We all feel very proud on reading the report published in last month's *Dragon*, by Nobby Clarke, about our show at the Crystal Palace and we hope to be able to get up many more, including Canterbury Cricket Week in August.

Things we want to know.

We would like to know what class shot Dick will get now he is using windows and will he clean them?

Has our old soldier given up dancing and what size will his next pair of trousers be? What will happen to our old soldiers when they go?

Has Robo decided what to do yet, and if so, what is it?

Did Tom Tom profit by going to the R.E.'s dance and in what way?

Who done all the cutting at the same dance and what was Mac's biggest interest. Ask Beer.

Smot-Esy.

Employed Men's Notes.

Charity begins at home, but I must offer our congratulations to "C" Company on again winning the Athletic Shield. It was a fine performance when one comes to look at the all round standard of the Battalion, but it was not done by talking. Training unselfishly is the whole secret and I am sure that "C" would not walk away with it if other Companies followed suit.

I think we rather surprised everybody by pulling off more than our share of individual events. Felce ran well in the sprints, but lacked good support. Congratulations to Cpl. Salisbury on attaining Best Athlete at the Sports Meeting. I will not give an accouut of the races as doubtless they are elsewhere in this journal.

We were glad to see Sgt. "Jock" Emery get the coveted "Crown," and hope he will spend a happy t me in the "Wing."

"B" Company; Evelyn Wood Team during Brigade Eliminating Competition.

Rain, rain, and then some need. I say we are in camp and we think enviously of those we left behind. Who wouldn't be a Quartermaster's Stores "Wallah" or even a "Wood Destroyer." For the latter part of our camp period the weather became quite kindly and Toms emerged from his hibernation.

Wonk Woods does much to keep us alive and we shall feel lost without him. We are pleased to see a few of the "Depot R.E. Fittings" transferred to us and they *are* doing Battalion Training. I must leave this "Sunny Clime." alas, and away to the "Frozen North."

"RUNNY BOY."

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

How "Wonk" enters the Wet Canteen with 2/6, partakes of liquor refreshment and returns with 3/-?

What "Pub" Cyril passed one evening? I said passed.

Where Toms keeps his supply of morphia and if he is taking a fireman's vocational course?

Are Ned and the Boilerman brothers or is it "Mutual attraction"?

"A" Company.

We are all glad to see our Company Commander Captain R. J. Tuke, back with us from leave, and we all hope he spent a very enjoyable time. In all probability we shall read an account of it elsewhere. During his absence Captain W. B. Griffith had command, but we learn that he also is going on leave shortly.

The following have joined us during the month and we extend a hearty welcome to them and hope their stay with us will be a long and happy one. No doubt they are well aware of our motto and will do their very utmost to uphold it.—Ptes. McGann and Girling from the 1st Battalion; Ptes. Townend, Hawkins, Macey, Barman, Bishop, Hill, Pickering, Hillier, Ward, Haigh, Tucker, Loveridge, Dawkins, Langhorne, Davis, Chapman, Didymus, Burch, Bryan, Baker, Glasby and Gray, from the Depot.

Albuhera Day this year was kept up in a rather novel way, The Battalion held the Annual Rifle Meeting and we are pleased to say that "A" Company won the Company Team Shoot and after a recount it was found that we were third in the Battalion which gives us one point towards the Shield.

We congratulate Pte. Stevens on becoming Company Shot this year.

We again entered a team for the Evelyn Wood Challenge Cup, and in the Brigade Eliminating Competition we came sixth with a score of 201, 47 below the winners. We received 175 for shooting and 26 for marching, and considering that our representatives were comparatively young soldiers we did well.

The following was the team :—

2nd-Lieut. R. F. Parry, Platoon Commander; Sgt. C. McNeir, Platoon Sergeant.

No. 1 Section.	*No. 2 Section.*	*No. 3 Section.*	*No. 4 Section.*
Cpl. Gorham.	L/Sgt. Kerry.	Cpl. Vine.	Cpl. Wyles.
L/Cpl. Bowyer.	Pte. Knight.	Pte. Eley.	Pte. Hawkins.
Pte. T. Mitchell.	Pte. Brookes.	Pte. Wardle.	Pte. Spice.
Pte. Hird.	Pte. Lawson.	Pte. Barnes.	Pte. L. Mitchell.
Pte. Stevens.	Pte. Chapman.	Pte. Stuart.	Pte. Nash.
Pte. Bailey.	Pte. Austen.	Pte. Brown.	Pte. Wellard.
Pte. Aylott.	Pte. Horne.	Pte. Cathrae.	Pte. Hemsworth.

A photo of the above is being sent on with the notes and we hope the Editor can find space for it.

A very novel way has been introduced of training men and keeping them fit at Athletic Sports. Every man with less than ten years service goes through a test of running 100 yards, 220 yards, one mile, high jump, long jump and putting the shot. Each of these events has to be carried out until the individual passes, there being a standard time and distance. There have been some interesting results obtained from this and next year we hope to get even better. The Battalion Sports were held on the Command Ground, the Company getting third place, thus obtaining one more point towards the Shield. Fuller details of this will no doubt be found elsewhere.

On Sunday, June 2nd, the Battalion marched into Camp at Old Dean Common for Battalion Training, not a very hospitable place at the best of times as our chums in the 1st Battalion will already know. On Monday we held a Ceremonial Parade to celebrate H.M. The King's Birthday. We formed up with the 1st Battalion K.O.Y.L.I. under the Command of Lieut.-Colonel E. P. J. Corbally-Stourton, D.S.O., the latter's commanding officer. The Royal Salute was given, three cheers for the King and the parade dispersed, the rest of the day being regarded as a holiday. On Tuesday the Company acted as enemy in Scheme I. of the training, and to those who had not taken part in military manoeuvres before, it came as a shock when on the word "Go," the rain came down in torrents. This was a baptism for them in every sense of the word and we are still getting rain, and according to the Wireless Report are likely to for several days.

On Wednesday an outing was arranged by the Battalion Past and Present Committee to the Derby and to many it proved somewhat of a set-back, only one in the Battalion, so far as we can gather, backed the winner and he belonged to "A" Pte. Aylott was the man, but we learn that he expended his winnings on much slower animals in the succeeding races and left the course 7/6 to the good. The remainder we think, came home tired and broke.

We congratulate L/Cpl. Bowyer on passing promotion examination, Norris on receiving pay of appointment and Eley and Jolly on their appointments as Lance-Corporals. Jolly has not said whether he prefers marching to grooming.

We apologise for overlooking the fact that 2/Lieut. C. T. Kenward transferred to the Company and was posted to the command of No. 3 Platoon. We hope he will enjoy the change and stay with us for a long time to come.

During training 2/Lieut. R. F. Parry is Battalion Intelligence Officer and has Cpl. Gorham, Ptes. Knight and Bailey on his Staff. To the two latter this is quite a change from "mucko," and their chests stood out swell with pride.

We are pleased to see L/Cpl. Jones back with us again from hospital and hope that Old Dean Camp air will help him to recuperate.

Rumour has it that the C.Q.M.S. is aspiring to "Speed Laurels." On Tuesday, 4th he travelled from Blenheim Barracks to Camp in thirteen minutes, on his motor-bike and warmed it up sufficient to induce Cpl. Gorham to fall into a deep sleep.

Mr. Smith, lately Lance-Corporal in "A" Company, paid us a visit the other day. He is settled in Civil Life at a Mental Hospital and had some "exciting yarns" to pitch. Of course, exciting yarns don't come hard to Smudger. Mr. C. Fagg is also a familiar sight in his field grey uniform perched on his "bus," and his tales of fabulous tips make us all envy him. Apart from this, he still calls in the N.A.A.F.I. for a "tea and a wad."

This brings the Grenadier Company's Notes to a finish for this month, but we still welcome news from anywhere or anybody either serving or who has served with the Company.

After reading the June number of *The Dragon* and the 2nd Battalion Correspondent's Notes on Shooting, we should like to point out that he forgot to mention that during the firing in India several cases of the backsight and foresight melting have been recorded.

"MONTY."

"B" Company.

The Company Sports were held on 2nd May. We were most fortunate with the weather and had a very good day. As a result of the Inter-Platoon Competition for the Howe Shield, the following was the order of Platoons :—

1st : No. 6 Platoon ; 2nd : No. 5 Platoon ; 3rd : No. 7 Platoon ; 4th : No. 8 Platoon.

We should like to take the opportunity of thanking Mr. d'Arcy Symonds for the Cup he presented which was given for the Mile.

The following are the results of the events :—

100 YARDS.
1. 2/Lt. Reeves. 2. L/Cpl. Edwards. 3. Pte. A. Martin.

220 YARDS.
1. 2/Lt. Reeves. 2. L/Cpl. Edwards. 3. Cpl. Clinker.

440 YARDS.
1. 2/Lt. Reeves. 2. L/Cpl. Edwards. 3. Pte. W. Williams.

880 YARDS.
1. Pte. Rowe. 2. Pte. Frankham. 3. Pte. Jeffrey.

ONE MILE.
1. 2/Lt. Reeves. 2. Pte. Rowe. 3. Pte. Frankham.

HIGH JUMP.
1. Cpl. Clinker. 2. 2/Lt. Reeves. 3. Pte. Turmaine.

LONG JUMP.
1. Pte. A. Martin. 2. Cpl. Clinker. 3. 2/Lt. Reeves.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT.
1. Cpl. Parrett. 2. Pte. Maslin. 3. C.Q.M.S. Smith.

POTATO RACE.
1. Pte. Walter. 2. Pte. Squires.

INTER-PLATOON RELAY.
1. No. 6 Platoon. 2. No. 7 Platoon. 3. No. 5 Platooon. 4. No. 8 Platoon.

TUG-OF-WAR.
5 Platoon beat 6 Platoon.

Major Jackson gave two prizes, one for the best all round Athlete which was won by Cpl. Clinker with L/Cpl. Edwards a very close second. The other prize for the best young soldier was won by Pte. Frankham. Pte. Rowe was not eligible to take this prize as he had taken the d'Arcy Symonds Cup for the Mile.

Major Jackson presented the prizes at a Concert held in the Reading Room on the same evening.

We should like to congratulate Cpl. Bell on his promotion to Lance-Sergeant ; also Ptes. Frankham, Hodson, Cowell and Paramour on becoming Lance-Corporals.

The Brigade eliminating heats for the Evelyn Wood Competition have been held and although we did not quite get into the final we put up a good show and finished 7th. We all enjoyed the march very much at least the camera tells us so anyhow.

"C" Company.

Battalion training being in full swing once more we find ourselves encamped on Old Dean Common Camp.

As this camp is only about six miles from barracks, frequent calls are made in that direction, the regimental bus being very useful for this purpose.

The company is quite strong this year on training compared with last, thanks to the two recent drafts from the Depot.

At present the Battalion have held an Athletic Meeting against the K.O.Y.L.I. who are our neighbours in camp. The meeting was on the team system, which was well contested and won by the Battalion. Our Company representatives were :—Lieut. J. G. Nicholson, Pte. Clarke in the 880 yards Relay ; Cpl. Salsbury, L/Cpl. Lee in the Pole Jump ; C.S.M. Ongley, two mile relay ; Pte. Burgess, L/Cpl. Hurley, Pte. Marsh and Lewis one mile team race ; Pte. Mathews, three mile team race ; Cpl. Salsbury, High Jump ; Cpl. Salsbury, Pte. Hanson, 480 yards Hurdle Relay Race ; L/Cpl. Acott, Throwing the Hammer. These all carried out their parts well and helped the Battalion to win. The Battalion needs a few more such meetings earlier in the season.

On the 16th May the Battalion Rifle Meeting was held. This being one of the events for the Sports Shield, the Company made a strong effort to claim full points. This we were successful in accomplishing. The Company have now the distinction of being first on two and second on one occasion during the last three Battalion Rifle meetings.

We offer our thanks to all members of the rifle committee who made the meeting a great success, particularly to Lieut. J. G. Nicholson, our W.T.O. and Sgt. Baker, the S.I.M., who had to get through an enormous amount of work before the meeting, during and after it.

In view of the Battalion Sports the Company held a Company Meeting on the 24th May. The system adopted was Company Relay teams *v.* The Rest, the rest teams receiving starts. Rather generous ones, in some cases.

In the end the Company teams won by 16 points to 14 points, two points being scored for a win and one for a lose.

RESULTS.

400 YARDS RELAY (4X100 YARDS.
Rest received 16 yards start.
Company Team won by 4 yards. *Time :* 46 secs.
Company Team :—Lt. J. G. Nicholson, Lt. P. T. G. Lynden-Bell, C.Q.M.S. Burville, L/Sgt. McNulty.
Rest Team :—Cpl. Viney, Pte. Rhodes, Pte. Milne, L/Cpl. Fletcher.

HIGH JUMP.
Rest received 3 ft. 8 ins.
Rest Team won by 5 ins. Company Team, 19 ft. 9 ins. ; Rest Team, 16 ft. 6 ins.
Company Team :—C.Q.M.S. Burville, Cpl. Salsbury, Pte. Hanson, Belson.
Rest Team :—Cpl. Fry, L/Cpl. Wheeler, Pte. Town, Pte. Young.

THREE MILE TEAM RACE.
Rest won by two points.
Company Team :—Pte. Frost, 17 mins. 56 secs. ; Pte. Marsh, 17 mins. 57 secs. ; Pte. Matthews, 18 mins. 20 secs. ; Cpl. Handscomb, 18 mins. 45 secs.
Rest Team :—Pte. Cloke, start 440 yards ; Pte. Smith, Senior, Butler, 660 yards start each.

TWO MILE RELAY (4X880 yards).
Rest received 440 yards start. Rest Team won by 150 yards. *Time :* 9 mins. 9 secs. *Time :* Company Team, 9 mins. 31 secs.
Company Team :—C.S.M. Ongley, Pte. Burgess, L/Cpl. Hurley, Pte. Lewis.
Rest Team :—Pte. Belson, MacLaren, Cordell, Brigstock.

480 YARDS HURDLE RELAY.
Rest allowed low hurdles. Company Team won by ? *Time :* 1 min. 20 secs.
Company Team :—Cpl. Salsbury, L/Cpl. Lee, Pte. Hanson, L/Sgt. McNulty.
Rest Team :—Cpl. Willcox, L/Cpl. Sorrell, Pte. Gore, Pte. Corden.

LONG JUMP.
Rest received 5 feet. Company Team won by 2 ft. 8 ins. *Distance :* 66 ft. 11½ ins.
Rest, 59 ft. 3 1/2 ins. + 5 ft. = 64 ft. 3½ ins.
Company Team :—L/Cpl. Acott, Pte. Garrett, Clarke, Cpl. Handscomb.
Rest Team :—Ptes. Milne, Young, H. Smith, Brigstock.

880 YARDS RELAY (4X220 Yards).
Rest received 60 yards start. Rest team won by about 40 yards. *Time :* 1 min. 47 secs. Company team : *Time :* 1 min. 55 secs.
Company Team :—Lieut. J. G. Nicholson, Lieut. P. T. G. Lynden-Bell, Ptes. Clarke, Fox.
Rest Team :—Cpl. Viney, Pte. Rhodes, Pte. Milne, Cpl. Fry.

PUTTING THE SHOT.
Rest received 10 ft.
Won by Co pany Team. *Distance :* 103 ft. 3 ins.
Rest :—87 ft. 8 ins. + 10 ft. Total, 97 ft. 8 ins.
Company Team :—2/Lt. C. R. Tuff, L/Cpl. Acott, Pte. Church, Pte. Punnett.
Rest Team :—L/Cpl. Fletcher, Pte. Compton, Pte. King, Pte. Town.

ONE MILE TEAM.
Company Team won by 4 points.
Company Team :—Pte. Burgess, 5 mins. 4 secs. ; L/Cpl. Hurley, 5 mins. 10 secs. ; Pte. Lewis, 5 mins. 17 secs. ; C.S.M. Ongley, 5 mins. 27 secs.
Rest Team :—Ptes. Rance, MacLaren, 110 yards start each ; L/Cpl. Wheeler, Pte. Wratten, 220 yards start each.

ONE MILE RELAY (4X440 yards).
Rest Team received 110 yards start.
Won by Company Team. *Time :* 4 mins. 31 secs. Rest Team : *Time :* 4 mins. 44 secs.
Company Team :—2/Lt. C. R. Tuff, Pte. O'Connor, Pte. Church, Pte. Dowling.
Rest Team :—Pte. Cloke, Pte. Turner.

In some races the rest teams gave the company teams something to think about.

This brings us up to the time of the Evelyn Wood Competition. The names of the various commanders were given in last month's notes. The team had put in a good deal of practice so we were not greatly surprised when they tied for second place in the Brigade Preliminary round with a score of 236 points. This was two places better than last year, "C" Company being the only company of the Battalion to get into the Command Final.

This began to create rather a difficult position, for the final took place on the 31st May, a day after the Battalion Individual Sports and one day before the Battalion Relay and Team Championships. For

the benefit of those who are not quite aware of the conditions of the Evelyn Wood Competition, briefly they are these: A march of four-and-a-half miles in one hour, followed by range practices with Rifle and Light Automatics, the team being organised as a complete Platoon.

In the final of this competition "C" Company were eighth with a score of 233 points. For march discipline we obtained 28 points out of 30, only two other units in the Command obtaining more.

The Evelyn Wood Platoon :—Lieut. P. T. G. Lynden-Bell, Sgt. Carvell, L/Sgt. McNulty, L/Cpl. Fletcher, L/Cpl. Acott, Pte. King, Pte. Town, Pte. Fox, Pte. Hanson, Cpl. Fry, Pte. Marsh, Pte. Clarke, Pte. Belson, Pte. Hurley, Pte. Rance, Pte. Matthews, Cpl. Salsbury, L/Cpl. Wheeler, L/Cpl. Lee, Pte. O'Connor, Pte. Frost, Pte. Martin, Pte. Freelove, Cpl. Handscomb, Pte. Cuurch, Pte. Brigstock, Pte. Young, Pte. Rhodes, Pte. Milne, Pte. Sabin.

During the Battalion Individual Sports the Company did quite well, winning four of the events. This was accomplished by the fine performances of Cpl. Salsbury, who won the High Jump at 5 ft. 5 ins., Pole Jump and Hurdles, L/Cpl. Acott putting in a good effort by winning the Throwing the Hammer. Pte. Marsh was third in the Three Miles, Burgess third in the One Mile, L/Cpl. Lee second in the Pole Jump, C.Q.M.S. Burville, third in the High Jump with a Jump of 5 ft 1 in.

It was soon seen that we should be short of sprinters for the Relay events. We have lost many good runners since last year, but have heaps of good material coming along; they just need to be a little older and stronger to do really well. The chief point that matters is that our all-round standard was good enough to win the Athletic Sports once more, thus obtaining three more points towards the Sports Shield. Six points out of a possible six is not bad for one month. We now possess eleven points towards the Shield, the next nearest being "13" Company with seven; so we have a clear four points' lead. As the result of the sports will be published under a separate heading I do not intend to deal too deeply, although we should like to place the names of those who assisted on record in our notes.

400 YARDS RELAY (4X100 yards).
"C" Company were third in this event. 3 points.
Team :—Lieut. J. G. Nicholson, Lieut. P. T. G. Lynden-Bell, C.Q.M.S. Burville, L/Sgt. McNulty.

HIGH JUMP.
"C" Company won. *Total Height:* 19 ft. 10 ins. 5 points.
Cpl. Salsbury, 5 ft. 4 ins.; C.Q.M.S. Burbille, 5 ft. 1 in.; Pte. Hanson, 4 ft. 9 ins.; Pte. Belson, 4 ft. 8 ins.
This was a very strong company team. I doubt whether many company teams could turn out such a combination.

LONG JUMP.
"C" Company were 5th in this event. 1 point.
Team :—L/Cpl. Acott, Pte. Garrett, Clarke, Milne.
This team did not do nearly as well as was expected. Pte. Garrett and Clarke jumped quite well, Pte. Milne being a young soldier he did not rise to the occasion. L/Cpl. Acott, who has been jumping really well lately, made two no-jumps; the result being he had to be careful with the third so did not obtain his usual distance.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT.
"C" Company were second in this event. 4 points.
Team :—2/Lt. Tuff, L/Cpl. Acott, Pte. Church, Pte. Maynard.
This team did really well and just a little better than we had hoped.

THREE MILES TEAM RACE. Won by "C" Company. 5 points.
Team :—Pte. Frost, Matthews, Marsh, Cpl. Handscomb.
Another of our stronghold events. Pte. Frost ran well to finish second; Ptes. Matthews and Marsh did really well to come in 4th and 5th respectively. Cpl. Handscomb gave one of his last efforts for the Company and finished 11th. We have many more good three-milers, but were unable to find them a race.

480 YARDS HURDLE RELAY.
"C" Company won easily. 5 points.
Team :—Cpl. Salsbury, L/Cpl. Lee, Pte. Hanson, L/Sgt. McNulty.
This event was never in doubt. Cpl. Salsbury cleared his hurdles in real good style, the remainder all being quite good performers. Cpl. Salsbury ran second in the Command Trials the other day.

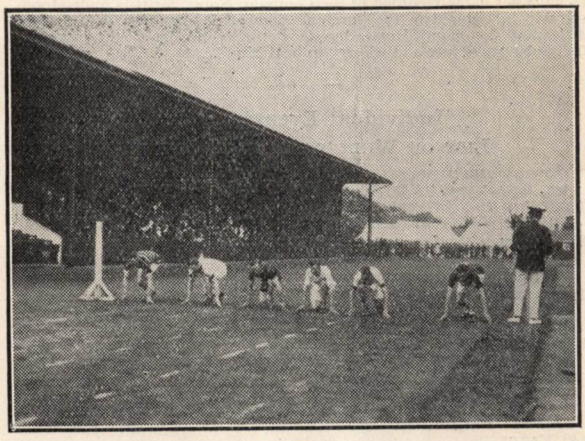
TWO MILES RELAY.
A walk-over for "C" Company. 5 points.
Team :—C.S.M. Ongley, Ptes. Burgess, Hurley and Lewis.
The race was never in doubt. Given a good lead by Taffy the Welshman, Hurley increased this by a good margin before handing over the baton to the C.S.M. At this point "A" Company had 2/Lt. R. F. Parry still in hand and "B" Company, 2/Lt. Reeves. When they were to be used to try and obtain the lead from "C" Company "B" Company decided to put 2/Lt. Reeves in, 2/Lt. R. F. Parry of "A," waiting for the last relay. Mr. Reeves made little impression on C.S.M. Ongley who maintained the lead from "B" Company and drew further away from "A." So when Pte. Burgess took over it was seen that no runner could cut down such a lead, Burgess being able to slow down in the end. A very good race.

880 YARDS RELAY (4X220 yards).
"C" Company were fourth. 2 points.
Team :—Lt. J. G. Nicholson, Lt. P. T. G. Lynden-Bell, Cpl. Riley. and Pte. Clarke.

ONE MILE RELAY (4X440 yards).
"C" Company were fourth. 2 points.
Team :—Cpl. Norris, Pte. Dowling, Pte. Inge, Pte. Belson.

ONE MILE TEAM RACE.
"C" Company won this race. 5 points.
Team :—C.S.M. Ongley, Pte. Burgess, Pte. Hurley, Pte. Lewis.
A very good race, easily won by "C" Company.

"C" Company training for Sports.



Start for Half Mile.

Some Prize-winners.

The Company had a few useful N.C.O.'s and Men away on courses; but managed to win without having to send for their assistance. We hope they are with us next year. L/Cpl. Spence, who is one of the best sprinters the Battalion has had in recent years, is still in hospital; we badly missed him.

It was noticed that one Company fetched in men from all directions, but even this was not sufficient.

It is hoped that our numerous young hands will be able to assist us next year, for these rifle companies consist of all the latest arrivals, where "H.Q." and 'M.G." Companies keep the more experienced hands.

L/Cpl. Spence has since been discharged from hospital and proceeded on leave for three weeks. We hope this leave will help him to get fit.

L/Cpl. Baker has returned from leave and commenced duty in fine style. Pte. Thirst and Pte. Alderson have been posted to the Depot for a tour of duty, Pte. Maynard rejoining the Company from the Depot.

Cpl. Norris has proceeded to civil life where we understand he intends to take an appointment at an asylum as attendant. We did not understand that he went on a course of " tiling " for the purpose of adjusting mental tiles that had become loose.

Sgt. Harvey has proceeded on a working leave and can be found at the Regimental Depot.

Congratulations to L/Cpl. Fletcher on his promotion to the rank of Corporal; to L/Cpl. New on his appointment to paid L/Cpl. L/Cpl. New is at present at Shorncliffe pending transfer to the Army Education Corps; to Pte. Hurley, Pte. Fox and O'Connor who have commenced to tread on the road that has many wrong turnings. We hope they soon obtain pay of the appointment.

The Battalion Bisley team have been in training....The Company find a good number of these, our representatives being :—Lieut. J. G. Nicholson, C.S.M. Ongley, Cpl. Fletcher, L/Cpls. Lee, O'Connor, Ptes. Town and Belson.

We understand that even the company charger (Lottie) is eager to have her name recorded in the Company Notes, for it is understood she will be entered in the Jumping Competition for her Class at the Aldershot Command Horse Show. Perhaps she has been watching Cpl. Salsbury of late and will try to beat him.

A.V.O.

Individual Events, 1929.

List of Winners in each Event.

THROWING THE DISCUS.
1st. Sgt. Payne, "A," 87 ft. 2nd. Lieut. Haggard, "24," 82 ft. 8 ins.

THROWING THE JAVELIN.
1st. Pte. King, "A," 131 ft. 2nd. Lieut. Parry, "A," 124 ft. 8 ins.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT.
1st. Bdsm. Nelthorpe, "24," 32 ft. 10 ins. 2nd. Lt. Parry, "M.G.," 31 ft. 5 ins. 3rd. Pte. Sparkes, "13," 31 ft.

THROWING THE HAMMER.
1st. L/Cpl. Acott, "C," 65 ft. 7 ins. 2nd. Lt. Parry, "M.G.," 61 ft. ½in.

100 YARDS.
1st. Pte. Baker, "13," 10 4/5 secs. 2nd. L/Cpl. Bowman, "24." 3rd. Pte. King "A."

ONE MILE.
1st. Pte. Walton, "13," 4 mins. 59 secs. 2nd. Pte. Divers, "13." 3rd. Pte. Burgess, "C."

440 YARDS.
1st. Lt. Reeves, "B," 56 2/5 secs. 2nd. L/Cpl. Bowman, "24." 3rd. Pte. King, "A."

LONG JUMP.
1st. Lt. Haggard, "24," 19 ft. 4½ ins. 2nd. L/Cpl. Reynolds, "13," 17 ft. 9 ins. 3rd. L/Cpl. Acott, "C," 17 ft. 6½ ins.

120 YARDS HURDLES.
1st. Cpl. Salsbury, "C," 17 2/5 secs. 2nd. 2/Lt. Parry, "A." 3rd. Sgt. Field, "13."

ENLISTED BOYS' RACE.
1st. Boy Spreadbury, "24." 27 3/5 secs. 2nd. Boy Epps, "24." 3rd. Boy Mayers, "24."

POLE JUMP.
1st. Cpl. Salsbury, "C," 7 ft. 6 ins. 2nd. L/Cpl. Lee, "C."

880 YARDS.
1st. 2/Lt. Parry, "A," 2 mins. 11 1/5 secs. 2nd. Pte. Walton, "13." 3rd. Pte. Bell, "M.G."

HIGH JUMP.
1st. Cpl. Salsbury, "C," 5 ft. 5 ins. 2nd. Lieut. Haggard, "24." 3rd. C.Q.M.S. Burville, "C."

THREE MILES.
1st. Pte. Walton, "13," 16 mins. 47 secs. 2nd. Pte. Divers, "13." 3rd. Pte. Marsh, "C."

220 YARDS.
1st. Pte. Baker, "13," 24 4/5 secs. 2nd. L/Cpl. Bowman, "24" 3rd. Pte. Cowley, "M.G."

POTATO RACE.
1st. L/Cpl. Tracey, "M.G." 2nd. Pte. Jones, "24." 3rd. L/Cpl. Lee, "C."

INTER-COMPANY RELAY RACE. TWO MILES.
1st. "24" Coy. :—Boy Williams, Dr. Hudson, L/Cpl. Toms, Bdsmn. Jones, L/Cpl. George, Bdsm. Vincent, Drm. Sharpe, Drm. Burgham.

INTER-COMPANY RELAY RACE. ONE MILE.
1st. "A" Coy. :—2/Lt. Parry, Cpl. Wyles, Pte. King, Pte. Taylor.

Inter-Company Relay Meeting, June 1st, 1929.

List of Winners in each Event.

1.—HIGH JUMP.
1st. "C" Coy. 2nd. "M.G." Coy. 3rd. "13" Coy. 4th. "B" Coy. 5th. "A" Coy. 6th. "24" Coy. *Height:* 19 ft. 10 ins.

2.—LONG JUMP.
1st. "24" Coy. 2nd. "B" Coy. 3rd. "13" Coy. 4th. "M.G." Coy. 5th. "C" Coy. 6th. "A" Coy. *Distance:* 68 ft. 7 ins.

3.—PUTTING THE WEIGHT.
1st. "M.G." Coy. 2nd. "C" Coy. 3rd. "A" Coy. 4th. "24" Coy. 5th. "13" Coy. 6th. "B" Coy. *Distance:* 109 ft. ½ ins.

4.—400 YARDS RELAY.
1st. "24" Coy. 2nd. "13" Coy. 3rd. "C" Coy. 4th. "M.G." Coy. 5th. "A" Coy. 6th. "B" Coy. *Time:* 44 4/5 secs.

5.—THREE MILES TEAM RACE.
1st. "C" Coy. 2nd. "13" Coy. 3rd. "M.G." Coy. 4th. "A" Coy. 5th. "24" Coy. 6th. "B" Coy. *Time:* 16 mins. 11 3/5 secs.

6.—480 YARDS. HURDLES RELAY.
1st. "C" Coy. 2nd. "A" Coy. 3rd. "M.G." Coy. 4th. "13" Coy. 5th. "B" Coy. 6th. "24" Coy.

7.—TWO MILES RELAY.
1st. "C" Coy. 2nd. "A" Coy. 3rd. "B" Coy. 4th. "M.G." Coy. 5th. "24" Coy. 6th. "13" Coy.

9.—BOOT RACE.
1st. Drm. Gosling, "24" Coy. 2nd. Drm. Banks, "24" Coy. 3rd. Boy Gardner, "24" Coy.

10.—MUSICAL PEGS.
1st. Pte. Jordan, "M.G." Coy. 2nd. Pte. Birch, "A" Coy. 3rd. Bdmn. Rawlings, "24" Coy.

11.—ONE MILE (OPEN).
1st. Cpl. Leyland. 2nd. Pte. Scarbrook. 3rd. L/Cpl. Chidgey. *Time:* 4 mins. 44 secs.

12.—880 YARDS RELAY.
1st. "A" Coy. 2nd. "M.G." Coy. 3rd. "24" Coy. 4th. "C" Coy. 5th. "13" Coy. 6th. "B" Coy.

13.—CHILDREN'S RACE. (BOYS).
1st. Charlie Osborne. 2nd. Bob Norwood. 3rd. Eric Burville.

14.—CORPORALS' 220 YARDS.
1st. Cpl. Salsbury. 2nd. Cpl. Norris. 3rd. L/Cpl. Reynolds.

15.—OPEN ONE MILE RELAY.
1st. "38" Coy. R.E. 2nd. "A" Group, R. Signals. *Time:* 3 mins. 50 1/5 secs.

16.—ONE MILE TEAM RACE.
1st. "C" Coy. 2nd. "13" Coy. 3rd. "M.G." Coy. 4th. "B" Coy. 5th. "24" Coy. 6th. "A" Coy. *Time:* 4 mins. 55 2/5 secs.

17.—CHILDREN'S RACE. (GIRLS).
1st. Hazel Lewry. 2nd. F. McWalter.

18.—AFFINITY RACE.
1st. Mrs. Wright. 2nd. Miss Goddard. 3rd. Mrs. Burville.

19.—ONE MILE RELAY.
1st. "A" Coy. 2nd. "M.G." Coy. 3rd. "24" Coy. 4th. "C" Coy. 5th. "13" Coy. 6th. "B" Coy.

20.—LADIES' EGG AND SPOON RACE.
1st. Mrs. Coaster. 2nd. Mrs. Wright. 3rd. Miss Beach.

21.—SERGEANTS' 220 YARDS.
1st. Sgt. McNulty. 2nd. C.S.M. McWalter. 3rd. Sgt. Field.

22. OLD SOLDIERS' RACE.
1st Sgt. Bell. 2nd. Pte. Laker. 3rd. Drm. Whitington.

23. ALL RANKS MEDLEY RELAY.
1st. Sergeants. 2nd. Officers.

24. BAND EVENT.
1st. Bdm. Eastbrook, The King's Own Royal Regt. 2nd. Bdm. Brown, The King's Own Royal Regt. 3rd. Bdm. Walker, The King's Own Royal Regt.

RESULT.
1st. " C " Coy. 37pts. 2nd. M.G. Coy. 32pts. 3rd. " A " Coy. 25pts. 4th. 13 Coy. 23pts. 5th. 24 Coy. 21pts. 6th. " B " Coy. 12pts.

Athletics.

On June 8th, the Battalion took on the 1st Battalion The K.O.Y.L.I. at Athletics on the R.M.C. ground at Camberley. In spite of the fact that we started very badly by losing the first four events we finished up by beating them by 31 points to 26. The following were the results :—

1. 400 YRDS. RELAY.
1st. The Buffs. 2nd. K.O.Y.L.I. 43 4/5 secs.
2. POLE JUMP.
1st. K.O.Y.L.I. 2nd. The Buffs. 16ft. 9ins.
3. THROWING THE JAVELIN.
1st. K.O.Y.L.I. 2nd. The Buffs. 238ft. 11½ ins.
4. 880 YRDS. RELAY.
1st. K.O.Y.L.I. 2nd. The Buffs. 1min. 38½secs.
5. PUTTING THE WEIGHT.
1st. The Buds. 2nd. K.O.Y.L.I. 60ft. 11ins.
6. HIGH JUMP.
1st. The Buffs. 2nd. K.O.Y.L.I. 10ft. 6ins.
7. 2 MILES RELAY.
1st. The Buffs. 2nd. K.O.Y.L.I.
8. THROWING THE HAMMER.
1st. The Buffs. 2nd. K.O.Y.L.I. Won easily.
9. 1 MILE RELAY.
1st. The Buffs. 2nd. K.O.Y.L.I. 3mins. 49secs.

10. 120 YRDS. HURDLES.
1st. The Buffs. 2nd. K.O.Y.L.I. 72 3/5 secs.
11. LONG JUMP.
1st. K.O.Y.L.I. 2nd. The Buffs. 36ft. 1in.
12. THROWING THE DISCUS.
1st. The Buffs. 2nd. K.O.Y.L.I. Won easily.
13. 1 MILE TEAM RACE.
1st. The Buffs. 2nd. K.O.Y.L.I. 4mins 56 4/5secs.

Cricket.

FIXTURES.

DATE.	OPPONENTS.	GROUND.
JULY.	Tour from the Depot, Canterbury	
Mon. 8	2nd Bn. Queen's Royal Regt. ...	—
Tues. 9	Depot, The Buffs	—
Wed. 10	Herne Bay College	—
Thur. 11	Guards Depot	—
Wed. 10	4th Field Brigade, R.A.	Away
Fri. 12	2nd Bn. The Loyal Regt. ...	Home
Wed. 17	14th/20th Hussars...	Home
Fri. 19	2nd Bn. Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry	Away
Sat. 27	2nd Bn. Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry	Home
AUG.		
Sat. 10	Wokingham (11 a.m.)	Away
Tues. 13	1st King's Own Royal Regt. ...	Home
Wed. 14	Hartley Wintney	Away
Sat. 24	Hawley	Home

RESULTS TO DATE.

2nd Battalion The Buffs v 4th Bde. R.A.
Played at Aldershot on 24th May.
RESULT : Drawn owing to rain.

4th BDE. R.A.

Edgler, c Coaster, b Nelthorpe	5
Owen, Major Jackson, b Nelthorpe	9
Van Strawbenzie, b Coaster	0
Parry, b Payne	12
Major Inberberry, b Kenwood	13
O'Conner, b Payne	0
Walters, c Payne, b Nelthorpe	6
Johnston, run out	8
Clarke, not out	11
Wass, not out	5
Downton, c Major Jackson, b Kenward	0
Extras	11
Total	80

Bowling Analysis :	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
C.S.M. Coaster ...	6·3	—	23	1
Bdmn. Nelthorpe ...	15	7	19	3
L/Sgt. Payne ...	4	—	13	2
2/Lt. Kenward ...	6	—	15	1

2nd Battalion The Buffs did not bat.

2nd Battalion The Buffs v Wokingham.
Played at Wokingham on 25th May.
RESULT : Lost by 63 runs.

2nd BN. THE BUFFS.

2nd Lt. Tuff, b Doughty	21
Cpl. Drake, b Denton	0
Cpl. Watts, b Denton	0
Lieut. Bruce, b Doughty	0
Pte. Rayment, b Doughty	0
Lieut. Parry, b Doughty	0
C.S.M. Coaster, b Doughty	2
Bdmn. Nelthorpe, b Doughty.	0
Pte. Hammond, run out	0
Bdm. Ashton, c Phipps, b Denton	2
Pte. Nye, not out	0
Extras	2
Total	27

Bowling Analysis	O.	M.	R.	W.
Doughty ...	5·1	3	7	6
Denton ...	5	2	18	3

WOKINGHAM.

Hughes Games, c Bruce, b Tuff	2
A. Knight,c Tuff,b Coaster	7
J. Shaw,lbw. Coaster	0
E. Phipps, b Nelthorpe	7
Rev. Fenn, c Ashton, b Nelthorpe	8
Rev. Goodwin, b Tuff	9
J. Webb, c Ashton, b Coaster	6
E. Kennedy, c and b Tuff	0
H. Birch, b Coaster	28
W. Denton, b Coaster	4
A. Doughty, not out	14
Extras	5
Toral	90

Bowling Analysis	O.	M.	W.	R.
Bdm. Nelthorpe	8	1	2	23
2/Lt. Tuff ...	7	2	3	19
C.S.M. Coaster	9·1	1	5	28
Pte. Hammond	2	—	—	4
Pte. Nye ...	5	2	—	11

2nd Battalion The Buffs v Cranleigh School 2nd XI.
Played at Cranleigh Common on 29th, May.
RESULT : Won by 80 runs.

2nd BN. THE BUFFS.

Major Jackson, b Greenwood.	8
2/Lt. C. R. Tuff, c Peyton, b Valentine	35
Cpl. Drake, b Valentine	17
C.Q.M.S. Burville, c Samuels, b Valentine	10
Lt. King, c Bavenstock, b Samuels	24
2/Lt. Kenward, c Samuels, b Stafford	2
Major Morgan, b Stafford	17
Lt. Bruce, not out	16
Lt. Nicholson, not out	3
C.S.M. Coaster, Pte. Hammond } Did not bat	
Extras	15
Total	147

Bowling Analysis	O.	M.	R.	W.
Stafford ...	14	3	33	2
Greenwood ...	10	—	29	1
Valentine ...	7	1	12	3
Peyton ...	8	1	30	0
Samuels ...	5	—	27	1

CRANLEIGH SCHOOL 2nd XI.

Durrant, c Coaster, b Tuff	1
Samuels, c Kenward, b Tuff..	3
Jarvis, lbw. Coaster	1
Bavenstock, b Tuff	4
Baker, c Tuff, b. Coaster..	2
Peyton, not out	35
Stafford, b Tuff	0
Dixon, b Coaster	0
Valentine, c Hammond, b Tuff	5
Vesey, c Bruce, b Kenward	5
Greenwood, b. Coaster	5
Extras	9
Total	67

Bowling Anaylsis	O.	M.	R.	W.
2/Lt. Tuff ...	18	8	22	5
C.S.M. Coaster	14	7	15	4
Pte. Hammond	3	—	20	—
2/Lt. Kenward	1	1	0	1

2nd Battalion The Buffs v No. 4 Company R.M.C.
Played at Sandhurst on 8th, June.
RESULT : Won by 80 runs.

2nd BN. THE BUFFS.

Major Jackson, run out	19
2/Lt. Tuff, c Roberts, b Reynolds	47
Cpl. Drake, c and b Reynolds	52
Cpl. Watts, c Brooks, b Fennel	7
Lt. King, not out	56
Lte. Bruce, Pte. Edwards, C.S.M. Coaster, Pte. Hammond, Pte. Kemp, Pte. Nye } Did not bat	
Extras	12
Total	193

Bowling Analysis	O.	M.	R.	W.
Reynolds ...	11·2	3	34	2
Moore ...	11	—	68	0
Darling ...	1	—	15	0
Fennel...	5	—	30	1
Brrokes ...	6	—	41	0

NO. 4 COMPANY R.M.C

B. Reynolds, b Tuff	9
H. Barnebey, b Coaster	1
K. Darling, c Kemp, b Tuff	23
A. Vivian, c Walts, b Tuff	24
A. Craig, c Bruce, b Hammond	0
H. Brooke, c Drake, b Nye	15
F. Moore, run out	16
A. Hanks, b Nye	0
T. Roberts, b Nye	0
T. Habibullah, b Coaster	8
A. Fennel, not out	6
Extras	11
Total	113

Bowling Analysis	O.	M.	R.	W.
2nd Lieut. Tuff	12	1	43	3
C.S.M. Coaster	11·3	—	42	2
Pte. Hammond	3	—	11	1
Pte. Nye ...	7	—	19	3

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DEPOT THE BUFFS *v.* ST. AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE.

St. Augustine's College.		*Depot The Buffs.*	
D. Anthony, c Tutt, b Malyon	4	Dmr. Hudson, run out	13
R. C. Doe, c Sirett, b Malyon.	7	Rct. Jackman, b Bush	21
T. Barwell, lbw, b Capt. Willows	9	L/Cpl. Sirett, c Grey, b Browning	0
E. S. Bartlett, st Penlington, b Willows	11	Lieut. Penlington, c Bartlett, b Bush	7
G. Browning, c and b Tutt	13	Capt. Willows, c and b Bush	19
R. H. Wilson, c Tutt, b Willows	14	Sgt.Tutt,c Anthony,b Browning	8
D. Grey, c Hudson, b Tutt	2	Sgt. Bailey, c Grey, b Browning	2
J. Shortt, c Malyon, b Tutt	0	Pte. Dawson, c Bush, b Browning	14
F. Bush, c Sanders, b Willows	4	Rct. Malyon, not out	9
H. Elliott, b Tutt	0	Cpl. Sanders, c Doe, b Bush	2
R. Beynan, not out	1	Sgt. Gibson, b Browning	1
Extras	7	Extras	9
Total	72	Total	105

THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Why has Lamming got all his pockets sewn up ?

Will Jock give us a demonstration on how to alight from a moving vehicle ?

Did he alter his sights ? (Ask Goddard).

Beneath Bell Harry.

IT seems strange now to think that it was only last month that we were writing about the first summer weather of the year. Since then we have experienced every possible vagary of an English summer: we were broiled at Whitsun (it was convenient of it to be warm and sunny then); we were drenched on Derby Day (that was not convenient at all); and for a fortnight or so after that it was like March again, but at the moment the weather seems to be more reasonable and quite right.

This talk of weather is not, as one might possibly have guessed, in order to fill up space (as a matter of fact we have not very much news this month)! but rather to enable our readers, especiallly those who have done a tour of duty at the Depot, to get a picture of summer in their mind's eye and to assure them, so to speak, that really everything is very much the same.

The avenue straight down the road from the gates looks as shady as ever: the trees all round the square are still their wonderful green and in front of the officers' quarters, the hedges, which so many famous Buffs in the past were instrumental in planting, have just received their summer clipping.

Suffice it only to regard the Depot in pleasant weather.

As regards recruits' squads, the Taku Forts Squad departed for the battalion, conducted by Capt. Essell, during the last month. We are now left with three, the Kimberley (Relief of) Squad having just formed.

On Thursday, 13th June, the Officers were invited to dinner by the 4th Battalion, while the latter were doing their annual training—this year, under a new scheme, in amalgamation with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at Napier Barracks, Shorncliffe Capt. Howe was already there, having been attached to the 4th Battalion during their camp as in the past two years.

This annual dinner, given in turn by the Officers of the 4th Battalion and the Depot, is always appreciated by all and this year's was no exception to being a most enjoyable evening.

On 19th June, Major Field and Lieuts. Penlington and Airy attended the Dragon Club Dinner at Claridge's Hotel.

During the month we have been very pleased to have staying here for week-ends, Major Tomlinson and Lieut. Spear, who is at present on leave in England.

Sergeants' Mess.

The members of the Mess offer their heartiest congratulations to Sgt. and Mrs. Crump on their marriage on 11th June, and wish them both the best of luck in their new life.

R.S.M. Potter, R.Q.M.S. Ings and Sgt. Gibson attended the London Branch Past and Present Association March to the Cenotaph on 26th May. There was a bumper gathering and besides paying homage to our fallen comrades they were also able and glad to meet so many old pals.

Tennis weather has at last arrived and the court is now in great demand.

A Sunday-afternoon cricket match took place between a team from the members of the mess and a team from the Post Office on 9th June, when we proved the victors by obtaining 85 runs against 62.

R.S.M. Potter once again trained the local Boy Scouts in the Torchlight Tattoo which they put on in connection with the Empire Day celebrations held on Canterbury Recreation Ground on 6th June.

Congratulations to Sgt. Tutt on passing Q.1. on his recent Course at the Chemical Warfare School, and also to Sgt. Rowe and Sgt. Adams on obtaining their 1st Class Educational Certificates, and to Sgt. Trice, Sgt. Watson and L/Sgt. Dolbear on passing in various subjects towards their certificates.

During the month we were pleased to see C.S.M. Deeks, who is home again from West Africa—this time on leave pending discharge and we sincerely hope that he strikes a good billet in civilian life.

Although reports of our Annual Sports held on 16th May appeared in last month's *Dragon*, I would like to add that, as on previous occasions, the Sergeants' Mess was placed at the disposal of these recruits whose relatives and friends came along for the day, so that every comfort the Depot could offer should be extended to them.

Hearty congratulations to Cr.-Sgt. (Q.R.S.) Shorter on his recent promotion.

We have to thank General Sir Arthur Lynden Bell for his several gifts of flowers for the Mess. We gratefully appreciate the kind thought that prompted these gifts and the beautiful flowers from our Colonel.

All members have been "trying their eye" on the range. We have had the spoon shoots for January to June. Those recently exercised in their annual weapon training have "done it" on the favoured exemptions, and left the R.S.M. to pay for two plates on the "wooden 'un," C.-Sgt. Shorter another (is it his tenth?) whilst "Dead-eyed Alfie" has walked off with all (almost) the silver ones.

We have presented Sgt. and Mrs. Crump with a small gift, in the shape of a clock, with best wishes that their double harness will prove for all time a happy time to them.

Ex-C.Q.M.S. Lane, late 1st Battalion, is in business in Canterbury and supplying the Sergeants' Mess with necessaries for the "inner man" (messing). His work in civvie street is like his army work, the best, and the dining members are more than satisfied with what he is doing for them.

Captain Birrell, M.C. paid the mess a visit last Sunday bringing with him "one Thomas Wheatley." in connection with a visit to Canterbury of the British Legion in July next. It is nice to see that they are looking so fit and prosperous.

Corporals' Mess.

Corporals! Art, Literature, Drama, Comedy and Adventure are all within your grasp.

According to a recent advertisement in a well-known local paper, a good home is offered for all species of books (bound or otherwise). Apply—Corporals' Mess, Buffs Depot.

We have added another "shelf" to our rapidly increasing stock of learning, *i.e.*, that is to say, namely, *viz.*: one bookcase, dimensions as yet unknown. No one has explored its inner depths, we are waiting for a pioneer of the "Book World."

Having "fired" our Annual Weapon Training Course, I think we can all breathe freely once more, especially as the leave period is just about to commence.

I might say that by the time these notes are in print, it will be in full swing.

One of our happy family is already on furlough, L/Cpl. Drury, who recently recovered so rapidly from a severe illness is having a rest in order to restore the roses to his " chubby " cheeks.

We learn that a certain pugnacious person of the opposite sex has changed her affections. Is this true ? If so she might be engaged for training our next boxing team.

Four of the Mess " rigged up " a relay team and entered for the " Open Mile Relay " at the Kent County Constabulary Sports at Folkestone, on June 12th. Out of a field of fourteen they came in fifth.

On June 13th they ran again at the Air Force Sports at Manston with practically the same opposition, and came fourth. A really good effort considering that it was their first time out.

Tennis is also one of the chief features of these long light evenings. Most of our members congregate round the net, even if only to admire the marking of the court. Anyhow, with our present talent we should " tune " all comers.

Trained Men's Notes.

With deep regret we have to inform Bill Bailey of "C" Company, 2nd Battalion The Bufis, that his beloved friend, the Depot Mule, passed away at 11.30 on the morning of the 11th June, 1929, by a bullet from the R.S.M.'s revolver.

The execution was witnessed by a Blood-Thirsty crowd such as Sgt. (Acting C.S.M.) A. Gibson, C/Sgt. (O.R.S.) H. B. Shorter and Drummer The Rt. Hon. Simpson, better known as Jock.

No doubt Bill Bailey will remember the weary miles they tramped together around THE HOLY GROUND. We all offer our deepest sympathy to Bill and hope he will soon recover from this sudden shock.

Two of our best pals have rejoined the Battalion. Bill Maynard has gone to "C" Company and at present is employed as company storeman at Old Dean Common Camp ; Bersey has been posted to "B" Company and is also at Camp. We wish them the best of luck and will be very glad to see them if they ever come this way.

Privates Alderson, Turner and Thirst have made the numbers up and we all welcome them to their new home ; the latter has only just come back from the " hot country."

Cohen has left us for " Civvy Life " and we all wish him the best of luck and hope he will soon obtain employment ; perhaps Cohen will retire and live on his means—who knows.

The Trained Men's Room has been opened. We are all getting our eyes down as far as Darts go. We shall soon be starting a Dart Team ; we could pick an almost unbeatable team for we all get enough practice.

I have been told that the Battalion will be coming down to Canterbury for a day in August so we are looking forward for a real good day.

As I write these notes, the Trained Men seem to be in a very sad mood. From all corners of the Depot (one corner here) one hears nothing but moans and groans and one wonders why all this sudden gloom.

Somebody looked up the road one afternoon and saw a party of men marching to Barracks. On a closer view he saw that it was Trained Men and by the look on Jock's face and two or three others, he at once knew that they had been firing their annual course.

HAGG.

Cricket.

We have played three matches up to date. Littlebourne was our first victory. Lefevres' played us on a very bad pitch and managed to beat us. The next match was at Deal with the Trained Men of the Royal Marines. This match ended in an easy victory for us. We are now waiting for the Corporals to challenge us.

The following matches have been played since the last report :—

DEPOT THE BUFFS *v.* KENNINGTON.

June 26th, 1929.

Kennington.		*Depot The Buffs.*	
Mr. Clarabut, b Malyon	22	N. Tutt, c Raven, b Ruck	7
Mr. Rummens, b V. Tutt	0	L/Cpl. Sirett, b Ruck	0
Mr. Ruck, run out	2	Rct. Jackman, b Boorman	9
Mr. Boorman, c Tutt, b Malyon	2	W. Tutt, lbw, b Holbrook	9
Mr. Knight, c Styles, b V. Tutt	45	Sgt. Tutt, b Head	22
Mr. H. Holbrook, b W. Tutt	8	Pte. Styles, b Ruck	7
Mr. Tripp, lbw, b V. Tutt	4	L/Sgt. Bailey, b Boorman	26
Mr. Head, c Styles, b V. Tutt	12	Pte. Bryan, c T. Holbrook, b Ruck	1
Mr. Raven, c and b V. Tutt	0	Sgt. Rowe, b Ruck	0
Mr. T. Holbrook, not out	1	L/Sgt. Dolbear, b Ruck	0
Extras	6	Rct. Malyon, not out	8
		Extras	8
Total	110	**Total**	89

4th Battalion.

ONCE again our Annual Camp is over. Everyone will, I think, join me in saying this year's training with a Regular unit has been an unqualified success. Our hosts, the 1st Battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, did more than their share to make our Camp a thoroughly enjoyable one, and coupled with the way in which all ranks of the 4th Battalion played the game, success was bound to result.

Our attendance showed a slight increase on last year, bringing our numbers who came to Camp to 537. Of these 400 remained in Camp for the whole period. The percentage attendance on establishment was 8·44. All Companies are to be congratulated on the efforts they made to get leave from employers to attend Camp.

Our only grouse during Camp was the weather, which was not kind for the first week, rain being registered on nearly every day. However, the sun came out eventually and dried our rheumatic limbs and wet clothes. Our great day, June 8th, which was to have been marked by a special parade for our Colonel's visit, and by a cricket match versus the Argylls, was ruined by rain. A special report by our War Correspondent, Captain Howe, who came to Camp with us, deals very fully with the occasion, and I will not attempt to add to it.

The cricket match was eventually played off on Monday, 10th. Our team lost by four wickets. The Argylls produced a good regimental side who always played together, whilst our team, till we arrived on the ground, remained somewhat unknown quality, as it is a difficult problem to choose a side from 500 humans who only collect for one fortnight in the year.

During Camp we became the object of much general attention. Brass hats from every inch of England, and even Ireland, came in their crowds to see us, and ask innumerable questions. Let us hope their edification was complete.

Our Brigade Commander, Colonel Braine, attended two special Battalion parades and said many kind things about us.

This year the Harris Shield has again changed hands and gone to "B" Company. Our heartiest congratulations to Major Dean and his Company, as they fully deserve their success. Going on to next year the Shield should move to "D" Company as it seems to

move in rotation. However, we shall see, as we understand Major Dean has already taken out a five year's insurance policy for it.

The Drums appeared in their full dress for the first time. Drum-Major Tripp and his men deserve every congratulation on their performances. They played retreat twice in Camp, and once before a large and enthusiastic audience on the Leas at Folkestone. They are playing retreat at Dover six times during the summer on the front.

I know the Editor will not want *The Dragon* to be completely filled with more of my notes, so I will conclude by expressing a special request to all ranks of the 4th Battalion—Buy more *Dragons* and become a regular suscriber. The Editor is making this issue a special feature for the 4th Battalion, and giving us a pictorial supplement. Let us thank the Regiment, through the Editor, by increasing its sales to us in the future.

J.R.W.

Visit of General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G. to 4th Battalion The Buffs.

On Saturday, 8th June, General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., paid his first official visit to the Battalion as Colonel of the Regiment.

During the time the Battalion has been in camp for the annual training the greatest advantage has been taken of the opportunities to carry out " field " training and it has been, therefore, quite impossible to do very much in the way of Ceremonial Drill.

However, early on Saturday morning, the Battalion paraded to practice the reception which they intended to give to the Colonel.

The general appearance of the Battalion on parade, the steadiness of the men in the ranks and the execution of the rifle movements backed up by the splendid Corps of Drums left little to be desired while the marching of the Companies and their " eyes left " as they practiced the final salute gave the impression that the Battalion was well accustomed to Ceremonial Drill.

It was, therefore, the greatest disappointment to all ranks when the clouds, which had been moving slowly from the direction of the sea during the early hours of the morning, turned into a driving sleet with occasional heavy showers of rain. Up to the last moment it was hoped that the weather would clear sufficiently to enable the parade to be held as arranged.

In spite of a long motor drive the Colonel of the Regiment arrived within a few minutes of the stated time and was received by Colonel E. B. Burns and the officers in the Officers' Mess. Even then the hour of parade was postponed until the latest possible moment, but as the weather showed no signs of clearing, Colonel Burns reluctantly ordered the Battalion to assemble in the Drill Shed.

The ranks were so arranged that the Colonel was able to walk freely round the whole Battalion. In doing so he spoke to a number of N.C.O.'s and men. The Drums looked extremely smart in their new full dress which General Lynden-Bell had so greatly helped to obtain for the Battalion.

On completion of the inspection the Colonel went on to the platform and presented Territorial efficiency medals to the following N.C.O.'s :—

Pte. Thompson, "D" Coy.; Cpl. Roberts, "B" Coy.; Pte. Scott, "A" Coy.; Pte. Comfort, "C" Coy.

As the Troops had already been on parade for some time the Colonel only made a short speech. In it he expressed his entire satisfaction of all he had seen and reminded all ranks that, although they were members of the 4th Battalion, they were no less as much Buffs as their comrades in the Regular Battalion. Whether they were out for training or working at their various forms of employment, the good name of the Regiment is always in their safe keeping.

Later the Colonel asked the Commanding Officer to publish a special Order of the Day to further express his pleasure at the reception he had received although he said that no words of his could adequately express his pride in the Battalion. His simple expression " A good Battalion well commanded " was sufficient to show us all what he really thought.

It was a happy coincidence that the Battalion should have been ordered to train with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders for the latter and our Regiment have always been close friends.

The Colonel told of an incident which happened many years ago. When the 2nd Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders were ordered to the Tochi Valley Expedition in 1897 they were two officers short and applied to the Buffs for two officers to fill their places. The two officers sent were Lieut. (now Colonel) W. H. Trevor and Capt. (now Colonel) F. Bradley-Dyne. They had, needless to say, a very happy time and became so thoroughly Scotch that the Highlanders threatened to invent a Trevor Tartan whilst the name Dyne was discovered to be the English equivalent of "The MacBradley ! "

Although the weather cleared during the afternoon it was not possible to play a cricket match which had been arranged while only a few of the large number of guests who had been invited to tea on the cricket ground were bold enough to face the uncertain conditions. However, an enjoyable afternoon was spent and afforded an opportunity for many old friends to meet and for others to make new friends. The Drums of the Battalion and the Band of the 91st played selections during the afternoon which were greatly appreciated.

Harris Shield Competition, 1929.

Events.	*Possible Points.*	*Points Obtained.* A.	B.	C.	D.
Football	8–6–3–3	3	7	3	7
Relay Race ...	4–3–2–1	3	4	2	1
Tug-of-War ...	4–3–1½–1½	1½	3	4	1½
Drill Competition	8–6–4–2	8	6	2	4
L.Gun Competition	4–3–2–1	3	4	2	1
Guard Mounting ...	4–3–2–1	4	1	2	3
Camp Attendance	4–3–2–1	1	4	3	2
		23½	29	18	19½

"B" Company.

No. 5 Platoon.

This month No. 5 Platoon notes will be rather brief, as we are somewhat pressed for time, but no doubt the doings of the whole Company will be recorded by " The Busy Bee."

We would like to congratulate Mr. Mount on the birth of a son and we hope that he will grow to be as good a " Buff " as his father is to-day.

The Miniature Range Competition Team thoroughly enjoyed the excellent dinner given them by Mr. Mount and they hope that they will deserve (and obtain) a similar dinner next year.

The Cup was presented by the O.C. Brigade on Sunday, 8th, after Church Parade. The Cup is a very fine one, so fine that we think it should have been filled (and emptied) on the spot.

The Platoon has thoroughly enjoyed its annual training and we think that the friendliness on the 1st Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders will long be a happy memory for all members of the 4th Battalion.

Blinder and Dusty.

It's like this 'ere Nobby" said Blinder, "The 'istry of the regiment is all wrong—absolutely wrong: besides it aint full enough of the things me and you wants to know. If it told us more about them Trained Bands and that sort of thing, me and you 'ud know summit—but it don't." Blinder took a swipe of his beer wiped his mouth and stared at Nobby for a reply.

"I agrees wiv every word yer says" answered Nobby "And 'ow the 'ell they formed a regiment out of a lot of wind jammers licks me it does."

"So it do me" interjected Sailor Cooper.

"Just you keep yer blinkering trap shut for 'alf a minute and listen to what Nobby 'as to say" spoke Blinder "Yer're always a shoving yer nose in where it aint wanted." At that moment Sailor picked up Blinder's can of beer and was just going to blow off the froth when Blinder yelled "What are yer doing? Just yer keep yer 'I suppose' out of that 'Pig's ear' or yer won't 'ave one on yer Jem Mace at all."

"Well it was like this" said Nobby "I don't understand as 'ow Queen Elizabeth formed the Buffs out of a lot of trained bandsmen."

"I'll tell yer" said Blinder "The Queen was 'ard up——— "

"What, a blooming Queen 'ard up?" interjected Sailor again. "Don't believe yer."

"I means 'ard up for an army—not money yer silly ass" retorted Blinder in a manner which meant trouble. "so she called for all the Bandmasters' oose bands 'ad the on-er of playing of music outside the Palace and in Hyde Park—they was called the trained bands 'cause they 'ad proper instruments to play wiv and ordered them to 'ave all their bands on parade for 'er inspection. Oh, she was strict, and when one bloke accidently blew a note on 'is bassoon the Queen said "What's that?" and when she was told, she 'ad 'is 'ead chopped orf."

"Well the 'istry don't say anyfink about that-do it?" spoke Spud.

"No, of course it don't" replied Blinder. "It's all 'padded' to make it look summit real."

"Like old Nobby" said Lackery Wood. "No one 'ud take 'im for a soldier wiv 'is coat off a swinging bottles—yer'e looks a real-un wiv 'is coat on."

"What's a matter wiv you funny face" retorted Nobby. "I can stick a bloke wiv a bayonet or get a blooming Bull's eye just a well wiv me coat on or if I 'ad it orf, and I've told many a Guardsman that before to-day, Lummie never yer come down Brixton when yer time's in."

"If you blokes want to 'ear summit about the 'istry of the regiment just keep yer flappers open and yer mouse traps shut, as I was a saying" said Blinder. "The Queen got all 'er trained bands together and formed them into a regiment and told 'em they'd 'ave to go to war; those blokes that objected because they was married and 'ad kids—some 'ow seemed to loose their 'eads."

"Like the chap which blew the inside out of the old Bassoon" chipped in Nobby.

"Never yer mind about that, just listen to what I says—they seemed to lose their 'eads and when the row was all over, the Queen said she was a going to rig 'em out, so she sent for Archibald and—."

"Archibald! oose Archibald?'' asked Donkey who appeared deeply interested.

"What—don't know Archibald" answered Blinder. "That's what the 'istry don't tell yer. Why Archibald was the Masterum Tailorman of the 'Honorablitum Artillerium Companium' otherwise now known as the 'Onerabull Artillery Company' of Finsbury Square.

"Well—my gawd—what a name to give 'em" said Donkey.

"Yus" answered Blinder, "that was 'Latin' in them days."

"Oh yus— I know all about that" answered Donkey. "What I wants to know is what were they doing to 'ave blokes wiv a name like that?"

"That's what the 'istry don't tell yer" answered Blinder. "They was a lot of trained bands like we was, but the Queen made 'em into a Liability Company to make guns for the Buffs. Yer see, they was 'liable for anything they did, and my word—they did do summit I can tell yer and that's why the Buffs and them are such pals for over three 'undred and sixty years."

"Well tell us 'ow we got the name of "Buffs" enquired Snowball.

"Easy" answered Blinder. "Fust of all, she 'ad to rig the regiment out wiv clobber 'as I said, and the Masterum Taliorum being a clever bloke said the ammunition ought to be carried in Muffs to keep it warm in case it froze the powder on a cold day, and the Queen agreed wiv 'im. When the boys appeared on parade outside the 'Cock and 'en' in Fleet Street, all dressed up in their blood red tunics and Buff coloured breeches it gave the Queen an idea—

"She marched 'em up and down the Strand"

"Yelling Bravo! yer do look grand."

"She inspected their clobber and stroked their Muffs,

"And says I've got it—I'll call yer Buffs."

"I fort it was summit like that" said Nobby.

J. E.

The Regimental Gazette.

Officers.

REGULAR ARMY.

Lieut. H. F. G. d'A. Symonds is restored to the establishment. (May 11th).

Colonel (temp. Brigadier) C. L. Porter, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., on attaining the age for compulsory retirement, retires on ret. pay (June 4th), and is granted the hon. rank of Brig.-Gen.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Lieut.-Colonel R. E. Power, D.S.O., having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers. (May 22nd).

The 1st Battalion.

TRANSFERS.

1419020 Pte. R. Gardner, "H.Q.," transferred to 13th Heavy Battery R.A. w.e.f. 17–4–29 under para. 302 (iii) King's Regulations, 1928. Proceeded en route to Manora Sind, to join that Unit on17–4–29.

MOVES.

6278449 Sgt. R. Parks, "H.Q.," proceeded to University Training College, Allahabad as an Instructor on 18–4–29.

COURSES.

6279246 Sgt. G. Brophy, "H.Q.," attended 1st Qualifying Course, 1929, at Ahmednagar Wing, Small Arms School (India) from 26–1–29 to 6–4–29. Result:—Qualified in Machine Gun and Range Taking. (Authy: School Certificate dated 15–4–29).

6282930 Pte. W. Nadin, "A," attended 2nd British Cooks' Course at the Army School of Cookery for India, Poona from 4–3–29 to 13–4–29. Result:—Good.

6281522 L/Cpl. C. Webb, "D," attended 1st Combined Course (British and Special Wings) 1929 at Army School of Education, Belgaum from 3–1–29 to 2–4–29. Result:—Passed.

CONTINUANCE IN THE SERVICE BEYOND 21 YEARS.

6278095 R.S.M. H. Martin, "H.Q.," permitted to continue in the service beyond 21 years for a further priod of 1 year up to 10–10–30.

7808127 C.S.M. G. Mould, "D," permitted to continue in the service beyond 21 years for a further period of 1 year up to 27–1–31. (Authy: Records No. C/157 dated 9–4–29).

APPOINTMENTS.

6282211 Ptes. H. Trimm, "H.Q.," 6282630 F. Brabon, "H.Q." and 6282012 J. Mellish, "H.Q.," appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporals, w.e.f. 1–3–29. (Authy: 8th (Bareilly) Infantry Brigade No. 0342/19/A dated 4–1–28).

6282509 L/Cpl. B. Franklin, "C," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal vice Edwards, w.e.f. 9–2–29.

6281525 L/Cpl. T. Cable, "C," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal vice Fletcher, w.e.f. 9–2–29.

6282194 L/Cpl. W. Birch, "H.Q.," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal vice Newell, w.e.f. 9–2–29.

6282987 L/Cpl. J. Taylor, "B," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal vice Smith w.e.f. 17–2–29.
5987926 L/Cpl. L. Edwards, "B," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal vice Patterson, w.e.f. 7–4–29.
6283162 L/Cpl. J. Hogben, "D," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal vice Ingram, w.e.f. 7–4–29.
6282934 L/Cpl. R. Johnson, "D," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal vice Crouch, w.e.f. 7–4–29.
6282696 L/Cpl. E. Ashmore, "D," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal vice Cribben, w.e.f. 7–4–29.
6283498 L/Cpl. J. Campbell, "D," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal vice Bowers, w.e.f. 18–4–29.
759896 L/Cpl. J. Griggs, "C," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal to complete Establishment, w.e.f. 18–4–29.
6283219 L/Cpl. A. Tolhurst, "C," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal to complete Establishment, w.e.f. 19–4–29.
6282078 L/Cpl. Turner-Leadbeatter, "H.Q.," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal to complete Establishment, w.e.f. 19–4–29.

EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE.

6280333 L/Cpls. A. Priday, "A," 6281659 H. Breward, "B," 6280239 W. Hopkins, "H.Q.," extended their terms of service to complete 12 years with the Colours, 9–4–29. (Authority Records No. C/158 dated 9–4–29).
6281577 Cpl. A. Bartlett, "D," 6281362 Pte. F. Phillipson, "D," 7144667 Pte. R. Crowhurst, "A," 6281792 Pte. W. Hoye 'B," extended their terms of service to complete 12 years with the Colours, 16–4–29). (Authy. :—Records No. C/363 dated 16–4–29).

TRADE TESTS.

6282942 Pte. F. Cherry, "H.Q.," passed Trade Test as Bricklayer, Group "B," Class 2, at Bareilly, 2–4–29. (Authy. :—A.F.B. 197, dated 2–4–29).
6281629 Pte. P. Martin, "H.Q.," passed Trade Test as Carpenter and Joiner Group "B," Class 2, at Bareilly, 2–4–29. (Auth : A.F.B. 197 dated 2–4–29).
6282415 Pte. F. Lavender, "H.Q.," passed Trade Test as Painter and Decorator Group "C," Class 2, at Bareilly, 2–4–29. (Auth : A.F.B. 197 dated 2–4–29).

The 2nd Battalion.

RECRUIT—BOY.

Boy W. J. Cowley, attested 21–5–29 for 1st Battalion The Buffs for 12 years (9 years Colours and 3 years Reserve) as from date of attaining 18 years of age, *i.e.*, 30–7–1932.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

6278181 C.S.M. A. Tong, "H.Q.," appointed R.Q.M.S., 18–5–29.
6278509 Sgt. G. Emery, "H.Q.," promoted W.O. Class II. and appointed C.S.M., 18–5–29.
6279434 Cr.-Sgt. W. Stewart, promoted Warrant Officer, Class II. 18–5–1929.
The undermentioned of Companies shewn, appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporals, 31–5–29 :—
6281192 Pte. W. Eley, "B," 6282547 Pte. F. Taylor, "A," 6283739 Pte. G. Frankham, "B," 6283776 Pte. R. Fox, "C," 6283766 Pte. P. O'Connor, "C," 6283817 Pte. G. Hodgson, "B," 6283487 Pte. W. Jolley, "A," 6283126 Pte. E. Pooley, "H.Q.," 6283742 Pte. T. Hurley, "C," 6283799 Pte. W. Paramour, "B," 6283814 Pte. C. Cowell, "B."
6279583 L/Sgt. W. Willing, "M.G.," promoted Sergeant, 2–6–29.
6279642 Cpl. H. Bell, "B," appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant, 2–6–29.
6279910 L/Cpl. E. Fletcher, "C," promoted Corporal, 2–6–29.
6278616 L/Cpl. H. Fearon, "H.Q.," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 23–5–29.
6283719 L/Cpl. K. New, "C," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 24–5–29.
4605249 L/Cpl. F. George, "H.Q.," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 2–6–29.

TRANSFER TO THE ARMY RESERVE.

6281621 Pte. W. Caless (1st Bn. The Buffs), attached "A," transferred to Army Reserve, 15–5–29 under K.R. 369 (i).
6281285 Pte. H. Elvy, (1st Bn. The Buffs), attached "A" transferred to Army Reserve 19–5–29 under K.R. 369 (i).
6280338 L/Cpl. A. Cadman (1st Bn. The Buffs), "A," transferred to Army Reserve, 21–5–29 under K.R. 369 (i).
1665230 L/Cpl. W. Parsons, "A," transferred to Army Reserve, 22–5–29 under K.R. 369 (i).
6281631 L/Cpl. A. Smith, "A," transferred to Army Reserve, 23–5 29 under K.R. 369 (i).

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The Warrior's Chapel.

Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell will hand to the Dean on Sunday, August 18th, the balance of the subscriptions received towards the above fund, which at time of going to press, amounts to £34 4s. 0d. It is sincerely hoped that this balance may be increased to £50 by the above date.

Donations should be sent as soon as possible to the Secretary of the Past and Present Association the Buffs, The Depot, Canterbury.

Personalia.

The Colonel of the Regiment has consented to be present at the Annual Memorial Service at Rolvenden Church, on Sunday, August 4th, and to inspect the Ex-Service Men after the Service.

On the War Memorial at Rolvenden are the names of forty-nine Buffs who gave their lives in the Great War, and practically the whole of the Ex-Service Men in the village are old Buffs.

Sir Arthur has sent the hearty thanks of the Regiment to Captain Foster Hall for the admirable "Short History of the Buffs" which he has written, and to Major F. W. Tomlinson for his hard work in arranging for its publication and the illustrations.

The History, though short, gives in a most clear and readable form the salient points of our Regimental History. The price of the book is 1/- (retail). It is hoped that every serving Buff will consider it a necessary part of his equipment, and that every retired Buff will order a copy as a memento of his Colour Service.

Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, Major Field and Captain Howe represented the Regiment at the Garden Party given by Mr. Copley Hewett, the High Sheriff of Kent, on July 11th at the Friars, Aylesford, near Maidstone.

Canterbury Cricket Week, which commences to-morrow, promises to be, as usual, a big success.

So far as the Regiment is concerned the arrangements on the Ground will be the same as last year.

All will regret the unavoidable absence of the following:—Brigadier-General E. H. Finch-Hatton; Brigadier J. Kennedy; Colonel Sir Courtenay Vyvyan (who writes wishing us "a very happy gathering"); Colonel J. Body; Colonel W. H. Trevor (who has just arrived home); and Major W. H. Booth.

The Old Stagers are the guests of the C.C.W. Club on Wednesday, August 7th; the Secretary would be glad if those members wishing to join this luncheon would "warn in" as soon as possible.

We hear that Miss Vera Lynden-Bell has accepted an invitation from the Old Stagers to dance in the Epilogue.

With reference to the Memorial Service on Sunday, August 18th (parade 11 a.m.), the Colonel of the Regiment hopes that if possible all Regular retired officers will wear service dress, decorations and medals.

At the East Kent Assizes the following Buffs were summoned on the Grand Jury:—Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, Colonel J. Body, Captain Dampier Palmer, Captain J. E. Monins and the Hon. A. C. James.

Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Hedges, President Old Comrades Association of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, visited the Depot during January and subsequently sent a beautiful wreath from his Regiment to be placed on the War Memorial in the Warriors' Chapel, (*see* page 277 and 279).

We thank Major Norman Hart very much indeed for his most interesting article on Tiger Shooting which appears in this number.

Major C. S. Field and the officers of the Depot entertained the Dean of Canterbury to luncheon on July 9th.

Major C. D. K. Greenway, looking very well and as young as ever, has recently been staying with Major Eric Norman at Wickham.

Major F. W. Tomlinson has purchased a cottage at Sandwich ; no doubt the Secretary of the Regimental Golfing Society will make a note of this in his handicap book.

We congratulate Captain Foster Hall on his appointment to the General Staff at the War Office, which he takes up at the end of the year. His appointment is officially known as "G.S.O 3 in S.D.3(A)." This section of the Staff Duties Directorate deals with all matters connected with the R.M.C., Sandhurst, and the R.M.A., Woolwich.

Captain N. D. Rice writes from Kano, under date June 23rd, where he is temporarily in command of the 2nd Battalion, Nigerian Rifles. Apparently Kano is a hot place, especially in April and May. Included in Captain Rice's latest acquisitions are two new polo ponies, a race horse and a new model Ford car, (we wonder which can travel fastest).

Captain Rice gives us news of Lieutenants Lister and Cartwright (at Kaduna) ; Sergeant W. A. Stewart and Sergeant Ward.

Captain Enright made a remarkably interesting speech at the meeting of the Ashford Branch on the 13th July. The subject was " My ideal of what a Branch of the Past and Present should be." We hope he will send us a summary of his speech.

We congratulate Lieutenant F. W. B. Parry on his engagement to Miss Brenda Murphy, elder daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Murphy, of Walton House, Canterbury.

The wedding of Mr. E. A. Airy and Miss Enid Burnside, which took place in Canterbury Cathedral on July 6th, was not only an exceptionally pretty ceremony, but was very largely attended.

The bride looked charming, as also the bridesmaids and little train-bearers.

We have to thank the *Kent Herald* for the loan of the block of the wedding group, which we reproduce on page 251.

Amongst Buffs present we noticed Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, Brigadier-General R. MacDouall, Colonel H. Findlay, Major Guy Lee, Major C. S. Field, Captain H. Stronge, Captain Howe, Captain Essell and numerous subalterns from the 2nd Battalion and the Depot.

Lieut. F. W. B. Parry acted as best-man.

The marriage of Mr. W. R. Findlay and Miss Winifred Saunders took place at All Saints' Church, Fulham, on 27th ultimo.

The reception was held at Fulham Palace. Many Buffs will join us in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Findlay every happiness.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. W. H. Cooke, which occurred at Whitstable on Wednesday, July 17th.

Mr. Cooke proceeded from Aldershot to the South African War with the 2nd Battalion Mounted Infantry ; subsequently became Sergeant-Major at the Depot.

Mr. Cooke was 64 at the time of his death. To his three daughters we offer our sincere sympathy.

We congratulate Mr. Mills, until recently Officers' Mess cook at the Depot, on having been appointed Steward to the Canterbury Golf Club.

Mr. J. A. Broad, late 5th Battalion, has permanent employment in the hosiery department at the Army and Navy Stores.

Mr. R. Marks (Inspector Hong Kong Police) sends good wishes.

Through pressure of work Captain J. Enright has been unable to send in " Mrs. Smithers " this month.

We congratulate C.S.M. Lucas, Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, on the highest individual score in the Kolapore Cup at Bisley. His team (Canada) regained the Cup.

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Peacock is out of hospital and back again with the London Branch. We also hear that Mr. Harry Burt, who is in Ward 29, Gallery 3, Brompton Hospital, London, is making steady progress, which we hope will continue.

A bunch of "White Heather," sent to the London Branch meeting by the Colonel of the Regiment, realised the splendid sum of £1 2s. 7d when raffled. Mr. Waby, D.C.M., M.M., was responsible for this great success.

Major James, Captains Enright and Smith visited the Ashford Branch last month. I hear the Chairman of the London Branch has already introduced one or two things he noticed carried out at Ashford, which proves the advantage of inter-Branch visiting.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Wood on the birth of a daughter—the first in the London Branch Ladies' Guild.

We congratulate Major C. Gregory-Hood, on gaining second prize for the best couple of hounds at the recent puppy show of the Warwickshire Hunt.

The Honourable Lady Lynden-Bell presided at the General Meeting and election of officers of the Ladies' Guild, held in London on the 13th ultimo.

We thank Mr. P. Minter, C.B.E., of Platt, near Sevenoaks, for so kindly placing his meadow once again at our disposal. Notwithstanding the weather, a very happy picnic was the result.

Births.

Mass.—6279514 Sgt. J. Mass, "B," a son, Donald Edward, born at Aldershot, 17/6/29.

Nye.—6282332 Pte. F. Nye, 'H.Q.,' a daughter, Gladys Winifred, born at Farnborough, 24/6/29.

Wood.—To Mr. and Mrs. Wood, late 7th Battalion, The Buffs, the gift of a daughter, Vera Edna.

Marriage.

Crump—Pegden.—6278747 Sgt. T. Crump, married at St. Peter's Church, Bridge, 11/6/29 to Elsie Gertrude May Pegden.

The wedding of Mr. E. A. Airy and Miss Enid Burnside.

Battles of the Buffs.

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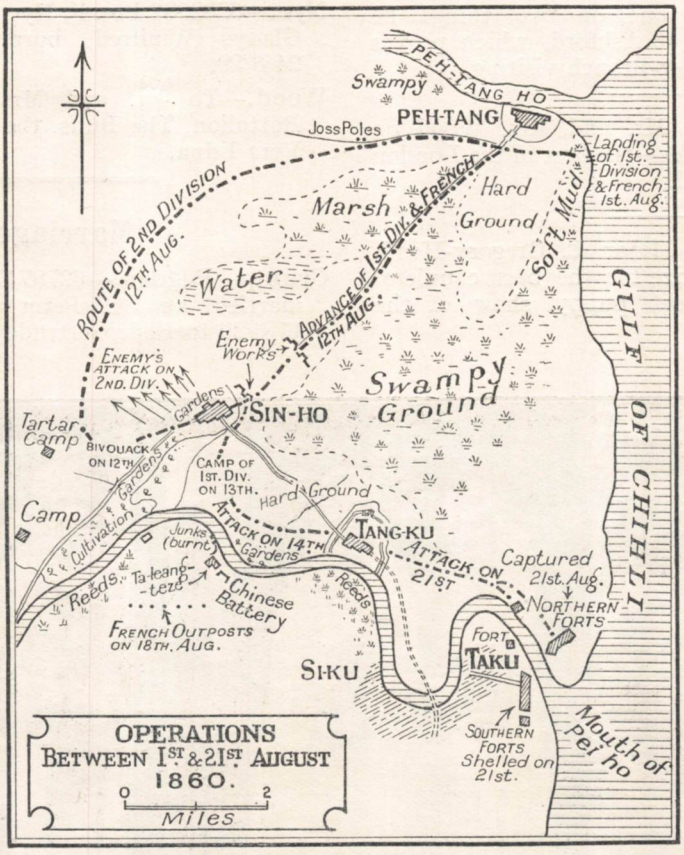
SINHO, 12TH AUGUST, 1860.

TAKU FORTS, 21ST AUGUST, 1860.

IN 1859 military action had been taken in China to enforce the carrying out of the Sinho-British treaty of June, 1858. This action took the form of an attack on the Taku Forts from the sea and had ended in a severe reverse. In consequence the British Government decided to send an expedition to China in 1860 to demand redress and to attempt again to secure the provisions of the treaty. The French for similar reasons resolved to do likewise. Lieutenant-General Sir Hope Grant was selected to command the British force and the 1st Battalion of the Buffs, then stationed at Canton, was ordered to form part of it.

In May, 1860, the Buffs joined the force and moved northwards. Meanwhile Sir Hope Grant had made up his mind to land to the north near Peh-Tang and move southwards to Sin-ho, thus taking the Taku Forts in the rear. These forts were reputed throughout China to be impregnable and all the Chinese military art had been employed to make them so. The French general unfortunately preferred to repeat the attack from the sea, and, in order to synchronize the two attacks, the British one had to be delayed. Sir Hope Grant was ready by the 1st July, but it was not till nearly the end of the month that the French Commander, General Montauban, decided to abandon his plan. He therefore joined Sir Hope Grant, and on the 30th July the combined force approached within ten miles of Peh-Tang.



On the 31st July the force started to land on the right, or south bank. This was no easy matter as the ground was marshy and the incoming tide turned it into a sea of water. Even the Commander-in-Chief took off his boots and socks, and, tucking up his trousers, waded to dry land. However, there was a causeway which was found to be high and dry and all the troops bivouacked on it for the night.

Next morning Peh-Tang was found to have been evacuated by the Chinese troops and was at once occupied.

Luckily an ancient resident disclosed the whereabouts of some twenty large shells filled with gunpowder, which had been formed into a sort of land mine.

The Chinese coolies with the British force began looting early, but shortly afterwards all the residents had to be turned out to provide room for the force. Owing to the swamps out side, about 18,000 men and about 4,000 horses had to be stowed away in houses in a town not much more than 500 yards square The discomfort of heavy rain and consequent mud outside the town was almost preferable to the danger of fires inside during a dry spell. All the houses were thatched, and cooking and smoking inside could not be stopped.

On the 12th August an advance was made in spite of the wet state of the country. The enemy was known to be holding some entrenchments north of Sin-ho and General Grant sent the 2nd Division, which included the Buffs, by a cart-track to the west so as to take the

Chinese in flank, and attacked with the 1st Division and the French against their centre and right. Great difficulty was experienced in moving the artillery; horses got bogged, guns sank up to the axle-trees and waggons stuck fast. However, the struggle was continued and by means of drag-ropes and perseverance the artillery was hauled over two miles of mud and sound ground reached. The enemy position appeared to consist of several small redoubts connected by walls, and they commenced the action by opening fire on the advancing British. Our guns, however, soon pierced the slight mud walls and all the forts were evacuated. Tartar cavalry then moved out and nearly captured some guns, but the Indian cavalry and Armstrong guns were too much for them and forced them from the field. This closed the action and the entrenched village of Sin-ho was abandoned.

During the advance from Peh-Tang on the 12th August a Private of the Buffs, Pte. Moyse, and another of the 44th Regiment, were captured by the Chinese. They were doing duty with the Chinese Coolie Corps, then engaged on carrying rum, and loitered behind. Some thirteen Coolies also were captured, and one who escaped said that the two British soldiers had drunk so much rum that they were unable to move. Whether this is true or not, Pte. Moyse atoned for it by boldly refusing to kow-tow, and giving up his life by his refusal. The Private of the 44th Regiment was handed back after the capture of Tangku and admitted that he had saved his life by kow-towing as he was ordered.

The French, flushed with the success of Sin-ho, wished to advance at once against the next village, Tang-ku, but they decided to postpone the advance till the next day. By the next day the watercourses near the road to the next village had been bridged and an advance was made from the west. The walls of Tang-ku were pierced and the village entered and captured. The 2nd Division took no part in the action.

By this means General Grant had carried out his idea of approaching Taku Forts from the rear. Now there only remained the capture of the forts themselves. The French held that the southern forts should first be captured; but General Grant maintained that, though smaller, the northern forts overlooked the southern ones, and that the surrender of the latter would follow the capture of the former. Subsequent events proved him right.

The advance was planned for the 21st August, but early that morning the enemy opened a heavy fire from their two upper forts, one on each side of the river. Our guns answered at once and the northern fort was hit several times, one shell at 6 a.m. blowing up the powder magazine. The enemy, however, still continued to fight boldly and the allied forces advanced to try to scale the forts.

By means of Chinese Coolies who jumped into the ditch and held ladders on their shoulders, our men got across the first ditch. Then came a flat space studded with upright bamboos. After that another ditch, another bamboo-studded space and finally a wall. The wall was gallantly defended, but at last the rope holding the drawbridge was cut by an officer with his sword and an entrance was gained. Finally the fort was captured and Lord Elgin, the British representative, was among the first to visit it. The Chinese had fought almost to the last man and one of the reasons for this determination was found to be that the attack was coming from the only direction by which they could escape. On the other sides they could only jump from the walls on to the bamboo-studded lane, as there was no other entrance or drawbridge.

General Grant at once sent to demand the surrender of the next fort and on receiving a refusal prepared to bombard it. The French, however, could not wait. They hurried forward, reached it without a shot being fired, and entering by one of the embrasures, captured it. The fort had been built to resist attack from the sea and not from the land. That afternoon the other forts on the south bank also surrendered.

The part the Buffs played in this battle is not exactly known, but their casualties appear only to have amounted to two. The capture of the Taku Forts, however, fell to the 2nd Division, and it seems certain that the Buffs must have played their part.

On the 23rd August an advance was made by river to Tientsin, and later Pekin was reached. The Buffs, however, remained with one wing at the Taku Forts and headquarters at Tientsin; and in November the Battalion embarked for home.

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Records of Other Regiments.

LI.

THE SHERWOOD FORESTERS (NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND DERBYSHIRE REGIMENT).

BATTLE HONOURS.

Borne on the Regimental Colour :—" Louisburg," " Rolica," " Vimiera," " Talavera," " Busaco," " Fuentes D'Onor," " Cuidad Rodrigo," " Badajoz," " Salamanca," " Vittoria," " Pyrenees" " Nivelle," " Orthes," "Toulouse," " Peninsula," " Ava," " South Africa, 1846/47," " Alma," " Inkerman," " Sevastopol," " Central India," " Abyssinia," " Egypt, 1882," " Tirah," " South Africa, 1899/1902."

Borne on the King's Colour :—" Aisne, 1914, '18," " Neuve Chapelle," " Loos," " Somme, 1916, '18," " Ypres, 1917, '18," " Cambrai, 1917, '18," " St. Quentin Canal," " France and Flanders, 1914/1918." " Italy, 1917/'18," " Gallipoli, 1915."

" The Lincoln Green," says Sir Walter Scott, though its date is more ancient, ought surely to be as dear to our feelings as the variegated tartans of the North. The name of Robin Hood, if duly conjured with, should raise a spirit as soon as that of Rob Roy ; and the patriots of England deserve no less their renown in our modern circles than the Bruces and Wallaces of Caledonia." Yet apparently so little is this appreciated that when it was announced recently that the 1st Sherwood Foresters would be brought to London to relieve one of the Guards battalions in August, 1929, a London daily paper expressed regret that a highland battalion could not be brought instead—" because the presence of the kilted warriors would have attracted such large crowds to witness the changing of the guard." Whether the London public really has such a decided preference for soldiers with uncovered knees, I do not know ; but if military reputation alone be taken into account, and not merely the possession of a picturesque uniform, the Foresters as a typical English regiment, are certainly as worthy of the honour of guarding the royal palaces as any regiment in the army.

Their facings—Lincoln Green—are of the colour worn by the English archers, whose marksmanship at Cressy defeated the proud chivalry of France, and first showed the world that a body of foot soldiers who could shoot might turn the tide of battle. The battle of Agincourt is said to be the first engagement in which the Nottingham archers fought under the title of Sherwood Foresters—a title which was granted to the county militia in 1813. For many years the Nottingham Militia gave drafts of good soldiers, and eventually its own name, to the 45th Regiment of Foot, the regular regiment associated with the county. The 7th (Nottingham Territorial) Battalion of the regiment is officially known as " The Robin Hoods."

Formed in 1751, the 45th Foot, whose uniform from the first was scarlet with green facings, went to America five years later, and spent over twenty years in the New World, helping to wrest Canada from the French, and afterwards fighting in the War of American Independence. A meeting of " the nobility and gentry of the county " was held at Nottingham during the race week of 1779, when a patriotic committee was formed, and it was unanimously resolved " That the chairman of this committee do write to the Secretary-at-War, and do request him to move His Majesty to appoint some particular regiment to be recruited in this county, with the assistance of the subscription entered into ; and that His Majesty shall be graciously pleased to order such regiment, henceforward, to be distinguished with the name of the county." Consequently the 45th, recently returned from America less than a hundred strong, was sent to Nottingham to recruit, and became known as The Nottinghamshire Regiment.

Throughout the Peninsular War of 1808/1814 the 45th was in the thick of the fighting, gaining thirteen Battle Honours, also their nickname of " The Old Stubborns," for their determination and steadiness at Talavera. At the siege of Badajoz, a detachment of the 45th forced their way into the Castle and hauled down the French flag (now in Chelsea Hospital). Not having a British flag to hoist in its place, a subaltern of the 45th stripped off his red jacket, and this was run up to the top of the flagstaff as a signal that the Castle of Badajoz had been captured. According to regimental tradition the 45th marched all night in order to be present at Badajoz, the band playing " The Young May Moon," which has ever since been used as the regimental march. Private Talbot of the 45th was the only British soldier to receive the Military General Service (Peninsular) Medal with fifteen clasps, a number only equalled by one other veteran, a private of the King's German Legion.

On December 12th, 1866, it was announced that " Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve of the 45th Regiment bearing in future the title of Sherwood Foresters, with reference to the traditions of the County of Nottingham, and in consideration of the regiment's distinguished services." Permission to use this historic title had long been desired by the regiment. There is a story that once when the regiment was brigaded with the 87th and 88th, the Colonel of the 45th (rather annoyed at hearing these units addressed as " Prince of Wales's Own Irish " and " Connaught Rangers," while his own corps still lacked a supplementary title) caused great amusement by calling to his men on parade " Nottingham Hosiers ! Shun ! "

Speaking in the House of Lords on the subject of the Abyssinian Campaign (1868) Lord Malmesbury said: "The march of the 45th is one of the most remarkable on record. Having been detained at the coast on disembarking, and being anxious to get as soon as possible to the front, it marched three hundred miles in twenty-four days, and actually covered seventy miles in four days, over a mountain pass ten thousand feet high."

In 1881 the 45th and the 95th were amalgamated as 1st and 2nd Battalions of The Sherwood Foresters (Derbyshire Regiment). The 95th (Derbyshire) Regiment had been raised in 1824. The Rifle Brigade had been numbered as the 95th until after Waterloo, and some old riflemen were appointed to the new regiment on its formation. The connection between the two corps was marked by the Derbyshires adopting as their regimental march the famous old quickstep of the Rifle Brigade, "I'm Ninety Five," also the badge of the Maltese Cross. Unlike their predecessors, however, the new 95th wore scarlet with yellow facings. The regiment greatly distinguished itself in the Crimea and in the Indian Mutiny. During the latter campaign they captured one of the celebrated fighting rams of Rajputana, which was trained to march at the head of the band. Since then a ram has usually been kept as a regimental pet, hence the nickname of "The Derby Rams."

They also served in the Sikkim Campaign, on the borders of India and Thibet, when Lord Roberts described the battalion as "cheerful under hardships, always ready for work, and very well conducted." On his return from South Africa, after the Boer War, Lord Kitchener referred to them as "one of the battalions in whom I most trusted." In 1903 the title was again changed; to show its connection with the two counties the regiment became The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment), sometimes nicknamed "The Notts and Dots."

August 4th, 1914, found the 1st Battalion in India and the 2nd at Sheffield. The latter landed in France with the 6th Division in September, 1914 and served in France and Belgium throughout the war. The 1st Battalion came to France early in November, 1914, and spent four years with the 8th Division, whose war-record has been summarised as follows:—"In four years of war it had always been on the outskirts of our successes, in the storm centre of our misfortunes. No division had seen harder or more constant fighting."

Thirty-two battalions of the regiment were raised during the Great War. To the memory of their services and of the 11,409 Sherwood Foresters who died for England, a beacon tower, whose lights are visible over five Midland counties, has been erected on Crich Hill, overlooking the beautiful valley of the Derwent, in the Peak district of Derbyshire. Thirteen Victoria Crosses have been awarded to members of the regiment, perhaps the best known of these heroes being Captain Albert Ball, V.C., D.S.O., M.C., the celebrated airman, who belonged to the 2/7th Sherwood Foresters (Robin Hoods), though attached to the Royal Flying Corps at the time of his death.

R. MAURICE HILL.

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Correspondence.

A PRINTER'S ERROR.

Companhia Agricola Fazenda Dumont,
Ribeirao Preto (Saopaulo),
Brasil,
4*th June*, 1929.

To The Editor, " The Dragon,"
Depot The Buffs, Canterbury.

Dear Sir,

With reference to *The Dragon* of May, 1929, page 144 :—

Some people may think that I'm green
And some that I'm fairly red-hot,
While others may deem
I'm as black as I seem,
But *Pinkey* I'm certainly not.

My eyes may be brown, blue or hazel,
I must say I don't care a jot ;
Two splashes of grey... ?
Right-o, but I say
Please *don't* call me Pinkey (e) : I'm not.

Yours sincerely,
R. A. PINHEY.

[*We apologise.—Editor.*]

A MOTOR SCHOOL RESULT.

c/o Cainhoe Manor,
Clophill,
Bedfordshire,
10/7/29.

Sir,

I am sending you back the receipt as asked ; thanking you for your kindness for what you have done for me.

I am getting on very well with my work. I am not only driving a car, but running a Kokler U.S.A., 2,000 volts., which gives all the house lights.

Please will you send me a *Dragon* each month ; I am sending you the money for a year's *Dragons* later.

Once again thanking you for your kindness,

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
L. C. H. PARSONS.

GOOD WISHES.

Kurnah,
Coxheath,
Linton,
29*th June*, 1929.

To The Editor, " The Dragon,"
Depot The Buffs, Canterbury.

Dear Sir,

Please find P.O. 8/- enclosed, which I regret is long overdue for my year's subscription. I promise that, when due, the next subscription will be forwarded ek Dum.

His many friends of old times would be glad to know that C.S.M. Hickson of the 5th Battalion is quite well and through *The Dragon*, on his behalf, I send them all his very kind regards.

Yours faithfully,
A. C. CHEESEMAN.

MEMORIAL AT MEERUT.

No. 6281655,
Pte. F. Brown,
"B" Coy. 1st Buffs,
Att. B.M. Hospital,
Ranikhet, V.P.,
India,
1–6–29.

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter to ask you if the enclosed photo is of any interest to *The Dragon* readers.

I was stationed at Meerut when a Buff died. I attended his funeral and it was at the Cemetery that I saw this Memorial so I took a photo of it.

You can see by the inscription that the people were the victims of a Cholera epidemic in the year 1867.

If there are any Buffs who have relations who died there I will be pleased to send them a photo if they will write for one.

Trusting I am not wasting your time by sending this,
I am,
Yours sincerely,
F. BROWN.

Record of Service of 6279389 C.Q.M.S. C. A. Smith, 2nd Battalion, The Buffs.

Awarded L. S. and G. C. Medal, April, 1929.

Attested	4th Nov. 1910
Posted to 1st Battalion	18th Feb. 1911
Posted to 2nd Battalion	11th Jan. 1913
Appointed Lance-Corporal	28th Mar. 1913
Posted to 3rd Battalion	16th Mar. 1915
Posted to 2nd Battalion	1st May 1915
Promoted Corporal	3rd May 1915
Promoted Sergeant	15th May 1915
Appointed Acting Paid C.Q.M.S. ...	28th Jan. 1919
Reverted to Permanent Rank of Sgt.	22nd Mar. 1919
Discharged on Re-Enlistment under Army Order IV/1919	1st May 1919
Posted to 2nd Battalion Sergeant ...	2nd May 1919
Granted Acting Rank of C.Q.M.S. with Pay	21st Aug. 1921
Posted to Depot as Sergeant ...	25th Feb. 1922
Promoted Cr.-Sgt. and appointed C.Q.M.S.	13th June 1926
Posted to 2nd Battalion	15th June 1926
Extended his term of Service to complete 12 years with Colours	22nd Nov. 1927

MILITARY HISTORY.

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AN OLD SOLDIER.

16 Seafield Road,
Ramsgate,
16*th July*, 1929.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your card, I regret to say I will be unable to attend at Canterbury, on Sunday, 18th August, owing to ill-health.

I was in India with the old 70th Foot (East Surrey Regiment), now the 2nd Battalion East Surrey, at Peshawar, Nowshera and Mooltan. I was almost eaten up in Peshawar with fever and ague, also Dengue Fever.

The second year in Mooltan we were ordered to Afghanistan to join the Quetta Field Force. Left Mooltan at the end of September, 1878, marched through a part of Baloochistan, to a place called Dadar; then marched through the Bolen Pass to Quetta, over a month's marching.

After leaving Quetta the Division under General Biddulph advanced on Kandahar, which surrendered in January, 1879. At Christmas, 1878, my regiment was letting guns down the Kojak Pass to Chaman.

After the War I came home, joined the Royal Marine Band (under Herr Kappey) Chatham Division (was Solo Cornet) and after four years was transferred to the 3rd Battalion The Buffs to fill the appointment of Sgt.-Drummer on the Permanent Staff. I had the Band (with the Depot) for about seventeen years. During that time I had the Band, "B" and "C" Companies, 1st Volunteer Battalion East Kent Regiment, Canterbury. After going to pension I had the East Kent Yeomanry Band for nine years, under Lord Harris.

I should very much like to go to Canterbury, but it is a trouble for me to walk. I am 75 years and 6 months old. All told, I have served 45 years.

During the War I was employed as Barrack Warden at all the Rest Camps at Folkestone and got nothing.

Hoping you will have a fine day at Canterbury,

Yours faithfully,
W. J. SMITH.

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			£	s.	d.
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	22.	Grant	2	0	0
	22.	Grant	0	19	0
	27.	Grant	0	5	0
	27.	Grant	2	0	0
	29.	Grant	0	5	0
July	3.	Grant	1	0	0
	8.	Grant	3	0	0
	12.	Grant	3	0	0
	12.	Loan	0	10	0
	16.	Grant	1	0	0
	17.	Grant	0	4	0

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During the period 18/6/29 to 18/7/29 the following new members have been enrolled :—

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Associate Members.—W. H. Nicholson, W. Standing.

Sunday, August 18th, 1929.

TIME-TABLE, ETC.

1. The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in the Prince of Wales' Institute, The Depot, at **10 a.m.**
2. Parade for Memorial Service and Laying-up of 2nd Battalion Colours, 11 a.m.
   One marker per Branch to report to R.S.M. Potter at 10.45 a.m., who will give each a pole and removable card, with name of Branch on both sides
3. LUNCHEON, 1.30 p.m.
   (*a*) Tickets should be purchased beforehand from Branch Secretaries: any member of the Association not affiliated to any Branch, can obtain tickets by applying to the Secretary of the Association.
   Secretaries of Branches are requested to apply at once to the Secretary of the Association for a supply of tickets for sale or return.
   Price of Tickets:
   (*a*) *Red* (includes 1 bottle Beer or Stout...1/6
   (*b*) *White* (includes 1 bottle Minerals).....1/3
   (*c*) *Blue* (Lunch Only).....1/-
   Tickets will be handed over at the door of the Luncheon Hall, and should have member's Regimental number and name clearly written thereon (block capitals).
   Additional drinks will be supplied on payment, from a bar running across the centre of the hall.
   (*b*) Luncheons for ladies and children will be provided in the Drill Hall.
   The price of Luncheons in the Drill Hall will be the same as quoted above. It is regretted that no reduction can be made for children.
   (*c*) Probable numbers for Lunch to be notified by Branch Secretaries to the Secretary of the Association, by 20th July, and actual numbers (as accurate as possible) by August 10th.
   (*d*) Tables at Lunch will be allotted to Branches and marked accordingly.
   A Representative of each Branch to meet the Secretary of the Association at the Luncheon Hall at 10.45 a.m. to see tables allotted.
4. DRESS.—The Colonel of the Regiment hopes that retired officers will, if possible, wear service dress.
   Medals and decorations to be worn by all ranks.
5. Tickets for admission to the Cathedral must be applied for by all except those actually on parade.
   Applications for tickets to be made to The Adjutant, The Depot, not later than August 10th.
6. Members of the Association requiring accommodation at The Depot must apply through the Secretary of the Association, clearly stating dates, not later than 10th August.
7. At 3 p.m. there will be a Cricket Match London Branch v. The Rest. Other Branches are requested to send in to the Secretary of the Association, two names each who are willing to play, stating "strong point," (*i.e.*, bowling, fielding, batting, wicket-keeping, etc.) from which the Secretary will select the "Other Branch" side.
   Tea will be obtainable on the ground; price 6d. per head.
8. On Saturday night, August 17th, The Band and Drums of the 2nd and Drums of the 4th Battalion will sound Tattoo, etc.
   This will be followed by a firework display.
   The public will be admitted (3d. per head). Profits to The Benevolent Fund.

Wrotham Picnic.

It is a recognised fact in the Buffs that when the clouds are dark our spirits are bright; the old regimental adage of never being downhearted coming out most strongly in adverse circumstances, and one sees an atmosphere of cheery smiling faces spreading their rays of human sunshine over the earth so that—whatever the weather, lustily we sing "The more we are together."

The annual London Branch picnic on June 30th looked more like being a regatta and there were many sad faces on arrival at Wrotham. "I don't mind about myself—its the kiddies" said one of the ladies, "but as they're sons and daughters of Buffs I suppose they'll make the best of it." The Branches of the Past and Present Association rolled up in great strength in response to our invitation until the numbers exceeded five hundred. Someone said "wonderful" and it really was.

The success of a great turn-out rests with Captain E. A. Carter, M.C. and his "Q" staff consisting of Spud Austin, Donkey Warren and Cushy Bolton. Tents were hired by the Branch and no detail was overlooked. Tea urns, eatables, crockery were taken down from London by Captain Carter and other essentials necessary for the well-being of the vast assembly attended to. On the Saturday night our "Q" staff bivouaced in the field and were still snoring I hear when the first Branch arrived and threw them out of bed. The thanks of all Branches are due to Mr. P. Minter, C.B.E., for so kindly loaning us his beautiful meadow again and thus enabling the picnic to be held.

General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., our Colonel, possessing a keen vision as a weather prophet, anticipated a possible disturbance of atmospheric conditions and his judgment proved correct in booking the Village Hall so that, despite the rain, everyone was under cover.

At the other end of the line more good work was being performed by the London Branch R.T.O. (Mr. E. Lamb) who was kept busy issuing tickets and seeing to the reserved accommodation. Of course, Mr. Joe Green "would" lose his attache case with his bread and cheese inside and informed every uniformed policeman within half a mile of Victoria. It was eventually found in the possession of our R.T.O. who stated he rescued it from about forty dogs who were evidently trying to get at the cheese.

Arriving at Wrotham the Branch was met by the Colonel of the Regiment and received a hearty welcome. The rain was coming down full pelt, but with the kind assistance given by the General and Captain Carter—whose cars made several journeys to the village and back—the whole party was conveyed to the Parish Hall in comfort.

About 2 p.m. the rain stopped its tricks and everyone made for the field. When I say "everyone" I do not include Mrs. Carter who was busy supervising the "Coffee Shop and Dry Canteen" department, neither do I include the three ladies seated in the far corner of the Parish Hall each with a cup of tea in their hands, speaking very confidentially about how they make men of husbands. I quietly whispered to myself: "three ladies and a cup of tea and God help the poor man."

Then came the Cricket Match against Platt. We played the village—and lost by 27 runs and the less said about it the better as I like to write a lot when we win and not when we lose. Anyhow, it was a good match and we hope to get our revenge next year. Bill Coveney was in splendid form and took no less than seven of the Platt wickets. On the other side Mr. Holness knocked up a score of 21 and Mr. T. Bowen 17. Well done, Platt—it's a feather in your cap to beat the London Branch.

Adjournment was now made to the Hall for tea and again I say the "Q" department had provided ample supplies of everything at a purely nominal cost—in fact I hear there was so much over that it was given away before returning to London. Mrs. Carter and her helpers were splendid and she is already noted by the Y.M.C.A. for the next war. The General invited a large number of really hungry Buffs of both sexes to his house and the Hon. Lady Lynden-Bell and daughter were kept busy in providing supplies to satisfy the pitiful cries of some of the guests—particularly the ladies—who had developed a strong liking for strawberries. It was, however, a very happy thought to invite us in such numbers and we tender our sincere thanks and hope to....."

As I was proceeding back to the field I observed a motor car in distress—at least I thought it was. I hastened to render assistance and enquire if the occupant was hurt. I discovered Colonel Findlay, C.B.E., seated inside with a couple of bottles of whiskey and soda syphons. He had been rendering " First Aid " to deserving Buffs and as he said I was a deserving Buff to which I agreed—I received attention in a very elaborate manner. By the attention received he must have thought me an extremely deserving case and I thought so myself shortly after.

The remainder of the day was devoted to sport; races were arranged for the ladies and children. Mrs. Waley won a beautiful oak and silver plated biscuit barrel in the ladies 100 yards; the tit-bit, however, was the " threading the needle " where the gentleman had to run to the lady with needle, thread and a trouser's button. The gentleman had to thread the needle and the lady sew the button on the back of his trousers and both run home together. This event was won by Mrs. Tapsell (Junior) who received a silver plated cruet and Mr. Charlie Hill, who received a paper knife. The Bumping Melee was won by the Ashford Branch.

Slowly the Branches started off for home, having spent a very happy day. The London Branch was seen off by the Colonel of the Regiment. Whilst waiting on the Platform he was given rousing cheers, " Old Soldiers Never Die "; " He's a jolly good fellow, etc., and heads were kept out of the carriage windows and hands waving until we could no longer see him.

The very great thanks of the London Branch are due to Mr. P. Minter, C.B.E., for so kindly lending us once again his lovely meadow. Also to General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., for his extreme anxiety about our welfare and the kindly way he looked after the interests of all present.

J.E.

2nd Battalion Branch.

Through unforseen circumstances I am sorry that no notes have appeared since our initial issue three months ago. (*See June Dragon.—Editor.*) I will endeavour to remedy this by making this a true narrative of the happenings during that time.

The Outing to the Derby has already been given by various correspondents, and also the Outing to Olympia. That practically exhausts the two months.

At the usual Meeting of the Branch it was suggested and carried, that owing to the near approach of August leave and having already had two quick outings, that the Outings already arranged should be postponed until a suitable date after the August leave period; somewhere about the end of August was suggested.

The Programme for the visit of the London Branch on the 23rd June was submitted to the Meeting and it was passed for recommendation by the Commanding Officer.

On the night of the 22nd June we had 23 members of the London Branch stay with us the night. They attended the Tattoo during the evening. They then became " effective" until their return. Reveille was blown at the entrance to their room. Cheers? greeted the drummer. No Orderly Sergeant, however, called the roll. There was no one to chance it, I think.

At 10 a.m. the main party arrived at Farnborough Station where they were met by conveyances and conveyed to Barracks. The whole of the London Branch present then attended the usual Parade Divine Service. On the return from Church, a Group photograph of the whole of the members of the London Branch together with the whole of the

Oldest and Youngest. *Wm. May & Co., Aldershot.*

Boy Neeves *Mr. Green.*

members of the 2nd Battalion Branch, was taken on the Barrack Square. There are depicted on this photograph somewhere in the region of 400 members of the Association. A photograph was then taken of the Oldest Member and the Youngest Member present on the day, who were Mr. Green of the London Branch and Boy Neeves of the 2nd Battalion Branch.

A tour of barracks was the next move, the various Past Members being conducted round by members of the Present. The Machine Gun Company gave a display of their guns that was greatly appreciated by the old members, especially the old " Emma Gees." Luncheon was then partaken, which was served in the Men's Reading Room. During the afternoon, shooting matches, billiard and snooker, Past *versus* Present Members, took place and some very good shooting, especially some of the " shots " in the billiards, resulted.

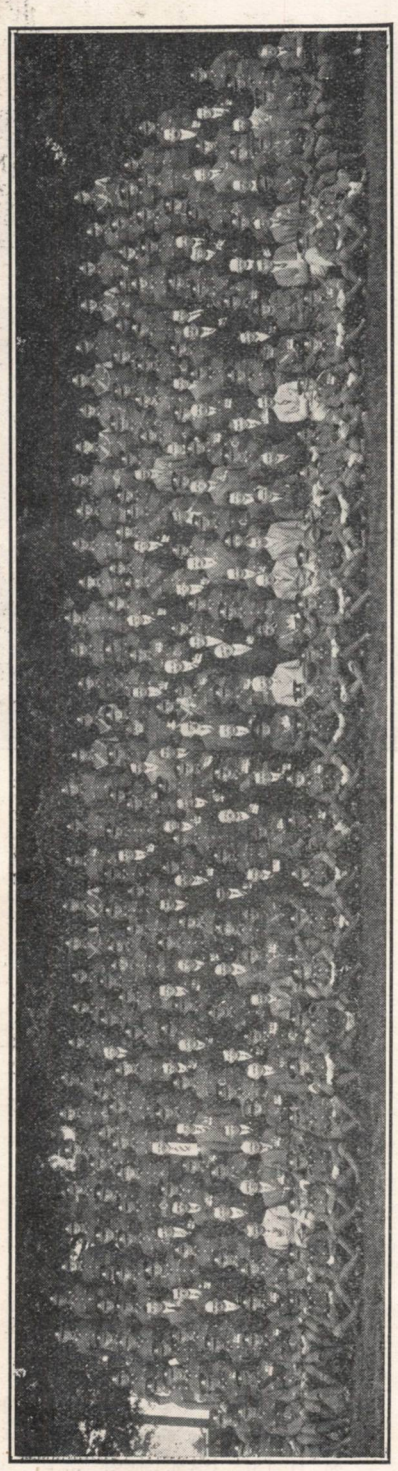
The afternoon passed all too quickly and after Tea an impromptu concert was held in the Sergeants' Mess, which by all accounts was voted a great success. Good-byes were said, or rather we must say " Au revoirs," about 8 p.m.

It was a very good day and I think all voted it a big success. I know some of the old Members were very pleased with the conditions of to-day, even though we must still hear the old old story, " When I was—." Still, cheer up, young'uns, your turn will come, when you visit the future 2nd Battalion in 19— or 20—.

" PAST " *v.* " PRESENT."

MINIATURE RANGE SHOOT FIRED ON SUNDAY, 23–6–29.

"PAST."	1	2	*Total.*	"PRESENT."	1	2	*Total.*
Mr. Tong ...	25	19	44	Pte. Chapman	25	19	44
Coveny ...	25	17	42	Cpl. Viney	25	19	44
Capt. Enright	25	16	41	Pte. Divers	25	19	44
Mr. Ainge ...	25	16	41	C.S.M. McWalters	25	19	44
Mr. Kesby	25	15	40	Sgt. McNulty	25	18	43
Mr. Warren	20	20	40	Capt. Tuke	25	17	42
Mr. Bolton	20	18	38	Pte. Maslin	25	15	40
Capt. Carter	20	18	38	Sgt. Payne	25	15	40
Mr. Lamb ...	25	10	35	Pte. Barnes	25	15	40
Mr. Thomas	25	10	35	Pte. Weekes	20	12	40
Mr. Chivers	20	11	31	C.S.M. Coaster	20	18	38
Mr. Bax ...	10	20	30	Capt. Keble	20	17	37
Total			455	Total			496



Wm. May & Co., Aldershot.

London Branch at Aldershot.

These are only the twelve best scores, the grand total of all firers is as under :—

"Past"	593
"Present"	783

Ashford Branch.

The monthly meeting was held at the "Market Hotel," on July 13th, 1929.

Mr. H. Ades was in the Chair, Mr. G. Tomsett, Vice-Chair and Mr. C. Marsh, Secretary.

General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell paid us a visit and I think the General will understand how his visits are appreciated by the Branch, by the way he was greeted. There were also visitors from London and Dover : namely, Capt. Enright, Major James and Capt. Ernie Smith from London ; Capt. Coles, C.G.M., D.S.M. and Major Foster from Dover. They were given a hearty welcome by the Chairman and the company present.

After the Business was got through the company settled down to a jovial evening.

Mr. Hamblin's Band was in attendance and rendered selections during the evening.

General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell complimented the Branch on the numbers and smart way in which they turned up for the parade on June 16th at the Ashford War Memorial.

Captain Enright gave some of his experiences of the working of the London Branch, also referring to the Battalions of the Present and the Great Past, and asking all members never to forget what they owe to The Buffs.

Major James (London) also made some splendid remarks on the Comradeship of the Buffs, Past and Present, also kindly offered to take a party over the Cathedral on August 18th, at 4.30 o'clock and I am sure anyone joining that party will find it most interesting.

Major Foster (Dover) brought greetings from Dover, and made some splendid remarks on the good work of the Association.

The Harmony was contributed by Messrs.—

Greenland	"The Bugler."
Sergt. Smith	"Sing us an Irish Song."
Hunt	"Alabama."
Smith	...
Kitcherman	"Leave the rest to me."
Barnes	... "Where do Flies go."
Ward	"Ring down the curtain."
McWilliams	"Sally."
Cookee	"The Trumpter."

Mr. W. Clifford, Presided at the Piano.

The Agenda for the Memorial service was read, and it is expected there will be a good muster from the Branch.

I am sorry to state that our old friend Cowell, one of the two founders of this Branch, was not able to be with us, but we all hope we may see him again in the near future.

E. H. CHAMBERS.

The Booby Prize winners were :—

Mr. W. Cowell, No. 21	1st Prize
Mr. W. Shilling, No. 95	2nd ,,
Mr. F. Cowell, Jr., No. 61	3rd ,,
Mr. Edwicker, No. 18	4th ,,

London Branch.

The 30th meeting of the above Branch was held at the "Phœnix" Palace Street, S.W.1., on Saturday, July 20th, 1929, with Captain J. E. Enright in the Chair.

CORRESPONDENCE.—Letters were read from the Colonel of the Regiment expressing regret for not being present in person and from Mr. Burt giving the good news of his satisfactory progress.

CANTERBURY, AUGUST 18TH.—The Chairman expressed the wish that no member would fail to make this pilgrimage. So far as the luncheon tickets were concerned— as the Branch was paying the cost for their members—he would take them to Canterbury and issue them on parade.

THE GARDEN FETE.—It is proposed to call a combined meeting of the Ladies Guild and London Branch Committees for Saturday the 27th July to arrange final details.

VISIT TO BATTLEFIELDS.—Mr. Peacock, who received an ovation and many congratulations upon his recovery from illness, said he would propose the Committee deal with the question of a proposed visit to the battlefields next Easter and he would be pleased to place all details before them. Agreed this be done.

THE VISIT TO THE 2ND BATTALION.—Mr. Waby, D.C.M., M.M., offered the suggestion that the Committee also consider and bring before the members some scheme or proposal whereby some recognition can be given all ranks of the 2nd Battalion for the very wonderful hospitality meted out to the Branch on Sunday the
Agreed unanimously.

WHITE HEATHER.—The Colonel of the Regiment kindly sent a bunch of "White Heather" to be raffled for the Branch funds. Mr. Waby was in his element and tickets at twopence each realised the splendid sum of £1 2s. 7d. It was won by Mr. Hakins—he had precious little "White Heather" to go home with.

ANOTHER RAFFLE—BASKET OF FRUIT.—Mr. Foote handed the Chairman a lovely basket of fruit which was also raffled and fetched the fine sum of 14/- and was won by Mr. E. Lamb to the singing by the members of "Mary had a little Lamb."

THE 2ND BATTALION DRUMS.—The Chairman drew the attention of members to the engagement at the Crystal Palace on August Bank Holiday of the 2nd Battalion Drums and asked members to give them applause.

THE ASHFORD BRANCH.—Capt. Enright gave a report of his visit to the Ashford Branch in company with Major James and Captain E. Smith. He mentioned the very splendid way in which the London

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Church Parade, London Branch.

Branch representatives were received and hoped to see one or two of their members pop up at a London Branch meeting. He was not afraid to poach anything good he noticed at another Branch meeting and had already put into operation the idea of the seating positions of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and guests and one or two other points of interest he had noted.

ORDER OF MARCH, AUGUST 18TH.—It was notified that the "London" Branch would lead the Past and Present Association to the Cathedral this year. On this announcement being made it was proposed by one or two members the Branch thank the Executive Committee for alloting them the place of honour, but consider that "Ashford" being the senior Branch should lead the march and that Branches form up in order of seniority. Agreed unanimously.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS.—A draft letter of welcome to all new members of the Branch was read and approved by the Branch. The letter would be personally signed by the Colonel of the Regiment who had kindly consented to do so. The letter will come before the Branch Committee and it is hoped to have it out next month. It was proposed such a letter might like to be seen by other Branches so that it would become universal throughout the Association. The Chairman promised to bring it to the notice of all Branches at the next Sub-Committee meeting and if the idea found favour it would automatically go before the Executive Committee for consideration. Mr. Willering enquired if members still serving i.e., 'the Present' would receive the letter and Captain Enright replied "Certainly they would if the scheme matured."

THAT LITTLE TOUCH.—Major H. E. James received great applause upon his rising to give the members another of his little touches of friendship. He spoke about the letter referred to by Capt. Enright and thought it very fine: he would also suggest three or four simple rules which would go hand in hand with such letter and which he would like the Committee to consider so that every member would know what was expected of him. Major James spoke about the regiment of which we all form part and entreated all his hearers to live up to the great reputation of the Buffs. He spoke about the visit to Ashford and the jolly fine lot of fellows he saw there. It was a wonderful speech full of vim and sincerity and on resuming his seat the applause lasted a considerable time.

COLLECTION.—The collection amongst the members realised £1 7s. 5d.

REGIMENTAL TIES.—It was resolved to sell the Regimental Ties received from Canterbury, at cost price, viz. 4/-.

J.E.

Ladies' Guild, The Buffs.

A largely attended meeting of the above Guild was held at the Phœnix Hotel, Palace Street, Westminster, on Saturday 13th, July. The Hon. Lady Lynden Bell, President of the Guild presided. The Annual Report was read and adopted. The credit balance of the Guild was on the 23rd June shewn as £21 1s. 10d., and to date is approximately £25. This is due to the fact that most of the Benevolent work is carried out with the spirit of self-sacrifice of the members. Mrs. Sylvia M. T. Dalton, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer with the following Committee, Mrs. Enright, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Burt, Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Austin and Mrs. Warren. The Entertainment Committee are to be elected at the next meeting.

The Guild thank most heartily their President and the Officers and other ranks of the Home Battalion, also the ladies of the regiment for their great support which has enabled them to carry on during the past twelve months so successfully—we cannot overlook the tremendous help and advice combined with a genuine sympathy for the welfare of old Buffs and their widows, which has at all times been forthcoming from the Colonel of the Regiment.

D.E.S.

ANNUAL REPORT.

FORMATION.—The Ladies Guild was formed at Wrotham on June 24th, 1928, under the Presidency of the Hon. Lady Lynden Bell. It had then a strength of 18 members.

OBJECTS OF THE GUILD.—(*a*). The promotion of friendship between all ladies who are in any way associated with the regiment.

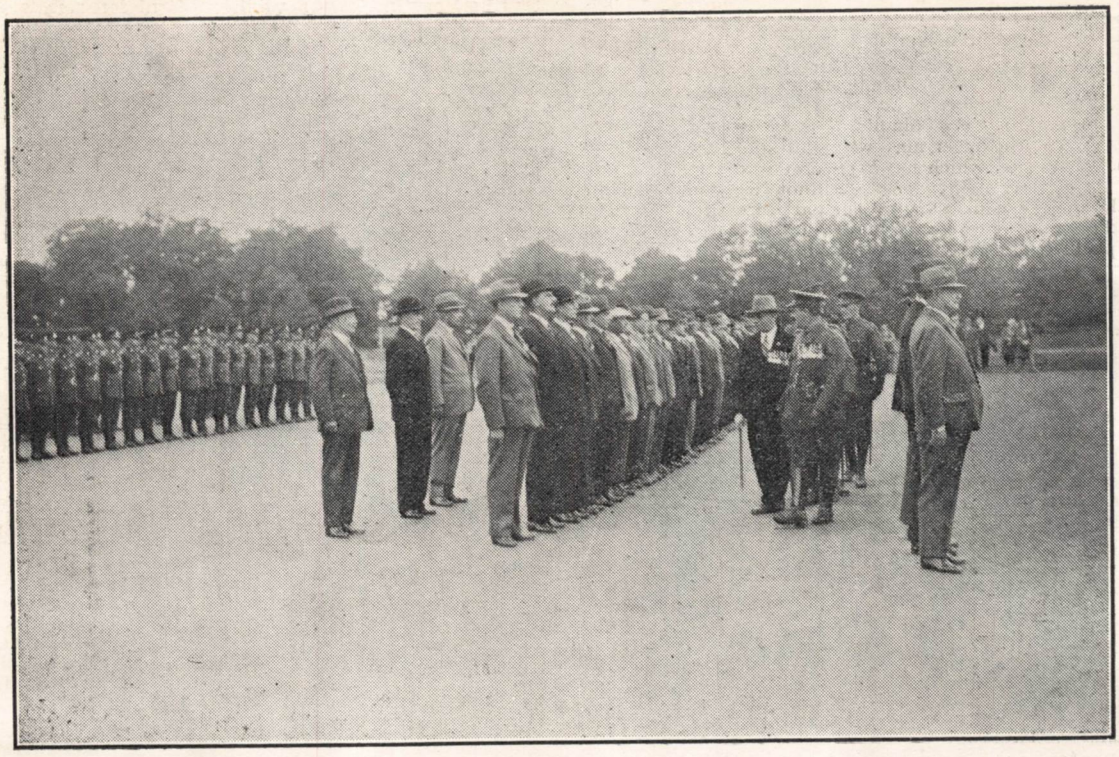
(*b*). To seek out necessitous cases amongst past members of the regiment, their families and dependents.

STRENGTH.—The Ladies' Guild has progressed beyond anticipation and now has a strength of 81 members. We sincerely regret to record the death of Mrs. MacGregor during the past year.

MEETINGS.—Committee meetings have been regularly held. General meetings of the Guild have taken place from time to time and in most cases combined with afternoon tea, and occasionally followed by successful concerts, to which the London Branch of the Past and Present Association, The Buffs, were cordially welcomed.

GARDEN FETE.—A Garden Fete was held on August 4th last and a sum of £12 17s. 0d. was realised. This was an excellent result considering the weather, and our thanks are due to the London Branch for their help in this success.

WORK DONE.—One can only give a summary of the work done by the Guild. Old Buffs have been visited in their homes and in hospital. Medical advice has been arranged for others; clothing and comforts distributed where needed and, during Christmas week, a special effort was made in conjunction with the London Branch



Wm. May & Co. Aldershot.

Church Parade, London Branch.

to see that no deserving old Buff or family went without good cheer. This work naturally entails some expense, but we look upon it as money spent which brings a great joy, not only to the recipients, but to the Guild. We are glad to say, that up to date we have not had to draw on the Guild Bank Account as all calls have been met by a whip round. We can assure you the work done in London can be extended, and any gifts of old clothing will be gratefully received.

FINANCE.—The Balance Sheet is before the meeting and a credit of £21 1s. 10d. is shown.

APPRECIATION.—In closing this brief report, special mention must be made of the good work done by Mrs. Neale Dalton as Hon. Secretary in keeping the members in touch. Also to the Executive Committee and Entertainment Committee for their great enthusiasm in supporting in every way the work of the Guild.

DAISY EDNA SPINNER,
Chairman, Ladies' Guild, The Buffs.

Dover Branch.

Sixty-three Dovorians went to the Wrotham Picnic and it RAINED! But in spite of the weather we managed to give ourselves a good time.

Arriving at Wrotham Heath we pic-nic-ed in a tea-shop (at least, some did).

Leaving the Heath, and feeling much better, we proceeded to Platt Parish Hall where we met the other Branches. Curiously enough, the rain ceased sufficiently to allow some children's sports and the cricket match to take place. This sudden change in the weather is said to be due to some special wangling on the part of "Joe." Anyway, he is equal to it.

Soon after 6 p.m. a start was made for home, with a halt at Lenham for the purpose of re-filling radiators (I don't think).

After leaving Lenham, Dewberry Evans and his merry men tried to enliven the journey with a little mild piracy, but Dewberry must be out of practice or the pirates had no grog, for the skipper of the S.S. Cowley, whom they "boarded," not only got away with his life (and wife, but was able to proceed under his own steam. Now Dewberry wants to know if the Jolly Roger should show the shin-bone crossing the ham-bone or vice versa.

The cheery presence of our Colonel at Platt did much to help us forget the weather and an onlooker, seeing him acting as starter in the kiddies' races would get a fair idea of what it means to be a "Buff."

On Wednesday, 17th July, a free concert was given to members and their friends in the Drill Hall, when a large gathering enjoyed a first-rate programme by the Buckland and Crabble Mills Minstrels.

Among those present were Major-General Sir A. Lynden-Bell, Colonel Burns, Doctor E. E. Elliott, Capt. Laville, the Mayor of Dover, Lieut. Sherwood, Lieut. Bradley, Councillor Madgett Norman, Mr. Laker and Mr. C. T. Long.

Major F. W. Foster, Chairman of the Branch, introduced our Colonel to the Company after which Sir Arthur treated us to one of his happy little speeches in which he speaks so little and yet says so much.

Then everybody settled down to what proved to be a very pleasant evening.

Weald Branch.

The Weald Branch continues to flourish and gain strength. A very cheerful meeting was held at Horsmonden on July 10th at which Colonel Burns took the chair in the unavoidable absence of the Branch Chairman and Vice-Chairman. During the evening five new members were enrolled making the Branch total 167, of which 32 are Life Members.

The Hon. Secretary is having a general whip round to get as many members as possible to Canterbury on August 18th and we hope to have a strong detachment there.

Some of us went to the Wrotham Picnic on June 30th and very much enjoyed meeting many old friends. The energy and hospitality of the Colonel of the Regiment and his family was amazing and was very much appreciated.

Our next meeting is on October 9th, at Cranbrook when we are being honoured by a visit from Sir Arthyr Lynden-Bell and mean to give our new Colonel a great welcome.

We hope that all Buffs in the district will be there that night and that those who are not already members will join the Association.

A.E.L.H.

Thanet Branch.

MARGATE SUB-BRANCH.

A General Meeting of Members was held at The Drill Hall, Hawley Square, Margate, on the 8th inst. Colonel F. Mainwaring Dunstan presided, supported by the full committee: Messrs. R. H. Harman, E. French, C. Pearce, W. Jarman, Sgt. Major P. Johnson and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. F. Rogers.

The Accounts up to March 31st, 1929 were submitted duly audited. A very satisfactory state of affairs was revealed. Since November last up to 31st March, 73 Ordinary Members, 1 Associate Member (The Mayor of Margate, Alderman E. Coleman), 6 Ex-Officers, 13 Life Members (4 officers and 9 other ranks. The following items had been subscribed 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.; The Cheerful Sparrows, £1 1s.; P. H. Venner, Esq., 11/-; R. J. Frome, Esq., 5/-. There was a large attendance of members present. Mr. Buss moved that the Accounts be passed which was unanimously agreed to.

Tiger Shooting.

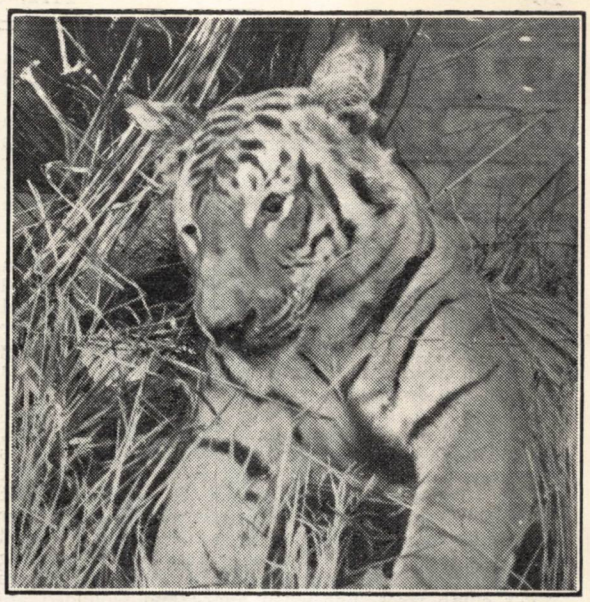
IN view of the fact that at Bareilly we are, as the crow flies, within fifty miles of splendid Tiger jungles, it may be of interest to describe the procedure and experience of collecting a Tiger.

This form of shooting in the U.P. comes under two distinct headings, the luxury shoot and the other sort; the former can only be indulged in by those who have a large number of elephants at their disposal, with the result that the Tiger may with skill and luck be driven past a machan which has been previously tied in a tree at a selected point. This cannot be done without a detailed reconnaissance of the particular area of jungle, a thorough knowledge of the habits of Tigers and a full appreciation of the fact that no power on earth will force a Tiger to go where he does not wish to; it is therefore necessary to divine the route he would naturally take if disturbed and wait on that line. This form of hunting is undoubtedly the cream of the sport, calling, as it does, for considerable skill in even getting a view of this magnificent creature, and when he does show up he may present a variety of shots ranging from a sitter to one at full gallop.

Owing to the nature of the jungle it is possible, in other parts of India, to have the beating done on foot; but not so in the Plain jungles of the U.P. where, for the most part, Tiger holding cover consists of dense grass, anything up to 15 feet high, and through which even an Elephant has difficulty to force a way.

The other method and the one the ordinary soldier has to do is to sit up over a kill and wait for the Tiger to come back for his second helping; this perhaps sounds a little tame, but is not without periods of most intense excitement which has to be endured without as much as the flicker of an eyelid or else instant detection will surely follow. The senses of hearing and seeing are developed in a Tiger to a degree it is almost impossible to credit. His sense of smell is undoubtedly poor, were it is as acute as the other two, few, if any Tigers, would ever be shot.

The writer had a very clear demonstration of these powers on the part of a Tigress, which though she was at the time 40 yards away and moving away in the opposite direction, instantly detected and located the sound made by accidentally breaking a dry leaf. She was round like lightning and passed a remark which left no grounds for supposing it was intended to be a pleasant one! Fortunately a bead had been drawn when this carelessness occurred and all ended well.



After a careful reconnaissance, a site is selected for tethering the bait, a three-parts grown Buffalo; the idea being the Buffalo is found and killed by the Tiger, which snaps the rope as if it were a piece of string, drags or carries off his victim, eats perhaps half of it, the remainder he hides preferably in long grass, carefully covering it over to conceal it from the sharp eyes of vultures, nothing else will dare to touch it knowing to whom it belongs; the Tiger then lies up and digests his meal, sometimes close at hand, even with the kill, but more often at some distance in the vicinity of water. It should be mentioned that Tigers are essentially nocturnal animals, and sleep during the day in dense cool cover; if, however, he knows the second half of his previous night's meal awaits him, he may, provided one has done nothing to arouse his suspicions and the place is far removed from human habitations, frequented pathways, etc., come along for his meal in the cool of the evening about or just after sunset. The law of the U.P. forbids the shooting of Tigers later than 40 minutes after sundown.

The part played by the bait is one which should not be passed over lightly; the writer is first to admit that any form of sport which entails the killing of anything is not without an element of cruelty, there is however in this case something to be said on the other side; the male buffalo normally ends his days at the hands of a butcher, the Mohammedan methods, as laid down in the Koran, can but produce a state of terror and a lingering death; the lightning rush of a Tiger results in instantaneous dislocation of the neck; further it must be remembered that a Tiger usually kills about twice a week so during the year destroys over a hundred beautiful stags, etc. or takes heavy toll from the cattle of those who can ill afford it.

A Buffalo had been killed on a track leading up a steep wooded khud side, pug marks denoted a full-grown male Tiger. He had carried off his victim over his shoulder instead of dragging it, consequently considerable difficulty was experienced in following where the remains had been taken; eventually a newly-turned stone here, a freshly broken twig there and a few tufts of buffalo hair led 250 yards to the hide in a small densely overgrown nulla. Both hindquarters of the buffalo had been eaten, the remainder was carefully covered over with leaves; having made certain the

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Margate Sub-Branch—*continued from page 262.*

The Hon. Secretary reported that the present strength on July 8th was 133.

The question of an Autumn and Winter Programme was informally discussed, and owing to Margate being a very busy place in July and August, it was resolved to call a general meeting on first Monday in October.

Mr. E. Birch, Hon. Secretary of the Ramsgate (Sub.) Branch was present and introduced the question of holding a Thanet Branch Dinner. The idea was well received, but left to be dealt with later in the year. Everyone was urged to attend, if possible, the Memorial Service next month at Canterbury.

The Hon. Secretary reported that he had sent a circular to all members in reference to the same.

He also reported that about twenty members paraded with the local detachment of the 4th Battalion and attended the Public Thanksgiving Service for the recovery of His Majesty.

The meeting was a good one and as one old member remarked: It was quite a "live" meeting.

This Branch sends greetings to all old friends and hopes to meet them on the 18th prox.

All members will be delighted to hear that Lieut. J. J. Cornelious an old life member, has decided to identify himself with this branch and has been placed on the roll and we shall no doubt reap the benefit of his experience.

G.F.R.

Folkestone Branch.

The monthly notes for this Branch on this occasion will be somewhat brief, as there is little of importance to report as to our activities, although I am very pleased to say steady and continued progress is being made in the numbers of the Branch. A programme of winter social items is well in hand and generally our prospects are of the brightest. The most important matter at the moment is the question of the attendance of the Branch at the Memorial Service on August 18th, and if present indications are anything to go by, we shall have a good muster.

Tiger was not in the vicinity a machan was tied in a convenient tree, this being done at mid-day when all well-conducted Tigers should be asleep. The tying and screening of a machan requires personal attention in every detail; too much screening makes it as obvious as too little; one is up against the second sharpest pair of eyes in the jungle, a peacock comes first, and without doubt the sharpest pair of ears; the creak of a rope or movement of a twig will be instantly detected.

Having tested all details, viewed the machan from every possible line of approach, and anchored the kill with strong ropes, the locality should be left undisturbed till the cool of the afternoon; it is essential to anchor the kill securely to avoid the possibility of later seeing nothing more than a flash of yellow scarcely pausing in its rush and decamping with half a Buffalo.

The day in question was in May so at 5.30 p.m., a good hour before sundown the vigil started, coolies withdrew to a distance of about 1½ miles, with strict orders to remain silent and not to return without previously explained whistle signals, should there later on be a wounded Tiger any man on the ground or indeed within 14 feet of it would be in grave danger of meeting a remarkably swift death; unlike Panthers, Tigers don't climb trees, but when angry and wounded are capable of springing a remarkable height.

For the first hour nothing occurred except what one might describe as jungle routine sounds and scenes; a few pheasants came past, a khakur (the barking deer) was my next visitor, no Tiger could be near otherwise this timid creature would detect and announce the fact by his alarm barking. Next came two Sambur hinds each with a faun at heel accompanied by a magnificent stag; every Tiger claims about two of these beautiful creatures each week.

At 6.30 up the khud, perhaps a mile away, a Sambur stag "belled," his cry of alarm. Could he have met my Tiger on the move? One starts sitting up and taking more notice, but "not a move" as drill instructors are apt to say. Shortly afterwards a Khakur started barking somewhat closer. He, however, is a timid fellow and given to raise false alarms, almost immediately a Pheasant screamed from cover. Surely this must be my Tiger for the sounds of alarm indicate that the cause of it is moving in my direction; suddenly a displaced stone rolled down the khud, and almost immediately the sound of a ponderous, though careful, tread on dry leaves; it was the unmistakeable sound, once heard never forgotten, of a Tiger's walk; he was coming from above and behind me; it was no use worrying as to whether or not he would see me. This approach had been considered and the machan screened from above, the only thing was to remain as dead still as possible hoping for the best. The treading stopped for a long five minutes. Tigers are nothing if not cautious. He was having a good look round before coming down further, he must have been satisfied for at last he came on without pause to within 30 yards of the back of my tree. Here he again stopped, I could hear him panting, the day was still warm, doubtless more precautionary looking round, but one dared not move, the next advance after an interminable pause was to the very base of my tree. To the best of one's powers one obeyed the obvious precaution of "not a move," in spite of every effort a tremendous flutter had set in, the Tiger was barely 20 feet below; one felt he must hear the pulses pounding so close above! However, he can't have done so as he moved out, not direct on his meal barely 40 yards away, but off at an angle to enter the nulla 150 yards lower down. From above he had not been able to satisfy himself that all was well beyond and he is not the sort to take any risks.

This was my first sight of this Tiger. A shot at this stage would have been difficult and risky, In screening a machan from view the arc of fire is essentially restricted. Further, no one wants to be involved with a wounded Tiger.

It is quite beyond me to adequately describe the sight of a Tiger moving in his own jungle; he appears to flow rather than walk. Imagine this, the biggest and strayest of cats with his well-known wonderful markings and colour, weighing as they do anything up to 600 lbs.

To return to our friend. He thoroughly quartered the ground beyond the kill, and eventually worked his way up the nulla towards his meal having a long and final look round from 15 yards beyond it. During this period it was most noticeable from the flicking of his ears how much he disliked the attention of the flies; a shot was not even yet possible owing to intervening twigs which might have broken up my ·450 soft nosed bullet; satisfied that all was well on he came and at long last gave me what I had been waiting for, namely, a clear view of his neck; he went over like a rabbit with scarcely a move and obviously dead. However, it is amost a golden rule to put another bullet into a Tiger even if you are sure he is dead.

What under normal conditions would be a very simple shot (he measured 28 inches round the neck!) sounds a tame ending to so much activity, but the distant jungle cries of alarm, the sound of the approaching tread, and in this case ample opportunity for counting his respirations, followed by the awe-inspiring sight of this magnificent creature are apt to, and do, produce emotions of thrill and excitement which could be justly brought up in defence for not holding one's rifle perfectly steady.

This Tiger was not big as they go. I enclose a close up photo, taken next morning before he was skinned. He taped 9 ft. 7 ins. along the curves of his back, his forearm, and paw had girths of 15 and 13 inches respectively and we have seen he took a fair size in collars.

It may be of interest to note that he had at some time experienced a rough house with a porcupine, for embedded deep in his flesh I later found the business ends of numerous quills. N.S.H.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17th,

9 p.m.

At the

DEPOT, CANTERBURY,

in aid of

The Benevolent Fund,

Band and Drums, 2nd Battalion,

Drums, 4th Battalion,

FIREWORK DISPLAY.

Admittance to Public, 3d.

Round and About.

THE DROUGHT. The long spell of dry weather has just been broken by a first-rate storm and a tidal wave on the coast. Even so, the earth remains very parched and the Metropolitan Water Board continues to issue warnings against waste of water on gardens and motor-cars. A curious phenomenon of the weather was experienced in London on 20th July. Rain stopped play in the Lancashire *v.* Surrey match at Kennington Oval while Lords enjoyed a day of unbroken, if oppressive heat.

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GRANTCHESTER. Everyone who knows Cambridge is well acquainted with the delightful hamlet of Grantchester, immortalised by Rupert Brooke in his poem, " The Old Vicarage, Grantchester." I spent a day there lately, motoring out of the heat and turmoil of London on a perfect Summer morning. It was Sunday and many others had realised the infinite possibilities of the place. Even so, I can think of no more attractive spot in which to idle away one of the dog days. There is the river for bathing and boating, lovely meadows for picnics and lazing and a tea-garden in an orchard as different from all tea-gardens of one's experience as anything could be. It was my first visit to Cambridge and, although my allegiance has long been given to " the other place " on the Isis, I am bound to admit that there is much to admire in what Oxford men call " that analagous institution in the Eastern counties."

While wandering about the town and gazing at lovely colleges and trim courts and gardens I recalled how the 1st Battalion in the late summer fifteen years ago, found itself quartered in Cambridge before the 6th Division was transported across the Channel. And I remembered how the 2nd Battalion on their return from India spent some weeks in another ancient city—Winchester. The 1st Battalion, in spite of their impatience to join the B.E.F., must have enjoyed Cambridge. The 2nd Battalion was not quite so fortunate. The weather had broken when they landed in England and those who were at Winchester in those days no doubt still have uncomfortable memories of cold and wind.

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SECOND TEST MATCH. I saw something of this match at Lords and although the Second Match has been played already and the fourth is about to begin, some comments may be of interest. The South Africans are an attractive side. They seem thoroughly to enjoy their cricket and as a result infected the big crowd at Lord's with strong feelings of sympathy. Their fielding was yards faster than that of England : Owen-Smith especially distinguishing himself. The ball seemed to be magnetically attracted by him. The same player aroused great enthusiasm by his courageous batting and gave a sample of what he could do and actually did, in the later match at Leeds. The English bowling was not impressive. It seemed sound enough, but not match-winning.

I have never watched a cricket match in which so many casualties occurred. Hammond and O'Connor were compelled to leave the field. Tate was hit in the back by a ball thrown in to the wicket. A spectator was hit on the forehead by a ball driven over the ropes by Macmillan and, finally, Cameron, the South African wicket-keeper, was knocked out by a very short, rising delivery from Larwood. This last misfortune robbed the game of its interest at a moment when a fine sporting finish was in sight and the light, as if in sympathy with the South Africans, suddenly became so bad that the match fizzled out. None the less, it was cricket well worth watching and the South Africans had by no means the worst of the encounter.

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THE AIR PAGEANT. I was able to see a great deal of this astonishing spectacle without actually going to Hendon and struggling in the colossal crowd that throngs the aerodrome. The achievements of the R.A.F. grow more awe-inspiring every year and leave one with the impression that provided Governments do not prune this arm of the Service too much we shall be able to hold our own in the air against any enemy in the event of war (which most people will join in piously hoping is rapidly becoming an impossibility).

The attack on a captive sausage balloon which was set on fire brought back memories of exciting happenings in Orljak in the Struma Valley in 1917. Many 2nd Battalon people will remember how two or three of our captive Observation Balloons were destroyed by a brilliant German flying-man and how evenually it was decided to fill the basket of a decoy balloon with an enormous charge of ammonal electrically connected with the ground. It is one of my most vivid recollections of the year 1917. Everyone " in the know " was on the look-out and, sure enough, on a perfect afternoon the expected attack was made. The hostile aeroplane swooped out of the sky and fired at the balloon. It seemed that the first shots had missed their mark and that the aeroplane was turning for another attempt when suddenly a terrific explosion occurred. The balloon was blown to fragments, the tail of the aeroplane was destroyed and the machine fell to earth like a stone. The pilot, who was instantly killed, proved to be a youthful German officer named Von Eschwege (a Baron, it was rumoured). It seemed rather a shoddy way of coping with a very gallant foe, but the Orljak balloons did their observation unmolested afterwards. Our flying-men dropped messages over the enemy lines giving details of the time and place of the dead airman's burial and when a German machine flew over the funeral and dropped a wreath, no shots were fired at him. It was another example of the chivalry that existed between the rival flying services—a chivalry that was somewhat easier to maintain than on the ground. The element of personal combat went far to foster it.

BOOKS.

War books still continue to attract the reading public and to enrich publishers and authors.

" BRETHERTON," by W. F. Morris (Geoffrey Bles) must surely be a best seller by now. It is fiction and has been received most enthusiastically by the critics.

" A SUBALTERN'S WAR," by Charles Edmonds (Peter Davies, Ltd.) bids fair to rival the foregoing book. It is described by the publishers in the following terms : " ...neither a romance, a complaint nor a diatribe, but an honest, documented narrative of actual fighting on the Western Front."

The well-known literary critic, J. B. Priestley, writing some weeks ago in *The Evening News*, had many eulogistic things to say about Neville Cardus' new cricket book, " THE SUMMER GAME : A CRICKETER'S JOURNAL." Those who read Mr. Cardu's previous book, " Days in the Sun," will realise that there is nobody in England (even considering Mr. E. V. Lucas) who can write so delightfully about cricket. Mr. Cardus is " Cricketer " of the *Manchester Guardian* and his daily writings about the game are therefore better known in the North.

The 1st Battalion.

REPORTS of rain in various parts of the United Provinces and the ominous rumbling of distant thunder have failed materially to reduce the temperature in Bareilly, and we are still just as hot as we were a month ago. No doubt, though, when the rains do break, we shall complain more than ever at its accompanying evils, mosquitoes, flying ants and prickly heat.

This month finds some of us looking forward to a breather in the hills, for in no less than three weeks the change over of Companies takes place, and the majority of those who have borne the burden and heat of the day will go up to finish the hot weather in Ranikhet.

The briefness of these notes is accounted for by the entire absence of news of real interest or importance. It is hoped that there will be material for more copious notes next month.

Sergeants' Mess.

Since the last notes were forwarded, temporary changes have taken place, therefore I have been called upon to write these lines on behalf of the usual scribe who has decided to take a rest in hospital away from the continual strain of duties and training.

With the temperature far above what I consider it should be, one sees certain members planning the next move for a spot of leave in the hills, and it is surprising how one succeeds in getting **weeks** whilst others with such strenuous duties to perform as Section Leaders' Courses, Assault course, building, etc., have to be content with **days.** Still, better times are coming when that Sergeant Instructor of Musketry becomes an established fact. Ask W.H.B.

We hear news occasionally of those " unfortunates " who are enjoying a spell of leave in England. R.S.M. Martin appears quite happy taking the waters and possibly other liquid pleasures at Ramsgate, whilst Toby Farrow is breathing the strong air (or hair) of Worthing and it makes one long for a similar pleasure and that entry in Battalion Orders showing the passage allotted, preferably P. & O.

In Bareilly we have little or no news with all sensible folk away in a much cooler place. Last month Sgt. Parks left us to join the Auxiliary Force at Aligarh, whilst to-day we bid farewell to Sgt. Cross who takes up a similar appointment at Mandalay, Burma. Both these N.C.O.'s have been members of the mess continually since the Battalion reformed at Fermoy and their presence will be greatly missed. The latter will be remembered by many past Buffs for his Cross-Country Running abilities in Dublin and Fermoy days prior to the War. However, to them both and their families we bid good wishes and trust they will always remember the old Regiment and mess they have belonged to for so long. To Cross we hope " The road to Mandalay " will not be too trying in this weather as I understand he has an eight days' journey ahead of him.

Sgt. Burt, who has recently been spending the time in between the courses at the M.G. School, Ahmednagar, training our proposed "M.G." Company, returned on Friday last and after the present course rejoins us for keeps. His appointment as Sgt.-Instructor is being taken over by Sgt. Brophy who recently returned from a course there.

Before closing these notes I will endeavour to persuade W.O. Carroll to write a short story on " How to obtain six weeks' leave in the first half hill season, after being warned for duty there the whole of the second half." I feel certain C.S.M. Williams will kindly write a foreword, and I am positive C.S.M. Beasley will act as critic.

DEPUTY.

P.S.—With reference to last month's notes, I should like to reassure those members who have left their pets in our menagerie, that they are all quite fit, whilst there is nothing special to report to Toby so far, but look out for our next serial.

STOP PRESS.

Toby will be pleased to know Nancy presented him with a son and two daughters. The Application for King's Bounty will be held over until his return.

"B" Company.

Since our last effort, the Company has been travelling around a good bit.

On April the 20th we left Bareilly for Kathgodam by train, arriving there early the next morning. After transferring the Company's and Married Families' Baggage to lorries, we then " embussed " and proceeded to Ranikhet, arriving there about 2 p.m. After the usual fatigues, we were allotted quarters and then commenced to " Bug out " and settle down. But not for long.

We were to proceed to Hawalbagh Mountain Warfare Camp for a sample of Mountain Warfare. Then to everybody's surprise and joy the training was postponed owing to an outbreak of Small-Pox at Almora. However, the rejoicing was shortlived as we were ordered to proceed to Hawalbagh on the 9th of May arriving on the 10th. When this news was heard everyone was saying " That is a rumour," but however, we went.

THE MOVE TO HAWALBAGH.

1*st Day : Ranikhet to Majkhali :*—Reveille was at 5 o'clock. Everyone was on fatigues—packing A.T. Carts with kits, Mess Room appliances, stores and all the various etcetras that are applied to Camp. We paraded on the Company Parade Ground at 8.45 a.m. and proceeded to the Ranikhet Football Ground where we were joined by the Band and "B" Company 2nd Battalion The Seaforth Highlanders. At 9 o'clock we marched off. The Band accompanied us along the road for about five miles and then they returned to Barracks leaving us to the mercy of two pipers of the Seaforths. The road consisted of nothing but "S" and Hairpin bends. We arrived at Majkhali at about 12.30 p.m. and went to a field where we were to stop the night.

A Camp Fire Concert was held that night ; the singers being accompanied by Cpl. Hunt on the Banjo. Songs were rendered by Sgt. Goss, L/Cpl. Smith, Pte. Corbett and many others of our Company. Some good talent was discovered in the Seaforths and we packed up and went to bed about 10 p.m.

2nd Day : Majkhali to Hawalbagh :—Reveille was at 5 a.m. Our innocent sleep was shattered by the Seaforth Pipers. Needless to say, that everybody woke up. We breakfasted and marched off at 8 a.m. We stopped at about 10.30 for tea and soon resumed the last of our march.

We had to march along the road avoiding all " Short Cuts " as these had been rendered very treacherous by previous falls of rain. We eventually arrived at Hawalbagh at 1.30 p.m. and soon were settled down.

The training proved to be the hardest that most of us have ever done and " Johnnie Ghurka " soon let us know that it was easy to climb Khuds, but we could not get hold of the knack.

We learned everything about piquets and how to build Sangars. However, the less mentioned about the training the better. I wish the Company a speedy recovery.

We held a swimming relay race on the River Kosi (very much misnamed) and the result is as follows :— No. 8 Platoon 1st, No. 7 Platoon 2nd and Nos. 6 and 5 Platoons 3rd and 4th respectively. It was a walkover for No. 8. After the race a diving competition was held, the winner being—1st, L/Cpl. Smith ; 2nd, Pte. Goddard ; 3rd, Pte. Denham.

An inter-unit Khud race was held and the results are as follows :—1/3 Ghurkas, 1st ; " B " Company, 2nd Seaforths 2nd ; " B " Company, 1st Buffs, 3rd. No. 6 Platoon was the fastest Platoon in the Company. Times and places of Platoons are as follows :—

No. of Platoon.	*Time.*	*Place.*
5	10 minutes	4th.
6	7 minutes	1st
7	8 minutes	3rd
8	7½ minutes	2nd

Over the march from Hawalbagh to Majkhali I will draw a blind. It was hard work up hill (1,500 feet in two miles !)

The march from Majkhali to Ranikhet was accomplished in good time. On our arrival at Pinnacle Point we were informed that we were to be isolated for 18 days owing to an outbreak of Small Pox at Almora near Hawalbagh. What will our Jazz fiends do now ?

W.W.G.

Machine Gun Platoon.

Unfortunately the Notes for the last two months have been unavoidably held over. However, the Notes will flow regularly from now on, at least, while the platoon remains as a platoon.

For some time past now, Dame Rumour has been playing havoc, but as evidence is generally taken as proof, the platoon has seen its last birthday as such. Our first and foremost prayer is that the happy band of old gunners will remain intact when the company is formed.

Sad to relate, we have lost another good man who was invaluable to the platoon both in the field of sport and at work. L/Cpl. Cribben has left us for the U.K. on the home establishment and we one and all wish him the very best of good luck. His visits to the well and lone tree interested everybody, and came to him when in need of tips ; he would always point out the place of operations.

Now that " Old Sol " is letting us know that he is alive and has a very effective kick about him, gunners have woke up to the fact that there is such a thing as thirst and on every side can be heard the long-drawn-out blood-curdling wail of Hnuuuub. Our one and only Bladder Bonce is said to be the author of this now famous battle-cry and dark are the threats from sundry places thereof.

Snub, enlarged upon by Bladder and universally advertised by Prof. Wallbars, is short for pop wallar, which explains volumes to the initiated.

Bladder labours under the impression that pops give the same pleasing effect as a good G. and G. So readers, please note.—When in doubt shout Snuuub, mouth open to the fullest extent, head well back, and feet at 180° ; thus the best effect is obtained. If still in doubt, consult Prof. Wallbars. Doubts will then be dispelled.

We welcome Sgt. Burt who is with us again for a short time from the "M.G." School and we gain a great benefit thereby. He is shewing us some very good work and he makes it very interesting also.

It was generally thought that L/Cpl. Pitt had left us for good, but he worked the bad penny stunt on us by happily returning with strange tales of Guards (railway). He very soon settled down to his hobby of trouser pressing.

Just by way of a change, the fire call went for two nights running, which had an instantaneous effect on all concerned each time. Needless to say the gunners were first on the scene to " douce the light " and place the fire-engine in a position where it can best be admired.

We offer our hearty congratulations to L/Cpl. Mellish, Trimm and Brabon on their appointments. Stripes were to be seen hanging on anything the following morning to dry.

THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Is an annual book or paper published weekly ? Perhaps Jinnie can tell us ?

How long has Wu been using his slipper for a money box ?

What about a few tips on shooting from Snaky. Could he shew us how to dress in civvies ?

We wonder if bread and sugar would make a good diet when on guard. Tyrrell and Liller could give us their opinion.

How long is Tyrrell to remain hop scotch champion and has he received a challenge for the marbles title ! If so, who from ?

TOC. BEER.

"H.Q." Wing.

Owing to the fact that the Company is split up it is rather difficult to publish a great deal of news.

The main thing, which is now completed, being the Hot Weather League, is the only really important subject, so we hope the Groups who are away up the Khuds will do their best to help fill up our allotted space in *The Dragon*.

We are losing our Company Commander for a few months and believe him to be going on Leave to Kashmir. We all wish him the best of luck. Also, we welcome our new Skipper, Lieut. Foster. We all know him, he having held office before in the Wing.

Here follow complete results of the Hot Weather League, Football and Hockey :—

THE ORIGINAL 1ST XI. AND 2ND XI. FOOTBALL TEAMS FOR THE HOT WEATHER LEAGUE.

1ST XI. FOOTBALL.—(Capt.) : Dmr. J. Wylie ; Pte. A. Bidwell, Pte. F. Howland ; Pte. M. Yard, Cpl. T. Deverson, Pte. T. West ; Pte. J. Poulter, Pte. F. Davis, Pte. J. Penfold, Pte. P. Deverson, L/Cpl. F. Bamford.

2ND XI. FOOTBALL.—Pte. W. Barden ; L/Cpl. A. Harland, Dmr. J. French ; Drm. G. Burbridge (Capt.), Pte. C. Tritton, Dmr. C. Chappell ; Pte. R. Grant, Pte. T. Coombs, Pte. A. Catt, Pte. F. Waite, Pte. J. Drury.

1ST AND 2ND XI.'S HOCKEY TEAMS FOR HOT WEATHER LEAGUE.

1ST XI. HOCKEY.—Pte. A. Bidwell ; Pte. J. Penfold, Pte. J. Collard ; Pte. F. Davis, W.O. W. Carroll, R.Q.M.S. E. Evans ; Pte. F. Crighton, Pte. T. Honeysetter, Lieut. P. R. H. Fox, M.C., Pte. R. Taylor, Pte. R. Grant.

2ND XI. HOCKEY.—Pte. W. Barden ; Cpl. H. Martin, Pte. J. Cobb ; L/Cpl. Clatworthy, Cpl. J. Redman, Pte. E. Butler ; Cpl. T. Deverson, Pte. J. Burn, Pte. J. Ferrell, Pte. W. Buchanan, Sgt. R. Hadaway.

RESULTS 1ST AND 2ND XI. FOOTBALL.

1ST XI.					2ND XI.				
Won.	*Lost.*	*Drwn.*	*Goals*		*Won.*	*Lost.*	*Drwn.*	*Goals*	
			For.	*Agst.*				*For.*	*Agst.*
1	2	1	2	7	1	3	—	2	7

RESULTS 1ST AND 2ND XI.'S HOCKEY.

1ST XI.					2ND XI.				
Won.	*Lost.*	*Drwn*	*Goals*		*Won.*	*Lost.*	*Drwn.*	*Goals*	
			For	*Agst.*				*For.*	*Agst.*
1	1	2	3	5	1	2	1	3	4

STAR OF CUBA, 2/4.

No. 3 Group, "H.Q." Wing.

It seems ages since any notes of this Group have found their way into the pages of *The Dragon*, due, as I am given to understand, to the fact that our regular correspondent has been lent to "A" Company to manipulate the accounts of the members of that Company. Let's hope he manages it to the extent that he managed it for us at Delhi Camp, at least for their sake. We wish him the best of luck and hope that he will better himself by his temporary appointment in the end.

Since the last issue of notes printed of this Group many incidents and changes of note have occurred of which I will attempt to deal only with the latest.

Firstly, we have exchanged our " Quarter-Bloke " for that Regimental Notability, C.Q.M.S. (Stashy) Pratt. We offer our heartiest welcome to him and trust that he will find us a suitable substitute for the personnel of his old company. We have, however, been informed by him that he is T.-X. and so we shall be losing him probably before we realize that he has been with us. Our best wishes go to C.Q.M.S.

Holman who has been transferred to "'D'' Company in place of C.Q.M.S Pratt, and we hope he will enjoy his leave in Blighty (when he gets it). Another addition to the Group in the shape of a long-felt want, a permanent Orderly Sergeant, is L/Cpl. (Ticky) Rowntree, whom we also welcome, not only on account of his Military capacity, but as an enthusiastic exponent of football. Of course he has had to play his way into the Group XI. and he has not yet reached such dizzy heights.

Another Red Letter event was the formation and the meteoric rise to fame, of the No. 3 Group Dankers. We have been receiving challenges from far and wide, just lately, due, we believe, to our crushing defeat of the Machine Gun Platoon Dankers, our rivals of long standing. We Dankers have played several matches of both hockey and football and have met with varied success, but I think that our losses do not total such a high number as our victories. Quite a number of the members of this team have found their way into the Company 1st and 2nd teams for the Hot Weather League on account of the absence of half of the Company in the Hills.

A point considered by some to be the most important item on the bill was the appearance in Battalion Orders of the list of fortunate individuals who are to be returned to the U.K. during the following Trooping Season. Among this list we find some of the oldest and also the most sporting members of the Group and we shall be extremely sorry to lose such good men, but "what is to be will be." Sad will be the day when these T.X. wallahs leave us, but we have all got to go some day and we shall of course wish them the best of luck.

We have been informed from fairly reliable sources that this will be the last year of the Machine Gun Platoon as such a formation, after which it is to be detached from "H.Q." Wing to form, with "D" Coy., the Machine Gun Company which has long been talked about. Needless to say we shall be sorry to lose them since it will mean finding new rivals and such are hard to find in such hard times, but apart from this reason we shall all miss the help of the Gunners which stood us in good stead in the winning of the Lord Harris Shield. Here's luck to the Wing and let's hope we can manage to hold it next year without the aid of the wandering sons above mentioned.

We extend our sympathies to Ptes. Ferrell and Carter on acquiring a place in the Hospital. We hope the former will recover from his ailment, which seems to be a speciality of his, before he finds his limbs departing from his body. With regard to Nick, we are glad to note that he is off the sick list pending an operation for the removal of varicose veins from his leg and we hope the operation will be a complete success. Nick received his injury during the noted match *versus* The Machine Gunners in which he tried conclusions with Cpl. (Wu) Martin, but it appears that he came off only second best, but still, better luck next time, Nick.

Before closing I would like to express the best wishes of the Group to those absent ones of the clan who are at present recuperating in the Hills. We hope that Albert has had a good time and has not been doing duties and the same for Gilding. It appears that "Brother Bill" is still with the rest at Ranikhet and has not yet proceeded to Simla to take up the duties of clerk at the Army Headquarters on which he has been sweating for such a considerable period.

CHECK-NUT LONG.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Has our C.Q.M.S. yet received his Serbian medal which was promised him ?

When will Burn learn to score goals and from whom is he getting his tuition ?

Have our cooks set the fashion for autographed puddings and pies ? and has Smith gone on a course of signwriting for this purpose ?

C.N.L.

The Drums.

Again the time has arrived for one to try and compile a few notes. It is very trying these days, what with Prickly Heat and other various forms of torment, nevertheless, here goes for a pen'orth.

RESULTS OF SPORTS CARRIED OUT DURING LAST MONTH.

WATER POLO.

Drums *v.* M.G.'s	Lost	2—0
Drums *v.* L.G.'s	Won	2—1
Drums *v.* M.G.'s	Lost	4—1

FOOTBALL.

Drums *v.* "D" Company...	Lost	3—1
Drums *v.* M.G.'s	Won	3—0
Drums *v.* "D" Company...	Won	3—0
Drums *v.* B.M. Hos.	Lost	2—1
Drums *v.* No. 3 Group	Drawn	1—1
Drums *v.* B.M. Hos.	Won	1—0

We all trust our lads in Blighty are having a good time, especially our newly-married man. Best of luck, Mac. ; may all your troubles be little ones.

Now before you close Alf do you mind ?

We all congratulate Deummers G. Ashby and A. Harland on their first step towards promotion. Best of luck to them both.

STOP PRESS.

Ref. Hill Moves.—Could anybody supply the necessary information. Is it Ranikhet in July or Kerrie in November ?

G.A. AND A.H. 2200 AND 1880.

"A" Company.

With the regularity of a chronometer the same old cycle of operations, namely, training, firing and a spell of duty, have been experienced by the company. Unfortunately for those actually not employed the aforesaid cycle of movement appears to have been suddenly stopped at the duty period with the result that everyone is now kept busily occupied with Guards and other endless tasks that crop up when there is only one company actually at duty.

I had visions of making these notes a "grand finale," but reliefs at this kind of work being difficult to find, I must content myself with plodding along until next month with anticipations of eventually being relieved and so, with what little time I now have to spare I shall attempt to chronicle the past month's happenings.

In the first place we have finished firing but I am sorry to say that the results were far below our expectations. The riflemen seemed particularly off this year and we are all at a loss as to how to account for this sudden change ; no doubt the strong glare from the midsummer heat can be traced as the principal offender. With the Lewis Gunners a certain amount of our old abilities seemed to prevail and on the whole a much better performance was recorded. Congratulations are due to the following for their good results with the rifle :—Capt. C. R. B. Knight and Cpl. Hudson ; the Blue Riband for the Lewis Gun falls to Pte. Packman with a score of 154 (Company Shot) and L/Cpl. Dighton makes a good second with 150.

A few of the N.C.O.'s in the Company are now attending a Section Leaders' Course and are ably instructed by purely local talent, to wit, our O.C. Company and 2/Lieut. B. H. Craig. This is all in preparation for the individual training period which we expect to participate in some time in August, assuming of course, that the jolly old wheel which I referred to in the opening stages commences to revolve again.

The C.S.M. and Sgt. Larkin are on leave in the Kumaon Hills and I forget for the minute whether the last letter stated that they were having a good time at hop-picking or hop-drinking.

Sgt. Papworth is officiating as C.S.M., Cpl. Hodkin is roughing it on the Lake at Naini Tal as Staff Instructor to the local schools, Cpl. Coade is away with the Battalion Football Team so all told our full N.C.O.'s are somewhat depleted. (When I patrol the Corner House steps I am inclined to think that it should be deleted and not depleted).

Another minus to our numbers is the recent loss of Sgt. Cross. One of the original members of the Battalion and Company in pre-war days and prominent as an Army Sportsman in his early days, we view with regret the departure of this esteemed N.C.O. who is leaving us for duty with the A.F.I. in Burma. The older members of the Company will no doubt remember the staunch support that Sgt. and Mrs. Cross freely gave in connection with sport and more so, with Cross Country Running.

Appreciating their interest, I, on behalf of the company, would now like to wish Sgt. Cross and family the best of success and prosperity for the future.

We are again pleased to be able to congratulate Mr. Foster on his winning the Paget Gold Medal. Up to last year the whole of the Battalon winners since 1919 have been in No. 3 Platoon, but this record has now been broken on account of Mr. Foster taking over No. 1 Platoon (dankers). Anyway, it remains in the company and that is the main point. Whilst I think of it, I must ask if a certain Officer derived considerable amusement from the fact that an individual when firing put his sights from six to twelve hundred yards for the purpose of obtaining a rise of twelve inches.

The continued hot weather confines our actions on the sports field by reason of the grounds becoming unserviceable, but even with this handicap we were able to finish the Football and Hockey Hot Weather Leagues. In this encounter our 1st XI. Football team finished as runners-up, the R.A. team just pipping them for the lead. Our 2nd XI. Football team took top honours in their respective league. The Hockey results are not yet to hand and so these will come in next month's notes.

Several things, such as the C.C.M.A.'s inspection, Prickly Heat, etc., claim my attention just lately, but priority compels me to concentrate solely on one and that is,

"QUARTER-GUARD."

"C" Company.

This month we have, like everybody else, been fairly quiet. In fact one puzzles his brains for hours trying to find something to write about. We are now in the midst of Individual Training, at least Nos. 9 and 10 Platoons are, whilst Nos. 11 and 12 are carrying on at duty. The men have been "squadded" according to their services and the training itself has been very interesting.

The C.S.M., Sgt. Morgan and Cpl. Robinson have returned from leave and C.Q.M.S. Sharpe has just gone, his place being taken by Sgt. Morgan.

The heat has been rather oppressive lately which no doubt accounts for us having several men in hospital with fever, etc. However, we wish them a very speedy recovery.

Several of our Junior N.C.O.'s and some perspective N.C.O.'s have been on a Section Leaders' Course, and Cpl. Mullen attended as an instructor. In addition to this 2/Lieut. C. G. Hill and some more Junior N.C.O.'s have been attending a local Transport Course.

Quite a lot of minor preparations are being made in order that we shall remain "Best Shooting Company" again this year. Some of the very bad rifles are being thoroughly tested, and we are also having ten minutes musketry every day. We shall fire our course after we arrive at Ranikhet. Everybody is saying "Roll on, the 20th of July."

Three of our Company, L/Cpl. Williams, Pte. Vasey and Pte. Bartlett have gone to Ranikhet to represent the Battalion at Football in the Meerut and Lucknow District Tournament.

Whilst on the subject, we should like to congratulate No. 11 Platoon on winning the Inter-Platoon Football Cup which was kindly presented for competition by Major Whitaker. The Cup was presented on Pay Parade to the winning team by Capt. R. M. Webster, our present Company Commander. He gave the teams a message of congratulation from Major Whitaker who said he hoped, for the sake of competition, some other platoon would put themselves out to win it next year.

In the Hot Weather League Football we did not do so badly. We finished up third having won 1, drawn 1, lost 2. Most of our team were young fellows who will come along well in later years.

The second eleven were third from the top of the league. They won 0, lost 3 and drew 1.

We have had one or two practice games of Rugby and they have been very well attended. The men seem to be taking much more interest in this game now. The only difficulty about this game is that you cannot play unless it rains because the ground is so hard. However, the Monsoon will soon be here, and then we shall get plenty of games. We hope to be able to turn out a really good team this year.

In the Hot Weather League Hockey we finished up second. Won 2, drawn 1, lost 1. This is the first hockey tournament we have lost for several years. We had nearly a new team which will improve greatly with practice. Our last two matches were against "H.Q." Wing and the R.A. We had Cpl. Robinson and C.S.M. Williams back for these games. After a ding-dong struggle with "H.Q." we managed to draw, neither side scoring a goal. There were many narrow escapes and no doubt if the inside-forwards would shoot when they are inside the circle instead of always passing, they would certainly get more goals.

In the match with the R.A. we lost 3—0. This was more or less a "needle" match, for the winners of this game won the Cup. It was not such a great game as when we played the 5th Battery for the Cup two years ago, but it was quite thrilling and up to standard. The R.A. had the better combination and did not muddle so much in front of goal. We shall not have much more hockey now, for when we go to the hills there is only one ground between several units.

Q.E.D.

"D" Company.

In concluding last month's notes I expressed the hope that something would happen to assist a scribe in compiling his notes for this month. Unfortunately this hope has not materialized to the desired effect, but I have a few things of interest and will endeavour to do my best with the following items.

The first of these is the King's Birthday Parade. Everybody was warned for the rehearsal which took place on the Racecourse about half a mile from Barracks. There were seen on this parade, faces that more than half the Company had not seen before. Staff Wallahs of course who simply walk up to the Pay Table on Friday, draw their pay and make themselves scarce until the following Friday. In any case the rehearsal seemed to go off all right with the exception of a mistake here and there, no doubt due to the fact that this was the first and only practice the Company had had as a Company, and perhaps also due to the heat. At any rate the 3rd of June arrived and with it a first class storm which started the night before. The majority of the Company were highly elated at this when reveille sounded (I should like to mention that everybody was up about two hours before reveille) and their optimism was rewarded about an hour afterwards by the order that the Parade was cancelled owing to the weather, which up to then had been remarkably hot.

The next item of interest is the Battalion Football Trials. This no doubt will be dealt with more fully by the Regimental Sports Officer so I will not go too deeply into it in case he accuses me of poaching on his preserves.

During these Trials it was a very noticeable fact that the teams that played against each other were mostly old "D" Company fellows. In fact, one Trial game showed no less than eleven Ex-Dons and two of the present Company, the latter being Ptes. Newbury and Purkiss, both of whom got their places in the Battalion Team. They are to be congratulated on their efforts and we all hope they will still be in form when the Simla Tournament starts.

I mentioned in last month's notes that the Company had started their Weekly Whist Drives under the able management of Cpl. Chandler and his assistants. So far these have proved a great success, no doubt owing to the fact that there is absolutely no profit being made out of it. We have improved on this affair by having an aggregate score prize which will be paid out to the winner at the end of the season. The money taken on these Whist Drives is not of course all given out in prizes. Half of it is spent on Minerals, Sandwiches and Cigarettes which are served during the interval lasting about twenty minutes. During this time the Legion Syncopaters give a few Selections. Sgt. Burt has also helped to pass the interval away by reciting one of his famous monologues, so that everybody gets something for his money. This is probably the reason why we get so many men from other Companies attending each week. Providing we can get enough lamps and oil these games will be carried on when the Company goes to Ranikhet.

At present the Company are still doing Machine Gun Training prior to the definite formation of the "M.G." Company on the 1st of July. That is if Dame Rumour can be relied upon.

Lieut. N. E. Hoare has taken over temporary command of the Foreign Legion while Major Hamilton is away on a short course of Crank Handling at Ahmednagar. It is hoped that he will return with that ever-elusive award Distinguished. The following poem has been submitted to me to include in these notes. I hope that the ex-members of the Company to whom it refers will happen to glance through these notes and notice it.

THE LAST OF "D."

The War cry once, was come on "D,"
But now it's come on Gunners
Because they've split up good old "D"
To turn them into Gunners.

There still remains a dozen or two
Who not unlike the other,
Was just detailed to stop behind
To make names for the Gunners.

We've lost our Captain, sad to say,
A sportsman through and through,
Who loves the colours Green and White
As he does the Buff and Blue.

We all wish him the best of luck
And hope he has no sorrows,
For he still knows the Green and White
Will rank above all others.

Our nickname now, as you must know,
Is called the Foreign Legion
Because we have all kinds of blokes
Who fancy they're in heaven.

Our pals I know that's gone away
To other and different Companies,
Will still retain the same old thought
You couldn't beat our Company.

But though they've parted good old "D"
Like babies from their mothers,
I'll bet the old "D" Company's men
Still love the dear old colours.

SOLDIER.

SPORTS NOTES.

I finished last month's Sports Programme with a report o the games of football played towards the winning of the Hot Weather League, the results of which are very unsatisfactory. I venture to suggest that more trial games should be played throughout the Company so that as far as possible everybody should get a game or two. As it is there are only a selected few in the Company who do get a regular game and I think that it is only by having these practice games that new talent can be found which I am sure is in the Company if the selectors would not condemn a player on his first couple of games. Practice makes perfect apart from the exercise it gives men who otherwise have to provide their own means of keeping fit, which at the best of times is rather difficult in a place like Bareilly. This applies to both Football and Hockey.

The following are the final games played towards the League :—

"D" VERSUS "A."—This game was the last of the First Eleven fixtures and once again we failed to win. The play was a bit ragged from the kick-off, but things soon livened up and each goal was visited in turn. Our defence did well to keep off the opposing forwards, who several times came near to scoring. Just before half-time "A" were awarded a penalty which was converted; thus half-time arrived with the score 1—0 in "A" Company's favour. From the restart our goal was in danger, but good goalkeeping by Pullman kept the score down. There was no further score, but our lads did their best and never lost heart and when the final whistle blew "A" Company went out winners by 1 Goal to Nil. The team was as follows :—

Ptes. Pullman, Blackman and Clifton, Yates, Purkiss and Cox, Bourn, Davidson, Heath, Newbury and Cresswell.

2ND XI. FOOTBALL. VERSUS "C" COMPANY.—Although the result was a draw, we should have won quite easily, but our players were decidedly off form. "C" were the first to score through a break-away on the left wing. On the game being resumed, things brightened up and we were awarded a penalty which Tilly converted. The necessary breather came with the score 1—1. After the Interval, play was fairly even throughout and both teams missed opportunities. The following did duty for us :—Ptes. Pullman, Blackman and Ashmore, Venes, Bailey and Laydon, Tilly, Gillett, Jones, Senior and Tonge.

2ND XI. HOCKEY. VERSUS "C." This was a very good game with plenty of spirit, both teams trying hard to win. Ten minutes from the start "C" scored and held the lead until the whistle blew for half-time. Soon after the resumption we awarded sticks just outside the circle and from this found the goal that put the teams on level terms. A few minutes later we scored again making the score 2—1 in our favour at full time. Senior and Heath were the scorers. The Team was as follows :—

Pratt, Hogben, and Harris, Redman, Bailey and Ashdown, Button, Heath, Jones, Senior and Buddle.

VERSUS "A" COMPANY.—The game was very fast and fairly even. Both sides missed chances which kept the score down and the result was a draw, 0—0. The team was the same as before.

Our other games were more or less the same as those already described except that we had to play off the final against the R.A. We fought very hard against a good team, but failed to win; thus we had to be satisfied with being Runners-Up, the result being 3—0 for the R.A. The Team was as follows :—

Pratt, Hogben, and Butler, Redman, Ashdown, Bourn, Lelent, Jones, Senior and Buddle.

The 2nd Battalion.

ALDERSHOT during the past few weeks, has been the centre of attraction for thousands. It is not the function of *The Dragon* to describe the great tattoo, for that has already been done by every big newspaper in England, but perhaps it may be of interest to mention that this Battalion had the unique privilege of furnishing both the senior Bandmaster and the junior Drum-Major in the massed band and massed drums display. Mr. Hewitt, M.B.E. was a distinguished figure at the head of his enormous Band, whilst Drum-Major O'Dell was no less conspicuous proudly leading his thunderous contingent. In a programme providing so many stirring events it would be invidious to single out one as better than another, but from the remarks we heard in the grand stand and two shilling enclosure, we are certain that nothing appealed more to this vast concourse of spectators than the stirring notes of the Band and reverberating drums of the two combined as they strubbed and wheeled across the vast arena together. This then is a fitting opportunity to congratulate our two veteran exponents on the remarkably fine and faultless performances they respectively commanded.

On June 23rd we had much pleasure in entertaining a large contingent of the London Branch of the Past and Present Association, headed by their redoubtable leader, Captain Enright. They arrived soon after breakfast in charabancs, and in time to attend Church Parade with the Battalion. It was indeed a stirring sight to see this sturdy contingent of old bemedalled Buffs joined up at the head of the Battalion, and when they moved off it was patent that in spite of their present civil associations and the many years that had elapsed since many of them had retired from the active list, they were able to march in as soldier-like a manner as ever and set as good a step as could be wished for to the younger fry amongst the Present. After Church Past and Present mingled freely on the Square and were able to inspect the Colours and the silver. Later the London contingent, reinforced by some of the Present, assembled for the inevitable photograph—always an opportunity for much good-humoured chaff and back chat.

No doubt the London Branch correspondent will give readers a fuller description of this day, so we will not encroach further on his do main, but on behalf of the whole Battalion must say what a real pleasure it was to see so many old friends once more in our midst, and how glad we shall be to welcome them again.

On July 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th the Aldershot Horse and Hound Show was held in Rushmoor Arena. We were entered for a few events but failed to carry away any prizes. Although this is a matter for regret, possibly we may be justified in taking a little pride in the fact that not a little of the lay out and general appearance of the transformed arena, which now blossomed with beds of beautiful flowers, was due to working parties found by the Battalion. Although originally it was not intended, after the first day's work of preparation the officer in charge asked that the same party might be allowed to continue till all was complete, for, as he said, "the Buffs work so well." This looks rather as though we were blowing our own trumpet, but as there may be some men in the Battalion who have not heard it before, this seems a fitting opportunity to touch the horn!

The Show itself was a perfect piece of organisation and went right through without a hitch, and to any lover of the horn must have been pure joy—especially the jumping events, which reached a high standard. But even had there been no equestrian events, the great N.A.A.F.I. tent provided a source of unfailing interest in itself. In one part representatives from the Army Vocational Training Centres of Hounslow and Chiselden could be seen engaged on the trades which these invaluable institutions set out to teach soldiers in their last six months of service. Here the public were able to see for themselves what could be achieved by soldier students eager to fit themselves for civil employment, and must in itself have been an excellent advertisement and an inducement to employers to offer jobs to soldiers finishing their time.

In another great tent one could tour the Empire, for here was Canada, South Africa, India, Australia and New Zealand in miniature, with specimens of the products of each. Surely no soldier who walked through this

No. 13 Company Football Team, 2nd Battalion The Buffs. *Gale & Polden.*

Winners of Inter-Company Competition, Aldershot, 1928–1929.

L/Cpl. Reynolds, Pte. Knight, Pte. Reekie, Pte. Divers, Pte. Walton, Pte. Matfin.
Pte. Baker, Pte. Barber, Pte. Felce, Pte. Blencowe, Pte. Milton.

Empire exhibition could fail to feel proud and thrilled, and perhaps persuaded to try his luck in the " great open spaces " when his time is up ? In these great Dominions there is still room and to spare for any man who is not afraid of real hard work, but work which will give a far better return than will ever be the case in this overcrowded England.

It is gratifying to all concerned to be able to place on record the following list of unsolicited testimonials :—

After an engagement at Bath recently, the Band was specially complimented by General Rumsney on their play and turn-out. On another occasion they were thanked by the Headmaster of Bradfield College. (It is here, by the way, that Mr. Elwin, late Bandmaster of the 1st Battalion, is to be found in term time).

Compliments concerning the turn-out and play of the Drums recently at the Crystal Palace, have been received from the London Branch, Past and Present Association, and other spectators. The Drums have been given another engagement, for August Bank Holiday, 5th.

Cpl. Johnson has received thanks and a presentation for his good work in training the R.A.M.C. recruits for the Aldershot Tattoo P.T. display.

Pte. Supple, who recently went as a temporary orderly at Divisional Headquarters, proved so satisfactory that Division have asked that he may remain there instead of the man of another regiment who formerly did this job.

Pte. Roner also acted in a similar capacity as a temporary relief for a man in another regiment at Brigade Headquarters. When he eventually returned Brigade Headquarters wrote that he was well worth noting for similar employ and was a very good man.

Pte. Brookes filled a gap at the Army Vocational Training Centre and when the permanent relief returned they wrote to say how sorry they were to lose him.

Mrs. Cubitt, wife of our Divisional Commander, recently said that she wouldn't wish for a better man than Pte. Bailey (who is employed as gardener), and that the Buffs can always be relied on.

Company Sergeant-Major Ongley has been specially thanked by O.C. 2nd Division Signals for an act of gallantry in saving the life of a small girl whose clothing caught fire. C.S.M. Ongley put out the fire with his hands and arms just before it caught her hair, and was badly burned himself.

Sergeants' Mess.

I must apologise for omitting it last month and will take this opportunity of heartily congratulating Bandmaster Hewitt on having been awarded the M.B.E. in the Birthday Honours. At a Mess Meeting held on 17–6–29, following a suitable speech by our R.S.M., his health was drunk and he responded to the toast by some very touching words, dwelling especially on the very fine spirit of comradeship which has always existed in the Sergeants' Mess. Since he was a member of the Mess before a great number of the present members were even born, surely no one could be more competent to express an opinion ! I am sure that not only his comrades of the mess, but the whole regiment will agree that nowhere could be found one more worthy of the great honour than our Bandmaster.

Cricket.

The Sergeants' Mess team played a Bagshot Eleven on 19–6–29 and were beaten by 4 wickets.

Sergeants' Mess *v.* Bagshot.

Sergeants' Mess.		*Bagshot.*	
C.Q.M.S. A. Smith, b Payne...	13	Mr. G. Vanner, b Coaster.....	18
C.Q.M.S. C. Smith, c Earley, b Hutchings.....	0	Mr. E. Hutchings, b A. Smith	23
Sgt. Carvell, b Hutchings	15	Mr.G.Campbell,lbw, b Coaster	0
C.Q.M.S.Burville,lbw,b Wastie	57	Mr. A. Wastie, b Burville.....	3
Sgt. Payne, b Wastie.....	10	Mr. W. Green, b Burville.....	2
C.S.M.Coaster,c Green,b Wastie	0	Mr. G. Green, b Coaster.....	0
R.S.M. Vaughan, b Payne	1	Mr. F. Payne, not out.....	36
R.Q.M.S. Tong,c Wastie,b Payne	5	Mr. A. Reason, not out.....	35
C.S.M. Shoobridge, not out ...	4	Mr. V. Welton } did not bat.	
Sgt. Maplesden, c & b Payne	0	Mr. W. Earley }	
Sgt. Bell, c Welton, b Wastie	4	Mr. J. Aires }	
Extras.....	9	Extras.....	16
Total.....	118	Total (for 6).....	133

We were visited by the London Branch of the Past and Present Association on Sunday the 23rd and a most enjoyable time was spent by all. Quite a number arrived on the previous day in order to visit the Aldershot Tattoo. It is one of the greatest pleasures of the year, this annual re-union of our past comrades. Unfortunately, however, the time they are here goes all too quickly and by the time the old battles have been fought again—with refreshment—they have to return. We had the pleasure of keeping one of the members with us for a few days, however. I am afraid those of us who persuaded him to stay will be rather unpopular with his good lady. I am referring to Mr. Green, the Secretary of the Association, who left the Regiment as far back as 1886 !

I am not going to attempt to describe the happenings of that memorable Sunday because I am sure a full account will appear elsewhere in this issue.

Shooting.

The Shoot for the Paget Cup was held on 8–7–29, the Competition for the Silver and Wooden Spoons being carried out at the same time. In order to give everybody a sporting chance to win the Silver Spoon, a handicap system was used. After everyone had fired, a ticket was drawn from the hat, a plus or minus number being on each one. The highest was +20 and the lowest —20. This was only to be used for the Silver Spoon, of course, the Paget Cup and the Wooden Spoon going by the highest and lowest actual scores respectively.

C.S.M. MacWalter again showed us his skill by winning the Cup with a score of 63, R.Q.M.S. Tong winning the Silver Spoon with a score of 46 and a lucky +19 !

A tie for the Wooden 'Un between Sgts. Kerry and Saunders was decided by the lowest score in the last practice, at 600 yards, resulting in the latter winning the spoon by one point.

Name.	*Score.*	*Handicap.*	*Total.*
C.S.M. MacWalter	63	+10	73
C.Q.M.S. Fawcett	58	+5	63
Sgt. McNeir	49	0	49
Sgt. Bromley	49	+7	56
C.S.M. Shoobridge	46	0	46
R.Q.M.S. Tong	46	+19	65
R.S.M. Vaughan	45	0	45
Sgt. Wass	43	+4	47
Sgt. Bell	42	+2	44
Sgt. Field	41	—8	33
Sgt. Chapman	39	+2	41
Sgt. H. Osborne	39	—9	30
Sgt. Richardson	38	—3	35
Sgt. Carvell	38	0	38
Sgt. Cronin	37	+4	41
D/Major O'Dell	36	—20	16
C.S.M. Ongley	36	—1	35
Sgt. Wright	33	—5	28
Sgt. Green	33	0	33
Sgt. F. Baker	32	+1	33
C.Q.M.S. A. Smith	31	+3	34
Sgt. Willing	30	—6	24
C.Q.M.S. C. Smith	28	+10	38
Sgt. Kerry	18	—5	13
Sgt. Saunders	18	+2	20

The sweepstakes were held, one on the actual highest score and one on the handicap score. C.S.M. MacWalter was again to the fore—for both !

At a mess meeting held on the 11th the Paget Cup and Silver Spoon were presented by the R.S.M. Unfortunately—or perhaps fortunately, for him—the winner of the Wooden Spoon was unavoidably absent, so that the presentation of the same, with the subsequent " march past " at the slope and the filling of the spoon with juice," had to be postponed until some future date (May it be soon, Amen ! !)

C.S.M. MacWalter, on receiving the Cup, said in a short speech—which was demanded by the members present—that he was naturally glad to add yet another cup to his collection, but that he wished a few more would take advantage of the many opportunities the Battalion has (thanks to the Weapon Training Staff) of practice on the range.

R.Q.M.S. Tong was then presented with the Silver Spoon and in his speech—which, incidentally, made several of the members, including myself, duck under our chairs !—said that if we cared to glance at the stand containing the silver cups, we should find his name engraved on the " Highest Aggregate " Cup for 1927, the Paget Cup for 1928 and also four times on the Shield ! (I am anxiously awaiting something appropriate from " Touchstone " who obliged us in the June issue). However, joking apart, our heartiest congratulations are yours, Q.M.S., but we hope you don't draw plus nineteen next time !

I am afraid the members have rather let their correspondent down this month, since on looking through *The Dragon* book I find only one short paragraph entered. I hope members will take this tip and help to make our notes really interesting, which can very easily be done by jotting down in the book any interesting items that may occur and, since they are very easily forgotten, to jot them down at once.

We were more than pleased to welcome C.S.M. Lucas to our midst, who belongs to our sister regiment in Canada and had come over to compete at Bisley. We hear, with pleasure, that he, with others who came over with him, will be visiting us on 20–7–29. I hope we give them the happy time they deserve and that they may bind us even closer to our comrades of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

Congratulations to Sgt. Wass on his further increase in family.

We welcome to the Mess, Sgt. Gorham and although I hear he is shortly leaving the service, may he always remember the Sergeants' Mess of the Buffs with affection.

We hear with regret that C.M.S. Coaster will be leaving us shortly for the T.A. in London, but we trust we shall see him often. He is going to serve under an old Buff in the person of R.S.M. Sayer.

Sgt. Dennis has commenced a Vocational Training Course in a local garage and it is really astonishing the number of cars he is capable of repairing in an hour (so he tells us !)

Should this reach the eyes of the London Branch we sincerely trust that " Dodger " Green got off lightly at his " Court Martial." He was charged with :—

" In that he at Aldershot on the twenty-third of June did, to the prejudice of good order, etc., of the London Branch, wilfully overstay his pass for three days, when ordered to return by the 9.47 train to London with his comrades."

Heard during practice on range :—*C.S.M.*—" Stand by, now, the next exposure will be two quick'uns (!) "

Corporals' Mess.

On Monday, 8th July, we held our Annual Outing when the weather proved to be in our favour. Leaving Barracks at 7 a.m., the party of seventy were in real holiday mood as soon as our " home-of-rest " was out of sight. Passing through London the traffic was naturally slowed down and we had the opportunity (and took it) of admiring some of the many new and magnificent buildings that have sprung up during the past few years. I might add that the feminine portions of the staffs did not escape our notice. Cpl. Parrett declares definitely that " Selfridges " is bigger than " Lefevres of Canterbury " ; now who would have thought that you have to lay down to see the top of the former. Polly tells us, so it must be so ; also, he would like to know if they are going to continue building upwards until there is no more space to fill.

During the journey we had two stops—one was rather early so we had tea. The second was *not* too early, so I need not mention whether it was the " Rose and Crown " or " Fisherman's Arms." Southend was reached at about 12.15 and we drove straight to the " London Hotel," where Lunch was ready for us, consisting of the following:—Fillet de Plaice, Beef, Mutton, Yorkshire Pudding, Potatoes (Roast and Boiled), Petit Paris, Cabbage, and Apple Tart—Avec. Custard—BIER. A'LA. BAR.

At about one o'clock, having finished eating, we dispersed to various parts of the town in search of pleasurable pastimes. Some found them and took them on the " joy-wheel," water shute, Haunted House, etc., for the remainder of the day.

The greatest attraction of Southend is undoubtedly the Kursaul, where every form of amusement is obtainable. "Buffs" were to be seen in all directions—some shooting birds, some escorting them. Our R.S.M. and Q.M.S. Ricketts spent quite a long time in this amusement park and I am confident in saying that they had a wonderful time, what with motoring, getting wet seats, sliding off the joy-wheel, and other pleasures too numerous to mention.

The pier had its share of our esteemed patronage and here again The Buffs distinguished themselves.

Unfortunately the day passes into night and we had to come home. At 7 p.m. a shadow darkened Southend—we departed. On the homeward journey we had a little delay in getting away from the first halting-place owing to the loving nature of some Londoners and some of our Corporals. L/Cpl. Baker, I am sure, considers that he is improperly dressed, wearing only two G.C. Badges, after his reception on that occasion.

The second halt was at a quieter spot and we got away safely, many bringing a snack on board. It was noticed that one of our party was enjoying hot Fish and Chips. He may not have been the only one. We sincerely trust he enjoyed them ; so did we. We arrived back shortly before midnight having had a very enjoyable day—and had one thought for to-morrow—Battalion Training.

We are pleased to have Cpl. Cook back with us again from Hythe and congratulate him on doing so well on his course. Congratulations to Cpl. Gorham on his promotion to L/Sgt. and Ptes. King, R. Taylor, Scullion, Clubble and Griggs on their promotion. They are welcomed to their new home where we hope that they will make good progress.

We welcome back Cpl. Cross, L/Cpls. Richardson and Hobson from Hythe.

Congratulations to Cpl. Fletcher who was married on 6–7–29 and may all his troubles be little ones.

There is an old saying, " When the cat's away the mice will play." Obviously, judging from sights seen at Southend, this affects all " Freds."

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Do Spectacles assist in a search for love ?

JIMMY.

"M.G." Company.

For the majority of Gunners the past month has been a very strenuous period, our time being very fully occupied with weeding the Barrack Square, R.S.M.'s parades and fatigues at the Rushmoor Arena, clearing up after the Tattoo and Horse Show, these occupations being divided fairly evenly among gaps in Battalion Training, which has just finished. Brigade Training commences almost immediately and lasts until the beginning of August, when we hope to get a few days leave.

No. 15 Platoon have been isolated for the past few weeks, Pte. H. Jordan having been admitted to Hospital with Mumps, they have consequently missed most of Battalion Training which was a stroke of bad luck.

Sgt. Page will soon be back with us from his Course at Netheravon. We hope he brings back a "D."

Cpl. "Vic." Butler has at last attained the "Scroungers Paradise." He left us on the first of the month to commence an outside Vocational Training Course near his home. Anyone wishing to communicate with him should apply at the "Ship," High Street, Tottenham, which is near the Labour Exchange.

Pte. "Lofty" Jennings has also left us for Civilian Life. We wish him the very best of luck and hope to hear from him in due course.

We congratulate L/Cpls. Dyke, Roser and Carr on their appointment.

We were very sorry to say good-bye to Lieut. H. S. Knocker, who will be, by the time these notes appear in print, on his way to West Africa. We all wish him the very best of luck in his new Station.

CRICKET.

We met "C" Company in the first round of the Athletic Shield Cricket Competition and sad to relate were very decisively beaten. The scores were :—

	1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
"C" Company	128	11 for 1
"M.G." Company	81	51

A scratch team from the Company played "B" Company, King's Own Royal Regiment and were also beaten, but by a smaller margin. The scores were :— "B" Coy. K.O. R.R., 80 for 9 wickets; "M.G." Coy., 2nd Buffs, 79 all out.

The top scorers were Ptes. Mahoney, Cowley and Newman.

TUG-OF-WAR.

The Company Team fulfilled all expectations by winning the Athletic Shield Tug-of-War Competition, beating "B" Company in the 1st Round and No. 13 Company in the final. The Team and Sgt. Wright, the trainer, are to be congratulated on the very good show they put up.

Lieut. E. P. C. Bruce and Cpl. Watts were representatives of the Company in a Battalion Cricket Team which visited the Depot at Canterbury to play a series of games against local teams. The tour was very successful and we hear they had a very enjoyable time.

Pte. "Spud" Austen would like to know how Tyrrell, Crusje and Spencer like bumping a tripod around in India's sunny clime.

E.H.W.

The Drums.

We were very pleased to have some of our Old Comrades from the London Branch of the Past and Present Association with us for the Tattoo and Church Parade. It was a great pleasure to see Genty McGamm after an absence of three years. His first remarks to some of us were "Do you remember my clock?" Perhaps some of our X-Boys in the 1st Battalion will know something about this.

The Wing is now in the middle of training and of course we are enjoying every minute of it. All of us are looking forward to our visit to Canterbury for the laying-up of our "Old Colours," also we expect to see some good cricket.

The Tattoo, we are glad to say, went off excellently, as the weather was fine for every performance and we had a record crowd each night.

"A" Company.

We welcome 2/Lieutenant Warry to the Company; during his temporary attachment he has been posted to Command No. 1 Platoon.

2/Lieutenant H. G. Wooller N.Z.S.C. (attached), we are glad to learn, successfully passed Q.1. at the Small Arms School, Hythe.

We finished our "Camp Period" of training with a dawn attack somewhere near Colony Bog and the N.C.O. who was in front with the white patch on his valise, does not need too much reminding of it as he was heard to remark: "No cocoa, X.Y.Z. and a Colony of Bogs," for quite a week after. After camp we completed the training from Barracks. The majority of schemes were carried on in E.1. Area, a place well-known to some of our comrades in the 1st Battalion.

We are now 'looking forward"? to Brigade Training which takes place shortly, to be followed so we learn, by something else, but of this we cannot say much at present.

The Company sent one or two representatives to the Athletic Individual Championships, Aldershot Command, but were not very lucky.

Captain W. B. Griffith we learn, is on leave pending embarkation to Nigeria; we wish him the best of luck.

There have been several comings and goings of late. We lost Pte. McGann, posted to the Depot for a tour of duty and received Pte. Cummings from the Depot in his place. The latter has taken over batman to the Company Commander; apparently he is enjoying the change.

Cpl. Johnson has returned from Crookham where he has been assisting to train the R.A.M.C. recruits in Physical Training for the A.C. Tattoo. He can be heard constantly saying, "Pull your hands back." Pte. Chandler recently purchased his discharge. His stay with us was not a long one, but we wish him the best of luck in Civil Life.

To represent the Company at Bisley we sent C.S.M. MacWalter, D.C.M., M.M., Ptes. Hawkins and R. Taylor; we are now anxiously awaiting results.

Those of "A" Company who were in the Small Arms School, Hythe Demonstration Platoon, *viz.*: L/Cpl. Richardson, Ptes. L. King, Scullion and R. Taylor, finished their course and we learn are enjoying a well-earned leave. We anticipate lots of nice things being said about them.

We have a Canadian (actually born in Canterbury) in No. 3 Platoon and being under the impression he was something of a backwoodsman, he was sent out on patrol, but as one put it, he was a "back-door man." It is obvious that his "Guys and Ginks" did not get him very far. On one occasion he stood on a crest line firing blanks to attract attention.

Privates Humphreys, Hird and Bolton are on Vocational Courses while Ptes. Clohessy (1st Battalion) and Sankling have returned from Courses and are now on their last lag before Civvie Street.

Sgt. McNeir has been warned for drafting this trooping season and is quite looking forward to the "Big Boat."

"B" Company.

Owing to Battalion Training and the number of Fatigue Parties required to clean up the arena after the Aldershot Tattoo and the Horse Show, we have had very few opportunities for sport during the month. We found time, however, to play "A" Company at Cricket (in the Company Shield) which we managed to win after a particularly interesting and exciting game. The scores were as follows :—

"B" COMPANY.

1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*	
Cpl. Drake, c King, b Kenward	15	lbw, b Parry	47
Sgt. Bell, c Wyles, b Payne	3	b Payne	8
L/Cpl. Ingram, b Payne	3	b Payne	0
Lieut. Reeves, b Kenward	12	b Parry	10
C.Q.M.S. Smith, c Taylor, b Kenward	0	b Parry c Bowyer, b Parry	0 2
C.S.M. Coaster, run out	2	b Parry	11
Capt. Keble, not out	29	b Parry	2
Pte. Hammond, b Parry	6	not out	12
L/Cpl.Charlton,c Parry, b Payne	0	not out	5
Pte. Laker, lbw, b Payne	0	c Parry, b Payne	0
Pte. Jeffery, c Jones, b Payne.	1	Extras	10
Extras	6		
Total	77	Total	107

"A" COMPANY.

1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*	
Pte. Gilding, c and b Coaster	1	lbw, b Hammond	6
Lieut. Kenward, c Drake, b Hammond	17	lbw, b Coaster c and b Reeves	5 8
Sgt.Payne,c Drake,b Hammond	4	not out	16
Lieut. Parry, c Charlton, b Ingram	35	c Jeffery, b Reeves b Coaster	1 14
Cpl. Wyles, b Coaster	4	b Coaster	2
L/Cpl. Eley, c and b Laker	10	st, b Coaster	4
Pte. King, c Coaster, b Ingram	1	b Laker	1
L/Cpl. Bowyer, not out	7	c Charlton, b Laker	0
Pte. Jones, b Ingram	0	b Laker	0
Pte. Taylor, b Ingram	1	Extras	14
Pte. Knight, c Smith, b Reeves	15		
Extras	7		
Total	102	Total	71

Having received some notes from Platoons, I am entering them as they lead the Company.

Shiny 8 Corner.

As the story goes, once upon a time there *were* notes appearing in the jolly old *Dragon* under the heading of " Shiny 8." I have, during the past couple of months, been trying to find the cause of their absence, but in vain. But I will do my best to carry on with the good work. Firstly, dear old eight deserves a cheer for starting the platoon corner rolling ; come on, the others !

We are still living up to our name of " Shiny." A week or so ago, our Company Commander presented a Shield (The " Bee Shield ") to the smartest room on weekly inspection ; again, Numbers five, six and seven are wondering how it is done. Rumour has been drifting around that entries are needed for the Army Swimming Championships, but I don't know for certain if it is right. A certain young couple of " Shinies " have entered. If so, swimming practice can be obtained in the Battalion bath-house nightly from 7 till 9 p.m. A. Lane, Esq., will be in attendance to give away tips of the first degree to those who need them. By the way, we wonder what has come over " Uncle " of late ? Surely the effects of a certain outing to Southend have worn off by now, or would he like to go down to Canterbury one of these Sundays. (Now then, " Nunky," don't be shy).

Things we want to know.

Whether " Squibs " has found out where the Buffs were going on being challenged by the City Marshall on the presentation of colours ?

Isn't it nearly time that " Bonce " got his second up ?

Have we at last got a pawnbroker in the Platoon ? A gathering of " old gold " has been noted of late, also a " Bowler." Oh, uncle, another shilling ! !

What mischief did the " minor shines " get up to during the absence of the Corporals on their outing to Southend ?

Heard when the Government House Guard marched off :—

Bright young individual : " Oh, look, is that the stick-man marching behind the guard ? "

We wonder if the N.C.O. i/c the Guard feels flattered.

Heard after a three miles route march :—

" Outside everybody with their feet for foot inspection." Now, is it possible ?

A. Shine.

No. 7 Platoon.

First and foremost I must mention the fact that all the platoon are very sorry to lose Cpl. Sivers, who has gone to "H.Q." Wing to take up the duties of Transport Sergeant. I am sure that we all wish him the best of luck with his new job. I must say he looks pretty smart trotting around barracks in riding breeches and spurs.

Another noteworthy event was that No. 7 was chosen to find a team to represent the Company in Match 19 (The Platoon Match) in the A.C.S.A. Meeting on No. 1 Range at Ash. The team put up a jolly good show, considering the number of youngsters in it. We finished seventh in the eliminating round, held on Monday, 1st July, but unfortunately we did not qualify for the next round. We had rather bad luck as Pte. Walter, one of our star Lewis Gunners, was taken queer just before we went on the firing point and had to be changed over. We must congratulate Pte. Hammond on his excellent shooting with the other L.G., and also No. 10 Platoon, "C" Company in qualifying for the next round. The following were the team :—

Platoon Commander : L/Sgt. Chapman. *Platoon Runner :* Pte. Kean.

No. 9 Section.	*No. 10 Section.*	*No. 11 Section.*	*No. 12 Section.*
L/c. Marsden	Cpl. Sivers	L/c. Frankham	L/c. Ingram.
Pte. Garlinge	Pte. Hammond	Pte. Hooker	Pte. Mangleshot
Pte. W.E. Williams	Pte. Ward	Pte. W. Williams	Pte. Walter
Pte. Jeffery	Pte. Good	Pte. Kemp	Pte. Waghorn

I am sure all the platoon will be very sorry to say good-bye to 2/Lieut. Sherston, who leaves us next month ; he has been attached to the Company for three months and has been in command of No. 7 the whole time. We all wish him the very best of luck and hope we shall see him again.

W.R.C.

Things we want to know.

Heard on night operations : A sentry was posted as lookout to platoon and the Platoon Commander mentioned the fact that cocoa would be up later. About an hour later another man was detailed to relieve the sentry and the platoon commander asked him if he knew what he had to do, and he replied, rather at a loss at what to say : " Take Pte. ——'s place, and—er, look out for the cocoa, sir."

(Did it happen to be Machin ?)

W.R.C.

No. 5 Platoon.

Cpl. Drake is to be congratulated on making the very fine score of 47 in our cricket match against "A" Company. He is at present at the Regimental Depot and I hope he does equally well there.

L/Cpl. Willson, our Regimental 'bus driver, managed to spend a few days at the Depot thanks to a little difference of opinion his 'bus had with one of a far heftier pattern. I hope he has enjoyed himself there, but I would like him to remember his absence has caused quite a number of us to use " Shank's pony " to the range and back!

W.A.L.

No. 6 Platoon.

We make our bow this month, complete with a brand new Platoon Sergeant, in Cpl. Edwards, our beloved " Jock " being engaged in cleaning the " innards " of motor-cars.

We carried off the Platoon Shield, mainly due to the efforts of two men, Jock and Cpl. Edwards. We have not succeeded in winning the " Busy Bee " Shield yet, but we shall be buzzing next time it is competed for.

Have not much to say this month and will close by enquiring who the gentleman was who scrubbed the guardroom with half a brick ? Ask the local holyman !

H.O.D.

I trust that now I have successfully persuaded the platoons to assist me in compiling these notes they will continue to do so and improve on the quantity every month.

W.A.L.

[Quality more than quantity is what's wanted, but we doubt if there will be room for platoon notes in the future.—Sub-Ed.]

"C" Company.

It gives us great pleasure to open our notes with offering our sincere congratulations to L/Cpl. Lee on his very fine shooting at Bisley this year.

Perhaps our readers will remember that L/Cpl. Lee won the Young Soldiers' Championship at Bisley last year. This year he has entered the next class, *i.e.*, Class "B" open to Corporals and over two years' service. His performances give us the greatest of pleasure. We may yet see the day when he wins the Army Championship for he is still a young soldier. Should he maintain his present rate of progress, the day will not be long.

Here are some of this year's performances at Bisley by L/Cpl. Lee. " Roupell Cup," 1st in Class "B" with a score of 82. Winner's score, 86 ; received 1st Prize for Class "B" : £5 plus £1 5s. sweep. " Roberts Cup," 3rd in Class "B" with a score of 104. Winner's score, 127. 3rd Prize, £3 plus some sweep money. In all £12 in Prize money. This put L/Cpl. Lee 22nd in the 1st stage of the " Army Hundred," being 2nd in Class "B." In the " Army Hundred Match," L/Cpl. Lee was 50th giving him the 35th position in the Army Championship. L/Cpl. Lee gained his place in the Army Fifty to fire for the King's Medal at the N.R.A. Meeting. In the match L/Cpl. Lee made a score of 146, gaining 38th position. When one has visited Bisley during the Army Meeting and seen the high standard of shooting, also the well-known veterans that compete there year after year, one is able to realize the high standard produced by L/Cpl. Lee. We wish him the best of luck in all his future efforts with the rifle.

Lieut. J. G. Nicholson was not so well placed this year. After making quite a useful score in the " Roupell Cup," 73, he failed rather badly in the " Roberts Cup." This was rather surprising in view of good standard shown during practice, for on several occasions the 100 mark was passed. However, a score of 63 was not sufficient to qualify for the Army Hundred. Better luck next year.

Of the remainder of our Company Representatives, L/Cpl. O'Connor did quite well as a young soldier. Being one of the remaind did quite well as a young soldier. Being one of the remainder I have no hesitation in saying, they were more or less a failure.

During the early part of the month the Inter-Company Tug-of-War was thrust upon us. Evidently someone had been training for this event and was in a position to know the date of the competition. Anyway, perhaps the remainder of the Companies will be given more than two days' notice next time this event comes up for competition. This will perhaps mean an all round higher standard for the branch of sport. "C" Company drew a bye for the first round, were beaten by "13" Company in the semi-final round. In the pull-off for third place we lost to "B" Company. Through our own fault we only had nine men on the rope for the first pull ; being slightly downhill, we might have won this pull had our team been present. No points were scored for Tug-of-War. The Company are still two points the lead in the Sports Shield competition.

Tug-of-War Team :—Cpl. Wilcox, L/Cpl. Acott, Ptes. Punnett, Maynard, Young, Matthews, Turner, L/Cpl. Lee, and L/Cpl. Patterson. Pte. Cordell.

The Inter-Company Cricket has commenced, the first round having been completed. "C" Company met "M.G." Company in the first round and proceeded to knock them out in the "C" Company way The competition is on the knock-out system, two innings have to be completed. Owing to duties, etc., the match may have to be played in several days or a few days elapse before carrying on. Under such conditions substitutes have to be played at times. Result of first round *v.* "M.G." Company :—

"M.G." COMPANY.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Pte. Roser, c and b Hanson....	9	b 2/Lieut. Tuff.....	8
Pte. Barnes, b Hansom.....	1	c Turner, b Fox.....	0
Cpl. Watts, c Fox, b Hansom .	35	c Sub., b 2/Lt. Tuft.....	21
Lt. Bruce, b Hansom.....	0	b 2/Lt. Tuft.....	4
Lt. F. W. Parry, b Hansom....	0	c and b Fox.....	0
Capt. Newell, b Hansom.....	0	b 2/Lt. Tuft.....	3
Cpl.Cribben,c Viney,b Hansom	12	c Lee, b Fox.....	4
C.S.M. Shoobridge, b Hansom..	0	b 2/Lt. Tuft.....	11
Cpl. Strand, b Hansom.....	0	not out.....	0
Pte. Lord, c Lt. Nicholson, b Hansom.....	15	st Brigstock, b Fox.....	4
		st Brigstock, b Fox.....	0
Pte. Dodd, not out.....	2	Byes.....	5
Byes.....	6		
Leg-Byes.....	1		
Total.....	81	Total.....	51

"C" COMPANY.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Lt. J. G. Nicholson, lbw Roser	45		
2/Lt. C. R. Tuft, c Cribben, b Burns.....	33		
C.Q.M.S. Burville, b Roser.....	13		
Pte. Hansom, b Roser.....	0		
L/Sgt. McNulty, c Sub, b Roser	0		
L/Cpl. Lee, c Sub, b Roser.....	1		
Pte. Church, b Roser.....	1		
Cpl. Viney, c Sub, b Roser.....	4	b Watts.....	0
L/Cpl. Fox, not out.....	13		
Pte. Brigstock, b Watts.....	7	not out.....	2
Pte. Turner, c Lt. Parry, b Watts	0	not out.....	7
Byes.....	8		
Leg-Byes.....	3		
Total.....	128	Total.....	11

"C" Company won by 9 wickets.

Bowling Analysis : Pte. Hansom, 10 for 30 runs ; 2nd Innings : 2/Lieut. C. R. Tuft, 5 for 26 runs ; L/Cpl. Fox, 5 for 20 runs.

Ptr. Hansom had left us before the second innings took place. C.Q.M.S. Burville was unfortunately sick and was unable to continue his 1st Innings. It was continued by Sgt. Carvell, who, however, made no further runs.

We now meet "B" Company in the next round. As will be seen we have a fairly useful Company Team.

During the past month we have fired off the " Hopton Cup " Match. The team obtained a total score of 253 points ; this was a good deal better than last year. We have now to wait some months before the results are known although "C" Company obtained a good many more points than "A" or "B." Companies.

PLATOON TEAM AND SCORE.

Lieut. J. G. Nicholson	32	L/Cpl. Lee	43
Cpl. Salsbury	31	Pte. Belson	12
Pte. King	28	Pte. Frost	12
Cpl. Fletcher	28		
L/Sgt. McNulty	35	Total	253

Owing to an unfortunate mistake, L/Cpl. Brooker and Pte. Freelove were unable to fire. One condition of the match being, no competitor is allowed to fire during the day of the match, these two had been practising for Bisley. We hope to obtain a prize for this match later on.

In the two preliminary stages for Command Matches we qualified for the final round in the Imperial Tobacco Co. Shield. This is a Platoon Shield found by No. 10 Platoon. The names will be given after the final. It should be mentioned that L/Cpl. Lee, Pte. Belson and Pte. King were unable to assist their Platoon in this stage they being at Bisley. In the Lewis Gun Match we just failed to qualify, although we were top of the Companies from this Battalion. We ought to have done better in this match.

During the past month Sgt. Green and Adams have joined us from "H.Q." Wing and we extend a hearty welcome to them. Pte. Maynard has been posted from The Depot. Capt. Sandilands, M.C., will be attached pending posting.

The Hythe Demonstration Section have rejoined ; apparently they have given great satisfaction to the Staff during their stay there.

During the month Ptes. Inge, Parsons, Hansom and Austen have all left the Company on completion of engagements. We wish them every success in Civilian Life. They were all very useful men and can look back upon their stay with "C" Company with satisfaction. They were all good workers and good sportsmen and will be hard to replace.

L/Sgt. McNulty proceeds to Shorncliffe on an Educational Course.

Congratulations to L/Cpl. Griggs on his appointment to Lance-Corporal ; also to Cpl. Fletcher on his recent marriage.

In the meantime we look like being kept busy with Brigade Training and Practice for the Aldershot Command Rifle Meeting.

A.V.O.

Beneath Bell Harry.

JULY leaves us with a depleted Depot. Two squads only are in training and another one forming with typical summer tardiness. We were all sorry to see the last of the South African squad, which left for Aldershot on Thursday, July 18th. C.Q.M.S. Taylor, who left with this draft on completion of his tour here, will also be much missed.

Cricket, as is right and proper in this home of the game, has occupied much of our time, and during the early part of the month we were very pleased to see the 2nd Battalion team, who came over for what we hope is to become their Annual Depot Tour. Four most enjoyable games were played ; the combined Depot and Battalion team defeating the Queen's and Guards' Depot, whilst the Battalion team proved victorious over the Depot but suffered defeat at the hands of Herne Bay College.

On July 9th the Dean of Canterbury was the guest of the officers at luncheon ; the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, also being present to meet him. On the same day our Colonel interviewed and wished good luck to three recruits who have recently joined us from the 4th Battalion ; Pte. Morland Hughes from Dover and the Ptes. Ward from the Weald. May many more recruits be forthcoming from such an excellent source !

We were very glad to welcome to the Depot during the month Colonel W. H. Hedges, representing the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Association. Colonel Hughes visited the Officers' Mess one day and subsequently sent a most beautiful wreath from the Queen's Own Rifles, which was laid at the foot of the Book of Life in the Warriors' Chapel by the Commanding Officer's Orderly for the day. Captain Howe, Lieutenant Penlington, the Regimental Sergeant-Major and the Kimberley squad were also present at this most impressive little ceremony. Our thanks are due to Colonel Hedges and our affiliated Regiment for their very kind thought.

Several of us during this week have taken the opportunity of paying a visit to Herne Bay, where the Band of the 2nd Batt. is playing, as the Press has it, to "capacity houses," and is proving, if possible, more popular than ever.

Sergeants' Mess.

We respectfullly congratulate Lieut. and Mrs. Airy on their marriage at Canterbury Cathedral on 6th July, and thank them for their kind invitation to the wedding ceremony and reception. Our own representatives, together with a party from the 2nd Battalion Sergeants' Mess, provided an excellent Guard of Honour for the happy couple on leaving the Cathedral. The party from the 2nd Battalion remained at the Depot until the following day and as most of them had previously been on a tour of duty here they appreciated the situation accordingly.

The final result of the six months' Spoon Shoots which were fired off in June is as follows :—

Month.	*Silver Spoon.*	*Wooden Spoon.*
January ...	Sgt. Larkin.	R.S.M. Potter.
February ...	L/Sgt. Baker.	C.S.M. Howard, M.M.
March ...	S.I.M. Trice.	L/Sgt. Bailey.
April ...	Cr.-Sgt. Shorter	R.S.M. Potter.
May ...	L/Sgt. Baker	Cr.-Sgt. Shorter.
June ...	S.I.M. Trice.	L/Sgt. Bailey.

We played the City Police at cricket on 27th June, and after a most enjoyable game proved the victors.

The members of the Ladies' Cork Club recently held their Annual Outing and proceeded by charabanc to Dymchurch, Folkestone, etc. The weather was very kind to them and on their return supper was provided in the Mess.

On 7th July we met "The Grove" Tennis Club in a small tournament held on the Depot Court and had a very pleasant time, in spite of the fact that we lost most of the games. Tea was served in the Sergeants' Mess and we hope to have the return match in the near future.

C.Q.M.S. Taylor is leaving us on completion of his tour of duty here and we wish him the very best of luck with the 2nd Battalion.

C.S.M. Coaster, C.Q.M.S. Burville and Sgt. Payne recently stayed with us for four days during the visit of the 2nd Battalion Cricket Team to Canterbury. All three have plenty of previous experience on the Depot Cricket Ground.

We all heartily congratulate Bd.-Mr. C. B. Hewitt on the award of the M.B.E. It seems strange that even though some of us at the Depot believe ourselves to be worthy old soldiers, Mr. Hewitt was actually a W.O. Class I. long before any of us enlisted.

W.O. Collins is shortly to leave us on proceeding to Egypt for duty. Although formerly a Buff, he has belonged to the A.E.C. for the past eight or nine years and this will be the first occasion during his soldiering that he has ceased to do duty with The Buffs.

W.O. Collins is no stranger to Egypt and we trust that he and Mrs. Collins and family have the best of health and luck during their tour there.

The undermentioned members have been hard at work lately in connection with the different fetes held in aid of the various local charities :—

C.S.M. Howard, M.M.
Sgt.-Instr. Wright
Sgt. Gibson
Sgt. Trice
Sgt. Watson
} Depot Tug-of-War Team. (Only lost to Guards' Depot Team.

Sgt.-Instr. Wright
L/Sgt. Baker
} Gymnastic Displays.

Sgt. Gibson
Sgt. Larkin
L/Sgt. Bailey
} "Dick Turpins" with Hospital Collecting Boxes.

The new Dean of Canterbury—The Very Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard, C.H., M.A., D.D., honoured us by visiting our Mess on 10th July, when he was in company with the Colonel of the Regiment, whom we gratefully thank for further supplies of white heather.

On 12th July, R.S.M. Potter attended the ceremony at the Warriors' Chapel in connection with the laying of a wreath sent by our distinguished allied regiment, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

Our neighbours, the Guards Depot, are now busy preparing for their return to Caterham and whilst we have never been able, on account of our small number (17) to entertain the members of their Sergeants' Mess as we would have wished, we shall neverthless happily retain many pleasant memories of their stay in Canterbury.

The R.S.M. and C.Q.M.S. Taylor formed the representatives of the Depot who went to Wrotham with the London Branch.

Although the weather was not all to be desired, they report that they had a happy time—meeting several old pals and telling the old story.

Wreath presented by Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

Corporals' Mess.

The members of the Corporals' Mess tender their best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Airy.

This month has not been very eventful, except for the fact that the Leave period is still in full swing. Cpl. Good is away in the Emerald Isle with his colleen by the Blarney Stone. Corporal Hodges is also away, having a fortnight's leave after being employed in the Skating Rink.

Tennis is still progressing slowly but surely, under the guidance of Capt. Howe and we hope to be able to challenge the Sergeants' Mess team before long, but at present we are rather shy of their prowess.

On Sunday next we play them at cricket. This should prove a very interesting match as some of our members have never handled a " Willow " in their soldiering.

Trained Men's Notes.

During the last month quite a number of the Trained Men have been on a fortnight's leave, so things have been very quiet.

Last Saturday (July 13th) we went on our Annual Cork Club Outing. We went to Southend again and you can bet everyone had a real good day. This will be very hard to believe, but it is quite true. John was seen walking about with one of the fair sex, and he also had his photo taken with this " Blonde." You can just guess how surprised everybody was to see our John who we all thought a " Woman-hater."

We met Arnell on Southend pier and of course we had a call up, but old Arnell never forgets his cork.

Quite a number finished the day at a dance held in the British Legion at Chatham, but I don't know where old George finished up. Anyhow, wherever he was, he did not return until Sunday.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

What is it like staying in Barracks ? Ask Bottles.
Is Sisley taking his bike round " The wall of death " ?
Did Jock enjoy pushing his bike back from Eastbourne ?
What has happened to George's mufti pass ?
Is Gallop a " quiet lad " ?
What is the latest in shoes ? Ask Sis.

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.

4th Battalion.

SINCE Camp, peace has spread throughout our area. Most of the Drill Halls are closed, except for one night a week for recreation purposes, and there is no news.

The Drums are playing Retreat six times on the front at Dover during the summer months. It may be of interest to our readers to know the dates still outstanding. They are August 7th and 21st, and September 11th and 18th.

We hope to raise a big muster in Canterbury to take part in the Annual March to the Cathedral and Memorial Service on August 18th. There is also the interesting ceremony in connection with this parade, at which the 2nd Battalion will be laying up their old Colours in the Warriors' Chapel. Last year some 250 of the Battalion attended. This year we hope to see 400.

Congratulations to Lieut. Cheney on his recent promotion.

We were visited by Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell at the Canterbury Drill Hall the other day. He considered the Hall one of the best in the area.

There is a rumour that we must offer our congratulations to Captain Bacon, but perhaps there is no truth in the story which he calls loving his liberty.

SITTINGBOURNE DETACHMENT.

I regret that I did not have time to write any notes last month owing to being in camp and on returning to our Drill Halls there is always a certain amount to do to get back into our usual routine.

The attendance at our Annual Camp from our Detachments was very good, even beating previous years. On our arrival at Camp all ranks soon settled down in earnest for their fifteen days' training. No doubt this year's training has been a great success in every sense, each platoon having one section of the Regulars on every parade. One could not but notice the good spirit that existed amongst our members and the Regulars. It appeared to all of us that they could not do enough for us. I will add, without any doubt, that it was a eye-opener to most of our members to see how well the Regulars treated us all. We had a great number of fresh faces with us in camp this being their first year and I think everybody will agree that the fifteen days' training did everybody good, in spite of the weather the first week being very wet. But I noticed it didn't stop many from visiting Folkestone and its surroundings in the evenings.

During the camp the events for the Harris Shield were competed for and I congratulate the Company on being the winners of the Shield. Also No. 5 Platoon on winning the Brigade Miniature Range Cup ; it is a credit to all ranks of the Company. We hope now to be able to win the Recruits' Shield. We thank our friends who visited us from our Detachments whilst we were at camp and hope they enjoyed themselves.

As in previous years, we are closing down our Drill Halls during the month of August as most of our members have to work late in the evenings and after the break everybody feels fit to start training again. We are just completing our casuals for their annual musketry course and we hope to have everybody completed by the end of July.

We still have our monthly spoon shoots at Sittingbourne and the following are the two winners of the silver spoons :—

Pte. H. Bills : score, 41, for June ; Pte. W. Whiskin : score, 42 for July.

The following were the winners of the wooden spoon :—

Pte. A. West : score, 6 for June ; Pte. L. Newby : score, 15 for July.

We are now busy arranging for our parade on August the 18th and I would appeal to every N.C.O. and Man of our five Detachments to endeavour to attend this parade. Our Sittingbourne Branch of the Past and Present Association are busy at work making the nesessary arrangements for all our members to attend. We all hope this year that the Battalion will be very strongly represented.

By the time these notes reach our readers our Sittingbourne Branch, with the kind permission of our Company Commander, will have fired off a competition on our Rifle Range at Conyer. This is taking place on Sunday, the 28th July. We are all looking forward to a very pleasant shoot and we shall see how some of our old members get on with the rifle

We want to increase our sales of *The Dragon* at Sittingbourne ; it only costs 6d.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Did Reg. give little June the collection when he got home from Camp ?

THINGS WE HEAR.

John is joining our Past and Present Association. Cannot he get a few of our serving members to follow suit.

That the Sittingbourne Branch enjoyed themselves at the outing held at Wrotham last month in spite of the rain.

THE BUSY BEE.

"C" (Weald) Company.

For many weeks before Camp this year we were told that it was going to be a memorable one and we were urged on all sides to make a great effort to get a record attendance and to do our uttermost to make it a success. We made the effort, we got the record attendance and Camp was, without doubt, a memorable success.

In last month's *Dragon* some excellent photographs were published of beaming Sergeants, " fine bodies of men," and an Adjutant with a curious gait, but, excellent as these were, they were in no way a record of the true spirit of the Training this year of which the mainspring was the many happy combinations (or was it cami-knickers ?) of socks and Buffs.

Not only was this mutual comradeship obvious on parade, but equally so off parade and photographs of kilted Buffs—and very smart, too—now adorn the mantlepieces of many homes in the Weald and already the vanguard of what we all hope will be a large force of socks has penetrated into the Company Area for a day's holiday. If all the " brass hats " who flocked to see us and the others who no doubt will hear of us, agree that this system of training has been a success we cannot express our appreciation of it better than by saying that we hope that the next time it is due we may be lucky enough to be combined once more with the 91st, even if we have to cross the Tweed to do it.

We congratulate "B" Company on winning the Harris Shield this year. We should like to query the Adjutant's tip about the winner next year ! Surely the natural sequence is A.B.C. ? Anyhow, we are after it !

We congratulate C.S.M. Vousden on his promotion. We missed C.S.M. Whaley's cheerful countenance in Camp, but we look forward to seeing him on August 18th when we all hope to see many old friends.

Since Camp the Company has lost, but the Regiment has claimed, three men from the Weald. The twin Privates Ward and Pte. Keam have enlisted at The Depot and we wish them the best of luck.

Most things now are dependent on " after hopping " when we hope to enlist more Recruits and get the Company together again. We must not only beat our own record for attendance at Camp next year, but everybody else's as well. " Gold old "C" ! "

One final word of thanks to the Cooks in Camp who fed us as well as ever under very trying weather conditions.

A.E.L.H.

"D" Company.

We must really offer our sincere apologies to The Editor for being absentees as regards " copy " for last month's magazine, but owing to our Annual Training and the work entailed after Camp we did not find much time for " other business." Whilst we are on the subject of Camp, we must say how much we enjoyed our attachment to that excellent Regiment, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Our hours of Training at Shorncliffe were certainly somewhat longer than in previous years, but the fine feeling which existed between the Argylls and ourselves both on or off parade easily disposed of any little " soldier's grouse " we may have had as regards long hours. Naturally a little doubt existed before Camp as to how we should be recevied by our Regular Army Contemporaries at Shorncliffe, but this doubt was soon dispelled and we were all genuinely sorry when the time came for us to leave them on the conclusion of our Training. We certainly left them full of good wishes and we hope it will not be long before we have the opportunity of renewing our acquaintance with our friends from beyond the Border. We should like to eulogise every Argyll Officer, Warrant Officer, N.C.O. and Man, but our space in *The Dragon* is limited. Let it suffice if we say that we have never had the honour to meet a better lot of fellows.

The month of July is naturally a close period as regards parades and our chief activities have been performed during the month by The Drums. So far this Season our Drums have Beat Retreat on the Dover Sea Front on June 26th, July 3rd and 17th, but the latter date was the Red Letter Day as we once again had the honour of the presence of The Colonel of The Buffs, Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., who was accompanied by our own Commanding Officer, Colonel E. B. Burns. The interest that Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell takes in all our activities, especially those of The Drums, is a source of great satisfaction and encouragement to us all. We feel sure that all who witnessed The Drums' performance on this occasion will agree that they excelled themselves in every respect, in fact we have never seen them do better. Following the Beating of Retreat, a Concert organised by that ever energetic Chairman of The Past and Present (Dover) Entertainments' Committee, Mr. George Hogben, was held in our Drill Hall and to which all Members of our Company, their wives and friends were invited. Mr. Hogben was successful in obtaining the services of the Buckland and Crabble Mills Minstrel Troupe and a most enjoyable evening was spent. No doubt fuller particulars of the Concert will be given in the Dover Branch's Notes in this issue. In any case we as " Terriers " should like to congratulate Mr. Hogben on his efforts and also to thank the Dover Branch of The Past and Present Association The Buffs for inviting us to be with them.

Another important item this month has been the presentation of a son and heir to Drummer Cock. We understand that everything is well with Mrs. Cock and that the son amuses his father during the dark hours of the night by rendering certain interpretations of various pieces of music played by The Drums including " Dinah's Delight " and " Gommecourt." Drum-Major Tripp has already asked for a small size flute upon which Master Cock can practice before joining his father in The Drums. We also offer our congratulations to Drummer Osborn who has recently entered the happy state of matrimony and wish Drummer and Mrs. Osborn everything they can wish themselves in the future. Another Drummer, Drummer Dixon, is shortly treading the same path and is to be wed on Saturday, August 17th : good luck to both Dixon and the future Mrs. Dixon. We are afraid that the provision of Red Uniforms to the Drummers is going to be responsible for a large number of engagements and marriages and therefore separation allowances at future Camps will possibly be very heavy ! ! !

Our little tit-bit of news we have purposely left to the end ! ! Our Machine Gun Company Commander, Capt. Bacon, has " been and got engaged." We hope that we shall hear the wedding is going to take place at Dover so that we can furnish full Regimental Honours. We wonder what the other two Members of The Three Musketeers, Lieuts. Sherwood and Brooke, will have to say about their colleague leaving the ranks of the " eligible bachelors." We expect that they will think it is " incredibly terrific " or "simply splendid." (Shades of Mr. Umley Webb of The Argylls). In any case, we all sincerely wish Capt. and the future Mrs. Bacon everything that Buffs can wish brother and sister Buffs.

We are looking forward to our visit to The Depot in August, The Drummers on the 17th and 18th and the remainder of the Company on the 18th. We hope to give a full report in the September issue of *The Dragon*.

A Wreath from the Canadian Buffs.

A REMINDER of the part which our comrades from Canada played in the Great War was provided on Friday, 19th July, 1929 when a wreath received from them was deposited in the Warriors' Chapel of the Cathedral.

The Warriors' Chapel, contains many mementoes of the Regiment including the Book of Life which contains the names of Canadian Buffs who fell in the Great War.

Shortly after 11 o'clock, a detachment, under the Command of Captain G. R. Howe, together with Lieut. T. N. Penlington, Adjutant of The Depot, and R.S.M. Potter, were received at the Cathedral by the Vice-Dean, Professor Claude Jenkins, D.D.

The party were ranged round the Warriors' Chapel and the wreath, carried in by Ptes. Honeybunn and Morris, followed by the Commanding Officer's Orderly for the day, Pte. W. Maskell.

The wreath of evergreens and lilies, tied with red and green ribbons, with a badge of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada in the centre, was reverently deposited on the column on which reposes the Book of Life, by the Comanding Officer's Orderly, and saluted by the whole of the escort.

It was a pretty little ceremony, made more effective by its simplicity and will ever remain in the memory of those who took part and the large gathering of public who watched it.

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Officers.

REGULAR ARMY.

The following Lieutenant is granted the temporary rank of Capt. while serving with the K. Afr. R. :—J. C. T. Crozier, The Buffs (Feb. 25).

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

4TH BN. THE BUFFS.—Sec. Lt. R. J. Cheney to be Lieut. (June 9). 1st Battalion.

The 1st Battalion.

EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE.

6281588 Pte. R. Dixon, "H.Q.," extended the terms of his Service to complete 12 years with the Colours on 16–4–29. (Authy: Records No. C/363 d/-16–4–29).

6280189 Cpl. H. West, "H.Q.," 6281544 Cpl. T. Deverson, "H.Q.," and 6281602 Cpl. D. Hoye, "H.Q.," extended their terms of Service to complete 12 years with the Colours on 1–5–29. (Authy: Records No. Nil d/-1–5–29).

CONTINUANCE IN THE SERVICE.

6278105 Sgt. W. Curtis, "D," permitted to continue in the service beyond 21 years for a further period of 1 year until 26–6–30. (Authy: Records No. Nil d/- 1–5–29).

APPOINTMENTS.

6282200 Dmr. G. Ashby, "H.Q." and 6281880 Dmr. A. Harland, "H.Q.," appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporals with effect from 22–5–29. (Authy: 8th (Bareilly) Inf. Bde. No. 0342/19/A dated 4–1–28).

6281868 L/Cpl. A. McMullen, "B," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal to complete Establishment with effect from 28–4–29. Will take seniority as from 8–4–29.

EDUCATION.

The undermentioned are awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education at an Examination held at Bareilly on 25th, 26th and 27th March, 1929. Date of Certificate, 27–3–29. (Authy: A.F.C. 323, dated 15–5–29).

6282554 L/Cpl. C. Warren, "C," 6282791 Pte. E. Fagg, "B," 6283177 Pte. T. Hill, "H.Q.," 6282793 Pte. W. Parsons, "H.Q.," 6283492 Boy D. Butler, "H.Q.," 6283328 Boy F. Satterly, "H.Q.," 6283488 Pte. F. Dixon, "A," 6281823 Pte. W. Gudgion, "A," 2216005 Pte. H. Heath, "D," 6282383 Pte. H. Tolhurst, "H.Q.," 6283329 Boy P. Eke "H.Q."

TRANSFERS.

5332585 Pte. B. Crockwell, transferred to 1st Battalion The Buffs from The Royal Berkshire Regt., under para. 302 (iii) K.R. 1928, with effect from 1–6–29. Taken on Strength with effect from 1–6–29.

The 2nd Battalion.

RECRUIT—BOY.

Boy E. J. Osborne attested 17–6–29 for 1st Battalion for 12 years (9 colours 3 reserve) as from attaining age of 18 years, *i.e.*, 12–10–31.

AWARD—HONOURS LIST.

6278060 B.-M. C. Hewitt, "H.Q.," awarded M.B.E. (Military Division). Published in *London Gazette* dated 3–6–29.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

6282946 Pte. A. Burgham, "H.Q.," appointed Drummer, 15–6–1929.
6281708 L/Sgt. W. Richardson, "B," promoted Sergeant, 20–6–29.
6282082 Cpl. E. Gorham, "A," appointed Paid L/Sergeant, 20–6–29.
731753 L/Cpl. C. Newell, "M.G.," promoted Corporal, 20–6–29.
6282392 L/Cpl. F. McLennan, "H.Q.," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 20–6–29.
6283119 Pte. E. Sharpe, "H.Q.," appointed Drummer, 26–6–29.
6281890 L/Cpl. W. Charlton, "B," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal 26–6–1929.
6279716 L/Cpl. C. Edwards, "B," promoted Corporal, 28–6–29.
6282092 L/Cpl. F. Etheridge, "H.Q.," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 28–6–29.

COURSE—RESULT.

2646398 R.S.M. C. Vaughan, "H.Q.," attended 48th Course in Refereeing, Judging, etc., held at A.S.P.T., Aldershot from 30–4–1929 to 12–6–1929 and awarded DIPLOMA.

6282814 Pte. A. Sharp, "M.G.," attended 78th Course of Instruction in No. 2 Range (Barr & Stroud) held at Military College of Science, Woolwich, from 3–6–29 to 15–6–29 and PASSED.

EXTENSION OF SERVICE.

6281192 L/Cpl. W. Eley, "A," extended his terms of Service to complete 12 years with the Colours, 7–6–29.

6448990 L/Sgt. R. Knights, 6281709 L/Sgt. G. Saunders, "M.G.," 6281708 L/Sgt. W. Richardson, "B," 6278211 Cpl. L. Parrett, "B," extended their terms of service to complete 12 years with the Colours, 24–6–1929.

6279027 Pte. A. Lewry, "B," permitted to continue in the Service beyond 21 years until 11–2–31.

RE-ENGAGEMENT.

6278863 Sgt. W. Green, "H.Q.," re-engaged at Aldershot for The Buffs, 22–6–29 for such period as shall complete 21 years with the Colours.

TRANSFER TO ARMY RESERVE.

6281643 L/Cpl. F. Mullinger, "A," transferred to Army Reserve under K.R.'s, para. 369 (i), 15–6–29.

723436 Cpl. C. Norris, "C," transferred to Army Reserve under K.R. 369 (i), 27–6–29.

1667202 Pte. L. Parsons, "C," transferred to the Army Reserve under K.R. 369 (ii) (*a*), (i), 1–7–29.

DISCHARGES.

6278928 Sgt. E. Dowse, "A," discharged 19–6–29 under K.R. 370 (xxi).

6278616 L/Cpl. H. Fearon, "H.Q.," discharged under K.R. 370 (xxi) 25–6–1929.

6283823 Pte. G. Chandler, "A," discharged 20–6–29 under K.R. 370 (viii) and Art. 1024 (*a*) R.W., 1926.

6282210 Pte. W. Grigsby, "C," discharged 11–6–29 under K.R. 370 (xvi) direct from Hospital.

The Depot.

Attested as shewn :—

Recruits V. A. E. Jeffries, 15–6–29; W. T. Gilder, 17–6–29; R. Dunlop, 21–6–29; R. H. Goodban, 28–6–29; A. E. Reed, 29–6–29; M. Scallan, 29–6–29; J. C. Godsmark, 1–7–29; D. J. Ward, 28–6–29; W. D. Ward, 28–6–29.

POSTINGS.

7144349 Pte. P. McGann, posted to Depot from 2nd Battalion for a tour of duty, 26–6–29.

6282387 Pte. J. Cummings, reposted to 2nd Battalion on completion of tour of duty, 26–6–29.

6283800 Pte. L. Turner, re-posted to 2nd Battalion The Buffs, 8–7–1929.

EXTENSION OF SERVICE.

1668834 L/Sgt. W. J. Dolbear, permitted to extend his service to complete 12 years with the Colours.

TRANSFER TO ARMY RESERVE.

6281652 Pte. A. Little, transferred to Army Reserve under para. 369 (i) K.R.'s, 27–6–1929.

DISCHARGES.

6284136 Pte. P. Hughes, discharged under para. 370 (vi) (*b*) K.R.'s, 25–6–1929.

6283142 Pte. C. E. Cox, discharged under para. 370 (xvi) K.Rs.', 14–5–1929.

6284135 Pte. A. J. Swain, discharged under para. 370 (vi) (*b*) K.R.'s, 6–7–1929.

6284198 Pte. A. W. Turner, discharged under para. 370 (vi) (*b*) K.R.'s, 6–7–1929.

The 4th Battalion.

RE-ENGAGEMENTS.

6282870 Pte. E. Holland, "D" (D), re-engaged for one year on 22–6–29.

6282874 C.S.M. R. Bailey, "B" (C), re-engaged for one year on 15–7–29.

6282873 Bdm. E. Constable, "D" (D), re-engaged for one year on 26–6–29.

6282869 Dmr. R. Constable, "D," (D), re-engaged for one year on 26–6–29.

6281275 Pte. A. Down, "D" (F), re-engaged for one year on 9–7–29.

DISCHARGES.

6283282 Pte. E. Coleman, "B" (C), discharged under Para. 193–3, 24–6–29.

5765532 Pte. R. Coleman, "B" (L), discharged under Para. 193–6 (*a*) 24–6–29.

6282469 Pte. N. Denning, "A" (M), discharged on Termination of Engagement, 23–6–29.

6282867 Pte. D. Hambrook, "B" (S), discharged on Termination of Engagement, 24–6–29.

6282406 Pte. B. Holman, "B" (C), discharged under Para. 193–6 (*a*), 24–6–29.

6282883 Pte. A. Midgett, "A" (S), discharged on Termination of Engagement, 17–6–29.

6283241 Pte. W. Pay, "B" (L), discharged under Para. 193–6 (*a*) T.A. Regs., 24–6–29.

6283043 Pte. S. Ralph, "A" (M), discharged under Para. 193–3, 24–6–29.

6281226 Pte. C. Cole, "D" (D), discharged on Termination of Engagement, 17–7–29.

The following were discharged under Para. 193–6 (*a*), 16–7–29 :—

6283999 Pte. E. Beatley, "A" (H.B.), 6283233 Pte. F. Blythe, "D" (D), 6283626 Pte. R. Farrow, "A" (R), 6283643 Pte. S. Harman, "D" (F), 7110618 Pte. T. Hayde, "D" (F), 6281065 Cpl. W. Irvine, "D" (F), 6283037 Pte. J. Marsh, "D" (D), 6283688 Pte. A. Meakins, "A" (R), 6284046 Pte. S. Meroon, "D" (D), 723479 Pte. F. Moore, "D" (F), 6283671 Pte. W. Morrison, "D" (F), 6281509 Pte. E. Puttock, "C" (H), 7808840 Pte. J. Raukine, "D" (F), 6283649 Pte. J. Richardson, "D" (D), 6334815 Pte. S. Rivers, "C" (C), 6283920 Pte. A. Savage, "A" (R), 6283675 Pte. S. Sharp, "C" (H), 6283254 Pte. W. Smith, "D" (D), 6284009 Pte. H. Standing, "D" (F), 6281057 Pte. A. Stanley, "D" (F), 6278644 Pte. F. Stone, "D" (F), 6283224 Pte. H. Todd, "A" (R), 6281989 Pte. F. Waller, "D" (F), 6282279 Pte. N. Watts, "D" (F), 6281215 L/Cpl. A. Webb, "D" (D),

6284016 Pte. J. Godsmark, "D" (D), discharged having joined Regular Army (The Buffs), 1–7–29.

6284028 Pte. D. Ward, "C" (H) and 6284029 Pte. W. Ward, "C" (H), discharged, having joined Regular Army (The Buffs), 27–6–29.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

AND

LAYING UP OF 2nd BATTALION COLOURS,

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL,

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH, 1929.

"Indeed this mutual trust is the most outstanding feature of the Regiment, and has created what I may call a family feeling between all ranks—something more intimate even than *esprit de corps.*"

Two lieutenants carrying the Colours of the 2nd Battalion of The Buffs—emblems of duty and service—preceded by 26 rank and file and followed by a similar number with fixed bayonets that gleamed as the rays of the sun, which penetrated the stained glass windows, fell upon the steel, was one of the most impressive incidents that marked the memorial service in the Nave of Canterbury Cathedral on Sunday afternoon. As the Colour party proceeded to the altar at the base of the steps leading up to the choir one recalled the great traditions of the famous Buffs regiment and paid silent tribute to those who laid down their lives in the service of their country.

There was no lack of colour at this annual memorial service for all ranks of the Buffs (East Kent Regiment), which was of a two-fold character. Not only was the service held for the purpose of paying honour to those who had "fought the good fight," but with the object of delivering into the hands of the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral for their safe custody the consecrated Colours formerly carried in the service of the King and Empire.

Because of the impressiveness and the scene that the great Nave presented, the ceremony will long remain in the memories of those privileged to be present. From the temporary structure over the West door one could appreciate the many contrasts in colour. To the left of the altar was a solitary vase of lilies, symbolic of purity, behind were the bandsmen if the 2nd Battalion (under Bandmaster Hewitt) with their glistening instruments, and the choir men and boys on the north and south sides of the rood screen. On either side of the centre aisle of the Nave were the officers of the regiment in their uniforms, and relatives and friends of those who had a place in the Book of Life which occupies an honoured place in the Warriors' Chapel of the Cathedral. Among the many old comrades who proudly bore their medals was to be seen the vivid scarlet of Chelsea Pensioners and of sons of old Buffs from the Duke of York's School, Dover.

Before the service past and present Buffs paraded on the Depot square, where the guard of honour and the Colour Party were given the

General Salute, which was also accorded to the Colonel of the Regiment (Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell). An inspection by the General followed.

The procession to the Cathedral was witnessed by thousands of spectators who lined the route from the Depot. The parade was headed by the band and the drums and bugles of the 2nd Battalion, and the corps of drums of the 4th Battalion.

Many hundreds were unable to be present at the Cathedral and the old Buffs had to remain standing during the service owing to insufficient space for seating accommodation.

Among those attending the service were Major-General Sir Arthur, the Hon. Lady and Miss Lynden-Bell, Lord Ypres, Major-General Sir Guy Bainbridge, Brig.-General Whitacre Allen, Brig.-General R., Mrs. and Miss McDouall, Sir William Wayland, M.P., the Mayor of Canterbury (Captain Van-Sittart Howard, R.N.), the Mayors of Margate, Ramsgate, Chatham and Dover, Colonel and Mrs. H. Findlay, Colonel R. S. I. Friend, Colonel M. Beevor, Colonel Jackson, Colonel C. S. Fellows, Colonel Banham, Lieut.-Colonel Brett, Colonel T. M. Dunstan, Colonel the Hon. P. G. Scarlett, Major Greenway, Major F. H. Keeler, Major F. W. Foster, Major F. W. Tomlinson, Major Kingham, Dr., Mrs. and Miss Murphy, Captain R. W. Webster, Captain Denton Moss, Captain H. H. C. Baird, Captain E. Smith, Captain C. C. Read, Captain Cook, Captain A. Stone, Captain H. L. Cremer, R.S.M. Martin (1st Battalion), Rev. Mann, Lieut. Boon, Miss Babington, Miss Davidson, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. T. Wall, Mrs. and Miss Hulke, Mrs. Biddulph, Mrs. Bainbridge, Mrs. F. Penn, Miss Bromhead, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Kelham, Mrs. Tchitcherin; the following from the 2nd Battalion The Buffs; Colonel J. Crookenden, Officer Commanding, Major Guy Lee, Major J. V. R. Jackson, Major J. F. W. Allen, Major H. de R. Morgan, Captain H. C. C. Morley, Captain T. H. Keble, Captain and Adjutant E. Foster-Hall, Lieuts. F. St. A. Turner, H. F. G. d'Arcy Symonds, J. E. King, C. Haggard, J. E. Nicholson, P. T. G. Lynden-Bell, F. W. B. Parry, R. F. Parry, J. F. Connolly, N. R. Reeves, C. R. Tuff, and R.S.M. Vaughan; the following from the Depot: Major C. S. Field, Captain G. R. Howe, Captain L. M. S. Essell, Captain A. Corney, Lieut. and Adjutant T. N. Penlington, Lieut. V. Boucher, R.S.M. Potter; and the following from the 4th Battalion: Colonel E. Burns, Major B. S. Collard, Major J. D. V. Dean, Captain C. F. Witts, Captain D. V. Coote, Captain Hardcastle, Captain and Adjutant J. Willows, Lieuts. G. H. Mount, D. Iggulden, Parish, Wagland, Warner, Turner, Hewitt, Sherwood, Geering, Brooke, 2nd-Lieuts. Rose, Gandy, Laker and Rogers.

The parade, which was 1,500 strong, was commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel J. Crookenden, Commanding the 2nd Battalion and comprised 100 from the Depot, 100 from the 2nd Battalion, 450 members of the 4th (Territorial) Battalion, and about 800 old comrades. In the procession were four Chelsea pensioners—Merrick, Fairchild, Brophy, and Chiswell—and six sons of old Buffs from the Duke of York's School, Dover.

The service opened with the singing of the hymn "O God, our help in ages past," and the Vice-Dean proceeding to the front of the altar announced that

> We are gathered together in this Cathedral Church of Christ to commemorate our brothers who gave their lives for King and country and to lay up these Colours of The Buffs. No more fitting place could be found wherein to deposit these Emblems of duty and Service than the House of God, where praise and prayer are wont to be made.

As the band played the stirring march of the regiment the Colour Party, under Captain Wilson and Lieut. Nicholson, entered the north-west door and proceeded up the central aisle to the altar. The party, with fixed bayonets, consisted of five warrant officers and fifty rank and file. Lieut. Reeves carried the King's Colour and Lieut. Tuff the Regimental Colour. The party took up positions on the north and south side of the altar. A roll on the drums brought the men to attention facing the altar. Another roll as Colonel Crookenden, Officer Commanding the 2nd Battalion, took the Colours and advanced to the altar, and the party sprang to the salute.

Handing the Colours to the Vice-Dean, Colonel Crookenden said:—

"These consecrated Colours, formerly carried in the Service of the King and Empire, I now deliver into your hands for safe custody within these walls."

"I receive these Colours for safe custody within this Cathedral Church of Christ," observed the Vice-Dean, who then placed the Colours on the altar and said: "I am the resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

The choir sang Psalm 121, after which Colonel Crookenden, standing on the Nave steps, read the Lesson (Revelation vii., 14–17).

Canon Bickersteth addressed the large congregation. He said :—

" Once more this noble Cathedral and the noble regiment to which you belong have met together. Once more they have renewed their plighted troth" either to other." This Cathedral belongs to East Kent, and so does the Regiment. But the Cathedral is known all over the English-speaking world, and so also is the Regiment ; and for a like reason—because both Cathedral and Regiment have looked wide, and have only regarded Kent as the centre, though to them also the heart, of a world-wide circle within the ample circumference of which they must be ready to serve others anywhere and everywhere at the call of duty.

To-day the Dean of Canterbury is compelled to be absent, to his great sorrow of heart. Speaking to you as Vice-Dean, I desire to suggest some words of Holy Scripture as a souvenir of to-day's ceremony, and as a summary of its meaning and message. They are words written by a veteran of the Church militant to a young subaltern " Keep that which is committed to thy trust."

Paul of Tarsus—for it was he who thus wrote to Timothy—showed by these words that he knew what was in man and how to get the best out of a man. Trust him and inspire him with a noble ideal. Trust him, for confidence begets confidence. He needs must love the highest when he sees it. It is mutual trust which has once again brought Cathedral and Regiment together. For long years past you have said to us " Keep that which is committed to your trust " whenever you enriched our Warriors' Chapel by your treasures—and notably by the Book of Life which rests on the lectern near the Regimental War Memorial in that Chapel, containing the names of over 6,000 officers, non-commissioned officers and men who fell in the Great War.

To-day you have still further enriched that Chapel by laying up the Colours of the Second Battalion there, by the six silver plaques, and by a generous gift of £200—to which a further cheque for £50 has just been added and placed on God's altar—to keep those treasures in proper preservation.

And this trust is mutual. We of the Cathedral trust you, as all England trusts you ; and you have never failed us —as the illuminated title page of the Book of Life illustrates, and, as the Regiment has proved again and again since its first enrolment in 1572.

Indeed this mutual trust is the outstanding feature of the Regiment, and has created what I may call a family feeling between all ranks—something more intimate even than *esprit de corps*, remarked upon by inspecting Commanders, and as noticeable in the Territorial as in the other two battalions.

" Keep that which is committed to your trust." The words are a command, like the voice of a father, but they are almost a caress, like the voice of a mother. They stiffen the will ; they steal into the heart ; they move us outwardly to attention ; they move us inwardly to instant obedience.

This bond exists not only between the Regiment on earth, but between them and those who have fought the good fight, and laid down their lives—for surely your noble dead say to you, " Keep that which is committed to your trust, for we without you will not be made perfect." And we can say to them, " Keep that which is committed to your trust, until we with you are called to be partakers of God's Heavenly Kingdom." And so shall we ever be with the Lord, the Captain of our Salvation, Jesus Christ."

Chopin's Funeral March was played by the band of the 2nd Battalion as the congregation stood ; and following the hymn, " God of our fathers known of old," prayers were offered by the Vice-Dean giving to God " hearty thanks for the memory and good example of our brothers who have laid down their lives in the service of our country," and adding, " We bless thee for their courage and devotion ; accept their sacrifice, we pray thee ; let it not be in vain that they have died in the cause of righteousness and honour. And as they have come out of great tribulation, grant them, O Lord, that they may be pardoned and cleansed in the Blood of the Lamb, and received into thy everlasting mercy..... Upon us who remain bestow, good Lord, thy strengthening grace, that we may fulfil the task which our brothers have begun..... O Heavenly Father look, we beseech thee, with compassion upon those who are now in sorrow for their fallen friends and kindred, upon the widows and orphans in their affliction ; comfort them, O Lord, with thy gracious consolations ; make them to know that all things work together for good to them that love thee ; and grant them evermore sure trust and confidence in thy fatherly care."

After all had united in saying the Lord's Prayer there was a momentary silence broken by the solemn notes of the " Last Post " sounded by massed buglers who were in the choir. Then followed the brighter notes of the " Reveille," conveying the message of the Resurrection—the dawn of a brighter day.

The Blessing was pronounced by the Vice-Dean, and the National Anthem brought a memorable service to a close.

Thousands of spectators had gathered in the Precincts to witness the march past and the salute which was taken by the Colonel of the Regiment.

(*The Kentish Observer*).

Message received by the Colonel of the Regiment from the Dean.

" Will you please tell your men how extraordinarily sorry I am not to have the privilege of being with you all on Sunday, and that I have never forgotten the kindly reception I had at the Depot, and that I hope the time will come when I shall know every man in the Regiment individually."

Letter from the Vice-Dean.

My dear Colonel Crookenden,

As it fell to me yesterday to have the privilege of acting for the Dean at the handing over to us of your Colours, I write to say that I took care this morning to see them duly placed on the North Wall of the Warriors' Chapel. Nothing could be done yesterday owing to other Services in the Cathedral. This morning, therefore, immediately after 10 a.m. Matins, I myself carried them, with due care, from the Treasury, where they had rested all night, to the Chapel.

Of the two workmen who were told off for this task, one was a Buff :—J. Wilson, 1st Battalion No. 1189, and he and his mate entered into the spirit of the duty allotted to them. I had just time between 10.30—11 to see them in position before the Private on duty today arrived to turn the page of the Book of Life.

I hope the Colours are draped at the right angle, and I tried to see that they fell in folds as gracefully as possible, and showing their emblazonments, so far as at that height they can be seen.

I noticed, by the bye, that there are several rents in the King's Colours, but those were there when I laid them on the Altar in the Nave yesterday. Sometime or other, should they not be repaired ?

It was a very moving sight to me when I ascended the pulplt and saw the Nave crowded with your comrades ; and all the more because I felt acutely conscious of the Sympathy and Spiritual Presence of The Buffs at Rest, such as young Gordon Jelf of the 6th Service Battalion, who gave his life near Versailles on October 13th, 1915.

I believe some people wondered why we did not at once yesterday lay up the Colours which practical reasons made impossible. It might be well if in any account of the proceedings in your next *Dragon* you wrote a sentence to show such critics that I myself saw to this transference to-day.

Thank you very much for reading the Lesson at my request, and to the satisfaction of us all. I could hear, though I am a bit deaf, in the Pulpit.

Yours sincerely,
SAMUEL BICKERSTETH.

Message from the Colonel of the Regiment.

The Colonel wishes to congratulate most heartily all Buffs who helped to make Sunday, the 18th August such a wonderful day for the Regiment. He offers special congratulations to Colonel Crookenden on the magnificent appearance and drill of the Guard of Honour and the playing of the 2nd Battalion Band and Drums ; to Colonel Burns on the remarkable smartness and fine muster of the 4th Battalion ; to Major Field, whose Depot lads worked so well, and to Colonel Findlay on the admirable arrangements made in connection with the seating in the Cathedral and subsequent feeding of such a vast number of people. The Colonel is sure that the Chairmen of Branches were as delighted as he was that their splendid work resulted in such a marvellous gathering of the old Brigade.

The Plaques.

The plaque placed under the colours which were laid up on Sunday, bears the following inscription : " The colours displayed above were carried by the 2nd Battalion The Buffs : The King's Colour from 1886 to 1928 ; the Regimental Colour from 1891 to 1928." The other plaques have similar inscriptions. The particulars of the colours of the 6th, 7th, 8th, and 10th Battalions are followed by the addition of the words " The Great War," which also appear on the plaque for the colours of the Canadian Buffs, 198th Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. The other colours for which plaques are provided include those carried by the 1st Battalion, The Buffs, from 1848 and throughout the Crimean War and the Second China War, until 1864 ; colours carried by the same battalion from 1864 to 1892, and colours carried by the East Kent Regiment of Militia from 1778 to 1856. The plaques are of enamel on pure silver, framed in sterling silver. The lettering is in blue on a buff-coloured ground, held in position by four ornamental nails, the heads of which are fashioned in the form of a Tudor rose. The embattled frames are moulded and chiselled by hand, each of a slightly different size and shape, according to the number of words inscribed. The plaques have been designed and executed by Mr. Omar Ramsden.

Personalia.

THE Colonel of The Regiment wishes to acknowledge, with deep gratitude, three most charming framed photographs which he has received—namely :—

(1) The Historic Group of R.S.-Majors Potter, Martin, Vaughan and Couchman, presented by these Warrant Officers and signed by them ;

(2) A Photograph of the Warrant Officers, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants of the 2nd Battalion with their names printed under it. On the frame is a very neat plate bearing the following inscription : " Presented to Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., by the Warrant Officers, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants of the 2nd Battalion The Buffs, in commemoration of his first visit to the Battalion as Colonel of The Regiment—22nd May, 1929."

(3) A Photograph of the Corporals and Lance-Corporals of the 2nd Battalion—similar to the above and similarly inscribed.

All these photos, which the Colonel prizes very highly, now hang in a prominent position in his study and are greatly admired by his visitors.

During the Luncheon following the Memorial Service a presentation of a gold cigarette case was made by Past Members of all Branches to General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell in recognition of the interest shewn by him in the Association.

Speeches were made by Major James and Colonel Body after which Sir Arthur, in a short speech, returned thanks for the presentation " for doing what he enjoyed doing."

The following was engraved inside the case :

" Presented to Major-General Sir Arthur " Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., the Colonel " of The Regiment, by the Past Members of " The Past and Present Association The Buffs " as a mark of appreciation of the great interest " he has always taken in their welfare."

August 18th, 1929.

We have received the following from Sir Arthur :—

The Colonel is profoundly moved by the kindly feeling which prompted the Past Members of the Past and Present Association to make him such a magnificent present. It will remain a precious heirloom in his family for all time.

We are sorry to hear that Colonel Sir Theodore Brinckman, who is at Praco Castle, Perthshire, was unable to get out on the 12th August.

Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Eaton hope to be in England for about a month from the middle of September. The fishing in Norway has been as bad as everywhere else.

We hear that Lieut.-Colonel Groves Raines had a very successful camp with his Queen's University Officers' Training Corps, to which Captain D. A. Wilkins is being posted as Adjutant.

Captain and Mrs. Goff have been on their yacht at Cowes for the Regatta.

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Donations towards the plaques have been received from the following :—

Brig.-Gen. A. J. W. Allen.
Major H. L. Archer Houblon
P. R. Asprey, Esq.
Major-Gen. Sir Guy Bainbridge.
Capt. H. H. C. Baird.
Col. A. S. Barham.
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A. R. Sewell, Esq.
Mrs. Shervinton.
Capt. E. F. D. Strettell.
Major A. B. Thomson.
Major F. W. Tomlinson.
Major H. E. Ward.

Note on the 2nd Battalion Colours.

(*communicated*).

It was Kit's[1] Company that supplied the Guard when the 2nd Battalion Colours were placed in the Cathedral for the duration of the war. The 6th Battalion took them over when the 2nd Battalion left for the B.E.F., and his subalterns, P. A. C. Kelsey[2] and R. O. C. Ward[3] (the football player), were chosen and Colour-Sergeant Jeffreys, who was at the Depot previously with Kit, placed them in the Warriors' Chapel. We knew them all three. They were all killed afterwards. The whole of the 6th Battalion were present at the service which took place on 31st January, 1915.

[1]Captain C. E. G. Davidson, k. in a. 13th October, 1915.

[2]D. of w. 26th July, 1915.

[3]K. in a. 20th November, 1917.

Lieut.-Colonel Beevor who in July was yachting in Cornwall, called on Colonel Sir C. Vyvyan, whom we are glad to hear he found looking very well.

Lieut.-Colonel Howard Smith has gone on two months' leave to Kashmir and in his absence the 1st Battalion is being Commanded by Major Norman Hart.

Major F. W. Tomlinson removed to his cottage, 36 St. Peter's Street, Sandwich, at the end of August.

We congratulate Capt. and Mrs. Hammond-Davies on the birth of a daughter.

Major George Hamilton has just finished his Course at the Ahmednagar Machine Gun School and has rejoined his Company at Ranikhet.

We congratulate Mrs. Roscow Reid on winning the Ladies Singles in the Ahmednagar Tennis Tournament.

We hear from Captain Child how much he regretted he was unable to be present at The Memorial Service on the 18th August, owing to ill-health.

To Major James and Captain Child we all owe thanks, as in consequence of their financial support, there is now on sale (price 2d.) at The Warriors' Chapel, a charmingly illustrated pamphlet written by Major F. W. Tomlinson, giving very interesting details of The Regiment's close connexion with the Chapel and of the many Regimental Memorials and Colours contained therein.

We are very grateful to Mr. G. F. Jeanes for sending us "Mary Ambree, a Heroine of The Buffs," which we publish on page 311.

Mr. H. C. Stainforth, a son of Major Stainforth, is to compete for the Schneider Trophy. We wish him all success.

Lieut. W. H. Rowe expected to sail from East Africa for home on the 18th ultimo. Lieuts. Crozier and Mitchell should be home in a few days.

Mr. Airy will shortly take up an appointment with the R.A.F. at Chester.

We wish Mr. T. H. Hanley and his partner Mr. R. H. Dutton, the best of luck in their sporting effort in a Bentley Car, to beat the coast record from San Francisco to New York. The distance is 3,200 miles and the present best time is 77 hours 40 minutes.

We much regret the printer's errors which occurred in the August *Dragon*—we particularly offer our apologies to the Senior Drum Major in the Army; our printers misreading "Junior" for "Senior."

We regret to announce the death of the late Sergeant W. Nicholls which occurred on August 4th.

We welcome to the Regiment Mr. R. J. Murphy (from Oxford) and Mr. M. G. F. Alexander (from Sandhurst). Both of them will join the 2nd Battalion, under the new W.O. order, for their first year's service.

Mr. Murphy, who was attached to the 2nd Battalion during last year's Divisional Training, is, we hear, very keen on hunting while Mr. Alexander was Captain of Shrewsbury at "Soccer" and played for the School at Cricket.

Mrs. Spinner and three other members of the London Ladies' Guild recently visited the Dover Ladies' Guild and were entertained to tea. We are very glad to hear that the Dover Ladies' Guild is rapidly increasing in members.

The London and Dover Ladies' Guilds sent telegrams of congratulation and good wishes to The Hon. Lady Lynden-Bell on the occasion of her birthday.

Births and Marriages.

BIRTHS.

Hammond-Davies.—On August 16th, 1929, at Nonington, near Dover, to Kathleen, wife of Captain B. E. Hammond-Davies (The Buffs)—a daughter.

Hughes.—3950695 Pte. R. Hughes, "B," 1st Battalion, a son, Edward Albert, born at British Military Hospital, Ranikhet, on 24/5/29.

MARRIAGE.

Findlay—Saunders.—On July 27th, 1929, at All Saints' Church, Fulham, London, by the Bishop of London, William Robert Findlay, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Findlay, Mount Vernon, Lanarkshire, to Winifred, daughter of the late Mr. C. E. Saunders and of Mrs. Saunders, 27 Burlington Road, Chiswick.

Battles of the Buffs.

No. 40.

REBELLION IN PERAK, 1875.

IN 1875 the 1st Battalion was stationed at Calcutta, when in November orders were received for 600 picked men to be held in readiness to proceed on active service to Perak in the Malay Peninsula. Disturbances had broken out on the Perak river and the British Resident there was murdered. The trouble spread and a punitive force was collected half from China and half from India. There was great enthusiasm in the battalion, and the first contingent, consisting of Headquarters and "A" and "G" companies under Lieut.-Colonel T. A. P. Cox, sailed on the 20th November, arriving at Teluk Kestang on the Malay Peninsula ten days later. These companies then made the first march ever made by European troops in the region of Laroot. It was only a mile, but the road was very bad, men sank over their ankles at every step, it was closed in by dense jungle and the air was hot and steamy. This was typical of the several marches which followed, and the closeness of the jungle and the consequent absence of air made them all very trying. On the 1st December, Bukit Gantang was reached and a company of Madras Sappers joined the force. At this place also carts had to be dispensed with and only Malay and Chinese coolies were available as transport. As the Chinese coolies had been taken from the mines, their value as carriers was not great.

The march was continued on the 4th December and soon afterwards the character of the country altered completely. The road changed to a rugged footpath cut frequently by streams, the hills on either side rose to about 1,000 feet and were thickly wooded, and so dense was the foliage that the sun's rays could only penetrate at intervals. The hillsides were covered with tall trees and studded with huge granite boulders, and gigantic creepers twined themselves round the trees in fantastic style. The force halted at Camping Boyah, where it was joined by 100 men of the Gurkhas and by Brigadier-General J. A. Ross, C.B. and his staff. The Buffs then moved on nine miles to Kuala Kangsar on the right bank of the Perak river. At these two places the Laroot Field Force was made up to its full strength by the arrival of "E" and "H" companies of the Buffs, 50 more Gurkhas, 50 Gunners and 100 Blue Jackets. "D" and "F" companies of the Buffs were diverted to Malacca where disturbances had occurred, and they stayed there throughout the operations. For about a month the force was employed in clearing jungle, digging up roots, levelling out hills and making roads.

During this time the Political Officer at Kuala Kangsar was trying his hardest to induce the native chiefs to come in and submit. At the same time Major-General Colborne, in command of the force collected from China, was pushing up the Perak River and had reached Blanja, some 15 to 20 miles down stream. The Chiefs between Blanja and Kuala Kangsar retired to Kinta skirmishing before General Colborne, and the latter applied to General Ross for reinforcements. In consequence the Bluejackets with 50 Buffs and 50 Gurkhas sailed down river in captured boats and reached Blanja.

General Colborne followed up the principal Chief, Sultan Ismail, and captured his stronghold of Kinta after he had fled. This upset the Political Officer's policy and he therefore turned his attention to the town of Kota Lama and the Lok Raja who treated all his communications with silent contempt. Towards the end of December the Malays of Kota Lama turned definitely hostile and punitive measures were decided on.

Preparations were pushed on quietly, though hampered by heavy rains. The troops told off for the disarming of Kota Lama were 150 of The Buffs, 12 gunners with a gun and rocket trough, 20 Bluejackets with gun and rocket and tube, 44 Gurkhas and about 40 auxiliary Sikh and Malay Police. The plan was for Colonel Cox and two-thirds of this force to cross the Perak river and march on Kota Lama up the left bank of the river, the remainder were to proceed up the right bank to the part of the town on that side of the river. It rained hard all night up to 3 a.m. At 4 a.m. the first party was poled across the river by the Bluejackets and marched into the jungle, the Gurkhas leading, artillery in the centre and the Buffs bringing up the rear. When all had landed the second party commenced its march, the Bluejackets poling up river with the Brigadier and Staff following in a steam launch.

The main party, under Colonel Cox moved in three divisions, the left one hugging the river bank and the right one being near the hills. In this order they commenced to scour

the town of Kota Lama, which was bigger than expected. There was no resistance, but armed Malays were seen running away and the houses, which were built on wooden piles six feet off the ground and were surrounded by palisading, had their ladders drawn up and their doors closed. Breaking through was therefore an arduous undertaking. The houses were searched and then burnt, all arms being collected and handed over to the Political Officer. The crackling of burning bamboos sounded like musketry, and suddenly two guns were really heard and two shells whizzed overhead. The jungle was terribly thick and it was difficult to find out what was happening, but it transpired at last that the Brigadier had landed from his launch on the left bank with a few Gurkhas and sailors and had been attacked by Malays with guns and spears. Several Gurkhas were wounded, the Bluejackets opened fire and the launch was hurriedly sent for reinforcements from the right bank. Two parties of 12 Buffs were brought over and the gunners fired the two shells which had been heard in Kota Lama. The Malays were driven off, but the Brigade Major was killed and several people wounded. General Ross had no idea that the Buffs on the left bank were so close until he actually met Colonel Cox. The houses of the Chief, from which direction the attack had been made, were then burnt, and the columns returned to Kuala Kangsar where they arrived at 1.30 p.m. The column on the right bank had met no opposition.

That night sentries were doubled and many other precautions were taken, but though an alarm took place there was no hostile attack. However, a state of war now existed and a palisade was made round the camp. From this time on parties of armed Malays kept hanging about on the lines of communication in the hope of cutting off unsuspecting parties and on one or two occasions they achieved their object. They were undoubtedly encouraged by the fact that the troops were ordered to do no more fighting for the present to give scope to the political officers. The Malays also busied themselves in making stockades and shelter huts and later they cut the telegraph lines. It was then determined to dislodge them completely from Kota Lama, and working parties under escort started to clear the jungle and construct roads. They had several brushes with hostiie tribesmen and on one occasion an engagement took place between friendly and hostile Malays. Later on the Malays followed up a working party and made an attack on the south side of the Camp. They suffered several casualties from musketry and shell fire.

At 4 a.m. on the 20th January a party of 120 Buffs and 40 Gurkhas under Major F. Morley crossed the river, while a small party with two guns and a rocket moved up the right bank. When the latter arrived opposite Kota Lama the guns and rockets opened fire on the Malays who were collecting on the left bank. Similar fire was opened from Kuala Kangsar and Major Morley with his force, after making a detour, entered Kota Lama from the direction of the hills. The Malays returned the fire of the party on the other bank and tom-tommed furiously. They then fled in the direction of the hills and Major Morley's force completed their discomfiture. They were evidently seized with panic as they left war gongs and arms of all sorts in their stockade, which was captured. All the houses that had been left standing before were then burnt. The detour taken by Major Morley had evidently upset the Malays' plans completely as they were found to have felled trees and blocked the route taken on the 4th January on that side of the river and to have been expecting another assault by the same path. The troops reached Kuala Kangsar at 2 p.m. without having suffered a casualty.

The effects of climate, exposure and indifferent food were by now telling on the health of the troops. There were several deaths of dysentery and other cases were evacuated to Penang. On the 4th February an expedition was made to surprise and destroy the village of Prêk. Both the two columns employed were molested on their way, but the enemy were dislodged by shell and rocket and the villages of Euggar and Prêk were burnt. This was the last of the fighting in Perak, and on the 3rd of March the Headquarters and "H" Company of the Buffs marched from Kuala Kangsar en route for India. On the 17th the whole battalion embarked and Calcutta was reached on the evening of the 27th. They were landed at midday next day and marched under a scorching sun to Hourah railway station and as a result four men had sunstroke and fifty more were on the verge of it. Even a large coconut monkey brought from the Malay Peninsula was unable to compete with this gross mis-management on the part of the authorities and died.

This little campaign was not popular and therefore little had been heard of it. But it called for the finest qualities of the British soldier more than have some more pretentious little wars. Throughout it the Buffs maintained and added to their reputation and it is pleasing to have it in writing even some forty years later from Sir Frank Swettenham, then a political officer and later Governor of the Straits Settlement, that the Buffs had a splendid reputation in the Malay Peninsula.

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Records of Other Regiments.

LII.

R.W.F.

THE ROYAL WELCH FUSILIERS.

BATTLE HONOURS.

Borne upon the Regimental Colour.—" The Sphinx, superscribed Egypt," " Namur, 1695," " Blenheim," " Ramillies," " Oudenarde," " Malplaquet," " Dettingen," " Minden," " Corunna," " Martinique, 1809," " Albuhera," " Badajoz," " Salamanca," " Vittoria," " Pyrenees," " Nivelle," " Orthes," " Toulouse," " Peninsula," " Waterloo," " Alma," " Inkerman," " Sevastopol," " Lucknow," " Ashantee, 1873/4," " Burma, 1885/7," " Relief of Ladysmith," " South Africa, 1899/1902," " Pekin, 1900."

Borne upon the King's Colour.—" Marne, 1914," Ypres, 1914, '17, '18," " Somme, 1916, '18," " Hindenburg Line," " Vittorio Veneto," " Doiran, 1917/18," " Gallipoli, 1915/16," " Egypt, 1915/17," " Gaza," " Baghdad."

The Royal Welch Fusiliers and The South Wales Borderers, the old 23rd and 24th Regiments of Foot, both commenced their careers at the same time, namely, in March 1689; but whereas both are regarded with equal pride by the people of Wales to-day, only the first mentioned regiment was actually raised in the Principality, and was, in fact, for many years the only regiment to be officially connected with Wales.

Very soon after its formation by Lord Herbert of Cherbury, the regiment was sent to Ireland, where William III. and James II. were contending for the throne of Britain. Even after James had been defeated and had fled, Ireland remained in a state of chaos and disorder. Armed bands of malcontents, known as " Raparees," (somewhat similar to the Sein Feiners of later date) roamed the countryside, and it is recorded that in the months of March and April, 1691, " The Raparees at this time were very troublesome nigh Fox Hall in the County of Longford, till Lieutenant-Colonel Toby Purcell at three several times killed about one hundred of them." The memory of Toby Purcell is kept green in his old regiment, when the toast of " Toby Purcell's spurs and Saint David " is drunk. The spurs, after being treasured by the 23rd for a century and a half, were lost in a fire at Montreal in 1842.

In 1694 the regiment first made acquaintance with " the cockpit of Europe," battered and bloodstained Flanders, a land with whose stormy history they were to be closely connected. At the siege of Namur in 1695 they won their first Battle Honour, though it was not until 1909 that they were permitted to enrol it on their Colours. The regiment also shared in Marlborough's glorious victories, and in 1714 received the title of " The Prince of Wales' Own Royal Welch Fusiliers " on the accession of King George I. During the reign of the other two monarchs under whom the 23rd had served the title of Prince of Wales had been in abeyance, their being no heir apparent to claim it. For some unknown reason the first portion of the old regimental title has been allowed to lapse, though the Prince's crest of a coronet encircling three white ostrich feathers still appears on the badges and buttons of the regiment, together with his motto " Ich Dien " (I Serve). Incidentally, it may be mentioned as a somewhat peculiar fact that of all the dozen or more regiments which are called after the Prince of Wales at the present time, not one is recruited in Wales and although His Royal Highness is Colonel-in-Chief of two of the national regiments of the Principality,* neither of these either bears his title or wears his crest, the latter privilege being reserved for The Royal Welch Fusiliers and The Welch Regiment.

*The Welsh Guards and the South Wales Borderers.

The year 1742 found the regiment (now known as the 23rd Foot) back in Flanders once more, en route for Germany, and at the Battle of Dettingen a year later it is recorded that The Royal Welch Fusiliers " fought like devils, their platoon firing thundering out as regularly as on parade."

At the Battle of Minden, on August 1st, 1759, the regiment took part in one of the most remarkable engagements in the history of war. Six British regiments formed part of a mixed army, composed of troops of various nations, allied against the French. Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick, the Commander, sent a message desiring the British infantry to advance " with the sound of the drum." What he meant to convey was, that the beating of the drums of his own troops should be the signal for the British to advance in conformity with them. The British took the order too literally and startled friend and foe alike by advancing alone, with drums beating and colours flying, against the whole French army. Some of the best troops of France, both horse and foot, gave way before the determined advance of these few redcoats. Marshal Contades, the French Commander, said after the battle : " I have seen what I never thought to be possible—a single line of infantry break through three lines of cavalry ranked in order of battle and tumble them to ruin." Minden brought as much glory to the British infantry, even though " someone had blundered," as did the Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava (also caused by a misunderstanding) to our cavalry. The Hon. Sir John Fortescue, the celebrated military historian, has said that " every British schoolboy should be taught

the names of the six brave Minden regiments, so that he may raise his cap to them, should he ever have the good fortune to meet them." Besides the R.W.F., the 12th (Suffolk), 20th (Lancs. Fus.), 25th (K.O.S.B.), 37th (Hants), and 51st (1/K.O.Y.L.I.) were the regiments which gained the surprising victory of Minden.

Throughout the Peninsular War the 23rd served with distinction, but their greatest glory was gained at Albuhera, where they and the Royal Fusiliers turned the tide of battle and (to quote from Napier's graphic description of the action) " showed with what strength and majesty the British soldier fights." At Waterloo they lost their colonel, Sir Henry Walton Ellis, who had held a commission in the army ever since the day he was born !

The Royal Welch Fusiliers were the first British unit to land in the Crimea, and throughout the campaign the regiment played a prominent part. Sergeant Luke O'Connor, who carried the Queen's Colour of the regiment at the Alma, was awarded the V.C., also a commission. He rose to command the 2nd Battalion R.W.F., and died on February 2nd, 1915 as a retired Major-General, Colonel of his old regiment, and senior holder of the Victoria Cross.

While the regiment was fighting in the Indian Mutiny, orders were given for the present 2nd Battn. to be raised. This battalion saw its first fighting in Ashantee, 1874. Under the great re-organisation scheme of 1881 the title of " The North Wales Regiment " was proposed for the 23rd, but fortunately the proposal was nipped in the bud, and the time-honoured title of The Royal Welch Fusiliers was retained.

The dawn of the 20th century found both battalions of the R.W.F. on active service—the 1st in South Africa (Boer War) and the 2nd in China (Boxer Rising). At the commencement of the war with Germany the 1st was at Malta and the 2nd (just home after 17 years abroad) at Portland. Both were soon at the front. The 1st Battalion formed part of the famous 7th Division which gained so much distinction at the first Battle of Ypres. General Capper, G.O.C. 7th Division, (afterwards killed at Loos), in a special Order of the Day, said " This battalion has fought nobly and has carried out its high traditions in fighting on until completely overwhelmed." Later they went to Italy, and distinguished themselves on 24th October, 1918 by capturing and holding the island of Gravedi Papadopoli.

Three of the regiment's Territorial battalions were with the 53rd (Welsh) Division in Gallipoli, Egypt and Palestine, where the Division earned the proud nickname of " The Marching and Fighting Division." Two other battalions, the 24th (Welsh Horse) Battalion and the 25th (Montgomery Yeomanry) Battalion R.W.F. served in the same campaigns and afterwards on the Western Front with the 74th (Yeomanry) Division, the famous " Broken Spur " Division, whose celerity in the great advance caused the Australians to christen them " Allenby's Harriers." Altogether, The Royal Welch Fusiliers mustered forty-two battalions during the Great War.

In the autumn of 1919 the re-formed Regular battalions went on service again. The 1st went to India, where they are still serving; they took part in the Waziristan Operations, 1921/23. The 2nd went to Ireland, remaining there throughout the Sein Fein troubles. In 1925 they came up to London to do duty at Buckingham Palace during the absence of the Guards on maneouvres. They are now with the Army of Occupation on the Rhine.

The Royal Welch Fusiliers have won 101 Battle Honours and 14 V.C.'s. They have two distinctions which no other regiment can share. One is the wearing of the " Flash," a bunch of five black ribbons worn at the back of the tunic collar. These ribbons were originally worn to keep the grease of the " pigtail " from soiling the back of the tunic. The 23rd were in Nova Scotia when the wearing of pigtails was ordered to be discontinued, and they are said to have been the last regiment to wear their hair in this style. Even after their hair had been shortened they continued to wear the " Flash," and in 1834 when an attempt was made to deprive them of it, their right to wear it as a " peculiarity whereby to mark the dress of that distinguished regiment," was confirmed by King William IV. In 1900 the privilege of wearing the " Flash," hitherto confined to the officers and staff sergeants, was extended to all ranks of the regiment.

The Royal Welch Fusiliers also keep up the ancient custom of having their pioneers, wearing white pipeclayed aprons and gauntlets and carrying the tools of their trade, to march at the head of the regiment. No other regiment is allowed to do this.

Like other Welch regiments, the R.W.F. have for many years (certainly for more than a century and a half) had a goat as a regimental pet to march at the head of the Band. This has given rise to the regimental nicknames " Royal Goats " and " Nanny Goats." These goats have usually accompanied the regiment on active service.

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Note. The 53rd Division also included " The Kent Composite Battalion " of Buffs and Royal West Kent Territorials. The 74th Division included the 10th (Royal East Kent and West Kent Yeomanry) Battalion The Buffs.

Canada.

The Hon. Dr. J. H. King, Canadian Minister of National Health, in a recent interview said " I am impressed by the general standard of fitness of the British applicants for migration. A high percentage are getting through. I can say emphatically indeed that the British migrant is as fit as anyone from any other country in the world. We like him, and I think our record proves that we are doing all in our power to encourage him to join us in the great forward movement of our country and to give him all the help and encouragement which a man with grit and determination needs."

Extracts from the " Overseas Settler," August, 1929.

Work for Discharged Soldiers.

During July 220 soldiers completed courses of instruction at the Army Vocational Training Centres at Hounslow, Aldershot and Chisledon, and 172 obtained immediate employment on leaving the Colours. 17 qualified for Oversea Settlement, while the others took up carpentry, plastering, painting, bricklaying, boot-repairing, motor mechanism, positions of trust, private service and a dozen other occupations.

Territorial Recruits.

The latest official returns show that in June 3,999 recruits were finally approved for service in the Territorial Army and that the total number of enlistments during the nine months of the present recruiting year was 23.485. Last month the Northern Command led the way with 1,109 recruits, followed by the Western Command, 811; the Scottish Command, 638; the Southern Command 536; the London District, 529; and the Eastern Command, 376.

The total Territorial strength, exclusive of permanent staff is now 6,756 officers and 131,302 other ranks. The total strength of six of the Divisions now exceeds 8,000; namely, Northumbrian, 9,443; Highland, 9,070; Welsh, 8,984; North Midland, 8,857; West Riding, 8,433; Lowland, 8,318.

The Canterbury Cricket Week.

The excuse for inflicting these lines on *The Dragon* is that the writer remembers so well, when he was absent from the Cricket Week and especially when he was abroad, how eagerly he longed to hear about the Cricket Week and particularly the Regimental side of it.

It has been said by eminent authorities, the pith of any article should be contained in the first few sentences of it—consequently, here goes.

In the view of the writer we had a rattling good week, despite some poisonously bad weather—especially on the Tuesday when no play was possible and on Wednesday when only fifty minutes play took place. For the benefit of *Dragon* readers abroad who may not have easy access to newspapers and therefore cannot follow the ups and downs of the County Cricket Championship, it may be mentioned that the first match of the week was between Kent and Gloucester and the second between Kent and Notts. Both these matches were critical ones, because at the commencement of the week Notts was leading in the County Championship, Lancashire was second, Gloucestershire third, Yorkshire fourth and Kent fifth. Kent during the week took first innings points from both Gloucestershire and Notts, with the result that at the end of the week the order in the County Championship was Notts 120 points, Lancashire and Gloucestershire 118 points, Kent 116 points, Yorkshire 111 points. So that the question of who is going to win the Championship is, at the moment, a very open one, though we shall know more about it by the time the next *Dragon* appears. But to get on with the other aspects of the Cricket Week. There is nothing much to be said about Saturday, August 3rd, except that the cricket was very serious. There was a very large attendance to see Hammond bat and to do honour to " Tich " Freeman's benefit. On Monday, the 5th we had glorious weather and a record attendance. People were sitting five or six deep on the ground beyond the ropes. It was a great day. We saw Woolley make his 99th century, and Freeman take his 199th wicket for the season. Our enclosure and tea tent were like a bee-hive and one could hardly turn round. Among the many distinguished people who visited us were Lord Harris, Lord Plumer, and that very delightful friend of the Regiment Dick Sheppard, the new Dean of Canterbury, and Sir Robert Whigham, G.O.C. Eastern Command. Tuesday, the 6th August was about the most hopeless day imaginable. The rain started about 11 a.m. and cricket was impossible. The brave folk who went to the ground in the hopes of seeing cricket found their only solace in " quick ones." Wednesday looked possible, but the umpires ruled that no play was possible before 2.15 p.m. We saw 50 minutes play and then there was a torrential downpour—just like the breaking of the rains in India. The ground was soon three inches under water and so we went sadly home. Thursday—Ladies' Day—was perfect. The weather had recovered itself and left nothing to be desired. There was another record attendance and we had some 700 visitors to our tent. One saw so many Buffs of both sexes that at the end the day one longed to have it all over again, and one went to bed with a feeling that one had left undone things which one ought to have done. Friday saw a very sporting end to the Kent and Notts match. Kent was left to get 94 to win on a terrible pitch, and went all out to get them. In the end we got 58 for 5 wickets in the endeavour to get 8 points instead of 5, which we got. This meant that Kent was 4th in the County Championship instead of 1st which we should have been if we had won. So much for the cricket.

What the newspapers call the " Social Side " of the week was, as usual, a great success, thanks mainly to Col. Findlay who was, as usual, quite indefatigable and had a cheery word for everyone. In spite of the large number who visited our enclosure and tea and lunch tents we managed to " pack in " somehow. It seemed to the writer that we had managed to " pinch " a bit of extra ground. There were many cheery Buff luncheon parties on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday ; Major Field seemed to have two or three parties on each of these days and ran them splendidly. Perhaps he will give us a tip on how it is done ? We were delighted to entertain our old friends The Old Stagers at luncheon on Wednesday. To describe the galaxy of beauty present at this lunch is beyond the power of the writer, who will content himself with expressing the joy of us all at seeing again our friend, the delightful Lady Crutchley. The mention of her name reminds one of The Old Stagers performances. For the benefit of *Dragon* readers abroad it may be said that the pieces played were " You never can tell," by Bernard Shaw, and a great crook play " In the next room." Both were performed in accordance with the best traditions of The Old Stagers. The Epilogue was excellent, and none the less so because that great Buff Major Henry Hardy and a daughter of the Regiment, Miss Vera Lynden-Bell, took part in it. There can have been fewer more amusing songs sung in any epilogue than Major Hardy's " I've done with the dear old days," and Miss Vera Lynden-Bell's dance was described by *The Times* as " delightful."

A great feature of the week was the splendid work of the 2nd Battalion Band under the able direction of Mr. Hewitt, and the Depot Band. The 2nd Battalion Band is becoming so popular and has so many engagements at various seaside resorts that we shall soon have to raise their fees ! ! The writer had not heard the Depot Band for some time and was amazed at its efficiency. He can only express a hope that like Tennyson's Brook it will " go on for ever."

The arrangements in the tea and luncheon tent were perfect. The floral decorations were very beautiful and were supplied by that dear friend of our Regiment, Mrs. Chapman of Heppington, Mrs. Friend and Mrs. Osborne Vallance ; the grateful thanks of the Regiment are also due to Mrs. Findlay, Mrs. Airy, Miss Ronald, Miss McDouall and Mrs. Eric Neame who made the tables look so lovely. The wants of the inner man were, as usual, admirably looked after by Sgt. Goodwin.

It may interest Buffs who are serving in East and West Africa and other places beyond the seas to know that the following is a list of some of the Buffs of both sexes who attended the Week :—Major-General Sir Arthur and the Hon. Lady and Miss Lynden-Bell, Col. and Mrs. Crookenden, Major and Mrs. Guy Lee, Capt. and Mrs. Stronge, Capt. Howe, Capt. Essell, Capt. and Mrs. Keble, Capt. Wood, Mrs. Wale, Capt. and Mrs. Willows, Mr. and Mrs. D'Arcy Symonds, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Fearnside Speed, Mr. and Mrs. Penlington, Mr. Spear, Mr. J. C. T. Crozier, Mr. and Mrs. Airy, Mr. Boucher, Mr. Jack Williams, Mr. Lynden-Bell, Mr. F. W. B. Parry, Col. Burns, Col. Body, Major and Mrs. Collard, Major and Mrs. Dean, Capt. and Mrs. Loyd-Hardcastle, Brig.-Gen., Mrs. and Miss McDouall, Mrs. Hulke, Mrs. Ronald, Major, Mrs. and Miss Tylden-Pattenson, Col. Buttanshaw, Capt. and Mrs. Baird, Major and Mrs. Hardy, Brig.-Gen. and Mrs. Whitacre-Allen, Major and Mrs. Eric Clarke, Major Colley, Col. Dunstan, Col. and Mrs. R. Friend, Capt. Jessel, Major George Meakin, Major Norman, Major Foster, the Rev. J. R. Hale, the Rev. H. Longuet-Higgins, Capt. Terry and Mrs. Howard Smith.

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ANNUAL REPORT.

PAST AND PRESENT ASSOCIATION, THE BUFFS.

1st April, 1928 to 31st March, 1929.

In presenting the Annual Report for the year ending 31st March, 1929, your Committee feel that reference must be made to the much lamented death, on 9th December, 1928, of General Sir Arthur Paget, Colonel of The Buffs for 14 years. General Paget was appointed to the colonelcy at a time when the usual life of the regiment was completely interrupted and, as he came from another regiment, it was not easy for him to pick up the threads. But he at once showed that he meant to become something more than a figure-head and very soon identified himself with all the traditions and activities of The Buffs. No one ever appealed to him in vain for advice or help and his generosity knew no bounds. After the war he realized that our various charities and funds could be better and more economically administered by a central committee which he proceeded to appoint, and this committee has been asked to continue in office by his successor, Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell.

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

During the period under review the Committee has held nine meetings. The greater part of the business transacted at these meetings has been published in *The Dragon*.

Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, Colonel of the Regiment, has nominated Major-General Sir Guy Bainbridge to continue in office as Chairman of the new Committee for a further period of twelve months, and Brigadier-General R. McDouall, Brigadier J. Kennedy, Colonel R. E. Power, Lieut.-Colonel L. W. Lucas and Major F. W. Tomlinson, in addition to the Officers Commanding the 1st, 2nd and 4th Battalions, and the Officer Commanding The Depot, to be members.

It has now been decided that normally the Executive Committee shall meet quarterly (in London) instead of monthly as in the past.

2. SUB-COMMITTEE.

During the period a Sub-Committee has been formed, composed of one member from each Branch, with a Chairman. This Sub-Committee has met three times, and it has been found most useful, enabling as it does the views of Branches on all matters being brought to the notice of the Executive Committee.

3. MEMBERSHIP.

The total number of new members enrolled during the period was 1,106, of whom 403 are Life Members and 703 are Annual Members. Total membership 2,722, an increase of 868 over last year.

4. BRANCHES.

Additional Branches have now been formed, and on the 31st March, the strength of Branches was as follows:—Ashford, 180; London, 452; Dover, 235; Weald, 156; Thanet, 149; Hythe and Folkestone, 117; Medway, 112; Sittingbourne, 63; Canterbury, 145. To date an additional number of 149 Life and 237 Annual Members have been enrolled.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED FROM BRANCHES.

	£	s.	d.
Ashford	17	2	6
London	39	3	6
Dover	20	14	6
Weald	25	0	0
Medway	24	4	0
Thanet	32	18	6
Hythe and Folkestone	3	17	6
Canterbury	15	0	0
Sittingbourne	8	3	6

6. EXPENDITURE OF BRANCHES.

The expenditure incurred by these Branches, in so far as the Headquarter's account of the Past and Present Association is concerned is as follows :—£87 19s. 1d.

Your Committee wishes to record its grateful appreciation for the excellent work carried out by the Executive of the various Branches ; it is of opinion that the establishment of these Branches is the root and very foundation of the Association.

The many hours of voluntary work given freely by members of Branch Committees for the good of the Association and the Regiment is, your Committee feels certain, very fully realized.

7. THE MOTOR SCHOOL.

During the period under review, the Motor School has held courses at which 16 N.C.O.'s and Men attended. Seven of those trained have been found permanent employment.

The total attending these courses to date is 36, of which 15 have found permanent employment.

It is regretted that owing to the heavy expenditure incurred by employing a civilian as Instructor—no trained soldier being available—the School for the time being has had to be closed down.

8. EMPLOYMENT.

In addition to the employment of those who have passed through the Motor School already referred to, permanent and temporary work has been found for a number of members of the Association. Excluding Headquarters, the London Branch has been most successful, followed by the Medway Branch.

Your Committee in mentioning these two Branches, would like especially to record the names of Messrs. Thornton, Noble, M.M., Hales and Atkins of the London Branch, and His Worship the Mayor of Chatham, Mr. Osborne Taylor, all of whom have been particularly successful in finding employment for deserving cases.

Your Committee takes this opportunity of strongly urging serving soldiers to endeavour to obtain qualifications for civil employment whilst serving, by becoming Regimentally Employed as Officers' Servants, Mess Waiters, Grooms, etc., etc., as from experience it has been found such men are more easily placed on leaving the Colours. Your Committee would also impress on all soldiers the advisability of retaining any testimonials they may have obtained from employers prior to enlistment, as these may be of considerable assistance in the future.

9. THE COTTAGE HOMES.

The Homes are in good repair and have been improved by the erection of fencing between the gardens.

The occupants are the same as last year, and no complaint of any kind has been received from the occupants themselves or anyone in the district regarding our tenants.

The financial position of the Homes continues most satisfactory and your Committee are now considering the advisability of transferring a further portion of the balance of the running account to the capital account.

10. REGIMENTAL MEMORIALS.

Improvements have, and are being made, in respect to Memorials in the Warriors' Chapel. The new plaques beneath the Colours, which have been very fully referred to in the Regimental paper, will be completed by August 18th. Your Committee trusts that the necessary subscriptions and donations to defray the expenditure so incurred may be forthcoming at an early date.

The Warriors' Chapel Endowment Fund, which originated a year ago, has been well supported, a total of £234 4s. 0d. having been subscribed. The object of this Fund, it will be remembered, was " to strengthen the almost possessive association of the Regiment with the Warriors' Chapel, which contains so many Regimental Memorials."

11. " THE DRAGON."

The circulation has increased. The profits for the period under review amounted to £285 10s. 8d., an increase over the preceding year of £31 2s. 6d.

Your Committee has approved of £250 being transferred from this Account to the Account of the Past and Present Association.

12. ALLIANCES.

Our friendly relations with our Allied Regiment, the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, continue to grow.

Steps are being taken by the Colonel of The Buffs to establish alliances in Vancouver and in Australia.

It is felt that such alliances must be beneficial and especially helpful to your members who may decide to emigrate.

13. THE LADIES' GUILD.

A Ladies' Guild was formed in June, 1928, under the Presidency of the Hon. Lady Lynden-Bell, and has now a strength of over eighty members.

Your Committee wishes to place on record its appreciation of the excellent work carried out by this Guild.

The work of the Guild to date has been almost entirely confined to the London district. There are, however, many ladies in other areas who, though not actually members of the Guild, have proved themselves ever ready to assist in furthering the objects of our Association.

14. FINANCE.

The Balance Sheets and Statements of Accounts are before you and if approved, will be published in the next issue of the Regimental paper.

Your Committee considers these accounts satisfactory and is very appreciative of the support given, especially by the 1st and 2nd Battalions, to the " Life Membership " movement, whereby the Capital Account of the Association during the period under review has been increased by £322 8s. 0d.

Sgd. E. G. T. BAINBRIDGE,

Major-General,

Chairman of Executive Committee.

Stone Ridge,

Platt, Nr. Sevenoaks.

I consider this a highly satisfactory Report.

I wish to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Regiment and myself, of thanking Sir Guy Bainbridge and his colleagues of the Executive Committee and our untiring Secretary, Colonel Findlay, most heartily for all their devoted work in the interests of the Regiment.

I also wish to say how cordially I endorse the remarks in paragraph 6 of the Report regarding the splendid work done by the Executives of the various Branches of the Association—work which has deservedly earned the admiration and gratitude of us all.

Sgd. A. LYNDEN BELL,

Colonel of The Buffs.

3rd August, 1929.

PAST AND PRESENT ASSOCIATION.

RECEIPTS.

	£. s. d.	£ s. d.
Subscriptions :		
1st Battalion " The Buffs "	127 12 6	
2nd Battalion ,, ,, ...	360 17 6	
Depot ,, ,, ...	9 4 6	
Thanet Branch	32 18 6	
Folkestone-Hythe Branch ...	3 17 6	
London Branch	39 13 6	
Dover Branch	20 14 6	
Ashford Branch	17 2 6	
Medway Branch	24 4 0	
Weald Branch	25 0 0	
Canterbury Branch	15 0 0	
Sittingbourne Branch ...	8 3 6	
Miscellaneous	69 1 0	
		753 9 6
Ties, Buttons, Badges, &c., ...		6 17 3
Past and Present Dinner ...		54 6 0
Dress Regulations		5 5 0
Cabaret Ball : Donations and Tickets		150 16 0
Jumble Sale : Donations and Proceeds of Sale		17 9 9
4th Battalion Comforts Fund Donation		7 14 1
Fees, Motor Instruction Classes		16 0 0
Hire of Motor Van ...		38 5 1
The Dragon		200 0 0
The Benevolent Fund		250 0 0
The East Kent Soldiers Fund		25 0 0
The Militia Battalion Fund ...		29 17 10
Dividends on Investments ...		26 16 0
Bank Interest		1 4 2
Carried Forward		£1,583 0 8

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance 1/4/1928		11 16 10
Salaries :—		
Secretary	300 0 0	
Clerks	106 0 0	
		406 0 0
National Health Insurance ...		0 19 6
Annual Grant Regimental Agency		15 0 0
Postmaster General :—		
Telephones	30 11 9	
Telegraphic Address	2 0 0	
		32 11 9
Licence, Motor Van		35 4 0
Insurance, Motor Van		13 10 0
Petrol, Repairs &c., Motor Van		67 12 8
Wages, Instructor Motor Courses		8 15 0
Motor Instruction Courses, Part Fees to Instructor		10 4 8
Past and Present Reunion : Lunches and Tentage ...		21 2 6
Past and Present Cricket Match, Teas		6 6 8
Past and Present Dinner ...		56 8 0
Railway Fares of Chelsea Pensioners		1 11 0
Printing, Stationery and Advertisements		50 18 1
Travelling Expenses		8 10 0
Ypres Memorial Church : Donation		10 0 0
St. Barnabas Pilgrimages : Donation		1 1 0
Printing Dress Regulations ...		10 8 6
403 National Savings Certificates		322 8 0
Ties and Badges		56 8 5
Cabaret Ball :—		
Band, Electric Light, Suppers, Piano, Carpets, Printing and Advertisements, Cleaning, Teas and Floral Decorations	92 18 0	
Transfer to Benevolent Fund	54 15 7	
		147 13 7
Safe for Office		6 10 0
Auditor		5 5 0
Coal		6 15 3
Photographs purchased by Ashford Branch		0 17 6
Wreath for the late General Sir A. F. Paget, G.C.B., K.C.V.O.		9 19 6
Telegram		0 7 2
Miscellaneous Expenditure ...		4 0 0
Postage, Expenses and Grants :—		
Dover Branch	10 17 11	
Hythe ,, ...	1 0 9	
The Weald ,, ...	1 18 7	
London ,, ...	29 19 3	
Ashford ,, ...	15 18 1	
Thanet ,, ...	3 0 0	
Medway ,, ...	20 19 10	
		83 14 5
Cheques		1 10 0
Petty Cash :—		
Office Cleaning	6 0 0	
Postage &c., Ashford Branch	3 8 3	
Postage, Headquarters ...	35 10 3	
Driving Licenses Motor Courses	5 5 0	
Wages, Instructor, Motor Courses	4 5 0	
Telegrams and Cables ...	1 0 8	
		55 9 2
Carried Forward		1468 18 2

	£	s.	d.
Brought Forward	1,583	0	8
	£1,583	0	8

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought Forward				1468	18	2
N.H. Insurance	0	13	2			
Salaries	1	5	0			
Staff Wages, Cabaret Ball ...	12	9	5			
Office Furniture	0	5	0			
Expenses, Thanet Branch ...	0	10	2			
Expenses Canterbury Branch per Branch Secretary ...	0	6	3			
Repairs to Motor	0	2	6			
Refunds	0	8	4			
Motor Course, part fees to Instructor	4	3	9			
Balance	2	13	4			
				22	16	11
Balance, 31/3/1929				91	5	7
				£1,583	0	8

PAST AND PRESENT ASSOCIATION.

Balance Sheet.

Liabilities.

	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors	15	17	3
Unpresented Cheques	7	5	9
Balance Credit	1323	16	2
	£1,346	19	2

Assets.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
£421 National Savings Certificates ...				337	5	9
£100 3½% Conversion Loan				76	5	0
£600 5% War Loan, 1927/47				611	5	0
Benevolent Fund				9	7	0
Motor Van				170	0	0
Stock—Ties, etc., on hand				41	11	9
	£	s.	d.			
Cash in hand	2	13	4			
Cash at Lloyds Bank ...	98	11	4			
				101	4	8
				£1,346	19	2

Balance struck on 31st March, 1929.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
On hand, 1/4/1928	290	6	6
Donations	169	3	9
Loans and Grants Refunded	22	19	6
Special Donations Plum Pudding Fund ...	11	16	6
Profits from Cabaret (including £9 7s. 0d. refund due to Past and Present) ...	55	16	7
1st Battalion proceeds of Concert	6	0	0
Interest on Investments	550	12	0
Bank Interest	6	18	5
	£1,113	13	3

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Grants and Loans				395	9	6
	£	s.	d.			
Medway Branch, Local Relief	10	0	0			
Canterbury Branch, Local Relief	10	0	0			
London Branch, Local Relief	10	0	0			
Dover Branch, Local Relief...	10	0	0			
Sittingbourne Branch,Local Relief	10	0	0			
Folkestone Branch, Local Relief	5	0	0			
				55	0	0
Pensions				231	10	0
Christmas Puddings				17	7	5
Past and Present Association, Administrative Expenses				250	0	0
Cheques				2	0	0
Petty Cash :—						
Small grants and loans ...	36	17	6			
On hand	4	2	6			
				41	0	0
Balance				121	6	4
				£1,113	13	3

THE BENEVOLENT FUND.

BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.
Unpresented Cheques	10	0	0
Past and Present Association (refund re Cabaret)	9	7	0
Balance Credit	4540	10	5
	£4,559	17	5

ASSETS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
£742 12s. 0d. 4½% London County Council Consolidated Stock, 1945/85				698	0	11
£735 11s. 11d. 3½% Conversion Stock (Includes £96 11s. 11d. "Furley Fund"				560	18	0
£1,950 5% War Stock, 1929/47				1986	11	3
£100 5½% Treasury Bonds, 1930				100	0	0
£138 London Midland and Scottish Railway 4% Preference Stock				95	4	5
£468 Dominion of Canada, City of Quebec 3½% Consolidated Registered Stock ...				355	13	7
£617 3s. 6d. 4% Consolidated Stock				526	2	11
£100 5% War Loan 1929/47				101	17	6
Cash in hand	4	2	6			
Cash at Lloyds Bank ...	131	6	4			
				135	8	10
				£4,559	17	5

Balance struck on 31/3/1929.

EAST KENT SOLDIERS' FUND.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
On hand, 1/4/1928	13	8	4
Conversion Loan Interest	18	1	10
	£31	10	2

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Past and Present Association	25	0	0
Grants	4	0	0
Balance, 31/3/1929	2	10	2
...	£31	10	2

EAST KENT SOLDIERS' FUND.

BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.
Unpresented Cheques	4	0	0
Balance Credit	495	4	1
	£499	4	1

ASSETS.	£	s.	d.
£646 3s. 2d. 3½% Conversion Loan ...	492	13	11
Cash at Lloyds Bank	6	10	2
	£499	4	1

Balance Struck on 31/3/1929.

THE BUFFS' COTTAGE HOMES.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
On hand, 1/4/1928	41	8	4
Donations	61	17	6
Dividends on Investments	65	7	4
Refund Income Tax	25	4	8
Unused cheques returned	0	8	8
	£194	6	6

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Tithe Rent Charge, Queen Anne's Bounty	0	7	4
Insurance on Investment Script.	0	2	0
Fire Insurance	2	9	0
St. Peter's and Broadstairs U.D.C. Rates	15	13	8
Repairs	8	11	6
Cheques	0	5	0
Pensions	26	0	0
Balance, 31/3/1929	140	18	0
	£194	6	6

THE BUFFS' COTTAGE HOMES.

Balance Sheet.

Liabilities.	£ s. d.	Assets.	£ s. d.
Balance Credit	1625 13 4	£351 4% Consolidated Stock	299 4 6
		£106 5s. 0d. 4½% Treasury Bonds, 1932/34 (and 59 days interest from 1/2/29) ...	103 0 9
		£648 0s. 8d. Government of India 3% Stock	369 7 7
		£700 5% War Loan, 1929/47	713 2 6
		Cash at Lloyds Bank	140 18 0
	£1,625 13 4		£1,625 13 4

Balance struck on 31/3/1929.

"THE DRAGON."

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
Balance in Hand	237 13 5	Transfer to Past and Present Association	200 0 0
Subscribers	209 9 9	Salaries	107 10 0
1st Battalion	201 10 0	Printing	551 13 10
2nd Battalion...	77 16 6	Stationery	13 16 3
Depot	44 12 6	Postage	40 0 0
Agents and Cash Sales	74 14 7	Blocks	61 17 10
Advertisers	401 1 4	Cheques	1 0 0
Bound Volumes	5 19 6	Bound Volumes	1 12 6
		Photographs	0 10 0
			978 0 5
		Balance	274 17 2
	£1,252 17 7		£1,252 17 7

"THE DRAGON."

Balance Sheet.

Liabilities.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Assets.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Subscriptions	93 11 4		Agents	4 12 6	
Advertisements	16 19 11		Advertisements	62 1 3	
		110 11 3	Bound Volumes	0 19 6	
Balance Credit		285 10 8	2nd Battalion...	7 1 6	
			1st Battalion	46 10 0	
					121 4 9
			Cash at Lloyds Bank		274 17 2
		£396 1 11			£396 1 11

WARRIORS' CHAPEL ENDOWMENT FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
To Donations	230 14 0	By Remittances Fund	200 0 0
		,, Balance in hand	30 14 0
	£230 14 0		£230 14 0

WARRIORS' CHAPEL ENDOWMENT FUND.

Balance Sheet.

Liabilities.	£ s. d.	Assets.	£ s. d.
Balance	30 14 0	Cash at Lloyds Bank	30 14 0
	£30 14 0		£30 14 0

Balance struck on 31st March, 1929.

I have examined the accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1929 of The Buffs Past and Present Association, The Buffs Benevolent Fund, The East Kent Soldiers' Fund, The Buffs Cottage Homes, The Warriors' Chapel Fund and *The Dragon*: I have compared the payments with the vouchers and verified the Cash Balances and the Investments and I certify the accounts to be true and correct.

A. J. LANCASTER,
Auditor.

17*th May*, 1929.

Past and Present Association, The Buffs.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Association was held in the Prince of Wales' Institute at the Depot at 10 a.m., on August 18th.

Present :

Major-General Sir Guy Bainbridge, Chairman Executive Committee (in the Chair).
Colonel J. Crookenden,
Major F. W. Tomlinson,
Major C. E. Field,
} Members Executive Committee.
Colonel H. Findlay (Secretary),

and some eighty members of the Association.

The Annual Report and Balance Sheets published below, on the proposal of Major James seconded by Mr. Bussey, were unanimously approved.

Votes of thanks to the Chairman and Secretary were proposed and carried unanimously

Subsequently the Chairman informed the meeting that thanks to the proposal made last year by Major James seconded by Captain Childs, and the generous guarantee given by those two gentlemen, there had now been published a pamphlet written by Major F. W. Tomlinson giving particulars of the connection of the Regiment with the Warriors' Chapel, which pamphlet was on sale in the Cathedral, price 2d.

The Chairman in addressing the meeting, referred to the death of General Sir Arthur Paget, and congratulated the Association on His Majesty's selection of Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell as his successor.

Minutes of the 87th meeting of the Regimental Committee and Executive Committee of the Past and Present Association, The Buffs, held at the Depot,, Canterbury, on 17th August, 1929, at 5.30 p.m.

Present :

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

REGIMENTAL COMMITTEE.

DRAGON CLUB DINNER.—It was decided that the Annual Dinner should be held next year at Claridge's Hotel.

PAST AND PRESENT ASSOCIATION.

WARRIORS' CHAPEL ENDOWMENT FUND.—The Secretary reported that a further £3 9s. 0d. was required to bring the total subscription to £250. The Committee approved of this small sum being paid from the Association Account, at the same time expressing the hope that it would be recovered later by private subscription.

FINANCE :—

(*a*) With reference to an appeal received on behalf of ———, only surviving daughter of an old Buff (deceased), who is partially blind and unable in consequence to work, the Committee approved a grant of £5, provided the clergyman of her parish verified the report of her want.
The Secretary also undertook to write to the National Association for the Blind, to see if it would assist.

(*b*) A recommendation received from the Chairman of the Medway Branch for a monthly pension at the rate of 5/- a week to ——— was considered ; the Committee approved of this pension, pending either Mr. or Mrs. ——— becoming entitled to the old age pension.

(*c*) A grant of £2 was approved to assist the widowed mother of the late Sergeant ———, in meeting latter's funeral expenses.

(*e*) 1. It was decided to invest £100 of the balance standing to the credit of The Cottage Homes (31/3/29) in War Loan.
2. It was further decided to consult the United Services Trustee regarding taking over The Cottage Homes Trust.

(*f*) It was decided, in view of the fact that not more than £500 War Savings Certificates could be purchased, that the balance in bank of new life members' subscriptions should be invested in War Loan.

(*g*) The Audited Balance Sheets, Statement of Accounts and Annual Report for the year ending 31st March, 1929, were laid before the Committee and approved.

(*h*) The Secretary's travelling expenses to 31st July amounting to £5 10s. 0d. were approved.

BRANCHES AND SUB-BRANCHES.—It was decided that no hard and fast rule could be made in connection with the formation of new Branches or Sub-Branches of the Association, but that all such must be considered on their respective merits.

SUB-COMMITTEE.—The minutes of the last two meetings of the Sub-Committee were placed before the Executive Committee, and were approved subject to the amendments already carried out by the Secretary of the Executive Committee, in connection with the arrangements for the Memorial Service, etc.

MOTOR SCHOOL.—The Committee regretted that as no trained soldier was available to act as instructor to the School for financial reasons it must be closed down.

It was decided that the O.C. Depot should be given first refusal and the O.C. 2nd Battalion second refusal of the Morris Van. In the event of neither accepting the gift, it should be sold.

NEXT MEETING.— To be held at The Naval and Military Club, at 10.30 a.m., on December 5th.

During the period 18/7/29 to 18/8/29 the following donations and disbursements have been received and paid :—

DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
St. Edmund's School	2	2	0
Percy Wilson, Esq.		10	0
Anonymous	1	0	0
Captain Smith		2	6

DISBURSEMENTS.

		£	s.	d.
July 22.	Grant	2	0	0
22.	Grant	2	0	0
23.	Grant	1	0	0
29.	Loan	3	0	0
30.	Grant	2	0	0
Aug. 2.	Grant	3	0	0
2.	Grant	1	6	0
7.	Grant	2	0	0
7.	Grant	1	0	0
10.	Grant		10	0
12.	Grant		5	0
14.	Loan		10	0
14.	Grant	2	0	0
16.	Grant	2	0	0
17.	Loan	2	0	0

BUFFS WARRIORS' CHAPEL ENDOWMENT FUND.

The following donations to the above Fund have been received :—

	£	s.	d.
Major C. Gregory-Hood	5	0	0
Mrs. Hulke	1	1	0
Mrs. Moody	1	1	0
Major A. H. Tylden-Pattenson ...	5	5	0

NEW MEMBERS.

During the period 18-7-29 to 18-8-29 the following new members have been enrolled :—

Life Members.—Sgt. H. Chambers, Ptes. A. S. Long, H. Day, L. Dale, G. Farbrace, W. Wells, L/Cpl. J. Campbell, Ptes. J. Bourn, R. Cropton, A. Donlery, A. Hill, J. Scott, G. Stevens, S. Reader, C. Wickenden, J. Heasman, F. McIntosh, A. Ash, W. Casey, L/Cpl. E. Belcher, Ptes. F. Povey, C. Cox, W. Sparks, E. Woodard, R. Tebble, C. Mannall, L/Cpls. J. Durrant, C. Warren, A. Hover, H. Atkins, J. Griggs, G. Randerson, Ptes. R. Nash, E. Hicks, J. Mitchell, J. Clifton, S. Miles, F. Gadd, C.S.M. L. Williams, Sgt. J. Morgan, L/Cpl. H. Davis, Ptes. S. Rowley, G. Hardiman, C.Q.M.S. G. Legg, Ptes. E. Sweeby, E. Smith, H. Butler,Cpls. J. Mullen, T. Horne, H. C. Norman, J. Horne, A. Johnson, C. Marsh, E. G. Parish, Ptes. A. Himsworth, C. Robinson, A. Chapman, E. Townend, E. Austen, R. Barman, W. Cock, J. Dawkins, T. Hill, J. Langhorn, W. Loveridge, H. Haigh, F. Pickering, A. Nash, A. Gray, R. Lawson, L/Cpl. W. Richardson, Ptes. L. Mitchell, W. Macey, E. Davies, T. Tucker, R. Hilier, W. Ward, E. Didymus, F. Grasby, E. Grey, F. Parker, E. Green, J. Maskell, E. Swaby, Cpl. C. Fry, Ptes. E. Haines, A. Pattenden, J. Stone, A. Blissett, J. Spanton, R. Rogers, A. Pierce, W. Moat, W. Williams, C. Waghorn, H. Kean, C. Goode, W. Halliwell, J. Simcox, G. W. Whaley, P. Inman, H. Cornish, W. Fletcher, F. Beeching, H. Stickells, C. Read, C. Machin, W. Garlinge, W. Battey, F. Burns, F. Potter, J. Foreman, H. Kirby, J. Baker, A. Hewett, A. Page, J. Page, E. W. Rhodes, G. Andrews, C. Andrews, C. E. Drayson.

Annual Members.—H. R. Fenyer, W. R. Wood, J. Whittaker, A. Lambert, M. Gawler, H. T. Pope, N. Stokes, B. T. Jones, G. F. White, H. Salter, L. Cloke, R. F. Bishop, S. G. Blackburn, G. J. K. Blackburn, E. Bussey, J. R. Cannon, F. R. Knapp, H. J. Phillips, W. M. Twyman, H. Wraight, E. Dinham, S. E. Daniels, E. H. Dixon, C. Deval, H. J. Ellenor, R. Ward, R. J. Waller, E. F. Stanley, H. M. Curtis, H. Cooke, B. Ballard, W. G. Bennett, W. Back, F. G. Major, R. Rye, W. Martin, G. H. Rabbitt, C. Marshall, W. C. Redsull, B. Cork, H. Bradford, G. H. Hall, E. J. Court, A. H. Smith, L. Castle, F. Ash, H. G. Barlow, W. D. Barlow, J. C. L. Dawton, J. Eykell, A. G. Healey, E. Hewett, A. W. Jerrey, J. Leavers, A. E. Matthis, A. Welch, J. W. Setterfield, W. West, H. Taylor, J. T. Adams, F. Batt, W. A. Nullen, H. E. Bax, G. F. Strand, W. A. Owen, C. Ansell, B. Gardner, G. Fox, A. E. Avery, F. Bamford, J. Chidwick, H. P. Saffery, F. W. Howland, —. Woolton, W. Rogers, F. G. Love, S. J. Ivens, J. W. Ivens, J. W. Gill, W. E. Saunders, L. Dening, C. J. Bright, G. A. J. Fleet, J. W. Gore, J. H. Gore, A. E. Davis, W. Spicer, T. A. Holness, A. E. Villette, H. Wells, D. J. Golder, S. R. Everett, R. Price, J. Saunders, C. J. Epps, H. D. Rose, W. G. James, A. E. Goodbourn, R. C. Thorn, C. E. Fitchew, W. Mantle, V. Adams, G. J. Wells, L. Foord, R. Adams, C. J. Setterfield, A. G. J. Joad, R. H. George, E. Morrison, W. C. Cork, F. A. Lucas, B. Baldwin, H. Todd, R. Stead, J. Solley, E. J. Harnett, R. F. Bishop.

Associate Members.—Mrs. E. C. French, J. W. Barnes, F. A. Barnes, H. Strange, W. Cooper, W. F. Palmer, J. Ades, E. J. Rossiter, W. Dagless, A. W. Deverson, A. G. Edwicker, A. Britenshall, A. W. Smith, T. W. Smith, W. Hammond.

SPEECH BY CAPT. J. E. ENRIGHT AT ASHFORD, JULY 13TH, 1929.

" On the night of the march to the Cenotaph your Vice-Chariman invited me to visit this Branch and I promised I should do so. That promise is to-night fulfilled and moreover I have brought with me Major James and Captain Erny Smith.

It is difficult when one is a guest to know what to speak about. I am not going to bore you about London, neither am I going to speak about Ashford. Pondering over what I ought to say whilst coming down in the train, I thought of the one word " Regiment " and decided to use it as a basis for my remarks this evening.

I think we all have in our minds a wrong interpretation of the word " Regiment." We often hear spoken : " When did you leave the Regiment ? " or " When I was in the Regiment ! " and it appears to me that so soon as this particular title is used, our minds fly at once to the " present " that means the 1st, 2nd and 4th Battalions. We do not include the greatest of all Battalions with a combined strength the equal of all others put together—that wonderful Battalion made up of the " past." Therefore, let us be clear when we speak of the " Regiment " and remember it is made up by the " past " as well as the " present " and will always remain so.

This leads me on to something else. In the same way as each Company in a Battalion is self-contained and independent, answerable to the Commanding Officer and forming an integral part of the whole, so it is with, and in the great Battalion of the " past." Our various Branches scattered over Kent and in London are like the Companies of a serving Battalion. Each is self-contained and forming an integral part of the whole in like manner. We have oft times heard the phrase " this is an ideal Battalion," or " this is an ideal Company," or perhaps, when speaking of an individual " he is an ideal man," and as the tribute is generally the outcome of healthy inter-Company or Battalion competition when units vie with each other to be the " best," so it ought to be in the Branches of our Association—each striving for the common good to be better than the other.

I have therefore, given thought to what one might call the " Ideal " Branch. My thought might be, perhaps, a little exaggerated to put into practice ; the results might be difficult to obtain, but there is no reason why we cannot all do our best to " attain " them. The first point in the " Ideal " Branch I have in mind is :—

LOVE OF ONE'S REGIMENT.—Every member must be imbued with the real Buff spirit of never failing to uphold the good name of the Regiment it was his privilege to serve. We have helped in the past to do our little in maintaining the great traditions—when serving—entrusted to our care. Do not foget—these traditions are still in our keeping although we belong to the " past." Talk about the Regiment to your friends and above all—love it.

THE MEETING ROOM.—It should be in the nature of a home. Old Buffs should meet together in the real and genuine Buff spirit of fellowship and goodwill one to the other. No word should be whispered likely to cause hurt, and the strong comradeship and brotherhood of affection so marked in us all when serving ought to be far more exemplified now we have finished serving. In our great brotherhood where we sit together and discuss the joys and sorrows of the past in mutual confidence ; where our old officers, even the Colonel of the Regiment, come and sit with us and help and advise us and have their drink or glass of beer with us ; where the atmosphere of affection is wholesome and pure to breathe. All this is a privilege denied at present to the " serving " soldier—but his turn is to come.

VISITING THE SICK.—We ought—in the " ideal " Branch I should like to see—to be every day mindful of our sick members. Visit them in hospital and do some little thing to brighten up the darkness of the day they are enduring. If we hear of a Buff sick or ill in his own home—go and see him. Never let it be said we neglected our duty in this connection.

APPEALS.—During the year appeals are received from old Buffs for assistance. Never disregard such an appeal but go and see the man personally. I have—at least I think I have—a far greater experience in this matter than most people. I know almost every " doss house " or shelter in London. Some of the cases are genuine—others are not. I could tell you some pitiful tales ; I remember the 2nd Battalion passing on to me a letter received from an old Buff. I went to see him and found him and his sick wife in great distress so much so that Captain Carter and myself paid a second visit within a few hours. I reported the case to Colonel Findlay and we soon put things right. This man and his wife are both too ill to work but have been—as it were—adopted by our London Ladies' Guild. Neither will ever want again.

UNEMPLOYMENT.—This is a very difficult problem which differs in magnitude according to locality. I was once asked by a serving officer the number of members who constituted the Unemployment Committee of the London Branch, and when I said nearly 500 he smiled. It was perfectly true, as I explained every member of the Branch looked upon it as an obligation on his part to inform me whenever he knew of a likely job. In the whole Association if we had 4,000 members all on tip-toes seeking out possible vacancies, whether in the towns or in the fields, we should soon have clear registers. A good point is to tackle the problem—like the Income Tax people do—at the source. Find a man a job before he leaves his Battalion if humanly possible; he is then smart, fit, bright and full of confidence. It is a pity such a man should enter civil life to idle on the dole and eventually become a drudge on the labour market. I am pleased the 2nd Battalion have tackled this in conjunction with the Branches so successfully.

PUBLICITY.—I should like to see the "Ideal" Branch of mine go out to let people know they exist. Not a week ought to pass without some announcement about a Branch appearing in the local and other press. The name of the Regiment must become a pass-word throughout Kent and London. As the Colonel of the Regiment has so often told us, "It is a crying shame to see young healthy Kentish lads joining a regiment outside the county. They return home, as it were, like orphans with no one to care for them and where they can never experience the happiness of old Buffs. It is up to us all—every member of the Association—to stop this leakage by spreading the good news of our activities throughout the towns and villages and seeing that men join the Regiment.

There are many other things I should like to see done in the "Ideal" Branch of my imagination but it is good to talk about these matters in a general way as it is the well-being of not only the Branch but the whole Association and the "Regiment" that we should do so.

Ashford Branch.

The Monthly Meeting was held at the Market Hotel on Saturday, August 10th.

Mr. H. Ades was in the Chair with Mr. Tomsett, Vice-Chair; Mr. C. Marsh, Secretary; Mr. E. Chambers, Assistant Secretary; Mr. W. Clifford, Pianist.

There was a good attendance and a considerable amount of business was gone through, including the final arrangements for the Memorial Service at Canterbury and I think the Branch will be well represented.

Mr. Blackford (who I am sorry to say is leaving the district) presented the Branch with a handsome Regimental Badge, beautifully worked in silk by Mrs. Blackford, which the Committee are having framed and hung in the meeting room.

Business being disposed of, the remainder of the evening was spent in real harmony. Those contributing to the harmony were :—

SONG	...	"Our Threepenny Hop" ...	MR. HUNTLEY.
SONG	...	"Tural Lural Laddie" ...	MR. C. WAGHORN.
ENCORE	...	"In the Garden at Home"	
SONG	...	"They all have a mate but me" ...	MR. COLE.
SONG	...	"You have a long way to go" ...	MR. COURT.
MONOLOGUE	...	The Dandy Fifth	ENCORE.
SONG	...	"Ring down the Curtain"	MR. R. WARD.
SONG	...	"You'll want me back some day" ...	MR. BEAL.
SONG	...	... "The Italian Girl" ...	MR. SALMON.
SONG	...	... "Old King Cole" ...	MR. G. HOPKINS.
SONG	...	"When Father stole the Sheep"	...MR. BURTON.
SONG	...	"Fol de diddle li do day" ...	MR. J. PHILIPS.
SONG	...	... "Allabama" ...	MR. HUNTLEY.
SONG	...	"Always put a little bit away ...	MR. B. WARD.
SONG	...	... "Sweet Saalam" ...	MR. OTTOWAY.
SELECTIONS ON THE PIANO...		... ...	MR. W. CLIFFORD.

The Booby Prize-winners were :—

1st Prize: No. 6, Mr. J. March; 2nd Prize: No. 116, Mr. W. Earl; 3rd Prize: No. 68, Mr. C. Waghorn; 4th Prize: No. 56, Mrs. Whyman.

E. H. CHAMBERS.

On Sunday, the 18th, ninety members were on parade at Canterbury and several more turned up during the day; all agreed that it was a grand day. Mr. W. Higgins carried the wreath and Mr. H. Ades and Mr. G. Hopkins acted as escort. I am sorry to state that our old friend, Mr. F. Cowell, was not well enough to be with us in person although he was in thought.

A Social was held at the Market Hotel on Saturday evening, July 27th, which was such a success that the Committee have decided to arrange a series during the coming winter.

Mr. H. Ades was in the Chair; Mr. G. Tomsett, Vice-Chair; Mr. C. Marsh, Secretary, and Mr. W. Clifford, Pianist.

Mr. Hamblin's Band was in attendance and rendered selections during the evening. Community singing was indulged in with a real gusto. Mr. F. Barton rendered a splendid violin solo. And I think that if anyone went away without a pain in the side after hearing Mr. W. Clifford's version of "Three Blind Mice," they must have a poor sense of humour. Songs were ably rendered by :—

SONG	...	... "England's Reply" ...	MR. G. HOPKINS.
SONG	...	"Leave me with a smile"	MRS. W. HUNTLEY.
SONG	...	... "Song at Twilight"	ENCORE.
SONG	...	"The West Yorkshires"	SGT. SMITH.
SONG	...	"Sing us an Irish Song"	ENCORE.
SONG	...	... "Allabama"	MR. W. HUNTLEY.
SONG	...	... "Memories" ...	MR. P. WILLIAMS.
MONOLOGUE	...	... ...	MR. W. CLIFFORD.
A FEW SHORT STORIES		... ...	ENCORE.
SONG	...	... "The Rosary" ...	MRS. BLACKFORD.
SONG	...	..."It's nice to get up in the morning" ...	MR. LUCK.
SONG	...	... "There's no place like Home" ...	ENCORE.
SONG	...	"It's a Braugh Bright Moonlight Night"	ENCORE.

A Booby Prize was run, the winning numbers being :—

1st Prize: No. 93, Mr. B. Ballard; 2nd Prize: No. 141, Miss Palmer; 3rd Prize: No. 91, Mrs. F. Cowell.

A most enjoyable evening came to an end with "Auld Lang Syne" and "God save the King."

London Branch.

A meeting of the above Branch was held at the "Pheonix" on Saturday, the 17th August, with Captain J. E. Enright in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

PRESENTATION.—Mr. H. W. Port was the recipient of a silver cigarette case from the members in appreciation of his work as Treasurer during the infancy of the branch. Captain Enright made the presentation and outlined the share of the success of the branch due to Mr. Port's advice and help. Mr. Port, in accepting the gift, said it would always be a reminder of happy days.

CANTERBURY.—Mr. Green gave the details concerning the char-a-bancs. Certain points were raised by members which it was decided should be dealt with by the Branch Committee.

GARDEN FETE.—The chairman announced the Committee hoped to realise before the accounts are finally closed, a net figure of £50. He thanked the members for their support, and particularly the Ladies' Guild.

WHITE HEATHER.—A bunch of white heather sent by the Colonel of The Regiment was raffled at 2d. per ticket and brought in 10/-. It must be remembered it was the night before proceeding to Canterbury and no more than about sixty members were present.

VISIT TO BATTLEFIELDS.—Mr. Peacock outlined his scheme and the Committee having approved same, it was thought other branches might like to participate. The matter will come before the sub-committee in due course, The cost would be £4, leaving London on the Thursday night and returning on the following Tuesday night.

MR. WABY'S PROPOSAL.—A letter was read from the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion accepting the Gold Medal offered by the London Branch for the best athlete of the Association in the Battalion. Mr. Atkinson was instructed to get out an original design and promised to do so by the next meeting.

J.E.

Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, Colonel of The Buffs, opened a garden party in the grounds of the County Secondary School, Welham Road, Streatham, on Saturday afternoon, in aid of the funds of the London Branch of the Past and Present Association of The Buffs.

STALLHOLDERS.—The following were the stallholders at the garden party :—

Fancy Stall, Ladies' Guild, "The Buffs."—Mrs. Spinner, Mrs. Enright, Miss Enright, Mrs. Hukins and Miss Wackrill.

Hoop-la Stall.—Mrs. Hill.

Flowers and Buttonholes.—Mrs. Neale Dalton, Mrs. Hickey, with the Misses Kathleen Carter and Esme Burt.

Embroidery.—Mrs. Burt and Mrs. Nicholson.

Confectionery and Ices.—Mrs. Lamb and the Misses Conaro.

Palmistry.—Mrs. Wackrill and Mrs. Whitehead.

Refreshments.—Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Debling, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. George Dalton and Mrs. Field.

Race Game.—Mr. Austin.

Old Bill.—Mr. Charlie Hill.

Cocoanut Shies.—Mr. E. Carter.

Kicking the Football.—Mr. George Dalton.

Races, etc.—Mr. Heather.

Search my Pockets.—Rone Heather.

White Elephant Stall and Dip Tub.—Mrs. (Nobby) Clarke.

M.C., Captain J. E. Enright; Treasurers, Captains E. A. Carter, M.C. and E. Smith.

The fete realised over £50.

Dover Branch.

The August Monthly Meeting was held at the " Falstaff Inn, Ladywell, on the 9th with Major F. W. Foster in the Chair.

The Chairman read the convening notice and particularly asked members to assist in finding work for unemployed Buffs.

It was proposed by Mr. W. Plater and seconded by Mr. Willson that the Secretary obtain twelve copies of a Short History of The Regiment to be retailed to members at 1/- per copy. This was carried.

The Regimental Ties are selling well, the first dozen being nearly gone.

After settling the final arrangements for the Annual Re-union the evening ended with a free and easy concert at which much unsuspected talent came to light. Those who could not sing, told yarns, but space (and the Editor) forbids that they be re-told here.

The recently-inaugurated branch of the Ladies' Guild held its first General Meeting at the Cosy Cafe, Snargate Street, on Wednesday, 31st July, when eighteen members joined. After Major Foster had explained the objects of the Guild the following Officers were elected :—

Chairman :—Mrs. W. Bradley.
Vice-Chairman :—Mrs. F. W. Foster.
Hon. Secretary.:—Mrs. G. Hogben.
Hon. Treasurer :—Mrs. W. Carter.

Any lady interested in the Guild will receive full particulars on application to Mrs. G. Hogben, 43 Buckland Avenue, Dover.

Owing to pressure of work, the particulars of Dover's Billiards Handicap are held over until next month.

On the morning of the 18th August, three 'buses left Dover, loaded to the Plimsol Line with members and friends, for Canterbury. No doubt the doings of that day are fully reported elsewhere, but reference must be made to the wonderful " handling of arms " and precision of movement by the Colour Escort. No finer drill has ever been seen and the murmurs of approval from the old soldiers present would have gladdened the heart of the instructor responsible for their training.

Medway Branch.

Minutes of a Meeting held at the " Napier Arms," Gillingham, on the 29th June, 1929, at 7.30 p.m. :—

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Between forty-five and fifty members were present.

There was a renewal of the discussion as to the place of meeting for future gatherings and it was eventually resolved to postpone any definite decision until the next meeting in July.

During the evening sixteen members put down their names as subscribers to *The Dragon*.

Three new Ordinary Members were enrolled.

A collection, divided between the Branch Funds and Branch Benevolent Fund in accordance with the resolution at the May meeting, realized six shillings.

Minutes of a General Meeting held at British Legion Club, Chatham, on July 27th, 1929 :—

The Chair was taken by Captain A. Barton and 48 members attended.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed on the motion of Mr. A. Miller, seconded by Mr. P. Brice.

The question of making the British Legion the permanent headquarters was discussed. Several speakers spoke in favour of the resolution which was finally carried unanimously.

Mr. T. Wheatley said that it was a pity they had not arrived at that decision months ago. The committee of the British Legion offered them every opportunity to make it their home, and were in full sympathy with the Buffs Association, and offered them every assistance. It was further decided to continue the sending of the monthly notices during this year.

During the evening a report of the whist drive was given, and sums of 8/6 and 10/- on account, were handed to the Treasurer, by Mr. Wheatley and the Sports Secretary respectively.

Mr. A. Miller was elected to the Sports Committee in lieu of Mr. J. H. Bradbury and on the proposal of Mr. H. Barnes, seconded by Mr. A. Richards. Mr. P. T. Richardson was elected Secretary of that Committee.

The collection realized 6/-. A supply of the Regimental Ties was available at 4/- each.

The Chairman then read the arrangements for the visit to Canterbury on August 18th and invited members to give their names for tickets.

Sittingbourne Branch.

The eighth monthly meeting of the Sittingbourne Branch was held on Sunday, July 28th, at 7 a.m., and in spite of the early hour we had a record attendance of members. Having disposed of the routine business, we journeyed to Conyer to try our skill on the Open Range which had kindly been placed at our disposal by Major D. J. Dean, V.C. The weather was all that could be desired, and, considering that most of our members had not used a Service Rifle for a decade the shooting was good. A prize was put up for the highest individual score and this was won by Sgt. R. Clancy, of the Territorials. Mrs. F. Wood won a consolation prize kindly given by Mr. W. J. Bird. The prizes were presented by Major Dean after which light refreshments were served to the strains of delightful music rendered by Mr. Fisher's gramophone. A most happy meeting terminated all too quickly at about mid-day. The result of the morning's shoot was as follows :—

	100 Yards 5 Rounds Grouping.	200 Yards 5 Rounds Snap-Shooting.	200 Yards 5 Rounds Application	Total Score.
Sgt. R. Clancy ...	20	16	19	55
G. Davis ...	20	17	17	54
A. Court ...	25	11	15	51
Maj. D. J. Dean	20	15	14	49
A. E. Foster ...	15	19	14	48
G. Taylor ...	15	15	15	45
W. J. Bird ...	20	9	8	37
F. C. Wood ...	10	15	12	37
T. Foord ...	15	8	12	35
J. E. Partridge	20	4	7	31
J. Fisher ...	15	7	8	30
W. Bennett ...	15	5	2	22
R. Fenner ...	w.o.	12	9	21
M. T. Denne ...	10	3	3	16
W. Holman ...	10	2	3	18
F. Hammond ...	w.o.	1	13	14
W. Fever ...	w.o.	2	7	9

M.T.D.

Margate (Sub Branch.

July and August at the Seaside are very busy times for everyone and the main items have been the preparation for getting members to the Memorial Service at the Cathedral on the 18th August. The Secretary's heart was made glad to find that 54 members turned up and also four ladies. It was a very impressive day from all points. Last year, at the same function, Thanet was represented by Messrs. C. J. Mullett of Ramsgate and S. M. Jefferies, M.C., but as early as March last the latter said we must set out to beat London. His wish came true for Thanet turned up 119 strong (Margate, 54 ; Ramsgate, 46 ; Sandwich, 19) as against London's 118.

The Thanet Branch was under the Command of Colonel F. Mainwaring-Dunstan, Capt. J. I. H. Friend, J.P., M.C. and Lieut. G. T. Rogers, Hon. Secretary, Margate and Sgt. E. Birch of Ramsgate were also on parade and Mr. R. H. Harman was in his element as C.S.M. The Mayor of Margate, Alderman E. Coleman, paraded with Margate, wearing his chain of office. The Mayor of Ramsgate, Alderman T. H. Prestidge, also paraded with the Ramsgate Sub-Branch.

To all who were privileged to witness the ceremony in the Cathedral the occasion will always be remembered. The prevailing reverence, the slow march with mechanical precision, of the Colour Party and the splendid address by the Vice-Dean, Rev. Dr. S. Bickersteth. This, the youngest Branch, particularly appreciated the phrase : " This mutual trust is the outstanding feature of The Regiment and has created a family feeling between all ranks—something more intimate even than *esprit de Corps*."

On returning to The Depot an opportunity was taken by The Colonel of The Buffs, Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G. to present to Ex-Sgt. E. Jones of Margate (4th Battalion) the Territorial Efficiency Medal which was due to him in 1914 and which came to hand a few weeks ago after the matter had been re-opened with the War Office.

In a brief address to the Branch, Sir Arthur congratulated everyone on the progress made since last November. The members of this Branch heartily endorse every word said by the officer who made the presentation of a gold cigarette case to Sir Arthur during the luncheon.

In the Cricket Match, London Branch *v.* The Rest, Margate had the honour of supplying the Captain for the Rest in Mr. E. (General) French. His decision to change the bowling when the score stood at 15 for 3 was greatly admired, for evidently he had still hotter material up his sleeve, London being dismissed for 30. This total was passed by the first wicket partnership of The Rest, who eventually scored about 120.

One cannot understand how Duckworth keeps his place as England's wicket keeper when London supplied such a star player. This stumper also gave the authorities a very good hint as to how a substitute for the tea interval could be arranged.

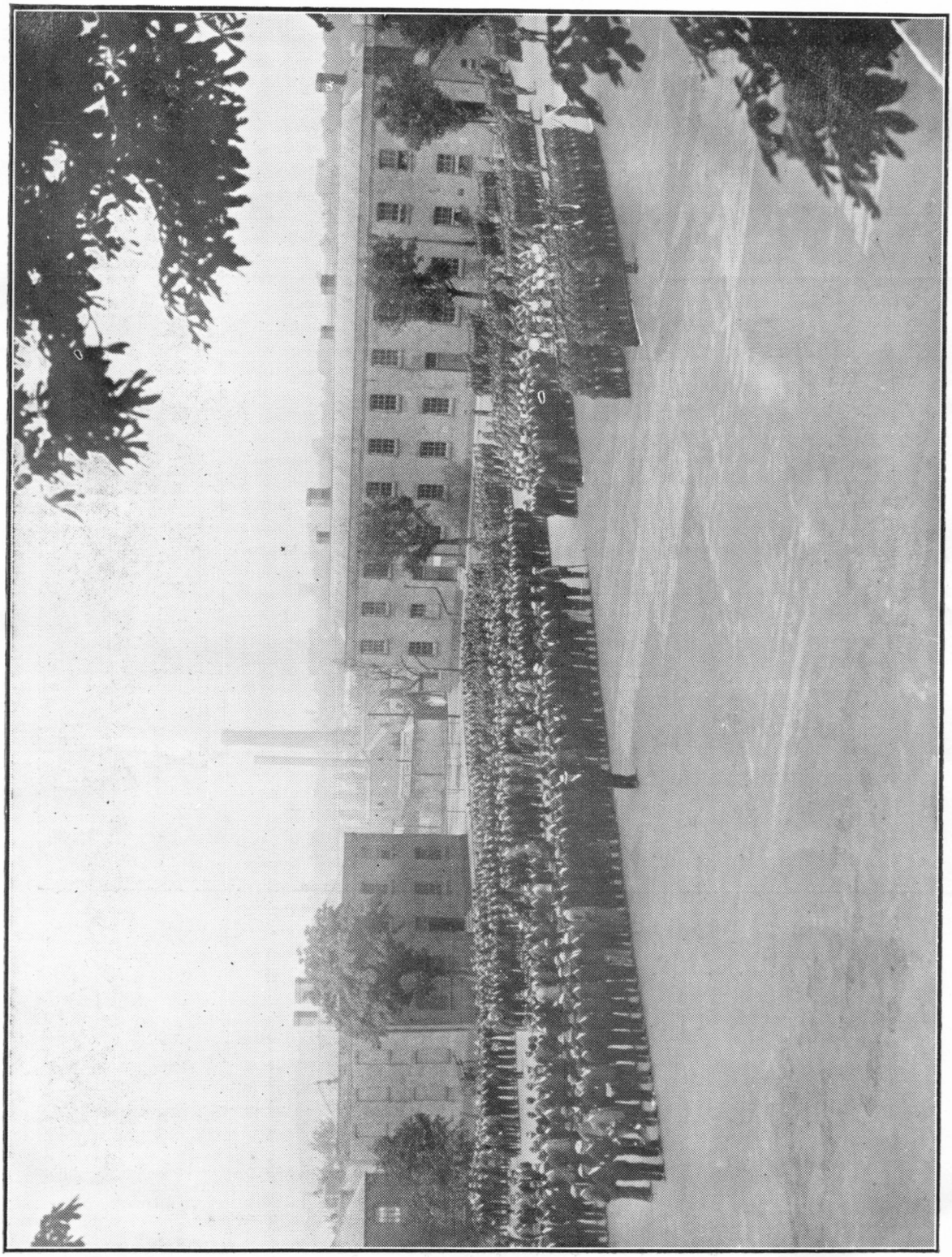
In conclusion, for the general information of those interested in the babes of The Association, Margate's roll is now 178, including 29 Life Members. Ramsgate is, we believe, well over 150, so Thanet hopes soon to sit up and take a little nourishment.

G.F.R.

Our Contemporaries.

We acknowledge with many thanks receipt of the following Journals :—

" The Queen's Own Gazette."" St. George's Gazette." " Aldershot Command News." " Our Empire." " The Green Howards' Gazette." " The Bugle." " Faugh-a-Ballagh." " London Scottish Regimental Gazette." " The Lion and the Rose." " The Snapper." " The Oak Tree." Journal of the Nigeria Regiment." " The Die-Hards." " K.S.L.I. Regimental Journal." " The Sapper." " British Legion Journal." Royal Tank Corps Journal." " The Tiger and The Sphinx." " On the March." " Hampshire Regimental Journal." " Journal of the Hon. Artillery Company." " The Red Hackle." " The China Dragon." " Journal of the Royal Army Service of the Corps."



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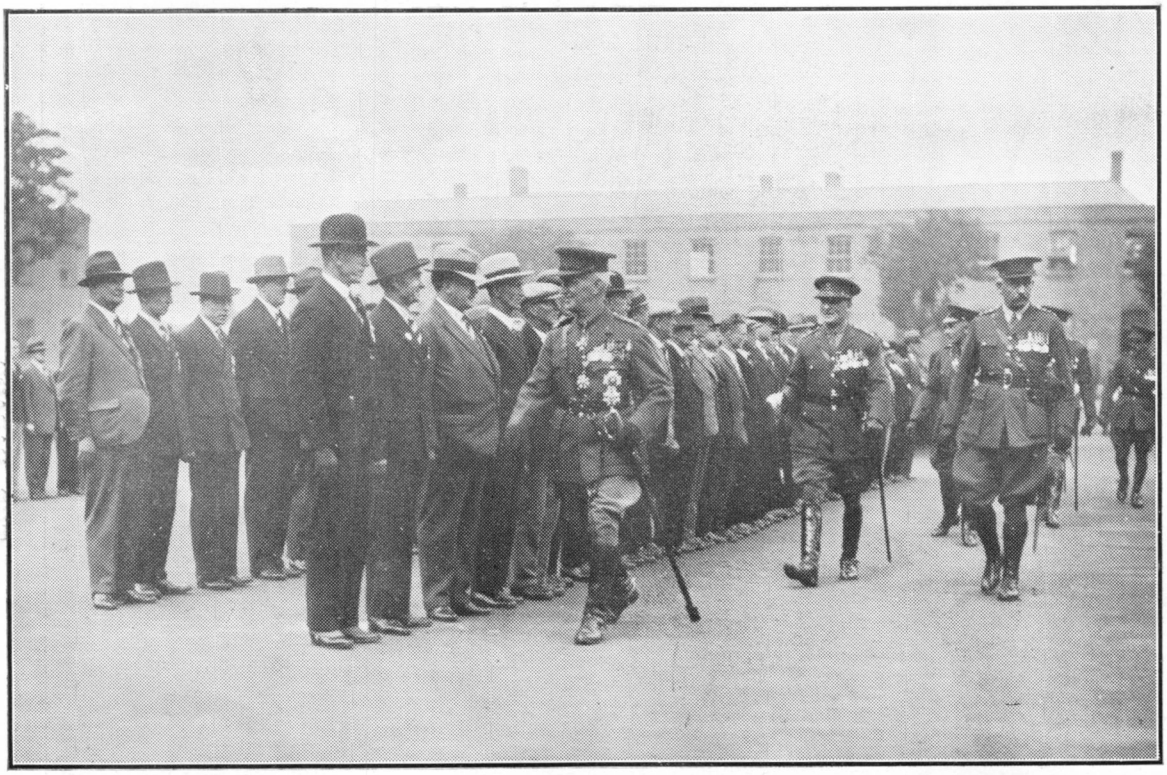

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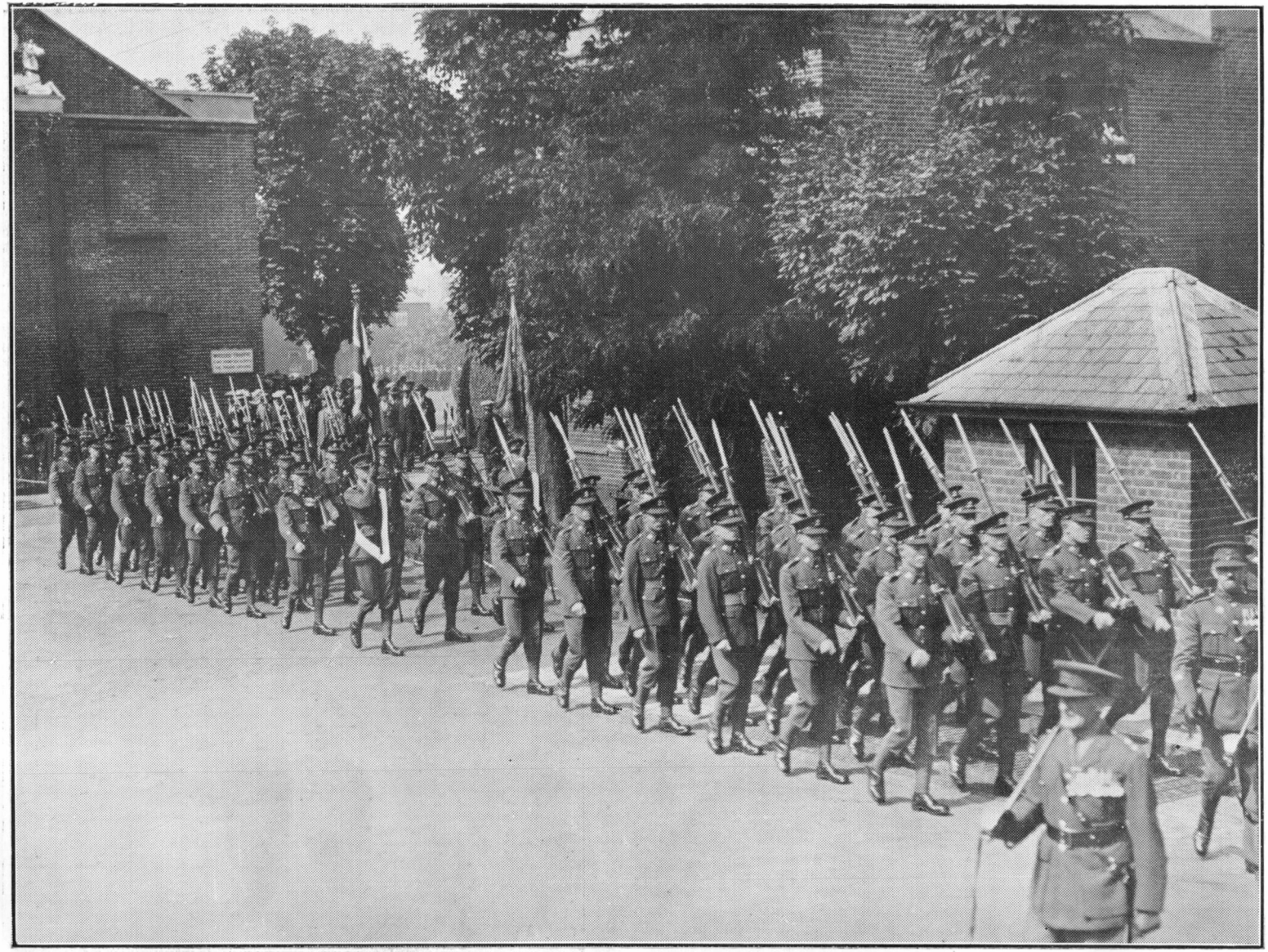

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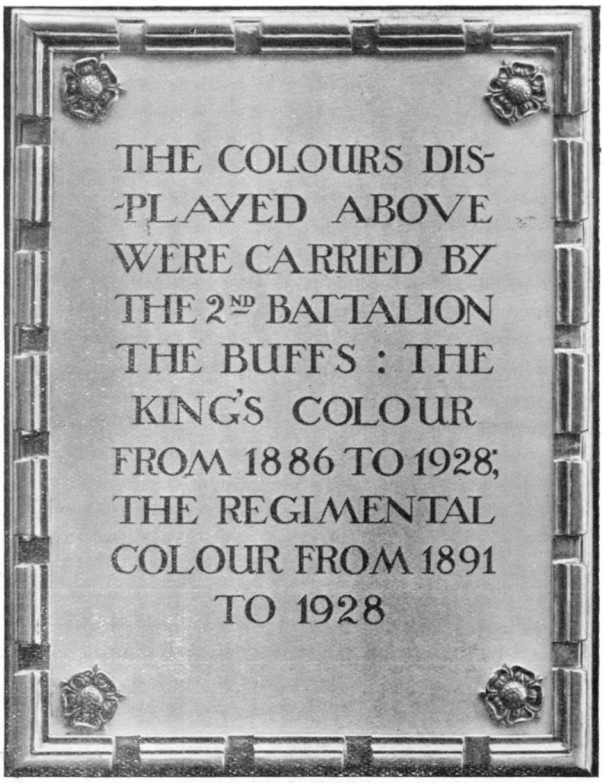

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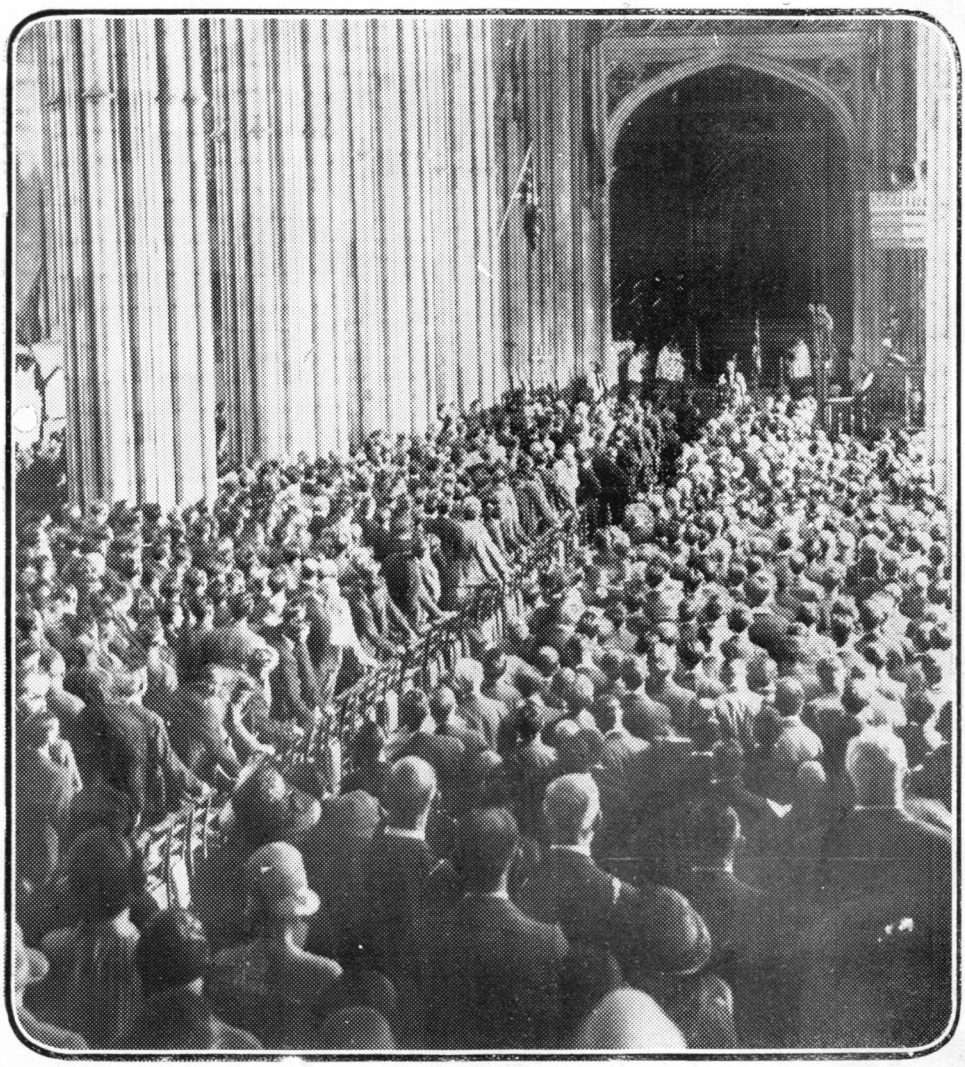

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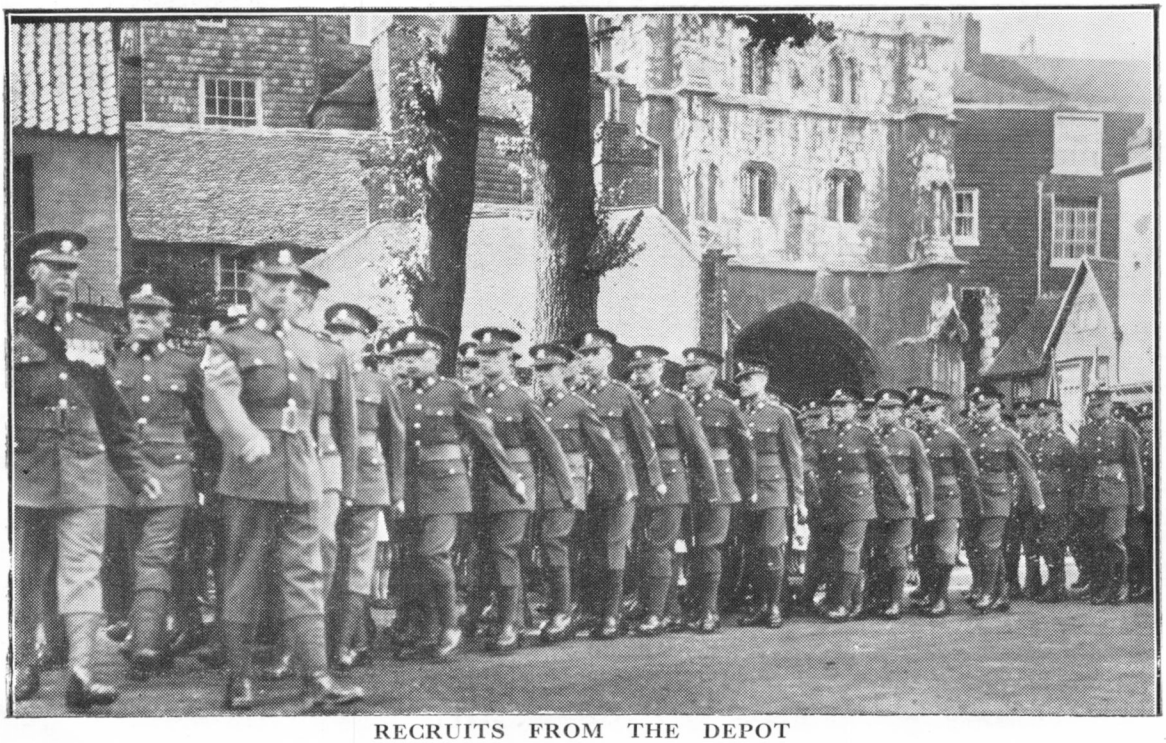

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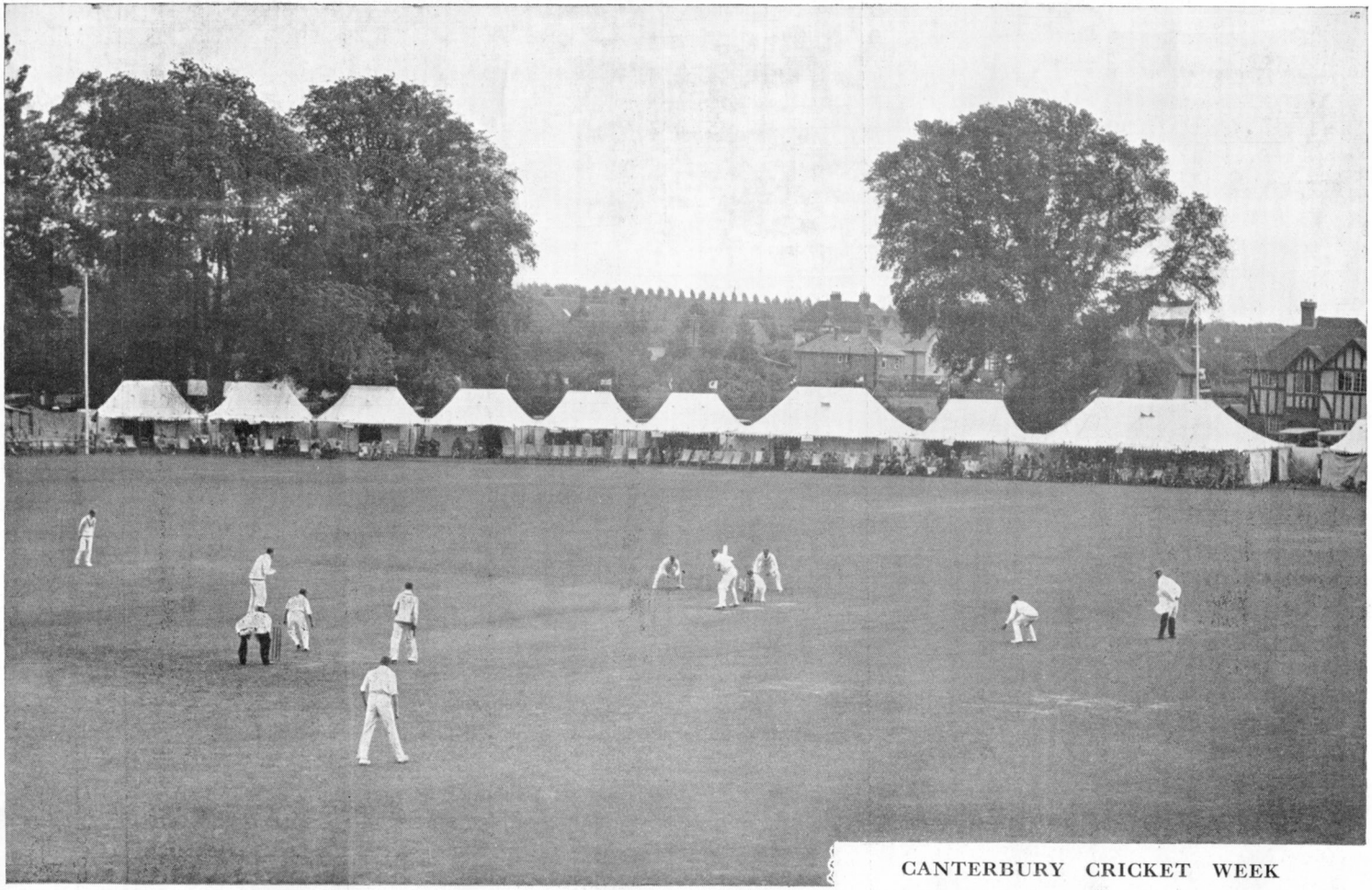

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PAST v. PRESENT MATCH
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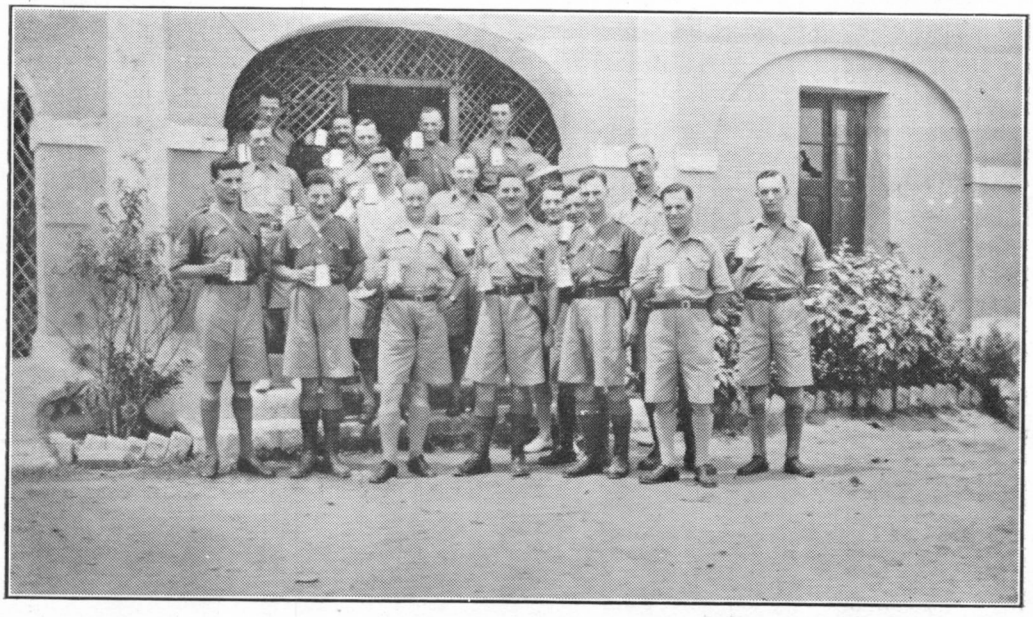

Group of Members of the Sergeants' Mess, 1st Battalion, with the 18 pewter mugs presented by the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

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Mary Ambree.

A Heroine of The Buffs.

In 1765, the Rev. Thomas Percy, Vicar of Easton Maudit, and afterwards Lord Bishop of Dromore, published a collection of old ballads which have become well known as " Percy's Reliques of Ancient Poetry."

This interesting work which, like " Tom Jones," the " Pilgrim's Progress," and " King's Regulations," is more often talked about and quoted than read, brought old and forgotten ballads such as " Chevy Chase," and the " Battle of Otterbourne," before a wider public than they could possibly reach in manuscript form. Among the varied contents of the collection, usually to be found in any well-stocked library, (Municipal or other), appears the following poem on a heroine of the campaigns in Flanders during which that nucleus of English volunteers was formed which afterwards became the Holland Regiment, and eventually The Buffs.

The Regimental History is silent about Mary Ambree, and gives the date of Parma's advance against Ghent as August, 1583. The allied troops were forced to retire, and under the command of General Norris, resisted so stoutly, that, according to the account in the " Historical Records of The Buffs," p. 19, the Duke of Anjou and the Prince of Orange, who saw the fight from the walls of the city, " highly applauded the conduct of the English bands." Moreover, " several French officers and soldiers issued from the town, and joined in the contest, accounting it an honour to be permitted to fight under Norris' banners."

It was, in all probability, this incident that caused the poem to be written and sold as a broadsheet. Two incidents in the narrative incline one to believe that that the doggerel, which is a spirited piece of work, has special reference to the earliest Buffs.

In the first place, Mary Ambree is stated to have clothed herself in " Buffe of the bravest," and here we have most probably the earliest literary reference to the proud name of the Regiment.

The second incident is where, with pardonable pride and error, Mary Ambree speaks of her Sergeant-Major as " Sir John Major." Anyone who has seen a Buffs Sergeant-Major (I have one or two in my eye as I write), full and round, and shining in his uniform like the " Sun in full Splendour," must often have wondered why Knighthood is not more often worthily bestowed than it is. At any rate Mary Ambree did not err on the wrong side in her description, and in doing so gives another valuable clue to help in connecting the poem with the Regiment.

The verses are reproduced in the spelling and punctuation of the original, and the note at the head of the poem is that supplied by Percy in his original edition of the " Reliques." Percy does not give a date for the poem, but as he collected together only " Ancient " ballads, it was probably written nearly a century before he published it, or shortly after the seige of Ghent took place.

Mary Ambree.

(In the year 1584, the Spaniards, commanded by the Prince of Parma, took many fortresses and cities in Flanders and Brabant. Some attempt to regain Ghent, with the help of English volunteers, probably ocassioned this ballad, written upon a heroine unknown to history, but whom the following rhymes made famous. Ben Jonson calls any remarkable virago by her name. She is also mentioned in Fletcher's " Scornful Lady.")

When captaines couragious, whom death could not daunt,
Did march to the seige of the citty of Gaunt,
They mustred their souldiers by two and by three,
And the formost in battle was Mary Ambree.

When brave Sir John Major* was slain in her sight,
Who was her true lover, her joy and delight,
Because he was slaine most treacherouslie,
Then vowd to revenge him Mary Ambree.

She clothed herselfe from the top to the toe
In buffe of the bravest, most seemelye to showe ;
A fair shirt of male then slipped on shee ;
Was not this a brave bonny lass, Mary Ambree ?

A helmett of proofe she strait did provide,
A strong arminge sword shee girt by her side,
On her hand a goodly faire gauntlett put shee ;
Was not this a brave bonny lass, Mary Ambree ?

Then tooke shee her sworde and her targett in hand,
Bidding all such as wold, bee of her band ;
To wayte on her person came thousand and three :
Was not this a brave bonny lass, Mary Ambree ?

My soldiers, she saith, soe valiant and bold,
Nowe follow your captaine, whom you do beholde ;
Still formost in battel myselfe will I bee :
Was not this a brave bonny lass, Mary Ambree ?

Then cryed out her souldiers, and loude they did say,
Soe well thou becomest this gallant array,
Thy harte and thy weapons soe well do agree,
There was none ever like Mary Ambree.

Shee cheared her souldiers, that foughten for life,
With ancyent and standard, with drum and with fife,
With brave clanging trumpetts, that sounded so free ;
Was not this a brave bonny lass, Mary Ambree

Before I will see the worst of you all
To come into danger of death, or of thrall,
This hand and this life I will venture so free ;
Was not this a brave bonny lass, Mary Ambree ?

Shee led upp her souldiers in Battaile array,
Gainst three times theyr number by breake of the day ;
Seven howers in skirmish continued shee :
Was not this a brave bonny lass, Mary Ambree ?

She filled the skyes with the smoke of her shott,
And her enemye's bodyes with bullets soe hot ;
For one of her owne men a score killed shee :
Was not this a brave bonny lass, Mary Ambree ?

And when her false gunner, to spoyle her intent,
Away all her pellets and powder had sent,
Straight with her keen weapon shee slasht him in three :
Was not this a brave bonny lass, Mary Ambree ?

Being falselye betrayed for lucre of hyre,
At length she was forced to make a retyre ;
Then her souldiers into a strong castle drew shee :
Was not this a brave bonny lass, Mary Ambree ?

Her foes they beset her on everye side,
As thinking close siege shee could never abide ;
To beat down the walles they all did agree :
But stoutlye deffyd them brave Mary Ambree.

Then tooke shee her sword and her targett in hand,
And mounting the walls all undaunted did stand,
There daring their captaines to match any three :
O what a brave captaine was Mary Ambree.

Now saye, English captaine, what woldest thou give
To ransome thy selfe, which else must not live ?
Come yield thy selfe quicklye, or slaine thou must bee.
Then smiled sweelye brave Mary Ambree.

Ye captaines couragious, of valour so bold,
Whom think you before you now you do behold ?
A knight, sir, of England, and captaine so free,
Who shortlye with us a prisoner must bee.

*Sergeant Major.

Round and About.

THE END OF SUMMER. Already the days are shortening and in London certainly there are distinct signs of that discolouration of leaves that means autumn and then—ugh !—winter. The melancholy sound of the football is also heard in the land. There is something indecent about the haste that football always displays. It is bad enough that the cricket season is drawing to its end. The last county matches are being played. But football might wait until these are over and the championship decided before invading our remnants of summer and overcrowding the sporting columns of the press.

" Everybody who is anybody," as George Robey used to say in the " Bing Boys on Broadway," is out of town, either shooting something in the North, posturing at Deauville or shrimping at Margate. Which leads me to the conclusion that there must be an astonishing number of people who are not quite " it," for London is every bit as crowded as it was in the season. The close season for Americans, of course, has not yet begun ; provincials in their usual hordes are to be encountered everywhere, but apart from these there seems to be quite a goodly crowd of cockneys in the streets.

Many of the big houses of Mayfair and Belgravia have the deserted look which drawn blinds give, and painters and decorators are repairing the ravages of the summer. I wonder if there are still people in London who pathetically try to give the neighbours the impression that they too are basking on some delectable beach or tramping some heathery moor by drawing their blinds and living on behind them. Such was the legend at one time, but these are different days, I suppose.

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SOUTH AFRICA'S CRICKET. There is no doubt that Deane's men are one of the most popular touring sides that have ever visited England. Although they have lost the rubber their moral victory in the last Test Match has shown them to be a side that has improved enormously during the tour and has confirmed the impression they gave at first ; of being a team that got fun out of cricket. They certainly have given entertainment, and at the Oval on the second day of the last Test Match they had the full sympathy of the enormous crowd. All through they appealed to the impartiality of the spectators in a way that the Australians never seem to manage. And this is not because they are an inferior side in need of encouragement but because they are keen in the field, not afraid to take risks and, as I said before, seem to play cricket for enjoyment.

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THE BRITISH MUSEUM. Business took me the other day to this vast Mausoleum and I think for every one English voice I heard there must have been ten foreign. Even granting that it is the tourist season this seems a little odd. Because it is really a marvellous, if forebidding, place. Together with the Museums at South Kensington, the " Old Lady of Bloomsbury " contains *something* that must interest every single man or woman in the country. Whatever one's particular hobby of play may be there is information concerning it to be had in these treasure houses.

I looked, in passing, at the Luttrell Psalter, and I recommend anyone who cares for exquisite workmanship to do likewise. Another recent acquisition is the MSS. of the Forsyte Saga, presented by the author. It is so nice and encouraging to see how even Mr. Galsworthy has to do a terrible amount of scratching-out in his writing.

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FILMS. I have yet to hear a Talkie, but believe that there is a film in London at the moment that will give enormous pleasure to anyone acquainted with life in the Army. I hasten to add that the particular type of pleasure is not quite that intended or hoped for by the directors or producers. It is called " King of the Khyber Rifles," and is a joy. The insight into the manners and customs of Highland Regiments is astonishing and the partiality of Highland officers to sing " Annie Laurie " at surprising moments is a feature which is made possible by the sound-film (or whatever is the correct term).

There was, and is, joy to be obtained from " Eric, or little by little." The same applies to this film.

I am not a film-fan but I went to one the other day at a cinema that is reputed to be on the " highbrow " side. The film was " The Living Corpse." The acting was excellent and occasionally brilliant ; the story was pathetically futile and the acting and production was thrown away.

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A CHEERY PLAY. " Middle Watch," at the Shaftesbury Theatre, is a play to see. Cinema producers should go to it if only to see that Service details can be correctly done.

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Enough ! This is the Silly Season and the daily press can tell you about the odd things that happen to odd people. If I don't post this at once it will be too late for publication and then think what you would miss.

Mary Ambree—*Continued.*

No captaine of England ; behold in your sight
Two brests in my bosome, and therfore no knight :
Nor knight, sirs, of England, nor captaine you see,
But a poor simple lass, called Mary Ambree.

But art thou a woman, as thou dost declare,
Whose valor hath proved so undaunted in warre ?
If England doth yield such brave lasses as thee,
Full well may they conquer, faire Mary Ambree.

The Prince of Great Parma heard of her renowne,
Who long had advanced for England's faire crown ;
Hee wooed her and sued her his mistress to bee,
And offerd rich presents to Mary Ambree.

But this virtuous mayden despised them all,
Ile nere sell my honour for purple nor pall :
A mayden of England, sir, never will bee
The whore of a monarcke, quoth Mary Ambree.

Then to her owne country shee backe did returne,
Still holding the foes of faire England in scorne :
Therfore, English captaines of every degree,
Sing forth the brave valours of Mary Ambree.

We publish a photograph of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales talking to Mr. J. Leaver, late No. 7145, Sergeant 2nd Battalion, will interest his old comrades.

Sergeant Leaver enlisted 4/2/03, and served with the 2nd Battalion in United Kingdom, South Africa, Hong Kong, Singapore, India and France. Wounded in action at Kemmel Trenches in February, 1915, and remained in hospital until 1917. He underwent eighteen operations and was finally discharged to pension.

Now employed in Woolwich Arsenal.

Correspondence.

The War Office,
London, S.W.1.,
6th August, 1929.

Sir,

In continuation of War Office letter of above number dated 24th June, 1929, I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of an alliance between The Vancouver Regiment, Non-Permanent Active Militia of Canada, and The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). A notification of this alliance will appear in Army Orders in due course.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
H. J. CREEDY.

Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.,
Colonel, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment),
The Buffs Depot,
Canterbury.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER TO COLONEL CROOKENDEN.

I must send you a line to congratulate you on the excellent way The Buffs carried out the ceremony of the Colours last Sunday and of the *very smart* appearance of the men. It rejoiced my heart, expecially as it was my old Battalion in which I trained when joining in August, 1868, 51 years ago, and now I feel I am getting too old ; I was 82 the day after.

August 20th, 1929. ARTHUR C. JACKSON.

Dear Sir,

It relieves the mind of an " exile " to a very great extent to be able to write old acquaintances and murmur, Hullo ! Such a mind is mine,—I desire to say, with great fervency, " Hullo ! " to the Boys I associated with in the " good old days"

It is quite a long time since I received a *Dragon* to make me feel just that little bit more lonely ; please send me the subscription rates.

I would very much like to procure the address of C. J. Harris, late of "D" Company, one of the '26 men, if he has left his address behind perhaps someone will send it out here ?

Needless to say any letter from the Boys aforementioned, if they happen to read this letter, will be pounced upon with indecent haste.

Irricana, Thanking you,
Alberta, Yours faithfully,
Canada. Y. T. LACY.
Late "D" Company, 1st Battalion, The Buffs.

Dear Sir,

The enclosed cutting is not without interest. Efforts have been made here lately to put in order the graves of those who fell in the Zulu War of 1879, in view of celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the campaign. Many of the names on the graves are now not decipherable but the following names of Buffs are legible.

My best wishes for *The Dragon*.

Crosby, Yours very sincerely,
Umkomaas, S. L. P. BARKER.
Natal, S. Africa.

Pte. W. Dunne, Buffs, 22/1/1879.
2/Lieut. B. R. G. Evelyn, The Buffs, 30/3/79.
Capt. H. J. M. Williams, The Buffs, 12/3/79.
Pte. J. Stack, The Buffs, 9/3/79.
Cpl. F. Taylor, The Buffs, 21/2/79.
Pte. A. Larrant, The Buffs, 27/3/79.
Pte. E. Oakley, The Buffs, 15/2/79.
Pte. R. Mortimer, The Buffs, 6/3/79.
Pte. W. McLeod, The Buffs, 13/2/79.
Pte. A. Kingston, The Buffs, 1/2/79 (?).
Lieut. Monk, The Buffs, 4/4/79.
Pte. J. Dunn, 3rd Foot, 2/4/79.

H.R.H. talking to Mr. J. Leaver, late Sergt, 2nd Battn.

To the Editor, " The Dragon."

Dear Sir,

I am really sorry for being backward in my non-payment of my subscriptions for *The Dragon*. Please accept my apologies for the same.

I enclose herewith Postal Order for 20/- being two years subscriptions ending May, 1930.

In future please forward my paper to the undermentioned new address as I have retired on pension and am working at Messrs. Spencer & Co., Ltd., Madras.

" Minstead," Yours faithfully,
St. Thome, H. DRAY.
Mylapore, Madras.

P.S.—The balance may be put to any fund.

H.D.

2nd Battalion Drums at the Crystal Palace.

I arrived at the Great Glass House somewhere about 2.30 p.m. on August Bank Holiday, and unfortunately did not take the precaution of procuring a programme before entry. One gets so used to " official " programmes being sold only inside places of amusement that one gets badly let down when they are sold outside the building.

My trip to the Crystal Palace was for a set purpose—to hear our own Corps of Drums and see if all the nice things said about them was deserved. As I emerged from the Great Hall I heard the distant sound of a big drum and listened attentively. " Yes," I said, " that's them," and off I went. Upstairs and downstairs ; over this terrace and that terrace ; bumped here and pushed there midst a vast multitude of people moving in sundry and various directions. After my favourite corn had been squashed half-a-dozen times or more, I arrived at the wrong bandstand. Here was a Scots Guardsman knocking the dust off his bass drum, and three or four pipers who were blowing something into green coloured bags which had a lot of little sticks attached decorated with little pieces of green coloured ribbon. These instruments are known as " Bagpipes," and make exactly the same dreadful noise that they made years ago. I remember—and shall never forget the brute who persisted in wandering up and down the wash-house at 4 a.m. disturbing the slumbers of decent Buffs occupying the adjoining barracks. Cannot some KENTISH man invent something which will improve these relics of barbarity.

Off I went again in search of The Buffs. Observing and studying the expression of an elderly lady who appeared deeply interested in a pink paper she was reading—it was " not " the " Pinkun "—I ventured near and asked if she could tell me where to find the Buffs. The reply astonished me : " I know there is a concert party performing in the Great Hall," she said. I enquired as to how long my good lady had been in England, and was much relieved to find she only arrived from America a few days previously. In any case—the lady was not very up-to-date, as even in America—EVERYONE OUGHT TO KNOW THE BUFFS.

I searched the Cocoa-nut Shies and the Haunted House ; I visited the Dirt Track, and the Tea Rooms—at least they are called by that name ; I poked my head inside the butter hole of a wet canteen and nearly left it behind, through a careless waitress slapping down the shutter. At last—salvation. I espied a drummer with a bird on his arm—in fact there appeared too many birds hovering about, which probably accounted for this Buff drummer sending me in a wrong direction after making my usual inquiry. If these lines should meet his eye, let him be informed the tramp he caused me to undergo was a very enjoyable one, which made me use some exceedingly pleasant remarks concerning both him and his bird. I found myself at the Dirt Track, and it deserves the name. Then to the Boxing Ring, but, when I saw Nobby Clarke from Brixton plonk Joe Green from Woolwich a mighty swipe in the bread basket, I shut my eyes and cleared.

Wandering about I found myself at another band-stand and sat down to enjoy the music, and for a rest. Very soon I discovered I was with friends. " Have you seen Colonel Crookenden ? " I was asked. " No," I replied, " Have you ? " " Yes, but he's gone to the Dirt Track ! "

Before many minutes I discovered a very large contingent of the London Branch ; there were, among others, Captain Enright, Nobby Clarke, Joe Green, Amy Ainge, Charlie Crombie, Tonge, Runner Bean, Wabey, Barnes and Sons, Blackman, Field, Ted Lamb, James, Darvill and Connelly of old 1st Battalion memory, and many more accompanied by wives, families and those who did not possess such attractions brought birds.

Directly the Drums formed up for their second spasm at 5.30 p.m., they were given a hearty welcome which was taken up by the multitude. It seemed as if all London had made for the spot where " Buster " and his merry drummers were to perform. Round and round the arena they marched with Drum-Major O'Dell swinging the Staff. They looked a picture in their Buff coloured cords, with the " Tenor " drummers and Corporal Beale showing the public how to twirl the sticks. The huge crowd cheered and cheered again. It was deserved.

The old Buffs present combined with the Drums in rather an unexpected way. The Drums played " St. Patrick's Day," and when the point was reached where it is customary for the troops to " yel," we did it, but, the Drums didn't stop. The next time, however, everything in the garden was lovely, and you ought to have heard the old Buffs shout. It started the public shouting as well until we had something like 5,000 doing it. It was great ; it reminded us of those old days returning from a long field day on our knees when " St. Patrick's Day " put fresh life into us. No wonder there were shouts of " Bravo the Buffs," and as the Drums formed up to march off someone yelled " Three cheers for the Buffs," and again 5,000 throats were let loose.

Then came a novel competition—guess the weight of the Drum-Major's Staff. The London Branch will be happy to know the exact weight if the Adjutant will kindly send it along. Blackman, 15lb ; Ainge, 10½lb ; Lamb, 12lb ; Wabey, 9lb ; Field, 12lb ; Green, 30lb ; O'Dell, 7lb ; Wilson, 10lb ; Enright, 6½lb ; Mrs. Darvill, 5½lb ; Mrs. Enright, 10lb ; Barmes, 6lb ; Tonge, 5½lb ; Bean, 9lb ; Miss Tonge, 4½lb ; Mrs. Blackman, 14lb ; Nobby Clarke, 24lb ; Mrs. Lamb, 13lb ; Miss Blackman, 8½lb ; Mrs. O'Dell, 7lb ; Mrs. Wilson, 10lb ; Mrs. Field, 7½lb ; Mrs. Clarke, 7lb ; Darvill, 4lb ; Mrs. Geeshart, 9lb ; F. Barnes, 4lb 12oz ; Blackman, 5½lb ; Mrs. Spinner, 9lb 12ozs ; Miss Enright, 10lb ; James, 14lb.

At the evening performance in the Great Hall the Drums excelled themselves ; into the arena they came marching and playing as only Buffs know how. Again we heard the cry of " Good old Buffs," and the hand clapping combined with frantic cheering set the vast assembly on fire. Truly, the public remembered the fine display they gave during the afternoon and gave the applause deserved. Lined up on the great stage facing the audience it was a sight which impressed ; they looked splendid. Well done the Drums.

J.E.

War Office Programme.

The following is the programme in connection with " War Office Exercises " to be carried out by the 2nd Battalion after Divisional Training :—

Sept. 9. March to Herriard.
10. ,, ,, Sutton, Scotney.
11-12. War Office Exercise No. 1 and march to Tidworth Park.
13-14-15. Rest in Camp.
16-17-18. War Office Exercise No. 2 and return to Camp.
19. Commence march back—probably arriving at Aldershot on September 21st.

The 1st Battalion.

AT last we have had a noticeable fall of rain, though, according to the old "koi Lais," not nearly so much as in past years when the moisture was such that the mercury nearly burst the wet bulb—perhaps it is not mercury in a wet bulb, anyway, whatever it is it nearly broke it on many occasions in past years apparently. However, in spite of the fact that no such event can be recorded this year such rain as we have had has brought the temperature down pretty considerably and everyone is feeling much better and happier in consequence.

"B" Company and the Band came down from Ranikhet on July 22nd looking very fit after their three months in the hills. On 23rd over three hundred and fifty men of "C" Company, the Machine Gun Company and the Drums went up to take their place. We are looking forward to hearing the Band again, who, under Mr. Salmon, have put in some very hard work at Ranikhet and have made quite a name for themselves as the result of their performance at one or two recent concerts.

Sport has suffered somewhat owing to the recent rains and polo has ceased for the time being: pig-sticking also has been out of the question. The football team has been away at Calcutta playing in the Indian Footballl Association Tournament. They did well to beat a strong civilian team, the Napier Sporting Club, in their first match and it was disappointing that they should have lost to the King's Own in their next match. A full account of their doings will be found elsewhere, Sergeant-Major Williams having written detailed accounts of the matches.

The boxing team has done quite well just lately, getting into the final round of the Meerut District Tournament at Ranikhet. They were, however, unfortunately beaten in a series of very good fights by the Seaforth Highlanders, always redoutable opponents.

This year the 8th Infantry Brigade is to concentrate at Danhauri, near Roorkee, for six weeks' training. Most of the battalion is familiar with this area as at Kheri, where training was held in 1927, is within a few miles of where our camp is to be next November and December: a somewhat isolated and barren spot with none of the amenities which Delhi had to offer last year; no doubt, though, some of our more ardent bridge players will make the most of the opportunity offered them when there is an evening to spare!

REGIMENTAL FOOTBALL.

The Regimental Football Side having been entered for the Indian Football Association Tournament left Bareilly in the early hours of the morning of July 1st for Calcutta, under C.S.M. Williams, arriving in Calcutta at 6.20 a.m. on July 2nd. On arrival we found that we were to be attached to the 52nd Light Infantry stationed at Fort William.

We spent the first two days in Calcutta, settling in and finding our way about generally, not that you could find your way about Calcutta in two days, because after Bareilly in was like being back in London. But there was training to be done besides sight-seeing, so on the morning of the 4th we commenced training for the Tournament that was to commence on the 8th.

The rains broke a day after we arrived here, and we foresaw that most of our training would have to include getting used to a heavy-going ground, so we were usually out kicking about trying to control a slippery ball when the rain was coming down its hardest.

We were fortunate—as were all other military teams entered for the Tournament—in drawing a bye in the first round. The eight teams who had to fight their way into the second round were all native teams. Thirty-six entries were received for the coveted I.F.A. Shield, out of which twelve were military teams and the remainder local European and native teams.

We were drawn to play on the 10th against a native side known as The Napier Sporting Club, on The Dalhousie Ground. The day of the 10th arrived and the weather didn't look too promising. The rain kept off all the morning until about mid-day, then it came down in proper monsoon fashion from mid-day until about 3.30 p.m. We knew by the this time what the ground would be like, and we knew that the game would be a test of endurance.

The rain had kept many spectators away but quite a number turned up considering the uncertainty of the weather. A notable feature about football in Calcutta is the surprising number of ladies that are daily in attendance.

Our team took the field five minutes before the scheduled time, but the native, who play in bare feet, were not so anxious to be on waterlogged ground and did not appear until the whistle blew.

The game commenced to time, and the first ten minutes saw us bombarding our opponents goal from all angles, but without result. Both wingers, Coad on the right and Vasey on the left, controlled the slippery ball remarkably well, but the inside forwards could not shoot with any accuracy, with the result that the ball usually went into the goalkeeper's hands or behind the posts. Vasey on two or three occasions sent in shots from the wing that looked certain goals but the native custodian managed to just get at them on each occasion. All the forwards by this time looked like mud-larks, Newbury in particular was a wonderful sight, and the ground became worse as the game wore on, it was almost an impossibility to stand and the ball was shooting off the ground at a terrific speed, or it would drop in a deeper part of the water and stop dead still. Real football was impossible, it was a case of kicking it at goal at the first opportunity. We were awarded

a penalty just towards the end of the first half, but Newbury spoilt our chances of a one goal lead by placing it straight at the goalkeeper. Once or twice during this half of the game our opponents had chances of getting away with the ball, but both Williams and Long at back were like rock, and had very little difficulty in frustrating the native forward line. Half-time arrived with a blank score-sheet. On the resumption of the second half our opponents took the play into our half for a while, but White in goal managed to get the ball away and we took the offensive once again. Vasey on the left-wing was well fed by Bartlett at left-half, also by Farrell at centre-half, and but for the bad state of the ground many of this winger's centres would have most certainly been turned into goals. But the inside men slipped and slided and fell all over the ground and were unable to get at the ball. Vasey, in a scramble in front of the goal-mouth, rushed in and headed the ball against the upright, soon after this he had the ball again, passed it to the inside man (Batstone) who in turn passed to Newbury, who placed it hard and high in the left-hand corner of the goal. This goal, coming ten minutes from the end of the game, was like a tonic to the team and it looked as though they were likely to get more, but the ball refused to be controlled. Our opponents then gave us a lively time and conceded a couple of corners just before time, and in one of these they netted the ball, but the referee saw the native centre-forward push it in with his hand, so full-time arrived with the score : Buffs 1, Napier Sporting Club 0.

In the 3rd round we are drawn against the winners of Hourak Union and King's Own Royal Regiment. I cannot predict which team it will be as I have not seen either team play. Our match in the third round will take place on the 18th instant, so I'm afraid the report may not be published until next month's *Dragon*.

All the team are fit and well and in cup-fighting form, and provided we can get the ball under a little better control in the next game there is no reason why our name should not appear in the fourth round on the 24th instant.

The team played in the second round, and as will be played in the third round is :—Goal, White ; backs, L/Cpl. Williams and Pte. Long ; half-backs, Pte. Morris, Cpl. Farrell and Pte. Bartlett ; forwards, Cpl. Coade, Pte. Lawson, Pte. Newbury, Pte. Batstone, and Pte. Vasey.

The following are present with the team to fill any positions required :—Ptes. Purkiss, Liddle and Hobbs.

Note.—The account of the match versus the King's Own has unavoidably been held over until next month.

Sergeants' Mess.

This month finds me with little or no news now that a majority have flitted away to cooler climes. A most amazing thing is how our Warrant Officers manage to keep clear of this place during the warm weather. Out of ten of these mortals on the strength, only two are at present with us, viz : the R.Q.M.S. and the Orderly Room Q.M.S., possibly they have made an error of judgement. Even C.S.M. Beasley has managed to drag himself away from that wonderful Assault Course for a spot of leave at Naini Tal, and when last seen, was sitting on the roadside near the Brewery (Prohibition one, unfortunately) waiting for a bus.

Three weeks ago C.S.M. Williams and Sgt. Waters set out from Bareilly in the early hours of the morning to reach Ranikhet before breakfast. The former was riding pillion, and after getting twenty miles out the motor cycle and rider came into collision with a bullock cart, resulting in Sgt. Waters sustaining a compound fracture of the left leg. C.S.M. Williams was more fortunate (a most unusual thing for a pillion rider), getting away with a tear of the leg. Bullock carts in this country are a curse ; the drivers are generally asleep, the bullocks wandering just as they please. In this case, the drivers made off, leaving the two injured to their fate, and it was six hours before Sgt. Waters was in hospital. C.S.M. Williams is to be congratulated on his pluck in riding back three miles to telephone, not having ridden before. I am pleased to state that Waters is progressing finely ; it was thought at first that he would lose a leg, but fortunately that danger is now past.

At last the Mess billiard table has been thoroughly overhauled, so we now look forward to seeing some real championship games in progress.

Sgt. Louth has now completed our silver stands, and in the near future I hope to forward a photograph of the inside of the Mess with the silver displayed. He is to be congratulated on the excellent finish which has earned the admiration of all our visitors, and we have many these days with leave to the hills in progress.

Next week will see a great change in the number of dining members with "C," "D" (M.G.) and Drums going up to Ranikhet and the Band and "B" Company returning.

Possibly next month the notes will be written by the one who knows so I will now make my bow.

DEPUTY.

"B" Company.

Since our last notes the Company had fired the Annual Weapon Training Course and I believe that the results were somewhat satisfactory.

The Marksmen on the rifle are too numerous to name. Altogether we had 37 Marksmen, 36 Firsts, 18 Seconds and 1 Third. Cpl. Cook and Pte. Lennard tied for Company Shot, both obtaining a score of 103. The results on the Lewis Gun were also very good. We had 26 First Class Shots 5 Second Class Shots and1 unqualified. Pte. F. Moore is Company Shot with a score of 149.

The following represented the Company in the Battalion Boxing Team that competed in the Lucknow and Meerut Districts Boxing Tournament :—Ptes. Denham, Rashbrook and Whitehead.

The results are as follows :—

1ST BATTALION THE BUFFS *v.* THE ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

BANTAM-WEIGHT.—Pte. T. Rashbrook *v.* Sig. Pascoe. Signaller Pascoe won on points after a good fight.

FEATHER-WEIGHT.—Pte. Taylor *v.* Sig. Trevanna. Signaller Trevanna was the better man and knocked out Pte. Taylor in the third round.

LIGHT-WEIGHT.—Pte. Denham *v.* Sgt. Waghorn. Pte. Denham won on points.

WELTER-WEIGHT.—Pte. Spencer *v.* Sig. Smith. Pte. Spencer lost on points.

WELTER-WEIGHT.—Pte. Stevenson *v.* Sig. Leach. Pte. Stevenson lost on points to a better man.

MIDDLE-WEIGHT.—Pte. Bentley *v.* Sig. Winterford. This fight was rather a one-sided, hard hitting contest. Pte. Bentley hit his opponent all round the ring. Signaller Winterford was floored time after time, but would not take the knock-out punch. Pte. Bentley won on points and his opponent was taken to hospital directly after the fight.

LIGHTHEAVY-WEIGHT.—Pte. Cribben *v.* Sig. Hardy. This was a short, sharp affair. After shaking hands Pte. Cribben piled into his opponent and knocked him out in the first minute of the fight.

HEAVY-WEIGHT.—Cpl. Warren *v.* Sig. Powell. Cpl. Warren beat his man on points.

This fight left us sharing eight fights with the Royal Corps of Signals, so the spare light-weights had to fight to decide the issue. Our spare light-weight, Pte. Whitehead, who is a novice and practically untried,

had to fight Signaller Farrell of whom great things were said to be expected. However, from the shake Pte. Whitehead got into his man, surprising one and all, with a most vicious right that he kept whipping across. Signaller Farrell was absolutely outfought and was knocked-out in the second round. This win took us into the finals where we were to meet the 2nd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders the following night.

The results of the finals are as follows :—

1ST BATTALION THE BUFFS *v.* 2ND BATTALION THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS.

BANTAM-WEIGHT.—Pte. T. Rashbrook *v.* Pte. McManas. Pte. Rashbrook was fighting a man of superior abilities. But he had to retire in the second round with a damaged hand.

FEATHER-WEIGHT.—Pte. Taylor *v.* Pte. Lindsay. This was a short fight, Taylor being knock-out in the first round.

LIGHT-WEIGHT.—Pte. Denham *v.* Pte. Robinson. Pte. Denham lost on points to a better man. Much sporting spirit was displayed by both men in this fight.

WELTER-WEIGHT.—Pte. Spencer *v.* L/Cpl. Somers. Pte. Spencer was outboxed by a superior man, and lost on points.

WELTER-WEIGHT.—Pte. Stevenson *v.* L/Cpl. Battan. L/Cpl. Battan won on points.

MIDDLE-WEIGHT.—Pte. Bentley *v.* Pte. Brown. This proved to be very tame to the previous evening's fight. Brown survived only by a long reach which he used with good effect and eventually beat Bentley on points.

LIGHTHEAVY-WEIGHT.—Pte. Cribben *v.* Pte. McKenzie. Cribben used his left well, but lost on points.

HEAVY-WEIGHT.—Cpl. Warren *v.* Cpl. Waters. Cpl. Warren played a waiting game with his antagonist and beat him on points. This was the only win of the evening for the Buffs, but we were fighting some very good men, who used their knowledge of boxing to good advantage.

In the Lucknow and Meerut Districts Football League we had some very hard luck. The following represented the Company in the Battalion team :— Pte. Horne, goal ; Pte. A. Morris, centre-half ; Pte. Long, centre-forward ; Pte. Lawson, inside-left ; and Pte. Liddle, outside-left.

The Battalion's first match was with the Royal Corps of Signals. This we won by three goals to nil. Our next match was against the Highland Light Infantry. This was another win for us, the score being two nil. We then played the Worcestershire Regiment ; here our luck deserted us and we were beaten by three goals to nil. In our next match ill-luck still followed us, and the 28th Bde. R.A. beat us by two nil.

The Company has been playing some good games of football. We played the Battalion team of the Seaforth Highlanders and beat them 1-0. Of course the Company team was on form and could do nothing wrong.

The Hockey Team, or rather the remnants of it, trekked over to Dulikhet and played the 3rd Hussars and beat them 2-0.

A Symphonic Concert was given by the Regimental Band at the Officers' Club, for the first time. A good many of the Company went to hear it and was surprised at the great performance of the Band, which, I think, reflects great credit on Bandmaster Salmon, who has recently taken over the position, and we will look out for some more of its kind at Bareilly in the winter.

It is about time for me to make way for the Platoons, so I had better hand over to No. 6 Platoon's scribe.

W.W.G.

No. 6 PLATOON.

The time has again arrived for me to give you an account of the exploits of Danker Six during the last month.

We have just commenced Individual Training, and Ranikhet Football Ground has been the favourite rendezvous every morning. On the 22nd of this month we return to Bareilly and most of us will be glad to get back there, in spite of prickly heat and the oncoming monsoons.

We have had nothing much in the way of sport lately, the Platoon's really good footballer being away with the Battalion team at Calcutta.

Since our last notes the Platoon's Boxing Trainer, Cpl. Butcher, has been selected to attend a Vocational Training Course at the Woodworking School, Bareilly, and we shall be sorry to lose him when his boat comes. Some of the lads have woke up. Dingers has broken out by scoring four goals in a match against the 4th Hussars at Dulikhet. Groves was referee, it is his first attempt ; we wonder if it was a foregone conclusion. Did Dingers get at the ref. ? Ask Groves.

The Platoon sends their best wishes to L/Cpls. Ingram, Crouch and Patterson, who have recently left us, and hope that they are settled down in the 2nd Battalion.

F.S.B.

No. 7 PLATOON.

I am afraid that I shall have to disappoint you this month, as I have not much news for you, but I will endeavour to do my best.

We congratulate the following on being selected to attend a Vocational Training Course at the Woodworking School, Bareilly :—Cpl. Hunt, and L/Cpl. Sharp. L/Cpl. Sharp we hear is to leave us soon to go to Australia.

In the Meerut and Districts Boxing Tournament we had a representative of our Platoon viz : Pte. Whitehead, who fought like a veteran, instead of the novice which he really is.

In conclusion we wish to congratulate Pte. Waddingham on his slow but sure recovery from the serious illness that nearly bested him.

The Platoon did rather well on the Annual Course this year, having nothing less than Marksmen and First Class Shots. The Lewis Gunners were just as good, having all First Class Shots.

OLD SWEAT.

No. 8 PLATOON.

We have just finished our Annual Weapon Training Course and now have quite a glut of Marskmen in the Platoon, viz : Sgt. Goss, Cpls. Cook and Pointer, L/Cpls. Wright and Edwards and Ptes. Billett, Packman, Clifford, Shardlow, Crook and Cork. Cpl. Cook with a score of 103 equalled the top score in the Company with Pte. Lennard.

Many of our Platoon have left us. Pte. Long to Calcutta with the Battalion Football Team ; Cpl. Cook, L/Cpl. Wright, Ptes. Shardlow and Packman to Bareilly on Vocational Courses ; L/Cpls. Fox and Breward and Pte. March are in hospital.

We welcome back Pte. Woods, afer a long spell in hospital. But it is intimated that he is staying in Ranikhet when we return to Bareilly.

Mr. Robertson, our Platoon Commander, is with us again after a long illness, but is staying at Ranikhet as Depot Adjutant.

S.F.B.

Corporals' Mess.

Our notes are usually rather erratic owing to the fact that no one is held officially responsible for producing them. Seeing that no one has attempted to do anything in the matter this month and the Sub-Editor and A/R.S.M. are raising an outcry for them, O.S. will oblige once more.

The only event of any consequence was a cricket match arranged against the Bombardiers of the Artillery. It was originally intended as a one-innings match, but owing to it being such a close finish and the following day being Sunday, it was decided to play a second innings next day. The first innings ended with the R.A. score at 77 and Buffs, 71. The outstanding events as far as our team was concerned

was Tiny Deverson's fine innings of 41 which included 7 fours. There were no six boundaries given. Tom Parker did well behind the stumps, only 3 byes being scored against him. On the bowling side, L/Cpl. Beauchamp and L/Cpl. Brabon did well. Not having the score book handy, I am unable to quote the bowling analysis. The R.A. provided a nice tea during the interval, which was served on the Field.

In the next day's play we did not do so well in batting, but skittled our opponents out for 59; ourselves being likewise skittled out for 41. L/Cpl. A. Wilson, an old "A" Company player, did most of the damage in the bowling line, taking 6 of the wickets. Our batting was very mediocre. Tiny Deverson tried to play a little too carefully and did not stay long. In fact none of our batsmen stayed long. The R.A. were lucky in having a very fast deadly bowler who practically took all the wickets. We finally lost by 24 runs. We provided tea in the Corporals' Room during the interval. Our team was as follows:—

L/Cpl. Cole (Captain), Cpl. Deverson, L/Cpl. Parker, L/Cpl. Beauchamp, L/Cpl. A. Wilson, L/Cpl. Lailey, L/Cpl. Hover, L/Cpl. Brabon, L/Cpl. Bench, L/Cpl. Bamford, Cpl. Bartlett. *Umpire:* Cpl. Stocken; *Scorer:* L/Cpl. Cable.

After many struggles we have at last got our new H.M.V. Gramophone and disposed of our three old ones for sixty rupees. Also after "many moons," our Contractor has at last put matting down in the Corporals' Room and also provided a slightly superior cue for billiards. Indeed, things are brightening up. Also, wonder of wonders, the Club is well-filled by Members every night.

It being a fresh Quarter, new Committees have been formed. Cpl. Stocken becomes President, according to seniority and the following were elected to form the "Social Committee":—*President:* Cpl. Holness: *Members:* Cpl. Bartlett, L/Cpl. Hopkins, L/Cpl. Bench, L/Cpl. Skinner, Cpl. Cook and L/Cpl. Dighton.

Before closing we all wish to convey our thanks to Cpl. Sovico for the hard work he has put in on various committees during the last few years. He was originally elected President of the Social Committee, but asked to be allowed to stand down as he has been on Committees continuously for the last two years. It is chiefly owing to him that our Club Library is in such a flourishing condition.

O.S.

H.Q. Wing.

Owing to the fact that the Company is split up there is little chance of combined games taking place, but the Groups will, I hope, furnish their usual notes.

No. 3 Group and The Drummers are the only personnel who are at present at Bareilly and are always finding time to co-operate in games of all sorts. The Hill Moves take place this month and the majority of the Company will be on the Plain for the ensuing month. Then, it is hoped, notes will be more frequent.

TICKY 2911.

The Band.

As our period in Ranikhet is drawing to a close it is only fair to readers of *The Dragon* to let them know briefly what the 1st Battalion Band have been doing in the way of Music and Sport during their sojourn in the Hills.

On the 5th of June, Major Whittaker gave an At Home to the Married Families and the Band played a nice light programme, mostly during the tea interval, which was appreciated by all. I am afraid Major and Mrs. F. Whittaker omitted to mention the fact to us that it was an At Home to the "Band" as well as the families as I am sure the Band will agree with me when I say it was a jolly good show. "Bravo, Major!"

We have continually played at the Officers' Club on Tuesday evenings and many remarks have been heard on the improvement of the Band under the baton of Bandmaster Salmon, who is working very hard to get a Band second-to-none in India and I feel sure in time he will attain his object. Our crowning effort came on July 7th when we gave a Symphony Concert at the Officers' Club, the Band and Bandmaster pulling together at rehearsals, the result being that the Concert was a sensation, not merely a success, practically all items being encored. Special mention must be made of "The Volga Boat Song," given by The Male Voice Choir which surprised everybody, even the Bandmaster himself and the applause at the finish was really deafening. The Trombone Quartette were in fine form and their rendering of "The Soldiers' Chorus" and "Robin Adair" was a credit to the performers and the Band as well. L/Cpl. Ireland, our Solo Cornet, gave "The Lost Chord" and "Sizeletta," both numbers being well encored. There are several other members of the Band who I could mention, but time and paper not permitting, I enclose a programme of the Concert which I hope you will have the space to publish in *The Dragon* as Concert No. I.

In the Sports line we have had several games of Hockey, mostly with our friends The Cavalry and I think the honours are about even. We had a Quoit Competition with the Signals the first game ending in a draw: in the play-off our friends the Signallers beat us 21-17. The return match was a one-sided affair, the score being 65—28, the Band team being well on form. The Band held a Badminton Competition amongst their own clan. The winner, Bdsmn. Glanfield, was awarded a small money prize, the runner-up, Bdsmn. Ross, the same. The Final was a very interesting match lasting 45 minutes and the winners are to be congratulated on their display.

We welcome Bdsmn. Collins to the Band and hope he will soon get used to us all. Best wishes to all *Dragon* Readers.

TARZAN.

1ST HALF.

Curtain Opening Fanfare for Trumpets and Drums *Salmon.*

1. March Hérròque "Szabadi" ... *Massenet.*

When travelling in Hungary some years ago, Massenet heard a Tzigane Band in a Bier-Garten playing a very striking and original air with all the dash and fire usually associated with their performance. On enquiring of the leader of the band the name of the piece, he was informed that it had no name, and that the leader himself had composed it, the band of course playing it from memory as is usual with such organizations. Massenet asked to be allowed to copy it as they played it, offering to arrange it for grand orchestra. Permission was freely given and this grand march is the result. To hear it is to leave one's self with a sense of majesty and nobility. To never have heard it is to have missed one of the fine things life has to offer.

2. Song... ... Selected ... ...

CAPT. WHITEHILL.

3. Trombone Quartette "Soldier's Chorus" *Gounod.*

Faust

The Soldier Chorus stands out as possibly one of the most hackneyed numbers in existence. Heard however through the medium of four trombones it once again becomes refreshing and pleasing to the ear of the listener.

Soloists—L/CPL. SMITH	1ST TROMBONE.
BDSM. DUDMAN	2ND TROMBONE.
BDSM. REYNOLDS	3RD TROMBONE.
BDSM. SMITH	BASS TROMBONE.

4. Violin Solo ... Selected ... ...

Mrs. Sparling.

5. Cornet Solo "The Lost Chord" ... *Sullivan.*

6. Reverie... "La Voix de Cloches" ... *Lugin.*

Sunday evening in an old world village nestling in the downs. Evening draws to a close and the atmosphere is filled with a beautiful stillness. Over the downs comes faintly the sound of church-bells, stirring vaguely old forgotten memories of past days. The heart fills with song all in harmony with the voice of the bells. Dusk closes in, light gives way to darkness, and the bells cease. Another of life's beautiful moments has passed.

INTERVAL.

2ND HALF.

7. Prelude... C sharp Minor ... *Rackmaninoff.*

Rachmaninoff, virtuoso of the piano, wrote many preludes. The one in C sharp Minor having achieved a tremendous popularity. It is a brilliant composition and although hackneyed will never become tiring.

8. Song of the Haulers of the Volga *Traditional.*

MALE VOICE CHOIR

"Pull away lads." "Pull away lads." Such is the monotonous chant of The Haulers of the Volga. Slaves performing the work of beasts, hauling from the banks heavily laden boats up and down the Volga, whipped, cursed, and beaten by their slave masters. Small wonder then, that their song should be full of pathos. Beautiful haunting melody. Sweet sad harmony. Such is their song "Pull away lads," "Pull away lads." We hear them approaching in the distance. They draw closer, they pass and once more fade into the distance.

"This is the first performance in India of the original transcription as brought to England by "The Russian Singers," all members of The Russian Nobility. This arrangement was procured from them by the Conductor during a performance in London last year.

9. Violin Solo ... "Selected" ... ...

MRS. SPARLING

10. Cornet Solo... "Sizelletta" ... *Von Blon.*

Soloist: L/CPL. IRELAND

11. Song ... ... Selected ... ...

CAPT. WHITEHILL

12. Hymn ... "Abide With Me" ... ...

Three verses.
1. Special Setting Band.
2. Bells, Choir, Violin Obligato.
3. Audience and Band.

"Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies:
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me."

Regimental March. National Anthem.

Conductor: Band-Master W. B. Salmon, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M.

Drums.

The time is very short this month for many notes and certain notability in the office have been worrying me for these, so I must hurry and get the agony over.

As regards Sports we have been very busy again this month, games being too numerous to mention. Most of them were with our old rivals, No. 3 Group. How is it that the only people that use No. 3 Ground are the Detachment of "H.Q." Wing. Is it because it is not good enough for other Posh Company teams to play upon ?

On the 23rd July we will be proceeding to the Hill Station to enjoy a change of air and scenery to which undoubtedly everybody is looking forward. The time being limited for the receipt of these notes enforces me to curtail them, but I hope to supply more news in the following month's issue. Our late scribe is awfully busy now-a-days swotting-up for Wimbledon next season. (The best of luck, Ginger).

CITADEL.

No. 3 Group.

Here we are again and still the same old Group except for a few arrivals and departures.

As has been rumoured for some time, the formation of the "M.G." Company has come to pass and is now in reality. Several alterations have resulted in the making of this Company, especially to Headquarter Wing. Firstly, we extend our heartiest welcome to Major N. S. Hart who is to Command the Wing under the New Establishment. Next we bid farewell to the members of the Machine Gun Platoon who have been transferred from the Wing to "D" (M.G.) Company and we wish them luck. The Group have benefitted by a few additions as the result of the change, namely, Sgt. Waters, Cpl. Holness and L/Cpls. Cable and Griggs. These N.C.O.'s will be welcome to the Group and in the case of Cpl. Holness, he is an old friend of ours since he was a member of the Group on our arrival in India. Another point of interest involved under the New Establishment is the institution of a Sergeant-Instructor of Musketry which will relieve our C.S.M.I.M. of his last two initials and also lessen his sphere of activity. He is now a member of No. 1 Group, we are given to understand, much to his satisfaction. The Intelligence Section are now to be part and parcel of "H.Q." Wing and are in No. 1 Group. These are N.C.O.'s and men who have been transferred to us from other Companies and L/Cpl. Wilson is merely rejoining his old company. We are rather sorry to mention that the Group will be relieved of a couple of its best sportsmen in the transfer of the Orderly Room Staff who are to be transferred to No. 1 Group, but we shall have the satisfaction of knowing that they will still be in the Company to support it.

On the arrival of the downward Hill Move Party we welcomed back to the fold Ptes. Clowes and Gilding who have spent a period in the Khuds recuperating. We are glad to note that they have managed to keep up the standard of the Old Group in the Annual Musketry Course having both obtained a marksman score. We extend our best wishes to L/Cpl. Broadbridge, who was taken from us during his stay at Ranikhet and sent to Simla for duty with the Military Secretary's Branch of Army Headquarters, without being given time to visit his wayward Brothers here in Bareilly. Good Luck, Bill. On the upward move to Ranikhet we are to lose L/Cpl. (Ticky) Rowntree. We trust he will have a pleasant stay and return to us fit for another strenuous term of office as P.O.S., especially after a tour of duty (Mountain Warfare) at Hawal Bagh, which he informs us, will be his third year there in succession.

In the field of sport the Group has met with varying success, and we have been able to replace our rivals the Machine Gunners, by the Drummers who have given us many an excellent game of Football, the majority of which have ended in a draw. The Group " Dankers " are still in existence although we have had to call a couple of the " Pros " to our aid. With the arrival of the Monsoon and consequently the rains, Rugger has sprung into existence once more and a few of the members of the Group can be found any time between the hours of five and seven wallowing in the mud and water of the Rugger field. We might mention that some of these gallants have been placed in the Battalion (in Bareilly) team and to our inexperienced eyes have distinguished themselves. During the cessations of rain, cool weather being experienced, cricket has been played in a minor way. We have played the Bareilly Sporting Club (Native) twice, resulting in one win and one loss. The Drummers have also given us two excellent games with the same result, but we hope to add to these wins at a later date.

CHECK NUT LONG.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Are the Civilian Attached subject to the Old Soldiers ?

Has " Moggy " been initiated an Honorary Member of the Civvie Attached ?

What business does Mr. Ikenstien transact at the Mannequin parades for the above personnel ? (Old Clo's).

"A" Company.

That well-known writer of "A" Company Notes, Quarter Guard (Cpl. Sovico) has handed over his " labour of love " to O.S., owing to the fact that he is now on a Vocational Course at the School of Carpentry and is therefore not in such close touch with Company events as heretofore.

Sgt. Cross has left us for the Auxiliary Force and has gone to Mandalay to join the Upper Burma Rifles. We wish him every success in his new sphere of activities.

Sgt. Turner has also left us for a tour of duty at the Small Arms School, Pachmari, for three years.

Another notability, in the person of Cpl. Holness, has been transferred to "H.Q." Wing. As everybody in the 1st knows, he is the Mosquito Expert, as is evidenced by the surroundings of his bedcot, where jars containing mosquitoes and magnifying glasses may be seen.

L/Cpl. A. Wilson, Barnes and G. Chandler have also been transferred to The Wing to join the " Intelligence " Section.

We have had Sgts. Curtis and Hancock transferred to us, but for the time being they remain with "D" "M.G." Company.

Cpls. Stocken and Bartlett, Ptes. Fagg and Lelant have also been transferred to "A" Company.

The " Old Bean " has been transferred as a " Duty " N.C.O.," but not yet will the Battalion have the pleasure of seeing him " Mount Guard." He is the A/C.Q.M.S. of "A" Company until November and a lot of funny things can happen before then.

Congratulations to Pte. Cribben on his excellent achievement in the Meerut Lucknow District Boxing Tournament. He fought his way into the finals of the Light-Heavies but unfortunately came up against the former champion and lost on points.

Cpl. Coade and Pte. G. Batstone are representing the Battalion in the I.F.A. League at Calcutta.

O.S.

"C" Company.

Everything is extremely quiet on the Plains at this time of the year and nothing seems to ever happen to cause a bit of excitement.

The rains have broken and have put a stop to nearly every game except Rugby. As I said in our last notes, the Hot-Weather League is finished and all we get now are Friendly Games. As one is not always on the spot it is not possible to record these games and it would assist very much if the organisers would kindly keep a record and give it to the contributor every month.

C.Q.M.S. Sharpe has returned from leave. L/Cpl. Williams, Ptes. Vasey and Bartlett have been to Ranikhet to represent the Battalion in the Meerut and Lucknow District Tournament. Cpl. Farrell went to Moradabad with a team from Bareilly to play the E.T. Railway. On the 30th, the Battalion Team proceeded to Calcutta to play in the T.F.A. Shield. C.S.M. Williams was in charge of the team and four of our Company. L/Cpl. Williams, Pte. Vasey, Cpl. Farrell and Pte. Bartlett went to play. Let us hope they can go one better than Simla last year.

C.S.M. Williams had a " stroke of bad " as the soldiers say, a few days ago. He and Sgt. Walters were proceeding to Ranikhet on the latter's motor-cycle. The C.S.M. was riding pillion. It appears that when they got a good distance out they had the misfortune to run into a bullock-cart. They were both thrown off, Sgt. Williams being seriously injured and C.S.M. Williams was suffering from shock and a damaged leg. An ambulance was sent for which conveyed Sgt. Walters to hospital at Bareilly, whilst C.S.M. Williams rode the motor-cycle back. I understand this was the first time he had ever ridden one. We wish Sgt. Walters a speedy recovery.

Major Whitaker has returned from leave, but we hear that it is only for a little while as he is going to the Physical Training School at Kasauli.

Nos. 9 and 10 Platoons have finished their Individual Training and Nos. 11 and 12 Platoons are having their turn now.

We have had one or two games of Rugby. Several of the Company have been picked to represent the Battalion. This is quite a new game for most of the Company and L/Cpl. Belcher has been spending a lot of time in trying to arrange a team. Our first effort as a team was not very successful from the point of view of scores, but nevertheless they showed promise and should do better with more actual practice. We played a combined team of "A" Company and "H.Q." Wing and lost 14 3.

We congratulate L/Sgt. Robinson on his promotion and in doing so would like to ask if he handed his " chit " over to " Snowy " Cable or to Jack Lailey. There seems to be varied opinions on the subject.

Q.E.D.

Battle Cruiser M.G. Company.

A quick glance at the heading of these notes will be sufficient for our readers to see that Dame Rumour has materialized and not died a natural death as was anticipated by some of our old hands a few months ago.

Forty-eight Merry Crank Handlers arrived in the Company, transferred from "H.Q." Wing on the 1st of July and a few more of the old 'uns were sent to duty Companies thus making us as a Company the youngest in the Battalion, and without a doubt, the best, which we hope to prove in the near future.

It is regretted that our Company Commander, Major Hamilton, M.C. was not present at the opening ceremony, but Lieut. N. F. Hoare deputized and carried through the re-christening of " Old Don " Company successfully.

Our Acting C.S.M., Sgt. Curtis, has been transferred to "A" Company, together with a few others. This leaves Sgt. Petley as Acting C.S.M. until C.S.M. Mould returns from his tour of duty as Garrison Sergeant-Major at Ranikhet. He will in turn, it is believed, hand over to Sgt. Burt owing to the fact that he is due to go home this year on Home Establishment.

Shortly after the formation the majority of the Company started their Annual Scramble for Proficiency Pay, only this time instead of the rifle being used they had a Machine Gun to play about with. A great many of them are still scrambling so I will give another instalment next month when fuller details will be at hand.

The jolly old Whist Drives still prove to be a success only instead of being run by Cpl. Chandler, who has been transferred, they are being managed by Cpl. Godfrey and Co., who are to be congratulated on their very successful efforts.

The 2nd Battalion.

ONE is always reading of books that achieve great net sales, books of seasonal popularity, or books whose only claim to notoriety is that the Censor has seen fit to ban their circulation; but it is rare to find a mention of those great volumes which play their part in influencing the lives of thousands in an inconspicuous and unpretentious way.

One such book may be seen daily not many miles from the Adjutant's Office. It is not expensive, well-bound (nor even well-banned), but it is quite one of the most popular books north of the Basingstoke Canal. One has only to look at the illustrious names of those who have made their pilgrimage to the shrine which guards it, and who have left their signatures for posterity. Glancing through the list of recent visitors one sees many a little tribute or maybe an epigram penned at the side, all expressing desire to leave Aldershot somehow, sometime, somewhere; some wish to "visit friends," others have, as they so concisely put it, "U.P.A." in London which necessitates their absence for a brief spell from "A.D.——" to "Rev.——" One well-known character felt the call of the wild so strongly that he had to add "for the purpose of running new car in"; it is now run in, but he, happy to relate, is not, yet.

Another, who it seems "tuke a gude luke at the buke," has posthumously left the writer the usual task of describing the weather and other momentous events in the life of this well-known camp. It shall be done.

Boy, a ream of foolscap, quick! Miss Whiffles, a buff pen and some blue ink and put that puff away! The efflatus is upon us!

The Command Rifle Meeting, Brigade Training, Canterbury Week and leave have been our principal occupations since the middle of July. Training was strenuous and mainly nocturnal, a growing practice. Perhaps this is to disillusion us as to our intimate knowledge of the ground, or to ensure that cricketers, racegoers and others get back to their labours proper in daylight.

The Rifle Meeting took place on August 7th, 8th and 9th, a fact which prevented most officers from attending Canterbury Week. The spare days between Brigade schemes were fully employed in training teams for the meeting, which contributed greatly to the good places obtained in the various events. As will be seen from the results enumerated below a high standard was kept up throughout and though we were unable to get first place in anything the Battalion came out fifth in the Command Aggregate. In particular, our congratulations must be given to the Trainers and teams entered for the A.C. Match in which we were third, the M.G. knock-out where we were in the final and also the Revolver team which was second.

The writer was one of the lucky ones who were able to go over to Canterbury for the Week and it may be claimed that 1929 was as brilliant a year in all ways as any of the recent festivals. In particular, the social side was as successful as ever and the tent and enclosures being more sought after each year. Amongst those from 2nd Battalion noted in the Tent were Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Crookenden, Major and Mrs. Guy Lee, Capt. and Mrs. Keble, Lieut. and Mrs. d'Arcy Symonds and Lieuts. Lynden-Bell and Parry.

Leave is now in full swing and everyone who can get away will be going to Canterbury to attend the Memorial Service when our old Colours are handed over to the safe custody of the Dean and Chapter in the Warriors' Chapel, on August 18th.

1st Battalion.—*Continued.*

Sgt. Woollard must also be congratulated on his promotion and also on the fact that he is the first of the Young Hands' N.C.O.'s to be chosen to attend a Machine Gun Course.

We are now about to remove ourselves from the sunburnt Plains of Bareilly to the health-giving atmosphere of Ranikhet plus Sgt. Hancock who is attached as Acting C.Q.M.S. while our own Harbourmaster goes on leave for six months. We all hope he has a good time so that when he returns he will be overflowing with the goodness of life at home.

No doubt he will be only too pleased to let the lads know what Blighty looks like. I am looking forward to having a few chats with him myself when he comes back. (This is the only way to tap him up for a BIG WEEK.)

The Local Syncopators are still going strong and I hope in the near future will form themselves into a Company Jazz Band. We have another addition to it now, namely, OUR SYD, with his Silver Bells and a fork thus bringing the number up to four, and of course producing a little more agony for the troops to bear.

A new method of learning Tennis has been introduced by DUSTY, but fuller details of this sport will be forthcoming in the near future. Suffice it to say at present all one requires is a racket and a few hornets. Our next month's notes will be sent from Ranikhet and I hope will contain the Sports Notes which I am unable to include in these.

PEN-WIPERS.

NOTES.

The Battalion will be losing heavily in drafts this year. Officers going out to India include Major Whitacre Allen, Lieut. D'Arcy Symonds and 2/Lieut. Tuff, whilst two large drafts of men are due to sail about December 18th (130 Other Ranks) and February 18th (38 Other Ranks). Readers in the 1st Battalion might like to know that this leaves at least one Company with only one duty man !

We welcome 2/Lieut. McCann, S.R.O.S., who is attached for training.

We congratulate 2/Lieut. Wooller, N.Z.S.C. attached, on obtaining a Special Certificate for Athletics at the Army P.T. School with 98%.

Our best wishes go with Mr. Hanley, who was recently attached to The Depot, on his visit to America where he is going to try to beat the Trans-Continental motor speed record from New York to Los Angeles in a British Bentley four-and-a-half-litre car. He hopes to do the 3,200 miles in 55 hours. The present record is 77 hours, held by an American.

A provisional programme of forthcoming events is attached as it may be of interest to past members.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME,

SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1929—FEBRUARY 22ND, 1930.

Sept. 2—4. 2nd Divisional Training near Alton.
9—11. March to Tidworth via Herriard and Sutton Scotney (including Scheme I.)
12—15. Rest in Camp.
16—18. Scheme II. and return to Camp.
19—21. March back to Aldershot.
22—Oct. 5. Courses and duty.
Oct. 5—Nov. 4. Leave (whole Battalion less Cadre and Maintainance Party).
Nov. 11—18. Digging.
20—Dec. 23. Individual Training and Duties.
Jan. 6—Feb. 3. Duties and Individual Training.
Feb. 5—22. Courses, etc.

Rifle Club.

We have now completed the three main groups of competition for the year. These are :—The A.R.A. Central Meeting at Bisley, the A.R.A. Non-Central Matches (open to Company and Platoon as well as Regimental teams), fired at Aldershot, and the Command Small Arms Meeting.

At Bisley, during the first week of July, we were not as successful as we had hoped. We maintained our last year's standard, however, by getting two members, Capt. Foster-Hall, M.C., and L/Cpl. Lee, into the Army Hundred, while L/Cpl. Lee also qualified and shot for the King's Medal, in which he was about half way up. In none of the team events did we figure in the prize list, though in many cases with a little more luck—always apparent in shooting—we might have done quite well. Probably we attempted to do too much this year, as the Bisley team not only did the ordinary training, but then proceeded by bus to the Ranges to practice. Next year we should aim at a longer and more intensive period of training for this meeting.

Unfortunately, I have not the detailed results of the Central Meeting by me, but the following were those who represented the Regiment at Bisley :—Col. J. Crookenden, D.S.O. ; C.S.M. G. Coaster ; C.S.M. J. MacWalter, D.C.M., M.M. ; C.S.M. A. V. Ongley, D.C.M. ; Sgt. H. Osborne ; Cpl. Clinker ; L/Cpl. Goodsell ; L/Cpl. Lee ; L/Cpl. Tracey ; L/Cpl. O'Connor ; Ptes. King, Town, Lewis, Hawkins, Clubbe and Taylor.

Of the A.R.A. Non-Central Matches, it is too early to speak yet. We have done well in some, indifferently in others. On the whole we have probably done as well as last year, and more teams have fired. The results are published by the A.R.A. about Christmas time.

In the Command Small Arms Meeting, held on the 7th, 8th and 9th August, we did very well indeed. We were fifth for the Comman Aggregate Cup, being top of the Bde., by beating the 2nd Battalion The Norfolk Regiment by one point. We were third in the Aldershot Command Match—the most representative and searching match of the meeting—second in the Machine Gun Knock-out, and second in the Revolver Team. The full results are shown below.

Event.	*Place.*	*Score.*	*Winners. Score.*	*Points.*
Match 3 : M.G. Section Match ...	16	347	801	0
Match 4 : M.G. Knock-Out	2	—	—	12
Individual Matches for Officers, Sgts., Corporals, Ptes. and Young Soldiers	5	—	—	6
Match 12 : Aldershot Command ...	3	640	710	8
Match 13 : W.O.'s and Sgts. Match	10	249	280	0
Match 14 : Young Soldiers	7	397	454	1
Match 15 : Rapid Fire	7	445	575	4
Match 16 : "H.Q." Wing	7	311	380	4
Match 17 : Inter-Ranks K.O.	Not placed.			0
Match 18 : Section K.O.				0
Match 19 : Platoon Match, No. 10 Platoon, "C" Company	6	—	—	5
Match 20 : L.G. Match ...	...Not placed.			0
Match 23 : A.A. L.G. Match—				
"H.Q. Wing	12	33	59	0
"C" Company	20	25	—	0
Match 25 : Revolver Team	2	200	209	6
Match 28 : Boys' Match	5	108	141	—
				—
				46
				—

1st : Royal Ulster Rifles ... ... 82 points
5th : 2nd Battalion The Buffs ... ... 46 ,,

CONCERT.

1. Piano & Violin Selections ... SGTS. DIAMOND & ALEXANDER.
2. " The Wheeltapper's Song & " Because I'm Shy " ... ... PTE. WALTON.
3. " The Red Red Robin " ... C.Q.M.S. SMITH.
5. Violin Solo ... ... BAND-SGT. ALEXANDER (D.C.L.I.)
6. " Sonny Boy " & " You'll be sorry " ... ... L/CPL. BOWYER.

INTERVAL.

7. " Where the River Shannon's flowing " ... ... DR.-MAJOR O'DELL.
8. " By Jingo " ... ... C.Q.M.S. SMITH & " LACHRI "
9. Selected ... ... " LACHRI " AGAIN.
10. " Are you working " ... ... " LACHRI " ONCE MORE.
11. " Nursery Farm " ... ... L/CPL. BOWYER.
12. " How I won the V.C." ... " LACHRI," C.Q.M.S. SMITH & SGT. DIAMOND.
13. " Don't forget to write " ... " LACHRI."

" THE KING."

" RAG."

Sergeants' Mess.

Easily the most notable event that has occurred during the month, as far as the Mess is concerned, is the visit we had from C.S.M. Lucas, of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, who, it will be remembered, came over to England with the Canadian team to

compete at Bisley. Since a full report of the proceedings appears elsewhere in this issue of *The Dragon* I will not attempt to say more, except that we spent a really enjoyable evening.

At the close of the monthly Mess meeting, held on Thursday, August 8th, Armourer Staff-Sergeant Parton was presented with a watch on the occasion of his leaving the Regiment to proceed to Malta with the H.L.I.

The R.S.M., in his speech, wished him all good luck on behalf of the Mess, and Staff-Sergeant Parton said that during his stay with us he has felt more like an actual member than an attached one, and that he would be very proud if he were fortunate enough to ever return to the Buffs.

It is probably known that Staff-Sergeant Parton was attached to the Mess of the 1st Battalion during their stay at Gibraltar, so I think he is almost more a " Buff " than a R.A.O.C. We shall certainly miss him very much indeed, especially in camp, where he always brings out our wireless and keeps it in good order ; and during the whole of his time with us nothing that would be to the comfort of the Mess has been too much for him to do.

In relief of Staff-Sergeant Parton we extend a hearty welcome to Armourer Staff-Sergeant McInnes, and hope his stay with us will be long and happy.

We are also very pleased to welcome out new Drum-Major, Drum-Major Duffy, to the Regiment, while more sorry than we can say in having to lose in the near future Drum-Major O'Dell, who commenced his Vocational Training Course on 8/8/29.

Sgt. Chapman has joined Sgt. Dennis as a would-be fully fledged mechanic. They are training in different garages, so I expect we shall hear a few arguments in the Mess as to which is the better. All good luck to them both.

OVERHEARD IN THE MESS.

One Sunday morn. from a very juvenile member of the Wass family : " Look, Daddy, those men are drinking their tea without milk in it ! " (We are thinking of asking Geo. Beer and Rigden if this omission can be rectified.)

Brewer visits Mess. " Tack Wallah " arrives and is asked to wet his whistle. Answer was " YES, STOUT."

Why, on a certain occasion when playing " Mac," did " Nobby " mistake a glass containing Geo. Beer and Rigden for the Dice Pot ? Did he get wet ? For further information on this subject apply " Brom " or " Wallie."

W.A.L.

Visit of C.S.M. Lucas, " Queen's Own Rifles of Canada," to the 2nd Battalion.

On the occasion of such an important event in the history of the Sergeants' Mess it is as well that one starts to record the event from the beginning. At the beginning of June the President of the Sergeants' Mess received a letter to the effect that C.S.M. Lucas of the " Queen's Own Rifles of Canada " would be coming over to England to compete at Bisley with the Canadian team, and all members were looking forward to him paying us a visit. On 23rd June the " Past " members of the Regiment visited the Battalion at Aldershot (a report of this visit appears in the August issue of *The Dragon*), and Sgt. Osborne proceeded to Bisley to bring over our friend C.S.M. Lucas. We were sorry he could not stop long that day but Sgt. Osborne showed him round and he also watched the Battalion returning from Church Parade. After Church Parade he met the Commanding Officer (Lieut.-Colonel J. Crookenden, D.S.O.), and also Major H. de R. Morgan, D.S.O., who was in charge of the party that visited the " Queen's Own Rifles " in 1924. After a photograph was taken of the " Past " members together with the " Present " members of the Battalion with C.S.M. Lucas in the centre. On the 20th July a Smoking Concert was held in the Sergeants' Mess with C.S.M. Lucas as Chief Guest. The concert was due to commence at 8.15 p.m. and A/S/Sgt. Parton together with Sgt. Osborne had arranged to bring C.S.M. Lucas and Signal-Sergeant Radford of the " Royal Grenadiers," ? over from Bisley. They had a very wet journey over, arriving in the midst of a tropical thunderstorm, and the writer wondered whether C.S.M. Lucas was wise in deciding to ride in the side-car in preference to the car. Anyway, once arrived we tried to get them wet inside as well as out. At 8.30 p.m. the concert started with piano and violin selections by Sgts. Diamond and Alexander, followed by other items.

Corporals' Mess.

Once again I must start my notes with an apology for notes this month are few and far between, and to make matters a little more difficult they have got to be handed into the Battalion Correspondent earlier than usual, but I have great hopes that they will be of interest to our comrades abroad. One item of interest was a sporting race of 440 yards between Cpl. Salsbury and L/Cpl. Spence. This arose over a small argument and Spence gave Salsbury a start of 10 yards. The race was run in a very sporting manner and resulted in a win for Salsbury by a few yards.

The " Aldershot Command S.A. Meeting " has just finished and we all congratulate L/Cpl. Lee on his fine performance, gaining fourth place in the Individual Competition, with a good average the whole way through. Cp. Salsbury, L/Cpls. Jolley, Wheeler and Bowman representedthe Corporals in the " Corporals' Match," but lost to a much better team, namely The Sussex Regiment.

Cricket in the Battalion is going strong and the Corporals are doing their share, having the following N.C.O.'s playing in some matches :— Cpl. Drake, L/Cpls. Hobson, Eley and King, Cpl. de Vrune doing his usual job as scorer, at which he is well-famed. Even yet he has a few things to learn though, for the team often get beaten.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Cpl. Cross on his appointment to L/Sgt. ; also to L/Cpl. Beal on being promoted to Corporal, not forgetting L/Cpls. Eley, Griggs, Pooley and Hains on being appointed Paid Lance-Corporals.

I regret that we have still two more names to add to the already long list of N.C.O.'s on Vocational Courses, namely, Cpls. Vine and Wilcox, who commenced at the Command Centre this month. Cpls. Riley and Crowhurst, L/Cpls. Panther and Marchant have already left us for civilian life. Also Cpl. Handscombe, who we are pleased to say has obtained a good steady job. We hear it is " Lamp-lighting." What a bright life. L/Cpl. Stone has left us for a tour of duty at The Depot ; we all wish him a good time and the best of luck.

Cpl. Foad wrote to the Members of the Room wishing to be remembered to all old friends. He has promised to turn up regularly at the P.P. gatherings. We were all pleased to hear from him and welcome letters from any old friends at all times.

The Dancing Season is upon us now and it has been decided to run Corporals' Dances on every third Friday in the month, commencing in September.

L/Cpl. Goodsell caused quite a bit of mirth the other day by enquiring if, when wanting to obtain a Birth Certificate he should write to the Controller of Births. We want to know if he did so and whether it was addressed to M.S.

To conclude, I would like to ask the favour of having the enclosed photos, which were taken at the Corporals' Outing, published in the next issue.

JIMMEY.

M.G. Company.

Brigade Training, which differed very little from past years with the exception that there was rather a monopoly of " Night Stunts," has finished, and we have now a break of a month or morebeforeweocmm the march to Tidworth and back.

The Guard-of-Honour for the Laying-up of the old Colours has been practising strenuously during the past few weeks. The Company as ususal being well represented on it, our Company Commander being in charge.

Early in the month the Commanding Officer presented the Tug-o-War Shield to the Company. In the course of his speech he remarked on the high standard of tne Company and said he looked upon us as one of the bright spots of the Battalion. Whilst on the subject of Tug-o-War, we would like to remark on the notes of "C" Company in the August *Dragon*, in which it was stated that they received only two days'

notice of the date on which the competition would take place. This in opinion is a very poor excuse, especially as they are generally in training all the year round for most other competitions. After the presentation of the Tug-o-War Shield, a photograph was taken of the Company and of No. 15 Platoon. According to the number of copies sold, the Company Photograph was hardly a success.

Lieut. A. V. St. A. Turner, Sgt. Wright and Pte. Bell have attached to the Territorials at Durham for the past fortnight. We hope they are enjoying themselves, and that the training is not too strenuous.

Life on the farm appears to agree with Pte. Burrows, who is at Chisledon. He paid us a brief visit lately and looked extraordinaryily fit and brown.

Information is very vague as to the condition of L/Cpl. Gowen, who has been in hospital for two months now. We wish him a speedy recovery and a lengthy sick leave.

Great rivalry was noticed recently between Platoons as to who would gain the largest number of Commanding Officer's Stick Orderlies on Guard Mounting. Three Guards were mounted on successive days, and each Platoon supplied one Orderly, so that honours were even.

Our congratulations to Sgt. Page on obtaining a Q.I. at Netheravon.

Much enthusiasm for dancing has recently been shown by No's 13 and 14 Platoons. This has been encouraged by the gramophones of which both Platoons are in possession. " A thing of beauty is a joy for ever," quoted one spectator, whilst watching Pte. Fagg navigate the room in the company of Pte. Hopper, to the strains of " Misery Farm."

We wish L/Sgt. Saunders the best of luck on his course at Netheravon, which has just commenced.

Cpl. Newell and three men of the Company have found temporary employment as Regimental Police, hence the scarcity of crime in the Battalion; also of Stocktaking in the N.A.A.F.I.

We are afraid somebody's dog goes rather short of food since Pte. Holan took over Mess Orderly. It is a quandary where all the refuse goes.

" Birds of a feather flock together " said Grubb when Milne was entertaining the baby. Milne's retort is obvious, but I am afraid, unprintable.

The Summer Leave period has started, and with the exception of the Guard of Honour, the majority of Gunners are on leave. We all hope everybody has a good time and returns fit for the march to Tidworth and back.

Before closing we would like to congratulate, very heartily, No. 13 Platoon on obtaining second place in the M.G. Knock-out Competition at the Aldershot Command Small Arms Meeting and No. 15 Platoon for putting up a very good show, getting through two rounds and being finally knocked-out by the winning team. Also our Company Commander and Pte. Milne who were members of a Revolver Team which carried off second place in match.

E.H.W.

Note.—Unfortunately, the contributions to " Things we would like to know " have been mislaid.

The Drums.

Here we are well into the month of August with excitement all round us. Everybody is looking forward very much to our visit to Canterbury, for the Laying-up of the Old Colours, and also for a very pleasant week-end at the place where most of us first put on a suit of khaki.

We welcome to our Corps of Drums, " Drum-Major Duffy " and we all hope to be very happy together. We also wish our old Drum-Major, all the very best of success on his new Course.

We spent a very good day in London on August Bank Holiday and it was with a very heavy heart that some of us climbed into the bus at 10.30 p.m.. Without a doubt it was the wish of more than one that we were stationed at Chelsea instead of Blenheim Barracks, but nevertheless, everything must come to an end and we arrived safely back about 2 a.m. after a very pleasant day indeed.

Our leave is drawing very close and of course the topic of the day is, how good it will be to have Reveille at 11 a.m. again and no Orderly Sergeant to come in and take us out of bed.

We played the " Farnborough Working Men's Club " at Cricket yesterday and we came away victorious, winning by 47 runs.

Working Men's Club, 37; Drums 2nd Battalion The Buffs, 84.

Did Peter enjoy his last six days of Training and is he still feeling the effects ?

What will Trunkey's next complaint be and will it have anything to do with the throat ?

Is Ticky looking forward to his new life in the Hot Country and is there such a thing as " The Tap ? "

Why does Bert want to take music lessons and is he signing on ?

What will Roberts' next uniform be like and will he have any buttons to clean ?

STICKS.

The Signallers.

As the only item of interest during the last month has been Brigade Training (which I suppose quite a few will tell you all about) our notes for this month are rather short.

Signal Training has been conspicuous by its absence owing to the fact that the section is at present scattered all over the globe, some on leave, some getting ready for the laying-up of the Old Colours which takes place on the 18th, to say nothing of two spare files who are with the 2nd Divisional Signallers.

Rumour has it that we are losing a few people on the annual turn-over, some to the " First," others to duty and I believe a few of them are sweating on staff jobs, too.

By the time you read this the 2nd Divisional Exercise will be taking place and if I cannot collect any notes before then I am going to send in an essay on " The Beauty of the English Countryside, as seen with Manoeuvre Eyes " (and I think the Editor should pay well for an article like that, too.)

Our R.S.O. is leaving us soon and going to The Depot and I am sure all the section will join me in wishing him the best of luck. Also, I might mention that if he sees any likely lads down there, he may send their names to us and we will " watch where they settle."

The new Signalling Officer, 2/Lieut. Williams, takes over some time this month, having just returned from that beautiful seaside resort, " Catterick," and we shall be pleased to welcome him when he arrives.

Well, I have got heaps of excuses for packing up these notes, but as I know you won't believe them, I'll close with the usual

AGONY COLUMN (No. 3).

Will someone please organise a search party as our C.S.M. has lost his " ticker " and therefore cannot mark time on the Wing.

"G.B."

"A" Company.

July saw us on Brigade Training and we are now settled down to Barrack Routine for a few weeks and then off we go again to Divisional Training and the War Office Scheme and that will terminate the Collective Period somewhere about September 21st, and judging by just casual remarks we shall all be darned pleased. The march to Salisbury, like a ship in a fog, looms up in the distance and is the subject of much comment, especially amongst the younger hands who think twelve miles a lot, but after it is done they will have many weird tales to tell on their annual leave.

We are sorry to learn that Ex-Cpl. Fagg is lying dangerously ill, having met with an accident whilst on duty with the R.A.C. We sincerely hope he will make a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to L/Cpls. L. King, R. Taylor and Scullion on their appointment to Unpaid Lance-Corporals, also L/Sgt. Gorham on his appointment.

Lately our ranks have been somewhat depleted. We lost L/Cpl. Marchant, transferred to A.R.; he is going to Weymouth to work as a plumber on the G.P.O.; L/Cpl. Panther who is residing in the Aldershot District and expects work at the Field Stores, Pte. Dunkling, who is working at Folkestone and Pte. " Daylight " Knight, who is valeting in London. The Company joins in wishing them the best of luck, and shall be always pleased to hear or receive a call from them. Shortly we shall lose Clohessy (1st Battalion attached), who is being transferred to A.R. At present he is Batman to Major Allen, M.C., but we understand he is expecting to take up employment in the London District. At Cricket we have not been very successful. The results of matches will, no doubt, be found elsewhere. At present the Aldershot Command Small Arms Meeting is in progress and we have entered several of the Company in the different competitions and hope they will do well.

About forty per cent. of the Company are on August Leave and amongst these our " Vanilla Slice Eating Champion," Jack Langhorne. He told us before he went that his family would be waiting for " Our Jack on station," and that he is going to have some real fun. Perhaps he will give us a short account of it when he comes back. Also any others who take August Leave might give us some news of home or old Buffs they may have met.

From information received Pte. Osborne and Co. are studying books on seamanship and have already appointed a crew to a new-fashioned submarine that will operate on land and sea or in the air. We are anxiously awaiting a demonstration. Will it be on Laffan's Plain, The Speed Track or Mytchett Lake ?

Enclosed is a photo of "A" Company's Evelyn Wood Team for which we hope the Editor can find room.

Several of our Company have Pals amongst the Territorials who are in Camp at Mytchett and we had a visit from Bdsmn. Osborne (late 1st Buffs). He is now a Bandsman in the 6th Essex. The Sunday he came to see us we only caught a glimpse of him as his brother introduced him to Leonard, the Wet Canteen Manager and we are told they made firm friends.

We have recently received a Draft of six recruits from The Depot to the Company and we take this opportunity of reminding them of our Motto: "Beaten, but not defeated."

In conclusion, may we make yet another appeal to the Company to supply us with any item of interest that may do for publication in *The Dragon*.

MONTY.

"B" Company.

The Company had a day's outing to Longmoor Camp. Not a very lively place, most readers will say, but after they have heard the details they may change their opinion. The O.C., 10th Medium Battery R.A. arranged for our cricket team to play a match with them. Everything was arranged and it would have been a right royal day. The weather, however, had a say in the matter and it rained all day. No spirits were damped, however. Starting at 9.30 a.m. in two buses, off we went. We were very fortunate in being able to get a large hall open for us and in there had dinner and tea. During the afternoon an informal concert was held, ably lead by our C.Q.M.S. Although our Company Commander and one of the officers gave a turn, neither the Second-in-Command nor the A/C.S.M. could be persuaded to show their talent. We arrived home about 7 p.m. and I am sure all enjoyed themselves.

The "Bee" Shield has been won again by No. 8 Platoon. Come on "5," "6" and "7." When are you going to show what you are made of?

We welcome to the Company the last Draft from The Depot and wish them all success during their stay with the Battalion.

Two or three changes have taken place amongst our senior N.C.O.'s. C.S.M. Coaster has left us to join the ranks of the T.A. We wish him all the best of luck in his new branch of Duty. Sgt Baker has left us for The Depot; we also wish him the best of luck. As our A/C.S.M. we welcome to the Company C.Q.M.S. Fawcett.

Besides our N.C.O.'s we have had changes amongst our officers. Mr. Sherston has left and in his place we welcome Mr. S. McCann. On glancing through B.O.'s I also notice that we lose Mr. D'Arcy Symonds, who is on leave for the 1st Battalion. Let us hope when he gets there he will have all the best of luck and glance occasionally at his old Company's Notes in *The Dragon*. We shall certainly follow him up.

Below will be found the results of a Cricket Shield Match held with "C" Company and although we were defeated we hope to be able to reverse the tables the next time.

"C" COMPANY.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Mr. Nicholson	2		
Mr. Tuff	0		
Pte. Brigstock	22	not out	6
L/Cpl. Holson	49		
Pte. Turner	22	not out	2
	1		
Fox	8		
L/Cpl. Lee	0		
L/Cpl. Bilson	0		
L/Cpl. Griggs	0		
Extras	17		
Total	124	Total	8
	132		132

Total (both innings) 132.

"B" COMPANY.

Cpl. Drake	36		32
Pte. Hammond	7		0
Mr. Reeves	3		1
L/Cpl. Hodgson	0		1
Capt. Keble	5		22
Pte. Mangleshot	0		4
L/Cpl. Marsden	4		0
L/Cpl. Ingram	2		0
Pte. Laker	0		0
L/Cpl. Charlton	0		1
Pte. Martin	2		3
Extras	4	Extras	4
Total	63	Total	68

Total (both innings) 131.

I am afraid I have now exhausted all my knowledge, not much, admitted, so will say bye-bye till our next issue.

M.S.C.A.

Things we want to know.

Who was the N.C.O. who, when asked by a Mounted Umpire "Where's the Foresters?" (meaning the P.H.) replied, "I don't know, but the D.C.L.I. are on our left"?

"C" Company.

The first day of August saw the end of Battalion and Brigade Training for another year. Our Brigade Training consisted mostly of night operations, so most of us are now fairly good at getting about in the dark. On the completion of training there was the usual yearly rush to proceed on the ten days' leave.

August is a busy month, for the Command Rifle Meeting is held; all N.C.O.'s and men proceed on ten days' leave; (there are exceptions to this rule); Casuals fire their Annual Course; Colours are laid to rest; Educational Officer commences intensive training for First Class Candidates, etc., etc.

The Company Commander's mail is usually a heavy one about this period; some of his correspondents meet with success; others failure. The telegraph boy can be seen dashing through barracks; it may be an important tip on the big race of the day or a last-minute effort to delay the return to barracks for a few days; *i.e.*, letter follows.

During the last few days the draft roll has fell upon us. This threatens to entirely clear the Company of all eligibles. The majority will be proceeding with the first draft in December, the remainder in February, 1930.

The Competition for the Cricket Shield has been advanced another stage during the month of August. In the second round "C" Company met and defeated "B" Company by ten wickets. It will be seen that during the first innings L/Cpl. Griggs bowled with success. Pte. Brigstock gave his usual good performance behind the wicket.

At batting L/Cpl. Hobson showed us that he had not wasted his spare time at Hythe, he putting up a score of 49. We understand these runs were obtained in real "Test no time-limit fashion" much to our pleasure and our opponents' discomfort. Ptes. Brigstock and Turner both batted well for their 22 runs apiece. 2/Lieut. C. R. Tuff was out first ball. He intended to have a mighty slog, but edged the ball into slip and was promptly caught. During "B" Company's second innings 2/Lieut. C. R. Tuff, L/Cpl. Fox and Pte. Turner took three wickets each. The following was the complete result:—

"B" COMPANY.

First Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Cpl. Drake, c Hobson, b Belson	36	c Turner, b 2/Lieut. Tuff	32
Pte. Hammond, c & b Fox	7	b Fox	0
2/Lieut. Reeves, c 2/Lieut. Tuff, b Belson	3	lbw b Fox	1
L/c. Hodson, c Rhodes, b Griggs	0	b Fox	0
Capt. Keble, b Griggs	5	run out	22
Pte. Mangleshott. c Turner, b Griggs	0	b Turner	4
L/c. Marsden, c Brigstock, b Belson	4	c Fox, b Turner	0
L/c. Ingram, st Brigstock, b Griggs	2	b 2/Lt. C. R. Tuff	0
Pte. Laker, c Brigstock, b Griggs.	0	c Lt. Nicholson, b 2/Lt. Tuff	0
L/c. Charlton, c Turner, b Griggs.	0	lbw b Turner	1
Pte. Martin, not out	2	not out	3
Byes	2	Byes	4
		Wide-Balls	1
Total	63	Total	68

"C" COMPANY.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Lt. J. G. Nicholson, b Hammond	2		
2/Lt. C. R. Tuff, c Hammond, b Ingram	0		
Pte. Brigstock, c Hodson, b 2/Lt. Reeves	22	not out	6
L/Cpl. Hobson, b 2/Lt. Reeves	49		
Pte. Turner, c 2/Lt. Reeves, b Hammond	22	not out	2
Pte. Rhodes, b Hammond	1		
L/c. Fox, c Hammond, b Ingram.	8		
Cpl. Cook, c Martin, b Martin	3		
L/c. Fox, c Hammond, b Ingram.	8		
Cpl. Cook, c Martin, b Martin	3		
L/c. Lee, c Drake, b 2/Lt. Reeves	0		
Pte. Belson cIngram, b Martin	0		
L/Cpl. Griggs, not out	0		
Byes	16		
Wide-Balls	1		
Total	124	Total	8

We are now waiting for the return of the Band, for it is "24" Coy. we meet in the final stage. For this match we hope to field a full team. C.Q.M.S. Burville has been absent from the team owing to illness. It is hoped this competition will soon be brought to a close. We sincerely hope our cricketers will be successful in bringing the Cricket Shield to the Company.

During the past month the A.R.A. Non-Central Match 20 (Company Shield) was fired. The Company was successful in obtaining the highest score of the Companies in the Battalion, but this score does not look good enough to obtain a prize.

All twelve members of the team fire the rifle practice, only eight fire the Light Automatic. The following was the Company result:—

	Slow 600 *yds.*	*Rapid* 500 *yds.*	*Snap* 300 *yds.*	*L.A.* 400.	*Total.*
Cpl. Salsbury	7	10	3	27	47
L/Cpl. Wheeler	8	8	8	33	57
L/Cpl. Patterson	8	14	13	33	68
L/Cpl. Brooker ...	4	15	6	0	25
Pte. Freelove	7	4	3	39	53
Cpl. Cross	12	6	7	27	52
L/Cpl. Lee	9	17	4	27	57
Pte. Church	8	11	7	0	26
L/Cpl. O'Connor ...	0	12	14	0	26
Cpl. Fletcher	5	12	7	0	24
Cpl. Viney	14	14	18	0	46
L/Cpl. Acott	5	4	11	0	20
			Total ...		501

For the Command Rifle Meeting the Company found a large number of competitots for the various teams.

L/Cpl. Lee did well to finish fourth of his class in the individual match. Pte. Martin also finished fourth in his class, *i.e.*, Privates of the Command. These were really good performances when one considers the large number of entries from the Command.

In the Platoon Match, No. 10 Platoon were placed sixth in the Command, This was a drop of four places from last year. They have not the same men available as last year, for several have since received promotion and were not eligible to fire. The following of "C" Company fired in the matches as stated :—

Match 5 : Lieut. J. G. Nicholson ; Match 6 : C.S.M. Ongley ; Match 7 : L/Cpl. Lee ; Match 8 : Pte. Martin, Pte. Frost ; Match 9 : L/Cpl. O'Connor, L/Cpl. Griggs, Pte. Milne ; Match 12 : Lieut. J. G. Nicholson, C.S.M. Ongley, Cpl. Fletcher, Cpl. Salsbury, L/Cpl. Wheeler, L/Cpl. Lee, Hobson, O'Connor, Frost ; Match 13 : C.S.M. Ongley, Match 14 : L/Cpls. O'Connor, Hurley, Griggs, Pte. Milne, L/Cpl. Fox, Pte. King ; Match 15 : Cpl. Fletcher, L/Cpl. Lee, Ptes. Frost ; Match 17 : L/Sgt. Cross ; Match 18 : L/Cpl. Crouch, Ptes. Garrett, Lewis, Rance, Clarke, H. Smith, Butler ; Match 20 : No. 10 Platoon ; Match 25 : Revolver Team, Capt. H. C. C. Morley, L/Cpl. Wheeler ; Match 26 : Revolver Individual, Capt. H. C. C. Morley, L/Cpl. Wheeler, Lieut. J. G. Nicholson.

2/Lieut. H. P. Williams has rejoined the Company on completion of Signalling Course. It appears this officer will shortly be leaving the Company.

Cpl. Willcox and Pte. E. Knight have commenced their Vocational Courses.

Pte. Church and Weeks (our latest arrival from "H.Q." Wing) commence a Course on the 1st September. Cpl. Fry and Cpl. Viney appear to be a Course to the good.

Cpl. Riley has left the Company for civilian life and can be found working near Chatham.

Pte. Wakefield (" Wakers ") has completed his " three " and has found employment in London. He can be found driving a milk van in the early mornings, thanks to his recent course at the Depot Motor School. Wakefield was one of those fellows who always saw the bright side of things. He should do well.

Congratulations to L/Cpl. Griggs on his appointment to Paid Lance-Corporal and to Cpl. Cross on his appointment to Lance-Sergeant.

Pte. Turner has been posted to Headquarter Wing (Transport Section) during the past month.

Congratulations to Cpl. Trinkwon and L/Cpl. McBride on their recent performances at the Sports Meetings at The Depot, etc. These are both ex-"C" Company N.C.O.'s and we are pleased to see that they continue to train and perform well after leaving the Company. It is good to see that Trinkwon can still do his three miles track run in 16 minutes 19 seconds on a bad day.

A.V.O.

"A" Company, 2nd Battalion.

Beneath Bell Harry.

AUGUST, as is usual at The Depot, has been a busy month for us all and writing at the very close of our activities it becomes difficult to piece together the various events in an intelligible sequence.

Canterbury Cricket Week, though marred on two of the days by rain, was a great success and the Regimental Tent still more so. There was a great gathering of Buffs and their friends and the work of Colonel Findlay for their comfort and for the smooth running of the arrangements must, if we may be permitted to say so, be the subject of our congratulations. The Old Stagers, the County Balls and most important of all, the cricket, were all uniformly excellent and the Epilogue one of the best for years. In connection with the latter, we may congratulate Miss Vera Lynden-Bell on her charming dance.

Canterbury Week was quickly followed by Depot Week and one of the most impressive ceremonies it would be possible to conceive. We refer, of course, to the Memorial Service and the laying-up of the 2nd Battalion Colours in the Cathedral. The organisation, the drill of the Guard of Honour, the numbers and bearing of past and present Buffs and the general air of dignity of the whole ceremony will remain a lasting impression to those of us who were fortunate enough to be present.

Of the cricket during the week a closer description will be found elsewhere. Suffice it to say that Mr. Penlington had got together a strong Regimental side which in the last over of the match defeated a formidable B.B. side by the narrow margin of 12 runs and easily disposed of the Queen's Own team by an innings. On the first Saturday of the week the Present scored an easy victory over the Past. Captain Wilkins, at home on leave from India, skippered the side and was himself in great bowling form. It must be some years since such a useful Regimental side took the field. On the Wednesday of the week the Officers of The Depot were at home to a great many of their friends, but unfortunately the attendance was greatly affected by the threatening aspect of the weather.

Before closing may we offer our apologies to Mr. and Mrs. Airey for having omitted to mention their recent marriage in last month's notes and to take this belated opportunity of offering to them both our best wishes for the future.

Results of Cricket Matches played up to date :—

FAVERSHAM GUN-POWDER WORKS *v.* DEPOT THE BUFFS.

The Depot.		*Gun-powder Works.*	
Dr. Hudson, b Taylor	0	H. Stevens, b Tutt	7
Rct. Jackman, c & b Taylor	7	H.Creed,c Jackman,b Malyon	10
Rct. Harlow, b Taylor	0	S. Gore, b Dawson	17
Lt.Penlington,cBailey,b Taylor	50	R. Jacobs, b Malyon	12
Capt.Willows,c Bailey,b Gore	47	L. Jacobs, c Taylor, b Dawson	4
Sgt. Tutt, b Gore	6	C. Archer, c Taylor, b Malyon	0
Rct. Malyon, not out	6	J. Taylor, c Tutt, b Malyon	16
Pte. Dawson, b Gore	0	W. Bailey, not out	17
Sgt. Gibson, b Gore	0	H. McConnell, c Tutt, b Collins	2
C.Q.M.S. Taylor, b Gore	0	S. Dolbear, b Malyon	0
W.O. Collins, not out	0	H. Fordham, c Tutt, b Dawson	1
Extras	10	Extras	10
Total (dec.)	126	Total	96

Bowling.

Sgt. Tutt	...	...	1 for 22
Malyon	...	...	5 for 38
Dawson	...	...	3 for 12
W.O. Collins	...	...	1 for 14

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT *v.* THE BUFFS.

The Queen's.		*The Buffs.*	
Capt. Legh, c Lt. Penlington, b Coaster	10	Lt. Tuff, c Fillird, b Tyler	92
Lt. Tyler, c Malyon, b Coaster	47	C.Q.M.S. Burville, b Bassett	14
Capt. Oliver, b Coaster	1	Lt. Boucher, run out	23
Capt. Girling, c Willows, b Coaster	8	Lt. Penlington, b Bassett	1
Lt. Fillird, lbw Willows	5	Capt. —, b Bassett	53
Sgt. Garrad, c Parry, b Tuff	4	Lt. Parry, not out	28
Major Bassett, not out	30	Sgt. Tutt, b Bassett	0
Lt. East, c Tuff, b Malyon	19	Lt. Haggard, not out	5
C/Sgt. Swanurch, c Burville, b Malyon	0	Bdm. Nelthorpe, Pte. Malyon, C.S.M. Coaster } Did not bat.	
Cpl.Simms,c Nelthorpe,b Coaster	0	Extras	0
Sgt. Hardwick, h w., b Coaster	0		
Extras	22		
Total	146	Total (for 6 wkts.)	249

Bowling.

Pte. Malyon	...	...	2 for 24
C.S.M. Coaster	...	...	6 for 34
Capt. Willows	...	...	1 for 7
Lt. Tuff	...	...	1 for 17

DEPOT THE BUFFS *v.* 2ND BATTALION THE BUFFS.

2nd Battalion.		*The Depot.*	
Lt. Tuff, b Tutt	1	Lt. Boucher, c Nelthorpe, b Coaster	0
C.Q.M.S. Burville, lbw Tutt	0	Rct. Jackman, run out	6
Cpl. Drake, b Tutt	0	Lt.Penlington,c & b Nelthorpe	22
Major Guy Lee, b Tutt	4	Capt. Willows, c Tuff, b Coaster	5
Lt. Parry, c Hudson, b Malyon	1	Drm. Hudson, b Coaster	1
Lt. Haggard, b Tutt	14	Lt. Hanley, c Drake, b Coaster	6
Cpl. Watts, b Tutt	8	Sgt. Tutt, c Tuff, b Coaster	0
Lt. Bruce, b Tutt	0	Sgt. Bailey, c Parry, b Tuff	11
L/Sgt. Payne, c Dawson, b Collins	10	Rct. Maylon, not out	12
C.S.M. Coaster, c Boucher, b Dawson	10	Pte. Dawson, c Maj. G. Lee, b Coaster	8
Bds.Nelthorpe,c Malyon, b Tutt	39	Sgt. Gibson, b Coaster	4
Pte. Hammond, not out	0	W.O. Collins, b Coaster	0
Extras	9	Extras	8
Total	101	Total	83

THE BUFFS *v.* THE GUARDS DEPOT.

The Buffs.		*The Guards Depot.*	
Mr. Tuff, b Hughes	23	Sgt. Watkins, c Willows, b Tutt	5
Mr. Boucher, c Richard, b Manners	20	Rct. Manners, b Tutt	5
Mr. Parry, b Proctor	10	Mr. Proctor, c & b Tutt	0
Mr. Penlington, b Manners	0	Capt. Mayfield, b Coaster	13
Capt. Willows, b Hughes	18	Rct.Black,c Malyon,b Coaster	19
C.Q.M.S. Burville, b Hughes	27	Sgt. Campbell, b Coaster	2
Bds. Nelthorpe, b Hughes	52	Lt.Stewart Brown, b Coaster	32
Rct.Malyon,c Hughes,b Proctor	1	T/S. Hughes,c Burville,b Nelthorpe	9
Sgt. Tutt, b Proctor	2	Sgt. Allen, not out	28
Mr. Haggard, b Proctor	4	T/S. Pritchard, c Penlington, b Nelthorpe	4
C.S.M. Coaster, not out	3	Rct. Eldridge, lbw Coaster	17
Extras	28	Extras	18
Total	188	Total	152

DEPOT THE BUFFS *v.* BEVERLEY C.C.

The Buffs.		*Beverley C.C.*	
Rct. Jackman, c Warner, b Tomalin	3	L. Divers, c Gibson, b Collins	7
Drm. Hudson, b Tomalin	18	T. Evans, b Collins	18
Lt. Boucher, b Ingleton	22	G. Warner, b Collins	16
L/Cpl. Sirett, b Tomalin	0	E. Tomalin, c Jackman, b Malyon	9
L/Sgt. Bailey, lbw Warner	0	H. Divers, b Collins	8
Rct.Malyon,c Rogers,b Divers	13	H. Phillpot, b Collins	11
R.S.M. Couchman, b Ingleton	0	C. Rogers, b Collins	6
Sgt. Gibson, b Ingleton	0	T. Scott c Jackman,b Hudson	18
Rct. Harlow, c Tomalin, b Tomalin	30	E. Ingleton, not out	0
C.Q.M.S. Taylor, lbw Tomalin	4	J. Sanders, b Collins	1
W.O. Collins, not out	13	A. Creswell, b Collins	0
Extras	20	Extras	7
Total	123	Total	101

Bowling.

Malyon	...	...	1 for 34
W.O. Collins	...	...	8 for 37
Hudson	...	...	1 for 23

DEPOT THE BUFFS *v.* 1ST LINCOLNS.

The Buffs.		*The Lincolns.*	
Lt. Boucher, b Chapman	2	Mr. Young, lbw Tutt	3
Rct. Jackman, c Capt. Newburgh, b Lt.-Col. Priestman	33	Mr. Collett, b Tutt	0
Lt. Penlington, lbw, Lt.-Col. Priestman	11	Capt. Stapleton, c Willows, b Boucher	81
Capt. Willows, c Cragg, b Lt.-Col. Priestman	0	B.-M. Trowt, not out	124
Rct. Harlow, c Trowt, b Chapman	13	Capt. Newburg, W. Cragg, Pte. Flint, Lt.-Col. Priestman, G. Flint, Pte. Dewey, L/Cpl. Chapman } did not bat.	
Rct. Malyon, c Dewery, b Col. Priestman	0	Extras	8
Sgt. Tutt, b Capt. Newburg	24		
Lt.Hanley,c & b Col.Priestman	16		
Mr. Gandy, c Newburg, b Chapman	5		
Pte. Styles, c Priestman, b Chapman	12		
W.O. Collins, not out	0		
Extras	4		
Total	120	Total (for 3 wkts.)	218

THE BUFFS *v.* THE BAND OF BROTHERS.
THE BUFFS.

Played on The Depot Ground on August 19th and 20th.

1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*	
Capt. D. A. Wilkins, b Green	15	(Plyd. on, b Callender	1
Lt. C. R. Tuff, b Dunn	5	c and b Callender	6
Lt. J. Connolly, c Borthwick, b Weigall	30	lbw Weigall	55
Capt. H. L. Cremer, c Tutt, b Weigall	21	c and b Callender	4
Capt. H. R. Whitfield, c Callander b Weigall	5	c Newitt, b Callender	55
Lt. T. N. Penlington, c Murray, b Weigall	24	b Weigall	15
Capt. J. R. Willows, c Sanctuary, b Weigall	4	b Callender	3
Col. J.Crookenden,lbw Sanctuary	7	b Weigall	2
Maj. H. de R. Morgan, c Simpson, b Weigall	12	b Callender	26
Lt. V. Boucher, lbw Weigall	0	not out	13
Bdsm. Nelthorpe, not out	2	c Grace, b Dunn	60
Extras	13	Extras	17
Total	138	Total	257

THE BAND OF BROTHERS.

1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*	
A. Murray, st Morgan, b Wilkins	60	c Connolly, b Nelthorpe	26
O. Grace, c Connolly, b Tuff	23	b Wilkins	9
C. Newitt, b Connolly	15	c Willows, b Wilkins	2
G.Simpson,c Cremer,b Nelthorpe	15	lbw Wilkins	18
G. Green, b Wilkins	37	run out	0
Major Callender, b Wilkins	26	b Wilkins	26
L. A. Weigall, c Willows, b Nelthorpe	33	c Morgan, b Wilkins	15
W. Sanctuary, st Morgan, b Wilkins	1	b Cremer	8
Capt. C. Borthwick, not out	10	c Willows, b Wilkins	0
J. Dunn, b Connolly	13	not out	2
Sgt. Tutt, b Nelthorpe	4	c Penlington, b Cremer	12
Extras	22	Extras	0
Total	259	Total	125

THE PAST *v.* THE PRESENT.

Played on Depot Ground on Saturday, 17th August, 1929.

The Past.		*The Present.*	
Lt. W. Martin, b Collins	21	Capt. D. A. Wilkins, b Fish	50
C.S.M. Hamer, b Collins	5	Mr. C. R. Tuff, b Fish	7
Maj. J. Vaughan, st Morgan, b Wilkins	4	Maj. J.V.R. Jackson, b Martin	15
Mr. O. Templeton, b Wilkins	17	Mr. T. N. Penlington, c Fish, b Martin	5
Capt. W. H. Fish, b Wilkins	11	Capt. G! R. Willows, b Fish	36
C.S.M. Farrow b Wilkins	0	Col. J. Crookenden, run out	0
Mr. Whitfield, b Collins	16	Maj. H. de R. Morgan, b Tutt	1
Sgt. Tutt, b Tuff	1	Mr. Reeves, b Fish	1
Mr. J. Nicholson, c Tuff, b Wilkins	0	Mr. V. Boucher, c Nicholson, b Tutt	13
C.S.M. Bennett, lbw, Wilkins	7	Bdm. Nelthorpe, c Whitfield, b Bennett	42
E. L. Bolton, not out	1	W.O. Collins, not out	7
Extras	3	Extras	9
Total	86	Total	186

LONDON BRANCH *v.* THE REST.

Played on The Depot Ground on August 18th, 1929.

London Branch.		*The Rest.*	
Major-Vaughan, c & b Stokes	7	W. Martin, c House, b Corvey	17
C. House, c Stokes, b Field	4	Mr. Bennett, b Household	7
Corvey, lbw Field	0	Mr. Gammon, b Household	0
E. Noble, b Bills	1	Mr. Hall, c Household, b Corvey	9
Mr. Peters, b Martin	0	Mr. Sidwell, b Corvey	12
W. House, b Martin	2	Mr. Crooks, b Household	0
Wavey, b Martin	1	Mr. Stokes, b Corvey	12
Gammon, b Austin	2	Mr. Stickles, b Corvey	2
Fludder, b Austin	2	Mr. Beeching, c Household, b Peters	11
E. Noble, c Sidwell, b Bennett	3	Mr. Bills, b Wavey	2
Levis, not out	2	Mr. Austin, not out	19
Extras	5	Extras	20
Total	28	Total	111

THE BUFFS *v.* THE Q.O.R. WEST KENT REGIMENT.

Played on The Depot Ground on August 21st and 22nd, 1929.

THE BUFFS.

Capt. D. A. Wilkins, c Hancock, b Saville	50
Capt. D. V. Coote, b Whitty	13
Lieut. J. Connolly, b Brown	93
Lieut. C. R. Tuff, c Farrington, b Saville	24
Capt. H. Whitfield, c Farrington, b Saville	0
Lieut. T. N. Penlington, c Hancock, b Brown	19
Bdsm. Nelthorpe, st Farrington, b Brown	18
Capt. J. R. Willows, c Farrington, b Brown	15
Major H. de R. Morgan, b Norman	38
Lieut. V. Boucher, c Saville, b Norman	17
Sgt. Tutt, not out	5
Extras	18
Total	310

Q.O.R WEST KENT REGIMENT.

1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*	
Capt. Battye, c Tuff, b Nelthorpe	9	c Morgan, b Tutt	1
Major Brown, b Wilkins	12	b Nelthorpe	57
Lieut. Addison, st Morgan, b Wilkins	0	st Morgan, b Wilkins	10
Sgt. Farrington, st Morgan, b Wilkins	0	b Nelthorpe	10
Capt. Norman, b Connolly	18	b Nelthorpe	15
Lieut. Whitty, b Nelthorpe	15	b Nelthorpe	5
Lieut. Saville, b Nelthorpe	21	c Penlington, b Wilkins	50
Major Hancock, not out	10	c and b Tuff	7
Capt. Waddington, c Whitfield, b Wilkins	17	c Tuff, b Nelthorpe	6
Capt. Hancock, c Tuff, b Wilkins	0	c Connolly, b Wilkins	2
Major Whitty, b Wilkins	0	not out	6
Extras	9	Extras	5
Total	111	Total	174

Sergeants' Mess.

During the past month we have had many visitors, including Mr. Jack Bennell, Mr. Ted Lamb, Mr. Harry Britter, Mr. Kimber and Mr. Horton. Captain W. R. Birrell, M.C., (accompanied by Mrs. Birrell) and Mr. Tom Wheatley also halted here with the Chatham Branch of the British Legion, about 200 strong, on one very warm Sunday afternoon. The Branch had arranged for Sgt. Rowe to do the catering for tea in the Drill Shed, and the Sergeants' Mess was placed at the disposal of the party until it was time for them to continue their journey homewards. As musical honours were being accorded to the Branch on their arrival at Faversham, an extension of time at Canterbury was unfortunately out of the question.

Bd.–Mr. C. B. Hewitt, M.B.E., Bd.–Sgt. Diamond and Sgt. Goodwin have also been staying with us in connection with Canterbury Cricket Week.

On 16th July we met the Canterbury City Police at cricket and won by a comfortable margin. R.S.M. Couchman and W. O. Collins put up a great performance for our side, in spite of the fact that the temperature was 86 degrees in the shade. Although not quite so hot as " Out there," especially in Multan during July, it happened to be the hottest day in U.K. for the past six years, vide wireless announcement.

We also played the Corporals at cricket on 21st July and once again proved the victors.

Hearty congratulations to Cr.-Sgt. and Mrs. Shorter on the birth of a son on 1st August.

We welcome Sgt. Baker (and family), on being posted to the Depot on 27th July for a tour of duty.

On 11th August we played the return tennis fixture with the Grove Tennis Club. Tea was served in the Mess. The following was the result of the various games :—

Q.M.S. Dennis Mrs. Dennis	4—3, 4—3, 3—4, 2—5.
Mrs. Couchman C/S. Shorter	2—5, 2—5, 1—6, 2—5.
Mrs. Peck Sgt. Adams	1—6, 2—5, 1—6, 4—3.
Sgt. Tutt Sgt. Rowe	1—6, 4—3, 2—5, 4—3.

R.S.M. and Mrs. Martin and C.S.M. Farrow, who are on leave from the 1st Battalion, have all recently paid us a visit, and we were pleased to seem them looking so fit.

On 16th August we were glad to be able to place our Mess at the disposal of the W.O.'s and Sergeants of the 18th Brigade R.F.A., who were moving by road route from Woolwich to Dover and camped at Canterbury for the night. The Colour Guard from the 2nd Battalion having also arrived on the same day, we really had a full-house and lots to talk about.

On 17th August the Annual Past and Prsent Cricket Match took place, followed by a musical programme by the 2nd Battalion Band 2nd Battalion Drums and 4th Battalion Drums from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m., and then an excellent Firework Display.

The Annual Memorial Service at the Cathedral this year was coupled with the ceremony of Laying-up of the 2nd Battalion's old Colours, and the splendid attendance must have made all Buffs feel justly proud, more especially so our Colonel, Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.

The parade crowded out the Depot parade ground, and when en route to the Cathedral must have surprised the multitudes who watched its progress.

I noticed Mr. Oliver Mason was extremely busy, complete with *Kent Messenger* Car and camera, and undoubtedly we shall all be interested in his account of this important day in the history of the Buffs. His expert journalistic activities whilst on *The Dragon* staff some years ago cannot be easily forgotten by those of us who enjoyed reading the result of his efforts in *The Dragon*.

Every member of the Sergeants' Mess found themselves busily employed, whilst the Mess itself was placed at the disposal of all and everyone who came along.

Quite a few availed themselves of the opportunity of spending a few days at the Depot, and we here are glad to be able to offer them every available comfort.

This gathering was particularly noticable as regards the numerous old Buffs who came along—some to meet old pals for the first time for twenty-five years or more, and we trust still greater numbers will be able to put in an appearance next year.

Corporals' Mess.

This month has been one which will probably never be forgotten by all those who were present at The Depot.

Many events of uncommon interest have taken place, but I will curtail my notes on these so as not to bore my readers too much should they feel inclined to indulge more deeply in these affairs, they will probably find them described more fully in the "General Notes."

On Sunday, August 18th, The Buffs held a Memorial Service in Canterbury Cathedral. It was a magnificent scene. Just imagine 1,500 Past Buffs assembled together in reunion, added to which were the main percentage of The Buffs Territorial Army, the Escort to The Colours found by the 2nd Battalion, the Band and Drums of the same Battalion, The Drums of the 4th, and the Recruits now at The Depot.

All these marched from Barracks to the Cathedral, with Band and Drums playing, Bayonets fixed and Colours flying. This is a sight that Canterbury has never seen before and probably will never see again.

After this the Past Members were entertained by the Sergeants' and Corporals' Messes until their buses departed.

During this period we also entertained the few members of the 2nd Battalion who were here with the Colour Party. We sincerely hope that their stay with us, brief though it may have been, was a very happy one.

The Mess played the Sergeants at Cricket and the match proved a great success. I will not publish the scores of the Teams, but I will add that we were beaten by a short lead.

We wish Cpl. Sanders a very happy future when he leads his bride to the Altar this week-end.

Someone informed me of a matrimonial connection between the Mess and the Dover Branch of the Past and Present. I am wondering if this certain party would care to write a story in our next month's issue.

Cpl. Richards, who is leaving us for India very shortly, will be greatly missed by our members. He is probably the oldest member of our present number here and both his advice and wit are of the best. He wishes to be remembered to all members Past and Present, and if the boat doesn't go down, he says, some of us may hear from him. We sincerely hope so. By this I don't refer to the boat.

Trained Men's Notes.

Quite a number of the Trained Men have been on leave this month. McGann visited Hougham Dockyard and has come back to us quite sun-burnt.

Saturday, August 17th proved to be a very enjoyable evening, The Band and Drums of the 2nd Battalion and The Drums of the 4th Battalion gave a very fine performance. The men in scarlet tunics looked fine in the blaze of the Searchlight. The evening finished with a Fire-work Display and the playing of "Abide with me" by The Band.

During this month two very old soldiers have left us. Private Wise—28 years and Private Mills—22 years. These two have made our average drop for service in The Depot, but two have come to help us out from the 2nd Battalion Privates Turner and Firminger.

Don't forget that we want a strong Footer team this year as we are expecting quite a number of fixtures.

What did Douglas play for "Beer Music"?

Who uses "Lifebuoy" Soap to shave?

4th Battalion.

THE chief interest in this month has been the great gathering at Canterbury on August 18th for the Memorial Service at the Cathedral. The Battalion was represented by twenty-two officers and 280 Other Ranks. We had hoped to see a few more men, but the difficulties in collecting our scattered forces are always very great.

The Drums are to be congratulated on their excellent performance on the Saturday night. All of us who were able to attend thoroughly appreciated the Firework Display and the music provided by the Band and Drums of the 2nd Battalion.

The 4th Battalion was well represented during the Regimental Cricket Week by Captains Coote, Cremer and Whitfield, all of whom ably assisted in gaining success for the Regimental team in all their matches.

Major Collard is proposing to visit the 2nd Battalion for ten days early in September. He hopes to gain first-hand knowledge of this year's manoeuvres.

2/Lieut. Gaudy did a fortnight's attachment at The Depot at the end of July and thoroughly enjoyed his time there.

Most of our Drill Halls have been closed during the months of July and August as the men are very busy at their civilian occupations and consequently unable to give much time to their Territorial work.

I am sure all ranks of the Battalion will join in congratulating Capt. and Mrs. Hammond-Davies on the birth of their second daughter.

"D" Company.

Our visit to the Depot for the Past and Present Week-end once again renewed many happy acquaintances of our Regular Brother Buffs and those whose service in the Regiment is now over, but set us such a fine example in the past. Undoubtedly in some other part of this issue, a full report will be found of the week-end's activities, but we, especially The Drums, would like to take this opportunity of expressing to The Depot our thanks for the excellent way we were looked after and entertained. During the very impressive service in The Cathedral, owing to the great crowd present, it was very difficult to single out individual people, but we were pleased to see amongst the congregation one or two of our one-time 4th Battalion Officers including Capt. Cremer and Lieut. (Dinkie) Whitfield; we only wish we had the opportunity of seeing more of them during the rest of the year and we trust that whenever they are either in Dover or Folkestone they will call and see us at our Drill Halls, where they will be very welcome. We were very glad to meet so many ex-W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and Men of the various Battalions during the War and many happy memories were naturally recalled. Our Drum-Major met Drum-Major Odell of the 2nd Battalion for the first time, we understand, and we feel sure that a lot of good will come of their meeting. Will Drum-Major Odell accept our sincere congratulations on his excellent Corps of Drums!

Another Dover lad who, although he has not served with us, is well-known to many of us who have met him, in some branch of Sport or other, has joined The Depot this week-end as a Recruit. We refer to S. Moore, late of Dover College, whose future career in The Buffs we shall watch with great interest and we wish him luck. There is one thing that we are certain of and that is that The Buffs have gained a first-rate sportsman at Hockey, Cricket and Rugger. Whilst at the Depot we met Pte. Moreland-Hughes again and judging by his appearance and contentedness, The Depot has not done him any harm!

1st Cadet Company, The Buffs.

On Wednesday, July 31st the County Commandant, Colonel A. H. W. Grubb, C.M.G., D.S.O., inspected the Company in the Drill Hall, Sandwich. We much appreciated the honour conferred on us by him taking the inspection and feel sure that all ranks will not soon forget his kindness in visiting us.

By the time this is in print we shall be in Camp at Betteshanger Park, thanks to the kindness of Lord Northbourne, and having a jolly holiday if the weather is to our liking.

Mrs. Smithers.

THE following extract from Battalion Orders is published for the information of all concerned :—

" The representative of the Army Welfare and Improvements Committee will make a tour of inspection of the married quarters on Saturday next, the 14th inst., commencing at 10 a.m. All married people must be ready for his inspection at that hour."

" Blinking cheek 'e 'as," said Mrs. Smithers. " I reckons its about time we formed a Past and Present Association in the quarters and stuck up for a rights a bit. All these bloke as who comes round on Saturday morning a interfering with the peaceful 'abitation of our block, and who talks about improving us, we must make 'em join the " past "—murder them or summit like that—never to see their blooming kites again. Always a poking their noses where they ain't wanted. Improvements Committee—my word ! I'd like to know as who they're going to improve I would ? "

" Well, my dear," answered Mrs. Scrubbers, " there's a lot of good to be said about it, but we must wait and see. Take your old man for example..... '

" Don't yer say a word against my ole man," snapped out Mrs. Smithers " 'e don't want any blokes a telling 'im to wipe 'is feet on the mat before 'e goes into the canteen, or anything from any woman eiver—so there."

" I ain't a saying anything against your peppery faced 'usband. I was a going to tell yer that 'e ud give them there improvement fellows summit to think about and a bit more."

" Of course 'e would, Mrs. Scrubbers." Then after a moment's consideration Mrs. Smithers tossed up her head and placing her hands on her hips said : " Er-er, I don't quite follow what yer means, my dear."

" Oh, nuffink," replied Mrs. Scrubbers, " its just what yer makes of it."

Saturday quickly arrived and so did the representative of the Improvements Committee. It must be borne in mind he was a man very specially selected by the War Office of the lovable Scripture Reader type of gentleman from the most noble order of wad chewers. He was distinctly Pussyfoot in character which combined with an angelic expression ornamented with a flowing beaver and beautiful silvery whiskers, with which he often brushed the dust off his boots, caused the attentions of the opposite sex to become extremely embarrassing.

At 10 a.m. he was outside the door of Mrs. Smithers in company with the Regimental Sergeant-Major. The R.S.M. unthinkingly and by force of habit, opened the door and let out an unearthly " Shun ! " The sudden shock was too much for Mrs. Smithers, who at that moment was endeavouring to toast a bloater on a poker for Mr. Smithers when he arrived off guard. She screamed and threw up her arms, causing the bloater to sail through the air and land on the face of the dear representative of the Improvements Committee who was about to yell " Damn it," but altering his intention he lifted up his arms and looking towards heaven ejaculated " Hallelujah."

Poor little Jimmy Smithers in jumping up to save the bloater fell into the coal box, and his cries were only quietened by the improvement gentleman giving Jimmy a penny ; being a Scotsman, however, he sold Mrs. Smithers a pocket hankerchief whereby the tears on little Jimmy's face could be dried, and then borrowed it back to wipe the tears from his own.

The next quarters to be visited were Mrs. Scrubbers. She happened to be in the wash-house and had to be sent for.

" Why are you not in your quarters, Mrs. Scrubbers," spoke the R.S.M. " Do you know the Improvements Inspector had to wait for you ? "

" Well, I did 'ear summit about it, my dear, but 'e ain't the only one oose 'ad to wait. Why, I ,'ad to wait five years—yes five ole years, before Mr. Scrubbers ud marry me. Why,.....

" The inspector does not desire to know how long you had to wait for Mr. Scrubbers, but is there any matter you wish cleared up by the Improvements Committee for the benefit of the married people as a whole ? "

" Why, of course there is. There's a blooming lot of old rubbish a lying outside these quarters for over two weeks, and it would be a gawd send if this ere gentleman would cart it away."

" You must speak to the Quartermaster, Mrs. Scrubbers," answered the R.S.M. " What is required is if there is anything you desire which will help in making the quarters more homely."

" Oh—I see. Well—yes ! There's too many courting pairs outside our gate of a night and we don't get any sleep through 'em."

" Oh dear, oh dear," spoke the representative of the Committee." That is what I must see into myself ; I suggest you throw a little water over them from your window."

" That ain't no good," replied Mrs. Scrubbers. " I tried it once, but never again."

" Why ? " queried the Improvements representative.

" Because my old man came rushing upstairs wet through ; I thought 'e was on guard—at least 'e led me to believe 'e was "

J.E.

The Regimental Gazette.

Officers.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Lieut. W. R. Findlay, from Supp. Res. of Off., to be Lieut. (Aug. 10th), with seniority Aug. 28th, 1925.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

4TH BN. THE BUFFS.—Lt. E. Boulding from 5th Bn. The Buffs, to be Capt. (July 5th, 1922). (Substituted for the announcement regarding this officer, which appeared in the *Gazette* of July 4th, 1922).

1st Battalion.

EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE.

6281629 Pte. P. Martin, "H.Q.," extended his terms of service to complete 12 years with the colours on 28–5–29.

RE-ENGAGEMENTS.

6279264 Sgt. G. Brophy, "H.Q.," re-engaged for The Buffs at Bareilly on 22–6–29 for such period as will complete 21 years Colour Service.

6279388 Sgt. J. Hancock, "A," re-engaged for The Buffs at Bareilly on 3–4–29 for such period as will complete 21 years Colour Service.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

6280013 Cpl. (L/Sgt.) J. Woollard, "H.Q.," promoted Sergeant, 18–5–29.

6278451 Cpl. J. Robinson, "C," appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant, 18–5–29.

6281656 L/Cpl. W. Pitt, "H.Q.," promoted Corporal, 18–5–29.

6279183 L/Sgt. S. Thomas, "H.Q.," promoted Sergeant, 2–6–29

SERVICE.

6283080 Boy P. Longman, "H.Q.," attained age of 18 years on 27–6–29.

STRENGTH—INCREASE.

5095846 Pte. A. Collins, "H.Q.," transferred from 2nd Battalion The Royal Warwickshire Regiment, 1–7–29.

6281545 Pte. F. Biscoe, "H.Q.," transferred from 2nd Battalion The W.O. Royal West Kent Regt., Bangalore, 1–7–29.

TRADE TEST—RESULT OF.

6281867 Pte. C. Fullwood, "C," passed Trade Test as Clerk Group "C," Class I., at Dehra Dun, on 4–6–29.

STRENGTH—DECREASE.

6283536 Pte. J. Wylie, "H.Q.," transferred to 11th Field Bty. R.A., Quetta under K.R.'s, p. 302 (11), 1928, on 1–7–29.

6283132 Pte. V. Mitchell, "C," transferred to 2nd Battalion The Royal Sussex Regt., 5–7–29.

EDUCATIONAL RESULT—1ST CLASS CERTIFICATE.

6281867 Pte. C. Fullwood, "C," passed in subject as shewn for the Army 1st Class Certificate of Education at an examination held at Dehra Dun in March, 1929. GEOGRAPHY.

COURSE—RESULT.

6279533 Pte. R. Heard, "D," attended Assistant Armourers' Course at Ferozepore Arsenal from 2–1–29 to 28–6–29 and passed " GOOD."

2nd Battalion.

RECRUIT—BOY.

6284254 Boy R. Ashby, attested 1–8–29 for 2nd Battalion The Buffs for 12 years (9 Colours and 3 Reserve) as from attaining the age of 18 years, *i.e.*, 19–10–31.

CONTINUANCE IN THE SERVICE.

6278291 C.S.M. J. MacWalter, D.C.M., M.M., "A" permitted to continue in the Service beyond 21 years until 31–8–33 under K.R. para 232.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

6279041 L/Cpl. W. Beal, "H.Q.," promoted Corporal, 26–7–29.
6281192 L/Cpl. W. Eley, "A," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 19–7–29.
6283770 L/Cpl. G. Griggs, "C," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 26–7–29.
6283120 L/Cpl. E. Pooley, "H.Q.," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 1–8–29.
6283079 L/Cpl. J. Haines, "M.G.," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 1–8–29.
6278391 C.Q.M.S. G. Fawcett, "A," promoted W.O. Class II, and appointed C.S.M., 12–8–29.
6448990 L/Sgt. R. Knights, D.C.M., "A," promoted Sergeant, 12–8–29.

TRANSFER TO THE ARMY RESERVE.

6281660 Pte. C. Inge, "C," transferred to the Army Reserve, 16–7–29.
6280492 Pte. G. Carlin (1st Bn. The Buffs), attd. "B" and 723424 Cpl. C. Foad, "B," transferred to the Army Reserve, 18–7–29.
6281667 L/Cpl. J. Betts (1st Bn. The Buffs), att. "B," transferred to Army Reserve, 21–7–29.
6283175 Pte. R. Austin, "C," transferred to Army Reesrve, 22–7–29.
6283176 Pte. L. Jennings, "M.G.," transferred to Army Reserve, 23–7–29.
6281671 Pte. A. Lester (1st Bn. The Buffs), att. "B," transferred to Army Reserve, 31–7–29.
6283179 Pte. J. Wakefield, "C," transferred to Army Reserve under para. 369 (i) K.R.'s, 5–8–29.
6337844 L/Cpl. F. Marchant, "A," transferred to Army Reserve, 13–8–29.
6194981 Pte. D. Knight, "A," transferred to Army Reserve, 3–8–29.

DISCHARGES.

6280386 Pte. E. Hewett, "H.Q.," discharged 14–7–29 under K.R.'s 370 (xxi).
6282988 Drm. T. Wales, "H.Q.," discharged 3–8–29 under K.R.'s 370 (xvi).

DISCHARGE—SUPERNUMERARY STRENGTH.

6278109 Cr.-Sgt. W. Deeks, discharged under para. 370 (xxi), K.R.'s, 2–8–29.
6281975 Cpl. J. Hodges, (Regtl. Depot), discharged under Art. 1024 (*a*) R.W. and para. 370 (viii) K.R.'s.

COURSE—RESULT.

6279670 Sgt. S. Page, "M.G.," attended 31st Q.M.G. Course at S.A.S., Netheravon from 24–5–29 to 19–7–29. Result :—"Qualified I."

POSTING.

6283708 Pte. L. Adams, "C," posted to Chemical Warfare School, Porton, for tour of duty, 1–8–29.
6278173 C.S.M. G. Coaster, "B," posted to 7th Battalion Middlesex Regt .(T.A.) for a tour of duty, 12–8–29.

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THE following correspondence has taken place between the Colonel of the Regiment and Viscount Marsham, Commanding the Guards' Depot :—

Stone Ridge,
Platt,
Nr. Sevenoaks,
September 7th, 1929.

Dear Marsham,

I am writing, on behalf of my Regiment and myself, to say how very sorry we all are that the Guards' Depot is so soon to leave Canterbury. The association between all ranks of your depot and ours has been a most happy one and will always remain a very pleasant memory in our Regiment.

Yours sincerely,
A. LYNDEN-BELL.

Commandants House,
Guards Depot,
Canterbury,
September 10th, 1929.

Dear General,

May I, on behalf of our Depot, thank you most sincerely for your very kind letter.

We shall always remember the innumerable kindnesses we have received from The Depot The Buffs during our stay here.

I can assure you that it will be with sincere regret that we shall leave Canterbury and the many friends we have made in your Depot during our stay.

Yours sincerely,
MARSHAM,
Commandant Guards Depot.

Major-General Sir John Capper, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., will place a wreath on the 24th Divisional Memorial in Battersea Park, London, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, November 23rd, and would be glad if any members of the Division—particularly the 8th Battalion—would be present.

We congratulate Brigadier R. J. F. Hayter on having been appointed Aide-de-Camp to the King.

A marriage has been arranged to take place, very quietly, early in December, between Colonel Sir Courtenay Bourchier Vyvyan, Bt., of Trelowarren, Cornwall, and Miss Clara Coltman Rogers, second daughter of the late Edward Powys Rogers, of Toorilla Plains, Queensland, and of Mrs. E. Powys Rogers, of Tregye, Cornwall. We send our very best wishes.

Lieut.-Colonel W. A. Eaton has arrived in England and has been staying at Dumfermline. He expects to be in London shortly.

Lieut.-Colonel R. F. Pearson, writing from Painswick to Colonel Crookenden says :—

"Thank you so much for giving us down here in Gloucestershire the opportunity for a re-union centred round a regimental family circle. During the hours I listened to the Band I met Admiral and Mrs. Millar, Miss North (aunt of Mrs. Power and Mrs. Morgan), Miss Allen (sister of Brigadier-General Whitacre Allen), Admiral Ommanney (brother of Brig.-Gen. Ommanney), a Canadian and his wife who spoke of Major Chapman, P. A. C. Todd (late "C" Company, 1st Battalion) and now lodge-keeper at Cheltenham College.

I believe, and hope, that Mr. Hewitt and the men enjoyed their stay, it was a very great treat to meet them. On all hands I hear praises of their musical abilities.

One small incident that was reported to me by a gentleman I met in the street :

"I like your men, Colonel. I have just seen one of your cornet players stop, put down his instrument on the pavement, and pick up a parcel for an old lady who had dropped it, hand it over to her with a smile and a very smart and courteous salute.' "

Lieut.-Colonel L. Howard-Smith has been having "a fortnight's fishing trek over the mountains," but should by now be back at Bareilly.

Lieut.-Colonel Bradley-Dyne has returned looking very fit from his annual holiday at Mullion, in Cornwall. We understand that he is doing wonders with his new "Mashie-Niblick."

Major J. V. R. Jackson, who should have embarked with the draft for India on Sept. 20th, was at the last moment, unexpectedly prevented from doing so, and instead spent a few unpleasant hours in Milbank Hospital, where he had to undergo an operation to remove a chicken bone acquired at a farewell luncheon party.

Major Jackson was able to embark on the 25th ultimo.

We have received the following news of Buffs in Nigeria :—

Lieut.-Colonel Rice is still commanding The 2nd Nigeria Regiment, and is stationed at Kano. Captain Griffith and Mr. Knocker have arrived ; the former has been posted to the 4th Battalion at Ibadan, but his company is on detachment at Lagos ; while the latter has been posted to the 2nd Battalion at Kano and so is serving under Colonel Rice. Captain Dudley Lister has recently been spending the week-end at Kano. Captain Lister, by the way, has been appointed a member of the General Council of the Army Boxing Association. The district officer at Yola is Mr. A. G. C. Stainforth, who was in the 1st Battalion during the war and afterwards transferred to the 2nd Battalion and went to India, Mespotamia, and Aden. When the 2nd Battalion went to Portland. Mr. Stainforth joined the R.W.A.F.F. and subsequently went to the Political Service.

We heartily congratulate the 2nd Battalion on their fine work during Divisional Training and the subsequent "War Office Exercises," which has been the subject of much favourable comment from outsiders. Perhaps the most remarkable operation carried out by the Battalion was at the end of Divisional Training, when, having fought all day they marched all night, and taking the enemy completely by surprise in rear, captured two Battalions of infantry, one Battery of Artillery and the whole of a Brigade Staff—not a bad bag.

The following additional subscribers to the Plaques should be added to the list published last month :—

Major G. A. E. Chapman and Mrs. Thornhill.

We have very cheerful news from Mr. Jimmy Crozier, who is still at Tabora, Tanganyika Territory.

We much regret to announce the death of Pensioner Holmes, which occurred at Chelsea last month. The funeral was at Brookwood on the 20th ultimo.

As the result of being a member of the Past and Present Association, Corporal L. S. Jennings, who left the 2nd Battalion about a month ago, has been accepted for the Kent County Police.

The annual re-union dinner for ex-officers of the 24th Division will take place on November 23rd. All interested should write to Mr. Gordon Lindlay, M.C., 25 Furze Lane, Purley, Surrey.

The London Branch is arranging a Tour of the Battlefields next Easter. Details will be placed before the Sub-Committee at the next meeting so that the co-operation of all Branches may be obtained.

Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, Colonel H. Findlay and Captain Corney were present at the London Branch meeting on September 21st. Members attended from Northampton, Berkshire, Herts, Kent, Lancashire, Essex, Surrey, Bucks and Middlesex. Such a gathering of old faces would have been impossible a few years back. It shows what a wonderful feeling the Association creates.

We have to thank Mr. J. Bennell (Sergeant-Major) for his interesting article which appears in this number entitled "Eureka Stockade."

The many friends of Mr. (Dusty) Roullier will be pleased to hear he is still going strong, and is in good employment.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

Shorter.—6279308 C/Sgt. H. Shorter, a son, Paul Rodney Waight, born at Canterbury, 1/8/29.

Stronge.—On August 26th, 1929, at Whichford, Warwickshire, to Elsie, wife of Captain H. C. T. Stronge, The Buffs, a daughter (still-born).

MARRIAGE.

Sanders—Longley.—6282411 Corporal C. H. Sanders, married at Canterbury, 24/8/29, to Hilda Margaret Longley.

DEATHS.

Bryan.—6279862 Pte. J. Bryan. Child Muriel, died at Maida Vale Hospital, Middlesex, 16/8/29. Cause: Meningitis.

Smith.—6278833 Private H. Smith, "A" Company, 1st Battalion. Suddenly in the British Military Hospital, Bareilly, aged 45 years.

Obituary.

The death occurred at the British Military Hospital at Bareilly, on Sunday, August 18th, of No. 6278833 Pte. H. Smith, "A" Company.

One of the old brigade, with twenty-one and a half years' service, respected by all who came in touch with him, and an example to all, this fine old soldier will be sadly missed. His sudden death is the more tragic as he was due to go home on the first ship this trooping season on the expiration of his service.

He was buried with full military honours in the cemetery at Bareilly on Sunday evening, the 18th August.

Ypres British School—*continued.*

Forms for annual subscriptions can be obtained from the Hon. Treasurer or myself.

The Fund of the School is kept at the Westminster Bank, Eton, and is looked after by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. L. Vaughan, Weston's Yard, Eton College.

All communications should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Ypres British School, 9 Baker Street, London.

W. P. PULTENEY, Lieut.-General,
Hon. Secretary,
9 Baker Street,
London, W.

23 *July*, 1929.

Ypres British School.

The School is situated in the Ypres British Settlement immediately West of the Cathedral.

The School was opened in April this year. Separate desks and chairs are given to each child and the latest modern equipment necessary for teaching has been provided.

We have to thank the Education Officer, Brig.-General G. H. Gater, and the officers of the London County Council for securing suitable teachers for the School; it speaks well for the enterprise of these teachers as there were over 100 applicants for the post.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris were chosen and have fully justified the confidence placed in them in every way, no two people could have faced the uphill work ahead of them with more courage; for example, only five of the children understood English properly, yet so successful has been their influence over the children and their parents that at the end of June the numbers attending School were doubled and now number 76 (43 Boys, 33 Girls). An extra room and an assistant teacher had to be arranged for.

In three months all these children were receiving an English Education, and they were being brought up as English citizens to the intense relief of their parents.

I am informed that the system of Education and Technical Training has gained the admiration of all the Belgians who have studied it.

A deep debt of gratitude is due to the assistance given to the School by the Imperial War Graves Commission in bringing in the children from the outlying Cemeteries free of charge; for those who are acquainted with the Salient, I give a list of these places, from which it is easy at once to recognise the magnitude of the work entailed.

1.	Artillery Wood	... Boesinghe
2.	Bedford House	... Zillebeke
3.	Boesinghe Churchyard	
4.	Cement House	Langemarck
5.	Dickebusch	
6.	Hooge Crater	... Zillebeke
7.	La Brigue	... St. Jean
8.	La Plus Douve	... Ploegsteert
9.	Messines Ridge	
10.	New Irish Farm	... St. Jean
11.	Oostaverne Wood	Wytschaete
12.	Passchendaele	
13.	Plugsteert	
14.	Pond Farm	Wulverghem
15.	Railway Dug Out	... Zillebeke
16.	Rifle House	... Warneton
17.	Sprilbank	... Zillebeke
18.	St. Jean Churchyard	
19.	Tyne Cot	Passchendaele
20.	St. Quentin	Ploegsteert

FINANCE.

The Teachers are paid on the "BURNHAM Scale" and altogether we have to find about £800 per annum; it is calculated that each child costs £10 per annum in addition to the fees paid by the parents.

An appeal to some Public Schools, signed by Lord Plumer and Archbishop Lord Davidson, was issued on the 6th of June; from the results of this appeal we can only calculate on being able to pay for the education of 30 children. When it is realised what a benefit the School is conferring, I am certain that the necessary funds will be forthcoming from Companies, Public Bodies, Regiments, Individuals, especially those whose relations are buried in the cemeteries of the Ypres Salient.

(*Continued at foot of next column*).

Round and About.

APPROACH OF WINTER. It would be churlish to complain that winter is threatening for summer has done us very handsomely. Nevertheless Shakespeare was right (as usual) when he said that "Summer's lease hath all too short a date." I hope the quotation is correct because I am momentarily parted from my copy of "The Sonnets." I never shared the high opinion that poets and others had of autumn. I care not for its "mellow fruitfulness," nor for its "mists." Give me the long days and sultry noons and "Close of Play" in the Stop Press of the evening papers instead of "Football Results." But variety is necessary—even in seasons, I suppose—and let us hope for a proper winter and not just a cold, wet one. Talking of wet, a little rain would do no harm, judging by the parched condition of the Oval as I saw it during the last first class cricket match of the season. The clouds of dust raised by the bouncing ball, and the desert-like look of the ground provided a fitting epitaph to a phenomenally rain-less cricket season.

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THE LITTLE SEASON. Bronzed exiles are back from gay Southern resorts and ere long the mighty Nimrods will be journeying townwards from moors and Northern Links. New plays are being produced, and the political parties are preparing for the fray. This last promises some fun. The Government has been smothered in bouquets during a strenuous long vacation (or Recess I believe it should properly be called). The carrots and eggs are ready waiting in their dumps. Its a great life!

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ROAD UP. I cannot remember having seen so many London streets in the hands of the road-menders in September. We are philosophic people in London and even if our 'bus, in order to make the journey from Charing Cross to Temple Bar meanders through back streets off the Strand, we shrug our shoulders and console ourselves with the thought that we are getting a slightly longer ride for our penny. It is comforting, however, to hear that the Lewis Gun-like chatter of the pneumatic road-drill is likely to be silenced.

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A MEETING. While watching a cricket match at the Oval the other day, I heard my name called by a familiar voice, and on turning round self-conciously saw my old friend "Cabby" Saunders (or more properly Prison Officer J. Saunders, late Company Sergeant-Major, 2nd Battalion The Buffs). We sat together on the stone terraces under the great gasometers and talked of old days. Names of places and persons crowded one upon the other. Colonel Beavor and Baldza, that pleasant camp above the plain of Lembet in Salonika. The inimitable Braley, inscutable in the Mess and irrepressible on the stage at company or battalion sing-songs. Captain Guy Tyrell, "Cabby" always enquires most tenderly after this officer than whom no one, officer or other rank, could have had a more cheery, sympathetic and efficient company commander. I could not help much with news of his whereabouts. I said that I believed him to be in Mesopotamia or some other arid country performing prodigies of flying and doubtless enlivening any company with his devastating mimicry and sense of fun. If these words should by a strange chance be read by anyone who is cognisant of the exact whereabouts of Captain G. Y. Tyrell, let him communicate with the writer of these notes so that he may duly inform Captain Tyrell's most devoted old C.S.M.

The last time I met "Cabby" was at the Old Bailey, where he was on duty in his capacity of Prison Officer and where I was present out of that idle curiousity that distinguishes the Londoner. I believe I duly recorded that meeting in an issue of *The Dragon* about that time.

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AND ANOTHER. I discovered not long ago that I have as a neighbour another old Buff, Mr. Osmond, who as far as I can remember did alarming things with bombs at the Citadel, Dover, in 1918. From him I learned that C.S.M. Coveney, whom none could have missed at the Citadel in those days, is now one of the guardians of the masterpieces at the Tate Gallery. I made a special journey to that place one Sunday, although I had been there lately, and was disappointed to find that Coveney had the day off. I was glad to think that he was busy in his garden or smoking his pipe, but sorry that it should be so on that particular day. However, Millbank is not very far as things go in London, and the Tate is a place I like to visit often.

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"GREY DAWN." Here, I believe, is the war book that is going to knock "All Quiet..." and some of the other "phenomenal successes" into a cocked hat. The author's name is Hodson and the publisher is Gollanz.

The trouble with the much landed "All Quiet on the Western Front" is that on thinking it over after reading one feels that it is an admirable tract against war and that it might have been inspired by one of the idealists at Geneva. It may be presumption on my part to criticise a book that has been enthusiastically praised by such an eminent critic as Arnold Bennett, but I cannot help feeling that R. H. Mottram's "Spanish Farm" trilogy is immeasurably greater more balanced and less strident. In fact I feel that if some of the very conscious franknesses were deleted from it (as they have been in a serialised form now appearing), the book would have had a greatly restricted appeal.

Anyway, I recommend "Grey Dawn" to all who find interest in a book dealing with the War.

To the Officer Commanding Depot The Buffs.

Sir,

Please convey my best wishes to all old and young Buffs on parade at our Memorial Service on Sunday next, the 18th, as I am unable to be present, as I regret to inform you that I am staying in the Benenden Sanatorium suffering from T.B. in the left lung, but I am pleased to say only very slight. I have now been in here just ten weeks and I am very pleased to say that I am improving fine and I hope to be on parade next year. I belong to the Ashford Branch of the Past and Present Buffs and I am a postman in the Ashford Post Office. I joined at the Depot on 1/3/01, went to the 2nd Battalion in South Africa in 1902, recalled to the colours on the outbreak of the Great War, went to France with the 1st Battalion twice. I served in France with the 1st Battalion. I was in "D" Company in the 2nd Battalion and "C" Company in the 1st Battalion; so you can realise how my thoughts are with you on that great day.

Hoping you will have a good number on the parade and a nice fine day,

I remain, sir,
Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM MOSELEY,
(Private) late No. 6548.

The National Sanatorium,
Benenden, Kent.

Battles of the Buffs.

No. 41.

ZULU WAR, 1879.

After the wreck of the *S.S. St. Lawrence* on the 8th November, 1876, the 2nd Battalion was stationed in various parts of the Cape of Good Hope and Natal. In September, 1878 it was moved to Greytown for the purpose of guarding the Tugela frontier of Natal from an anticipated Zulu raid, and later was established at Thring's Post in readiness to cross the Zulu frontier.

The Zulus, undoubtedly the most powerful tribe in Southern Africa, had shown themselves too eager to raid into our territory and this campaign was undertaken as a punishment. The army crossed the frontier in three columns. No. 1 column under Colonel Pearson, who until a month before was in command of the 2nd Battalion, moved by the eastern road to Ekowe (or Etshowe). The Commander-in-Chief, Lord Chelmsford, with another column crossed the Tugela river at Rorke's Drift, while the third under Sir Evelyn Wood took a more northerly course.

The garrison of Isandlwana was annihilated by an overwhelming force of Zulus, but the gallant defence of Rorke's Drift safeguarded Lord Chelmsford's communications, and later Lord Chelmsford ended the war by defeating the Zulus at Ulundi.

On the 1st January, 1879 the battalion received orders to march to the Lower Tugela Drift, and on the 12th January crossed the frontier as part of No. 1 column under their late commanding officer, Colonel Pearson. This column consisted of a small naval brigade, two guns Royal Artillery, 2nd Battalion The Buffs, 99th Regiment, 2nd Battalion Native Contingent, and four detachments of Mounted Rifles. The column crossed the river Tugela without opposition and advanced in two divisions to Ekowe, a mission station about thirty-five miles away. For the first few days it rained incessantly. Then it cleared up and on the 22nd January the head of the column, consisting of "F" and "G" Companies The Buffs, under the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel Farnell, with the Naval Brigade and the two guns R.A., was attacked by a Zulu force estimated at 6,000 men. The attack took place at a river near the Ekowe heights about 7.45 a.m., and the head of the column took up a position on a knoll. It was hotly engaged by the Zulus and nearly surrounded. Two other companies were then ordered to skirmish through the bush and clear it, and later, when the enemy had evacuated a kraal, another company and the Naval Brigade attacked some heights beyond it and cleared off a considerable body of Zulus still posted there. They were finally driven off about 9.30 a.m. with a loss of about 300 men. Our losses amounted to two officers and ten men killed and sixteen wounded, but those of The Buffs only came to three killed and died of wounds and three wounded, though both Colonel Pearson and Lieut.-Colonel Parnell had horses shot under them. The column then advanced about two miles and bivouacked that night, reaching Ekowe Mission Station on the morning of the 23rd January. As has been said above, Colonel Pearson's column was only one of three that had entered Zululand and at this time the Zulu course of action was not known. Colonel Pearson was therefore given a free hand to remain at Ekowe or withdraw to the Tugela but was told to be prepared to have the whole Zulu force down upon him and to do away with tents and all possible encumbrances. He decided to remain at Ekowe and to send back the native contingent and almost all the mounted men. "B" and "H" Companies of The Buffs had already marched back to the Tugela as escort to a convoy and did not return but the remainder settled down for a long stay at Ekowe.

On the 27th January news was received of the terrible disaster at Isandlwana where part of No. 2 column had been annihilated. No enemy were encountered near Ekowe until the 22nd February when the cattle guard was attacked and the enemy driven off with a small loss to their side. Ekowe was then found to be surrounded and cut off from the base. Food was short and all tobacco had been finished. On the 1st March a reconnaissance in force surprised and burnt a kraal held by the Zulu chief Cetewayo's brother, and ten or twelve Zulus were killed with no loss on our side. During this time rations were running very short indeed with the exception of fresh beef, and sickness, principally fever and dysentery, increased to an alarming extent. However, a relief force under the Commander-in-Chief started from the Tugela on the 1st April and could be seen in the distance on the 2nd. That morning they were attacked by a strong Zulu force which they completely defeated at Ginghilovo,

and they reached Ekowe on the 3rd April. "B" and "H" Companies returned with the force and took part in this battle.

On the 4th April the garrison of Ekowe marched out after seventy-one days in a very isolated position, reaching the Tugela three days later. From this period till the middle of June they were encamped near the Tugela and were employed on convoy duty. Later they moved via Fort Cradock to Port Dunford and were here when on the 14th July Lord Chelmsford gained the crowning victory of Ulundi.

The Battalion then prepared to embark for the Far East. Their total losses in killed and wounded during the campaign amounted to three officers and twenty-eight N.C.O's and men, of which number seven privates were killed in action. Their losses through sickness were heavier.

South Africa, 1879 was granted as a battle honour and a war medal was issued. It is of note that this was the last campaign in which the Colours were carried in action, owing to the necessity of providing a special escort in the new open method of fighting battles and the need for having all men in the ranks.

E.F.H.

Royal Hospital,
Chelsea, S.W. 3.
19*th September*, 1929.

To the Editor The Dragon.

Dear Sir,

Will you be so kind as to thank Miss Tomlinson very heartily for the four copies of *The Dragon* she so kindly sent to Pensioners Brophy, Merrick, Chisswell and Fairchild, giving such a splendid account of the ceremony at the Cathedral on the 18th of August last.

It hardly needs one to say how grateful we feel for the splendid reception and good entertainment we received on that auspicious occasion, it will be stamped upon my memory, at any rate, for a long time to come. I don't know when I had such a gratifying experience before.

I hope to be able to come and spend a few days at Canterbury in the very near future.

If you should at any time see Major F. H. Keeler, would you kindly convey to him the best respects of his old N.C.O. comrade, Ex-L/Cpl. E. R. Fairchild, No. 3704 "C" Company, 1st Battalion.

I remain,
Dear Sir,
Yours fraternally,
E. R. FAIRCHILD.

Notes on Civil Employment.

BY LIEUT.-COLONEL F. K. HARDY, D.S.O.

During the summer there has been a slight decrease in unemployment, but we must be prepared for the usual increase during the winter months.

It appears that there is a shortage of skilled machinists in the engineering trade. This situation is probably due to so much work being on automatics that few youths learn to become really proficient machinists. Soldiers who had experience in this work before enlistment should consider the advisability of brushing up and improving their skill and knowledge by attending a Vocational Course in Fitting and Turning.

The building trade still offers good chances of employment, and there does not seem to be any noticeable decrease in the amount of building in progress or projected.

There is a remarkable movement of industry from the North to the South of England. Large industrial areas are springing up on the Northern and Western outskirts of London. Slough is rapidly becoming an important manufacturing centre, and the same can be said of many other towns in the Southern counties. This movement makes it necessary for many workers in the North to leave their homes and come South, consequently soldiers, if they want work, must be ready to leave their home areas if work is slack and try their luck in the newly developed districts.

In spite of constant advice and encouragement there are still many soldiers passing through Vocational Centres who are disinclined to buy the tools necessary for their trade. In may trades it is a mere waste of time for men to try for a job without having a kit of tools. No one will ever employ them. Also it is important that a man, if he is to do himself justice, goes to work with tools which he has been accustomed to handle, It is for this reason that soldiers must be prepared to buy their own tools and use them while under training.

The " Outside Courses " at Hounslow are proving a success for those who have a definite aim in view and who have the ability and other attributes necessary for success. One N.C.O. recently stepped straight into a £300 a year post for which he would not have been qualified had he not taken a course. There appears to be a misunderstanding about the " Knowledge of London " course. Motor driving is not taught until the student has passed the Knowledge of London test which is extremely hard. To pass within six months calls for quick wits, a retentive memory, and energy and determination above the average.

It is noticable how few soldiers realise the importance of appearance and clothes when looking for work. In many trades neatness of appearance does not matter–in fact it might be a handicap. Take for instance bricklaying. It would be foolish for men to dress in their Sunday best when looking for work at bricklaying. But in many cases appearance is of the utmost importance and applicants for such posts must be neat and tidy. Clothes should be well brushed, collar spotlessly clean (a stiff white collar is far tidier than a soft one) and a dark-coloured tie carefully tied and pinned down. It is in fact absolutely necessary for an applicant for work to consider how others so employed dress and to imitate them as closely as he can. This advice may appear silly, but I know of really good jobs being lost simply because the applicant's general appearance and turnout gave the false impression that he was not the type of man wanted.

Hounslow.

September 18*th*, 1929.

Records of Other Regiments.

LIII.

THE KING'S REGIMENT (LIVERPOOL).

BATTLE HONOURS.

Borne on the Regimental Colour: The Sphinx (superscribed Egypt), "Blenheim," "Ramillies," "Oudenarde," "Malplaquet," "Dettingen," "Martinique," "Niagra," "Delhi, 1857," "Lucknow," "Peiwar Kotal," "Afghanistan, 1878/80," "Burma, 1885/87," "Defence of Ladysmith," "South Africa, 1899—1902," "Afghanistan, 1919."

Borne on the King's Colour: "Retreat of Mons," "Marne, 1914," "Aisne, 1914," "Ypres, 1914, '15, '17, '18," "Festubert, 1915," "Loos," "Somme, 1916, '18," "Arras, 1917, '18," "Scarpe, 1917, '18," "Cambrai, 1917, '18."

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The 1st Battalion The King's Regiment (Liverpool), recently despatched to Palestine to assist in keeping the Arabs from wiping out the Jewish colony there, has a fine record of service during the two hundred and forty-four years of its existence.

When raised in 1685, the Regiment, commanded by Lord Ferrers of Chartly, consisted of ten companies, eight of which were raised in Derbyshire, one in Hertfordshire, and one in London. The Regiment was known as "Princess Anne of Denmark's Regiment of Foot," and on this lady's accession to the throne of England became "The Queen's."

The Regiment played a distinguished part in Marlborough's campaigns. They formed the rear-guard during the retreat from Nimuegen, when General Kane reported their conduct as follows:—"The Queen's' lost heavily, but they saved the Army, and that was equivalent to the winning of a battle."

In 1716, by Order of King George I., the Regiment was granted its present title of "The King's Regiment," also the badge of the White Horse of Hanover, which it still wears. The King's were the first British regiment to be granted permission to use this crest. In 1751 the Regiment was numbered the 8th Regiment of Foot.

During the American War of Independence, Captain George Forster of the 8th Foot, with 38 of his own men, 10 Canadian volunteers, and 128 Indians, attacked Fort Cedars, garrisoned by 400 Americans, who surrendered. Then the bloodthirsty redskins, who far outnumbered The King's men, wished to murder the prisoners, but Captain Forster and his men threw themselves between the two parties, and by their bold front over-awed the savages. In the whole history of war there are few more noble or humane actions than this. When, a few days later, the Americans sent a force of 700 men to re-take the fort, the attack was beaten off with great loss by Captain Forster's little band of heroes.

The King's Regiment also took part in the war of 1812/14, when the Americans, taking advantage of the fact that John Bull had his hands full fighting Napoleon on the battlefields of Europe, invaded Canada, but were driven out again with heavy losses. In company with The Glengarry Light Infantry (a colonial corps) The King's especially distinguished themselves by crossing the frozen river St. Lawrence, capturing the American blockhouses at Ogdensburg, two armed schooners, two gunboats, and two American Colours. Another detachment took part in the midnight surprise attack on the American camp at Stoney Creek, when four thousand American troops were routed by less than a quarter of that number of British Regulars.

In April, 1813 two companies of the Regiment took part in the defence of York, now called the city of Toronto, against very superior numbers of Americans. The Americans succeeded in taking York but suffered so severely, including the loss of their General, that the retirement was unmolested. In consequence of this gallant defence the Regiment in now allied to The Toronto Regiment of Canada.

The King's Regiment (wearing khaki for the first time) fought gallantly in the Indian Mutiny; also in the Afghan, Burmese, and Boer Wars, winning three Victoria Crosses in the last-mentioned campaign.

In 1881 the old system of numbering infantry regiments was abolished, and the Regiment became The King's (Liverpool) Regiment. Up to that time the Regiment had no particular local associations, but since becoming associated with the Merseyside city the ties of friendship between the Regiment and the city from which it takes its name have become stronger than in most regiments; in fact, it is not too much to say that they provide a striking example of "the territorial system of recruiting" at its best. Liverpool is proud of its Regiment, and the Regiment is proud of Liverpool; the feelings of mutual pride between soldiers and citizens prove that in spite of all the criticisms and abuse which have been levelled at it, the system inaugurated in 1881 can be made a success. When Liverpool met Burnley in the English Cup Final in April, 1914, practically the whole of the 1st Battalion Liverpool Regiment came over from Aldershot, and marched to Crystal Palace, with band and drums complete, to cheer their city's football team. Only a small thing, perhaps, but one of the many small things which have helped to make The King's a Liverpool Regiment in fact, and not merely in name.

When stationed at Talavera Barracks, Aldershot, just before the Great War, the 1st Battalion The King's had a splendid sporting reputation, their cricket and boxing teams being particularly strong. A writer in a military journal expressed the opinion that " The 1st King's was the best trained all-round battalion that marched out of Aldershot in the second week of August, 1914." Certainly The 1st King's were fortunate in possessing a commanding officer of outstanding personality in Lieut.-Colonel W. S. Bannatyne, who no doubt would have risen to very high rank in the war, had he not, unfortunately, been killed at Molenaarelsthoek while commanding his beloved Battalion at Langemarck in October, 1914.

The 1st Battalion served on the Western Front throughout the Great War. On November 11th, 1914, during the First Battle of Ypres, they successfully held their trenches against furious attacks by the Prussian Guard. A famous Highland regiment nearby was less fortunate, and had to evacuate their portion of the line. Therefore The King's found themselves with the Germans as " next-door-neighbours," and the fact was duly recorded in the Battalion Diary that " Our right is now supported by the Prussian Guard."

The 2nd Battalion, stationed at Peshawar in 1914, was one of the British Regular Units which could not be spared for service against the Germans " because their reputation on the North-West Frontier was so good." In 1915 and 1916 they were almost constantly on active service against the Mohmand and Shinwarri tribesmen. In 1918 the Battalion took part in the operations against the Marri tribe, and in 1919 they were engaged in the Afghan War. Early in 1920 The 2nd King's went to the Soudan ; they afterwards went to Iraq, being the last British Infantry battalion to be stationed there, marching out of Baghdad on the 10th March, 1927, exactly ten years after Captain G. K. Harrison of the 1/5th Buffs had hoisted the Union Jack on the Citadel. (" History of War, Mespotamia," Vol. III., p. 247).

Liverpool has always been a stronghold of the Volunteer movement, consequently The King's had no less than six Territorial battalions already existing at the outbreak of war, including some such as the 6th (Rifle) Battalion, the 8th (Liverpool Irish) and the 10th (Liverpool Scottish)—whose names were household words. The late Captain Noel Godfrey Chavasse, R.A.M.C., attached K.L.R., son of the Bishop of Liverpool, won the V.C. for devotion to duty as Medical Officer of the Liverpool Scottish in 1916, and for further acts of gallantry he was (posthumously) awarded a bar to the V.C. in 1917. Only two such bars have been awarded since the V.C. was instituted. The Territorial battalions of The King's (Liverpool) Regiment were billetted in East Kent during the winter of 1914/15.

The 11th (Service) Battalion The King's Regiment was the first infantry battalion of " Kitchener's Army " to be recruited to full strength, in consequence of which Field Marshal Lord Kitchener became Honorary Colonel of the Battalion on 25th August, 1914. It was also one of the first infantry battalions to be converted into pioneers ; it was probably the first New Army Unit to be under fire, and Private Lord, of "A" Company, 11th King's, had the melancholy distinction of being the first member of " Kitchener's Army " to lay down his life on the battlefields of Ypres " for King and Country." Three other privates of The 11th King's who were wounded on 24th May, 1915 had the distinction of being the first members of the " New Army " to figure in the casualty lists.

The King's Regiment raised forty-five battalions during the Great War, and earned fifty-seven new Battle Honours, also ten V.C's, one with a bar, making it a double honour.

Work for Discharged Soldiers.

During August, 213 soldiers completed courses of instruction at the Army Vocational Training Centres, at Hounslow, Aldershot and Chisledon, and 177 obtained immediate employment on leaving the Colours. Twenty-three qualified for Oversea Settlement, while the others took up carpentry, plastering, painting, bricklaying, boot-repairing, motor mechanism, positions of trust, private service and a dozen other occupations.

THE EMPIRE AT ALDERSHOT.

Though marred a little by unfriendly weather, the Aldershot Command and District Horse Show, which was held in the Rushmoor Arena from July 3-6, was a notable success.

The Empire display, which for the last three years has formed an important adjunct to the Show, again proved one of the main attractions.

The object of the display was to bring home to the public the realities of the oversea Empire, its resources and products, and to give those who might be considering the question of settling overseas the opportunity of getting reliable information and advice on the subject.

Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, Southern Rhodesia and Kenya Colony were among the countries represented. The Board of Agriculture had staged an attractive show of British products and the Empire Marketing Board was again in evidence, while, centrally situated, the Oversea Settlement Department stand provided literature and the services of officials with first-hand experience of the Dominions for the benefit of enquirers. The display of Empire products, as in former years, was on a quite magnificent scale. The labour and organisation involved was amply repaid by the keen interest in the display by the large crowds who were constantly passing through the marquees, which covered a floor space of 44,000 square feet.

A new feature of the display, and one which particularly arrested the attention of the visitors, was a model workshop put up by the Army Vocational Training Centre, in which demonstrations were given of the training provided for soldiers during the last six months of their Colour service to fit them for civilian occupations either in this country or overseas. The occupations represented included building, designing, carpentry and joinery, bricklaying, plastering, metal welding, poultry raising, gardening, farriery.

The degree of proficiency obtained by the men in this comparatively short period was impressive. They are, in fact, turned into skilled workmen. The poultry pens proved very popular with the public, and it may be observed that this is a branch of instruction which will prove of considerable value to men who decide to settle on the land overseas. Equally entertaining was the skill shown by the bricklayers in building fire-places in the styles of different periods, by plasterers at work on both plain and ornamental plastering, and by the carpenters and joiners.

Mention must also be made of the stall of the Fellowship of the British Empire Exhibition, on whose oversea scholarship scheme an article appears elsewhere in this issue.

Extracts from the " Overseas Settler," August, 1929.

Records of Other Regiments—*continued.*

Besides the 2nd (Regular) Battalion in India and the numerous battalions in France and Flanders, the Regiment had one battalion in North Russia (the 17th), two with the Salonika Force (14th Battalion and 2nd Garrison Battalion), and two in Egypt (1st and 2nd Garrison Battalions).

R. MAURICE HILL.

Past and Present Association, The Buffs.

NOTICE.

Cases have recently occurred where questions regarding matters affecting the Association have been addressed to individual members of it. The latter, with the best intention and with the idea doubtless of saving trouble, have replied to the questions asked. Unfortunately, in some cases the answers have not been quite correct, with the result that a certain amount of misapprehension has arisen and some inconvenience caused. The Colonel of the Regiment would, therefore, be glad if, in future, members receiving letters affecting the Association would kindly pass them on to the Secretary as it is essential that, for purposes of record and for other reasons, the Secretary should be the channel of correspondence in all matters connected with the Association.

DONATIONS.

During the period 18/8/29 to 18/9/29 the following donations and disbursements have been received and paid :—

	£	s.	d.
G. W. Rivaz, Esq.	2	2	0
Anonymous		1	8
Miss F. Harley	1	1	0
A. H. Charlton, Esq.		2	0
Captain J. E. Enright		2	0

DISBURSEMENTS.

Aug.	19.	Grant	1	0	0
	20.	Grant	1	8	9
	21.	Grant		5	0
	21.	Grant	1	10	0
	23.	Grant	1	0	0
	23.	Grant	1	10	0
	23.	Grant	1	0	0
	23.	Grant	1	0	3
	23.	Grant	2	9	6
	26.	Grant	5	0	0
	29.	Grant	1	0	0
	30.	Grant	1	0	0
	31.	Grant	1	5	6
Sept.	3.	Grant	3	18	0
	3.	Grant	1	0	0
	13.	Loan	1	0	0
	14.	Grant		10	0
	17.	Grant		3	6

NEW MEMBERS.

During the period 18/8/29 to 18/9/29 the following new members have been enrolled :—

Life Members.—Captain H. S. Greenwood, Alderman W. Coleman, C. E. Burgess, A. Payne, C. Ebloke, W. W. Bosworth.

Annual Members.—F. E. C. Allen, G. Taylor, J. L. Clayton, E. C. Lepper, E. Streetfield, C. T. Young, E. Travers, F. J. Pilcher, T. H. Giles, G. Sone, E. Levett, F. S. Macey, W. Marshall, W. A. Norman, G. A. Fuggle, H. Warren, A. Relf, B. H. Woollett, H. White, W. F. Elmslie, J. W. L. Ashdown, A. J. Godden, E. Gowen, H. T. Setterfield, H. Setterfield, J. H. Rutter, R. Marsh, C. Johnson, W. W. Hartley, T. T. Clark, G. Bugden, W. H. Dawson, E. Newby, G. T. Simpson, C. E. Hill, W. J. Booth, E. J. Hughes, S. Gard, W. Hammond, P. F. W. Wright, J. Knight, S. J. Parker, E. E. Marsh, S. G. Adams, R. W. Adkins, G. H. Forwood, W. F. Fuller, E. C. Carter, W. J. Tunbridge, G. Drew, G. F. Miller, J. H. Tickner, H. S. Drew, A. G. Lamb, A. Collins, P. C. Heyward, P. F. A. Pope, R. F. Davis, W. T. Tampsett, W. F. James, L. W. Bean, R. C. Jackman, R. S. Ownsworth, H. Heath, C. J. Burden, W. T. E. Johnson, S. Stokes, H. Colley, A. H. Barton, D. T. W. Reynolds, S. W. Fowler, E. C. Malyon, A. Dunsby, R. Wills, J. Greenberg, J. Austin, R. Attwood, A. Miller, A. H. Watson, H. Britten, J. Harrigan, H. E. Spikin, W. Randall, N. A. James, A. F. Flavell, F. Graves, R. F. Bertouch, J. Hill, R. O. Holman, W. H. Church, J. Flanders.

Associate Members.—A. Apps, G. Newman, P. Waters, Mrs. A. J. Taylor, C. Boorn, Mrs. K. E. Hart, Mrs. H. Hewson.

Ashford Branch.

The monthly meeting was held at the Market Hotel, on Saturday, September 14th. Mr. H. Ades was in the Chair, with Mr. A. F. Tomsett, as Vice-Chairman, Mr. C. Marsh, Secretary ; Mr. E. H. Chambers, Assistant Secretary and Mr. W. Clifford, Pianist.

In opening the meeting the Chairman gave a hearty welcome to our visitors, Capt. and Mrs. Enright from London and Sgt.-Major Howard from The Depot, Canterbury.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, also the cash accounts for the last month, which were accepted and passed as satisfactory.

The Badge presented by Mr. Blackford which the Committee have had framed, was shown, and was greatly admired by all Members present and is one of which all are proud.

The arrangements for the Annual Church Parade, which takes place on Sunday September 29th, were completed and all that is needed now to make it a success is fine weather, for Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell will be on parade, and will place the Branch wreath on the Memorial after the service.

The date for the Branch Annual Dinner has been fixed for November 9th.

Business being disposed of, the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, to which the following members contributed :—

SONG ... ... "Thora" ... MR. P. WILLIAMS.
SONG ... ... "Our 3d. Hop" ... MR. HUNTLEY.
SONG ... ... "O'Flanagan's Band" SGT.-MAJOR HOWARD.
ENCORE ... "Up the Gravel Path asailing" ... ...
SONG ... ... "The Trumpeter" ... ... MR. COOKE.
RECITATION ... ... "The Dandy Fifth" ... ... MR. COURT.
SONG ... ..."A Gay Young Darkie"... ... MR. HUNT.
SONG ... ... "You'll want me back someday" ... MR. BEAL.
SONG ... "Last night was the end of the world "MR. C. WAGHORN.

MR. W. CLIFFORD entertained the Company with the story of the Three Mice.

SONG ... ... "Song at twilight" ... MRS. HUNTLEY.

A most enjoyable evening concluded with "Auld Lang Syne" and "The King." E.H.C.

London Branch.

A meeting of the above Branch was held at the "Phoenix," Victoria, on September 21st last, with Captain Enright in the Chair. The Branch gave a hearty welcome to the Colonel of the Regiment, Colonel Findlay, Captain Corney, Flight-Lieut. Stokes and C.S.M. Farrell.

MINUTES.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.—Letters were read from The Colonel of the Regiment conveying his high appreciation of the way the Branch turned up at Canterbury. Also from Canon Gardiner, expressing his pleasure at being able to have done something for the Branch during the tour of the Cathedral. Further letters were read from the Ashford Branch, Mr. Gordon Lindlay and concerning the shooting match.

GARDEN FETE.—It was proposed and carried unanimously a sum of £5 be granted the Ladies' Guild as a mark of appreciation for the way they have helped the London Branch.

CANTERBURY MEMORIAL SERVICE.—Mr. Green read out the balance sheet respecting the char-abancs and receipt was produced for the sum of £48 paid to Messrs. Tillings. Captain Carter stated he had received from Colonel Findlay a receipt for the sum of £8 11s. 0d. paid for members' lunches on the 18th August. The total strength of the Branch on parade was 153, which—considering the difficulties of early Sunday transport in London which necessitates many making the journey without breakfast,—was an exceptionally fine muster. We hope next year to "double" this figure. Will "Thanet" please note.

THE WARRIORS' CHAPEL.—It was proposed by Mr. Wittering that the Branch should become one of the "Friends of Canterbury Cathedral" and make a donation of One Guinea thereto. The Chairman heartily endorsed the proposal providing the money was earmarked for the Warriors' Chapel. Colonel Findlay explained how such monies were dealt with and Major James also spoke. Captain Carter proposed the Branch should subscribe a sum of £5 for after all the Warriors' Chapel was practically our own Memorial. The proposal of Mr. Wittering was amended and being seconded by Captain Smithe, was carried unanimously in the following words :—

"That this Branch of the Past and Present Association enrols "itself as a member of the "Friends of Canterbury Cathedral" and "that a donation of £5 be made and earmarked for such purpose in "connection with the Warriors' Chapel as the Colonel of the Regiment "may decide."

SHOOTING MATCH.—The Chairman explained the difficulty in procuring a range but would try again. It was decided to send for the targets in the hope of being able to shoot.

THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT.—In welcoming the Colonel, the Chairman spoke of the energy and untiring efforts and tremendous work done for the Branches by General Sir Arthur. In reply, our Colonel spoke of the great pleasure it always gave him to keep seeing so many old faces. He spoke about Electric Fans and Punka Wallahs, and although time may change and do away with the Punka Wallah, it can never do away with the heart of a true Buff. He emphasised the point of members going to other Branch Meetings when they are near them and he would also like to see the serving members visit the Branches when on leave.

MAJOR JAMES.The Chairman thanked on behalf of the Branch, Major James, for giving them such a splendid afternoon on the 18th August. The Major, in reply, said he was only too happy to be of any help he could; it was a great pleasure to do something for the Branch.

MR. FRED SCRAGG, who came up from Hertfordshire, spoke of how, when he joined the Branch, he purchased a *Dragon* and recognised his father's photograph amongst others in a group. He told the yarn in real "Lancashire" dialect which gave an added charm to the rendering.

GREETINGS FROM 1ST BATTALION.—The Chairman read a letter from Major Hamilton introducing C.S.M. Farrow who is home on leave. The C.S.M. was given a hearty welcome and in responding gave the members some interesting data concerning the 1st Battalion Branch.

FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT STOKES.—This gentleman came as a guest and was welcomed. In response, he thanked the Branch for the welcome and hoped he would have the privilege of paying many more such visits.

CAPTAIN CORNEY.—We were specially pleased to see "Corney" looking so well: he told us about Canterbury and The Depot and we hope—now he has found the "Phoenix"—to see him very often.

CONCERT.—Ladies were now invited and Captain Smithe, Chairman of the Entertainments Committee, opened a really first class concert in which the following members and ladies contributed :—

PIANIST	... ...	MRS. DIXON.
SONG	... ... "Long Live the King"	CAPT. COOK, M.B.E.
SONG	... ... "Cum, Cum, Cum" ...	MR. PEACOCK.
SONG	... ... "Mate of Mine"	MRS. BURT.
SONG	... ..."Like to be an Angel"	FROM NORTHAMPTON.
RECITATIONS	... "I want a wee rabbit" ...	MISS ESME BURT.
	"Christopher Robins" ...	MISS ESME BURT.
SONG	... ... "Me and the Man in the Moon"	CAPT. CARTER, M.C.
SONG	... ... "Beneath thy Window" ...	MRS. SPINNER.
SONG	... ... "Ever so Goosey" ...	... MR. TONGE.
SONG	... ... "Selected"	MISS EDNA BURT.
SONG	... ... "Selected" ...	MR. WHITEHEAD.
SONG	... ... "Cries of London" ...	MRS. NICHOLSON.

The concert was brought to a close by the joining of hands and the singing of "The more we are together" and followed by

GOD SAVE OUR KING.

The bunch of heather, kindly presented by The Colonel of the Regiment, realised 15/4 and was won by Mrs. Dicker. The monthly collection amounted to 21/-.

J.E.

Weald Branch.

The Editor has provided us with an admirable Souvenir of the memorable day of August 18th at Canterbury and it is hardly necessary to add anything to the description in the August *Dragon*.

The Branch turned up well and on all sides one heard appreciation of this great meeting of Buffs, and we hope that next year an even greater number will parade.

The Colonel of the Regiment is attending the next meeting of the Branch at Cranbrook, on October 9th and we hope to have a record number of Buffs from The Weald there on that occasion and that the Branch membership will reach the 200 mark on that night.

A.E.L.H.

Medway Branch.

Minutes of a General Meeting held at British Legion Club, Chatham, on Saturday, 31st August, 1929.

Captain A. Barton presided over a meeting of 38 members.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed on the motion of Mr. T. Wheatley, seconded by Mr. H. Barnes.

The correspondence included a letter from the General Secretary conveying the Colonel of the Regiment's thanks to all who attended the parade at Canterbury, on August 18th. A letter from the Colonel of the Regiment to the members of the branch was also read, in which he promised to attend the September Meeting.

The Secretary of the Sports Committee gave an account of negotiations with Sittingbourne Branch for a return shoot, which it was finally decided to postpone until October, at a date to be decided upon mutually by the next meeting. Arrangements were made for a return series of games with the British Legion on Saturday, September 7th.

About this time the President, Alderman Osborne Taylor arrived, and the Branch Annual Dinner was discussed. This was fixed for Saturday 2nd Nov., at 7 p.m., at the British Legion Club, Chatham, the price to be 4/-. Alderman Osborne Taylor generously promised a contribution of £1 to the Dinner Fund.

He then addressed the meeting and said that he had come there that evening with a message from their old friend, General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell. He proceeded to read a letter from him conveying his warmest congratulations to all who took part in the great muster at Canterbury. He referred in glowing terms to the historic parade of Buffs of all Battalions and of all services.

The letter was enthusiastically received and a resolution was passed without dissent, proposed and seconded by Mr. W. King Holt and Mr. Brown respectively that a letter embodying the following resolutions be sent to the Colonel of the Regiment.

"That this meeting desires to record its deep appreciation of the message from the Colonel of The Buffs, conveyed by the President of the branch in connection with the historic re-union and laying-up of the Colours at Canterbury on Sunday, 18th August, 1929."

"That this meeting also desires to place on record its appreciation of the energy and enthusiasm at all times displayed by the Colonel of the Regiment in the interests of the Past and Present Association and its individual members, such as was typified in the wonderfully successful re-union parade."

A collection realised 5/-.

Thanet Branch.

RAMSGATE SUB-BRANCH.

To those who might wonder when they see these I must say that we are really alive after all. The thing is that we have been too busy all this time and have had very little time to mention anything about notes.

Firstly, I must say how everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves at Canterbury on August the 18th and how well the arrangements were carried out.

It was wonderful meeting old pals again and running over old times, but time permitted for all this was too short even though we had practically a whole day to do it all in.

We eventually arrived back safe and sound (the few left), to our own homes still talking about it all and hoping and longing for next year to come round.

As I said earlier we have been busy and now I must mention a few of the things that have kept us so.

The Branch are at present doing their utmost to make a great day of September the 26th. Alderman T. H. Prestedge, the Mayor of Ramsgate, kindly presented a silver cup to be competed for by sections of the Local Detachment of Territorials (4th Battalion). It is to be in the nature of a route march, the distance to be approximately four miles, and the time one hour, with points given or deducted for different items, all of which have been drawn up in a book of rules.

Everything is being carried out by different members of this branch and on that day several will begin to think that they are back again doing their little bit.

Sections from other Detachments of the Company are competing and although they are not eligible to win the cup there are prizes to the value of £15 to be won. The day will finish with a concert where all will be welcome, so now we hope for the best, and in next month's issue of *The Dragon* hope to tell you all about it.

Our membership, thanks to our energetic Secretary, has grown to about 180 with great prospects of more to come along.

I would like to add that our Headquarters are at the Drill Hall, Willson's Road, and our meetings are held every month on the last Tuesday. I mention this because we would like more to turn up to these, which always means a happy evening spent.

For the benefit of all those who visit Ramsgate it is to be hoped that during the winter months we shall be able to run social evenings, so pop along sometimes and you will be assured of a good time.

O.O.T.A.

MARGATE SUB-BRANCH.

Nothing of much importance has occurred this month. The prevailing topic of conversation has been the wonderful Parade Service held on the 18th August. It far exceeded the imagination of most of those who attended. A Lady friend of the Hon. Secretary was so impressed by the affair that she sent him 5/- for the Benevolent Fund. Another friend gave the Secretary a pleasant shock the other day. Whilst playing with him on the Bowling Green he suddenly said: "Its about time I gave you something more for your Buffs Fund and handed him £2 2s. to do what he liked with it. He had previously given £2 2s. to the Benevolent Fund last February. This is most encouraging. His name is Mr. H. Denny.

We are holding a special general meeting of Members at The Buffs Drill Hall on Monday, October 7th, at 8 p.m. The main idea is to frame an Autumn and Winter Programme and to unearth the latent talent which must exist among the 183 Members.

G.T.R.

Folkestone Sub-Branch.

I am sorry that, through pressure of business, my last month's notes were not sent on.

This Sub-Branch would like to offer its congratulations to all concerned in the arrangements made for the wonderful Parade at Canterbury, on August 18th. It was indeed, a most impressive function and one that will remain in the memory of all concerned for many years to come, but it was a pity that such a wonderful day should be marred by the unfortunate breakdown in the luncheon arrangements. How one wished for the efficiency of The Depot !

I am glad to report continued progress. Our numbers are increasing slowly, but surely, and with the coming winter we hope to make many new members.

The usual Monthly Meeting was held ou September 3rd when there was a good muster and our forthcoming social activities were well discussed. Particulars of these will, I hope, appear in the next issue.

SMUDGER.

Canterbury Branch.

GREAT INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP.—For an organisation to commence activities with a membership of thirty and to show an increase of 130 in less than twelve months is an achievement of which anyone might be justifiably proud. Such is the record of the Canterbury Branch of the Past and Present Association, The Buffs, and to the officials, particularly the Hon. Secretary (Mr. T. Holloway) much praise is due. It is a tribute to their enthusiasm and a testimony to the keen interest of those who have served or are serving with the famous East Kent Regiment. While recognising the excellent aims of the Association they rightly regard the organisation as a means of continuing and cementing a friendship that sprang up under conditions, varied in character, in this country and elsewhere, Any society that countenances the spirit of friendliness is to be encouraged and commended, and for that reason it is to be hoped that The Buffs' Association in general and the Canterbury Branch in particular, will continue to flourish and to increase its membership by leaps and bounds. That much progress will be made during the next twelve months there is not the slightest doubt, for the officers have the interest of the Association at heart and are prepared to do all in their power to make each one look upon his membership not only as an honour, but as a pleasure, a privilege, and a medium from which much benefit can be derived.

How keen the members are was evinced by the large number that attended the first meeting of the Canterbury Branch held at the new headquarters, the " White Lion," St. George's Street, on Friday. No less than 120 members attended, and it afforded much pleasure to see present representatives from the London and Dover Branches who had come primarily to give a hearty welcome to the Colonel of the Regiment (Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.) on this, his first visit to the Canterbury Branch. His presence was much appreciated, and the members expressed the pleasure it gave them to have the Colonel with them by according him and Lady Lynden-Bell hearty cheers at the close of the meeting.

Other officers present were Brigadier-General R. McDouall, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., Major F. Keeler, T.D., Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Branch, Colonel H. Findlay, C.B.E., Major F. Foster, Major C. S. Field, O.B.E., Captains E. Carter, J. Enright, G. R. Howe, A. Corney, M.B.E., Lieut. Verlander, and R.S.M. Potter. Mr. T. Holloway, the energetic Hon. Secretary, was also present.

During the meeting Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell addressed the members, and in the course of his remarks he dealt with the aims and objects of the Association, and concluded by thanking the branch for its loyal support. The Colonel's homely address did much to arouse an eagerness on the part of each member to do everything possible for the Association and to use his influence in getting others to join.

Words of wisdom were spoken by Major F. W. Foster and Captain J. Enright, whose interest in the welfare of the Association was obvious from the manner in which they appealed for its support.

After the business had been transacted the members were entertained with songs, etc., and the following contributed to the capital programme :—S.M. Buffy Howard, Messrs. H. Sangers, J. Ives, E. Johnnings, H. Jones, F. Brissenden, Mr. Wiles (with his dolls), and Mr. Geo. Danton (pianist).

Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell had made the journey from Sevenoaks by road, and he, unfortunately, had to leave before the proceedings, terminated, much to the disappointment of all.

Having increased its membership from 30 in November, 1928, when the Branch was first started, to 200, the officers of the Branch are looking forward with every confidence to the future, and they are hoping that many more members will be enrolled before the next annual meeting. By the formation of a Ladies' Guild in conjunction with the Branch, it is anticipated that it will be the means of increasing the membership considerably.

We sincerely trust that the hopes expressed will be fulfilled ; that past and present members of the Regiment will support the Association, and that when the next annual meeting of the Branch is held the Hon. Secretary will be able to report that the second year of the Branch's existence was even more successful than the first.

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The 4th Battalion Drums at Dover.

I MADE my way to the sea-front—it was crowded with visitors and local residents. Row after row of deck chairs lined each side of the Parade and joined at each end so that the whole formed a very large rectangle, up and down which the Drums were to beat retreat.

On the stroke of 7.30 p.m. Drum-Major Tripp marched his men into the arena with all the smartness and precision one could expect from regular soldiers, but these men were Territorials so more power to their elbows as one might say.

Yes ! there ' was ' something missing. The visitor seated next to me enquired the reason the Drum-Major was not in front swinging his " mace " as he termed it. Having explained the difficulties under which a Territorial Corps of Drums laboured and emphasising the fact that only an hour or two ago these men were toiling for their daily bread in the town and fields, my friend was greatly surprised.

" But they're not Territorials," he replied.

" I can assure you they are," I answered.

What my friend could not understand was the fact that the Drums were dressed in red tunics, with all the make-up of a first class regular unit. Again they were strong in numbers, having no less than 38 on parade, including 9 side drums and 4 tenor drums.

After the sounding of " Retreat " the Drums marched up and down playing various airs and the clapping after each was fully indicative of the appreciation of a vast concourse of people. The flutes were beautifully toned and nicely balanced, thus giving the full tone harmony one rarely hears when drums are playing. The side drums were crisp and sharp, proving the interest taken by the side drummers in providing that extra " snare " or two combined with careful beading.

The Drums marched along swinging their shoulders, and heads erect. Drum-sticks each time as high as the chin : counter-marching, covering, dressing and general movement was superb.

I noticed that Regimental March was followed by " A Farmer's Boy," which seemed very appropriate. I also thought a slow march to " The Men of Kent " would prove attractive, but perhaps next year Drum-Major Tripp might give us this treat.

After the Drums had completed their programme I was tackled by a possible Drum-Major of the Garrison, who had overheard my previous conversation.

" Of course these ' Terriors ' ought to be good," he said. " They have their men and keep them : not like us, always sending drafts to the foreign service battalions ! "

I reminded him he was backing the wrong horse as I always understood whenever a " drummer " went overseas it was always in exchnage for a " drummer " coming home. Moreover, he had his " drummers " all day specialising, whilst the Territorials could only practice when their civil employment provided the opportunity.

" You seem to know a lot about it," spoke the possible " Drummy " from the Garrison.

" Yes ! I was a Drum-Major myself for some years," I replied.

To be perfectly candid the 4th Battalion Drums are really top-hole, and I am confident if there is ever a competition open to " Territorial Drums," they will walk away with it. They are as good as a regular Corps of Drums, and infinitely better than a great many. In conclusion, I say well done Tripp and your merry " drummers." You have a wonderful " Buff " spirit.

J.E.

Matters of Interest.

Regimental Alliances.

The King has been pleased to approve the following alliances :—

The Vancouver Regiment, Non-Permanent Active Militia of Canada, to The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Supplementary Reserve.

shortage of officers.

An instruction issued by the War Office recently calls attention to the fact that there are numerous vacancies in the Supplementary Reserve of Officers and urges all Commanding Officers to endeavour to obtain such officers as are still required to complete the strength of their regiments up to approved establishments. At present, a few cavalry and infantry regiments have no Supplementary Reserve officers at all on their strength, and several others have only one towards an establishment of nine ; the Royal Engineers are in need of candidates qualified in general engineering ; the Royal Tank Corps and Royal Army Service Corps of candidates who have passed through technical and mechanical schools or are connected with the motor industry ; and the Royal Army Medical Corps of qualified medical men.

The Supplementary Reserve has been organised with a view to bringing the Regular Army up to war establishment on mobilization, and its officers are liable to be called out on service when the Army Reserve is called out by Proclamation. Officers who have completed the prescribed training receive an annual gratuity of £25, in addition to pay and allowances when on duty ; an outfit grant of £50 is also given to those appointed to the Cavalry, and a similar grant of £40 to those appointed to other arms.

Candidates for commissions must have attained the age of eighteen and not be over thirty, and have permanent residence in Great Britain or Northern Ireland.

The preliminary training in the case of the Cavalry and Royal Tank Corps, is for two, three or four months, and in the case of the Foot Guards and Infantry, for one, two or three months according to whether candidates hold Certificate "B" Officers' Training Corps, Certificate "A" Officers' Training Corps, or no certificate at all. This preliminary training may be spread over a period of four years provided that not less than one month's training be carried out in any one year, and the training is in consecutive years. The period of annual training for these arms is three weeks ; but this period again may be reduced to one week a year or two weeks in alternate years, when the period of preliminary training has been extended by three months.

Details of the training periods for other branches and further information are given in the pamphlet "Supplementary Reserve of Officers—Conditions of Service." Copies of this pamphlet and forms for application for a commission (Army Form B.201), may be obtained from Officers Commanding Regular units (including depots), or contingents of the Officers' Training Corps, or from the Under-Secretary of State, The War Office, London, S.W. 1.

Withdrawal of the British Troops from the Rhine.

Orders have been issued for the withdrawal of the British troops from the Rhine to commence on 14th September. The evacuation will be spread over a period of approximately three months and the movement of personnel will be carried out by the existing line of communication via Ostend to Dover. As a rule families will come in advance of units. Animals will be conveyed via Antwerp to Harwich, and heavy luggage, stores and vehicles will be brought by barge down the Rhine and thence by War Department vessels to various ports in the United Kingdom.

The order in which units will, under present arrangements, arrive in this Country and the Stations to which they will proceed will be as follows :—

2nd Bn., The Leicestershire Regt.,	for	Catterick.
2nd Bn., The Dorsetshire Regt.,	,,	Portland.
19th Field Brigade, Royal Artillery,	,,	Newcastle, Sheffield and Larkhill.
8th Hussars,	,,	Aldershot.
Section (Armoured Cars) 3rd Bn., Royal Tank Corps,	,,	Lydd.
2nd Bn., The Royal Welch Fusiliers,	,,	Tidworth.
1st Bn., The Prince of Wales' Vols.,	,,	Catterick.
Royal Corps of Signals,	,,	Catterick.
7th Field Company, Royal Engineers,	,,	Colchester.
28th, 29th & 34th (M.T.) Companies, Royal Army Service Corps,	,,	Catterick and Aldershot.
2nd Bn., The Hampshire Regt.,	,,	Catterick.
2nd Bn., The Royal Fusiliers,	,,	Colchester.

In consequence of the return of the troops from the Rhine, the following moves of units at present in this country will also take place :—

1st King's Dragoon Guards, from Aldershot to Tidworth.

3rd Carabiniers, from Tidworth to Canterbury.

39th Field Battery, Royal Artillery, from Larkhill to Newcastle.

13th Field Brigade, Royal Artillery, from Edinburgh to Aldershot and Dunbar.

59th Field Company, Royal Engineers, from Catterick to Bordon (temporarily).

2nd Battalion, The Cheshire Regiment, from Tidworth to Aldershot.

3rd Battalion, Grenadier Guards, from Aldershot to London District.

1st Battalion, The Essex Regiment, from Colchester to Pembroke Dock.

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War-Office, September 23rd, 1815.—IN consequence of the distinguished conduct of the 3rd regiment of foot in the passage of the river Douro, on the 12th May, 1809, his Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been pleased in the name and on the behalf of his Majesty, to approve of the word "*Douro*," being borne upon the colours and appointments of the 3rd foot, in addition to any other badges or devices which may have been heretofore granted to that regiment.

The Buffs and the Victoria Cross.

At a parade of all troops in Kamptee in 1897, General Westmacott, K.C.B., D.S.O., presented Cpl. Smith of The Buffs with the Victoria Cross and Pte. Poile of the same regiment with the Distinguished Conduct Medal, which were awarded them for gallantry in the Mahmur Valley, in September, 1897.

General Westmacott in his speech to the troops said :—

"Officers, N.C.O's and Men of the Nagpur Command, you are paraded here to-day, by Order of Her Most Masjesty the Queen, to witness the presentation of the Victoria Cross to Cpl. Smith of The Buffs. It is the highest of valour and it is open alike to officers and

men, and is the ambition of every soldier. Four men of Cpl. Smith's section were awarded the D.C.M. at the same time, a decoration second in value only to the Victoria Cross. Ptes. Nelthorpe, Lever and Finn have already received these medals at the hands of Her Most Gracious Majesty at Windsor, and Pte. Poile is here on parade to-day. The circumstances under which these brave men won these decorations were as follows :—

On the evening of the 16th September, 1897, The Buffs were returning to camp, fighting their way inch by inch, in one of those rear-guard actions we all know so well, against a large force of an invisible enemy. A call was made on the Regiment for an escort for a wounded officer in a doolie, Major Moody, who was in command of the rear-guard, told off the left section of "G" Company as they happened to be nearest. This was Cpl. Smith's section, consisting of twelve men all told. They nearby found the wounded officer, but they came across No. 8 Mountain Battery with some Sappers to whom they attached themselves. Being very hard pressed it was decided to bivouac for the night in the village of Bilot. That part of the village which was not occupied by the little force was held by the enemy who set fire to the village to try and drive our people into the open. Lieuts. Watson and Cohen (both decorated since with the Victoria Cross) with Cpl. Smith's section and same sappers made two desperate attempts to drive the enemy out of the village. Cpl. Smith twice severely wounded, still continued to his command section, and only laid down when he received a distinct order to do so, and even then continued to fire on the enemy. Ptes. Poile, Finn and Nelthorpe were also awarded the D.C.M. for their conspicuous gallantry on this occasion ; these men were all wounded. The little force were relieved from camp in the early morning, but not before two were killed and five wounded out of that section of twelve men.

Now I suppose most of us, in broad daylight after breakfast with all our comrades looking on would look pretty straight at anything, but these men won their glory in pitch darkness, soaking wet and with no food and no gallery to applaud them, and I for one, say all honour to them and their decorations and that they were bravely won. Colonel Ommaney and men of The Buffs, let me congratulate you on having men in your Regiment, and also the honour it is to you to be able to call them brother Buffs. Remember this was no selected section, it was no picked body of men, Major Moody took the first section that came to hand, and I say we must take them as a fair sample of what other sections throughout the Regiment are. Cpl. Smith, Ptes. Poile, Lever and Nelthorpe are worthy successors to those pioneers in following Lieut. Latham, who, in spite of losing his arm saved the " King's Colours " and won the Gold Medal which was the Victoria Cross of those days at Albuhera, that battle where The Buffs went into battle 750 strong and only 65 answered their names at evening roll-call. Major Maude, as he was then, won the Victoria Cross at the assault of the Redan when leading The Buffs, and General Sir Mark Walker won the Victoria Cross in the Crimea War, and still lives to wear it, and last but not least, Pte. Moyse was taken prisoner in China and when offered his life if he would make obedience to their gods, said he would sooner die than disgrace his country's name, and he died a hero.

You Buffs were raised in 1572 and your records from Blenheim to Malakand are more than there is time to follow now. It is a grand record, and one your country may be proud of, your strength and vitality is largely due to the excellent esprit de corps that exists throughout the Regiment, and that the feeling that you all have from the Colonel down to the smallest boy that The Buffs are the finest regiment in the world bar none. Encourage this feeling and never lose sight of it, and whatever The Buffs may be called upon to do will be well done, and you will in the future equal, if it may not be possible to surpass, these grand old traditions of the Regiment which extend over a period of 300 years.

I am very proud of being the channel through Her Most Gracious Majesty who has granted these decorations, and I shall always look back with pleasure that the last duty I had to perform before laying down the command has been so pleasant a one."

TECHNICAL CAREERS FOR BOYS.

It is officially stated that over 2,000 boys are now being trained at Chepstow, Gosport, Catterick, Woolwich and other Centres for technical work in the Regular Army. Next winter there will be vacancies for approximately one hundred and fifty more. Candidates for these vacancies must be between the ages of fourteen and fifteen years four months on 1st January, 1930, except those for training as Masons, who must be between the ages of fifteen years eight months and sixteen years four months on that date. They will be selected in November by competitive examination in English, Arithmetic and General Intelligence. Successful candidates will secure the opportunity of spending three or four years in learning one or other of a variety of trades, including such trades as armourer, artificer, carpenter, draughtsman, fitter and signal operator. During their apprenticeship the boys will be maintained free of cost to their parents, and in addition, will receive payment of 11d. a day at the commencement of their training with increases according to their efficiency up to a possible maximum of 1s. 7d. a day, these rates being for a full seven-day week.

All applications must be lodged by 14th October next. The booklet " CAREERS FOR BOYS," which contains full particulars may be obtained free, together with forms of application and specimens of past examination papers from the nearest Recruiting Office, the address of which may be obtained from any Post Office, or from the War Office, London, S.W. 1.

Dear Sir,

Would you kindly forward me an August *Dragon*, also one of July if you have one, for which I enclose order for 1/4.

Perhaps it would interest readers of *The Dragon* to know how far it travels after I have finished with it.

From me it goes to my sister-in-law at Negri Sembilan, Federated Malay States, from there to Singapore, then to Nelhi, from there to Rantau and Penang.

Granville House,
126 Middle St.,
Deal.

I remain,
Yours faithfully,
CHARLES FOAD,
(Late Cpl. 2nd Bn. The Buffs).

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The Buffs Golfing Society.

Autumn Meeting Arrangements.

Presentation to Royal St. George's.

THANKS to the kindness of the Committee and Members of Royal St. George's, the autumn Meeting will be held over their course on October 16th and 17th, and a match against the Golfing Society of The Royal Warwickshire Regiment on October 15th. On October 18th there will be a match *v.* Prince's, and on the following day a match *v.* The Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club at Deal. A five-day programme over three championship courses, therefore, awaits the Society, and it is hoped that many will be able to enjoy it.

So far the following have notified their intention to be present :—

Major-General Sir A. Lynden-Bell.

Brig.-General R. McDouall.

Colonels J. Body, H. Findlay and W. H. Trevor.

Lieut.-Colonels C. E. Baynes, J. Crookenden and F. B. Dyne.

Majors Eric Clarke, A. Stuart Elmslie, F. S. Reeves, H. S. Hardy, C. S. Field, G. D. Hickman, H. de R. Morgan, and A. B. Thomson.

Captains S. Baker, J. V. Hitchcock, W. C. Lamarque, J. R. Willows, A. Howard Reed, Dampier Palmer, J. M. Pritchard, D. S. Greenwood and H. H. C. Baird.

Lieutenants T. N. Penlington and J. E. King.

Messrs. H. F. Whitfield, A. H. Goodall, L. B. Watson, O. F. Falk, R. E. Knocker and R. M. Bourne.

The Hon. Secretary will be glad if those who have not yet returned their entry form will do so as early as possible.

Competitions.

The competitions at the Autumn Meeting will be :—

(*a*) The Paget Cup for the best score on handicap over 36 holes, 18 holes being played on the morning of each day.

(*b*) The best gross score over 36 holes to take place concurrently with (*a*).

(*c*) Senior Medal, *i.e.*, the best 18 holes on handicap on either day for those with a handicap of 13 and under.

(*d*) Junior Medal : same as above for those with a handicap of 14 and over.

(*e*) The best last 9 holes in *second* round of Paget Cup.

(*f*) The Lynden-Bell Trophy, *i.e.*, 18 holes Bogey Competition on the afternoon of the first day.

(*g*) Optional Bogey Foursomes on the afternoon of the second day ; partners by mutual arrangement.

There will be optional 2/6 sweepstakes on events (*a*), (*c*), (*d*), (*f*) and (*g*).

Ties, if any, will be played off on the afternoon of the second day.

Headquarters.

The Headquarters of the Society will be at the Guilford Hotel, Sandwich Bay, the terms being 18/6 per day, exclusive of early morning tea.

There will also be accommodation at the Depot for a limited number : application should be made to the Mess President.

Entrance Fee.

The entrance fee will be 10/- : there will be no green fee.

Annual Dinner and General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting will take place in the billiard room of the Guilford Hotel at 7.30 p.m., on Tuesday, October 15th, and will be immediately followed by the annual dinner.

Agenda for Annual General Meeting.

(1) Appointment of Vice-President, Captain and Hon. Secretary for next year, vide Rule IV. (2).

(2) Minutes.

(3) Hon. Secretary's Report.

(4) Any other business.

Honorary Secretary's Report.

1. Membership—On 30th August the number of members was 157, showing an increase of 4 on the total of last year.

2. Matches—(*a*) Since the Autumn meeting of last year, and up to and including 30th August, the Society has played 11 matches, winning 5, losing 5 and halving one.

   (*b*) The Committee propose that the following matches be arranged if possible, for next year :—

   Littlestone ; Royal St. George's ; Aldershot Command ; Rye ; Royal West Kent Regiment ; Prince's ; Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club ; Canterbury ; Wrotham ; and Royal East Kent Yeomanry.

   Members wishing to arrange other matches are asked to notify the Honorary Secretary.

3. Finance—The amount standing to the credit of the Society on August 15th was £19 14s. 3d., a decrease of £2 13s. 6d. as compared to that of last year, caused by a regimental flag having been bought at a cost of £3 17s. 6d., and by a donation of One Guinea being sent to the Rye Lifeboat fund.

   In addition the Society also holds ten £5 debentures in the Canterbury Golf Club.

4. Bogey Foursomes.—Several members having expressed the desire that a Bogey Foursomes competition might be held on the afternoon of the second day of the Autumn Meeting this has been provided for.

5. Presentation to Royal St. George's.—At a Committee Meeting held at Canterbury on Thursday, August 8th, it was decided that a presentation should be made to Royal St. George's and that those wishing to subscribe should be invited to send their donations to the Hon. Secretary prior to the Autumn Meeting. It has been decided that the presentation shall take the form of a notice board for the entrance hall.

6. Arrangements for next year.—The Committee recommend that, if possible, the Autumn Meeting be again held at Royal St. George's, and that it be left to the vote of members as to whether the Easter Meeting be held at Aldershot, Littlestone-on-Sea, or Prince's.

Match v. Canterbury.

The Society is much indebted to the members of the Canterbury Golf Club for this most enjoyable day and for all the kind hospitallity given to our members. The course was playing wonderfully well and, on all sides, could be noticed the good work put in by Captain H. S. Greenwood since he has taken over the Secretaryship.

H. H. C. BAIRD, Captain,
Hon. Secretary.

The 1st Battalion.

THE midsummer reliefs to the hills are now complete and we have "B" Company back in Bareilly, very fit and full of energy after their sojourn in Ranikhet. It is pleasant to have a portion of the Band back too, though we shall have to wait until October before Mr. Salmon comes down with the boys and the Band is at full strength again.

The gloomy predictions that the monsoon was once more to be a failure have fortunately not come true, and though, at the time of writing, Bareilly has scored some six inches below the average for the time of the year, we have had more than enough rain for our comfort, and frogs, snakes, mosquitoes and flying ants are now at the very top of their form. The soft ground makes conditions for Rugby football ideal, and some strenuous games are to be seen almost every afternoon. The most important match played so far was one between a fifteen of officers of the station and a fifteen of other ranks. The latter were the heavier team by far, and it was calculated that their average age was less than the officers by some ten years. In spite of these advantages, they only managed to win the match by the narrow margin of five points, 12—8 being the final score. From these two teams will be chosen the fifteen to play Dehra Dun who are paying us their annual visit at the end of the month.

The Buffs Golfing Society—*continued.*

MATCH *v.* CANTERBURY.

THURSDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1929.

Lost by 13 Matches to 4.

The Buffs.		*Canterbury.*	
Capt. H. F. Whitfield (2 up) ...	1	C. Powers	0
I. C. Child (halved)	0	Capt. R. Forrest (halved) ...	0
Col. F. Bradley Dyne	0	Dr. C. E. Murphy (1 up) ...	1
Col. H. Findlay	0	P. S. C. Sutcliffe (6 & 4) ...	1
Capt. A. Howard Reed ...	0	F. S. Martin (4 & 2)	1
T. N. Penlington	0	Col. H. B. McCormick (5 & 4)	1
V. Boucher	0	Col. C. S. Fellows (2 & 1) ...	1
Major G. D. Hickman (7 & 6)	1	Dr. H. Wacher	0
Major E. G. Wastall	0	C. C. Williamson (10 & 8) ...	1
R. E. Knocker (2 & 1) ...	1	C. French	0
Capt. H. S. Greenwood ...	0	Dr. M. A. Collins (3 & 2) ...	1
Major C. S. Field	0	Col. E. F. Twist	1
FOURSOMES.			
Whitfield and Reed	0	Powers and Martin (4 & 3) ...	1
Dyne and Findlay	0	Murphy and Sutcliffe (3 & 2)	1
Penlington and Morris ...	0	McCormick and Dean (4 & 3)	1
Boucher and Hickman ...	0	Fellows and Wacher (5 & 3)	1
Wastall and Knocker	0	Williamson and French (6 & 4)	1
Greenwood and Child (3 & 2)	1	Collins and Twist	0
Total ...	4	Total	13

It is hoped to start polo again on the 15th September, by which time the ground should be in splendid condition. Ponies are being hardened up, and there is quite an unwonted air of activity about everyone's stables, a welcome sight after two months' stoppage. An authentic rumour has it that the Infantry Cup Tournament is to be held at Bareilly next spring, this for us will be a godsend, as hitherto this tournament has been held at stations so far distant as absolutely to preclude a team being entered. It seems now, though, as if we are to have a share of fortune.

Golf has occupied a great many people since the rains began, and the links are crowded every evening. The Secretary, Captain Bouverie-Brine, of the I.A.S.C., himself an old Buff, having served in the 8th Battalion during the war, is to be congratulated on the tremendous improvement he has made on the links, three holes have been added and "the browns" are now in very good order.

Speculation is rife as to the chances of the battalion team in the Durand Football Tournament which begins at Simla next month. This tournament is open to teams from all British regiments and brigades of artillery, Ordnance Corps, Corps of Clerks (British and Indian), and the Auxiliary Force. Last year we fought our way into the semi-final, this year the team having had considerably more experience of play in this country, we hope for better things. Provided our team can stay the course, up to the semi-final stage, the final result of their efforts will not be known until the end of September; no doubt, we shall be able to give readers next month some idea as to how matters are progressing.

We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Jamal Dar of the Indian Army, unattached list, who has come to us for his initial attachment.

We shall shortly be losing Mr. Hughes and Mr. D. A. Surve, who have been attached to us for the past year, and will be joining their permanent regiments early in October. We shall miss them both very much; the athletic achievements of the former, to say nothing of his prowess at pig-sticking, we shall long remember. Our good wishes go with them in their career in the Indian Army, and we hope that their time with us has been a happy one.

Sergeants' Mess.

More or less, everyone has had, or is having a " spot " of leave ; events of late do not need much recording.

Our esteemed " Wallingford " has at last torn himself away from the duties of C.Q.M.S. of the Wing to visit his family in the hills. Only for a short period we understand, it being necessary that he should return before the last pay day of the month in case someone should get overpaid. How we miss his cheery voice, explanations, and descriptive narratives of his arduous life. Another thing sadly lacking is the afternoon cup of tea and biscuits liberally supplied to his neighbours. I expect he is now telling the tale of the bandage no the sweeper's hand.

Taking things in the reverse order of occurrence, our Football Team blossomed forth on the 12th inst. to meet a rather formidable team from the Club, and although beaten by the odd goal in three, it was a very good and even match. The return match takes place next week. Meanwhile competition is rife for places in the team, and the manager has ordered practice at 05.30 hours on Thursday. The team at present stands :—Whitehead ; Goss and Meakin ; Hadaway, Vale and Papworth ; Stace, Massey, Truby (Captain), Chambers and Larkin.

Dick Norton is again with us, his matrimonial turn on the first night appeared to be very appropriate, being the occasion of the visit of the daughter of the " Burrah sahib," much to the surprise of many. I suppose we shall see the announcement in *The Dragon*. What a pity it's so late arriving, everyone would have been prepared.

We are also eagerly awaiting the announcement by the " Burrah sahib " which will appear under another heading. (Burra pegs all round.)

"C" Company, "M.G." Company and the Drums and details of " H.Q." are now at Ranikhet, whilst "A" and "B" take it in turns to do duty and I.T.

Ranikhet appears to be very delightful at present ; married men returning before the expiration of their leave, bad weather they say, but who would believe them.

Bareilly these days is damp but quite cool.

The members at Bareilly have developed the Bridge craze, which seems to be another source of income to Q.M.S's and such like persons.

A miniature range shoot was arranged against the R.A. and I.A.S.C. Messes on Sunday, the 11th, and we were successful by 271 points to 193 points. Congratulations to the aggregate individual winners : Sgt. White (R.A.), Sgt. McQuade (I.A.S.C.), and Sgt. Goss, being the 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. Winners of Pool Bulls were S/Sgt. Ellison (I.A.S.C.), Sgt. Goss and Sgt. Meakin.

Our billiard table has been renovated and a game can now be enjoyed. Another acquisition to the Mess is the resting place for the silver ; two handsome stands having been made by Sgt. Louth, who we are sorry to say will be leaving us this season.

During last month we met the Corporals at a series of games in which we were defeated. As we shall meet them again shortly perhaps the order will be reversed. The Corporals secured the victory in the Football and Cricket Matches, and also beat us at Billiards. Crib was also another recorded win, but other results appear to be a little mixed.

We were all very pleased to see Tubby Lane mentioned in the Depot Notes last month, and to hear news of our " Waxy " doing well at Lydd.

Sgt. Turner has left us for a tour at the Small Arms School, and has, I understand, taken up boxing again, with, I expect, a view of a " rest " in Mussorie.

Sgt. Cross is now in Mandalay ; rather quiet by reports, but the additional pay compensates that.

We welcome L/Sgt. Robinson to the Mess on his appointment.

Vale still keeps in trim fishing : no doubt Faulkner is missed. What, by the way, is he doing ? Keeping very quiet ; no news from that side of the water.

R.Q.M.S. Evans is proceeding on furlough this winter, and " Jock " Clayton thinks 31 years is long enough to serve and is going on a Vocational Course, likewise Sgt. Curtis. L/Sgt. Eldridge is also leaving for civilian life. Other departures will include Sgt. Morgan to the Home establishment, and C.S.M. Williams, Sgts. Stace and Papworth for a tour at the Depot.

Sgt. Brophy is, we understand, going to relieve Sgt. Burt at the M.G. School, Ahmednagar. Sgt. Hadaway will soon be leaving that dwindling band of " neglected " single members.

Some interesting pieces of literature have recently been presented to the Mess by the authors, notably " Double " by A. Meakin, " Trick Shooting " by Thos. E. J. Pratt, " Collectors " by J. Goss, and " Seen and Unseen " by W. Hadaway.

PRO TEM.

"C" Company.

This month finds us having left the sweltering plains and now enjoying the cool and bracing air of Ranikhet. Well, by us I mean the biggest part of the Company. Quite a few pleaded indispensability and managed to " Scrounge " out of it. Still we shall see most of them again before the much talked of boat comes in.

Major Whitaker came back from leave, apparently just to see how we were, for he buzzed off again a day or two later, to attend a P.T. Course we are told. However, he is back again now, for good let us hope, although he does not seem over enthusiastic about the road walk and run at the school. From personal observations I know that similar views are shared by Mick, Taffy and Bert.

Lieut. H. De L. Walters has returned from leave in England only to meet with a misfortune of being kicked by one of those Monsoon Bugs peculiar to Ranikhet, and having to attend hospital for a few days. We are pleased to see he is getting better.

Captain Webster has gone on leave to England.

Lieut. C. G. Hill has handed over his numerous duties and disappeared somewhere. We understand he has gone on leave to Ceylon and afterwards Calcutta. We hope he has a good time.

Sgt. Cox sneaked off the other day on a " Tattu " to Naini Tal. We could not say if he went all the way there and back in that manner, he is rather non-committal on the subject. Which reminds me : I believe I have found a cure for some of those offensive remarks contained on a C.C.M.A's report and also, indirectly, for another one of my " Brass Ups." Whilst wandering aimlessly about I heard the following :— " Class—2nd Muscle Exercise, Standing—Load, Squad—Aim. On the command one take the right hand away : on the command two take the left hand away." I was unable to hear what one does on the command three, but presumably it was equivalent to Take Up Arms.

We hear that L/Cpl. Beauchamp, who left us last Trooper, is doing well ; earning £3 14s. 0d. a week. Furthermore we hear that he is top in the bowling analysis in his part of Croydon, and that at one match he took eight wickets for two runs. He admitted that their opponents were a weak side, but omitted to mention that they came from St. Dunstan's. This savours strongly of " Spearmint " as he did not play for his Company. Possibly Glazier and Lieut. Foster overlooked him.

1st Battalion The Buffs outside Chitral Fort, May 1895.

The names of the mounted Officers are—(Left to Right)—Major R. A. Hickson, Lt.-Col. G. E. Harley, Capt. and Adjt. A. Lynden-Bell.

Congratulations to our old Whist Drive organiser and Weapon Training expert, Sgt. Crump, on his tying of the Matrimonial Knot. I am afraid "Tubby" will not hand over the Tea Service now though, Chris.

We also notice that L/Cpl. "Charlie" Edwards is keeping up his reputation in the Home Battalion, being a very close second for the prize for the best all-round athlete in his Company. "Keep it up, Charlie."

The Company generally has been struck off duties for the purpose of the Annual Musketry Course. We have just finished the Rifle Instruction and are busily engaged with Ts.O.E.T. It appears that we shall have to "get our eyes down" if we are to retain the title of "Best Shooting Company." At least, we shall have very much the same conditions as "B" Company, who did extremely well. They also fired at Ranikhet.

We have had a fair amount of sport up to the present. Owing to the shortage of grounds there are not so many men who get out as would like to. For instance, we get the Football Ground for three games in two weeks. This cannot be helped as there are so many Units for it to be allotted to. We have not done too badly in the games we have played. Out of five games we have won three, drawn one and lost one. During this part of the season we get the monsoon, and the ground is invariably half-covered with water; consequently, we very seldom see teams giving their best. Owing to several of our regular players going away either home or to the "M.G." Company, we are building our team up ready for the inter-Company Tournament which commences shortly. What we are trying to find now are some forwards who can shoot quickly and accurately. Vasey, filling the inside-left position, is our only really dangerous forward at present. Bartlett and Pitchford are playing well together in the best line of defence, and L/Cpl. Belcher has the markings of a good left-half. He works very hard. Price is becoming quite a good goalkeeper.

We have also had two games of Rugby against the Signals. This department, one of the finest games we have, does not get the amount of attention it deserves. The game cannot be played unless it rains as the ground is tremendously hard, resembling a granite road. Consequently, we get on the average about twenty games in a year. Our first game was played with about five players who had actually played before, the remainder hadn't the foggiest idea of what they were to do. We were lucky in meeting a side who knew little, if anything, more than we did. Glazier and Belcher hardly had enough wind to run with the ball, having expended it all shouting instructions. Towards the end of the first half Belcher secured the ball from a scrum, passed out to Glazier who ran on and transferred to Miles. He covered the remaining ten yards and scored our only try. Belcher failed to convert. Half-way through the second half the Signals scored a try which also was not converted. The game ended in a draw 3—3. Our team was:—*Back*, Harland; *Threes*, Glazier, Miles, Warren and Taylor; *Halves*, Belcher and Mitchell; *Forwards*, Goldsack, Tugwell, Davie, Cpl. Farrell, Welfare and Hayman. We gave our team some instruction, as also did the Signals, with the result that we played them again on the 7th inst. and won 8—0. We had one or two of the "M.G." Company on our side. The forwards worked exceptionally well, and stuck to the ball like leeches. We got the ball out from the scrum almost every time and back from the "line-out." Warren scored our first try, which Tugwell failed to convert. Our second try was the result of a loose kick, which Tugwell raced and touched down. This was converted with a fine kick by Warren. It was very creditable to our team to say that the ball very seldom came into our half. One point was very noticable, our threes, however difficult it may seem, must learn to run straight. Nothing is gained by running at right-angles. The object is to gain ground. This does not do so and furthermore it puts the remaining threes out of the picture, and draws all opposition towards one point, instead of enabling the threes to make their own openings in the opposition.

Q.E.D.

Signals.

After having a rest for three months up in the Hills, I think that it is about time that I wrote a few more Notes, just to let readers know that we are still paramount and also the foremost section in the Battalion.

A few weeks ago it gave us great pleasure and joy to present to C.Q.M.S. Sharpe (ole Joe) a handsome clock, as a gift from the section. It was presented with a few fitting words by the Signal Sergeant. In replying, ole Joe said how pleased he was with the clock, and also spoke of the splendid way we have always worked with him, and of the hope that we would always carry on in the same manner with Sgt. Vale. He also said what a lot of good fellows we were, but of course we did not need to be told of that, as we all know what good "Blokes" we are.

Cricket has been in full swing and we foreigners who do not come from Kent have to sit in silence and listen to the glories of being repeatedly told of Kentish Cricket. So, as we have quite a number of fellows come from Sussex who refuse to bow to the "Tales of Freeman," a match was arranged Kent *v.* Sussex. Readers, how can a scribe as I describe that match?

All through the day Spotty hunted for talent for Kent, and lo, Tubby and Tangi were produced; on looking further afield Arfer Thomas (with grin and civvie hat) was found. They wanted me to do stump, but I wasn't having any. Anyway they did get up a team and the match was started. Sussex batted first and Kent did some leather-chasing. Those fellows could chase! Spotty lost his spots! Tubby reduced 7½ lbs! Mac wanted a basket to catch the ball in! Tangi went quite white with fatigue. After 50 minutes' play Sussex were dismissed for the total of 113. The Gentlemen of Kent then went in to bat. Of course they did their best, and Spotty after recovering his spots had the field guessing with his brilliant strokes. But the trouble was he only hit the ball once. Therefore, we were disappointed at not being able to witness some real Kentish Cricket, as he was the "Hope" of his side. As we are true sportsmen, modest in victory, and generous in defeat, Sussex went very easy with them and gave the bowlers orders to the effect that they should bowl to their bats. If that wasn't a sporting act I do not know what is! Anyway it was of no use and after a few minutes' play they were dismissed for the grand total of 14. Speaking of Cricket, E. E. Smith ('erbert 'enry) was presented with a splendid cricket bat by Col. Howard-Smith for the highest batting average in last year's Battalion Cricket Matches. We all congratulate him for the achievement and wish him success for victories and large scores next season.

The monsoons have arrived and Rugger is to the fore, and matches between the R.A. and ourselves are quite frequent. We have a fairly decent team but it is disappointing to note the lack of interest and support, for last year we had a really good team.

The young class are progressing favourably and in all probability they will be up to the Old Hand standard by the time they sit for Classification. L/Cpl. Bridgman has our congratulations on being placed on the "first rung of the ladder," and if he remembers the Depot saying that there is a Field Marshal's Baton in every-one's kitbag, he should go very far. L/Cpl. Dibble is on

an A. 1 Course and he has our best wishes, with the hope that he gets the same qualification as Sgt. Vale and L/Cpl. Dixey, and that is a "D." I am sure that by now the Battalion realises the brain-power of the Signal Section, so it will not be a surprise to them to know that L/Cpl. Dixey has been promoted Sgt. Instructor to the Royal Corps of Signals; Ptes. Bean, Keats and Dixon have been transferred to the Indian Telegraphists Company; and that Pte. Flood is a Sgt. in the Bombay Constabulary. Ptes. Coe and Feakins are Sgts. in the Army H.Q. Clerical Staff at Simla. It makes us feel quite proud to know that all these men have been signallers almost all their soldiering and that their promotions were instantaneous. We wish them the best of luck and success in their new sphere. I am sure there is no need for me to mention that although we have lost quite a number of good men, there are still bags of brainy fellows left. Just as an instance: Young Tubby Wraight, five years and one week he has been going to school to get his 2nd Education, without missing a single attendance. He has now just sat for his eighteenth examination and is now waiting for the result—Yea or Nay—the mighty "tanner" is within vision. Will he have to sit for the ninteenth time? Can a 2nd Education Certificate be given for regular attendance? I am sure that the War Office officials do not know our fat friend, otherwise they would shed a tear with me for the way destiny has gazed upon him. Still, the best of luck, Tubby, also you are to be congratulated on showing the spirit to try again. Anyway, there are plenty of other ways of earning a "tanner," in case you do fail. Talking of "tanners," the Signals have nearly all claimed them on their Rifle Classification alone, I would like Duty Companies to note that we have 10 Marksmen, 16 Firsts, 11 Seconds and no Bungs. Most probably they could try and persuade their men to reach our standard, but I am afraid it would be useless, as brains are needed as well as brawn.

Just lately the Section have been showing remarkable talent in a musical form. Our premier musician is Mick. Having learnt how to play that famous old song "Poor Old Joe," he has now reached such a stage of perfection by continual practice that he can now play it backwards, frontwards, and if I may suggest it to him, that with a little more practice he should try and claim the title of being the first person to play it sideways. Tangi is now learning his scales, but I will not write further about his efforts as he is selling his instrument in the near future. Anyway, if he does not sell it, he will get "crowned" with it; even a musical instrument has its good points. Now comes Hector! he states that the educo attached to the playing of his tin whistle has proved an asset, and he has now given up his course on Pelmanism. To put a stop to all this sort of deterioration of one of the famous three arts, I am getting a one-stringed fiddle, as music needs an ear, not a windscoop or a punkah. Anyway, I will try my best to infuse some of my knowledge into them.

Talking of talent: You should see Swislls in the role of Captain Death, and Boot in Three Days Shalt Thou Labour, but all is well to he who ends up in hospital, also there is always a likelyhood of catching a cold! Also will the baby's name be Rachmaninoff's Prelude in C Sharp Minor? Anyway, they have gone on leave now to Naini-Tal and when they return next month Ralphy will tell us all about it, and if he doesn't Tangi will.

Two of the "Nobs" have also gone for a two weeks' holiday to Bombay, where the frowns of justice will be bestowed upon them by (Lofty) Sgt. Flood.

Pte. Monday was unfortunate enough to have an epileptic fit whilst on Signal training on the edge of a cliff, and if it had not been for the prompt action of Sgt. Vale, in all probability it might have proved a fatal drop of about 800 ft. Meanwhile, he is progressing very favourably and we hope to have him amongst us soon.

It has just come to notice that we are to lose two of our oldest Signallers, Ptes. Hammond and Boorman, who are shortly proceeding to United Kingdom on the Home Establishment role. Our loss is the 2nd Battalion's gain. I have known them for about five years, and if you can find keener sportsmen, then my name must be PUDDEN.

To be, or not to be. That is the question? Ask Spotty.

J.L.

Corporals' Club.

I am afraid these notes are going to be somewhat sketchy as there is little to relate in this month's doings.

On Friday, 16th, the Members of the Sergeants' Mess entertained us to a social evening and series of games. As the writer, assisted by C.S.M. Ransley, was busily engaged "tuning," Jock Clayton and Q.M.S. Hall at Bridge, I cannot say very much about the other games played. At any rate, I know that, what with "tonsil varnish" and "Mothers' ruin," etc., everyone went away feeling very pleased with themselves, perhaps with the exception of our Bridge opponents, who lost by about 3,000 points on the evening's play. And they actually said it was "luck."

A few miracles have happened lately. Bartlett and Thornycroft have been on "Guard" and the great "Oliver" has done a B.O., despite the fact that he is A/C.Q.M.S. of "A" Company still. Rumour has it the venerable Porky Holness will shortly do a guard. Truly, that old saying comes back to us: "When Porky is away the mosquitoes will play."

I have no more "twaddle" to write, so will close.

O.S.

Battle Cruiser "M.G." Company.

Before commencing the following notes I must apologise to readers for introducing them with the old "M.G." Platoon news. These were submitted to me too late for publication in last month's *Dragon*. However, better late than none at all, so here goes.

At long last, after rumours had been afloat and sunk, the Machine Gun Platoon has vanished, but not the spirit, for as long as there remain Machine Gunners, so the "M.G." spirit and comradeship will remain.

Brisk business was the order of the day amongst the cycle dealers during the period in which the Gunners fired their Annual Course and every morning one could see scores of cyclists en route for the range only to return with a bright or a face as long as a nullah, according to the tricks played upon us by the guns or—No, we cannot blame the Markers. The shooting put up by the Old Platoon was exceptionally good, in fact they gained Marksmen's average. Much credit is due to the Instructors and both these and the men are to be congratulated on such an excellent show of shooting.

The hot weather gave rise to a new sport, namely Water Polo. During the time we were able to use the swimming baths we played 17 matches, 15 of which we won, drew one and lost one. An excellent team was found from the Platoon who played very well together. The Team was:—Forwards: Cpls. Redman and Godfrey and Pte. Comb; Backs: Ptes. Lillie and Birch, and Pte. Tyrrell in Goal. Though the space for playing was limited very good matches were obtained. Tyrrell, though only a novice at present, promises to become an expert Water Polo Goal-Keeper. Though robbing the baths of a gallon of water every time, he saved a shot. Credit is due to him for saving us from queer positions many times.

TO THE OLD MACHINE GUN PLATOON.

1. The old platoon has disappeared,
   There isn't one no more,
   An' you'll find it only natural,
   That all the men are sore.
2. You aint asked to look too far,
   The reason's here quite plain,
   To think of all those 'appy times,
   It gives our 'earts a pain.
3. We were all a 'appy crowd,
   Officers and men,
   And any kind of job we got,
   Was not beyond our ken.
4. Of course we had our little tiffs,
   And sometimes made a fuss,
   But tripods make the best of men,
   Liable to cuss.
5. Frinstance when we're on a stunt
   And guns refuse-to pop,
   It makes a man just naturally want
   To dump the bloomin' lot.

6. But after all is summed right up
   Take wind, or sun, or rain,
   The men, they always understood
   The way to play the game.
7. And now that we're a Company
   We know its not in vain,
   For all the members, young and old,
   To try and do the same.
8. And if we pull together
   And no one stop to sneeze,
   It won't be very hard
   Our officers to please.

Now that the Company is formed there will be no more Platoon Notes, but it is hoped that the different topics of interest will be published under Nos. One and Two Platoon Notes.

CONCERNING FOLKS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, U.S.A.

Button's Baseball Bangers } ? ? ? ? ?

BIG BOY BUTTON HOME KING BIRCH SPEED BABY BUXTON	PITCHERS.
PENNSYLVANIA PURKISS	CATCHER.
DIAMOND JOHNSON	1ST BASE.
THE ILLINOIS WONDER	2ND BASE.
CONNECTICUT COX	3RD BASE.
CHAMPEEN VANT.	SHORT STOP.
SOCKER SIMS	HOME BASE.

Say, folks, Pipe the above: Good? Gee - be yourself! Need you ask? I'll tell the world! I guess they are the NINE; Save none, an' I don't mean maybe. Get acquainted with them, right now, people and poke your last Dollar on :—BUTTON BOYS. (It's a cinch).

PRESS CUTTING.—Say, folks, listen! I guess I'm not a Publicity Agent, but I sure must say my piece about BUTTONS BOYS. Howsomever, when the word BASEBALL crops up, it always harps me back to L/i'l ol' Illinois. Don't get me wrong, folks, they are the real Cats' Whiskers. Sure Fire Hum Dingers! and I don't mean maybe.

Will they win? Say, you gimme a pain. I guess they'll have all the "Opposition" climbing up the fence? Yessir, you said it.

First Match this Season—*v.* "ASHMORE ASSASSINS," of ATLANTA, GEORGIA, on the Yellowstone Park Ground. 1st. Strike 2 p.m., Wed., July 34th. The cutest L/i'l Diamond Pitch you ever Peeped. HERE, GUYS! I'll tell you what to do. HIRE AN AUTO! JUMP A FREIGHT TRAIN!! HOBO ON SHANK'S PONY!!! but don't fail to get there :—

PAWN YOUR PANTS.
SELL YOUR SOUL.
BORROW YOUR NEXT WEEK'S WAGES.
BEG FROM DOOR TO DOOR.

and put all on "BUTTONS BASEBALL BANGERS" and Rockfeller will be a poor fish compared to you? ? ? ? ?

I think I mentioned in last month's notes that the time was drawing near when we will find ourselves deposited on the top of the Khuds practicing the gentle art of retaining the foothold on mysteriously entwined footpaths of Ranikhet. In any case, arrangements were made for this move which were carried out without a hitch. In fact everything went as smooth as a billiard table and we eventually arrived here on the 24th in the usual drizzle of rain which generally greets us on arriving at a hill station. The rain has too frequently turned into very heavy downpours, lasting for hours without a stop. Of course the sun does shine sometimes, and this being something out of the ordinary, the troops usually line the verandah until it disappears about ten minutes after. Then comes the rain again and of course the lads quietly file away to find other means of occupying their time. There is a rumour that we start firing our Rifle Course in the near future. It is to be hoped that the scramble for the extra tanner a day will be just as successful as when the majority fired the Machine Gun Course last month.

I should like to mention that nobody lost their Beer Money during this course, but quite a few are now able to go about at the thin end of the week feeling like men of independent means.

During the interval between the heavy downpours of rain the Company have been able to draw up a rough sports programme, an account of which follows.

Our first opponents were the Royal Corps of Signals and although play was of an even nature we lost by 3 Goals to Nil. The following did duty for the Company in this match :—W. Pullman. Yates and Newbury, Cpl. Hoy, Purkiss and Cox. Bourn, Tilley, Heath, Bamford and Tonge.

VERSUS "H.Q." WING, THE BUFFS.

There being very few of the Wing at Ranikhet they were unable to field a very good team and we won quite comfortably by 7 Goals to Nil, these being scored by :—Senior, 3; Bamford, 2; Newbury, 1 and Bourn, 1.

VERSUS "H.Q." WING DORSETS.

The game was very fast and evenly contested. We were the first to score through the centre-forward, Heath. There was no further score when the whistle blew for half-time. On the game being resumed, Bourn scored a good goal, thus increasing the lead to 2. From the kick-off The Dorsets pressed very hard to reduce the lead, eventually scoring and shortly before the end of the battle, equalised.

It has been found necessary to have a few Company Trials before the commencement of the Ranikhet Football League. These have turned out to be very successful and we should be able to field a good team when this League starts, accounts of which I will forward in next month's Notes. So far the committee has selected the following to represent the Company.

Goal: Pte. White; Cpl. Reed and Pte. Newbury; Cpl. Hoy, Pte. Purkiss, Pte. Cox; Pte. Bourn, Pte. Tyson, Pte. Heath, Pte. Senior, L/Cpl. Bamford.

PEN-WIPER.

Band Notes.

Here we are once more, finished our term in the Hills after having a jolly good time mingled with plenty of hard work. It is a pity we are split up, having some of the Band still in the Hills and a playing Band on the Plains as our Bandmaster cannot get going as he would like to and worse still, he will not have the Band together for any length of time till after Christmas. Sports of all sorts are in full swing in the evening and the Band are holding their own as regards victories.

We heard through the Band Scribe of the 2nd Battalion that L/Cpl. Fearon has really gone into Civilian Life. We all wish him the very best of luck. We also tender, hoping they will not be too late, our congratulations to Bandmaster Hewitt on being bestowed the M.B.E. which he rightly deserves. Sorry the notes are so short, but this time of the year is very dull and slow out here.

TARZAN.

"A" Company.

PERSONALIA.

2/Lieut. Craig has left us for a short while to take up the duties of S.S.O. Naini Tal. No doubt he will enjoy this pleasant appointment during the summer season at such a fashionable "Hill Resort."

We welcome L/Cpls. Mcmullen and Davis to the Company. They have recently been transferred from "B" Company owing to that Company being over establishment in Paid Lance-Corporals. We shall not see much of Mcmullen as he has just taken over a job in the Officers' Mess.

Another lucky individual is L/Cpl. Wilkinson who is being initiated into the mysteries of P.R.I. Clerk.

We congratulate Ptes. Wells, Robinson, Cruse and Ivy on their appointments as Unpaid Lance-Corporals. This is only the first step on the ladder of fame and no doubt they will climb still higher in the future.

Ptes. Bassett and Branigan have left us for "H.Q." Wing, the first-named as Mobilisation Storeman and the latter as clerk in the Orderly Room.

The Company is in the throes of Individual Training, Nos. 3 and 4 doing training while the other two platoons are doing Regimental Duties. When they have completed their training the Platoons change over.

A small portion of excitement was caused the other day by the discovery that one of the Bungalows had been visited by "Loose-wallahs," several fellows finding themselves minus sheets, towels, blankets, etc., and finding their kit bags emptied out on the Miadan. Despite the fact that their was a hurricane lamp alight and dogs about, no one seems to have heard anything during the night. They even had the "neck" to take the lamp as well.

The Company runs Whist Drives every week, usually at the "thin end" of the week when there is not too much "filthy lucre" knocking about and the men have nowhere to go to amuse themselves. Largesse, in the form of sandwiches (home-made), tea and cigarettes are distribued to the men gratis and money prizes are given. This is partly paid for out of the profit made on the sale of minerals in the Company and partly from the eight annas entrance fee which is charged and which can be put "on the book." This passes a very pleasant evening away and is greatly appreciated by the men and looked forward to every week. The men run it themselves, the chief organisers being L/Cpls. Cole, Skinner, Shilling and Wells. We will here take the opportunity of thanking them for their work which is done quite voluntarily.

There is not much doing in the Sports line owing to there being no Leagues taking place at present, but of course there are plenty of "friendly" games. This being the rainy season Rugby has been the vogue. It is not possible to play in the dry season owing to the hardness of the ground. Mudlarks are not in it compared to the state some of the players return in and they seem to like it.

O.S.

"B" Company.

This month things have changed somewhat. The Company is once more at Bareilly. We left Ranikhet for Bareilly on the 22nd of July. Reveille was at 3.30 a.m., a wonderful happening—all beds were rolled up by 4 a.m. After waiting about at Pinnacle Point until 6 a.m., we fell in and marched down to the Ranikhet Treasury and embussed at 6.30 a.m. and soon were well on our way to Kathgodam. The journey proved uneventful and we arrived at Kathgodam at about 12.30 p.m. The light baggage was then transferred into the train and then we had another wait until 3 p.m. when we entrained. We pulled out at about 3.50 p.m. and eventually arrived at Bareilly at 7.20 p.m. The kits were once more put in lorries and we made our way to barracks. Here we found out that we had exchanged Bungalows with "D" Company. Arriving at our new quarters we found that some kind person had erected some big electric lights outside one of the bungalows; here the kits were unloaded and the task

BACK ROW—(Left to Right)—L/Cpl. Saunders, Pte. Tennant, Pte. Chapman, Pte. Horne, Pte. Adsley, Cpl. Lacey.
2ND ROW—(Left to Right)—Sergt. Crumby, Lieut. B. R. K. Tarte, Capt. and Adjt. A. Lynden-Bell, Lieut. F. S. Reeves, Sergt. Marshall, Corpl. Manning.
SITTING—(Left to Right)—Pte. Wherle, Pte. Bailey, Sergt. J. G. Smith, Pte. Armes.

of finding one's kit was rendered very easy. We soon settled down and were ready the next day for guards, monsoons or anything else that happened to come along.

We welcome to the Company 2/Lieut. Jamal Dar of the U.L.I.A We also welcome 2/Lieut. G. E. F. Oliver on his return from England where he has been spending a three months' leave.

We congratulate the following on being appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporals :—L/Cpls. Leggett. Message, Tritton, Elgie, Wenham and Liddle. The following N.C.O.'s were transferred to "A" Company :—L/Cpl. Davis and L/Cpl. McMullen. L/Cpls. Edwards and Taylor, 87 have gone over to "C" Company's Camp. We are very sorry to lose them and hope that they will do well in their new Companies. Sgt. Goss will be leaving us in the near future. He goes to the A.F.I. Sgt. Stace goes to The Depot for a tour of duty and L/Cpl. Breward is being transferred to the Home Establishment. We lose a good few N.C.O"s and Men who will soon be leaving for England for transferring to the Army Reserve. There are too many of them to name in these columns.

Sports are in full swing once more. The Company Football Team has been playing nearly every night. Cricket matches in galore have been played. The Rugby Team has been getting its hand in, with plenty of practice. Not much Hockey has been played, but of course the rain has made the grounds too bad for Hockey.

There is nothing more to be said this month so I will make way for the Platoon Correspondents.

No. 6 Platoon.

Since my last attempt we have returned from the Hills and our bold friend " Prickly Heat " is once more amongst us. In spite of that we are fairly well settled down and even the large amount of rain that we have had has failed to damp our spirits.

We find plenty to occupy our minds and leisure time. Every night, when it is not raining we can be seen on the fields of sport, either taking part in a game of Football, Cricket or Rugby. There has been no really important games, owing, I think, most of all to the weather. Then again, most of us are employed now that "A" Company is on Training and "C" and "D" Companies are in the Hills.

Several of our platoon are now getting in quite a lot of practice at Rugby and we soon hope to see some of them representing the Battalion at this game. Any night when the barracks are like a miniature lake they can be seen dashing about with the Rugby Ball.

Owing to this month being rather a a wet one I have no more news to relate.

F.S.B.

No. 3 Group.

Hello everybody ! No. 3 Group calling. Yes, here we are again, but I am sorry to say our notes will be rather short this month on account of the lack of interesting incidents. Times are inclined to be rather dull and uninteresting these days.

Firstly, we welcome back our Company Commander, Lieut. P. R. H. Fox, from his short, but we hope, sweet, leave.

Since our last issue a number of alterations have taken place and in the way of additions we have been enriched by L/Cpl. Wild and Ptes. King, Bassett, Branaghan and Billett. We extend our hearty welcome to these people and hope they will find their new home and the happy family to their entire satisfaction. We have yet to make the acquaintance of L/Cpl. Wild and Pte. Branaghan who are (at least we hope they are) enjoying a period of recuperation in the Hills.

Congratulations to Pte. (now L/Cpl.) Deverson on obtaining a footing on the bottom rung of the ladder of Military Success and we hope he will manage to retain his hold. We have had no further promotions up to the present, but it has been whispered there are a couple of ambitious young soldiers who are anxious to help Tiny up the roll of the " Unpaids."

Turning our attention to sport, we must confine ourselves to a general idea of some of the talent existing amongst us, games being too numerous to mention and being only " friendlies."

Cricket has been decidedly scarce this month on account of the excessive rain and consequently frequent matches of Rugger. In the games that have taken place I would like to mention that we have been treated to some good displays of batting by Pte. Barden and some fine bowling by Ptes. Deverson and Gilding. Catt, also, has distinguished himself in this line. Well done, Moggy, keep it up. After watching a few of these games we have come to the conclusion that there is some good talent still in the Group.

Rugger in the Battalion this year seems to have become more popular and this season's matches have brought to light some really good players from our Clan. The Group has been well represented in Company matches and occasionally in Battalion matches, the following taking part :—Pte. Penfold, who has found a good berth and filled it admirably, at back ; Pte. Howland, who has made himself at home in the three-quarter line and has proved to be useful ; Martin, our Scrum-half, makes a great success of his job, and Carter, Long, Barnes and Peacock have on several occasions " got their ears in " in the scrum, but at times all that can be seen of the last four is their arms and legs. " Such is the life of the Forwards."

At Football we have been fairly successful and our matches have been numerous. The Group are now one big family and the Dankers are being blended with the Group team for the good of the cause and not severed from them as before. This has helped the " Reps." to look out for likely material and from appearances it would seem that they have found some. Howland has forsaken the field for the sticks and has met with great success. Our old goalie has wandered off towards the extreme right of the field and the last time he was seen, was when delivering a beautiful cross-shot from the right wing which beat the goalkeeper. This, I believe, was in a match with the Band since when he has been seen chasing the leather and wielding the willow. It is interesting to note that he is making himself at home so far away from the " sticks." We have noticed some of our latest additions upon the field at times and they seem to be shaping fairly well.

Hockey has suffered a great deal this month on account of the grounds being unfit, but we hope to have something better in this line next month.

Check-Nut.

Things we want to know.

What else did Smudger learn at Poona besides the " gentle art " of making spud cutlets

Where did Tug learn his hand-spin and when is he going to let us see it ?

Does Burn realise that " Punctuality is the soul of business " and does he know the same applies to games ?

Eureka Stockade.

I WONDER how many service men have ever heard of the " affaire " of " Eureka Stockade ? "

In 1926 I was some months in Ballarat, Victoria, Australia, and one day, a couple of miles out of the town I saw a monument standing in an enclosed piece of land. The monument stood upon an elevated plinth with a large naval gun at each corner. The memorial bore the following inscription :—

Sacred to the memory of Captain Wise and Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 12th and 40th Foot, (now Suffolks and South Lancs.) who fell near this spot in an action against the Diggers on December 3rd, 1853.

I went to the Town Library and was at once handed an account of the action. It was at the time of the discovery of gold at that place, and the Diggers were defying the authorities, refusing to take out lines, etc. Robbery and murder were common in the camp. Police on the spot being powerless a Detachment of each of the above Corps were ordered up from Melbourne, 83 miles by road.

The Diggers, under the leadership of one Peter Dawlor, a Trinity College man, Dublin, ambushed this force, dispersed them and burst their baggage train.

A stronger force was despatched from Melbourne, which in due time arrived and took up a position about 2½ miles from Dawlor's Stockade. The position of the troops is now called " Soldiers' Hill."

Dawlor had put his position in a state of defence and disposed of his force ready for the attack upon it which was now impending.

When the Officer Commanding the troops was ready an advance was made upon the Stockade, and after a big resistance, the Diggers, who were not lying where they fell, were in full flight.

Dawlor was among the wounded and lost an arm. His statue stands in the main street of the town. The inscription states that he was afterwards speaker in the Parliament at Melbourne and retired on a pension of £2,000 per annum.

Ballarat is now a very pleasant town of 50,000 people, but the gold industry has long been finished.

J. Bennell.

The 2nd Battalion.

THOSE who read more than only the sporting pages of the daily press will be already aware how England has recently been divided into two opposing factions separated by a sea that comes lapping against the northern bank of the Thames on the one side and receded to reveal new territory bounded by the former south-coast on the other. And how, by the wave a wizard's wand, an island known as Aldershot sprang up out of this newly created ocean in order to cause a bone of contention for the rival armies. Averse though we are to war willy nilly we were dragged into the conflict. Thus it came about that on Sunday, 1st September the Battalion, having weathered an arduous passage from the "port" of Reading, disembarked in the neighbourhood of the "Lido" and billeted the night in some barracks that were fortunately still standing. Then on the Monday we marched out at the head of the brigade in an endeavour to repel an arrogant invading force who were reported to have landed about the same time at the "port" of Bordon, on the other side of the island. It appears that chrome is an important commodity for the manufacture of armour plate and in the neighbourhood of Bentley important chrome mines belonging to we Northerners existed. The dictionary says chrome is a yellow pigment derived from bad chromate, so that the urgent necessity for saving this pigment must at once become obvious. The enemy, being big men, marched rather faster than we did for, as we used to say, "we are just as smart as the Guards though not quite so tall." The consequence was they got there first and the situation became at once, if one may be forgiven for saying it, distinctly "chromic."

Then began a dour struggle for Dippenshall ridge. Against withering volleys of blank and rattles we advanced blithely, and would without a doubt have swept the ridge clear and clean as a Hoover machine if only the Guards had consented to give an inch and confounded umpires had not held us up. All that afternoon we lay sizzling on that burning glacis like sausages on a grill, till at last the welcome shades of eventide hid us from view and enabled the cookers to pass round the line and fill our empty stomachs. At dawn on the following day all was quiet on the western front but during the day activity gradually increased when just before dusk the climax was reached with a sudden Tank attack by the enemy. Along they came lumbering caring nothing for the notices which stated that roads were blocked and mines were set and guns were trained. "You can't stop Tanks" they rumbled in reply, and even had the temerity to disturb Brigade Headquarters back in Crondall.

Then it was our turn. By now darkness once more had fallen. Silently we crept out into the night on a desperate mission. We were to slip through the enemy's outposts, penetrate to his back areas and play merry hell with his base at Alton. The story of this night adventure is too long to tell here but no doubt our R.S.M. will recall with a deep chuckle for many a day how, coming suddenly upon a thickly cloaked, recumbent figure by the wayside, he stooped down and in a gentle Sergeant-Majorly manner pulled back the enfolding blankets and revealed the indignant figure of none other than——no; on second thoughts we won't give him away–a former contemporary!

The effect of this march by us on one route and the D.C.L.I. on another caused the war to come to a premature end, with nothing to do but march home again on the hottest day in the year. And there is no need to describe that. Anyone who has read P. C. Wren's "Wages of Virtue" will remember the harrowing description of how "the Legion marched"—well, so did we.

On Monday the 9th the whole of the 2nd Division sallies forth again on another "war," this time towards Tidworth. The War Office are keeping the scheme very secret, so it is not until the evening of the 9th that we shall have revealed some inkling of what we are in for. But whatever it may be we are due back here on September 21st, and soon after that the whole Battalion is going off on a month's leave, so what does anything else matter?

Before this number of *The Dragon* is published Major L. V. R. Jackson will have sailed to join the 1st Battalion in India. His genial personality will be much missed here, but "our loss, etc." Anyhow, the whole Battalion will wish him bon voyage and a happy time in the Shiney. He will be just in time for battalion and brigade training!

Sergeants' Mess.

On Saturday, August 24th the members of the Mess went on their third annual outing. It had been proposed, and passed, that, instead of going to the seaside, a circular tour be carried out, with Canterbury as the turning point, and a start was made at 7.20 a.m. The vehicle was hired from Canterbury, and a very luxurious coach it was.

The day gave every promise of being fine, which promise was fulfilled to the utmost. As was said later in the day, we couldn't have had a better day for the outing if we had been indented for it through the Q.M. Stores !

During the first part of the journey the driver took us through country lanes, and I am sure very few of us realised before what magnificent scenery was to be found within a few miles of Aldershot. Trees formed a natural archway over the lanes, and glistening with the early morning dew, they raised enthusiasm even in the less poetical spirits.

A halt was made for a second edition of breakfast quite a number of miles from Aldershot, and refreshment, both liquid and solid, was enjoyed by all. At the next halt we saw a merry crowd dancing to the musical (?) strains of bagpipes (singular, not plural).

Continuing the journey, we halted at R.Q.M.S. Tong's home at Selling, where we spent a most enjoyable half-hour with the fruit trees. I am sure schoolboys would have been in the " seventh heaven of delight " had they been in our shoes, and what is an outing of Sergeants but a band of schoolboys ?

After that we moved off and eventually reached Canterbury, plus a few baskets of plums, apples, etc., single members carrying their share internally.

On reaching the venerable city we surprised the Depot Mess by giving them a " complete demonstration " of how to " knock back " the famous G.B. & R. Then, accompanied by R.S.M. Potter and C.S.M. Howard we re-embussed in order to satisfy the inner man, which we did right royally at Britton's restaurant in Burgate Street, washed down by generous supplies of liquid refreshment supplied, gratis, by " Wigley " ! ! I would like to add, as a single member, that it was a fortunate thing for the married members that their wives did not acccompany them, as the waitress was the personification of charm, and incidentally attired in Buff and Blue, which we naturally took as a great compliment.

All good things coming to an end—including the beer—we continued our journey. A curious incident occurred during our drive through the High Street ; we heard a sudden hail in a feminine voice, and a certain Q.M. Sgt. of ample proportions recognised the voice as that of his wife !

We halted next at Selling, where R.Q.M.S. Tong secured an additional basket of fruit, and shortly afterwards the occupants of the 'bus demanded another halt in order to make a felonious raid on a hop-field, in order that a buttonhole of " beer-fruit " might be exhibited in London.

Another stop was made at Rochester, where we spent one hour. A few of the members went to a Fair, where they apparently had an enjoyable time, judging by the remarks of " Touchstone." A few more of us, being in urgent need of a cup of tea, wandered about ninteen times round the town before we found a suitable place. Having eventually discovered one, we had tea, and I was very much surprised when one of my friends produced a pack of playing cards, suggesting that we should play " Brag " in order to see who should pay. I was still more surprised, however, when I found I was the unlucky individual !

We had no more halts until we reached London. Some of the members decided to go to a " show," while quite a number preferred to sample London's brew. Since we arrived there at 7 p.m. and did not leave London until 11 p.m., they had plenty of time to do it in, especially as those places do not close until eleven.

On the return journey to Farnboro' we consumed the remainder of the liquid refreshment we had on board —thanks to the kind attentions of the waiter, whom we had with us—and then composing ourselves to slumber, we reached home in a space of time that was reminiscent of past Schneider Trophy races !

We offer a hearty welcome to Sgts. Drake and Johnson, who have joined us during the month. Also to Sgt. Wickham, who has rejoined us after several years " Scrounge." He will prove—with Sgt. Drake—a great asset to our next football match against the officers.

We had the honour of a visit from the members of the Sergeants' Mess of the H.A.C., also of the 7th City of London Regiment, accompanied, of course, by our old friend " Ginger " Hodges, whom we were delighted to see again. We spent a very enjoyable evening, and I am sure we all hope to see representatives of both Units in our Mess again in the near future.

Congratulations to our respected Cook-Sgt. on his " increase." Another one on ration strength !

OUR QUERY COLUMN.

Is it true that " No coal, no wood " called for a glass of *water* ? Some say " yes," also that he drank the aforesaid beverage !

Who was it said, when marching back from the big three days' " stunt," " I shall ! be ! glad when I've had enough of this " ?

Is it true that the " M.G's" are naturally " Snakey," or is it a disease brought on by manoeuvres ? Also what did the R.S.M. mean when he remarked to the acting Q.M. Sgt. of " M.G." Company : " Your Company must be getting very fat ! " ? Ask Brom if there are some *very* old soldiers in his Company !

W.A.L.

"C" Company.

Owing to the Battalion proceeding on the War Office Exercise on the 9th September and the Company Correspondent proceeding to Hythe on the same date, these notes will for various reasons be short. Everyone is kept busy prior to a move of this sort, so very little time remains to write notes.

Just previous to the War Office Exercise we completed a three days' Divisional Scheme, the first half of which gave one an impression that we were to have an easy time ; suddenly the scene changed and the Battalion was called on to do a good long night march. This took the form of passing through the enemy's (Guards' Brigade) rear guard or outpost positions. This has been fully described in most daily papers, some of which gave the Buffs great credit for their movement. The chief point that concerns us is how many " missing sentries " were there next morning from the Guards' Brigade ? We understood the R.S.M. can answer for a few. On this occasion a number of the Company had the pleasure of telling the various Company, etc., Commanders to get a move on and get up out of bed.

On the completion of this Exercise the Battalion had a short rest and marched straight to barracks. It was a very hot day and many men began to feel the heat, resulting in a few casualties. Heat or no heat "C" Company were there at the finish of the march and were able to march into barracks as a Company should do. No doubt some of the younger ones were beginning to feel the effects of a few days out, a night's march and the heat of the day, but were determined to keep this to themselves during the last stage of the march.

2nd BATTALION BOXING TEAM, 1928—29.

Back Row—(left to right)—L/c. Bowman, L/c. Foad, Pte. Maslin, Pte. Eteridge, Bdm. Pugh, Cpl. Dell.
Middle Row—(left to right)—Pte. Hudd, L/c. Lee, L/c. Beal, Lieut. R. F. Parry, L/c. Cunningham, Cpl. Viney, Pte. Bell.
Sitting on Ground—(left to right)—Pte. Nolan, Pte. Williams.

The Cricket Competition has been brought to a close. Although we were not successful in winning the Shield, we did the next best thing by appearing in yet another final and giving our opponents a real good game. The result of the first innings being a tie, both sides scoring 74 runs, made the second innings very interesting. With a little more luck we might have won. A captain of a team of this sort often has never seen what each member is capable of. For instance, at the end of the second innings Pte. Belson was responsible for taking 4 wickets for 1 run. Perhaps the result would have been to our advantage had he been put on to bowl earlier.

We congratulate "24" Company on winning the Shield.

The following is a complete result :—

"C" COMPANY.

	1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*
2/Lt. C. R. Tuff, b Nelthorpe	0	lbw, b Gosling	48
L/Cpl. Hobson, b Vincent	0	lbw, b Nelthorpe	0
C.Q.M.S. Burville, b Vincent	4	c Nelthorpe, b Vincent	2
Lt. J. G. Nicholson, c Ratcliffe, b Raymond	10	c Ashton, b Banks	6
Lieut. H. P. Williams, c Ratcliffe, b Nelthorpe	5	c and b Vincent	0
L/c. Fox, c Raymond, b Vincent	0	c Ratcliffe, b Gosling	3
Pte. Brigstock, c Vincent, b Raymond	12	b Nelthorpe	2
Sgt. Cross, c Ratcliffe, b Vincent	16	c Hudson, b Vincent	7
Cpl. Cook, b Banks	3	b Vincent	0
L/c. Griggs, c Raymond, b Vincent	5	b Vincent	0
Pte. Belson, not out	3	not out	0
Byes	12	Byes	3
Leg-Byes	4		
Total	74	Total	72

"24" COMPANY.

	1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*
Ashton, c Hobson, b Fox	17	b Lieut. Tuff	0
Raymond, b Fox	9	b Belson	1
Nelthorpe, c Burville, b Fox	12	c Lt. Tuff, b Lt. Nicholson	19
Mr. Hewitt, b Fox	1	c Lt. Tuff, b Lt. Nicholson	1
Banks, run out	0	b Belson	17
Vincent, b Lieut. Tuff	20	not out	22
McLennan, c Burville, b Lt. Tuff	2	lbw, Belson	3
Gosling, c Hobson, b Fox	4	c Tuff, b Belson	8
Hendrickson, not out	4		
Ratcliffe, b Lt. Tuff	1		
Hudson, run out	1		
Byes	0	Byes	5
Leg-Byes	2		
Total	74	Total	76

"H.Q. 24" Company won by 3 wickets.

The Company has now obtained the following points towards the Sports Shield and the honour of being the Champion Company for twelve months. The Competition is drawing to a close and our prospects of retaining the Shield for another twelve months are distinctly bright. The whole of the Battalion proceeds on leave in October and the Draft leaves in December. So for all intents the Competition is almost at a close. For a Company must be nearly at strength if any other event is to be put on. November will find most of the N.C.O's on leave.

Points obtained by "C" Company to date :—

Football, 2 points ; Cross-Country Running, 3 points ; Hockey, Nil ; Athletics, 3 points ; Tug-of-War, Nil ; Battalion Rifle Meeting, 3 points ; Cricket, 2 points ; Total, 13 points.

This being 3 points above the next nearest Company, "13" Company with 10 points.

Sgt. Wickham rejoined the Company just too late to assist us in the cricket.

Congratulations to L/Sgt. Wickham on his promotion to Sgt. To L/Cpls. Crouch and Acott on their promotion to Corporals. To L/Cpl. Hurley on his appointment to paid L/Cpl.

Lieut. Fearnside-Speed has been attached to the Company pending posting on completion of a tour of duty in West Africa. His chief occupation at present appears to be trying to trace lost baggage.

During the past month the Table "B" casuals have completed their annual course. I notice the results obtained were of a high standard. At a later date I will give the complete results of Table "B." I have not these available at the moment, but am sure they will compare favourably with any that have been published in the past issues of *The Dragon*.

I also noted that the Table "A" casuals, who have just completed Part VII. (Lewis Gun) obtained a good standard. Two squads made up of members of this Company having the first and second highest average. We sincerely hope that the rifle part will be of the same high standard.

During the past month the following have left the Company :—2/Lieut. H. P. Williams, on appointment to Signalling Officer has been transferred to "H.Q." Wing. We wish this officer every success in his new appointment. Pte. Stokes has proceeded to the same Company as officer's servant : although we believe his time is drawing to a close. Cpl. Crowhurst has completed his Vocational Training Course and taken up employment in civilian life. Pte. Wills, although not yet discharged, has obtained employment, and is at present on a working leave. Perhaps it will be of interest to his former friends to know that L/Cpl. Stokes, who has been attached to this Company, is away on the same conditions. 2/Lieut. C. R. Tuff has proceeded on a course at Hythe. He has succeeded in passing the first stage, i.e., passing in. We understand this officer will shortly be proceeding to the 1st Battalion. The C.S.M. is also at Hythe on a short refresher course. Cpl. Fry has at last proceeded on a Vocational Course.

The following of "C" Company will be acting as Weapon Training Instructors to the forthcoming Battalion Cadre Course in October :—C.S.M. Ongley, L/Sgt. McNulty, L/Sgt. Cross and Cpl. Cook.

Lieut. J. G. Nicholson was to have been Officer-in-Command of Battalion Cadre, but we understand this officer will shortly be taking up a more important appointment, so will not be available. This appointment will mean the transfer to " H.Q." Wing of another officer of this Company. Lieut. J. G. Nicholson claims to have had the longest unbroken period with the Company of those now serving with the Company. The Company wish Mr. Nicholson every success in his new appointment.

This will be the third Adjutant in succession that was a previous officer of "C" Company ; Major G. Hamilton, M.C. ; Captain E. Foster-Hall, M.C. ; and Lieut. J. G. Nicholson.

A warning order. All cross-country runners will be needed at an early date.

A.V.O.

" The Book."

Now gentleman, just half-a-mo,
And listen to this tip.
E're you to Canterbury go,
In case you make a slip.

Some people keep a book to note,
And some for line of route.
Turn right, then left, then off we float,
And then turn right about.

" I know the way," the driver said,
" Oh ! no you don't says " Alf." "
" This book says past the old King's Head,
I've seen it there myself."

What's in this book will beat your maps,
At one inch to the mile.
It dates back to old Adam's lapse,
Since then been on the file.

We'll claim that book when the author's dead,
To rest in our Museum.
And read a few lines out instead
Of chanting the Te Deum.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

(Urgent.)

How did Perc. and Arthur both decide on wearing a brown suit, in preference to *others*, on the outing ?

Who said that Ding-dong's bowler needed a window in it ?

What was in the member's mind when he was heard to remark, " We won't need any stops coming back, Ding-dong will oblige" ?

Why did George and Arthur insist on Perc. using the penny they gave him ?

And did they like the visit to the fair ? Also, what colours did they fancy most ? *Designation, Indication, Recognition and (Expectation).*

TOUCHSTONE.

Corporals' Mess.

Shortly after sending in our last notes a very interesting event occurred within the Mess in that the Corporals of the Honourable Artillery Company, who were camping down at Rushmoor, were invited to a Games Tournament.

They arrived, though not in great numbers, at about 8 p.m. and thoroughly enjoyed themselves until about 11 p.m. A complete list of games and names of the winners was taken, but alas, " Where, oh where has it gone ? " Some kind person must have felt generous and tore it up for me.

Corporal Towerzy is to be congratulated on the masterly fashion with which he ran the show, which was a real success.

Promotions and Appointments have been quite numerous since our last notes. We extend our heartiest congratulations to all those who were fortunate enough to secure promotion or appointment and wish them every success in the future.

We were very pleased to hear that the " Colour Escort " who paraded for the Laying-up of the " Old Colours " at Canterbury on the 18th of August, 1929 were highly congratulated on their splendid turn-out.

JIMKEY.

"M.G." Company.

Everyone apparently enjoyed the ten days' leave and returned looking very fit and prepared for the next dose of training.

The Laying-Up of the Old Colours of which a detailed account will appear elsewhere in these pages, went off without a hitch. Those N.C.O.'s and Men of the Company who were in the Guard of Honour met several ex-Gunners at Canterbury, amongst whom were Privates " Shug " Coley, " Speedy " Austin, Amer and Cpl. Thomson. The latter is doing very well in " Civvy " life, but says he misses all his old pals. Pte. " Lofty " Jennings is in the Kent County Constabulary and lives at Deal.

No. 13 Platoon apparently miss the Vocal efforts, on the march, of L/Cpl. Gowen, who is on a fortnight's sick leave. We hope he brings back a fresh song-book as Cock-Robin, Bubbles and Swanee, etc., are beginning to pall. Whilst on the subject of marching, we would like to say that although our voices are not operatic, the Gunners stand alone when it comes to footslogging. The code of the Gunners permits no man to fall out on the line of the march, so perhaps the draft which we will welcome from the Depot this month realise the honour of being drafted to the "M.G.'s."

The Roll of Men for drafting to the 1st Battalion has recently been issued and includes the names of 19 Gunners, We presume they will join the "M.G." Company of the 1st Battalion.

Sgt. Willing, who was employed as Sergeants' Mess Caterer, is now back at Duty. His feet know all about it.

Pte. Burnett has commenced his Vocational Training Course and is now in his element.

We wish to announce the engagement of Cpl. Cribben. Never mind, George, many have got out of worse scrapes than that.

Cpl. Vic. Butler writes that " The Ship " is still seaworthy despite his efforts to list it to port by leaning on the " four-ale " bar.

The Football Season is now in full swing but up to the present there has been very little in the Battalion owing to training. The trouble in the Company Team last year was the inside-forward positions. We hope this year to rectify this.

We are now on the eve of the march to Tidworth, about which we will write in next month's notes.

E.H.W.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who is Jumbo ?

Why are the members of No. 13 Platoon looking so frail ? Are they still waiting for their promised Supper ?

"H.Q." Wing.

EMPLOYED NOTES.

The lads have all returned off leave now. They were all bright, well and eager for the final spasm of Training and of course looking forward to their month. They are still looking. We have managed to survive the first stunt and I believe there are some people that quite enjoyed it. I can't honestly say that I was one. We are still wondering who it was that took such a liking to the Gunners and took us for a tour round the country so that we could be with them until the last minute. Whoever it was, he didn't seem to be very popular when we finally arrived at our resting-place.

I should like to give you the impressions of the man who dived off the top board and then found that he could not swim when he entered the water, but for some reason or other we can't get him to talk on that subject ; I don't see why. I guess we all admire his pluck and hope to see him one of our full-blown stunt merchants in the near future. We also wish to congratulate George on his prompt and daring rescue. We are trying to find a suitable medal for this brave lad. Say, George, how about the Half Mauburgh now ?

Congratulations to Cpl. Millen ; although we don't see much of him we all send best wishes.

"A" Company.

Brigade Training has finished and we lost 2/Lieuts. Wooller and and Warry. The former has returned to the New Zealand Army after a twelve months' course in England. We hope he took away a good impression of us and will send along occasionally.

All those that went on August leave report that they had a glorious time, and one bright spark wished he was a modern Rip Van Winkle until next August. No doubt the girls on the south-east coast have impressed him a little ; he now talks about them in his sleep.

Mr. Kenward has been selected for a Physical Training Course and we wish him the best of luck.

During the month L/Cpl. Cunningham rejoined us from the P.T. School looking very fit, but no result has been received yet.

We have lost several during the month ; Cpl. Jarvis to Army Reserve, who hopes to take up work in London ; he had several firms to visit. Cpl. Kelly to A.R. with prospects of a job with a Gramaphone Company and Pte. Clohessy, who, we understand, is also taking up an appointment in the suburbs. L/Sgts. Gorham, and Kerry, Cpl. Vine, Ptes. Stevens, King and Hawkins have all commenced courses at the A.V.T.C.

L/Cpl. Norris has been returned to duty. He therefore relinquishes his post as Regimental Hairdresser and we fancy that the proverbial loquacity of the usual barber will be somewhat quenched, especially during the War Office Exercise which commences on 9th instant.

Major J. F. W. Allen is commanding the Company during schemes as Captain R. Tuke is Battalion Umpire.

The Divisional Scheme finished on 4th, but no doubt a full account will be found elsewhere. We might add the temperature reached 89 in the shade. It doesn't sound much, but marching in Service Dress in this heat is really a teaser.

Mr. Fagg, we are glad to learn, is out of bed after having a smash up and burying the front wheel of his bike in the radiator of a car, but we understand he is still on crutches.

Mr. Mullinger (late L/Cpl.) we learn, is employed as chauffeur to a gentlemen in London. He works about nine hours a day, not at all on Sundays and receives good wages. We are all very pleased to hear this and would appreciate a visit from him at any time.

Congratulations to L/Sgt. Johnson, on his appointment ; also L/Cpl. Scullion, Eley and King on receiving pay of appointment.

Sgt. McNeir is due to go to Hythe School of Musketry at an early date and we wish him the best of luck.

The Company congratulates Sgt. Knight on his promotion, also the very valuable presentation from his wife of a son.

This concludes notes for this month and we are now setting about preparing for the nine days' war.

MONTY.

"B" Company.

Being called upon suddenly to fill the role of " musical director " is a somewhat embarrassing position to find oneself in. I am in this position at present. I will do my best to extricate myself to the best of my abilities. "B" Company were drawn against "H.Q." 13 Company for the purpose of obtaining one point for Cricket for third place in the Athletic Shield. Unluckily we were without a couple of our pro's and we lost by 54 runs. The scores were as follows :—"B" Coy. : 1st innings, 76 ; 2nd innings, 70 ; "H.Q. 13" Company : 1st innings, 106 and 2nd innings, 96. Hard luck, "B" ? Maybe we can show them some stuff when the football season starts. Just watch " Busy Bee " in the future.

During the past month we have lost Cpl. Gowers who has " retired " to " civvy street." We all heartily wish him the very best of luck in the future. We also welcome Lieut. McCum to the Company. We know (from experience) that he will be quite " at home " in his new surroundings. Heartiest congratulations to Cpl. Drake on his promotion to L/Sgt. We all know he will fulfil his position to a T. Good old Fred, we know its in you.

We have just finished three days of the best trekking around the countryside, namely Divisional Training. We noticed, during our travels, that no new bungalows had been erected during the past year. It was a somewhat stiff test, but we all came through with flying colours and of course, a couple of " tanks," etc. we had captured during the contest. Now we are all anxiously looking forward to a *lovely* War Office Scheme again to show our prowess in the field. Then look out— " Am I on the draft," etc. We shall soon be losing some of the best of our pals, who are going overseas.

A. SHINE.

Beneath Bell Harry.

NOTHING can damp the ardour of the true football enthusiast and even the almost tropical heat of September, 1929 failed to postpone the start of our season. Thus we already see the posts up, the trial games completed, and even a couple of league games fought to a finish, unseasonable though it may appear to a non-player.

Golf, also a winter game in the eyes of many, has the Depot in its grip, and any afternoon may see one or more of the officers grappling with a gorse-bush or retrieving a recalcitrant ball from the forbidden areas bordering the Stodmarsh road. Incidentally the Canterbury Course has withstood the drought bravely and has never played better. Many were the complimentary remarks passed at the recent meeting, when a weak regimental team took a severe trouncing from the local club.

The next week sees a great change in the garrison here, for to our great regret the Guards Depot returns to its permanent abode at Caterham, whilst the 3rd Carabineers take their place in the Cavalry Barracks. On the 22nd a strong parade from the Depot joined the Guards in their farewell service at the Cathedral.

On the 11th we were paid a visit by the Colonel of the Regiment, who brought with him the two last-joined officers, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Murphy. To both we would extend a hearty welcome to the Regiment. On the same day our Colonel inspected Kimberley Squad. Colonel Body, Colonel Burns and Major Foster also lunched in the Mess on the 11th, and other visitors this month have been Major Tomlinson, Captain Dampier-Palmer and Mr. Spear (at home on leave from India).

Mr. King arrived at the Depot on the 23rd from the 2nd Battalion for a tour of duty in relief of Mr. Airy, with whom our best wishes go to Chester, where he starts a tour of four years with the Royal Air Force.

Captain Essell and Mr. Penlington have both been on leave this month, but both are back and a full complement of officers is at the moment anxiously awaiting the winter rush of recruiting!

Sergeants' Mess.

At our Spoon Shoot held on August 18th, we were pleased to have R.S.M. Martin, M.B.E., and C.S.M. Farrow (both on leave from India) with us and congratulate them on obtaining scores of 87 and 99 respectively out of a possible 120. I feel that I must also mention S.I.M. Trice's great performance of scoring 115 out of the possible of 120, and but for his handicap, on account of taking two silver spoons during the first half of the year, he would certainly have got those for July and August. Hence it is nice to know that the handicapping scheme serves its true purpose.

The shooting was remarkably good (vide remarks of the S.I.M.) with the following result :—

July : Silver Spoon, R.S.M. Potter ; Wooden Spoon, Sgt. Adams. August : Silver Spoon, L/Sgt. Allen ; Wooden Spoon, Cr.-Sgt. Shorter.

R.S.M. Martin, M.B.E. (and Mrs. Martin) and C.S.M. Farrow, who have been attached here pending their return to India, leave on the H.T. *Nevasa* on October 8th, and we wish them a pleasant voyage and continued good health " out there."

We all heartily congratulate C.Q.M.S. Gibson on his recent promotion.

On August 24th we were pleased to see the members of the 2nd Battalion Sergeants' Mess who made a short halt at the Depot whilst on their annual outing.

On September 6th the majority of our members attended the Canterbury Branch Past and Present Association gathering and spent a very pleasant evening, and we also hope to able to support the Ashford Branch at their Church Parade on September 29th.

Corporals' Mess.

Since our last edition we have been to Southend on our annua outing. The first part of the journey, to Herne Bay, was made by train. We managed to secure a compartment to ourselves and there we made arrangements for the day, more or less.

On arriving at Herne Bay we were joined by " George " and " Bish,' who had waited at Barracks for " important " reasons, then we began our tour of that famous seaside resort. We explored all the big manufacturing stores, including Woolworth's, and waited for the opening of the " Wet Canteens."

When at last this happy event occurred there was a rush of Corporals and alas, the town seemed deserted, but Oh ! what life there was in this renowned " Richmond Arms " and what a drenching of parched souls. I distinctly saw George and Co. trying to disconnect his ears from a two-gallon tankard.

From here we set sail for Southend, amid cheers from the Pier. Two of our Shieks already accommodated with better halves, were nevertheless in tears, at having to leave their newly-found brides at Herne Bay.

However, these tears soon cleared away when we all proceeded to the bar " midships " where there were several buxom lasses to whom they could give their affection, etc.

Ginger was magnificent and Eric fell for her so much that he, absent-mindedly refused a drink. He must have thought she said " Have you any other girls besides me ? "

Southend appeared on the horizon and more hurried adieus were made, then we disembarked.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent chiefly in sight-seeing at the " Kursaal." We noticed that Eric was trying to capture an Old Age Pension and George, we understand, went to work on the allotment.

Alf and Mac were soon on Escort Duty and if the old proverb was right, " Love at first sight," well all the Corporals must have been married on the spot.

Chuckle has a great interest in Holloway now and I hope he is not trying to " Square " a warder's daughter in case misfortune should befall him in the near-future.

Owing to a very strong affair at Lowestoft, Paddy seemed to be in the background, but I'm sure he had sufficient " Beverage."

Trink and Roy were practicing Back Somersaults off the " Scenic Railway," and landing elegantly in the water of the " Water-Chute."

On the " fall-in " being sounded by massed drummers, " Syd and " Ken," we all fell in, more or less, that is with the exception of George who was absent from parade. We then advanced in column of bottles to our " liner " and were just sailing merrily away when the gates re-opened and a flying figure landed right in our midst. We were all present again and proceeded back home, via Chatham. A really glorious day.

We congratulate L/Cpl. Fagg on adding to his household collection with a silver spoon, and also Mac. with a Wooden 'Un.

4th Battalion.

WE have just heard from the War Office that our Hon. Colonel, Lord Goschen, who is now acting as Viceroy in India, has been granted an extension of five years with this Battalion. I am sure everyone is delighted to hear this good news, and we shall all look forward to a visit next year from Lord Goschen on his return to England.

Congratulations to the Hon. W. E. C. and Mrs. James on the birth of their daughter. We are glad to hear both Mrs. James and her infant are doing well. Lieut. James is leaving the Battalion shortly after five and a half years very valuable service with our Sandwich Detachment. His loss to the Battalion will be very heavy, but as he is joining our reserve of officers we shall hope to see him from time to time at our various gatherings.

2/Lieut. Laker of our reserve is transferring to our active list and will take over the Sandwich Detachment in the near future.

We welcome 2/Lieut. Rogers, whose name has at last appeared in the *London Gazette*, to our ranks. He is commencing his service well with a month's attachment at the Depot.

Major Collard is still participating in Army Manoeuvres with the 2nd Battalion. We shall not be surprised if he returns in a Baby Tank or an Austin Scout in exchange for his familiar grey vehicle, which has done so many years of yeoman service around Canterbury.

On October 6th we hope to compete for the Divisional Rifle Cup on Teynham Range. A representative team has been selected from all Companies in the Battalion.

Next month training will be going in full swing and we hope to have as good an attendance as usual at the Battalion Tactical Exercise on the 20th.

We are rather short of non-commissioned officers throughout the Battalion. This will give opportunities for our younger members to obtain non-commissioned rank during our winter training.

Most of the permanent staff have been indulging in leave. Our Quartermaster is leading a gay life in London, and the R.S.M. is reported to have emptied Dover Harbour of fish.

We have reduced our numbers to 584 in preparation of our new reduced establishment which operates from April, 1930, on the formation of the new Machine Gun Company. There is still room for a few good recruits, particularly at Chartham, Folkestone, and in the Weald.

J.R.W. Capt.

Beneath Bell Harry—*continued.*

Trained Men.

Last month passed away very quietly and nothing really exciting has happened. A number of the Staff have been on leave.

We are all sorry to lose our old chum, Mick. He has rejoined the 2nd Battalion for the purpose of proceeding to India with the first draft that leaves on the 2nd. We wish him the best of luck and hope he will never cease to correspond with us.

George has been on leave and has come back (much a married man). Our congratulations are offered to his wife and himself. The old story—may they live long and be happy—and also the family.

We are told that Bill Maynard is back at his old job again. He is now employed as batman to the R.S.M. of the 2nd Battalion. We are always glad to hear about Bill as I am sure everyone of us miss him.

Owing to the lack of news I will have to conclude my notes, but hope to have a lot to write about next month.

"C" (Weald) Company.

Military activities in the Weald are now at a standstill, and everything is now dependent on that nebulous season "after hopping." Not even the League of Nations or the *Daily Mail* could ever control this time honoured influence on the whole life of the countryside—grandmothers die, babies are born, that new suit is bought, debts are paid, recruits enlist and the Company once more exists other than in name—"after hopping."

So there we are, and wonderful weather for it too. Pages have already been written in the last *Dragon* about the magnificent parade on August 18th. The Company turned up and turned out well and it was a memorable day for everyone.

The pen is mightier than the sword at this season of the year, but both must be laid aside till "after hopping!"

A.E.L.H.

"D" Company.

Our notes this month must be necessarily brief as our activities in the Drill Hall during August and September have been practically nil owing to the Drill Hall being used by the Dover Entertainments Committee for Concert Parties. They have now vacated the premises and our winter training will now commence and will be mainly confined to Machine Gun work.

We are very pleased to say that once again our Shooting Team have been successful in winning the Emden Trophy open to all Territorial Units in Dover, and of which we are the present holders. This trophy has been competed for on twelve occasions since 1909, and during that period the Buffs have won it on seven occasions, the Royal Engineers on four, and the Heavy Battery Royal Artillery on one occasion. This year the competition was exceptionally keen and very good shooting was witnessed. The ranges at which the competition is fired are the 200 yards and 500 yards, and the following was the scoring :—

	Points.		
	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
"D" Company, 4th Bn. The Buffs	179	163	342
Cinque Ports Royal Engineers	179	140	319
168th Heavy Battery R.A. ...	176	137	313

The result was entirely in the balance until the sixth detail at 500 yards when our competitor, Sgt. Gilligan, sealed our success by scoring one short of a possible despite a very changable light, his opposite numbers in the R.A. and R.E. finding great difficulty in shooting, their scores at that range being nine and sixteen respectively. It was very pleasing to notice the great enthusiasm, keenness and coolness shown by all members of our team.

The members of our team were :—

C.S.M. Maskell (Captain) ; Sgts. Mead, Rich and Gilligan ; Cpl. Abbott ; L/Cpl. Pascall ; and Drummers Cock and Pascall, F.

We are now about to concentrate on the only other Inter-Territorial Unit Trophy in Dover, namely the Boxing Cup presented by the Officers of the Dover Garrison and which we also hold at present. We naturally are keen to hold both trophies for two years in succession as no Unit has yet succeeded in doing so in the past.

We offer our congratulations to our old Permanent Staff Instructor, R.S.M. Couchman, on being granted a further extension of duty as Regimental Sergeant-Major of our Battalion. It has also given us great pleasure to see him in Dover recently on his annual

holidays, and judging by his healthy, sunburnt appearance evidently Dover suits him. No doubt the change of air will give him renewed vigour to cope with the extensive difficulties which we know Headquarters meet with throughout the year!

Whilst we are on the subject of Permanent Staff Instructors, we feel we must apologise to our present P.S.I., C.S.M. Love, for not offering him our congratulations on receiving the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal some few months back. Will he now please accept them, as we feel sure, knowing him as we do, that it was very well merited. All we ask is that he may remain with us for many years to come.

We feel sure that all members of the 4th Battalion will be very glad to hear that Drum-Major Tripp and his two particular friends, Sgt. Rich and Cpl. Sheaff, have this month re-engaged for a further four years' service. We hope that they will continue to do so every four years so that we shall be sure of a good Corps of Drums every year in the future.

J.S.

1st Cadet Company, The Buffs.

The Company, under the command of Captain W. C. Collins, camped in Betteshanger Park, by kind permission of Lord Northbourne, from August 27th to September 4th, and, favoured by glorious sunshine, spent a very happy time.

Drills, a route march and other "business" occupied the mornings, whilst cricket, football, racing, etc., caused the afternoons and evenings to pass all too quickly. A couple of Marathon races and a team relay produced keen competition and showed that the Company has good runners, especially in Cadets C. E. Blake, C. C. Collins and L/Cpl. J. Marsh. Section 2 won these three events and also the cricket match by 2 runs, thanks to Mr. Extras (25) and Cadet C. Marsh (15) in their second innings. Unfortunately the football lost its wind before a Section contest could be held.

On Sunday, September 1st we were privileged to attend the services at Betteshanger Church, and on the following Tuesday, after being shown over the gardens and part of Betteshanger House, were royally entertained by Mr. H. Powell.

The concert on the last night brought our holiday to a close, and the thought that time passes too quickly.

Attendance was better than last year, and it is hoped that illness, accidents and "work" will not prevent a full muster at the next Camp.

Blinder and Dusty.

BLINDER sat in the anti-room of the Officers' Mess pondering over his rapid promotion; he sat puffing away his "Abdulla" until it almost burnt his lips; there was a time when he would have stuck a pin in it and every bit of weed would have vanished into smoke. He thought of those good old days of the past—those days in the ball alley, the old canteen with its sawdust, skittles and shove-halfpenny combined with the big can and the "drink deep" voice of Dusty cheering him on. Now—it was all changed. Blinder was commanding in the field a Company of Buffs.

As we know Blinder was not born to greatness—it had been thrust upon him and he was aware of it. He tried to think how it all happened; was it some great act of valour? Was it through poaching a bottle of whiskey when his C.O. had run out of the precious liquid? Was it because of some little attention to Charlmange, the maid at the G.O.C's estaminet or rather, billet? Whatever it was, it was a fact that Blinder was an acting Captain. He put his hand into his side pocket pulled out the Gazette, lolled back into his divan chair, put his feet on the table and read for the hundredth time:—

"The Buffs. Private Blinder to be 2/Lieutenant and appointed Acting Captain."

The Commanding Officer came in, looked round the room, when Blinder's feet at once disappeared off the table.

"Good morning, Sir," spoke Acting Captain Blinder.

"Good morning," replied the C.O.

Blinder pulled out a fifty franc note and enquired if the C.o. was ready for a drink.

"I don't mind having a brown ale—but I say, have a drink with me!—what are you taking?

Blinder said he wasn't partial to brown ale as it upset his liver; he preferred a double whisky. "You know, old bean, there's nothing like a good drop of the old firm to make yer forget the war!"

"Give the bell a tap," said the C.O.

The waiter strolled in, winked at Blinder as if to impress the fact he knew him in the "canteen" days, took the order of the C.O., and dropped the tray directly he heard Blinder wanted a whisky.

"You know, Captain Blinder, I am very disappointed with the raid last night; Major Catchum lost nearly all his company and accomplished nothing!"

"Yus—I've 'eard all abawt it. What can yer expect when they copped "Jerry" in the middle of 'is rum issue; they didn't come back until the rum was gone."

"Yes, that is all very well," said the C.O., "but the raid must be made again. I want the name of the Regiment to be published in all the Home papers as doing something great—wonderful—something which will end the war—something which will bring everlasting glory—something which will....."

"I say, won't yer 'ave another brown ale—it'll do more than all that sort of thing."

"I recommended you, Captain Blinder, for your commission, because I felt that you were to be the one man who would lead your company to deeds of valour and that you would soon be....."

"Dead!" interjected Captain Blinder.

"What of it?" answered the C.O. "Far better dead with your name handed down to posterity, than alive with the thoughts haunting you of what you might have done."

That night during dinner the C.O. informed the officers that he had selected Captain Blinder to carry out the raid on Rum Trench; he expounded the heroism that would be necessary to do the job and he asked the company to stand up and drink the health of Captain Blinder. Up went the glasses to the tune of "For he's a jolly good fellow," and cries of speech to which Blinder responded.

The night of the raid Captain Blinder armed himself to the teeth. He had a rifle slung round his neck, a Lewis Gun under his arm, and two revolvers. After the company had been tramping the duck-boards for about an hour a coal box fell at the feet of Captain Blinder, who calmly picked it up and threw it into an adjacent shell-hole, an act of heroism which did not escape the notice of his men who clamoured round offering congratulations.

Captain Blinder halted his men and said he was going to raid the trench himself, so he dismissed the company, who could not help singing "Should old acquaintance" before he departed. Out into "No Man's Land" he dashed and opened fire with his Lewis Gun. Down came the enemy barrage with such intensity that the very earth started rocking; on went

our hero right into the very jaws of death—not 600—but only one brave officer. The wire entanglements were no obstacle to Captain Blinder, who cut his way through by fire and blood until he reached Rum Trench. Along the top of the trench he went with his gun killing the enemy by the dozen until not a single one remained to tell the tale.

" That's the stuff to give 'em," said Captain Blinder, as he whistled up the Blankshires to take over Rum Trench.

On return to Headquarters the whole regiment was paraded whilst his great deeds were extolled. All the London papers published huge placards with the name of Captain Blinder in large print. The German Emperor at once ordered his armies to retire, whilst Blinder was ordered Home to receive the coveted Victoria Cross. As he was about to have the V.C. pinned upon his breast a sort of feeling came over him difficult to explain. He thought he heard voices and pulling himself together was under the impression he was not at Buckingham Palace, but in the guard room.

" Come on—get a blooming move on and get out of it. Get yerself washed and shaved before the orderly room," said the Provost Sergeant.

" What's up ? " answered Blinder, as he rubbed his eyes.

" You'll soon find out when the C.O. gets hold of yer ; yer was found blind drunk last night with a bottle of rum yer pinched out of the Officers' Mess and yer've been asleep for forty-eight blinking hours."

" Then I ain't an orficer at all ! " answered Blinder. " Blimey—this ain't 'alf a doin' it on a bloke ! "

J.E.

The Regimental Gazette.

THE BUFFS.—The following are seconded for service under the Colonial Office :—Capt. W. B. Griffith (July 10th) ; Lt. H. S. Knocker (July 17th).

Lieut. A. A. J. N. Fearnside-Speed is restored to the establishment (Sept. 2nd).

The following University Candidates to be Sec. Lts. (Aug. 31st), with seniority as stated against their names :—

2nd-Lt. R. J. Murphy, from Gen. List. T.A. (Feb. 17th).

The following Gentlemen Cadets from the Royal Military College, to be Sec. Lts. (Aug. 29th) :—

M. G. F. Alexander.

4TH BN.—W. H. Rogers (late Cadet Cpl., Sir Roger Manwood's Sch. Contgy., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be Sec. Lt. (June 1st).

1st Battalion.

RE-ENGAGEMENTS.

6279242 Sgt. W. Stace, "D" and 6279295 Sgt. F. Papworth, "A," re-engaged for the Buffs at Bareilly for such period as will complete 21 years Colour Service on 26–6–1929. (Authy : O.C. Buffs on A.F.B. 136, dated 26–6–1929).

6279183 Sgt. S. Thomas, "H.Q.," re-engaged for the Buffs at Bareilly on 14–7–1929 for such period as will complete 21 years with the Colours. (Authy : O.C. 1/Buffs on A.F.B. 136 dated 14–7–1929).

BOYS—AGE.

6282939 Boy J. Ireland, "H.Q.," attained the age of 18 years, 13–7–29.

STRENGTH—DECREASE.

6281641 Pte. A. Dalton, "D," transferred to the Army Reserve, 14–6–29 under K.R. 369 (i) and struck off strength accordingly.

EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.

6283432 Pte. J. Swan, "D," 6281568 Pte. G. Twyman, "C," 6280269 L/Cpl. W. Fuller, "C," 6283391 Pte. N. Stiff, "D," 6281936 Pte. J. Sparks, "C" 6281790 Pte. S. Goldsack, "C" and 6283195 Pte. F. Reed, awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education at an examination held at Bareilly on 19–9–28. Certificates dated 19–9–28.

6283195 Pte. F. Reed, "H.Q.," awarded 3rd Class Certificate of Education at an examination held at Ranikhet on 28–9–28. Certificate dated 28–9–28.

6527117 Pte. G. Burnett, "A," 6283749 Pte. J. Hayward, "C," 6283402 Pte. A. Lingham, "C," 6283715 Pte. E. Pullman, "D," 752822 Pte. A. Taber, "H.Q.," awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education at an examination held at Bareilly on 2–7–29. Certificates dated 2–7–29.

The undermentioned were awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education at an examination held at Bareilly from 24th to 26th June, 1929. Date of Certificates, 26–6–29 ; (Authy : A.F.C. 323, dated 29–7–29). :—

6283145 Pte. W. Arnold, "B," 6282762 Pte. J. Cobb, "H.Q.," 6282949 Pte. A. Clifton, "B," 6283480 Pte. J. Causer, "A," 6282789 Pte. P. Cooksley, "D" (M.G.), 6281605 Pte. G. Cresswell, "D" (M.G.), 6283584 Pte. E. Lindup, "C," 6282813 Pte. F. Morris, "B," 6282701 Pte. F. Wright, "H.Q.," 6283178 Boy J. Wood, "H.Q."

COURSES—RESULTS OF.

6292803 L/Cpl. K. Ward, "H.Q.," attended the 3rd British Short Course, 1929, at the A.S.P.T., Kasauli, from 13.4.29 to 24.5.29. Result :—Passed 3rd Class. (Authy : I.A.F.Y., 1889, dated 24–5–29).

6282985 Pte. T. Smith, "H.Q.," attended Course in Cookery at the Army School of Cookery for India, Poona and passed " GOOD."

6282754 Cpl. C. Pitch, "B," attended 2nd Combined Course (British and Special Wings) 1929, at the British Wing, at the Army School of Education, India, Belgaum and passed Class 2. (Authy : School Orders, Part II. No. 6¾/2, dated 20–7–29).

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

6281713 Cpl. G. Gillett, "D," appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant vice Thomas promoted, 2–6–29.

6281777 L/Cpl. J. Sharp, "B," promoted Corporal vice Thomas promoted, 2–6–29.

6282803 L/Cpl. K. Ward, "C," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal vice Sharp promoted, 2–6–29.

6281540 Pte. E. Biscoe, "H.Q.," 7042783 Pte. W. Wells, "A," 6282904 Pte. J. Robinson, "A," appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporals w.e.f. 22–7–29. (Authy : 8th (Bareilly) Inf. Bde. No. 0342/19/A, dated 4–1–28).

6283170 Pte. J. Wild, "C," appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal w.e.f. 23–7–29. (Authy : 8th (Bareilly) Inf. Bde. No. 0342/19/A, dated 4–1–1928).

6282702 Pte. F. Leggett, "B," 6282403 Pte. F. Message, "B," 6282270 Pte. T. Tritton, "B," 6282910 Pte. R. Elgie, "B," 6282373 Pte. C. Wenham "B" appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporals with effect from 29–7–29. (Authy :—8th (Bareilly) Infantry Brigade No. 03420/1/A, dated 4–1–1928).

6283331 L/Cpl. T. Shilling, "A," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal vice Sharp promoted, 2–6–29.

6282603 Pte. H. Cruse, "A" and 6282965 Pte. W. Liddell, "B," appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporals with effect from 9–8–29. (Authy : 8th (Bareilly) Infantry Brigade No. 0342/19/A, dated 4–1–1928).

The Depot.

RECRUITS.

Attested as shewn :—

Recruits, W. J. Whiskin, 9–8–29 ; W. Harris, 15–8–29 ; J. Pinder, 16–8–29 ; S. J. Moore, 16–8–29 ; E. Mannering, 27–8–29 ; J. T. Baratt, 24–8–29 ; S. D. Treadaway, 30–8–29 ; W. Marshall, 2–9–29.

STRENGTH—DECREASE.

The undermentioned proceeded to Aldershot to join the 2nd Battalion. 11–9–29 (Chitral Squad).

6284167 Pte. G. F. Miller, 6284166 Pte. H. Heath, 6284165 Pte. J. H. Tickner, 6283916 Pte. C. Burden, 6284168 Pte. M. S. Drew, 6284175 Pte. A. G. Lamb, 6284174 Pte. W. T. E. Johnson, 6284173 Pte. A. Collins, 6284177 Pte. S. Stokes, 6284179 Pte. P. C. Heyward, 6284180 Pte. H. Colley, 6284184 Pte. P. J. A. Pope, 6284183 Pte. A. H. Barton, 6284185 Pte. F. F. Davis, 2024207 Pte. D. T. W. Reynolds, 6284155 Pte. W. F. Tampsett, 6284189 Pte. W. F. James, 6283971 Pte. R. W. Morland Hughes, 6284158 Pte. S. W. Fowler, 6284144 Pte. L. W. Bean, 6284192 Pte. E. C. Malyon, 6284199 Pte. R. C. Jackman, 6283884 Pte. A. Dunsby, 6284151 Pte. R. S. Ownsworth, 6284154 Pte. R. Wills.

4th Battalion.

ENLISTMENTS.

The undermentioned recruit having joined the Battalion is taken on the strength and posted to Company as shown :—

6284301 Pte. W. Brooker, "B" (S), 15–8–29.

RE-ENGAGEMENTS.

6283010 Sgt. C. Collins, "D" (D), re-engaged for four years from 18–9–29.

6282895 Pte. G. Fuller, "A" (R), re-engaged for four years from 11–9 29.

6281354 B/Sgt. E. Rich, "D" (D), re-engaged for four years from 8–9–29.

6281355 B/Cpl. C. Sheaff, "D" (D), re-engaged for four years from 8–9–29.

6280432 D/Mjr. H. Tripp, "D," (D), re-engaged for four years from 6–9–29.

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Personalia.

MAJOR-GENERAL Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell was present at a Church Parade of the Ashford Branch of the Past and Present Association on September 29th, and afterwards laid a wreath on the Ashford War Memorial.

Sir Arthur was also at the Medway Meeting at Chatham on the 28th and at Dover on October 11th.

Major C. S. Field and the Secretary of the Association also attended the above.

General Sir John Shea and Brigadier R. Solly Flood, well known to the 1st Battalion, have been frequent visitors to the Naval and Military Club during the past two months.

Sir John and his A.D.C., Mr. Hector Spear, sailed for India on the 17th October.

We are sure that all Buffs will be delighted to hear that the Very Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard, C.H., D.D., Dean of Canterbury, has accepted the invitation of the Colonel of the Regiment to become Chaplain of the Past and Present Association.

We are very glad to hear that Dr. Sheppard had greatly benefitted from his " cure " abroad, and we hope to see him back before these lines are in print.

There is an admirable photograph of the Dean in the current number of the *Canterbury Cathedral Chronicle*, which, by kind permission, we re-produce in this number. The *Chronicle* also contains an account of the " Memorial Service and Laying-up of Colours of the 2nd Battalion The Buffs—By a Civilian," in which the following remarkable tribute was paid to the Band :—

" After the address the great congregation stood in absolute silence while the Band of the 2nd Battalion played *Chopin's* Funeral March as only the 2nd Battalion Band can play it. Some of those present must have felt that for the first time they realised all the pathos and hope contained in those strains echoing to and fro up in the great Central Tower."

Colonel Sir Theodore Brinckman is still amongst the grouse, a consignment of which recently arrived at the Depot Mess for various officers, Past and Present. We can speak from experience, they were excellent.

Colonel W. H. Trevor, is, we understand, on the look out for a house, or lease, in the Canterbury district.

Colonel W. H. F. Kelly has just retired and has bought a cottage, Piper's Mill, Fontwell, Magua. He wishes to be remembered to all old friends.

Lieut.-Colonel W. A. and Mrs. Eaton have been in Canterbury, the former staying at the Depot Mess and Mrs. Eaton at Bridge. They have now returned to Malorca.

Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. P. G. Scarlett is proceeding to Denmark shortly on a special mission for the War Office.

Major G. Hickman is going to stay with Colonel Sir Courtenay Vyvyan for the latter's wedding on November 21st.

Major R. Grubb, 3rd Hussars, writes from Lucknow (2nd October) that he is taking a polo team to Bareilly to play in the 1st Battalion tournament.

Major and Mrs. Morgan, who have been staying with Captain and Mrs. O'Brien for the Autumn Golf Meeting, are looking out for a good young hunter for Mrs. Morgan.

We are glad to hear from Northern Nigeria that Captain N. D. Rice has been promoted Lieut.-Colonel and confirmed in his appointment as C.O. of the 2nd Nigerian Regiment. We send him our very hearty congratulations.

Lieut.-Colonel Rice went out to Nigeria as a subaltern in April, 1927.

We have seen an interesting photograph of a group consisting of Lieut.-Colonel Rice, Captain Lister, Mr. Knocker and Sergeant Ward, taken at Karno. But the copy of it that we have seen arrived in a somewhat battered condition, perhaps one of those in the group will send us another copy.

All who served in the 2nd Battalion during the War will be interested to hear news of Major C. S. P. Hamilton (R.A.M.C.), who was Medical Officer with the Battalion from December, 1914 until the Armistice. He recently paid a flying visit to the 1st Battalion at Bareilly on his way through from his station, Allahabad to Naini Tal.

He asks to be remembered to all old friends in the Regiment.

Major and Mrs. Wilberforce-Bell, who were in Aden in 1922—23, are now in Simla where Major Wilberforce-Bell is working at the Headquarters of the Foreign and Political Department.

Captain F. C. Tibbs (R.A.M.C.) also well known to all who were with the 2nd Battalion Mesopotamia in 1921—22, was recently seen in Simla taking a breath of fresh air. He is very fit and well and wishes to be remembered to all old friends. He is at present stationed at Lahore.

Captain C. R. B. Knight, sub-editor, 1st Battalion, has been staying in Simla.

Mr. W. H. Rowe has arrived in England on relinquishing his appointment with the King's African Rifles. He will be staying at Eastbourne until the middle of January, when he hopes to join the 2nd Battalion.

The Rev. W. W. Lucas writes from Christ Church House, Groenburgwal 42 Amsterdam, that any Buff officers (Past and Present) who are in the neighbourhood during the end of this month will be given a warm welcome if they can attend the unveiling ceremony by Her Majesty the Queen of Holland of certain windows in Christ Church.

On the Memorial Cross recently unveiled at Chatham in memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War and who are buried in Chatham Cemetry, the following Buffs names appear ;—Ptes. F. Brooker, J. G. Glow, A. Donaldson, J. F. C. Hatt and A. J. Sharp.

Everyone in Canterbury, soldiers and civilians alike, gave the 3rd Carabiniers a great welcome on their arrival at Canterbury. We are once again to see polo on the Old Park. We understand that various Buffs at the Depot are considering the possibilities of somehow acquiring ponies to enable them to join in.

We congratulate Mr. Noel Reeves on winning the Prince of Wales' Cup at Prince's, Sandwich, on October 5th, when with a score of 153 he beat the ex-amateur champion, Mr. R. Harris. We also congratulate the winners at the Autumn Regimental Meeting.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Dalton, who has done so much for the Ladies' Guild in London, and who has recently undergone a serious operation, is progressing very satisfactorily.

Sergeant J. Ward, 2nd Battalion, has just taken his discharge in Nigeria, and is due home.

C.S.M. Tuff, Welsh Guards, formerly The Buffs, is Sergeant-Major in the 1st Battalion Nigerian Regiment.

Applications for Buffs in civilian employment are distinctly on the increase. Lord Harris is one of the latest applicants.

In our correspondence column last month in a letter from Benenden, for William Moseley please read William Moden ; the error is regretted.

We are requested by the Secretary of the Association to announce that the Christmas Plum Pudding Fund is now open, and any donations will be most gratefully received. They should be addressed to The Secretary, Past and Present Association, The Buffs, The Depot, Canterbury.

The Secretary would also be very grateful for any gifts of clothing, etc., for the Annual Jumble Sale, which will be held as soon as sufficient articles have been received. Already a parcel of beautiful things have been received from Mrs. Goff.

The next meeting of the London Branch on November 16th will be held at the new Headquarters, the " Prince Alfred Restaurant," Tufton Street, Westminster, S.W. 1., where a very fine room has been obtained.

Mr. J. Maggs, so well known in both the 2nd and 7th Battalions The Buffs, was present at the last London Branch meeting. We regret to say he is not enjoying the best of health.

The average sales of *The Dragon* at London Branch meetings is 60 copies, which is exclusive of those copies ordered direct by annual subscribers. A big effort is to be made to bring the meeting night sales up to 100 copies.

We again remind readers that Major-General Sir John Capper, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., will deposit a wreath on the 24th Divisional Memorial, Battersea Park, at 2.30 p.m., the 23rd instant.

Births and Marriages.

BIRTHS.

Freelove.—6278533 Pte. E. Freelove, "C," a daughter (Patricia Mary), born at Aldershot, 5/9/29.

Kelly.—6281705 Cpl. H. Kelly, "A," a daughter (Edith Mary), born 20/7/29.

Knights.—6448990 Sgt. R. Knights, "A," a son (Patrick Oswald), born at Aldershot, 16/8/29.

Laming.—6280324 Pte. E. Laming, a daughter, Sylvia Denise, born at Canterbury, 5/10/29.

Lushington.—On October 6th, 1929, in Ceylon, to Cicely, wife of Godfrey L. Lushington, late 2/5th The Buffs, a daughter.

Maplesden.—6279479 Sgt.-Cook T. Maplesden, "H.Q.," a daughter (Beryl Violet), born at "H.Q.," at Aldershot, 1/9/29.

Watson.—6281811 Sgt. R. Watson, a daughter, Eva May, born at Shorncliffe, 2/9/29.

MARRIAGES.

Adams—Pierson.—6282093 L/Sgt. W. Adams, "C," married at Aldershot, 21/8/29 to Dagmar Pierson.

MR. C. G. W. ROBSON AND MISS D. SHEPHARD-CROSS.

The marriage of Mr. Clayton G. W. Robson and Miss Daphne Shepherd-Cross will take place at St. Mark's North Audley Street, on October 15th, at 2.15 p.m.

Work for Discharged Soldiers.

During September, 157 soldiers completed courses of instruction at the Army Vocational Training Centres at Hounslow, Aldershot and Chisledon, and 115 obtained immediate employment on leaving the Colours. In addition to Oversea Settlement, the courses included carpentry, plastering, painting, bricklaying, boot repairing, motor mechanism, positions of trust, private service and a dozen other occupations.

The Oldest Buff?

315 Pte. James Sivers.

Joined 2nd Battalion at Canterbury in 1857.

Discharged 1878.

Served under Colonel Maude, Colonel Gore, Colonel Burke and Colonel Pierson.

He has no decorations or medals.

Joined Weald Branch Past and Present Association The Buffs at Cranbrook, October, 1929.

Age 91.

He appears to be remarkably active in mind and body.

Mr. Sivers had seven sons, two of whom served in the Regiment.

His present address is

29 North Street,
Worthing.

He is extremely proud of the Regiment and still wears what is presumably one of his original "collar dogs" in his button-hole.

His wife died two years ago, they having been married 70 years.

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2 Stone Buildings,
Lincoln's Inn,
London, W.C. 2.
October, 1929.

THE 12TH DIVISION OFFICERS' DINNER.

Dear Sir,

The 12th Division Dinner will this year be held at The Hotel Cecil (Richelieu Rooms), The Strand, London, W.C. 2, on Thursday, November 14th, promptly at 7.30 p.m. (preceded by a business meeting at 7 p.m.).

The cost of tickets will be *Ten Shillings*, exclusive of wine.

Major-General Sir Arthur Scott, K.C.B., D.S.O., will preside.

If numbers permit, *separate tables* will be provided for each unit, and, in any case, every endeavour will be made to seat those present by Brigades, etc.

There will be no speeches at the Dinner.

At the business meeting, at 7 p.m., the Dinner Committee, appointed at the last Dinner on the 15th November, 1928, will propose the following motion:—

> "That the balance of the 12th Division Fund shall be invested in the names of five trustees, namely Major-General Sir Arthur Scott, Major-General H. W. Higginson, Capt. A. Scott-Murray, Capt. Norman Smithers and Capt. G. L. Reckitt, and that the interest thereon shall be held available for assisting the expenses of the Dinner."

Any amendment to this motion must, to be in order, reach me not later than November 8th.

Please let me know as early as possible whether or no you intend to be present. If you can come, please fill in the attached form and send it to me, with remittance, to the above address.

Yours faithfully,
G. L. RECKITT,
(*Hon. Secretary*).

Our Contemporaries.

"Aldershot Command News," "Our Empire," "The Sprig of Shillelagh," "St. George's Gazette," "The Snapper," "The Green Howards' Gazette," "The Bugle," "The Iron Duke," "The Tiger and The Sphinx," "On the March" "Sapper," "British Legion Journal," "Cabar Feidh," Journal of the Hon. Artillery Company," "London Scottish Regimental Gazette," "Hampshire Regimental Journal," "Journal of the Royal Army Service Corps," "Queen's Own Gazette," "Suffolk Regimental Gazette," "Lillywhite's Gazette."

Battles of the Buffs.

No. 42.

CHITRAL, 1895.
MALAKAND FIELD FORCE, 1897—1898.

THE 1st Battalion left England for a tour of foreign service in 1885, and in March, 1895 was stationed at Jullunder in India. Orders came on the 16th March for the battalion to be ready to join the Chitral Relief Force. Chitral is a small State in the western end of the almost inaccessible Himalayas. In 1876 its ruler placed himself under the protection of the Marahrajah of Kashmir and so became one of our vassals. But in 1895 inter-tribal disputes arose and the ruler was murdered. The few scattered garrisons in the Upper Himalayas were isolated and in particular the fort of Chitral, garrisoned by one company of 14th Sikhs and some untrained Kashmiri levies, was in great danger.

The battalion left Jullunder on the 26th March and joined the 3rd Brigade under Brig-Gen. Gatacre. The Seaforth Highlanders, 2/4th Gurkhas and 25th Sikhs were brigaded with the battalion. Four days later the march started. Little baggage was taken; the marches were long and the weather trying. The route taken was by the Makaland Pass, and on the 3rd April the 2nd Brigade had a stiff fight with a strong enemy force well posted at the entrance to the pass. The 1st Brigade was in reserve and the 3rd had been left to guard the camp. This fight was followed by another next day and the enemy were well beaten in both. On the 9th April the 3rd Brigade moved forward through the others and for several days was employed on improving the road. Eight days later the battalion had its first brush with the enemy. The march had started when news came that the enemy was in force in front and advancing. A position was taken up near a village while the Seaforths and Ghurkas were sent against the enemy's right flank. The enemy seemed likely to come on against the village, but the appearance of the 11th Bengal Lancers, the fire of the mountain guns and the rapid advance of the two battalions on their right were too much for them and they retired towards a large town called Miankalai. Next day this town was found to be abandoned.

Next day a specially chosen force started a forced march to Chitral. It consisted of The Buffs, Ghurkhas, Sappers and Miners, Derajat Mountain Battery and two maxim guns under General Gatacre's command. The first objective was the village of Dir, fifty miles off, and three days were allotted for the march which was to be through unknown country. The first day's march was a hard one, the battalion climbing from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in order to cross the Jambatia Pass, 7,500 feet high, and then going down to the village of Jambatia. The men did it but the mules did not and rations were short and kits missing. Next day was a shorter march on quarter rations, and the third march, one of twentyone miles in a very heavy rainstorm, took the force within three miles of their objective. The advance was continued by half battalions in rain and bitter cold weather and into the snow-covered area. Then the news came that Chitral was already relieved. The enemy had fled on the report of Colonel Kelly's approach with the 32nd Pioneers from Gilgit in the north and General Gatacre's advance from the south.

On the 26th April the battalion crossed the Lowari pass, 10,500 feet high, a steep ascent, but a much steeper descent which tried both men and animals highly. On the 28th the Chitral river and the fertile Chitral valley was reached, but orders to halt were received and it was not until the 15th May, after several other excursions, that the battalion arrived at Chitral itself. The garrison had been besieged for forty-six days and, in spite of filthy water, shortage of food and a very troublesome and good shooting enemy, had managed to hold out. The Buffs had the honour of being the only British regiment in Chitral and on the 16th May took part in a full parade when General Sir Robert Lowe, the Commander-in-Chief, congratulated both the besieged and relieving force on their work. In September the battalion was ordered back to India and was stationed at Peshawar.

During the next two years the frontier was in a disturbed state. Turkey's victory over Greece had raised the Mohammedan world and a fanatical priest went up and down the frontier preaching war on all infidels. In July, 1897 the Swatis of Malakand tried to rush the camp in the Malakand Pass. They were met by men well trained in frontier fighting and were held off till help arrived. Then it was decided to send a punitive column and a division was mobilised under the command of Major-General Sir Bindon Blood, who had been Chief of Staff in the Chitral campaign, and became known as the Malakand Field Force. The 1st Battalion The Buffs, who were then in the hill station Chirat, formed part of the second Brigade under Brigadier-General P. D. Jeffreys, together with the 35th Sikhs,

38th Dogras, Guides Infantry and some medical units. While the mobilisation was being carried out, the Mohmands made some raids into the Peshawar valley and so it was decided to punish them also.

The battalion arrived at the Malakand in two halves, on the 6th and 9th August, and moved forward on the 26th. It then took part in a number of long marches, all in very trying conditions, as at times it was hot and oppressive and at others it was raining heavily, and finally it reached the Mohmand country. On the 14th September The Buffs with the Sappers and Miners were left to hold the Rambat Pass while the remainder of the Brigade returned to a camp at the foot. This camp was attacked by Mohmands during the night and next day the Brigade was ordered to move up their valley and burn their villages and supplies of bhoosa and grain. On the 16th the Brigade advanced in three columns. The right consisted of the Dogras and was ordered to attack the village of Domodolah ; the left was formed from two companies of The Buffs, four or five companies of the Guides and some Sappers and Miners, while the centre column under Colonel Goldney, 35th Sikhs, consisted of four companies of The Buffs under Lieut-Colonel Ommanney, six companies 35th Sikhs, four guns, a squadron of 11th Bengal Lancers and a half company of Sappers and Miners. Two companies of each battalion were left in camp. When the centre column had gone some four miles up the valley Colonel Ommanney was ordered to take his four companies and search a village called Badelai, two miles due east. This village was found to be full of men but they ran away up the hills on our approach and the village was destroyed. It was now very hot and no water was available ; so the battalion moved on, skirting the base of the hills for another three miles when it came to a large village with a fine stream. A halt of an hour was made here. Meanwhile, the Lancers covering the centre column had come under fire from a number of tribesmen in the hills and had returned the fire. The 35th Sikhs of this column moved towards the ridge, with a screen on their right. Their line lay through high crops on successive terraces and the advance towards the village of Shahi-Tangi was a stiff one. About 8 a.m. cavalry patrols reported the enemy in great strength at the north-west end of the valley and in consequence the left column was ordered to come up on Colonel Goldney's left and Colonel Ommanney's small force was recalled and ordered to march to support the Sikhs. "D" Company was sent on ahead and covered about a mile over very rough paths along the hillside alternatively doubling and walking.

During this time the threat from the north-west, that is from the left of the 35th Sikhs, became more formidable and a retreat was ordered. At once the hillside was alive with men and the firing increased. The situation became serious and casualties increased, and at last the enemy charged with sword in hand, hurling great stones. They did not, however, charge home, and the Sikhs turned with fixed bayonets. Things looked grave when someone sounded the " charge." The Sikhs moved forward cheering and the tribesmen turned. The Cavalry charged, the Guides began to make their appearance on the left and "D" Company The Buffs reached a spur from which they were able to pour volleys at a range of from 800 to 1,200 yards at the enemy in the nullahs and the open ground behind. The other three companies came up ; the fire increased and finally the enemy were on the run and out of range.

Although it was late in the day, General Jeffreys was determined to complete the destruction of Shahi-Tangi. The Buffs, supported by the 35th Sikhs were to re-take the village while the Guides protected the left. About 1 p.m. the advance re-commenced ; The Buffs came down from their ridge, crossed the more or less open ground, which was in terraces and intersected by small nullahs, and came on a steep nullah with high crops towards the top. This was crossed and the battalion then came under fire. Two companies, however, pushed on through the village to the heights above it, the enemy falling back but continuing to snipe. The other companies then commenced to burn bhoosa, stocks and houses and at 3 p.m. the order to retire was given.

The enemy at once began to appear but the retirement was carried on steadily. The Buffs were then ordered to act as rearguard to the column on its return to camp and continued its withdrawal from position to position, the enemy being kept off easily as the ground was fairly open. When about five miles from camp the order to halt was given. It was getting quite dark and a big storm was brewing, but at last the order to go on was received. The enemy followed for a mile or so and then disappeared, and the reason will be given later. The battalion arrived in camp about 9 p.m., drenched to the skin and having marched and fought since 6 a.m. with nothing to eat since a small breakfast before leaving camp.

While the withdrawal had been going on, a section of the rear company ("G") under L/Cpl. J. Smith had been sent back to rescue a gunner officer reported to be lying wounded in a dhoolie and without an escort. They found

the dhoolie but it was empty. They were then ordered towards the village or Bilot, where General Jeffreys, four guns and the Sappers and Miners were marooned. Suddenly, firing opened from all directions. It was this firing that evidently attracted the enemy who were following the rearguard on its way to camp. L/Cpl. Smith's section started to dig out a small trench with their bayonets and were then called upon by Lieut. Watson to try and turn the enemy out of the now burning village. They were fired at from the roofs and stones were thrown at them, but it was impossible to see the enemy and the attempt failed. All that could be done was to fire at the flashes. L/Cpl. Smith was himself wounded but continued to direct the fire of his men; of the others two were killed and four were wounded. The storm had broken by this time and there was continued thunder and lightning, but the gallantry of this section of The Buffs, with the Sappers and Miners and the two engineer officers, saved the guns and the whole party. At last two companies of Sikhs and two of Guides Infantry arrived and the enemy at once decamped.

Lieuts. Watson and Colvin were decorated with the Victoria Cross, and in April, 1899 (one and a half years later) L/Cpl. Smith received the same decoration, while Ptes. Lever, Poile, Finn and Nelthorpe were all given the D.C.M.

Next day the Brigade was given orders to remain in the neighbourhood and thoroughly punish the tribes in the valley, who were reported to be up in arms. An expedition was therefore sent to burn a village nearby after collecting supplies from it. The Buffs acted as rearguard, and though followed up and fired at, did not have a difficult task, as many of the enemy preferred to try and put out the fires in their village. This procedure was carried out on each of the succeeding days and it was always found that the fun began when the retirement was ordered.

Towards the end of September the battalion was ordered back to the Malakand, and it marched back on the 25th on relief by the Queen's Own Royal Regiment. Here it remained till half-way through November, when it was ordered to form part of the Utman Kheyl Column, consisting of the 8th Mountain Battery, Sappers and Miners, The Buffs, 21st Punjab Infantry and 10th Bengal Cavalry under Brigadier-General Reid. This column was sent out to enforce a fine of money and guns levied on the Utman Kheyl tribes south of the Swat River for their participation in the attack on the Malakand. The march was long and trying and the probable attitude of the tribes was not known, but all went off peaceably and the fine was paid up.

In January, 1898 The Buffs were in action helping to clear a way through the Tangi Pass into Buner and afterwards moved to the mouth of the Umbeyla Pass. They later came back to Malakand and were encamped from February to June in the Swat Valley. They then returned to Malakand and in October, 1898 left for Nowshera, afterwards moving to Kamptee.

Chitral was granted as a battle honour for the 1895 campaign and the North-West Frontier Medal was presented to all ranks who took part. A clasp was also given for 1897.

E.F.H.

RECORDS OF OTHER REGIMENTS, from Page 371.

Seventy-five Battle Honours and five Victoria Crosses have been awarded to The Essex Regiment, which had thirty-one battalions during the late war with Germany. Many of these battalions served in closed proximity to The Buffs, for example, the 6th Buffs and 9th Essex (12th Division); 7th Buffs and 10th Essex (18th Division); 8th Buffs and 11th Essex (24th Division).

The 1st Battalion The Essex Regiment, which was in India when the war started, served in Gallipoli and afterwards came to France with the famous 29th Division. Perhaps the most outstanding event in their war history took place in April, 1917, during the Battle of Arras, when The 1st Essex and The Newfoundland Regiment, cut off by a terrific barrage from all hope of succour, held up a counter attack by a whole division of fresh Bavarian troops. Speaking of the work of these two battalions on this occasion, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, in his history of "The British Campaign in France and Flanders," says: "Of some companies, not a man returned, and yet few were ever reported as prisoners of war in Germany. No more gallant feat of arms has been performed during the war." Once again "The Little Fighting Fours" had lived up to their tradition of fighting it out to the last.

The 2nd Battalion The Essex Regiment formed part of the 12th Infantry Brigade, 4th Division, and served on the Westen Front from August, 1914 to November, 1918. At the Battle of Le Cateau, on August 26th, 1914, The 2nd Essex were surprised to find that many of the German dead and wounded wore a similar badge to their own—the Castle and Key of the Gibraltar Arms. These Germans belonged to a Hanoverian regiment whch had formerly been in the British service, and had served alongside The 56th Foot in the Defence of Gibraltar against the French and Spaniards, 1779/1783. It was a strange coincidence that, one hundred and forty-one years later, of all the battalions in the British Expeditionary force, the one they should run up against should be their former comrades.

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Records of Other Regiments.

LIV.

BATTLE HONOURS.

Borne on the Regimental Colour: The Castle and Key, (superscribed "Gibraltar, 1779—82"), with the motto "Montis Insignia Calpe." The Sphinx (superscribed "Egypt"), An Eagle, "Moro." "Havannah," "Badajoz," "Salamanca," "Peninsular," "Bladensberg," "Waterloo," "Ava," "Alma," "Inkerman," "Sevastopol," "Taku Forts," "Nile, 1884/5," "Relief of Kimberley," "Paardeberg," "South Africa, 1899/1902."

Borne on the King's Colour: "Le Cateau," "Marne, 1914," "Ypres, 1915, '17," "Loos," "Somme, 1916, '18," "Arras, 1917, '18," "Cambrai, 1917, '18," "Selle," "Gallipoli, 1915/16," "Gaza."

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The 1st Battalion (old 44th Foot) was raised in 1741, and saw its first active service in Scotland during the Jacobite Rising of 1745. Sent to America in 1751, four years later, the 44th was with Braddock's ill-fated army when it was destroyed by the French and their redskin allies at Monongahela. Braddock lost his own life and those of his men through his stupid adherence to European methods of warfare under circumstances for which they were totally unsuitable. When his force came in contact with the French, who were behind barricades of felled trees, he arrayed them in the same kind of solid scarlet ranks as he had seen at Fontenoy, and the French (many of them backwoodsmen, and deadly marksmen) shot them down by the score. When some of the redcoats took cover among the trees in order to reply to the enemy's fire (following the example of the colonial militia, who, under the celebrated George Washington, were their comrades on this occasion), Braddock hunted them out at the sword's point, cursing them for cowards. At last the British force, reduced to a pitiful remnant, gave ground, and the redskins came in with tomahawk and scalping-knife to finish them off. It was a rather unhappy opening for their Transatlantic career, but the few survivors of the 44th must have felt that they were getting a bit of their own back four or five years later, when they took part in the conquest of Canada, and were present at the surrender of Montreal.

In 1775 the Regiment again crossed the Atlantic, where the colonists were in rebellion, and the 44th fought against them until the signing of the peace treaty which created a new nation, the United States of America, with George Washington, the Virginian militia officer of a few years before, as its first President. In 1782 the 44th became the East Essex Regiment. During the Napoleonic Wars the 44th had two battalions. The 1st Battalion fought in the war of 1812–14 on the familiar soil of America, while the 2nd Battalion fought in the Peninsular, also at Quatre Bras and Waterloo before being disbanded at Dover in 1816.

In 1841 the 44th provided the bulk of the white troop in the British garrison then occupying Cabul, the capital of Afghanistan. There was a rising in the city on the 2nd of November, and it was arranged that the British force should return to India. Hampered by the presence of women and children: perishing by scores from cold and exposure, from the bullets of snipers, or under the knives of fierce tribesmen who hung around the flanks to cut off stragglers, the 44th at last turned to bay, on the hill of Gundamuck, in the Khyber Pass. Here they died, fighting to the bitter end; a little island of white men amidst a sea of bloodthirsty savages. So for the second time in its history the 44th Regiment was destroyed. Yet they proved, even in that dark hour of calamity, how well they deserved the nicknames of "The Gallant Fours," or "The Little Fighting Fours," by which they were popularly known.

The 56th Battalion of Foot, now the 2nd Battalion The Essex Regiment, were raised on Tyneside by Lord Charles Manners in 1755. The Regiment originally wore facings of deep crimson, but by an order dated 9th October, 1764, these were changed to purple. These purple facings were of the shade favoured by, and called after, Madame Pompadour, the notorious "lady friend" of the King of France, hence the nickname of "The Pompadours," (sometimes shortened to "The Pompeys") by which the Regiment has long been known.

In 1782 the 56th became The Wessex Regiment. In 1881 the 44th and 56th were united as 1st and 2nd Battalions of The Essex Regiment, the yellow facings of the former and the purple facings of the latter being replaced by the white which became the general colour for non-royal English line regiments.

The cap-badge worn by the Essex Regiment includes the Castle and Key, with the motto "Montis Insignia Calpe," which commemorates the part played by the Foot in the long siege of Gibraltar, 1779/1783, and also the figure of the Sphink which was earned by the 44th in the Egyptian campaign of 1801. The Arms of the County of Essex (a shield bearing three Saxon swords or "seaxes") is worn as a collar badge. Officers of The Essex Regiment wear upon the lappel of their mess jackets a miniature replica of the Eagle of the 62nd French Regiment of the Line, captured by the 44th at the Battle of Salamanca.

An Old Buff.

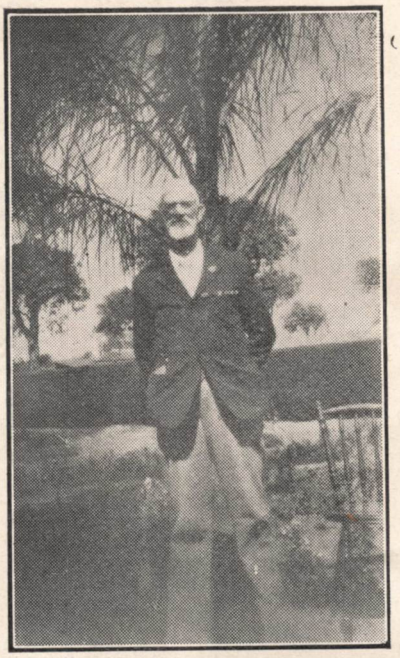
P.O. Box 31,
Umkomaas,
Natal,
South Africa.
August 17th, 1929.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I enclose you the account of the services of an old Buff who has had the unique experience of serving in the Zulu War of 1879 as well as in the Great War. Mr. Davies is now living in the Victoria Home, Retief Street, Maritzburg, Natal. Except that he has had a successful operation for cataract performed on his eyes he shows no sign of his age, and is as active and cheery as many men of half his age. He is comfortably housed and well looked after, and enjoys two small pensions. He tells me that if it were not that his eyesight is failing he would still be working at his trade of mason. As you see from his account of his life, his memory is excellent.

Yours sincerely,

S. L. P. BARKER.



Mr. George Davies, now residing at Maritzburg, Natal, was born in Bermondsey in 1855, and enlisted in The Buffs at Canterbury in August, 1876. He proceeded to South Africa on October 3rd, 1876 in the hired troopship *St. Lawrence*, which was wrecked off Paternoster Point on November 8th. Captain Wilde of The Buffs rode overland to Capetown for assistance, and the gunboats *Spartan* and *Active* were sent up the coast and took the troops to Capetown. Thence they were sent by sea to East London, where they stayed until February, 1877 and then sailed for Durban, whence they marched to Maritzburg. In April, 1878 "A," "B" and "C" Companies, under Captains Foster, Harrison and Wilde, were sent to Kokstad to assist in quelling a native rising. After these companies had rejoined, the Battalion, less three companies on detachment at Mauritius, proceeded to Thring's Post on the Zulu border and stayed there until January, 1879, when it marched to the Lower Tugela to await the issue of the ultimatum to the Zulus. There the three companies from Mauritius rejoined. Colonel Pearson commanded, and the other officers were Major Parnell; Captains Foster, Harrison, Wilde, Williams, Jackson, Gilston, Alexander, Hickson and Backhouse; Lieutenants Lewis, Knight, Gordon; and Somerset as adjutant.

On January 12th, 1879 Zululand was entered by the Brigade consisting of The Buffs, The 99th Foot, Colonial troops from the coast and a native contingent, 2,000 strong, under Major Groves of The Buffs, with two Gatling guns and three 9-pounders. The first engagement took place at Inyetshan on January 22nd, when one private was killed and three wounded, two Volunteers were killed and Major Parnell had his horse shot under him. Thence the troops marched to Eshowe, which was put in a state of defence and held until the relief on April 2nd. Three companies who were on escort duty took part in the fight at Gingindhlovu. After the relief by The 60th Rifles, 57th Foot and part of The 99th Foot, The Buffs went on convoy duty and then marched to Fort Durnford where they awaited orders, pending the arrival of General Wolseley, to march to Ulundi, but the battle was fought by General Chelmsford before the former arrived. The Battalion then marched to Pinetown and sailed from Durban for Singapore, arriving in November, 1879, proceeding later to Hong Kong. Mr. Davies then went on the Reserve.

In 1883 Mr. Davies, as a Reservist, volunteered for the Cape Infantry, a force raised, and offered to the Cape Colony, by the Home Government. He proceeded to Kimberley under Colonel Dalgetty and served in various places until the force was disbanded in April, 1886. He then worked as a mason in South Africa.

On the outbreak of the South African War he joined the Imperial Light Infantry and served with General Buller's force. He was captured by the Boers at Spion Kop and kept prisoner from January 24th until June 6th, 1900 when he was released on the capture of Pretoria. He joined the Constabulary and then, after re-enlistment, was present at the action of Kornspruit and, later, served in the C.-in-C.'s bodyguard. Afterwards he joined the Johannesburg Mounted Rifles, transferring to the East Griqualand Mounted Volunteers and, later, to the Natal Mounted Infantry. He then returned to his trade.

In 1906 he joined the Natal Rangers on the outbreak of the Zulu Rebellion and was present at the action of the Mome Gorge and the capture of Bambata.

In 1914 Mr. Davies, being then 59 years of age, though officially 38, joined up in the Natal Light Horse under Colonel Royston and served through the South African Rebellion, fighting in two actions against the rebel Dutch on the Orange River. He was invalided from rheumatism, but, later on, joined the South African Veteran Regiment and was employed in guarding German prisoners at Aus, where he also was on the staff of the officers' mess. He remained there until discharged at his own request, having completed one year and seven months' service in the Great War.

The names of the officers in the Buffs which I recollect are Capt. Hickson, Capt. Backhouse, Lieut. Gordon, Capt. Alexander and Adjt. Somerset from Mauritius.

Past and Present Association, The Buffs.

The Dean of Canterbury (Dr. H. R. L. Sheppard),
Honorary Chaplain, Past and Present Association, The Buffs

During the period 18/9/29 to 18/10/29 the following donations and disbursements have been received and paid :—

DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Tasker, Margate Sub-Branch ...		5	0

DISBURSEMENTS.

		£	s.	d.
Sept. 27.	Grant	1	10	0
27.	Grant	2	0	0
30.	Grant	1	0	0
Oct. 1.	Grant	1	10	0
1.	Grant	1	10	0
5.	Grant	1	0	0
7.	Grant		5	0
10.	Grant	2	0	0
16.	Grant		2	6

NEW MEMBERS.

During the period 18/9/29 to 18/10/29 the following new members have been enrolled :—

Life Members.—W. N. Bishop, J. Amos, V. Baldwin, H. Staples, L/Cpls. W. Eley and J. Scullion, Ptes. H. Beesley, E. Hawkins, W. Chapman, H. Bryan, J. Seymour, S. Burch, L. Hawkins, E. Wilson, E. Southwell, W. Axford, A. Petley, T. Bedford, J. Coates, A. Vandome, R. Aylott, C. Felce, G. Berry, J. Bishop, W. Bowman, S. Harvey, F. Horne, A. Sawyer, W. Kelly, A. Cotterill, A. Barker, H. Smith, J. Sabin, T. Punnett and R. Smith.

Annual Members.—W. Bentley, H. J. Rogers, T. Bax, H. J. Knott, G. K. Turner, G. Fright, O. Milsum, A. Furmston, H. A. Forsyth, W. S. Jordan, E. Lepper, A. E. Crispe, E. Moodey, W. H. Knowles, E. Hadlow, A. Pudwell, D. Rose, D. B. Rodwell, D. C. Hogwood, G. J. Neaves, F. W. Nash, L. Hopper, C. I. Scarff, W. A. Partiss, H. F. Baldock.

Ashford Branch.

THREE PRINCIPLES OF SELF.

VICAR'S MESSAGE TO ASHFORD EX-SERVICE MEN.

Tennyson's lines on self-reverence, self-knowledge and self-control were enlarged upon by the Vicar of Ashford (Rev. H. W. Blackburne, D.S.O., M.C.,) in his address on Sunday, at the anniversary service of the local branches of the British Legion and of the Past and Present Association of The Buffs. The service was held in the Parish Church in the morning and the congregation filled the building. Colonel J. Body, D.S.O., President of the Legion, read the Lesson and the music was played by the British Legion Band which is principally composed of old Buffs.

Among the members of the Buffs' Association present were Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., (the Colonel of the Regiment), Colonel H. Findlay, C.B.E., (Secretary of the Association), Major Field (Officer Commanding The Buffs Depot), and Captain A. C. Crothall (President of the local Association). After the service, the members of the Association marched to the War Memorial, where Sir Arthur placed a wreath, after the gathering sang, " O, Valiant Hearts," the little ceremony closing with the Last Post and Reveille, sounded by a Buffs' bugler. Headed by the band, the members then marched back to their headquarters, where Captain Crothall told them how pleased Sir Arthur had been with the parade.

The Vicar, in welcoming the men's and women's branches of the Legion and the Buffs' Association—whose co-operation on such an occasion marked the friendly feelings which should exist between similar organisations—referred to the proud record of The Buffs, although he said, he had not had the privilege of serving with them. What England owed to its county regiments, he said, could not be exaggerated. The Buffs shared with The Queen's the honour of standing at the head of the English County Regiments.

The Vicar based his subsequent remarks upon Tennyson's lines :—

" Self-reverence, self-knowledge and self-control.
These three alone lead life to sovereign power,
Because right is right, to follow right
Were wisdom in the scorn of consequence."

In these lines, he said, the poet gave them three principles for our lives, which were not new but were insisted upon in pages of the Bible. Dealing with self-knowledge, he said to see ourselves as we really were required a real effort. The first thing we had to do was to realise our weakness : that was essential before we could realise our need of help. As to self-control, the Vicar pointed out that life was a struggle, but struggle was a condition of progress. No life could be truly great in any direction unless it was prepared to struggle for existence. Because these struggling little things, vertebrates, with backbones, had to struggle, they made progress, whereas shell-fish remained as they were thousands of years ago.

Self-reverence, he said, set us on our feet and filled us with self-respect which was so vital to the life of any regiment or community. Self-knowledge put us down on our knees—and no man was a true man if he was ashamed to do that—whilst self-control sent us out on our way determined to try to make this world a tiny bit better than we found it.

On September 29th the Annual Church Parade took place. Members paraded in the Market, Capt. Crothall taking the parade.

There were 103 Men and four Officers present.

Miss Palmer was congratulated on the splendid lunch provided at the Market Hotel.

Great credit is due to the Chairman (Mr. H. Ades) for the splendid arrangements and untiring energy in organising the Parade.

On Saturday, October 12th, the Monthly Meeting was held at the Market Hotel. Mr. H. Ades was in the Chair with Mr. G. Tomsett, Vice-Chair ; Mr. C. Marsh, Secretary, and Mr. E. Chambers, Assistant Secretary.

The Business of the Branch having been gone through, the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony during which a surprise visit of a party from the Weald Branch was paid, the visitors being heartily welcomed by the Chairman.

A presentation was made to Mr. J. Marsh on account of his leaving the Branch to enter Chelsea Hospital.

Those contributing to the harmony were :—

Messrs. S. Court, E. Williams, W. Blackford, E. G. Newton (Encore), J. Kief, R. Ward, Mr. Hayward (Encore), Mr. Apps, accompanied by Mr. Cavender.

A jolly evening closed with " Auld Lang Syne " and " The King."

E.H.C.

London Branch.

A largely-attended meeting of the above Branch was held on Saturday, the 19th October last with Capt. J. E. Enright in the Chair.

MINUTES.—The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.—Correspondence was read from The Colonel of The Regiment wishing good luck ; also from the Secretary of the Medway Branch drawing attention to their Branch Dinner on the 2nd November.

TREASURER'S REPORT.—Captain Carter, M.C., gave his usual quarterly statement and presented the balance sheet for the quarter ending 30th September.

NEW MEETING ROOM.—The Chairman announced the November Meeting would be held at the " Prince Alfred," Tufton Street, Westminster, S.W.1., at the same time introducing Mr. Benjuman—our new host—to the members. Mr. Benjuman replied and said he would do all in his power to make us extremely happy. Mr. Field enquired if the new house was in bounds for serving soldiers and was assured it was so.

8TH BATTALION THE BUFFS.—The Chairman expressed a wish that as many members of the Branch as possible should be present at Battersea Park on November 23rd and let General Sir Arthur Capper see something of our wonderful organisation.

CHRISTMAS DRAW.—The details of the great draw were announced and books were soon well circulated. It is hoped each member of the Branch will take at least one book. The prizes are good and the cost of a ticket only 3d. The Chairman said he would be pleased to receive offers from members who would like to present one of the prizes. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th prizes have already been promised.

UNEMPLOYMENT.—The Chairman dealt with this vital question and asked all to work hard to get our less fortunate brothers placed. He asked all out of a job to register for Postal Work at Christmas. Mr. Cude offered to help two members with temporary employment at once and names were handed to him. The Chairman also thanked Mr. Gadd for his efforts in this direction. Captain J. O. Cook, M.B.E., reported having found one member permanent work during the past month.

2ND BATTALION GOLD MEDAL.—The design of the Medal to be presented to the 2nd Battalion was explained by Mr. Henderson: it is original and copyright. Captain Cook mentioned the wings of the " Dragon " might be better if done the same as on the regimental journal, and Capt. Carter suggested the claw be in a more fighting attitude. Mr. Henderson replied it would be so on the finished work. Capt. Cook proposed " that subject to the approval of Colonel Crookenden, the Branch accepts the design. This was carried unanimously and the Chairman thanked Mr. Henderson for the great pains and interest taken in producing the design.

LADIES' GUILD.—The Chairman asked all married members to endeavour to induce their wives to become members of this splendid organisation and so take their place alongside those who are doing so much good work. He especially mentioned how sorry the Branch was to hear of Mrs. Dalton (Hon. Secretary of the Guild) having to undergo an operation and it was carried unanimously a letter of sympathy and earnest wishes for a speedy recovery be sent this lady. The Chairman mentioned how her fine work had helped to better the lot of the blind, deaf and sick members of the Branch by arranging medical treatment and advice. Captain Smith, in supporting, said the Chairman had only mentioned two or three cases, but there were many more in which Mrs. Dalton had interested herself.

Mr. Neale Dalton briefly replied and thanked the Branch and said his wife was only too happy to do what she could and would continue to help in the future as in the past.

AU REVOIR.—The Chairman, on behalf of the Branch, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson for their hospitality whilst using the ' Phoenix ' and perhaps it was some satisfaction to know our hosts were also leaving and going to Seaford.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson both replied and spoke of the affection they had for the Branch and if at any time they could be of service to let them know. They both would cling to their Associate Membership and were coming to Canterbury next year.

FUNDS.—The total income for the night from Collection and Heather kindly presented by the Colonel of the Regiment, amounted to £2 5s. 0d.

J.E.

BRANCH CELEBRITIES.

No. 2072 William Henry Clarke (Nobby MK1).—Enlisted 3/6/1886. Joined 2nd Battalion, Dover, 5-9-86. To 1st Battalion, (Jack Ripper's draft) October, 1888. Appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, October, 1889. Promoted Corporal, June, 1892. Appointed Lance-Sergeant, 1893. Transferred Army Reserve, 1894. Was Member of 1st Battalion Indian Club Squad and Running Maze Team.

Re-enlisted for S.A. War, October, 1900. Served with 2nd Battalion. Badly bitten by snake. Invalided home with Malaria, 1902.

Enlisted London Irish Rifle Volunteers, 1905 and given rank of Sergeant. Still serving on outbreak of War. France, March, 1915—July, 1917. Promoted R.S.M., 1916. Served 141st Brigade under Brigadier-General R. McDougall. Mentioned in Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's personal dispatches for distinguished conduct, 1917. Is a noted bottle swinger and seller of *Dragons*. Still going strong although over 60 years of age. Given the identification (MK1) to distinguish him from another Nobby Clarke—a younger soldier—serving at same time.

Dover Branch.

The 23rd General Meeting was held on Friday, 11th October, when we were visited by General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, Colonel H. Findlay and Major Field.

The General addressed the meeting saying how pleased he was to be with us and mentioning that Col. Findlay had a scheme for promoting intercourse between Branches and also for making the branch meetings more attractive.

Colonel Findlay then spoke and outlined his scheme which was, that each branch should try to raise a troupe of entertainers who would perform at branch meetings and also visit other branches. These troupes would then meet annually in competition, when a prize would be given for the best performance. This idea was received with acclamation.

Colonel Findlay then presented the Findlay Billiards Challenge Cup and Miniature to the winner, Drummer R. E. Tripp, afterwards taking a Tripp to the Billiard Room. (What about it, Tripp ?)

During the evening songs and music were given by Mrs. Vinall, Messrs. Hunt, Evans, and Wakefield.

A Dance was held at the Drill Hall on Wednesday, 11th October, which was very successful and well attended, the music being provided by the Melodians'* Dance Band from Canterbury.

*This is the name of the band and NOT of their instruments.

Weald Branch.

The first meeting of the winter season was held at the Drill Hall, Cranbrook, on October 9th and was a notable one for two reasons, one being that the Colonel of the Regiment attended for the first time since his appointment, and the other that the enrolment of probably the oldest living Buff as a Member of the Association took place. This wonderful old man is Mr. J. Sivers, aged 91, who joined the 2nd Battalion when it was raised in 1857. Further particulars about Mr. Sivers have been sent to the Editor and no doubt will appear elsewhere in *The Dragon*.

In honour of the General the Meeting was also made the occasion of a parade of "C" (Weald) Company of the 4th Battalion and a Guard of Honour of picked men from the Company under Lieut. M. B. Hewitt, was formed up at the entrance to the Drill Hall.

The Past Members of the Branch were formed up by Sub-Areas under the Command of the Vice-Chairman, Captain V. T. Dampier-Palmer, O.B.E. and the remainder of "C" Company under 2/Lieut. Gandy.

The General inspected the Parade (about 80 strong), and expressed his great pleasure at the numbers and the general turn-out. The Inspection was followed by a General Meeting of the Branch with Colonel John Body in the Chair.

The General was given a great welcome and both he and Colonel Findlay, who we were very glad to see amongst us again, addressed the Meeting.

Greetings were read from the Ashford, London and Dover Branches.

During the evening eleven new members were enrolled, including one Life Member, and two Annual Members became Life Members, making the total strength of the Branch 191.

The next Meeting is at the Ball Inn, Rolvenden, on November 13th.

A.E.L.H.

Medway Branch.

MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING held at the British Legion Club, Chatham, on the 28th September, 1929.

Alderman Osborne Taylor presided over a meeting of 66 members.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed on the motion of Mr. E. T. Cooper, seconded by Mr. H. Barnes.

Arising out of the minutes, the subject of the annual dinner, fixed for Saturday, 2nd November, was discussed, Mr. T. Wheatley read the proposed menu and suggested calling an extraordinary general meeting for the 12th November, at 7.30 p.m., when tickets would be available. The suggestion was adopted together with Captain Birrell's proposal that members might bring a male friend with them.

The shooting match with Sittingbourne was then discussed. The Secretary of the Sports Committee reported that he had been unable to fix a date convenient to both branches, but would report to the meeting on the 12th if any progress had been made in that direction. He then took the names of the team as well as of those who wished to participate in the pool shoot.

The General Secretary of the Past and Present Association was announced at this juncture, closely followed by the Colonel of the Regiment. Both received an enthusiastic welcome.

The President, in welcoming the General, said how proud they all were, as a branch of the Old Buffs' Association, to be honoured by his presence.

In reply, the General said how much he appreciated being among his old comrades, some of whom he had known for more than forty years. He thanked all who had turned out on August the 18th at that great muster at Canterbury; he thanked all who had contributed to the presentation he had received on that day; and he thanked the branch for the message that they had sent him from the last meeting. He went on to enlarge on the scenes at the parade at Canterbury and he said that to everyone present it must have been a most impressive occasion. But what had left the greatest impression was the splendid drill of the Guard of Honour, and the beautiful rendering of *Chopin's* Funeral March by the Band. He also made a reference to a notice he had had inserted in Battalion Orders, urging the younger Buffs, now serving, to get into touch with the branches when on leave. In this way the present generation of Buffs would get to know those whose days of service in the regiment were done. He also commended to his hearers *The Dragon*. This paper was an excellent six pennyworth. Beside receiving all the news, the purchaser helped the Association, as the profits went to the Association Funds.

After Colonel Findlay had spoken, the box was passed round, and a sum o 13/2 collected. The meeting then closed.

Sittingbourne Branch.

The following notes are the Minutes of the Tenth Monthly Meeting of the Sittingbourne Branch of the Past and Present Association, The Buffs, held on Friday, October 4th, 1929, under the Chairmanship of Major D. J. Dean, V.C.

The Minutes of the last were approved of and signed by the Chairman.

Round and About.

OCTOBER'S SHOWING. As if in answer to the challenge of a wonderful summer October has been giving of its best. Having begun by providing the very necessary rain the month has proceeded to supply months of delicious sun. At times I have been tempted to recant and to give autumn credit for cheerfulness and kind feelings, but the thought of fogs and frosts to come intervenes to prevent me. Let us be fair; autumn is behaving well but I cannot like it any more for that.

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THE MOTOR SHOW. I have no doubt that those readers of *The Dragon* (and they must be very many) who delight in internal combustion engines and other kindred things, have either read all there is to be read about Olympia if indeed they have not already visited the Show. Speaking for a rapidly decreasing section of the community known as "pedestrians" I can sympathise with two people I have heard of. Both visited Olympia. The first said that the feature that interested him most after a long and weary march round all the exhibits was the Bar. The second found consolation in the liberal supply of notices bearing the blessed word "Exit."

Mention of the pedestrians reminds me that I read in some paper lately of fines being inflicted on pedestrians in Paris for the sin of *circulation irreguliere*, that is, crossing streets at points other than those officially set apart for such adventures. It is true that the fine was only one franc (which at the present rate of exchange works out roughly at 2d., I believe), but the principle is what matters. "Jay-walking," as reckless pedestrianism is called in New York, had been, I understand, for some time an offence against the law.

There is no doubt that civilisation is a great thing and that progress confers many benefits upon the community.

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CHANGE. Every week sees the disappearance of some cherished landmark in London. Dorchester House is already a mass of rubble, out of which will arise in the twinkling of an eye massive girders, the bones of another gigantic block of luxury flats and shops. The latest change recorded, or contemplated, is the removal of the National Sporting Club to the Holborn Stadium. The old Club in the Covent Garden district is to be turned into a theatre. It is re-assuring to know that the existing *facade* is to be retained; the interior alone is to be gutted and re-modelled.

What ghosts of famous fighters and patrons of boxing will be disturbed when the housebreakers' picks get busy there. Meanwhile the number of London theatres increase rapidly. Just lately the Dominion in Tottenham Court Road and the New Duchess near Aldwych have been completed. I suppose it is a good thing to have one or two new theatres in these days of "Talkies. I am always a little frightened that very soon a theatre that is not a Talkie-House will be a rare and rather surprising phenomenon.

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FARCE. The word Aldwych recalls Ralph Lynn inevitably. "A Cup of Kindness" is excellent fun and in the best Aldwych tradition. The company is the same as in most of the recent successes at that theatre. For once, however, I did not think Tom Walls well cast. The author seemed undecided about this character. The whole thing, nevertheless, makes one chortle and chuckle throughout its three acts. I sometimes wonder what governs the policy of the Aldwych Theatre; whether a new Ben Travers farce is produced as soon as it is written or whether it is kept in a drawer until the players are thirsting for something new to play. I hazard the guess that Box Office receipts have no influence in the matter. For the house is always filled "to capacity."

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ACCELERATION. The "Londoner" in *The Evening News* provides his readers with many good stories. I liked one the other night. It was as follows:—

She: "Is this the brake?"

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He: (tuning his harp) "No!"

This reminds me of the notice fixed on the back of a small motor car seen by a friend of mine the other day: "Step on it, big boy, Hell a'int half full yet." There is a transatlantic flavour about this exhortation.

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OPTIMISM. A man I know bears a striking resemblance to the chief figure in a recent notorious inquest, journeyed to the provincial town where the excitement was in full swing with the hope that he would get his winter's coat given him by the hysterical mob. It is sad to relate that he did not get even one "Derby Bright." People differ so about similarities of appearance. But I feel that the enterprise is worthy of some record.

Past and Present Association—*continued from p. 375.*

It was proposed and seconded that it be left entirely to the Committee to arrange the date for the return Shooting Match with the Medway Branch. Carried.

Proposed and seconded that Mr. Foord be elected to the Committee. Carried.

Proposed and seconded that Colonel Findlay be invited to our next monthly meeting. Carried.

Proposed and seconded that it be left to the Committee to arrange a date to entertain the Ashford Branch. Carried.

Proposed and seconded that immediately after our next Monthly Meeting a Whist Drive be held, inviting the Ladies, and that an impromptu be arranged for the interval. Carried.

After the meeting much amusement was caused at the opening of the Mystery-Prize, the winner being Mr. W. Mount, who has to find another Mystery Package for our next Monthly Meeting.

We then had another hour or so on the Miniature Range, the Shooting being of a very high standard.

The meeting broke up about 9.45 when one could hear on all sides: I hope we shall soon get the Medway Branch down here for another enjoyable evening.

S.C.

Thanet Branch.

MARGATE SUB-BRANCH.

We have had a quiet month. At the General Meeting, held at The Drill Hall, on Monday, October 7th, 1929, a sub-Committee of five members was formed to take charge of the Social Programme for the ensuing Autumn and Winter Session.

Colonel H. Findlay, C.B.E. and Colonel Eaton attended and both addressed the company. A Letter from the Colonel of the Regiment, Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., was read in which he wished the Branch all success and congratulated Thanet on their smart appearance at Canterbury on August 18th last.

The Secretary of the local Buffs' detachment sent a letter inviting members of the Branch to a Concert and Dance on the 17th inst. This proved to be an excellent evening's entertainment and was well organized.

The Hon. Secretary reported that Captain Reginald Grubbe, R.N., had told him he was a Kentish man and promised to give the Branch a talk on the Navy and how the services were inter-dependent. His offer was accepted with acclamation. Captain Grubb was elected an Associate Member and offered a sovereign to the funds.

The Hon. Secretary also reported that a friend of his had given a guinea towards local expenses. Mr. W. F. Wilson promised a 10/6 Prize towards any entertainment and Mr. Barden promised a prize of fruit and vegetables.

G.T.R.

FOLKESTONE SUB-BRANCH.

At the invitation of "D" Company Club of the 4th Battalion the members of this Branch were invited to a Smoking Concert and presentation of Cups on Friday, September 27th. It was an excellent evening and a first-class programme, many of the items being contributed by members of the Branch.

Will members of this Branch and also our friends at other Branches note that our monthly meetings are now held on the second Tuesday of each month instead of the first Tuesday.

At the last monthly meeting there was a good attendance and it was decided to hold a supper in November, details of which will be sent to members in due course.

The Buffs Golfing Society.

THE Annual Autumn Meeting was held at the Royal St. George's Golf Club, Sandwich, on October 16th and 17th. The courtesy of the green, as in past years, was kindly extended to the Society by the Committee of the Club.

This year the Meeting was preceded by a match against "The Warwicks" on the 15th and succeeded a match against Prince's Golf Club and Royal Cinque Ports on the 18th and 20th—so that we had five days really good golf on some of the best courses in England. In addition we were very fortunate in having perfect weather for golf, though it is understood that in some cases this did not produce the most perfect golf.

On our arrival at St. George's we were at once welcomed by our fellow Buff, Major Ward, who throughout the Meeting showed that consideration and thoughtfulness for all our requirements to which all visitors to St. George's have become so well accustomed.

Entries for the Meeting were received from forty Past and Present officers and of this number thirty-seven actually took part. Everyone was delighted to see our 2nd Battalion so well represented.

The quality of golf played at the Meeting is well indicated by the full results recorded below, though rumour had it that, owing to modesty or neglect, a few cards were left on the course; one card was even reported to have been found as far away as the Prince's Club House. (It is hoped that the Editor or Hon. Secretary will not put *C'est vrai* after this.)

The Annual Meeting was held at the Guildford Hotel, on the evening of the 15th, when we were all delighted to have our President (the Colonel of the Regiment) in the Chair. Brigadier-General McDouall was elected Vice-President; Colonel W. H. Trevor, Captain; Colonel J. Body, Vice-Captain; and Captain H. H. C. Baird, Hon. Secretary. To the joy and relief of all we had the peculiar feature of not one of them wishing to appoint someone else in their place.

It was decided at the Meeting that Prince's Golf Club should be asked to allow the next Spring Meeting on their course, and that St. George's should be asked to extend the same courtesy to us for the next Autumn Meeting.

Also that the presentation to Royal St. George's should take the form of an oak notice board the design of which should be left to the Committee to decide.

The meeting concluded with a unanimous vote of thanks to the Commiitee and members of the Royal St. George's, and to the directors of Prince's, Sandwich, who have very kindly offered the Soclety the courtesy of their course for mid-week matches. Twenty-seven sat down to the annual dinner after the meeting.

The writer of these notes will not disagree with anyone who considers the above rather a poor account of our very delightful Meeting and re-union, but fortunately he is quite certain that none will disagree with him that our best thanks and congratulations are due to Captain Harry Baird for making the Meeting so enjoyable and for all the excellent arrangements he had made for our pleasure and comfort.

Results.

Captain Willows is to be congratulated on his run away victory in the Paget Cup. It is not uncommon for a long handicap player after a winning first round, to crash in his second, but not so Captain Willows, who on the second day returned a valiant 72.

Lieut. King was as steady as usual and all were delighted at his winning the Lynden Bell Trophy.

PAGET CUP.

Captain J. R. Willows (15) ...	75	72	147
R. E. Knocker (20)... ...	77	75	152
Lieut. J. E. King (9) ...	73	79	152
Captain. C. A. E. Terry (5) ...	79	78	157
Lieut. C. Haggard (12) ...	79	80	159
Lt.-Col. J. Crookenden (10) ...	81	79	160
A. H. Goodall (4)	84	78	162
Lt.-Col. F. Bradley-Dyne (8) ...	80	82	162
N. R. Reeves (scr.)	82	82	164
Major Eric Clarke (21) ...	83	82	165
Brig.-Gen. McDouall (18) ...	85	83	168
Major F. W. Tomlinson (24) ...	86	83	169
Lieut. T. N. Penlington (18) ...	85	84	169
Captain J. M. Pritchard (6) ...	84	85	169
Colonel W. H. Trevor (6)	91	83	174
Major A. B. Thomson (18) ...	87	87	174

Other results :—

Captain H. H. C. Baird (14)	83	—	—
Captain S. Baker (8)	79	—	—
Major-General Sir A. Lynden-Bell (12)	—	—	—
Colonel J. Body (17)	79	—	—
R. M. Bourne (6)	—	77	—
Major B. S. Collard (24)	—	—	—
Major Stuart Elmslie (22)	—	—	—
Captain J. Essell (18)	86	—	—
Captain O. F. Falk (9)	85	—	—
Major I. S. Field (24)	—	—	—
Captain H. S. Greenwood (9)	—	80	—
Colonel H. Findlay (16)	—	—	—
Major G. D. Hickman (18)	80	—	—
Captain J. V. Hitchcock (11)	86	—	—
Bt.-Major H. de R. Morgan (10) ...	87	—	—
Captain Dampier Palmer (18) ...	87	—	—
Captain A. Howard Reed (13) ...	82	—	—
Major F. S. Reeves (14)	—	—	—
Lieut. C. Boucher (24)	—	—	—

LYNDEN-BELL TROPHY.

Lieut. J. E. King (9)	3 up
Colonel J. Body (17)	1 up
Lieut. C. Haggard (12)	All Square
Captain C. A. E. Terry (5)	All Square

Other results were :—

N. R. Reeves and Lieut.-Colonel J. Crookenden (1 down); Captain J. R. Willows (2 down); Colonel W. H. Trevor, Captain J. M. Pritchard, Captain S. Baker and R. M. Bourne (3 down); R. E. Knocker and Major Eric Clarke (4 down); Major H. S. Hardy, Captain O. F. Falk, A. H. Goodall and Major A. B. Thomson (5 down); Brig.-General R. McDouall, Major F. S. Reeves, Major F. W. Tomlinson and Captain Dampier Palmer (6 down); Bt.-Major H. de R. Morgan (8 down); and Major Stuart Elmslie (13 down).

BOGEY FOURSOMES.

A. H. Goodall and Capt. H. H. C. Baird (7)	All Square
Col. W. H. Trevor and Lt.-Col. F. Bradley-Dyne (5)	6 down
Lt.-Col. J. Crookenden and N. R. Reeves (4)	6 down
Capt. A. Howard Reed and Capt. J. V. Hitchcock (9)	7 down
Major F. W. Tomlinson and Capt. H. de R. Morgan (13)	7 down
Lieut. C. Haggard and V. Boucher (14) ...	8 down
Capt. O. F. Falk and Major Eric Clarke (11)	8 down

BEST SCRATCH SCORE.

N. R. Reeves	82	82	164

SENIOR MEDAL.

Lieut. J. E. King	82–9	73

JUNIOR MEDAL.

Captain J. R. Willows	87—15	72

BEST LAST NINE HOLES.

R. E. Knocker	46–10	36

In addition to those whose names are given in the above results Major H. E. Ward and L. B. Watson played during the Meeting. Also we were glad to welcome :—Mrs. and Miss McDouall, Mrs. Findlay, Mrs. F. S. Reeves, Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Goodall, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. H. de R. Morgan and Mrs. Howard Reed.

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MATCH *v.* ROYAL EAST KENT YEOMANRY.

Played at Canterbury, October 6th, 1929.

Won by 16 matches to 5.

The Buffs.		*R.E. Kent Yeomanry.*	
H. F. Whitfield (7 & 6)	1	A. F. Leach-Lewis	0
C. E. Terry (3 & 2)	1	S. Foster	0
R. Bourne (3 & 1)	1	Eustace Neame	0
E. B. Burns (3 & 2)	1	S. V. Treves	0
F. Bradley-Dyne (5 & 3)	1	C. Tilbury-Fox	0
J. E. Monins	0	E. L. Barlow (2 up)	1
J. E. King (3 & 1)	1	P. Greenstreet	0
H. S. Greenwood (1 up)	1	G. M. Johnson	0
J. Body (2 up)	1	C. S. Dowling	0
H. Findlay (5 & 3)	1	W. Ledger	0
V. Dampier Palmer (4 & 2)	1	H. C. Taylor	0
R. McDouall	½	F. J. DuPre	½
H. B. Russell	0	A. R. Handcock (2 up)	1
G. D. Hickman (5 & 4)	1	H. Burnage	0
Total	11½	Total	2½

FOURSOMES.

Whitfield and Terry	½	A. F. Leach Lewis and S. Foster	½
Bourne and Burns	½	Eustace Neame and S. V. Treves	½
Bradley-Dyne and Monins (2 up)	1	C.Tilbury Fox and F.L.Barlow	0
King and Greenwood (4 & 3)	1	P.Greenstreet and G.M.Johnson	0
Body and Findlay	0	C.S.Dowling& W.Ledger (4 & 3)	1
Dampier Palmer and McDouall	½	C. H. Taylor and F. J. DuPre	½
Russell and Hickman (2 up)	1	A.R. Handcock and H. Burnage	0
Totals	16	Totals	5

MATCH *v.* THE ROYAL WARWICKSHIRE REGIMENTAL GOLFING SOCIETY.

Played at Royal St. George's, Sandwich, October 15th, 1929.

Won by 6½ matches to 3½.

MORNING.

(FOURSOMES).

The Buffs.		*Royal Warwicks.*	
A. H. Goodall & Captain J. M. Pritchard (1 up)	1	Col. A. E. Williams & Lieut.-Col. Sir G. Lacon	0
Col. W. H. Trevor & Lieut.-Col. F. Bradley Dyne (halved)	½	Capt. W. V. Wakefield & Lieut.-Col. W. Bushill (halved)	½
Capt. S. Baker & Lieut.-Col. J. Crookenden (5 & 3)	1	Col. E. Rotheram & Lieut.-Gen. Sir E. Kiggell	0
Lieut. J. E. King & Bt.-Major H. de R. Morgan	0	Capt. S. V. Shaw Kennedy & Major R. Raphael (2 & 1)	1
Lieut. C. Haggard & Brig.-Gen. R. McDouall (4 & 3)	1	Major G. Wilmot & Major A. B. Thomson	0
Total	3½	Total	1½

AFTERNOON.

(4-BALL FOURSOMES).

Goodall & Pritchard (3 & 2)	1	Williams and Lacon	0
Trevor & Dyne	0	Wakefield & Bushill (5 & 3)	1
Baker & Crookenden (halved)	½	Kiggell & Rotherham (halved)	½
Morgan & King (halved)	½	Raphael & Kennedy (halved)	½
Haggard & McDouall (5 & 4)	1	Wilmot & Thomson	0
Grand Total	6½		3½

MATCH *v.* PRINCE'S, SANDWICH.

Played at Sandwith, October 18th, 1929.

Lost by 9 matches to 7.

MORNING.

The Buffs.		*Prince's.*	
Lt.-Col. W. H. Trevor & Lt.-Col. F. Bradley-Dyne (3 & 4)	1	M.F. Ramsay & N. E. Stainton	0
A. H. Goodall & Lt.-Col. J. Crookenden (2 & 1)	1	Lt.-Col. H. S. Poyntz & Capt. Cecil Gunston	0
Lt. J. E. King & Capt. C. A. E. Terry	0	W. J. Martin Tomson & Major Stephens (4 & 3)	1
H. F. Whitfield & Capt. O. F. Falk (3 & 1)	1	J. S. Campbell & A. Moy Thomas	0
Capt. H. S. Greenwood & Major F. W. Tomlinson (4 & 3)	1	Sir Percy Daniels & Major A. R. Murray	
Capt. A. Howard Reed & Major G. D. Hickman	0	Capt. S. J. Ritchie & Capt. J. W. H. Robertson (4 & 3)	1
Lt. T. N. Penlington & Major Eric Clarke	0	Sir Maxwell Hicks & Col. Frank Benson (2 & 1)	1
Lt.-Col. C. E. Baynes & Major Stuart Elmslie	0	S. D. Burrows & Capt. W. W. Napier (4 & 3)	1
Total	4	Total	4

AFTERNOON.

Trevor and Dyne	0	Poyntz & Gunston (4 & 2)	1
Goodall & Crookenden (3 & 2)	1	Ramsay & Stainton	0
Whitfield & Falk	0	Martin Tomson & Stephens (1 up)	1
King & Terry (1 up)	1	Campbell & Moy Thomas	0
Howard Reed&Hickman(2 & 1)	1	Daniels & Murray	0
Penlington & Clarke	0	Ritchie & Robertson (3 & 2)	1
Greenwood & Tomlinson	0	Hicks & Benson (4 & 3)	1
Baynes & Elmslie	0	Burrows & Napier	1
Total	7	Total	9

MATCH *v.* ROYAL CINQUE PORTS GOLF CLUB.

Played at Deal, October 19th, 1929.

Lost by 11 matches to 4.

The Buffs.		*Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club.*	
A. H. Goodall	0	F. A. Worth	1
H. F. Whitfield	0	Major G. F. Mappin	1
Col. W. H. Trevor	0	W. G. Smith	1
Captain S. Baker	0	Captain G. S. Lousada	1
Lieut. J. E. King	0	G. S. B. McNaughton	1
Captain O. F. Falk	0	Captain E. C. Heathcote	1
Captain H. S. Greenwood	1	Major G. A. Macdonald	0
Lt.-Col. J. Crookenden	1	Commander E. C. Pearson	0
Captain A. Howard Reed	0	Rev. J. L. Robinson	1
Major E. D. Hickman	0	Colonel W. N. Budgen	1
Total	2	Total	8

FOURSOMES.

Goodall & Whitfield	0	Worth & Robinson	1
Trevor & Baker	1	Mappin & M. Stonor	0
King & Falk	1	Smith & Lousada	0
Greenwood & Crookenden	0	Heathcote & Pearson	1
Reed & Major Eric Clarke	0	Macdonald & Budgen	1
Total	4	Total	11

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Lodge,
Cheltenham College,
Bath Road,
Cheltenham.
October 8th, 1929.

Dear Sir,

I am afraid I have been very slack these last few years, having dropped sending for *The Dragon*, which I used to have regularly. Last month I was reminded of my slackness by seeing the old Dragon and Buff Facings on our 2nd Battalion Band here in Cheltenham. It was a grand sight to see the old uniform again.

Please send me *The Dragon* again, for which I have enclosed 10/-.

Hoping you will excuse my slackness, and wishing the Old Regiment the best of luck,

I remain,
Yours truly,
SIDNEY H. TODD,
(late 3511 "C" Company, 1st Battalion,
"H" Company, 2nd Battalion).

CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDINGS' FUND.

Donations, which are urgently required, should be sent to

The Secretary,
Past and Present Association,
Depot The Buffs,
Canterbury.

The 1st Battalion.

THE hot weather is now drawing to a close and people are beginning to come back to Bareilly again. By the middle of next month, October, the Battalion will once more leave Bareilly for a short time before proceeding to manoeuvres at Roorkee.

Polo has now started and we hope to get two regular teams this year.

Lieut.-Colonel Howard-Smith is enjoying a well-earned rest, golfing in Kashmir.

Congratulations to Major G. F. Hamilton, M.C. on obtaining a "D" at the Machine Gun School, Ahmednagar.

Also to Lieut. Milton on obtaining a "D" at his Small Arms School, Pachmari.

The Battalion Football team is now up at Simla in hard training for the Durand Tournament which opens on 15th September. The team is due to play the Delhi Young Men's Football Club in the first round on the 16th September. It is unlikely that an account of this match will appear before next month's *Dragon*.

The Acting Viceroy and Governor-General, His Excellency Lord Goschen, has taken a very keen interest in the team and on 14th September carried out an informal inspection of the team and a leave party of twenty men who are staying in the camp with them.

Congratulations to the Football Team who beat the Delhi Young Men 4–0; Batstone, 2 and Lawson 2 scored for us.

Congratulations to the Rugger side on the great efforts being put up against Dehra Dun who were undoubtably a much stronger and more experienced side. We hope next year to have a good side going and to compete in some of the tournaments.

THE DELHI TEAMS ELIMINATED FROM DURAND TOURNAMENT.

BUFFS AND FORESTERS PROVE TOO STRONG.

The two Delhi teams, the Young Men's Football Club and the Imperial Raisina made their exit this afternoon in the Durand Football Tournament. Both of them fared very badly. The Young Men's Football Club were opposed to the Buffs from Bareilly and were defeated by four clear goals, while in the second match the Sherwood Foresters, the holders from Karachi found no difficulty in beating the Imperial Raisina, a team composed of Anglo-Indians and the Indians by five goals to nothing.

There was a thin attendance. Their Excellencies the Viceroy and the Commander-in-Chief were present. Both the mtaches evoked little enthusiasm and the soldiers enjoyed a jolly good shooting practice at the cost of their weak opponents, whose game never indicated that they were good enough to participate in a tournament like the Durand, where people generally expect real cup-tie matches. To be more precise both the Buffs and the Foresters were more or less out for a picnic and did whatever they liked. It was, however, a good thing that the soldiers did not go out to establish any scoring record, as on the run of the play both the Buffs and Foresters were a dozen goal superior side.

The first match, between the Buffs and the Young Men's Football Club, was the better match of the afternoon and to the credit of the Delhi Young Men it can be stated that the runners-up of the Delhi Mahendra Shield put up a plucky fight. The Delhi Young Men came here with a big reputation and the Delhi newspapers had praised their local performances a great deal. But in their début here they never impressed. Bustling tactics helped them immensely. It was a one-sided affair and therefore the real merits of the Buffs, who now meet either the Royal Scots Fusiliers, or the G.I.P., could not be assessed.

BUFFS CLEVER FORWARDS.

The Buffs, however, showed that they possess a clever set of forwards who are likely to worry any opposition.

In Vasey they have a clever outside-left, whose centres and ready shots at the goal to-day were loudly applauded. The whole attacking line combined well and they effected raids so nicely on the opponent's area that the Delhi defence was at bay all the time. In Badstone and Bishop the Buffs have two deadly shots. Crampton at goal had an easy time of it and only had to handle the ball three or four times.

Once in the first half the Delhi Young Men were on the point of scoring when they were one goal down, but Crampton rushed out and cleared nicely from Hussain. There was no good talent in the Delhi team. Their goalie brought off a number of fine saves.

Early in the match Vasey put in a nice cross shot which was converted into a goal by Bishop (1—0) and a mintue later Vasey scored a goal, but the point was disallowed for offside against Bishop. Seven minutes later Coade sprinted down and centred for Bishop to head in (2—0). The remaining period of the first half was a story of continuous attacks by the Buffs and their forwards completely outplayed the opposition and made no efforts to convert a number of openings.

At the interval the Buffs were two goals up. Midway in the second half Lawson netted the third getting a nice pass from Vasey. Badstone wound up the scoring and it was the outcome of a nice movement. Vasey took a nice run down the line, and centred when the ball reached Badstone *via* Bishop and the clever inside-right made no mistake in getting the fourth (4—0).

Teams :—

Buffs :—Crampton; Williams and Liddle; Farrell, Morris and Hobbs; Coade, Eadstone, Bishop, Lawson and Vasey.

Delhi Y.F.C. :—Saghir Ahmed; Bashrat Ali and M. Osman; Mashtaq, Aquilahmed and Mirza; Harnam Singh, Karamutullah, Hassain Kasturj and Joy Gopal.

Referee :—Staff-Sergeant Samson.

Times of India.
September 18th, 1929.

Sergeant's Mess Notes.

Here I am, still answering for that so-called regular correspondent, who still appears to be hiding himself from duty.

Nothing special has happened in Bareilly apart from the displays given by our Mess Football Team. We are still flourishing, but not enough to win. Quite recently we had a great find in " Boy " Clayton, he having been called upon to keep goal, and acquitted himself remarkably well for a " youngster." In his intial match he arrived on the ground dressed in a most anæmic looking shirt, very much resembling a bush-ranger, and a pair of wonderfully pressed drill shorts, brown shoes and stockings. This dress undoubtedly dazzled our opponents, and saved us a heavy defeat. Sergeant Truby proved himself a most capable centre-forward, and our only fear is, the Sweepers team may be tempted to offer a large transfer fee, in consequence of which we have placed a minimum of twenty " Scissor " coupons on his head. Joe Goss showed us how a back should really play in spite of the heavy toe-plates on his pair of " Ammo " boots which had a demoralising effect on our opponents. I understand the officers of the Garrison intend to oppose us again in the near future, so we are getting in a little practice by instructing the Section Leaders course in the art of real football.

Bandmaster Salmon has recently come down from Ranikhet in connection with the purchase by the P.R.I. of a piano at Lucknow. This will spare our Mess piano the torture of continual movement every time a " Gaff " party visits the station, since we have provided this necessary article since we came to India. I understand Mr. Salmon finds the temperature here not to his liking, and by all accounts Lucknow was even worse, so we have something to be thankful for.

Sergeant Burt has joined us again from the Machine Gun School, Admednagar, this time for good, having completed his tenure of duty on the Staff. Sergeant Brophy has taken his place, and we hear is doing well.

We are still wondering when those fortunates who went on leave as far back as March are returning to the fold. We have nearly forgotten what " Toby " looks like.

Sergeant Waters has been transferred to the British Military Hospital at Ranikhet : his broken leg appears to be taking longer to mend than was at first anticipated. It is hoped that the change will have the desired effect.

I am enclosing a photograph of the inside of the Mess which was taken recently by R.Q.M.S. Evans, and gives a little idea of how the Silver Stands recently made by Sergeant Louth sets out the silver. This display is always the object of admiration by our visitors.

Our old and esteemed member, e.g. Thos. E. J. Pratt, has decided not to leave us yet, having taken on for another period of one year. We wonder why it was necessary to clip the famous moustache whilst on leave in the Hills, after having decreed that " Moustaches will always be worn outside the chin-strap." His morning debate at the breakfast, accompanied by his Pay and Mess Book for reference, will be greatly missed when the families return from the Hills.

Our attached members, R.Q.M.S. Feasey (late 52nd L.I.) and S/Sgt. Massey (late 5th Fusiliers) having completed their two months' stay, returned to their Auxiliary Force Units at Naini Tal last month. In their stead has come S/Sgt. Phipps (late 2nd Glosters), to whom we extend a hearty welcome, at the same time hoping that the Bridge " sharks " will not " stitch " him too much.

The Regimental Football Team has once again proceeded to Simla to try and capture the Durand Cup. One and all wish them every success, hoping to have another cup to add to our collection, the same as last year.

By the time these notes appear in print, the Battalion (of which we form a prominent part) move out to camp for another six weeks. We hear the march from Roorkee is not so far as two years ago, when we went into camp at Kheri, which is something of a blessing.

This, I think, concludes my notes for this month, and by the time the notes are next due I trust the regular correspondent will have fully recovered from his attack of " writers' cramp."

DEPUTY.

Corporals' Mess.

Our regular correspondent, Basil, is in hospital with " Jaundice " and the duty of note writing falls on the " Onion." I saw Basil last evening, he is like the proverbial guinea and very much high and dry. However, I am glad to announce he is very cheerful.

Life in general is very dull in Bareilly at present. Cricket is in full swing. We have lost two matches to the R.A. Juniors and won one. They gave us a real bright " smoker " last week and we had a fine opportunity of bathing in MacEwans.

The majority of the Mess are sweating on that boat. In the meantime, quite a large number pass the weary days away in the Bareilly Carpentry School. Sovico has just completed his tenth dummy tank with his able assistant " Crumpet."

The weather is still very much on the warm side. I wonder what it is like in England as also do many more ? Oh ! for a breath of it after these hot, stifling days.

Last week we held a " Carolina " Tournament in the Mess and Neville was again the lucky one. I believe he potted the black with his feet, ever to score so many. Wally Hoskins has gone to Pachmari on a Small Arms' Course. We hope he will do well. Corporal Hunt is in hospital with " loss of memory " caused by a boot in a recent football match. We hope he will soon be O.K. again. We welcome a new member to the mess in Tiny Deverson, " dandy wallah." He agrees to pay extra fees for wear and tear of carpet, etc.

I must now confess this is a poor effort, but hope it will serve as The Corporals' *Dragon* Notes. I must pen short for fear of missing the bag.

THE " ONION."

P.S.—A nightly Bulletin is posted in the Mess regarding Basil's progress. Last evening it read " Temperature, low, Pulse low, breathing low, swearing low. Diet : beef tea and Barley Water; " no beer."

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

When will Badger, Laily and Hogben cease to argue re cricket. ?
When will J.P. cease to call his Eastern Bride " Marita Wong " ?
Did " Basher " hear the splash on Staff Parade and what was it. Sh...sh

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"C" Company,

In the last edition of *The Dragon* we confessed our inability to find anything to write about, but this time the difficulty is to know where to begin. We have had so much to do, and, according to the " mem-sahibs " lament over late dinners, there is still plenty being done, such as war establishment for Hawalbagh.

The general cry recently has been, " How did you finish ? " or " How many do you want to get out ? " We have just completed our Annual Musketry Course ; the official result is not out yet but a cursory glance at the scores proclaims the result to be " not too bad." There has been several surprises ; quite a few who are usually " bungs " other years getting 1st class shots this year. Naturally enough there were others who were just the reverse. We had several marksmen in the Company who only fired the practices, and six out of seven retained their classification. L/Sgt. Robinson had the highest score in the Company in Part II. with 91, and Cpl. Glazier had the highest score in the marksmen practices with 102. We should like to know, though, if anyone has got 47 covered, and was it because his own rifle was bad ?

Another cry heard more recently : " Are you going to Hawalbagh ? " Of course to the uninitiated this conveys little meaning. Although speaking as second person I would point out that " Going to Hawalbagh " constitutes a march of twenty odd miles in hilly country, about fourteen days' training in a country lavishly strewn with miniature Everests, and a corresponding march back. In fact, from all accounts

one might as well be in Siberia. Still, we shall see. I asked one man who was expounding on the subject the other day, and he said it was not because he did not want to go, but he was merely exercising a soldier's privilege, which was to moan.

In the earlier part of the month we had the tail-end of the monsoon and had the opportunity to play a game or two of Rugby. We could only get the ground when it was unfit to play Football, and then the Football Tournament started, and we were unable to get it at all. Our two games were played against the Signals and resulted in a victory for us in both cases, by 9—0 and 6—0. We are still more or less experimenting with our team, and the most notable improvement is our " pack." They got down exceptionally well, and more than held their own. Our " threes " in the first match did not have the finer technique of the game, but in the second match, with Lieutenants Walters and Hoare, two United Services players, they did ever so much better. In case of confusion I must add that our team was made up from the Detachment at Ranikhet and was as follows :—*Back*, L/Cpl. Harland ; *Threes*, Lieut. Hoare, Cpl. Glazier, Lieut. Walters and Miles ; *Halves*, Lieut. L. B. Oliver and L/Cpl. Belcher ; *Forwards*, Goldsack, Tugwell, Davie, Mellish, Bently, Cpl. Farrell, Mitchell J., and Dumont.

We were runners-up in the Depot Inter-Company Football League ; "C" Company Dorsets were top with 9 points, and we were second with 8. I think if we had had our full team we might have won the League ; still, perhaps the other Companies could say that too. We were just getting along nicely when Cpl. Farrell had to go to Bareilly to join the Battalion Team, which has gone to Simla. Our first match was with the Signals, the result being a win for us by the only goal of the match. The goal was the outcome of a corner taken by Vasey which L/Cpl. Ward headed in clear of the goalkeeper. The ground was very wet, and this seemed an advantage instead of a handicap to our team.

The second match was against "B" Company Dorsets, and we were again the winners, by 4—0. The Dorsets were awarded a penalty in the first ten minutes, but Pascoe, the back, sent in a terrific shot which buzzed clean over the bar. Ash and C.S.M. got one for us, and Vasey also scored a beauty just before half-time. In the second half it poured hard and the players were soon covered with mud. However, we stuck it, and Vasey scored a perfect rasper. The other goal was the result of a penalty. Our defence, especially Bartlet, put up a very good show.

The third match was against the Detachment of The Seaforth Highlanders, which we also beat 2—0. This game was not so keenly contested as the former and the score might have been greater if we had taken more opportunities. In the next game, against "D" (M.G.) Buffs, we had to play without Cpl. Farrell and this rather disorganised our team as we had to put Swindale, who usually plays inside-right, in Farrell's place at centre-half. However, they did their best, and only lost by a penalty from which was scored the only goal of the match. As I heard an outsider mention afterwards, " It was an unsatisfactory game with an unsatisfactory result." We also had our centre-forward and goalkeeper injured. Things looked rather gloomy in the next match against "H.Q." Dorsets. Price our goalkeeper was in hospital, C.S.M. Williams had not yet recovered from his injury, and Farrell was away. Pte. Savage came into the forward line to make that up and L/Sgt. Robinson officiated in goal. The first goal was scored by Vasey. Whall sent in a good centre from the right, Vasey followed up, he and the goalkeeper fell and the ball, getting free, was kicked into the goal by Vasey while he was on the ground. In the second half Whall put another centre across which Vasey trapped, and shot, giving the goalkeeper no chance. The final result was 2—0 in our favour. In this game Belcher and Trebell, half-backs, and L/Sgt. Robinson played exceptionally well.

The position at the beginning of the next match was rather interesting. We were top of the League with 8 points and "C" Company Dorsets were next with 7. There were no more matches to be played, so whoever won the match won the League. In the event of a draw we should have won the League. Tremendous excitement prevailed when, in the middle of the first half, a free kick was awarded against us. The player taking the kick sent in a hard low shot which struck Price's hands and bounced up. Price punched it out but the referee ruled that the ball had entered the net awarded a goal. We tried to equalise but half-time arrived with no alteration. On the resumption we had most of the play and kept the ball in our opponents' half, but we always seemed to fail to put the finishing touch. Vasey, our sharpshooter, was very well marked and did not get a chance. Towards the end of the second half our opponents broke away and scored their second goal. The score remained unaltered until the final whistle.

Our team during the League was selected from the following :—L/Cpl. Ward, Pte. Vasey, C.S.M. Williams, Ptes. Swindale, Savage, Whall, Ash and Trebell, L/Cpl. Belcher, Ptes. Bartlett, Pitchford and Price, L/Sgt. Robinson and Corporal Farrell.

We have only had one game of Hockey : as we have said before, their is only one ground in Ranikhet and that is not fit to play on. On this occasion we played The Highland Light Infantry at Chaubattia. The Company hired a bus and we started from Ranikhet at 3 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. We arrived at Chaubattia at 3.40 p.m., where the players changed for the game. Probably due to the fact that we had not played for two months, that the very sandy ground was different to our grass grounds at Bareilly, and lastly that their forward line were practically all Battalion players, we are not ashamed to lose 6—0. After the match we got rather a surprise for they took us all to the canteen and regaled us with eggs and bacon, cakes, tea, beer and cigarettes, and it was with the greatest difficulty that we got them away to arrive at Ranikhet after a very enjoyable day, at 7 p.m.

The results of the Basket Ball and Billiards are not to hand so must unavoidably be left over to next month.

Signals.

At present we are training strenuously for Signal Classification which comes off in October. According to reading results almost everyone is up to the standard and as regards Electrical Theory I think that we are all 100 percenters ? The Young Class have shown a marked improvement and are almost up to the standard of the Old Hands. They are under Sgt. Vale and L/Cpl. Bridgman for instruction so one can be sure that they will pass out A.1. Ptes. Crouch and Dale are top dogs as readers, but the remainder are steadily climbing and I am sure that it will be a hard job to pick out the lucky one for the Shield. Also, the P.R.I. might be generous again this year and give us a present to give to the most efficient signaller.

Our Signalling Officer, Lieut. Dewar, has unfortunately been delayed on his leave at Gulmarj Kashmere, owing to the Railway Lines having been washed away by some heavy rain and floods. In all probability he does not count it as an unfortunate affair. Well, a leave is leave and if I was away I would count it as a " gift of the gods."

We have to congratulate Pte. Hammond on becoming Battalion and Company Shot for the year 1928—29 with a score of 101 out of a possible 125. A great achievement considering he beat such " dead eyes " as C.Q.M.S. Pratt, Cpl. Hudson, etc. Sport is in full sway and games of Football, Hockey, Cricket and Rugger are played nightly and on many occasions one plays a game of cricket in the afternoon and Hockey and Soccer in the evening. Rugger was played all the time the Monsoons were on, but now the ground has been baked hard by the sun so play is impossible and a good few of us are looking forward to next year as in all probability the Battalion will be sending a team away to compete for the Calcutta Cup.

Cricket is paramount at present as a sport and the Section can confidently put out a team to give any Company Team a good run. L/Cpl. Wilson, Intelligence Section, has been transferred to us, No. 1 Group, and we all hailed our " Tug " back to us, because, you see, he has been a Signaller and almost everyone in the " Sigs." knew him. But what gets me beat is the " Intelligence Section." Admitted that " Tug " is a " crafty kid," but intelligence has quite a different meaning altogether. Then there is Bertie Crick and Barnes and " Wots 'is name," all in our section for manoeuvres. If you want an Intelligence Squad in name and in meaning give all those you have on now the sack and I will give you just a few Lads who would form a squad to come up to the required standard as stated in Army Regulations T.X. IV., *i.e.*, Brain, normal; capacity, a little less :—Mallam, Kutch-Nay and they are Tubby, Larry and La Capitan as i/c, and if you can find men more worthy of their steel, find them !

On looking through the papers last week I found there was some trouble going on in Palestine. Anyway, if the Arabs and Jews want a " wailing wall " just let them have a look at No. 3 and 5 Bungalows when they are warned for Guards and Picquets and I am sure that they would give up the one in Palestine and immediately " stake their claim " here. On a close inspection one finds that No. 3 is the Senior. what with the Chotta Branch as chief " Ollerer " they are streets the lead,

We put in four teams for a Battalion Tile Shoot. It was a pity that there could only be one winner as, out of the four we entered, we had three teams in the Semi-finals and two in the Final. Now we all know that a " wangle " can be managed in an ordinary shoot, but in Tile Shooting that is impossible and the result of that Tile Shoot positively showed the Signals in the light of " Battalion Cracks." Further, if Duty Companies want a few tips on how to shoot we are not the fellows to refuse the necessary, but I am afraid that it would be useless as brains are even needed in Shooting and not all the " Pokie Die " in the world would help them.

By the time these notes are published Honeysett will be in England T.X. and as I am T.X. myself and waiting for the boat in all probability I will have someone else to take my place as agent for *The Dragon*. Meanwhile, we wish Honeysett, Simmons and Ratcliffe the best of luck in their new sphere of life. Before closing I would like to say that I refuse to be recognised without the prefix " Mr.," so I will end by signing myself

"MR. PUDDEN."

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Could Smith, Yank, Simmons and a few of the Nobs explain by sealed letter the usages of " Cherry Blossom."

No 3. Group.

Another month has elapsed and this calls for another effort from us scribes. It also brings us nearer Christmas and the time when we are to lose some of the Group. Every day, after " Orders " has sounded, the members of the T.-X. Association can be seen grouped around the detail board and groans can be heard issuing from amongst them. They all seem grieved over something, due I believe to the fact that they will not be home for Christmas. Hard Luck, Lads.

A hearty welcome is extended to L/Cpls. McMullen and Wilkinson on their transfer to the Company and subsequently to our Happy Band. Mac has been in the Company before, but that was as a Gunner. We were all glad to see Pte. Rowntree back from Ranikhet looking fit and well, but as he informed us, feeling slightly lighter, due we believe, to the effect of the Highland air which is said to be so invigorating. Our best wishes are extended to L/Cpls. Broadbridge and Hodges who are still away from the Clan and we wish them luck in their employments. Little has been seen or heard of L/Cpl. Bygrave who is away at Calcutta dabbling with accounts and learning the intricacies of Double Entry and the arts of balancing in preparation for his re-entry into Civvy Street. Best of luck, to him.

Some of us have had some early rising this last week and an inspection of the haunts of the W.T. Staff would have found us up to all sorts of tricks with rifles and other such paraphernalia, the use of which is said to improve one's shooting abilities. This constituted our T.O.E.T. prior to the commencement of our Annual Weapon Training Course and I am glad to say that we were able to pass these Tests with a minimum of practise as employed personnel should do. We are hoping to finish the Course with good scores to help the Company average towards the " Shield " (which we hope to retain this year). Whilst we are on the subject of Weapon Training we would like to offer our congratulations to the Signal Section on having two teams left to decide the final of the Battalion (in Bareilly) Inter-Section Tile Shoot Competition and also the Band on having a team left in the Semi-finals. We are only sorry that the Group were not able to carry off any prizes. We look forward to the Battalion Rifle Meeting when we hope to see the Group well represented on the lists of the Champs.

Turning next to sports I am glad to say that we have had some excellent games, these being far too numerous to mention in detail. However, it requires but a glance at our Rep's note-books to inform us that our victories have been decidedly in the majority.

Football has been our chief form of sport and we have met some really good teams whom, needless to say, we have beaten (This includes the Signal Section's 1st XI.) The Battalion Team has proceeded to Simla to make another attempt at the Durand Cup and considering last year's performance we are all in high hopes. All eyes will be turned to Simla during the ensuing month. Best of luck, Lads.

Hockey has been rather cramped this last month on account of the fact that only one ground is fit to play on due to the havoc caused to the Muttie pitch by the monsoon weather, but we have managed to get in a couple of good games.

Last, but not least, we have Rugger. This has only been carried on by the Battalion and Station teams, and the match between Bareilly and Dehra Dun formed one of the chief sporting events of the month. (The detailed account has probably been reported elsewhere). The most important fact with regard to this team, at least from our point of view, is that a number of the Rugger players of the Wing figured in the trials although we only had a couple who actually played. We were delighted to see the veteran Battalion player, Sgt. Meakin, secure his place. (Well done, Archie). Now that the team has gone to Dehra Dun to play a return match it will probably be the last Rugger fixture of the season and I don't think the enthusiasts will grumble since this has been quite a good year for Rugger.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who was the Scotchman who taught Poona how to make " Burgee " dumplings ?

Why does Cobb look so earnestly forward to the date of arrival of the " Next Draft " from U.K. ?

Is it true he has only a year and ten months to do ? If so, is he any good at Algebra ?

Does Snookie require a Voca : as a film actor and is he good at acting ? Ask Biddie.

P.B.

Band Notes.

I am very much afraid these notes will not seem very interesting this month. Anyhow, I am trying hard.

Hockey and football have claimed our attention quite a lot of late but as there were not any Cups given for either of them I will not bore you with details. We have entered for the Inter-Platoon Knock-out Cricket Competition. We hope to win as is only natural, but whether we will remains to be seen. Some of our budding W. G. Graces are still in the land of Khuds.

Owing to our forthcoming holiday (?) (Manoeuvres) preparations for Christmas are already under way. Everything promises to make this year a great success. Nuff said.

By the time these Notes appear in print we shall have exported another policeman from the Band, namely, Massa Johnson *alias* Siki Revell. We all wish him the best of luck as a Yanky Speed-Cop or otherwise.

THINGS WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Should a drummer make a good masseur ?

Are Ghora's feet very secure ?

What about Spud's leave to U.K. ? Ask Andy.

TOCCATO AND FUGUE.

"B" Company.

News for *The Dragon* is very scarce this month. The Company has been very busy doing Guards, Piquets, Fatigues, etc. This is due to the fact that two Platoons of "A" Company were struck off duties for Individual Training. However, they have now finished and the Individual Training Disease has passed on to this Company. Nos. 5 and 6 Platoons commenced on the 2nd of September. They started off well with Bayonet and Visual Training, but owing to the rain Bridging had to be done on the Verandah !

2/Lieuts. T. L. Hughes and A. G. Jelf were chosen from the Company to play for Bareilly in a rugby match *versus* Derha Dun.

The following have been selected and have proceeded to Simla with the Battalion Football Team :—L/Cpl. Liddle, Pte. A. Morris, Pte. Hobbs, Pte. Lawson Pte. Long and Pte. Foreman.

Nothing else of importance has happened and the Company *Dragon* representative is attending a Section Leaders' Course, so therefore the news is very brief. Whether he has more news tucked away I don't know. If he has, it will be given to you in next month's account of our wanderings.

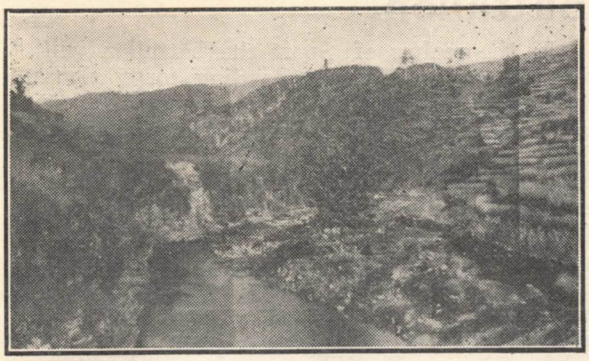
J.G.

A Holiday Ramble.

CORPORALS Godfrey, Redman, Martin and Warren with Sergeant Donahgy of the Signals made up our little party. Having done rambles before together our arrangements through knowing and understanding each other were easily made.

Every Thursday in India is considered a holiday, and after looking forward all the week to this day, hoping that the weather would be of the very best, and also, that none of us would be taken for duty, Thursday arrived. At a point on the road below the " Double Decker " bungalow and above the Range Married Families Quarters we all met at about 9.15 a.m., a bit late perhaps, but not too late, and in any case, unavoidably so.

Greeting the moment we arrived, and of course in the usual way, we set off down the Range first and then, upon reaching the 200 yards firing point, took a N.N.W. direction and slipped down the spur running to the right of the Range. We looked typical ramblers going in single file with packs slung and sticks prodding the pine needles over which we were treading as we passed down beneath the tall, stately, sweet smelling pines and eucalyptus trees, and on to the road which was to take us right down to our objective : the valley and the river below.



Being ideal weather, others were out rambling and it was about the time when we reached the road or track leading down to the valley, that we caught up with the first party. We passed others later.

At the end of the first hour we halted feeling very pleased with ourselves because of the amount of ground we had covered. Considering this we thought that we were entitled to a rest of about ten minutes. Removing our packs we sat down beneath the shade of a very little Hill tree, feet dangling over the side of the track where the hillside went down in little cultivated steps until lost in the shadows of the valley far below. We followed the slope of the hill with our eyes and tried to look into the gloom of the valley, then up the reverse slopes of the surrounding hills until lost in wonder. How small we felt, and how big and magnificent the hills seemed, and were. Ninety miles away reared amongst the clouds the snows of the Himalayas could be seen mounted upon blue-black hills. Hills look blue-black when seen at any great distance. The whole scene made one great, magnificent and beautiful panorama.

We had rested longer than we anticipated doing, lost in the wonder of the scene around us we had forgotten the time, slinging packs again we made a move.

Still keeping to the track, purposely avoiding all short cuts, we pushed on down the hill, passing little villages and native rest-houses or huts, with natives squatting outside busy doing some job or perhaps smoking their Hubble-bubble. We eventually reached a point about half-way down from Ranikhet and about 1,500 feet above the river when we first sighted it, just like a big silvery snake twisting and turning between the hills, disappearing and re-appearing at intervals. We felt we wanted to stand and admire this new scenery, but time would not permit this : to make the best of the day we must reach the bottom as early as possible.

Eleven o'clock saw us leaning over the side of a suspension bridge which crossed the river where the track came out. There were two old water-buffaloes making the best of the cool waters away down stream a bit, we could just see their noses and horns above the water, while directly below the bridge a party of natives were enjoying a swim. Up stream could be seen several parties of ramblers ; some bathing, others making fires and preparing meals.

Selecting a spot up stream from our position on the bridge, we descended and made our way towards it.

On arrival we found it an ideal spot, shaded by an overhanging tree on one side and a small quaint little Hill mill on the other, whilst a fresh water spring broke from the rocks not two paces away.

Clearing a space of rocks and stones we built our fires, filled our own mess tins with water, and, while waiting for it to boil, went into the spring for a swim. The water was luke warm and in one place very deep, thus enabling us to enjoy diving from the rocks. Returning to our fires we found that they had not done their jobs. Apparently they had waited until we had turned our backs and then gone out. Nevertheless, we soon had them going again and in a short time were drinking tea that would have done all cook-sergeants good to taste.

Finishing our tea, preparations then took place for lunch : we had brought steak, onions, potatoes and bread for this meal, and although it took much longer to cook than we anticipated I would have liked all my readers to have tasted it. In fact, we all agreed that it was the best meal of steak and onions we had ever had.

Cleaning and washing up after lunch, we left things in apple-pie order and ready for tea, trusting that everything would be O.K. We then took a short ramble in the vicinity, returning shortly afterwards for another swim. At 3 p.m. we finished swimming and after rubbing down made tea, consisting of tinned brawn and bread with a helping of pine-apple and Ideal Milk afterwards. This meal again was most delicious.

Studying the papers we had read all about the " Anti-Litter Campaign," so before breaking camp we cleaned up any mess we might have made, setting light to bits of paper and waste that was lying around, also making sure that the fires were out before leaving.

3.50 p.m saw us passing the fifth mile-stone from Ranikhet on our upward climb of 3,000 feet, and at 4.50 found we had two miles still to do. We estimated doing this in at least forty minutes in spite of the climbing becoming more trying with each mile. Leaving the second mile-stone at 5 o'clock we again commenced climbing and covered the first, and last but one mile in twenty-three minutes. The sky was clouding now, and away over Dulikhet Hill we could frequently see lightning and faintly hear thunder. We pushed on.

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The 2nd Battalion.

THE Battalion is now scattered throughout the length and breadth of the British Isles and, no doubt, enjoying leave, telling the tale of how The Buffs fought at Larkhill perhaps, or even wondering anxiously if furlough pay will last till the end of the month. But, alas, a few have to stay behind—some to grapple with the intricacies of weapon training; others to struggle with the mysteries of obscure accounts and dig forgotten skeletons out of dusty cupboards; and one at least to write, collect and despatch these notes!

The comparative lull in activities finds one, at any rate, a chance to compile these chronicles in more leisurely fashion and make amends (though perhaps rather tardily) for former omissions.

Some months ago Major Whitacre Allen, M.C., rejoined the battalion from an appointment in Hong Kong, but it was not until just about a month ago that he was definitely posted to this battalion. In welcoming him back to the Regiment I can only say, like Kipling:—

"We have committed a fault
And a very grave fault
And now we must turn it to use,
We have ten thousand reasons for failure
But never a single excuse!"—

and beg his pardon for not having mentioned his return some two or three months ago.

"Monsieur Mon Commandant Nous Vous Salutens!"—which may not be very good French, but is intended to convey the right idea.

Two other recent arrivals whom all will welcome are 2/Lieut. R. F. Murphy, who has joined from Oxford and 2/Lieut. G. F. Alexander from Sandhurst.

In the realms of Sport the battalion will soon be busily engaged battling for various shields and cups. The first matter of interest is the Command Inter-Unit Novices' Boxing Contest which starts this week. We, however, have already got into the second round without exchanging a blow, our opponents, the 2nd Grenadier Guards, having scratched. Consequently on 23rd October we are due to meet the 11th Hussars. In this competition all entrants must be under twenty-one years of age and we are putting in a team of fifteen led by 2/Lieut. H. Williams, who no doubt is now busily engaged sparring in his "camp" down Southampton way. Joe Beckett, it will be remembered by boxing fans, came from that part of the world so we shall not be surprised at anything that may happen!

On Wednesday, 23rd, our Rugby XV. take on the Berkshire Wanderers at Reading and on the 26th Blackheath "B" on their ground.

On the 24th Association enthusiasts may see our entry into the first round of the Army Cup when we meet the Royal Scots Fusiliers at Bordon. The actual team has not yet been definitely settled, but if the strenuous training being carried on every morning soon after dawn under our veteran and indefatigable Quartermaster, Mr. Dan, is anything to go by we may confidently expect great things of those who are finally chosen to represent the battalion.

In the golfing world Mr. Reeves has recently been adding to his collection of silver. It is no news to golfers to describe his various successes, but we congratulate him heartily on carrying off the Prince of Wales' Cup at Prince's, Sandwich on 5th October with a score of 75+78 = 153 when he beat the ex-amateur champion, Mr. Robert Harris and other such doughty opponents as Mr. Douglas Grant, Mr. Noel Layton and Dr. Gillies.

The following day, playing for Rye against the Army, he beat his opponent, Capt. MacAllister of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 3 and 2 and, incidentally, assisted his side to win the match. On the 12th he won the Rye medal with a score of 79 and on the following day, changing back into uniform so to speak, played for the Army at Worplesden. The Army lost the match, but he beat his opponent by two holes.

1st Battalion—*Continued.*

Twenty minutes to six saw us passing the Ranikhet Treasury and making the last lap into Alma Barracks. At a spot below the Sergeants' Mess we separated, each going his own direction and the shortest way home.

Figures disappearing into the gloom and darkness of the trees and fast falling night could be said to be a fitting end to a perfect day. Four "Good-night's" rang out through the trees and the party was no more.

C. WARREN,
Corporal, "H.Q." Wing.

At the Regimental Meeting which takes place at Sandwich in a few days' time Lieut.-Colonel J. Crookenden, Mr. Haggard and Mr. Reeves are taking part.

" Hurrah, dash my wig, the dahlias are dead ! " like Mr. Gorrocks, we of the hunting fraternity joyously exclaim as we feel the first nip of winter in the air, watch the yellow autumn leaves carpeting the ground, and go cantering over the turf that is at last beginning to yield after this parching Indian summer in which all England—except the poor pasturage farmers—have been rejoicing these many months past. The Aldershot Command Drag Hounds now go out cubbing regularly and last week accounted for a leash of cubs in one morning, whilst on Saturday, 12th October, a large field met hounds at the Club at 7.30. Claycart Bottom and the woods along the canal were all drawn in turn, but without result. But it did not matter much—at any rate it was grand to be out with hounds again, and an early autumn morning in England viewed from the back of a horse is always a sheer delight.

On Saturday afternoon, 12th, the Beagles opened their season at Government House where a large field assembled. Then, drawing the woods by the Golf Club House they soon had a hare afoot and sent her scampering off across the links until finally she made good her escape at the ninth hole.

On Thursday, 26th September, Major and Mrs. Prescott-Roberts, so well known to everyone in Gibraltar during the last five years, entertained all their old friends who would come at a dance at the Club. Needless to say it went with the usual rollicking swing that has always been the custom at any of their entertainments.

Major and Mrs. Prescott-Roberts' Dance.

IT was indeed a generous and happy notion that moved our old friends the " P.R.'s " to give a Gibraltar re-union dance at the Aldershot Club on the 26th September last. Anyone who was fortunate enough to attend any of the annual dances which they gave in Gibraltar will remember with a warm flow of pleasure what care-free, happy-go-lucky, rollicking and thoroughly amusing entertainments those always were. It was, therefore, no surprise on entering the ballroom this year at Aldershot to find the same joyous spirit prevailing. Here gathered together one found so many old friends that one could almost imagine oneself back once more in the gay Assembly Rooms on the Rock. Every moment one came across some smiling, bewitching damsel, tied up now, perhaps, but nevertheless still retaining the charm and beauty that used, who knows, to make one's heart beat a little faster. And even as one pleaded for just one dance, but found the divinity's programme already fully booked (just as it always had been) a hearty hail from across the floor claimed attention and one found oneself *viz-a-viz* with some grinning hunting or polo enthusiast of those happy days. Of course, amongst so many it was impossible to meet everybody, but no one missed the opportunity to greet our honoured and gallant old Commander-in-Chief, General Sir Charles Munro, and his charming consort, the Hon. Lady Munro. Such a gathering as this would surely have been very incomplete without them, but with them we were all united into one enormous happy family.

Mrs. P.R. was never one to let the grass grow under her feet and, fearing perhaps that the staid conventions of England might mar her party, placed a chair in the centre of the room, scrambled up on to it and, after several vain efforts to command silence, at last obtained it. In beseeching tones she implored us to forget for once that we were English, to wait not for introductions but to dance with whomsoever we might fancy.

Soon everybody sorted themselves out, and in what seemed about ten minutes later—but was in reality an hour or two—our indefatigable hostess disappeared behind the curtain on the stage and presently emerged bearing in her arms a collection of sombreros, cardboard shakos, jockey caps, bonnets and all manner of headgear which she proceeded to distribute amongst the eager laughing throng crowding around the stage. Then, everyone suitably, becomingly or grotesquely bedecked, according to each one's fancy, the music started once more and the room became a restless whirlpool.

Later all the revellers formed up in one large circle, and joining hands lustily sang " Auld Lang Syne," pausing eventually to cheer Sir Charles and Lady Munro. Soon after this " H.E.," as we had all grown accustomed to call him, made his departure and was accompanied to his car by many of his old friends who sent him and Lady Munro off with yet another rousing cheer.

All too soon this splendid evening came to a close and it was not till then that any of us realised how near dawn we had approached.

There is not sufficient space in *The Dragon* to mention all who were there, but here is a list of some :—General Sir Charles and the Hon. Lady Munro, General and Mrs. Hawksley, Colonel and Mrs. Cummings, Lady Ors, Colonel and Mrs. Coles, Colonel and Mrs. Crookenden, Colonel and Mrs. Purser, Colonel and Mrs. Lucas, Colonel the Hon. Charles and Mrs. Napier, Colonel and Mrs. Leahy and Miss R. Leahy, Miss Cochram, Colonel Fraser, Major and Miss Archdale, Colonel and Mrs. Burton, Colonel and Mrs. Mears, Colonel and Mrs. Roche Kelly, Major and Mrs. Donald Wilson, Lt.-Commander and Mrs. Cornall, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith, Lt.-Commander and Mrs. Nightingale, Major and Mrs. Younger, Captain and Mrs. Curry, Miss N. McDouall, Captain S. Bellingham, Miss Ronald, Captain Gillespie, Captain Selby-Lowndes, Mr. Gerald McCarthy, Captain and Mrs. Leith-Hay-Clarke, Captain and Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Doyle, Mrs. Wall, Mr. A. J. D. Rose, Mrs. P. Lynden-Bell, Captain C. J. Wood, Captain and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. McDouall, Captain and Mrs. Causton, Miss R. Bird, Major Murray, Colonel and Mrs. Beevor, Major L. Welhen, and twice as many as this again.

Sergeants' Mess.

The Battle of Salisbury Plain having ended, I suppose satisfactorily, we have once again reached Barracks and the members of the Mess are preparing for their annual leave. Very few active members will be left behind—by active I mean those not engaged on Vocational Training—but a few must necessarily remain for duties, etc.

During the trek to Tidworth Park we had, of course, no actual Mess, but we had what I will call a " Scrounger

Squad," whose function was to scrounge around at the staging camps and procure little extras for the menu. These were naturally very welcome at the end of a day's march, especially the liquid part, for it was sweltering hot on the line of march and produced a well-nigh unquenchable thirst. The able chief of this " Scrounger Squad " was C.Q.M.S. Taylor, and I must take this opportunity of thanking him and his willing and no less able band of helpers for the many little unexpected treats they, in some mysterious manner, procured for us.

We arrived at the Camp at Tidworth Park on the the evening of the 11th September, and, since our Unit was not required in action until the 16th, the intervening days were spent in various forms of sport, including rounders and six-a-side football.

It will be remembered that we suffered a severe defeat at the hands—or rather the feet—of the officers at Soccer a short time ago, and, this defeat never having been avenged, we challenged them to a game of six-a-side football. The teams were as follows :—Officers : Lieuts. Williams, Nicholson, Parry, F. W., Parry, R. F., and McCann. Sergeants : C.Q.M.S. Smith, Sergeants Drake, Payne, Wickham, C.Q.M.S. Burville and N. Bell.

One minute after the start a free-kick was awarded against the Sergeants for " hands," and Mr. Parry scored. One minute later the Sergeants were awarded a free-kick for the same thing, and Sergeant Wickham equalised. C.Q.M.S. Burville dashed down the wing following the kick-off and sent in a shot which would have hit the cross-bar had there been one. A shot by Parry was only just saved at the expense of a corner by C.Q.M.S. Smith, and then Drake got the ball and sent in a splendid shot which beat their goalie completely. Bell was the next one to score, and half-time came with the scores 3—1.

On the resumption Drake narrowly missed a fourth goal and then Burville gave a tierrific kick at the ball and his stipper came off, soaring straight into goal. I think a goal was deserved, but the referee apparently did not agree. Mr. Parry, in dashing across to intercept a pass to Bell, over-ran himself and made a valiant attempt to push a lorry over. Bell finished the scoring with a pretty shot from about two yards' range, and the game ended with the scores : Officers, 1 ; Sergeants, 4. After the match the Sergeants repaired to the Officers' Mess, where they were entertained by the Officers.

The Battalion, at the end of the War Office Exercises, marched back to Barracks, and I am afraid I must rely on other members to report any occurrences of interest during the homeward journey, as I was left behind in Camp.

Before leaving the subject of manoeuvres altogether, I must congratulate C.S.M. Fawcett on being the only Company Sergeant-Major to " finish the course," the remainder having become casualties rather early in the race.

General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell has very kindly presented the Mess with a photograph of himself, which will be greatly prized. It will occupy a position next to the photo of the late General Sir Arthur Paget, with King Christian X. of Denmark above.

Certain members of the Mess, having observed during the trek a nightly occurrence connected with "A" Company, water, feet and Condy's Fluid, wish to know if the War Office Exercises were intended to bring out the principles of active service, i.e., hardships, etc., or was it a new form of wet nursing ? They hint—very darkly—that " Dhurzie " may be able to give some explanation on the subject.

Unusual excitement has prevailed during the past week in the Regimental garage. It appears that R.Q.M.S. Tong purchased a car from our late Armourer Sergeant, and employed our pet skilled mechanic, Sergeant Dennis, on the job of renovating it. This started the trouble. The chief of our Regimental Criminal Investigation Department had certain suspicions, which were strengthened when he compared the colour of certain parts of the car with the colour of certain articles in the Guard Room. Following up clues in his inimitable way, these suspicions have become so near certainties that he has secured the services of the well-known analyst, Professor Fitzgerald, of The Buffs, to analyse samples of the two and to find out if they are identical ; further developments are likely to occur in the near future, I am informed on good authoirty.

W.A.L.

"C" Company.

I think it is about time I commenced these notes with a suggestion, i.e. : Anyone who is looking forward and hoping for their seven, twelve, or even twenty-one to pass quickly, might do well to take on company correspondent to *The Dragon*. For the month seems to pass like a day. The sub-editor seldom forgets to remind one that the month is up by the necessary publication in B.O.'s. What offers ?

War Office Exercises being completed the Company returned to Barracks on the 21st September. Owing to being absent from these Exercises I am unable to give any account of them. Everyone seems to have returned safe on the 21st September and immediately proceeded to prepare for their month's annual furlough. So most of the Company are now enjoying their annual leave until the 2nd November. We understand that when they return the Battalion will be on duty digging for a week. A good start after a month's leave.

The less fortunate ones are remaining in Barracks as maintenance party. This may include Cadre Course, Battalion Duties, fatigues, etc. These will be more fortunate about Christmas.

At the present moment the draft roll is undergoing drastic alteration, so it is impossible to say how many of the Company will proceed to India this year. No doubt some will be pleased with the alteration, others, who were hoping to commence their travels abroad early in their service, not so.

A few members of the Company have commenced training for football with the Battalion team. After the leave period the Company will get together a team. Of our last year's team we still have Ptes. Garrett, Rhodes and Church, L/Cpl. Lee, Cpl. Salsbury, L/Cpls. Hobson and Fox, and Pte. Burgess. The new arrivals will include Sgt. Wickham, Ptes. Clarke, Haig and Haines. We hope to get together a fair team by the time the Shield matches take place.

Our cross-country team will be in training by the end of October ; at the present it is difficult to determine the strength of the Company team. No doubt we shall have a good team by February. It will be remembered that the Company were third in the Command Inter-Company Cross-Country last year. This year we must go one better. The following may be available :—L/Cpl. Hurley, Ptes. Frost and Burgess, L/Cpl. Spence, Ptes. Matthews, Marsh and Bone, L/Cpls. O'Connor and Fox, Ptes. Belson, Cunningham, White and Cloke, and L/Sgt. Cross. From these a real good Company team can be found.

Our Table "B" Casuals having completed their course we give the following Company results for annual course :—

	Rifle.			Lewis Gun.		
	Marks-men.	1st.	2nd.	Marks-men.	1st.	2nd.
No. 9 Platoon	2	4	9	4	8	1
No. 10 Platoon	10	4	2	6	4	5
No. 11 Platoon	5	3	8	5	5	2
No. 12 Platoon	4	3	10	4	11	2
Total of Coy.	21	14	29	19	28	10

During the past month the following have arrived :— Pte. Hall from the Depot ; Pte. Bone from "H.Q." Wing, on completion of training as a signaller. Pte. Bone will assist our cross-country team this year.

Pte. Perry has decided to join us from his long vacation. No doubt he timed his return to fit in with the draft.

Cpl. Viney will have left the Company for civilian life by the time these notes appear in print. The same applies to Cpl. Willcox. These two N.C.O.'s have both assisted the Company to maintain its high standard in the past. Cpl. Viney will be missed from the football and boxing team this year.

Cpl. Crouch and Pte. Berry have proceeded to the "M.G." Company to commence the career of a "Gunner." No doubt we have definitely lost Cpl. Crouch, for he is sure to prove successful with the new weapon. But we are rather anxious about Berry. It is understood that L/Cpl. Patterson will give him a good recommendation ; also certify him capable of keeping the dining-hall clear of rats.

L/Cpls. Hurley, O'Connor and Fox have just completed a gas course under the Battalion Gas Officer, Lieut. P. T. G. Lynden-Bell. Perhaps they will initiate us during individual training.

L/Sgt. McNulty has rejoined the Company from his course at the School of Education. At the moment the "verbs" are getting mixed with "the points to note," etc.

The Battalion Cadre Course is in full swing and well on the way to completion. We hope all will have benefited from the course and be able to pass the valuable knowledge on to others.

The Battalion Novice Boxing Team is in training under Cpl. Beal. It was discovered that we were drawn to box the Grenadiers in this competition on or about 12th October. This meant a number of young soldiers remaining back from leave. The numbers were soon forthcoming. This Company have in training :—L/Cpls. Griggs and O'Connor, Ptes. Brigstock, Rance, Cordon, Butler, Cunningham and Haines. Others volunteered but were not quite up to the standard.

Congratulations to L/Cpl. O'Connor on his appointment to Paid L/Cpl.

A.V.O.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who was the Sergeant, on the War Office exercise, when finding his pack too heavy, took out his towel and soap, and said, "I shan't need these on the trek." ?

N.B.—The trek only lasted four days.

Who was the C.S.M. (well-known for dishing it out) who, when the Sergeants were endeavouring to get dinner after a long route-march said, "Oh ! this is nothing. I once did 35 miles carrying a tenor drum." A few junior members afterwards wondered why he didn't try and emulate that gallant performance, and carry the cooker which took a sudden liking to him, for the rest of the exercise.

Has Chalky received a medal from the R.S.P.C.A. yet, for being kind to his horse ? It is worthy of noting, since so often he walked for fear of tiring the poor creature out.

Also, did his watch feel thirsty at Sutton Scotney ? If not, why did he bathe it in the perfumed waters of Simmonds ?

How did Ernie enjoy his manoeuvre hair-cut and didn't he think a bicycle (army pattern), was the next heaviest thing to push, to a tank ?

The reason so many members took a prolonged liking to milk stout at Tidworth ?

How many married members felt jealous when Mrs. Stan was seen, at the first day's halt, making a fuss of her lord and master, in the next field, regaling him with the good things of life, while we were nursing our feet, in no too happy anticipation.

"WAT."

The rival clans turned out to fight
Upon the fresh green sward.
And faced each other in the light,
With a ball instead of sword.

In breathless silence we did wait,
Until the signal went.
Then yeomen dashed to meet the great,
On victory, all intent.

Our opponents made a valiant raid,
'Twas science versus weight,
And Arthur, hefty, sure, and staid,
Heroic, kept the gate.

Our Ding-Dong, whooping out with glee,
Kicked, missed, and slid, and thrust,
Sometimes upon his feet would be,
More often in the dust.

Now Tick, he had a little slipper,
That once, was white as snow
And every time he kicked the ball,
On an aerial flight would go.

When the fight was o'er and the sun was set
And our battle was complete,
In the rival camp, contestants met,
Our victory wines were sweet.

TOUCHSTONE.

Corporals' Mess.

Dear Comrades, I now take over the duties of the Corporals' Room *Dragon* Correspondent owing to Jimmy leaving us on taking up a position in the Sergeants' Mess, and I know that all wish him the very best of luck. We are very sorry, indeed, to lose him, as we were putting great hopes on him as a member of our Billiard Team during the forthcoming Tournaments.

The Billiard Handicap has been arranged and is in full swing. More notes on this will be forthcoming in our next issue.

The Winter Sports, in which we hope many Members of the Corporals' Room will partake, will soon be in full swing ; may every success be theirs.

We congratulate the undermentioned on their promotions and appointments as shewn :—

Cpls. Wyles and Johnson to L/Sgt. L/Cpls. Goodsell, Acott, Blanch and Richardson to Cpl. L/Cpls. Hurley, Roser, Jolley and O'Connor to Paid L/Cpl. We welcome to the Corporals' Room, L/Cpl. Martin on first Appointment.

Cpl. Goodsell and L/Cpl. Charlton are at present attending a Veterinary Course and Sergeants-Cooks' Course respectively.

Cpl. Strand, Cpl. Viney and L/Cpl. Willson have left us for Civil Life ; Cpl. Willcox and L/Cpl. Donovan are leaving us in the near future.

We wish Cpl. Brace the very best of luck and success on his First Class Certificate Examination, and a "D" in all four subjects will be welcome.

Most Corporals have enjoyed a good month's rest and leave after the Manoeuvres on well-known ground (to some) on Salisbury Plain, and all will soon be in the heart of winter training.

Cpl. Parrett will be leaving us next month for the 1st Battalion and we wish him and all the draft the very best of luck in their new station.

LOTTIE.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who is the N.C.O. who inspected the Defaulters by candle light and was he helping to keep the moths off their clothing.?

HEARD ON WEAPON TRAINING.

Corporal : "How many kinds of wind are there ?"
Recruit : "Internal, External and Fair."
(Will he know of any more later on) ?

HEARD ON GAS COURSE.

Can you scratch your lungs ? Ask L/Cpl. Lane.

"A" Company.

Manoeuvres having finished and the Casuals having fired their Course, sees the Battalion dispersed for Annual Leave. Chinstraps and Boots have been much in evidence during the last seven or eight days and now we have peace and quietness for the next four weeks, and those who have departed say the same.

We welcome to the Company Cpls. Wilson and Miller, also Ptes. Trowell, Morley and Gower, and hope that their stay with us will be a happy one.

During the C.S.M.'s absence on furlough Sgt. McKeir has taken over his duties, combined with those of Cadre Instructor.

Cpl. Richardson, L/Cpls. Banks, Taylor, King, Scullion and Norris have been selected for a long course of W.I. and the Company's wishes go with them.

We lost L/Sgt. Johnson, Cpl. Blanche, Ptes. Osborne (Freddie) and Hawkins, who have been transferred to "M.G." Company ; and L/Sgt. Wyles and L/Cpl. Cunningham to the Depot for a tour of duty. Whilst waiting for a boat Sgt. Faulkner (1st Battalion) is attached to the Company, but was sent off on another month's leave.

We welcome to the Company 2/Lieut. Murphy and hope he will enjoy his stay with us.

One day during the month Pte. (Hoppy) Clinton was seen in the vicinity of Barracks with a string of conkers. Unfortunately the Band were away otherwise we might have expected that very suitable air: "See the conkering hero comes ! ! ! "

MONTY.

"M.G." Company.

On the morning of the 9th September we set out on the march to Tidworth. On account of the broiling weather, shirt-sleeves were the order of the day. After numerous halts we eventually arrived at Odiham. Here we rested for four hours and it was noticed that several men took the opportunity to have a "kip" and others to lather their socks; the latter, strange to relate, were amongst the first to have blisters; perhaps they were advised wrongly as to the method of applying the soap. We continued the march under the same weather conditions for three days, stopping at Herriod, Sutton Scotney and Stockbridge. Bivouacs were available, but were not in very great demand owing to the warm weather. We arrived at Tidworth Park on Thursday afternoon. A few of the Company were "hors de combat" with bad feet, but generally speaking, we were not very much affected.

The Battalion lay at rest for three days, the time being occupied with six-a-side football and rounders competitions, at neither of which were the Gunners in great prominence owing to the fact that in the football there was a lack of organization and in the rounders we met the Officers' team, who were the eventual winners.

We did a two-days' "stunt" from Tidworth, the ground passed over being very familiar to the Gunners as it was in the vicinity of the "M.G." School, at Netheravon.

After another day's rest at Tidworth we commenced the march back to Aldershot during which nothing of great importance happened with the exception that, on the last night out, bivouacs were put up, this operation in some cases provoking much mirth.

Barracks was reached on Saturday, 21st September and normal conditions soon prevailed, that is to say, Guards, R.S.M.'s Parades and Casuals' Firing.

The Draft from The Depot arrived during our absence on Manoeuvres, but have not yet become acquainted with the intricacies of the Machine Gun as they have been firing their Rifle Course.

The Brigade Commander inspected the Battalion on the 26th September, the Guard mounted to receive him being found from the Gunners. It was, so we understand, the smartest Guard mounted in the Battalion for some considerable time.

We welcome to the Company, Lieut. A. A. J. N. Fearnside-Speed, 2/Lieut. J. F. Connolly, L/Sgt. Johnson, Cpl. Crouch and Cpl. Blanch and hope their stay with us will be a long and happy one.

Quite a flutter was caused recently by the announcement that Pte. Flegg had been selected for Drafting to the 1st Battalion; the Mess-Room has quite a bleak appearance since his absence.

We congratulate L/Sgt. Saunders on obtaining a Q.I. at the "M.G." School, Netheravon. Cpl. Cribben and L/Cpl. Haines will shortly commence a Long Qualifying Course and Range Takers' Course respectively at the same abode. We extend to them our very best wishes; also to Pte. Cowley who will soon be undergoing a short Course on the Range-Finder at Woolwich.

Cpl. Strand has left us for the Metropolitan Police. Their gain is our loss, especially at Cross Country Running. We presume he will join the South London Harriers or some such other Athletic Club.

Our numbers have also been depleted by the departure of Cpl. Crane to West Africa and Privates Jolley and Taylor to Civilian Life. Cpl. Crane has promised to keep us acquainted with his movements and experiences with the West African Frontier Force.

Sgt. Page and L/Cpls. Crane, Tracey and Dyke are at present undergoing a severe test in the form of a Regimental Gas Course. They are, at the time of writing, on Cave Common, experiencing miniature Gas Attacks by night.

A Novices' Boxing Competition versus the — Battalion Grenadier Guards, is being held on the 8th October. We were pleased to notice the number of volunteers that came from the Company when called for.

Privates Castle, Jackman and Moorland-Hughes were selected recently to represent the Battalion at Hockey. The two last-named arrived with the last draft, and will be a great addition to the Company Team.

The majority of the Company will be going on Annual Furlough very shortly, we hope everyone has a good time.

E.H.W.

ANNUAL JUMBLE SALE.

Please send all your summer clothes, etc., to The Secretary of the Past and Present Association, The Depot, Canterbury.

Beneath Bell Harry.

WE live now in a new atmosphere at the Depot. The stentorian tones of the Sergeant - Instructors of the Brigade of Guards are now replaced by the clip-clop of the rides of the 3rd Carabiniers going out to exercise; whilst cadre training in the Old Park is brightened at times by brisk manoeuvreing to avoid a troop approaching at rapid speed, or the discovery, sometimes too late, that the piece of shelter behind which the cadre officer has elected to deliver a lecture is in reality a cavalry jump. We offer a warm welcome to the 3rd Carabiniers to Canterbury and at the same time our best wishes go with the Guards to their permanent abode at Caterham.

The Regimental Golf Meeting, which is reported fully elsewhere, was, as usual, a great success and favoured by ideal weather. From the Depot no less than five officers took part, though with varying success! We must, however, congratulate Mr. King in carrying off the Lynden-Bell trophy.

Cubbing is in full swing in the East Kent country, but none of us have yet been out and at the moment of writing a horrible rumour of foot and mouth in the neighbourhood may put a stoppage to all hunting for a while.

Football and Hockey results will be found in detail elsewhere, but may we hold out the hope that the Depot team may long retain their place as leaders in the Kent Amateur League.

Football,

It is always a trying job to get anything of a Soccer Team at the Depot owing to the changes and short time the recruits are here, however, we have managed to get together an eleven that some Regimental sides would be glad to have.

We commenced the season well by making a draw with the Canterbury Waverley on their ground. This more commendable too as the Waves had eight players of their Kent League team playing.

Opposed to last year's results this season's results so far, have, in the main, been drawn games—last year we never secured one draw.

We have entered the Kent Amateur League, but it's going to be a formidable fight as among the competing clubs are The Queen's Regiment, The Seaforth Highlanders, The 3rd Carabiniers and The Depot Royal Marines.

The following are results of games to date :—

LEAGUE.

Team.		Goals	Against.	Result.
v. Canterbury Waverley	(A)	5	5	Drawn
v. Ramsgate, St. Luke's ...	(A)	0	0	Drawn
v. Deal Town	(H)	10	0	Won
v. 9th Bomber Sqn. R. A. F.	(A)	0	0	Drawn
v. Chislet Colliery	(A)	1	5	Lost

FRIENDLIES.

v. Finn's Stores	(H)	4	2	Won
v. St. Paul's F.C.	(H)	5	0	Won
v. Herne Bay F.C.... ...	(H)	5	1	Won
v. Lefevres F.C.	(A)	5	0	Won
v. 3rd Carabiniers	(H)	1	7	Lost

The following play regularly for the Depot side :—C.Q.M.S. Gibson, Cpl. Sanders, Sgt. Tutt, Sgt. Sidwell, L/Sgt. Bailey, Cpl. King, L/Cpl. McBride, Pte. Bryan, Rct. Moore and Rct. Honeybunn. The following are first reserves :—Cpls. Good, Sirett and Trinkwon, Ptes. Dawson and Bottomley, Rcts. Adcock and Johnson.

L/Cpl. Cunningham has now joined us from the 2nd Battalion and will prove a great help to our forward line.

C.S.M. Farrow helped us against the Waverley, but his long term of idleness made it hard work for him—too fat.

I understand that a big fat man with a tall hat, from Gillingham, was watching the Depot Form last week. It was rumoured that Gibbo received a long envelope the next day ?

H.B.S.

Sergeants' Mess.

On September 29th the members of the Sergeants' Mess attended the Annual Memorial Parade Service of the Ashford Branch, Past and Present Association.

It was indeed a pleasure to know that we helped considerably to swell the numbers on parade, and both the Colonel of the Regiment and Chairman of the Ashford Branch expressed their thanks for our support.

After the Parade Service lunch was provided at the Station Hotel, where the Headquarters of the Ashford Branch is situated, and we thank the Committee for the excellent arrangements made.

In the afternoon we continued our journey to Maidstone, where tea was provided at Lyon's, after which we proceeded to Chatham for a couple of hours halt there, and then returned to Canterbury.

Congratulations to Sergeant and Mrs. Watson on the birth of a daughter (Eva May) at Shorncliffe, on September 2nd.

We extend a hearty welcome to the members of the 3rd Carabiniers' Sergeants' Mess, who arrived here on September 30th. It seems quite like old times in Canterbury now that the Riding Schools, etc., are once again in use.

C.Q.M.S. Gibson, Sergeants Rowe, Trice and Tutt, and L/Sgt. Bailey are assisting again this season to keep the Depot's colours flying in the Hockey and Football fixtures, and we also appreciate the services of Sergeant Sidwell, M.M., of the T.F. Staff.

Sergeant Adams, who usually figures in the Depot Hockey Team, is at present on the sick list, and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

The Ladies' Club Committee have arranged to run the Mess Whist Drives this season, and the first one was held on October 7th, when we were pleased to greet several old civilian friends and also some from the 3rd Carabiniers. The result was as follows :—Ladies : 1st, Miss Ryan ; 2nd, Mrs. Baylam ; 3rd, Mrs. Keegan ; Sealed No., Mrs. Hares. Gents : 1st, S.Q.M.S. Gage ; 2nd, Sgt.-Cook Rowe ; 3rd, Mrs. Nash ; Sealed No., Mrs. Ansell.

Our heartiest congratulations to L/Sgt. and Mrs. Dolbear on their marriage at Thanington on October 10th. We wish them every happiness. Sgt. Tutt proved a capable best man.

Corporals' Mess.

There is nothing much of interest this month ; everything has been going on just as usual.

We all tender our heartiest greetings to " Ginger " Cunningham, who has joined us for a tour of duty and we sincerely hope that his stay with us will be a happy one. Also that he will live up to his reputation as a " star " forward.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who was the N.C.O. who bought a motor-cycle to walk home on ? What was his average speed and does he take a week to walk a fortnight ?

Will Paddy find time for a " quick one " out under the sun, or will he always be on the " qui-vive " ?

If anyone wishes a recipe for late dinner please apply to the Corporals' Mess. They have an extraordinary imagination.

Has " Chipp " got his home together yet ?

Trained Men.

Nothing really exciting has happened this month. Bottles has been on leave and is now back again getting his eye down on the " Short and Long List." Alexander has been to Aldershot on a Course and has returned with a big " Knowledge Bump " and a few days.

I have been asked to publish the result up-to-date of the *Sporting Life*," Barr *v.* Bottles, The latter gained a fine lead this week by sprinting over the " Prince " and holding the paper for at least half-an-hour. Well done, Bottles.

Burford has joined The Depot. We wish him the best and hope that he will soon get settled down and IMI.

Our Cork Club Treasurer is now on leave. He has an addition to the family ; we wish him all the best.

The Trained Men played Lefevres at Soccer. It was a very one-sided game all through, the result being a 7—1 victory for us.

Owing to the fact that news is very scarce at Canterbury this month I will have to conclude, but hope to have a much better column next month.

TAKING THE RISE.

Whose is the girl with the luck eyes ? Ask Alex or Chipp.

Is Summers still a cave man and when is he going to grow ?

What did Tug say in a dream—" What—do I—I think I do."

Is it possible for the Army to exist when the indispensable Boxall leaves it, omitting how long he has to do ?

Will Alex want " spurs " now he is mounted ?

Endurance Test.

TERRITORIALS CHEERED.

THERE was quite a novel form of attraction staged at the Empire Bandstand, on Ramsgate's East Cliff, last evening, when nin esections of non-commissioned officers and men of "A" Company, 4th Battalion The Buffs, took part in a short, sharp, trying test in connection with the route-march competition for the cup given by the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman T. H. Prestedge, C.C.).

The cup could only be won by a team—(one non-commisioned officer and six men)—from the Ramsgate Platoon of the Company. These conditions applied in the case of a parrellel competition held at Margate for the cup presented by the Mayor of that town. There is no doubt that they will be laid down when similar trophies are offered to the Sandwich and Herne Bay Platoons of "A" Company.

The nine sections which paraded last evening included teams from Ramsgate (3), Margate (2), Sandwich (1) and Herne Bay (3). All the boys—and they were practically all young post-war soldiers—were wonderfully keen. A notable instance of the sporting spirit yet to be found is supplied by the case of Pte. Nutley, of Sandwich Platoon. Nutley is a young miner employed at Snowdon Colliery. He left the pit at five o'clock in the afternoon, cycled into Sandwich, " climbed into marching order," re-mounted his cycle, made for Ramsgate, and got on to the parade ground in the nick of time to fall in with his team. He stuck it well over the route of nearly five miles, and swung into the final scene with gusto.

INTERESTED "OLD HANDS."

There was a big crowd to see the Territorials start. Among them were many members of the Ramsgate Sub-Branch of the Past and Present Association of The Buffs, who had arranged the show, and had, chiefly by the efforts of the enthusiastic Honorary Secretary, Mr. E. J. Birch, obtained an attractive collection of valuable prizes. The sections that came from stations other than Ramsgate had no knowledge of the nature of the awards to be won. They just entered in a sporting spirit, and fortunately found themselves later in the evening in possession of tangible form of recognition of their gladly-given efforts.

The Mayor, wearing his chain of office, was an early arrival on the scene, and the officers present were Colonel H. Findlay (Secretary of the Past and Present Association), Captain C. S. F. Witts, T.D. (Commanding "A" Company, 4th Buffs), Lieutenant G. R. Warner (Commanding Margate Platoon), and Lieutenant H. D. Rose (Commanding Ramsgate Platoon).

His Worship the Mayor of Ramsgate and Mr. Birch, Secretary Ramsgate Sub-Branch.

Sections, before they marched off, at brief intervals, were minutely inspected under the eagle eye of ex-R.Q.M.S. Edwards, late of The Buffs, and, on the signal of the Mayor, supplemented by the sharp word of the N.C.O. in charge, moved off. The route laid down was from the bandstand, along the front of the Granville Hotel, Victoria Road, Boundary Road, Ellington Park Road, St. Lawrence Church, Nethercourt Hill, Pegwell Bay, Pegwell Road, Grange Road, St. Augustine's Road, Paragon Corner, West Cliff Approach Road, Harbour Parade, Marina Road, back to the East Cliff bandstand.

STICKING IT.

Judges wee stationed at various points along the route, and motor cars containing passengers interested in the competition overtook the sections on the line of march. An *Advertiser* representative who covered the distance in the way indicated was struck by the smart manner in which the lads carried out their job. It was quite obvious that every little party was "putting the best leg forward," and they were cheered along the route by knots of people wherever there was any sort of collection of habitations. There were small crowds lining the kerbs at St. Lawrence and Chilton. Among those comprising the onlookers were relatives and friends of the men taking part in the competition, and they gave encouragement as the parties passed.

Casualties were very few indeed, and they were promptly attended to by members of the Ramsgate Town Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, who were stationed along the route and at the starting and finishing point.

It is a fine illustration of the sense of public duty on the part of the ambulance division, as well as of their cameraderie with the Territorials, that every member of the division had volunteered to play his part on the occasion.

Messrs. E. J. Birch (Honorary Secretary of the Ramsgate Past and Present Sub-Branch) and G. T. Rodgers (who occupies a similar position in the Margate Sub-Branch) acted as timekeepers, Sergt.-Instr. E. Marsh as umpire, and Messrs. P. Beven, H. Froud, Edwards, C. Acht and Mr. I. Redwood Davies as judges.

STEERED BY SEA CADETS.

Each section was allowed one hundred possible points at the start, and under the rules these were reduced for anything short of the ideal, being knocked off in respect to sections being short in numbers, men showing lack of physical fitness, badly-fitted equipment, unfilled water-bottles, etc.

Sea Cadets and civilian cyclists acted as guides to the sections from outside Ramsgate unacquainted with the set route.

Darkness had fallen when the Territorials, in quick succession of teams, arrived back at the starting point. They were all warmly cheered, and after being dismissed, were at once taken to a nearby cafe and regaled with piping hot Beefex. They were afterwards conveyed to the Willson's Road Drill Hall in motor coaches that were in waiting.

Later in the evening, in the course of a concert held at the hall, the prizes were distributed by the Mayor.

The Ramsgate team to win the Prestedge Cup was under Sergeant Collins, the other members being Ptes. F. Wood, J. Ives, C. Fuller, G. Aparico, G. Sutton and W. Adams. With the cup were presented seven very beautiful commemorative medals, bearing the regimental badge of The Buffs (the Dragon) and an inscription recording the occasion.

The Visitors' Cup (for sections outside Ramsgate) was won by a Margate section, under Cpl. Maxted, and consisting of Ptes. Ralph, Marsh, Barden, Chiswick, Holmes and Avery. They were awarded 87 points.

The Runners-up Cup was secured by a Herne Bay team, under Sgt. H. Boswell, consisting of Ptes. Redwell, R. Cox, B. Sinden, J. Russell, F. Searle and J. Barnes. This team was allotted 86 points.

The route was, however, covered in the quickest time by a one-man-short team, under L/Cpl. Reynolds. They got over the ground—4 7/8 miles—in one hour and one minute, and thus beat any other section by a minute-and-a-half. The fact that a man was missing was a severe handicap, as five points were thus automatically lost, but the effort made to compensate for that, by smart march discipline and fitness, brought the section well to the fore in the final on the matter of points. They were awarded 78 points, being thus only one behind the total given to the winners of the Prestedge Cup.

In view of the effort—"the show put up"—by Reynolds' team, Capt. Witts gave a consolation prize of a guinea.

Cpl. Reynolds' team included Ptes. White, Huckstep, Swain, Bracey and Brenchley.

The Start in the Endurance Test.

At the presentation of prizes congratulatory speeches were made by Col. Findlay and Capt. Witts, and cordial thanks were expressed to the Past and Present for their great help, to the generous donors towards the prize fund, and to all who had helped in the competition and at the concert.

Col. Findlay referred to the wonderful progress made by the Thanet Branch during the year. It now numbered four hundred, and the roll was still being augmented.

A very successful event concluded with an impromptu dance.

General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, Colonel of The Buffs, was unable to be present yesterday, but he sent to the chairman of the Sub-Branch (Mr. C. J. Mullett) a letter expressing his hearty goodwill and his hope that everyone concerned would enjoy a good time. Sir Arthur enclosed with his letter a cheque representing his donation to the prize fund.

Amounts received on behalf of the prize fund, in addition to those already acknowledged, include the following :—General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., £1 ; Mr. Percy Bevan, 10s. ; Councillor C. Home, Councillor D. Barnett, Capt. J. I. H. Friend, M.C., Mr. Barnden, 5s. each ; Messrs. S. Attenbury, A. D. Sackett, J. W. Luck, H. Harris, H. T. Wood, W. Clifton, C. Bonugli, H. G. Bush, R. W. Atkins, J. W. Brockman, A. J. Hieatt, P. Pinkham, F. C. Kelsey, Toole, W. E. Hewett, 2s. 6d. each. Smaller amounts totalled 18s. 6d. Messrs. W. P. Blackburn and Mr. Pettitt gave prizes in kind.

4th Battalion News.

GREAT activity prevails at all the stations throughout the Battalion Area. Winter training has started in earnest once again. The Shooting has ended by all companies firing Battle practices on all the Ranges. The Battalion entered a team for the Divisional Cup for the first time. This Competition is under the same conditions as the Lord Lieutenant's Shield. The team, consisting of 16 Other Ranks. It was fired on the Teynham Range on Sunday, October 6th under fairly good weather conditions except for a stiffish wind. Some competitors fired extremely well, but we fear our total will not be good enough to secure the Divisional prize. The Quartermaster arranged an excellent lunch on the range, and everyone enjoyed their day.

Capt. Witts is to be congratulated on the success of the Ramsgate Concentration inter-section March on the 26th September, and the Battalion is much indebted to the assistance of the Ramsgate Past and Present Branch for all their assistance.

We are sorry to hear 2/Lieut. Gandy is leaving the Battalion to join the London Police Force in the near future. This will be the second time in a year that our Horsmonden platoon has lost its platoon officer. We hope to find the services of another officer in this district, but at the moment we have not discovered anybody. We wish Mr. Gandy every success in his new venture.

The Officer Commanding the Depot has kindly consented to allow another Section Leader Course to be held at the Depot in the beginning of November. The number of applicants for this course is very good, and we hope that they will all be able to attend when the time comes.

We trust Major Dean will enjoy himself at the V.C.'s Dinner on November 9th. He will be the only representative from the Regiment present I believe, although of course he won the coveted Decoration with the Royal West Kent Regiment during the late war.

"A" Company (Thanet).

Margate Platoon.

As in " The Charge of the Light Brigade," someone has blundered resulting in some 56 copies of our Regimental Magazine, *The Dragon*, being returned unsold by the Margate Agent and we understand that Lieut. Warner and Sgt. Emptage are to be tried by mock court martial if the cost of *The Dragons* is not paid within 28 days of the publication of these notes, in that they did not keep proper observation on the sale of the periodical mentioned.

Margate are holding a Recruiting Concert and Dance to-night, Thursday, 17th October. Sgt.-Major Johnson, Quartermaster Gardiner, Sgt. Fox and Corporals Maxted and Bass are as usual, doing their best.

Sandwich Platoon.

Sad to relate, the Honourable W. E. C. James has handed over Sandwich Platoon to Mr. Laker who is joining us and will, we feel, sure, do his best to follow in the footsteps of Lieut. James who has done splendid work for the Sandwich Buffs. The Detachment Prize Fund, thanks to the above-named Officer, has a balance of £12. But Sandwich are badly in need of recruits. Come on Mr. Taylor, we want the P. & P. to help us.

Ramsgate Platoon.

The recent Route Marching Competition was a great success, thanks to the splendid work done by the Past and Present Association, but with the Bugle Band having gone into liquidation, things are quiet and here we want Recruits so as to enable us to get rid of useless paper strength.

Herne Bay Platoon.

In spite of the fact that this detachment is badly in need of a new drill hall and a part-time Instructor, under hardworking Sgt. Boswell all things are as nought and all concerned are attending regularly. They are at the present time the best Platoon in the Company.

Battle Practice.—From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., heavy incessant rifle fire was heard in the vicinity of Herne Bay on Sunday last and it was ascertained that some 119 Buffs had arrived in the early hours of the morning from Sandwich, Ramsgate, Margate and Herne Bay with heavy baggage which consisted of thousands of rounds of ammunition, and an equal quantity of beer and had taken up a position near the Birchington Rifle Range. They were engaged with a hostile tribe known as the Rebels at 600 yards range, in other words, "A" Company were firing their Battle Practice in reality, not on paper. There's nobody knows, but the Skipper, how much ammunition was fired or where it came from nor does any other drill hall appear to have been burgled, but al ranks thoroughly enjoyed themselves with Ammo *ad-ib* and we are better shots as a result. those present included Capt ain Witts, Lieut. Iggulden, 2/Lieut. Rose and J. S. Laker and Sgt.-Instrs. Marsh, Sergeants Fox, Elvery and Boswell and Sgt.-Major Johnson.

Our Skipper sold his car and rumour was rife that he was going on pension owing to age, but he has bought a new car and spends five nights a week round all detachments, so all's well on the Thanet Front.

"B" Company.

Canterbury Platoon.

We are just waking up again in Canterbury. Drills have recommenced and the attendances are good. Whether this is due to keenness or a desire to obtain the bounty remains to be seen. On Sunday, October 6th, three of the Canterbury Detachment journeyed to Teynham to fire in the Brigade Competition. C.S.M. Follett and L/Sgt. Wyborn put up quite good scores, but L/Cpl. Moxon, the other member of the Canterbury Detachment was knocked out in the qualifying competition. We would like to compliment Sgt. Beal of 'C" Company on the very good scores he put up. However, when a man has been shooting ever since we used bows and arrows, he should be able to beat a mere youth of 30 or so. Everyone enjoyed the excellent lunch provided on the Range and we hope for another like it next year.

We are all very disappointed to hear that Cpl. " Don " Graham has been discharged, having reached the age limit. We feel that a little more energy in wire pulling might have resulted in " Old Don " bringing us our letters for at least another three years. Besides, he may be fat, but he was fit, and would have made a better duty N.C.O. than several we can call to mind. We are all really sorry to lose him.

On Sunday, 13th, we go to Teynham to fire our Annual Competition and Kit Inspection and the Marching Order Competition will soon be upon us. We hope to see some of the younger members get a few prizes this year—they can if they get down to it.

Oxo.

"D" Company.

Winter Training has now started and we hope to be in full swing during the course of the next few weeks. Our Permanent Staff Instructor, C.S.M. Love, is away on a two months' Course at the Small Arms' School at Netheravon and we presume he will return bristling with Machine Gun information.

Once again we had the pleasure of a visit to our Drill Hall at Dover, of The Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., on the occasion of his visit to the Dover Branch of the Past and Present Association. Needless to say, he had a cheery word for many of the Past and quite a number of the Present, such cheery words providing us with renewed energy. The Colonel was accompanied by Colonel Findlay, Major Field (Commanding The Depot) and Lieut. Lynden-Bell, whom many of us had the pleasure of meeting for the first and we hope, not the last, time. During the evening Colonel Findlay presented the Findlay Billiard Cup to Drummer R. Tripp and then proceeded to play Tripp 200 up, Colonel Findlay proving the winner after a very interesting game, by 30.

The Drums wish to convey to "J.E." their appreciation of his remarks in the last issue of *The Dragon*, especially as such remarks were made by one who had rendered such valuable service to the Regiment and one who knows what he is talking about.

We should like to remind "A" Company's correspondent that we eagerly look for news of our Thanet Brethren in every copy of *The Dragon* but without success. Come on, "A" Company, let's hear from you.

Mrs. Smithers.

WITH her friend Mrs. Scrubbers it had been arranged to proceed on a char-a-banc trip to Eastbourne : it was impossible to permit the glorious summer weather to pass without airing the kiddies at the seaside—including little Jackey.

What a bustle there was in the married quarters that morning. Firstly little Jackey got a fish-bone in his throat through endeavouring to eat a bloater and a sausage at one and the same time : what a terrible fuss—there was Mrs. Smithers punching her son on the back whilst Mrs. Scrubbers slapped his front and ducked his head over a ration tin in case the bone fell out. After this spasm was over Mrs. Smithers suddenly discovered she had lost her purse and found it in the pocket of her husband's guard-mounting trousers, which he said had been put there just for safety.

Of course Mrs. Scrubbers had to be in it, she couldn't find the Company Sergeant-Major's shirt, so Mr. Scrubbers point blank refused to take the washing basket round the barracks. It was eventually found tucked on the back of little Jackey Smithers, and how it came to be there created quite a scene as Mrs. Smithers was accused by Mrs. Scrubbers of pinching it off her clothes line.

It was now 8.45 a.m. and the char-a-banc was due to start at 9 a.m. Arriving five minutes late, it was obvious by the faces of those who had arrived particularly early in order to get a back seat, the cause of the delay was not appreciated. There was Mrs. Smith (Smudger's wife) a buxom young thing of fifty summers who gave one the idea she owned the char-a-banc, looking down from her back seat upon Mrs. Smithers with an air of utter contempt. As the lady was a daily help to the wife of a new married subaltern of the R.A.O.B. it was only natural that she should uphold her social dignity.

" I say, driver," she said, " when are we going to make a start ? I don't reckon we aught to be kept waiting like this ! "

" What's the matter with your face ? " interjected Mrs. Smithers, as she mounted the vehicle to take her seat, " It looks as if yer've swallowed a scrubbing brush and forgot the soap ! "

" Dam the kid ! " shouted a fat old man when Jackey trod on his foot.

" Don't yer dam my boy," replied Mrs. Smithers, " Why, 'e'll be a dam smarter man than you are when 'e's eighty, or I'll have to know why ! "

At last the party moved off and everyone was happy. It was not very long before Jackey came back to his mother with a laden hand-bag, saying he had picked it up. As it had evidently fallen off the seat of Mrs. Smith, Jackey was instructed to take it back and hand it to the presumed owner.

" But she's only got two shillings and some pawn tickets in it," answered Jackey. Anyhow, off he went and did what he was told to do. " How dare you steal my bag ! " spoke Mrs. Smith, at the same time opening it in a dreadful hurry, " Oh,—my jewellry—where's it gone ? Where's it gone ? " she shouted, whilst the passengers looked round aghast.

" Where's it gorn ! " answered Jackey, "Ask the bloke who gave yer the pawn ticket.

Mrs. Smith was just about to strike Jackey a hefty blow, when Mrs. Scrubbers, with a mighty grab, tore half her hair out, whilst Mrs. Smithers made a splendid effort to scratch the face of her victim.

" 'Ave 'em locked up," said the old man of eighty. " Don't be in an 'urry, old chap," said Mrs. Scrubbers, " Yer'll be locked up for good before yer much older ! "

Arriving at Eastbourne, the police for some reason or another evidently considered the party were not of the type to be admitted to the holy city. They were held up outside the offices of the " Association for the institution of Trap-door Bathing Boxes," a title Mrs. Smithers did not understand, but it is quite simple. Each bather goes out to sea in a bathing-box to hold one person. When ready for the dip the trap-door is slid back and in the water one goes, entirely covered from view all round. The result is splendid as one sees dozens of bathing-boxes dotted about the water—but no bathers are visible. Of course the idea is sound, but it has disadvantages—it is extremely difficult to get curates to take up a living at Eastbourne.

Eventually the Mayor and Corporation arrived and enquired where the party had come from, and hearing the name Aldershot suggested they should be taken round the town escorted by representatives of the " Young Men's Protection Society," an extremely useful band of two fellows who publish a local book called " Beware." Owing to Mrs. Smith having half her hair missing and her face badly mauled she was not permitted entry, so was compelled to remain in the waiting room provided outside the town.

When Mrs. Smithers suggested she desired to bathe with her friend Mrs. Scrubbers and little Jackey it so upset her escort that he swooned in her arms. " My gawd," shouted Mrs. Scrubbers as she tickled him under the chin, " Why, 'e ain't very old eiver ! "

" What lovely blue eyes 'e 'as," spoke Mrs. Scrubbers, " Why,— "

" Yer mind yer own business about 'is eyes " : then turning her face inwards she said to the swooned one, " Come along, ducky—or I'll let you drop." At which the poor chap showed signs of recovery. Questioned as to the reason of his fainting he replied, " We are so particular to keep the water clean that we even don't let boats on it, and every bather has to go through the Customs Office in case they have anything on them not allowed."

" What, at Eastbourne ? " said Mrs. Scrubbers.

" Give me Aldershot and the old Basingstone Canal," added Mrs. Smithers.

J.E

The Regimental Gazette.

Officers.

MEMORANDA.

Capt. (local Maj.) N. D. Rice, The Buffs, is granted the local rank of Lt.-Col. whilst serving with the R.W. Afr. Fron. Force (Aug. 17th).

The following appointment has been made in India :—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

INSTR., CLASS "C" (temp.).—Capt. T. R. Reid, M.C., The Buffs (May 9th).

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

REGIMENTAL LIST.—INFANTRY.—The following having attained the age limit of liability to recall, cease to belong to the Res. of Off. :—

THE BUFFS.—Capt. H. Mantle (Oct. 2nd).

2nd Battalion.

RECRUIT—BOY.

Boy W. S. Foreman, attested 17–9–29 for 2nd Battalion The Buffs for 12 years (9 colours and 3 Reserve) as from attaining the age of 18 years, *i.e.*, 14–12–1931.

Boy R. P. Evans, attested 3–10–29 for 2nd Battalion The Buffs for 12 years (9 Colours and 3 Reserve) as from attaining age of 18 years, *i.e.*, 12–9–1933.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

6653815 Cpl. (U/P. L/Sgt. W. Cross, "G," appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant, 16–7–29.

6282153 Cpl. F. Drake, "B," appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant, 1–8–29.

6283804 L/Cpl. L. King, "A," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 23–8–29.

6281815 L/Cpl. N. Miller, "H.Q.," promoted Corporal, 26–8–29.

6283739 L/Cpl. G. Frankham, "B," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal 26–8–29.

6281149 L/Cpl. L. Crouch, "C," promoted Corporal, 30–8–29.

6282107 L/Cpl. W. Brookes, "H.Q.," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 30–8–29.

6279323 Cpl. R. Wickham (L/S.), "C," promoted Sergeant, 12–8–29.

ARMY RESERVE.

6653815 Cpl. W. Cross, (since appointed Paid L/Sergeant), "C," appointed Unpaid Lance-Sergeant, 24–7–29.

6281947 Cpl. G. Johnson, "A," appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant, 2–9–29.

6279699 Cpl. S. Wyles, "A," appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant, 5–9–29.

6336948 L/Cpl. S. Acott, "C," promoted Corporal, 7–9–29.

6283742 L/Cpl. T. Hurley, "C," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 6–9–29.

6282940 L/Cpl. A. Roser, "M.G.," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 7–9–29.

6280529 L/Cpl. L. Goodsell, "H.Q.," promoted Corporal, 6–9–29.

6283851 Pte. W. Martin, "B," appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal, 25–9–29.

6281483 L/Cpl. E. Blanch, "A," promoted Corporal, 7–9–29.

6283766 L/Cpl. P. O'Connor, "C," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 7–9–29.

6283487 L/Cpl. W. Jolley, "A," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 18–9–29.

771640 Pte. J. Page, 6281681 Pte. W. Parker, 6283564 Pte. J. Peebles and 6282449 Pte. T. Smart, "H.Q.," appointed Drummers 27–9–29.

6282828 L/Cpl. W. Richardson, "A," promoted Corporal, 27–9–29.

6283814 L/Cpl. C. Cowell, "B," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 27–9–29.

STRENGTH—DECREASE.

6282931 Pte. J. Hanson (Att. R.A.P.C. Warwick), "A," transferred to R.A.P.C., 18–2–29.

6281119 Drm. E. Sharpe, "H.Q.," embarked at Southampton, 13–9–29 on *H.T. Dorsetshire* for India to join 1st Battalion.

6282972 Cpl. L. Chapman (A/Sgt.), "M.G.," transferred to Army Educational Corps, 15–7–29.

6136804 Cpl. S. Crane, "M.G.," embarked at Liverpool, 9–10–29 for service with R.W.A.F.F.

STRENGTH—INCREASE.

6279323 Cpl. R. Wickham (Supernumary strength), rejoined Battalion from Boys' Technical School, 2–9–29.

6283708 Pte. L. Adams (Supernumary strength, C.W. School), re-posted to Battalion, 10–10–29.

POSTING.

6282957 Pte. M. Garnett, "B," posted to Chemical Warfare School for a tour of duty, 8–10–29.

TRANSFER TO ARMY RESERVE.

6283321 Pte. C. Dunkling, "A," transferred to Army Reserve, 19–8–29.

6281695 L/Cpl. L. Panther, "A," transferred to Army Reserve, 22–8–29.

6281700 Cpl. V. Riley, "C," transferred to Army Reserve, 25–8–29.

6281702 L/Cpl. J. Tarbox, "M.G," transferred to Army Reserve, 27–8–29.

6281705 Cpl. H. Kelly, "A" Transferred to Army Reserve, 29-8-29.

6768404 Sgt. J. Harvis, "C," transferred to Army Reserve, 28-8-29.

6281824 Sgt. A. Harvey, "C," transferred to Army Reserve 11–8–29.

6281842 Cpl. V. Handscomb, "C," transferred to Army Reserve, 16–8–29.

6281707 Pte. M. Clohessy (1st Bn. The Buffs), attd. "A," transferred to Army Reserve, 30–8–29.

The undermentioned of Companies transferred to the Army Reserve on dates shewn :—

6281710 Pte. A. Styles, "A," 3–9–29; 7339083 Pte. A. West, "M.G.," 3–9–29; 6281711 L/Cpl. A. Everest, "M.G." 4–9–29; 6281714 Cpl. G. Gowers, "B," 5–9–29; 7339097 Cpl. R. Crowhurst, "C," 6–9–29.

6194228 Pte. A. Hudgell, "B," transferred to Army Reserve, 21–9–29.

6281732 Pte. F. Rabboth (1st Bn. The Buffs), Att. "A," transferred to Army Reserve, 22–9–29.

6281733 L/Sgt. C. Nash, "A," transferred to A.R., 25–9–29.

6281734 Pte. J. Wills, "C," transferred to Army Res., 27–9–29.

6281835 Cpl. H. Strand, "M.G.," transferred to the A.R., 26–9–29.

6281740 Pte. H. Williams, "B," transferred to Army Reserve, 1–10–29.

6281755 Pte. F. Jolley, "M.G.," transferred to Army Reserve, 11–10–29.

6281758 Pte. W. Miles, "B," transferred to Army Reserve, 12–10–29.

6281761 Pte. W. Bailey, "A," transferred to Army Reserve, 13–10–29.

EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE.

6281947 Cpl. G. Johnson, "A" and 6280529 L/Cpl. L. Goodsell, "H.Q.," extended their terms of serivce to complete 12 years with the Colours, 3–9–29.

CONTINUANCE IN THE SERVICE.

6278165 Bdm. J. Baker, "H.Q.," permitted to continue in the service beyond 21 years until 25–7–33.

6278840 Pte. A. Ellen, "C," permitted to continue in the service beyond 21 years until 28–1–31.

DISCHARGE.

6279031 Pte. M. Brice, "C," discharged 1–10–29 under K.R. 370 (xvi).

The Depot.

RECRUITS.

Attested as shewn :—

Recruits F. Royston, 12–9–29; R. W. Preston, 16–9–29; C. M. Friggens, 17–9–29; P. C. Upton, 20–9–29; A. E. Moody, 26–9–29; B. Matcham, 30–9–29; F. Stone, 26–9–29; W. L. Steward, 5–10–29; W. Colvill, 3–10–29; J. H. Devereux, 8–10–29; G. E. R. Parker, 8–10–29; H. West, 8–10–29; W. H. Evans, 8–10–29; G. J. Barbara, 8–10–29; H. R. Ellis, 8–10–29; W. R. Hollman, 10–10–29; G. H. Hook, 9–10–29; E. Austin, 14–10–29; . T. Watts, 8–10–29; A. Thompson, 8–10–29; E. Le Surf, 11–10–29; J. Hunter, 11–10–29; P. F. Twyman, 16–10–29; W. Nash, 16–10–29.

POSTINGS.

6281909 Pte. H. Hall, reposted to 2nd Battalion, 23–9–29.

EMBARKATIONS.

6278095 R.S.M. H. Martin, M.B.E. (1st Bn. The Buffs), accompanied by family embarked at Southampton, 7–10–29, per *H.T. Nevasa* to rejoin 1st Bn. The Buffs.

6288832 C.S.M. A. Farrow, (1st Bn. The Buffs), embarked at Southampton, 8–10–29, per *H.T. Nevasa* to rejoin 1st Bn. The Buffs.

6282740 Pte. T. Burford, posted to Depot for a tour of duty, 23–9–29.

6279699 L/Sgt. S. Wyles and 6283548 L/Cpl. G. Cunningham, posted to Depot for a tour of duty, 6–10–29.

PROMOTIONS.

6283125 L/Cpl. G. Chipp-Smith, promoted Corporal, 26–9–29.

DISCHARGE.

6284228 Pte. R. Dunlop, "P," discharged under para. 370 (vii), 19–9–29.

6284233 Pte. C. Dalton, "P," discharged under para. 370 (vi) (*b*) K.R.'s, 30–9–29.

6284247 Pte. H. Howard, "P," discharged under para. 370 (v (*a*) K.R.'s, 5–10–29.

4th Battalion.

ENLISTMENT.

6284302 Pte. V. Kent, "B" (S), 26–9–29.

RE-ENGAGEMENTS.

6283005 Pte. R. Coultham, "B" (C), re-engaged for 4 years 9–10–29.

6280783 Sgt. H. Emptage, "A" (M), re-engaged for one year, 18–11–29.

6282562 Pte. F. Foreman, "B" (W), re-engaged for one year, 21–10–29.

6393680 L/Cpl. W. Gadd, "C" (C), re-engaged for 2 years, 25–8–29.

6283004 Bdm. L. Pottle, "A" (M), re-engaged for one year, 2–10–29.

6281825 L/Cpl. F. Ball, "B" (W), re-engaged for one year, 1–11–29.

6283011 Pte. E. Barham, "A" (S), re-engaged for one year, 14–10–29.

6282241 Sgt. C. Coombs, "B" (C), re-engaged for four years, 14–10–29.

6283014 L/Cpl. R. Davis, "C" (C), re-engaged for one year, 24–10–29.

6280495 Dmr. H. Durman, "D" (D), re-engaged for one year, 5–10–29.

6280884 Dmr. E. Fennell, "D," (D), re-engaged for one year, 4–10–29.

6278065 C.S.M. S. Follett, "B" (C), re-engaged for 4 years, 24–3–30.

6281441 Pte. F. Harris, "B" (C), re-engaged for 4 years, 4–10–29.

6281241 L/Cpl. W. Pascall, "D" (D), re-engaged for 4 years, 29–11–29.

6282542 Pte. S. Rigden, "B" (W), re-engaged for one year, 14–10–29.

6283013 Pte. H. White, "A" (R), re-engaged for 2 years, 22–10–29.

APPOINTMENTS.

6284099 Pte. J. Newman, "D" (D), appointed Bandsman, 18–9–29.

6282857 Pte. H. Butchers, "C," 6278033 Pte. T. Hayter, "C," 6278026 Pte. R. Little, "C," 6283948 Pte. S. Macey, "C," 6283989 Pte. R. Cox, "A," 6283982 Pte. F. Rodwell, "A," appointed Paid Lance-Corporals, 5–10–29.

DISCHARGES.

6282897 Pte. S. Bird, "C" (HK), discharged on Termination of Engagement, 24–9–29.

6283935 Pte. A. Blake, "A" (R), discharged, having joined Regular Army, 15–9–29.

6281221 L/Cpl. P. Graves, "D" (D), discharged on Termination of Engagement, 7–7–29.

6282519 L/Cpl. F. Hammon, "A" (R), discharged on Termination of Engagement, 18–9–29.

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Personalia.

HIS Majesty The King of Denmark, Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, recently decorated Brevet Lieut.-Colonel G. Scarlett, who was on a mission to Denmark, with the Order of the Danebrog, Commander 2nd Class; and commanded him to inform the Regiment how proud he was to command it.

Before Colonel Scarlett left, His Majesty produced from his writing table a cap badge of The Buffs, which had been presented to him by a private who was a prisoner-of-war and His Majesty added that this badge had remained on his table ever since.

As we go to press we are very pleased to hear that His Majesty intends inspecting the 2nd Battalion on December 5th; a full account of which will appear in our next number.

H.R.H. The Crown Prince of Denmark arrived in London on November 17th and received a telegram offering the warm greetings of the Regiment for which H.R.H. has sent his cordial thanks.

Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, Colonel of the Regiment sends his heartiest good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all Buffs wherever they may be. He particularly asks those Buffs, who can, to try and do something, however little, to brighten the Christmas of other Buffs whom they may know to be sick or in distress.

Lord Goschen, Hon. Colonel, 4th Battalion, who recently returned home from India, was we understand, very pleased with his reception at Dover. On another page will be found a picture of the 4th Battalion Guard of Honour, which met him.

The Dean of Canterbury — Honorary Chaplain, Past and Present Association—writes sending his best wishes to the Buffs and expresses the hope that he will soon be back in Canterbury and so able to become better acquainted with the Regiment.

The following letter has been received from Lieut.-Colonel E. H. Cope, Commanding The 1st Vancouver Regiment, by General Sir A. Lynden-Bell :—

Sir,

May I be allowed to express the appreciation of my Regiment and myself in the honour accorded us by alliance with The Buffs, which I am now advised has been approved by His Majesty the King.

May I also say that I hope that if at any time any of The Buffs should visit or come to Vancouver, it would be appreciated if they would call on us and afford us an opportunity of showing that we appreciate the honour.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Sgd. E. H. COPE, *Lt.-Colonel.*

Brig.-General R. A. and Mrs. Hickson are at present residing at Bournemouth. They are both, we are glad to hear, very well.

At the time of going to press Colonel L. W. Lucas is in Amsterdam where he is representing the Regiment at the Unveiling Ceremony by Her Majesty the Queen of Holland, of new windows in Christ Church.

We were very glad to see the Rev. Harry Blackburne, D.S.O., M.C., Chaplain to the King and Vicar of Ashford at the Ashford Branch Dinner the other night. His keen interest in the Ashford Branch is deeply appreciated.

We congratulate Colonel E. B. Burns on being awarded the Territorial Decoration.

We are most grateful to Colonel Burns and Captain S. Maiden for the seasonable drawings which accompany this number.

Major G. T. Hickman was present at Colonel Sir C. B. Vyvyan's wedding which took place at Trelowarren, Cornwall, on November 21st.

Major George Hamilton has obtained a "D" at the Machine Gun School at Ahmednagar, Captain W. B. Griffith an interpretership in French and Mr. Tuff a "Q.1." at the Small Arms School at Hythe. We offer our congratulations.

We congratulate the 2nd Battalion on its recent successes both on the Football Field and in The Ring. The novices are indeed to be especially congratulated.

We hear that Miss Lynden-Bell's dancing at a recent Cabaret Ball at Maidstone was very much appreciated, in spite of a too slippery floor, which brought to grief older and more experienced feet.

Captain H. H. C. Baird has presented a Queen Victoria South African War Chocolate Box to the Regimental Museum.

Captain C. R. B. Knight has taken over the Adjutancy of the Nagpur University Volunteers.

We understand that Captain Peareth is shortly getting an extra-regimental appointment for which he will be seconded.

The engagement is announced of John Henry Dauglish, of Kericho, Kenya Colony, elder son of the late Colonel G. V. Dauglish, The Buffs, and Mrs. Dauglish, East Hendred, Wantage, to Sheila, only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones-Phillipson, of Cape Town.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Gentleman Cadet A. M. Man, on having been awarded a Cadet Scholarship at the R.M.C. Sandhurst, on the result of competition for the half-year, ending July, 1929.

Mr. Osborn Taylor, who has just finished his second term of office as Mayor of Chatham, starts on the 8th of December for a three months' sea trek. We wish him the very pleasant holiday which he has so thoroughly earned.

Corporal Jennings, late of the 2nd Battalion, who was recently accepted for the Kent County Constabulary, has been posted to Sevenoaks. The SEVENOAKS—MAIDSTONE road is well guarded by Buffs—for, besides P.C. Jennings, we have P.C. Barker at Ightham, P.C. Goodall at Wrotham Heath and that splendid Buff Chief Superintendent Ambrose at Maidstone.

The descendants of Private John Connors, V.C. are anxious to know if there exists any photo of him in the Regiment—and it is believed that such photo exists in the 1st Battalion. Any information on the subject will be welcomed.

Private Connors won the V.C. "for his conspicuous courage and devotion during the assault on the Redan on the 8th of September, 1855." It will be remembered that Bt. Lieut.-Colonel (after General) F. F. Maude won the V.C. on the same occasion.

November, we much regret, has taken heavy toll amongst our older members of the Past and Present Association. For, in addition to the death of Mr. W. Kemp, we have also to record the deaths of Mr. W. Wilkins, and the late C.S.M. Bones, the former in London, and the latter at Bridge, Canterbury.

We congratulate those concerned on having found permanent employment for four members of the Past and Present Association during November.

Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, Colonel Findlay, Colonel Crookenden, Captain E. Foster Hall, Mr. T. T. G. Lynden-Bell and Mr. P. Dare attended the London Branch meeting on the 16th November last.

We very much regret to announce the recent death of Mr. W. Kemp at the age of 65 years. The deceased was for a great many years Armourer-Sergeant of the 1st Battalion and an enthusiastic member of the Association and London Branch.

Captain Enright must have felt particularly proud of the London Branch on the 16th November. The weather was appalling, yet 200 members came along in answer to his request to welcome the 2nd Battalion Branch. Mr. Millbank came up from Hertford and Capt. T. O. Cook from Hatfield.

R.S.M. Vaughan gave the London Branch a very fine account of the doings of the 2nd Battalion at the Meeting on the 16th November. The inter-mixing of Past and Present at their functions is all for the good of the Regiment.

MARRIAGE.

Vyvyan—Rogers.—On November 21st, 1929, in the Private Chapel at Trelowarren, Cornwall, by the Rev. Harry Vyvyan, Rector of Ruan Minor, assisted by the Rev. J. U. Yonge, Rector of Mawgan, and the Rev. Yeo. Ward, Vicar of Devoran, Colonel Sir Courtenay Bourchier Vyvyan, Bt., to Clara Coltman, second daughter of the late Edward Powys Rogers and of Mrs. E. Powys Rogers, of Tregye, Devoran Cornwall.

Obituary.

THE LATE MR. W. KEMP.

IT is with sincere regret the Past and Present Association reports the death of this fine old soldier.

He enlisted in 1864 and was one of the first to join the London Branch and rarely missed a meeting.

He served all his time as Armourer-Sergeant to the 1st Battalion and always looked upon The Buffs as his own Regiment.

Just before he died a message was sent him by the Colonel of the Regiment, and poor Kemp showed his great appreciation by the look in his eyes as the message was read.

He was buried with military honours on the 18th November last. Bearers from the London Branch wearing decorations marched along each side of the coffin. At the cemetery—as at the house—he was borne on the shoulders of his old pals.

A large number of the London Branch and Ladies' Guild were present at the grave-side. The Past and Present Association arranged for a Bugler, who gave poor Kemp that touching farewell—The Last Post.

Wedding.

SIR COURTENAY VYVYAN'S WEDDING.

THE marriage of Col. Sir Courtenay Bourchier Vyvyan, Bart., C.B., C.M.G., D.L., J.P., of Trelowarren, Mawgan-in-Meneage, and Miss Clara Coltman Rogers, second daughter of the late Mr. Edward Powys Rogers, of Toorilla Plains, Queensland, and of Mrs. E. Powys Rogers, of Tregye, took place on Thursday afternoon at Trelowarren in the presence of a considerable number of relatives and friends. Sir Courtenay, who is the eldest son of the late Sir Vyell D. Vyvyan, is the 10th successor to the baronetcy, which was created in 1644. He served with his regiment, The Buffs, in the Zulu Campaign, 1879; as Brigade Major in the Matabele Campaign, 1896; as Special Service Officer, including the Defence of Mafeking, in the South African War, 1899–1902; and as an A.A.G. in the Great War, 1914–1918. He was six times mentioned in despatches and awarded seven war medals and orders of C.B., C.M.G., and St. Stanislaus 2nd Class with swords

The gifts to the bridegroom included one from an old friend consisting of a tubular gong, made of the empty cases of shells fired at Mafeking (in the defence of which Sir Courtenay Vyvyan took a prominent part) during the South African War, 1902; a beautiful silver cigarette box, surmounted by the regimental badge of "The Buffs," from his old brother officers of that regiment.

Ranikhet.

3 Albion Cottages,
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Sturry,
Kent.

Dear Sir,

I have the greatest of pleasure in writing this letter to you with something of interest.

Whilst I was in the Hills (Ranikhet), I visited the cemeteries there and came across some graves of (Territorial) Buffs and I found that one of them came from Dover, Kent, and who was No. 203220 George Sidney Ward, and as I had my camera with me, I took some phots of the graves, and if this deceased man has any relatives residing anywhere in Dover or Kent, I would be very pleased to let them have a photo of the grave; the date of his death was August 16th, 1918.

I am enclosing the above mentioned photgraph and also photos of the graves of Ptes. Beale and Garslang who died at Ranikhet in 1928.

Sir,
I am,
Your obedient servant,
P. ROBINSON,
(Late 1st Bn. The Buffs).

Military Appointments.

The Rev. F. F. S. Smithwick, B.A., Chaplain to the Forces (1st Clas)), Assistant Chaplain-General, Eastern Command, has been appointed Assistant Chaplain-General, Western Mediterranean.

The Rev. J. H. Baynham, M.A., Chaplain to the Forces (1st Class), has been appointed Assistant Chaplain-General, Eastern Command, in succession to the Rev. F. F. S. Smithwick, B.A.

Our Contemporaries.

"The Bugle."
"The Snapper."
"Suffolk Regimental Gazette."
"St. George's Gazette."
"Our Empire."
"The Chronicle of the Duke of York's Royal Military School."
"Aldershot Command News."
"The Green Howards' Gazette."
"The Lion and The Rose."
"The Lillywhites' Gazette."
"On The March."
"One and All."
"British Legion Journal."
"The Sapper."
"The China Dragon."
"London Scottish Regimental Gazette."
"The Oak Tree."
"Journal of The Royal Army Service Corps."
"Hampshire Regimental Journal."
"Men of Harlech."
"Journal of The Hon. Artillery Company."
"The Red Hackle."
"Queen's Own Gazette."

Battles of the Buffs.

No. 43.

SOUTH AFRICA, 1900—1902.

Action at Klip Kraal and Relief of Kimberley 16th February, 1900
Paardeburg 18th February, 1900
Driefontein 10th March, 1900

THE relations between the British Government and the old Dutch settlers had never been cordial. The Boers had always shewn themselves difficult to get on with and a previous war in 1880 had been disastrous to our prestige. On 9th October, 1899, an ultimatum was handed to our agent in Pretoria couched in such terms as to render hostilities inevitable. The first shot was fired three days later. The Boers at once assumed the offensive and our troops were shut up in various centres. Sir George White commenced a gallant defence of Ladysmith; Colonel Kekewich, late of the Buffs and afterwards our Colonel, defended Kimberley, while Colonel Baden-Powell earned a world-wide reputation for his defence of Mafeking. General Sir Redvers Buller was sent as Commander-in-Chief with a force of one cavalry and three infantry divisions, but was not successful in relieving the beleaguered garrisons. The veteran Field Marshal Lord Roberts was therefore sent to replace him, with Lord Kitchener as his Chief of Staff, and three more divisions were mobilised and sent out. Lord Roberts first set about re-organizing his transport and then determined his first move. This was to be the relief of Kimberley; and General French was sent forward with the Cavalry Division, the Sixth Division following in support.

The 2nd Battalion in October, 1899 was stationed at Brighton and Chichester and a party of one officer and thirty-six men left at once for South Africa as part of the South-Eastern Company of the Mounted Infantry. This party was first engaged on the 13th December in a skirmish near the Orange River and suffered casualties to the extent of two killed and one officer and four men wounded.

On the 2nd December the remainder of the battalion was ordered to mobilise, with one company as a Mounted Infantry Company and it embarked for South Africa on the 22nd December, as part of Major-General Knox's 13th Brigade of the 6th Division. Lieutenant-General Kelly Kenny commanded the division.

After being made up to strength in animals the battalion, with the remainder of the division, entrained for the front and camped near the Modder River. Lord Roberts' plan was that the troops assembled at this place should advance north, relieve Kimberley and march to Bloemfontein. But he first wanted to deceive the Boers and so, leaving the camp standing, he entrained the division southwards and then marched them back, mostly by night. After some very trying marches, the last one of 27 miles in 24 hours, the division reached Klip Drift on the 15th February and crossed to the north side of the Modder River. They thus relieved General French's Cavalry Division which at once moved forwards to the relief of Kimberley. Meanwhile, the Mounted Infantry Company had been into action at Jacobsdal. The Division from its present position threatened the rear of the Boer position at Magersfontein and next day the Buffs formed part of a reconnaissance in force which found out that the whole of General Cronje's force was in full retreat towards Bloemfontein. The brigade at once took up the pursuit and the Buffs were later ordered to attack some kopjes held by a Boer rearguard of some 300 men. In front of them was an open plain some 1,300 yards wide, without a shade of cover. The battalion advanced by successive companies at 150 yards interval with men extended ten paces, and in spite of heavy rifle fire and shells from a big Boer gun only suffered six casualties. The Boers retired and the battalion was then ordered to act as a reserve to the other battalions in a larger attack. Casualties during the whole action amounted to one man killed and one officer and five men wounded, and the action is known as that of Klip Kraal. It had materially helped the relief of Kimberley which took place that day. The Buffs had been under arms from 3.30 a.m., and for their part in this action "Relief of Kimberley" was granted both as a battle honour and as a clasp to the war medal.

During the night the Boers evacuated their position and the brigade rejoined the remainder of the division on the north side of the Modder River, capturing some guns on the way. On the 17th February they encamped after a long day's marching several miles to the south of the river where no water was to be had. Next day the division moved off and were engaged in action from about 4 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the battle of Paardeburg. The Boers were found to be holding a laager on the north bank of the Modder River, which at this place ran

50 feet below its banks. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and the 43rd Oxfordshire Light Infantry, with three companies of the Buffs in support made a frontal attack and reached the river bank. Further, however it was impossible to go. The banks were thickly covered with trees and bushes and to cross the river involved struggling through mud in addition to swimming the stream. An attempt by the Mounted Infantry to outflank the Boers had failed. The remaining four companies were at first employed with the baggage guard and rejoined the battalion about 2 p.m. From 3 a.m. to 7 p.m. the troops were without food or water in a blazing sun; and then at sunset they were ordered to take up a position as outposts. The night was bitterly cold, no blankets or greatcoats were available and the men were too done up to try and reach the water that was to be had two miles away. The night passed without alarm. Our casualties that day amounted to four killed and one died of wounds and one officer and fifteen wounded.

The Buffs afterwards formed part of she force investing Cronje's laager and they occupied a position every night on the right of the naval guns until Cronje surrendered on the 27th February. During this time five companies were sent to reinforce the Yorkshire Regiment who were being heavily attacked by about 800 Boers at Kitchener's Kopje. The enemy retired soon after our arrival and the Yorkshire Regiment was collected for food and rest. Sniping, however, continued from about 100 yards away and neither side could move without the danger of being hit. This continued for some time, but about 2 p.m. the Boer Commandant stood up some 1000 yards off and said he wished to give in, and the battalion received the surrender of some 75 Boers capturing also all their arms, an immense quantity of ammunition and many horses. Our casualties amounted to three killed and one died of wounds; two officers and six wounded. On the 27th February Cronje surrendered and the battalion was employed as escort to the 4,100 prisoners as far as Lord Roberts' Headquarters. News of the relief of Ladysmith reached the battalion next day.

On the 6th March the division was ordered to make a wide flanking movement and attack the left of an extended Boer position at Poplar Grove. The Boers realised their rear was threatened and withdrew, and the division marched to Poplar Grove without coming into action. They were, however, under arms from 2.45 a.m. to 7 p.m. and marched 25 miles; all this on half rations. On the 10th March the division moved off at 6.30 a.m. After they had marched some nine miles the Boer position could be seen. It was a very extensive one and was being shelled by our guns. After a halt of two hours the 18th brigade was extended and sent to attack some Kopjes in front. The Buffs and the 2nd Gloucesters moved off in support. The Boers retired from the kopje on the left, but held on to the others and the battalion moved to the foot of the one the enemy evacuated. Suddenly two Boer guns opened on the kopje and the battalion had to move to its right, in rear of the Welsh Regiment. On the order to advance being given, the battalion passed through some of the Welsh Regiment and engaged the Boers. Three companies got on to a ridge on the right and came under very heavy fire from three sides. The mules drawing the maxim gun were killed and the gun could not be moved. The other companies worked their way on and finally rushed the Boer position together with the 1st Battalion The Essex Regiment. Just prior to this a Boer stood up with a white flag and when several of our men stood up they were at once shot down. This had happened before, but on this occasion Corporal Brady ran to the front, bayonetted the white flag bearer and secured the flag as a trophy.

The Boers were now in full retreat and were heavily shelled by our guns. The battalion bivouacked on the ground. Owing to the darkness many of the wounded were unfortunately left out all night, but most were brought in. Our casualties amounted to one officer and 21 killed and three officers and 79 wounded. This was one of the rare occasions on which the Boer losses came to more than those of our side. Over 102 dead Boers were buried next day. Driefontein was granted a clasp to the medal.

E.F.H.

The Cockney Spirit in the War.

THE MAN WHO MET SOME BARBED WIRE.

A typical instance of the Cockney spirit in the War is the story told of a wiring party in the Loos salient—twelve men just out from home. Jerry's Verey lights were numerous, machine-guns were unpleasantly busy, and there were all the dangers and alarms incidental to a sticky part of the line. The wiring party, carrying stakes and wire, made its way warily, and every man breathed apprehensively. Suddenly one London lad tripped over a piece of old barbed wire and almost fell his length.

"Lumme," he exclaimed "this ain't 'arf dangerous!"

This story from Mr. T. C. Farmer, M.C., of Euston Square, late "The Buffs," is among the thousands of excellent stories sent by readers of *The Evening News*.

"Evening News," November 15th.

Round and About.

CHRISTMAS. The appropriate greetings will doubtless appear in various other pages of this issue. Whilst associating myself with them whole-heartedly, I cannot help wishing that the season presented the thrill it used to in the days when it was receiving that was so blessed. Ah, well, *cheu fugaces*, or words to that effect, as they say in charges involving the use of picturesque language.

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PANTOMIME. It is good news that Drury Lane is to have Pantomime again, and a Harlequinade too. This is one of the very welcome signs that those singularly unimpressionable people, theatrical managers, are getting tired of spectacular imported musical comedies—shows which are usually anything but comedies and devoid of music.

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THE HALLS. Here again is a sign that rejoiced the heart. In London now there are at least three theatres in which the good old variety entertainment can be enjoyed. By that I mean not the sort of entertainment that has for some years passed for "variety," but a move back to the standard and quality of the old Empire, Tivoli and Alhambra.

I have lately seen the great George Robey, "Prime Minister of Mirth," as he was long ago appropriately called. He has deserted the "foreign region," the revue, and is once again delighting the town with that twenty minute turn at which he is, in my opinion, unsurpassed. A fortune, however, awaits some ingenious writer of good songs for him. His material the other night at the Victoria Palace was "thin" compared with the "fruitiness" of songs such as "In other words," "The fact is," and others which delighted us in old days. His technique has lost nothing and his audacious confidences are as joyous as ever.

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WAR ANECDOTES. A London evening newspaper has been printing for some weeks past a selection of stories illustrative of Cockney humour. I must confess to a sense of disappointment in most of them. Too many of the series bear the impress of memories grown dim and inventive faculties none too bright. Some years ago I suggested that *The Dragon* should invite stories from its readers. Let it do so again—the response was neglible before—and I feel sure that many a good yarn will come to light. I undertake to start the ball rolling with one or two, if necessary.

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WAR BOOKS. Of the publishing of War books there is no end. The sudden recondescence of interest in the War engendered by the tremendous success of "Journey's End" and "All Quiet..." has stimulated publishers, who a few years ago would have nothing to do with War stories, and authors who did not realise they had a War book in them. The standard has fluctuated considerably. Nothing that I have read seems to me to touch the quality of R. H. Mottram's great trilogy "The Spanish Farm," but I am told that Richard Aldington's "Death of a Hero" is a rival. Of the non-fiction type Compton Mackenzie's "Gallipoli Memories" and Robert Grave's "Good-bye to all That" are selling well and are being thoroughly discussed.

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"TUNNEL TRENCH." This play was produced by the Repertory Players some years ago. I saw it then and, if I remember rightly, wrote my views about it in *The Dragon* at the time. "Tunnel Trench" has now been put on at the new Duchess Theatre for a "West-End run." I am afraid it will suffer much by the inevitable comparison with "Journey's End." It unfortunately has too much of the tract against war in it and too little of the story. Dramatic critics so often write tracts when they venture boldly into the playwright's domain.

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FILMS. "They had to see Paris" is good fun and, to my way of thinking, a refreshingly unfatuous film. I am told that the Fairbank—Pickford "Taming of the Shrew" has points, so long as one does not think too much of what the author of the play would have thought of it.

The Buffs Golfing Society.

A VERY enjoyable day was spent on the Canterbury course on Sunday, 3rd November when a side raised by Major G. D. Hickman met a team of the National Provincial Bank Golfing Society captained by Mr. R. M. Bourne, the next being a win for the Society by 13½ matches to 4½. It is hoped to arrange a return match in the Spring.

THE BUFFS *v.* NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK GOLFING SOCIETY (KENT BRANCHES).

The Buffs.		*National Provincial Bank G.S.*	
SINGLES.			
H. E. Whitfield	0	R. M. Bourne (1 up) ...	1
Captain C. E. Terry (3 & 2)	1	W. S. Harcus	0
Lieut. J. E. King (1 up) ...	1	J. F. Pickering	0
Captain J. R. Willows (2 & 1)	1	J. A. Twine	0
Capt. H. S. Greenwood (3 & 2)	1	F. K. Ayers	0
Colonel H. Findlay	0	A. Holt (7 & 6)	1
General R. MacDouall (8 & 6)	1	H. D'Eath	0
Major H. B. Russell	½	J. Baylay	½
Col. V. Dampier-Palmer (5 & 4)	1	R. Griffiths	0
Major G. D. Hickman (2 up)	1	H. A. E. Roberts	0
J. H. Wood (3 & 2)	1	R. J. Slater	0
T. N. Penlington	0	F. Burgan (1 up)	1
FOURSOMES.			
Whitfield & Terry	0	Bourne & Harcus (5 & 4) ...	1
King & Willows (5 & 3) ...	1	Pickering & Twine	0
Greenwood & Findlay (5 & 4)	1	Ayers & Holt	0
MacDouall & Russell (2 & 1)	1	D'Eath & Baylay	0
Palmer & Hickman (1 up) ...	1	Griffiths & Roberts	0
Wood & Penlington (2 & 1) ...	1	Slater & Burgan	0
	13½		4½

The London Thoroughbred Stallion Show for 1930.

The War Office announces that a Show of Thoroughbred Stallions will be held, in conjunction with the Hunters', Improvement and National Light Horse Breeding Society, at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on March 4th, 5th and 6th, 1930.

A Challenge Cup, presented by His Majesty The King, will be awarded for the Champion Stallion in the Show; and a Gold Medal will be awarded by the War Office to the owner. Sixty King's Premiums (including six Super-Premiums) will also be offered for award by the War Office.

In addition to the King's Premiums a very limited number of War Office Premiums will be available for award on the recommendation of the County Horse Breeding Committees. These awards will not be made, however, until the routes of the King's Premium Stallions have been arranged.

Copies of the Regulations governing the award of the premiums can be had on application to the War Office.

Records of Other Regiments.

LV.

THE THIRD CARABINIERS (PRINCE OF WALES' DRAGOON GUARDS).

BATTLE HONOURS.

Borne on the Standard of the Third Dragoon Guards: "Blenheim," "Ramillies," "Oudenarde," "Malplaquet," "Warbrug," "Beaumont," "Willems," "Talavera," "Albuhera," "Vittoria," "Peninsula," "Abyssinia," "South Africa, 1901/02," "Ypres, 1914, '15," "Loos," "Arras, 1917," "Scarpe, 1917," "St. Quentin," "Avre," "Amiens," "Hindenburg Line," "Pursuit of Mons," "France and Flanders, 1914—1918."

Borne on the Standard of the Sixth Dragoon Guards: "Blenheim," "Ramillies," "Oudenarde," "Malplaquet," "Warburg," "Willems," "Sevastopol," "Delhi, 1857," "Afghanistan, 1879/1880," "Relief of Kimberley," "Paardeberg," "South Africa, 1899—1902," "Retreat of Mons," "Marne, 1914," "Aisne, 1914," "Messines, 1914," "Ypres, 1915," "Cambrai, 1917," "Somme, 1918," "Amiens," "Pursuit to Mons," "France and Flanders, 1914—1918."

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The distinguished cavalry regiment which has just entered into occupation of Canterbury Cavalry Barracks, represents the amalgation of two old and famous cavalry corps, each with a long and distinguished history. The senior of the two owes its origin to the various troops of cavalry raised in different English Counties at time of the Monmouth Rebellion and afterwards united as 'The 4th Regiment of Horse (Cuirassiers).' In 1746 the old regiments of Horse were transformed into Dragoon Guards, and the 4th Horse became the 3rd Dragoon Guards. In 1765 King George III. honoured them with the title of "The 3rd, or Prince of Wales' Regiment of Dragoon Guards," granting them, at the same time, the right to display on their standard certain heraldic devices which originally belonged to Edward the Black Prince, and which have ever since been associated with the eldest son of the English monarch in his capacity as Prince of Wales. These, devices are: (1) the well known crest of three white ostrich feathers encircled with a coronet, together with the motto "Ich Dien" (I serve); (2) the Rising Sun—adopted by the Black Prince as a badge symbolic of his growing fame as knight; and the Red Dragon of Wales. It is interesting to note that the Black Prince, to whom the regiment owes its badges, lies buried in Canterbury Cathedral, and it is to be hoped that this may add to the interest which members of the corps must feel when attending Divine Service in that famous old building.

The 3rd Dragoon Guards, during the first century of their existence, figured on many European battlefields under the leadership of King William III., the great Duke of Marlborough, the Duke of Cumberland, the Marquis of Granby, the Duke of York and the Duke of Wellington. In 1857, at the time of the great mutiny, they embarked for India, but were stationed at the Bombay Presidency, and saw no active service. In 1868 the 3rd Dragoon Guards took part in the Abyssinian Campaign. A portion of the State Drum of the Abyssinian Emperor is still in the possession of the regiment, which served in the later stages of the Boer War (1901/02), and was stationed in Egypt when the Great War broke out, but was soon brought over for service on the Western Front. The 3rd Dragoon Guards particularly distinguished themselves in the fighting around Hooge during the early summer on 1915.

The other regiment, "the junior partner," so to speak, in the amalgamation, claims descent from the 9th Horse, raised in 1685, and sometimes referred to as "The Queen Dowager's Cuirassiers." As a reward for gallantry at the Battle of the Boyne, the regiment received from King William III. the title of "The Carabiniers," this title being copied from that borne by a French cavalry corps which had at that time a world-wide reputation as a "crack" corps. So great was the reputation of the Royal Carabiniers of France (whose numerical strength was equal to five ordinary regiments, and whose motto was "Always on the Path to Honour"), that all other French cavalry regiments were ordered to send officers for periods of attachment to the Carabiniers. who are said to have been the originators of the famous Saumur riding-school system.

The Royal Carabiniers of France were swept away at the French Revolution, and the title is not borne by any unit of the French Army to-day, although there are two French-Canadian units, now serving under the Union Jack, whose title revives a name which was a household word when France was the greatest military nation in the world. These two regiments, both of which belong to the Province of Quebec, are Les Carabiniers Mont-Royal and Les Carabiniers de Sherbrooke. There is also a Belgian infantry regiment known as the Carabiniers, permanently stationed in Brussels, and performing royal guard duties similar to those of our own Household Brigade. Thus it will be seen that both at home and abroad the title of " Carabiniers has always been held in high esteem.

In 1745 the Carabiniers were numbered as the 3rd Irish Horse, but the familiar title of the 6th Dragoon Guards (The Carbiniers) was adopted in 1788. Besides the campaigns of King William III. in Ireland and Flanders, the Carabiniers shared in Marlborough's glorious victories. At Ramillies they captured the Colours of the Royal Bombardiers of France. They also fought in Germany under the Marquis of Granby in the Seven Years War, and in the Duke of York's campaign in Flanders, 1793/4. In 1807 they had a strange experience, being sent out (dismounted), as part of an expeditionary force to the Rio Plata, in South America.

As is well known, the 6th Dragoon Guards was the only one of the seven regiments of Dragoon Guards wearing blue tunics, and some writers have asserted that their tunics were changed from red to blue during the Peninsular War. This is quite erroneous. The change from scarlet to blue actually took place in 1851, when the regiment was selected as the first of its type (i.e. of Dragoon Guards or Heavy Cavalry) to be sent to India, and was ordered to be re-equipped on " Light Cavalry " lines. The wearing of blue tunics with white facings and of blue overalls with a double white stripe dates back to this time. The outbreak of war with Russia delayed the regiment's departure for the " Shiny East," and caused it to be diverted to the Crimea instead. At the end of that campaign the Carabiniers went to India at last, and were at Meerut when the Sepoy Mutiny broke out. They served with great distinction against the mutineers, as they also did in later years in the Afghan War of 1879/80, and the Boer War of 1899/1902. During the Great War the regiment served on the Western Front from start to finish as their Battle Honours show.

In 1922 the two regiments whose histories we have outlined above, were united as the 3rd/6th Dragoon Guards. Early in the present year (1929) the amalgamation was completed, when the present title was adopted. The 3rd Dragoon Guards were formerly nicknamed " The Canaries " from their yellow facings, and the 6th Dragoon Guards were known as " The Carbs," an abbreviation of their official title.

R. MAURICE HILL.

The wages are good and I am earning £4 7s. 6d. a week, having to work overtime.

When I started on the job I showed the reference I obtained from the Centre and the foreman said he knew the place well having done a lot of work around Aldershot.

Thank you very much for your kind offer which I much appreciate.

Yours respectfully,

Signed : V.R. (Painter).

Army Vocational Training Centre, Aldershot.

We have much pleasure in publishing the following very pleasing letters received from ex-Buffs by the Commandant of the above centre :—

Sir,

Allow me to overrule the conventions and procedure of the Service and write to you personally, first to thank you for all you, as Head of the Vocational School, have done for me whilst I was a student at Aldershot.

Secondly, since leaving the Centre I have secured that splendid opening with Messrs. —— the engineers. I have been employed by them after a trial. My sincere thanks are due to you for this, and I hereby tender same to you.

Now, Sir, I presume you would like to hear exactly how I was given a trial and how I started work and what the firm is like, so briefly here it is.

After my first call upon the firm, as per your instructions in letter, I was further instructed by letter from Messrs. —— to call upon them and produce necessary credentials. This was satisfactory, thanks to yours from the A.V.T. Centre and a very good regimental character as well, so I was then instructed to report to the manager at West Wickham in Kent the following day, which I did, and when I got there I was shown a crate nailed up and a hand portable truck and told that all the welding outfit was there and could I fix it up.

I did fix it up and all O.K., and in twenty-five minutes from the time I was down there I was demonstrating welding one iron pipe on to another larger one to an interested audience of engineers, but not welders, and all said it was a marvellous idea. After that day I carried straight away upon the actual job the firm was engaged on, that is to say they were fitting all the drainage and water system up at the hospital which is being built by several firms, and I am the firm's only welder.

This firm takes on contracts all over England, so send their men anywhere, which will mean that, being their only welder, I shall get a good look round England.

They are a splendid firm to work for and treat their employees very well indeed. So, after one more mention of gratitude to yourself, sir, and also to my two instructors,

I remain,

Thankfully and respectfully yours,

Signed : W.H.C.

Sir,

Many thanks to all for your help and instruction.

I have got a job at Hayes. My pay is 1/9 per hour : about 9½ hours a day. The work seems pretty easy, it is all two coat work with a little pebble dashing.

I would like to thank my instructors for what they have done for me at the Army Vocational Training Centre. All that they told me to do I have had to do, and one big point is running screeds.

If I have a chance of doing anything I like to do it.

There are 2,000 houses going up at Hounslow.

I thank one and all for their kindness to me while I was on the course.

Signed : J.G.H.B.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter I am sorry that I have not written before but having lost my card which you gave me I thought no more about it.

I am pleased to say that I obtained employment with a firm in Yorkshire.

A Private of the Buffs, 1917.

A MEMORY OF THE ARRAS SECTOR.

By CIVIS.

I do not remember his name, but perhaps that is as well, as I am sure he would not wish it mentioned.

I was given to understand that his Regimental number was No. 1, and he was thus described, under a picture of him I was both surprised and pleased to see, in a popular illustrated paper some two or three years ago. At that time he had gone into the service of a distinguished soldier in Brook Street, or in some other street in the near neighbourhood of Hyde Park. Here I hope he is in comfort after his years of service, for when I knew him he was then forty or perhaps more, and that's twelve years ago.

Many old Buffs will surely remember him, and I feel that in spite of any embarrassment he might feel, should he still be alive, as I hope he is, this slight record of his courage, his cheerfulness, and his fine soldierly example, is worthy of remembrance in the official records of his regiment.

The first time my attention was drawn to him was when the 6th Battalion was in trenches in front of Monchy-le-Preux, in the autumn of 1917. I had rejoined the Battalion after a spell of trench fever, and on my return took over "A" Company.

The sector was a fairly lively one at the time, which was in the period of intensive trench warfare just before the disastrous Cambrai affair.

The Battalion had been recently made up by drafts of men whose training had been of the shortest, and as some two hundred yards of front line had to be defended by "A" Company with but few men who had had any experience worth mentioning, the position was not without its anxieties.

My first distinct recollection of " No. 1, The Buffs " was at " stand to " one morning, soon after my return. I had walked along the front line trench which stretched across the forward slope of the lower ground in front of Monchy village. The position here was still high enough to give a fine view over a rolling landscape which could, however, only be enjoyed in peeps through a trench periscope perched on the parapet, owing to the activities of snipers and machine guns on the two green hillocks which stood up on our left; the Bois du Vert and the Bois du Sart.

I had come to the last man, as I thought, but as there was an unoccupied piece of trench on our left I went on to establish touch with the next unit, and, after rounding a couple of empty bays, I came upon a man standing alone.

I saw at a glance that his rifle had already been cleaned, although dawn was only just then beginning to break. He was standing at ease correctly, and looking to his front.

I asked his name, and he told me he was "A" Company's Sanitary Corporal. He wore no stripe, and I asked him why. He said he preferred not to take one. I asked him if that was the most comfortable place he could find to stay, and he said he preferred to stay in the front line at any time, to any other place.

He said this quite simply, and there was something in the way he stood, and in the way he spoke, which told me that behind his manner and his habit of thought and speech, were many years of that training and discipline which go to the making of that staunch product, the regular soldier.

I felt quite sure that if an attack had been made at that moment he would have rushed at the first Boche he saw without looking to right or left to see if he had any support. He would have killed his man or died gamely in the attempt. His duty would have been clear to him merely as the inevitable climax of his years of training. No thoughts or qualms would have come into his mind, like those which seem to have come, with such profusion, into the minds of men described in the many War records, fictional and otherwise, which now have such wide popularity.

He was not a soldier of post-War psychological reminiscence, but a pre-War soldier, an old " Contemptible," a man trained to a specialist job, and that job, without any heart-searchings or mental waverings, to come to immediate grips with his enemy.

I paid some attention to him after this, as he interested me, and I found that he always managed to arrange a small " bivvy " for himself somewhere, not altogether aloof, but at any rate alone. I saw, too, that his duties were always perfunctorily carried out, whether the Company was in the line or out at rest, and that everything he did, he did quietly and without any fuss.

I never heard that at any time he asked for help, yet he seemed always to be able to get it when he wanted it. In this connection I remember once seeing him, on a morning after the Battalion had gone into a small village, some distance behind the line, leading a party of men with spades to the end of a garden behind a house, where he was early employed on his most necessary duties. Every man went cheerfully to his assistance, and there can be no doubt that this was a token of the respect in which he was held, and the only one likely to give him pleasure.

I had many talks with him from time to time, and he told me of his experiences at Ypres and elsewhere. several times he told me how much he hated " soft jobs." Once, after the first battle of Ypres I think he told me, he had been detailed to dig graves. He hated the job, but kept at it as he would, of course, because it was his duty to do what he was told.

There was a dressing station nearby, he said, and feeling very unwell one morning, he walked over and asked to see the M.O. His intention, as he explained to me, was to get a " No. 9," or something equally effective, to put him right. The M.O. examined him and, as he said, " put a little glass thing in his mouth " for a minute or two, telling him not to bite it. The M.O. studied the " little glass thing " after taking it from his mouth, and then, looking at him hard, said: " Stay here till I come back. You must go down at once." Perhaps then, for the first time in his life, he disobeyed orders, for he bolted out of the door as soon as the M.O.'s back was turned, and went back to his job.

" They had me in the end, though," he said very comically, though he was quite serious as he spoke, " for two days after I couldn't carry on, and had to go down to hospital." After telling me this he said, with a sense of somebody having tried to do him a bad turn: " I never could stand those soft jobs ! "

Perhaps it was foolish of me to offer him a " soft job " after he had told me so often how much he hated them, but I felt that he deserved the next one that came along, more than any man in the Company, and I knew that everybody would wish him luck on it.

The Battalion was in what was known as the Brown Line, and in the part close to Feuchy Chapel cross roads, when the opportunity came.

Battalion headquarters had sent down a request for :—

" aaa the name of one O. R. to be trained for work with carrier pigeons aaa."

I thought of him at once and sent for him and asked him if he would like the job. " No, thank you, Sir," he said, " I never could stand those soft jobs." Then, forgetting for the moment that he had told me something of his earlier experiences, he said : " I was nearly done in on one of them at ' Wipers.' They put me on to digging graves and I had to go to hospital quick as the result. I nearly went under, and I'd rather not go on any more jobs like that." I pointed out the difference between grave-digging and looking after carrier pigeons, but failed to move his determination to stay with the Company, and as I saw that he would be unhappy if he went away from us, I did not press the matter further.

I had reason to be grateful to him for that afterwards. Having by this time got to know him pretty well, I felt I could see the workings of his mind over the pigeon job.

There, with the Battalion, he had a job of his own which he could carry out in his own efficient way without supervision. In his case, supervision was unnecessary, for the same training and instinct which found him, with rifle already cleaned, " standing to " alone in the trench at Monchy on the morning when I first met him, made it equally impossible for him to neglect any duties which fell to his lot. He never questioned or shirked them, he just did them.

We went in and out of the Monchy sector several times within the next two or three months, our tour of the trenches being eighteen days in, (divided between front line, support and reserve), and six days out. We went into billets at Arras, close to the huge Schramm Barracks, for our six days rest, and were usually more than glad to get there.

It was "A" Company's fortune always to spend the last four of the eighteen days, in the front line, and as we were seldom relieved until after dusk on the last day, the Company marched back to Arras, a stretch of nine miles, after dark. We came out by way of the long and straggling communication trench called, so far as I remember, " Pick Avenue," which ended close to Les Fosses Farm, the ruins of which still stood. The deep chalk caves beside the farm-house, which were very familiar to the 6th Battalion at that time, will be remembered by anyone who served in the sector.

The main Arras—Cambrai road ran by the farm-house, and here we usually collected details before forming up into column of fours and setting out on the road march. Everybody, although tired enough after the eighteen days tour, with the last four in the front line, would be cheerful enough at Les Fosses Farm, with the prospect of six days in Arras ahead of him.

Companies moved into Arras independently, and usually a good step was kept as far as Feuchy Chapel corner, just past the Brown Line. After that things might have been different had it not been for the fact that No. 1, The Buffs was an expert performer on the tin whistle. He would always ask if he might play a little at this point, and I gladly consented, though I never ceased to wonder how he found the energy to do so, for he always carried his own rifle and equipment, and was burdened in the same way as his fellows.

Permission given, he would strike up " The Buffs March," and the effect was electrical. I never remember anybody having to fall out on that last stretch, and there was never even a straggler. He would follow-up with such lively airs as " Colonel Bogey," " Who's your lady friend ? " " Tipperary," and many another, which, to hear now, is to have a wave of unforgettable things surge through the brain.

He always had his regular reward for this feat.

When the Company was safely into billets, and the Officers' Mess was set up again in one of the houses facing the side of the big barracks, an interesting ritual was punctilously observed.

While we were at our meal the mess waiter would come in and say : " Sanitary Corporal to see you, Sir."

No. 1 would then be brought in, tin whistle in hand, and would ask if he might give the Officers' Mess a little music.

He was never refused, but his performance was usually limited to " The Buffs March," after which I would ask him (contary, I am afraid, to all regulations) whether he would like a drink.

He always first politely refused, and invariably afterwards, on being pressed, accepted the half-tumber of neat whiskey handed to him. He would then, before drinking, if that word describes the manner in which it went, look at me and say : " Here's good health, Sir, and to all the officers of "A" Company." With that the half-tumbler of whisky would be dispatched with the same quiet and unobtrusive efficiency as was observable in everything he did.

He would then hand the glass to the mess waiter and, clicking his heels, would salute, and pass quietly out to some small billet he had found for himself.

Correspondence.

Air Headquarters,
R.A. Force,
Jerusalem,
October 25th, 1929.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for October's issue of *The Dragon*. The article about The King's Regiment was appreciated by the senior N.C.O.'s of that Corps : we all mess together, The King's S.W.B. and R.A.F.

Probably you are wondering what I am doing by being in Jerusalem. Well, all's quiet on the Palestine Front, which reminds me if " All Quiet on the Western Front," and I fully endorse your opinion. An interesting book, but why mention the obvious among men ? I shall look forward to " Grey Dawn."

I have been in Jerusalem since the beginning of this trouble. I came down from Arnevan for a week-end leave. On the 24th of August I went with a party of airmen acting as a ground force to Hebron, being relieved after four days by a detachment of the army. I am now attached to R.A.F. for the winter and believe we shall stop here for a few months.

I have been wondering when the next Annual Dinner is to take place. I shall not be able to be with you in person, but I shall think of you all on that occasion.

I still find plenty to read about in *The Dragon*, although I do not know half the names mentioned, nevertheless, it is well worth what little it costs. Faces change with the coming of each year and by the records of each battalion the spirit of The Buffs remains.

Would you kindly remember me to Major T. D. Hickman, also to R.S.M. Potter.

Best luck to you all,

Whilst I remain,
Yours sincerely,
J. S. DUNHAM, (Sgt., R.A.F.).
(Late No. 9558 1st Bn. The Buffs).

The Secretary of the Past and Present Association reports that

JUMBLE

is coming in very slowly.

PAST AND PRESENT.

The time has come the "Dragon" said
To wish you many things—
Health, Happiness, Prosperity,
And all the Season brings;
May Past and Present flourish yet,
Beneath my guardian wings.

PLACEHOLDER

Past and Present Association, The Buffs.

DONATIONS.

During the period 18/10/29 to 18/11/29 the following donations and disbursements have been received and paid :—

PLUM PUDDING FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Major A. F. Campbell-Johnston ...	5	0	0
Captain H. S. Greenwood	2	2	0
Major E. F. Gould	1	0	0
Maj.-Gen. Sir A. Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.	2	2	0
Mrs. Findlay (of Liverpool)	1	0	0

JUMBLE SALE.

	£	s.	d.
Major E. F. Gould	1	0	0

DISBURSEMENTS.

			£	s.	d.
Oct.	19.	Grant	2	0	0
	22.	Grant	1	0	0
	22.	Grant	1	10	0
	22.	Grant	1	0	0
	23.	Grant	2	0	0
	23.	Loan	3	0	0
	23.	Grant	1	10	0
	26.	Grant	1	0	0
	26.	Grant	1	0	0
	29.	Grant		5	0
	30.	Grant	2	0	0
Nov.	2.	Grant		10	0
	4.	Loan	1	0	0
	6.	Grant		5	0
	8.	Grant	1	0	0
	8.	Grant	1	0	0
	9.	Grant	4	0	0
	11.	Grant	2	0	0
	12.	Grant	1	0	0
	12.	Grant	1	0	0
	13.	Grant	1	0	0
	13.	Grant	2	0	0
	15.	Grant		5	0

NEW MEMBERS.

During the period 18/10/29 to 18/11/29 the following new members have been enrolled :—

Life Members.—L. C. Potter, Pte. H. Humphreys, Pte. J. Bishop, H. Lancefield, A. Lancefield, Capt. T. S. Chayney, E. E. Dye, H. D. Rose, E. W. Martin, A. V. Russell, F. J. Middleditch, M.S.M., W. J. Wickens, G. Hoad.

Associate Life Member.—Colonel A. S. Barham, C.M.G., V.D.

Annual Members.—E. W. Podmore, W. J. Lloyd, W. G. Lloyd, W. E. Hasler, W. H. Maynard, F. French, G. Packham, A. E. Cornford, R. O. Holmans, G. H. Prebble, Ptes. R. Thompson, J. Deville, G. Jamieson, R. Edwards, W. Jones, T. Ryalls, W. Hughes, C. Newall, J. Smith, S. Baker, L. Maple, G. Richards, A. Norris, R. Davy, J. O'Keefe, B. Roberts, C. Newell, F. O'Shea, C. Johnson, G. Cooke, L. Brown, J. Honeybunn, R. Harlow, A. Wood, R. J. Potter, E. G. Newton, C. Hunt, F. Field, G. Beer, S. J. Stickels, G. Welburn, J. Horton, T. Demster, H. S. Bennett, A. W. Elvery, C. F. Field, H. Baldwin, F. A. Wisdom, G. Silk, F. F. Mills, A. Luckett, W. Wright, H. Mantle, C. E. V. Miller, L. R. Scott, R. Hedges, C. A. Carpenter, T. Stephens, A. Revell, B. E. Knott, A. Luck, G. A. Martin, J. M. Jenner, J. Sivers, L. Standen, A. Gill, G. H. Burt, W. Ryan, T. Hayward, R. Sinden, M.M., —. Fuller, —. Mervin, A. Brown, W. Luck, A. B. Mercer, W. O. Dudeney, T. Olive, H. P. Goodearl, H. S. Goddard, F. J. Judge, S. Spain, A. Field, F. Clarke.

Associate Member.—F. Cowell.

The result of the Inter-Branch Shoot is as follows :

1st. Sittingbourne.
2nd. Dover.
3rd. Folkestone.

Ashford Branch.

The Ashford Branch of the Past and Present Association, held its annual dinner at the Market Hotel, Ashford, on Saturday evening, seventy-six being present. Proposing the toast of General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, Captain Crothall, the president, said that there was not a man who did not feel the greatest honour in having Sir Arthur at the head of the Regiment.

In responding, Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell said that he had had many honours, but never one so great as commanding the old Regiment. He spoke of members of the Constabulary who had at one time been Buffs, including Superintendent Ambrose, of the Knet County Police, one of the finest Buffs who ever lived. He was proud that the Ashford Branch had always kept the old flag flying.

In rising to toast the Association, Captain Crothall said that no finer philanthropic work on so small an income had been performed than that by the Association. He wished to couple with the toast the names of Colonel Findlay and Major Field. As Secretary of the Association Colonel Findlay said that he had many old friends in the Ashford Branch, and he was proud to say that in the Branch they had one of the first bodies of men in the movement. He told of how he had received a letter from a Colonel of the Queen's Regiment, asking how such an orgaisation as The Buffs' had been formed. That was a wonderful compliment. Major Field also spoke of the scope of the movement.

Mr. S. W. Denness, after giving a few instances of the black side of life in the trenches, proposed the health of Mr. W. Wright, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, the Rev. H. W. Blackburne, and Superintendent Pattenden.

In responding, the Vicar reminded his hearers that a parson was only supposed to work one day a week, and hoped in consequence that he would be excused if his speech was short. He served as a private in the East Kent Yeomanry in the South African War, and could speak for the qualities of Kentish men.

Mr. Wright, in responding, said in a way he represented the tradesmen of the town, and he knew that they all would join in endeavouring to provide work for any old Buff who needed it.

Superintendent Patterden said he had attended many dinners of the Branch, and replying to Captain Halsey and Mr. Harrison, the Surveyor explained that the differences in the reductions were due to special rates for parish purposes. Kennington, for instance, had a water rate of 7d., against 2½d. in Willesborough.

The more he came the better he liked them. He made firm friends there, and he believed in the old saying :—" Friends, like stars shine brightest when one's world is dark."

Entertainment was provided by the following singers :—Mr. Smith, Mr. Huntley, Sergeant Evans, Dover, Mr. Brand, Mr. Waghorn, Mr. J. Williams, Mr. C. Newton, Mr. Barman, Mr. MacWilliams, Mr. Paris, Mr. Luck and Mrs. Huntley. Superintendent Pattenden's recitations were much appreciated.

The winners of a lucky number draw for a set of jugs were :—1 Mrs. Ades, 2 F. Connell, 3 Mr. Denness, 4 unclaimed. The first and third prizes were given back for the next draw.

Kentish Express.

On November 11th the Past and Present Association The Buffs were represented at the public memorial service in the High Street in the morning, and notwithstanding the terrible weather the Branch was well represented. The Branch paraded to attend evening service in the Parish Church, space for seating being kindly reserved by the Vicar, Rev. W. A. Blackburne, a Soldier and a Man.

London Branch.

Notwithstanding the shockingly bad weather in London on the 16th of November, when it rained without ceasing from early morning until late at night, the attendance of members at the Prince Alfred Restaurant was one of the best ever recorded. A rough count during the meeting came to a total of 232, which included some 45 of all ranks from the 2nd Battalion. It certainly seems that " the worse the weather —the more we get together."

WELCOME TO 2ND BATTALION.—The Branch had the great pleasure of entertaining some 40 or more of all ranks to high tea at 5.30 p.m. Colonel J. Crookenden, D.S.O., Captain E. Foster-Hall, M.C., Lieut. P. Dare and R.S.M. J. Vaughan arrived later during the meeting and were enthusiastically received.

MINUTES.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.—Letters were read from Major Guy Lee, D.S.O., M.C., Major Tomlinson, Mr. Gordon Lindley, M.C., R.S.M. Potter, Messrs. Hoskyns and Brown expressing regret for not being able to be present, also from Major Field, O.C. Depot.

DEATH.—The Chairman announced that the Branch had suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. W. Kemp, who was connected with the 1st Battalion as Armourer Sergeant for a great many years. He, the Chairman called for bearers and names were readily forthcoming. The last message received in life by the late Mr. Kemp was a message from the Colonel of the Regiment.

COLONEL FINDLAY, C.B.E.—Colonel Findlay arrived at this part of the meeting and received a great welcome. He mentioned that the Association were paying the expenses of a Bugler to attend the funeral of Mr. Kemp; also, by the way the London Branch was going it would soon require the Albert Hall for its meetings.

THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT.—The Master of Ceremonies announced the arrival of the Colonel of the Regiment, who was received with "London Branch Fire." General Sir Arthur was particularly pleased at the large gathering present, and specially mentioned the amount of real good which must come from the inter-mixing of the "Past" with the "Present." All members attending the Branch meeting for the first time were now introduced to Sir Arthur, who cordially welcomed and shook hands with each.

COLONEL CROOKENDEN, D.S.O.—The Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion spoke a few words to the members and said how he had watched with pride the growth of the Association, and hoped the bands of friendship would grow stronger and stronger.

CAPTAIN FOSTER-HALL, M.C.—The Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion outlined the work done in finding employment for members of the Battalion about to enter civilian life. He pointed out the close liason between the Battalion and the London Branch had enabled several men to leave the Battalion with work to go to.

R.S.M. VAUGHAN.—The Regimental Sergeant-Major has the happy knack of saying and doing the right thing at the right moment. He told us all about the recent successes of the Battalion in sport, and how men forfeited their furlough rather than let the Battalion down. His speech was full of interest and richly deserved the great applause given.

CONCERT.—After the business came a really first class social. The 2nd Battalion came up with a large array of talent. It is difficult amongst so many to name individuals, but we thank Mrs. Dixon for so kindly coming to render First Aid on the piano if necessary: also Mr. Webber, F.R.C.O., and specially Miss Peggy Hare aged 00' for her really wonderful impersonations and rendering of "Oh where, Oh where do I live" and other songs.

NOTES ON THE MEETING.—350 glasses were in constant use, indicating the very great thirst of those present. Mr. and Mrs. George Benjaman are to be congratulated on the excellent catering arrangements for the tea and the manner in which small details were not overlooked in order to ensure our comfort.

J.E.

London Branch Celebrities.

NO. II.

Mr. R. W. Waby, D.C.M., M.M.—Enlisted August, 1914. Joined 8th Battalion at Shoreham 10/9/14. To B.E.F., France, 31/8/15. Slightly wounded Loos, 26/9/15. Appointed Lance-Corporal, 28/9/15. Promoted Corporal, June, 1917. Sergeant, 28/5/18. Gassed, March, 1918. Severely wounded, 24/8/18.

Awarded Military Medal, 8/8/18, for skilful handling of his platoon and reaching his objective and holding fast against counter attack until reinforced.

Awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal, 24/8/18, for determination and devotion to duty. Being in command of No. 4 Platoon of the 8th Buffs, and himself severely wounded, he still carried on fighting his way through the village of Fresnoy-le-Grand, setting a splendid example to his men, until ordered to fall out by an officer of The York and Lancashire Regiment, who attached the platoon to his own command. No. 4 Platoon was nicknamed the "Lancer" Platoon.

Posted eventually to 1st Battalion The Buffs, in which he served until discharged, 4/1/29.

PREPAID ADVERTISEMENTS.

GET RID OF YOUR WARTS.

Mrs. Smudger of Margate writes:—

Dear Doctor Pickum,

I had a wart on the end of my nose which obscured my vision. No specialist could do anything for me. After using twenty bottles of your renowned "LEVELLER" my nose has entirely disappeared, but the wart remains. I shall now be able to attend The Buffs Christmas Party at Aldershot.

SERVING BUFFS.

Why be miserable in barracks when you can join the "Past and Present Association" and spend a jolly evening once a month at the Prince Alfred Restaurant with the London Branch. You'll route march next day like a two-year-old.

TO RAMBLERS.

Don't wander aimlessly about the country with a stick. Why not join The Buffs? Walking tours arranged throughout the year to Savernake Forest, Blackdown, Farnham, Fleet, Pirbright, Lower Star post and heaps of other beautiful resorts. Bread and cheese sometimes provided. Night walks a speciality. Interesting booklet: "Care of the feet," by a trained nurse, post free on application.

LADIES' GUILD.

There were 42 members present at the Prince Alfred Restaurant on October 23rd last for the usual monthly tea and meeting. The Guild President, the Hon. Lady Lynden-Bell, presided. A hearty welcome was extended to Mrs. Crookenden and Mrs. Tuff.

During the tea (which was excellently served) the Chairman, Mrs. W. E. Spinner, presented to the President a navy blue satin cushion cover embroidered with the "Dragon." In accepting the gift, Her Ladyship expressed her sincere thanks, and said the present would always remain a treasure in her family.

At the meeting which followed, letters were read from the Colonel of the Regiment, also from the Dover Ladies' Guild, Mrs. Guy Lee, Mrs. Foster Hall, Mrs. Jacobs, Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Shoesmith and Mrs. Nixon regretting their inability to be present.

Also from Mr. Harry Burt thanking the Guild for kindness received.

It was proposed by Mrs. Crookenden and seconded by Mrs. Mackrill, that besides visiting the sick members, they should receive a letter wishing them all a speedy recovery. The Chairman asked members not to forget to visit Mrs. Sonny Hillier.

Proposed by Mrs. Coley and seconded by Mrs. Cudlip and agreed the Guild have a specific badge, suitably inscribed. The Chairman mentioned that Dover were also interested, and she would obtain some data for the next meeting. It was agreed that the monthly tea be held on the first Wednesday in the month.

The Guild sent their best wishes to the ladies of the 2nd Battalion, and Mrs. Crookenden said she would see those wishes conveyed. The meeting closed and a social followed.

At the November meeting there were 23 members who had enjoyed an excellent tea. A letter from the Guild President was read, also from Dover Ladies' Guild, Mrs. Crookenden, Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Dalton and several others unable to be present.

The Chairman read a letter from Colonel Findlay with reference to the proposed badge and it was agreed the matter be left in his hands. Mrs. Spinner then appealed for hampers and puddings for distribution at Christmas, and there was at once an immediate response.

It was also agreed that the Guild should visit the daughter of the late Sergeant Warr, in the Royal Victoria Home, Wandsworth, in view of the fact that Mrs. Warr resided at Canterbury.

The meeting then terminated and the social followed, several of the Past and Present Association, London Branch contributing to the programme.

W.E.S.

Dover Branch.

The outstanding event in this month's doings was the Celebration of the Armistice. On Sunday, 10th November the Branch took part in a Church Parade organized by "D" Company, 4th Battalion, when twenty-two members paraded at the Drill Hall and marched to S. Mary's Church where an impressive service was held which was attended by the Mayor and Corporation of Dover.

On Armistice Day representatives of the Branch and of the Ladies' Guild attended the Service at the Dover War Memorial where wreaths of Flanders' Poppies were laid by Major F. W. Foster, on behalf of the Dover Branch and by Mrs. W. Bradley on behalf of the Ladies' Guild.

By the time these lines are printed our Annual Dinner will, except for dyspeptics, be a thing of the past, and a description of that function will duly appear.

Negotiations are proceeding for a "Games Night" with the Dover R.E. (T.) and great things are hoped for.

We are sorry to lose Capt. Whitlock who is transferred to the Canterbury Branch, but we welcome as members Mr. L. C. Potter and Mr. C. Hunt.

In conclusion, just a "reminder" that the season of *Peace* and *Goodwill* is rapidly approaching.

Weald Branch.

The Weald Branch reached and passed the 200 mark on November 13th, when at a meeting at Rolvenden eight new members were enrolled making a total of 203, of which 37 are Life Members.

Between 30 and 40 members were present, chiefly from the Tenterden, Wittersham and Benenden Sub-Areas.

The Branch Chairman (Colonel John Body), was in the Chair and the guest of the evening was Colonel A. S. Barham, C.M.G., V.D., of Hale Park, Rolvenden who during the evening accepted the unanimous invitation of the Branch to be the first Associate Member.

The Chairman referred to the many generous ways in which Colonel Barham had shown his interest in the Regiment in which his son, Captain W. F. Barham, had served and had been killed in France.

After the business of the evening a very cheery time was spent in song, chiefly Community, led by Mr. S. E. Fuggle.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Branch, congratulated the Branch Vice-Chairman (Capt. V. T. Dampier Palmer), on his election as an Alderman of the Borough, and as Mayor of Tenterden.

The Branch Annual Dinner is being held at the Drill Hall, Cranbrook on Wednesday, December 11th.

The Branch wishes the members of the other Branches a very happy Christmas and the best of luck in 1930.

A.E.L.H.

Medway Branch.

MINUTES of an extra-ordinary General Meeting, held at the British Legion Club, Chatham, on Saturday, October 14th, 1929.

Captain A. Barton presided over a meeting of twenty. He said that the meeting had been called to give the members a further opportunity of discussing the Branch Dinner fixed for the Second of November and to hear what arrangements had been made up to date.

Mr. T. Wheatley reported that all arrangements were well in hand and that he had already sold a number of tickets and that the menus were in course of being printed. He suggested that the Concert that was to follow the dinner should be thrown open to the wives and friends of members at 9.30. This suggestion was embodied in a resolution by Mr. Richardson and seconded by Mr. A. J. Shirley and was passed unanimously.

The secretary of the Sports' Committee then reported that he had that afternoon been to Sittingbourne and had at last been able to fix up with that Branch for the return shoot on November 19th. The total cost for the shoot and entertainments (which provided for giving the Sittingbourne members the same sort of refreshments as they had given the Medway Branch on their visit) worked out at 1/- per head, plus the 'bus fare.

Mr. A. D. Shirley gave notice that he would bring forward at the next meeting the following motion :—That the Branch Annual Dinner be open to the wives of members.

This concluded the meeting.

A. BARTON,
Chairman.

MINUTES of a General Meeting, held at the British Legion, on Saturday, October 26th, 1929.

Captain A. Barton presided over a meeting of forty.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed on the motion of Mr. C. J. Inglefield, seconded by Mr. Fletcher.

The correspondence included a letter from General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell in which he sent his greetings to the meeting and informed them that the Dean of Conterbury, "Dicky Sheppard," had kindly consented to become the Chaplain of the Past and Present Association. A letter from the Secretary of the British Legion, invited all the Buffs to parade at 10.30 on Sunday, the 17th November, for the Armistice Service. A letter from the treasurer reminding them of the offer of the use of the Sittingbourne Range for practice was read. At this, Colonel J. H. Langton, offered to take any party to Sittingbourne, free of cost. His offer was received with loud cheers.

The Chairman then said that there were only fifty names given in for the Dinner up to that time. A member stated that the London Branch was sending 14.

The notice of motion standing in the name of Mr. A. D. Shirley was then considered. It was eventually passed ; 14 votes being recorded for the motion and 4 against.

Captain W. R. Birrell said that he would like to see a fund started to enable those who were out of work to attend the dinner. He proposed to raise the necessary funds by whist drives, etc., In this connection Mr. Shirley suggested that a register of the members who were without employment be kept in which those who attended the meetings would have their names recorded.

A collection realised 6/-. This concluded the meeting.

Signed as a correct record :
A. BARTON,
Chairman.

At their second annual dinner, held at the Chatham British Legion Club on Saturday, the members of the Medway Branch of the Past and Present Association of The Buffs had as their principal guest, Major-General Sir A. Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., the Colonel-in-Chief. The Mayor of Chatham (Ald. Osborn Toylor), who is the Branch President, presided and there were also present Colonel H. Findlay, C.B.E., general secretary of the Association and editor of *The Dragon*, Captain A. Barton (chairman, Medway branch), Major D. J. Dean, V.C. (Sittingbourne), Major F. Foster (Dover), Capt. and Mrs. J. E. Enright (London), Lieut. P. Lynden-Bell, Mrs. Spinner (Chairman of the London Branch Ladies' Guild), and R.S.M. Potter, Buffs Depot, Canterbury. The Mayor of Gillingham (Clr. A. S. J. Treacher) was also present during the latter part of the evening. Mr. Tom M. Wheatley made an efficient toastmaster, and the speeches were interspersed with a bright musical programme provided by the Violas Ladies' Orchestra under Mrs. Evelyn Tranah.

After the loyal toast had been observed, the Mayor of Chatham submitted that of "The Past and Present Association." All present that night must have felt proud, no matter what their rank, at having belonged to one of the most famous foot regiments in H.M. Army, he said. There was no need to speak of the Regiment's historical record in the field, because that stood out brilliantly in the annals of the British Army. Their Association was achieving great things and continuing to make history. It stood for fellowship and fraternity and was buttressed by the goodwill of each ex-Buff. As the years went by the Association would be even more surrounded by the gold of good-fellowship. (Applause). Their most genial president was interested not only in the Regiment and the Association, but in each one of them. The Regiment and all that it stood for was personified in Sir A. Lynden-Bell. (Applause). He was an active man and had a keen appreciation of responsibility and duty and, above all, he understood the meaning of sympathy and self-sacrifice, which made him a friend to each and all of them. His (the Mayor's) wish was that the Association would experience long life and continue to progress.

General Sir A. Lynden-Bell combined his response with the submission of the toast of "The President." He had known Ald. Taylor for about 40 years, he said, during which time he had never heard anything but words of affection and admiration spoken of him. He had first met him in Calcutta, where Ald. Taylor was a very fine athlete and a very fine Buff. When his Colour service came to an end his departure had meant a great loss to the battalion. Facing civil life, he had from a very small beginning, ended up by establishing one of the largest businesses in Chatham and by having the greatest of honours conferred upon him, the mayoralty of the town. Ald. Taylor had been Mayor on two occasions, and, the speaker understood, had been asked to continue in office again, but had rightly said that he must first enjoy a rest. When he and the Mayoress returned from their trip abroad he was sure members and townspeople would give them a warm welcome home. Calling upon the members to honour a very fine soldier, General Lynden-Bell led the company in the musical honours with which the toast was observed.

Replying to the toast of "The Association," Col. Findlay said he could assure the company that the Association was increasing both in membership and in funds, and branches were also proving more successful in finding employment for out-of-work old Buffs. If every member of the Association could produce "another member and a half," the Association would reach the 10,000-membership mark. Col. Findlay also referred to the splendid work achieved by the Ladies' Guilds, and paid special tribute to the efforts of Mrs. Spinner and Lady Lynden-Bell.

Capt. Barton toasted "The Visitors," and said how pleased the Medway branch was to have with them so many representatives from other districts.

Capt. Enright responded and thanked the Medway branch for its hospitality and congratulated Mr. Wheatley on his splendid organisation. Mr. Wheatley said that his reward was the satisfaction of the members.

Sittingbourne Branch.

On Friday, November 1st, 1929, we held our usual Monthly Meeting which was fairly attended. Our Chairman, Major D. J. Dean, asked Mr. Chappell, our Secretary, to read out our last month's Minutes. After this was done the Chairman signed the minutes and various correspondence was read to the meeting. Just after the meeting commenced we were all blessed by the appearance of our very great friend, Colonel H. Findlay, and everybody stood up and gave him a very hearty welcome. It is very surprising how encouraging it is to see our leader amongst us helping to make everybody happy and at home. It was carried that we should hold a social evening early in December. It is intended mostly for our Members' Wives and Children. Last year one was held and everybody present must agree that it was a great success. This year we hope to go one better. We must not forget our children for it is they who we look to to carry on the great work of the Past and Present Association. During the meeting Colonel H. Findlay gave us an account of the work done by other branches and spoke in the highest terms of our own branch. When he said we were a quiet branch (and perhaps it is good to be quiet in some things) I thought how very true his words were. It is nice to remember to do a job properly and say nothing than to half do a job and shout about it. At all our meetings I think every member enjoys a pleasant evening. Colonel H. Findlay could not officially inform us as to the final results of the Inter-Branch Shoot, but he said he thought Sittingbourne was not far off from the top, especially as they had complied with the rules of sending in their cards on the correct date. After the meeting a very enjoyable Whist Drive was held, our lady friends being invited. The following were the winners of the prizes :—

Ladies : 1st Prize. Mrs. C. Thomas.
,, 2nd Prize. Mrs. H. Freeman.
,, 3rd Prize. Mrs. Chappell.
Gents. : 1st Prize. Mr. A. Newman.
,, 2nd Prize. Pte. A. Homewood.

We would all heartily thank our Chairman, Major D. J. Dean, for so kindly giving the prizes and also for presenting them to the winners.

During the evening a booby prize and draw was run by our very able Secretary and Committee and a very nice sum was raised for our Relief Fund. Our evening's enjoyment closed at 10.15 p.m.

On Saturday evening, November 16th, a party from the Medway Branch arrived at the Drill Hall at 6.30 p.m. to take part in a rifle shoot. It was a return match. It was decided that a team of twelve each side would shoot off and the following is the result of the Shoot. Everybody was given a very hearty welcome and soon a very enjoyable evening commenced.

MEDWAY BRANCH.

Name.	5 Rds. Grouping	5 Rds. Applic'n	Total
Mr. A. Holt... ...	25	20	45
Mr. J. Richards ...	25	18	43
Mr. P. Brown ...	20	20	40
Mr. G. Street ...	25	14	39
Mr. H. Ward ...	25	14	39
Mr. H. Long ...	20	18	38
Mr. W. Stone ...	20	13	33
Mr. H. Staples ...	20	8	28
Mr. T. Lister ...	w.o.	19	19
Mr. J. Shirley ...	w.o.	19	19
Mr. A. Attwood ...	w.o.	13	13
Mr. A. Shirley ...	w.o.	7	7
		Total	363

SITTINGBOURNE BRANCH.

Name.	5 Rds. Grouping	5 Rds. Applic'n	Total
Sgt.In. H. Freeman	25	20	45
Mr. W. Sinclair ...	25	20	45
Mr. A. Bodiam ...	20	20	40
Mr. R. Stafford ...	20	20	40
Mr. H. Martin ...	20	20	40
Mr. A. E. Foster ...	20	19	39
Mr. A. Court ...	20	18	38
Mr. R. Foord ...	20	14	34
Mr. J. Partridge ...	20	13	33
L/Cpl. F. Allen ...	20	13	33
Mr. F. Streetfield ...	15	13	28
Mr. W. Holmon ...	10	17	27
		Total	442

The Medway Branch had very kindly given a Silver Spoon for the highest score in the Sittingbourne Branch so it will be seen that a re-fire had to take place between Sgt.-Instr. H. G. Freeman and Mr. W. Sinclair the result being again a tie and so another re-fire took place. This time Sgt. Instr. H. G. Freeman proved the winner of the Silver Spoon. After the team shoot had been fired off a very happy gathering of forty-four sat down to a very nice spread which had been prepared by Mrs. Bird. During Supper Capt. Barton said how very pleased the Medway Branch was to be there this evening and on behalf of the above Branch he thanked Major D. J. Dean, V.C. and the Sittingbourne Branch for such a splendid evening which they had all enjoyed. Major D. J. Dean, V.C. then said a few words on behalf of the Sittingbourne Branch in which he said it was a great pleasure to have the Medway Branch with them that evening and he thought an evening's enjoyment all goes to cement the good comradeship that exists amongst our branches. Mrs. H. Holt, who had come down with her husband to witness the shoot was asked to present the silver spoon and wooden spoon to their respective winners :—Sgt.-Instr. H. G. Freeman and Mr. W. Holman. Although the evening's function was held at the Drill Hall, Sittingbourne, the Sittingbourne Branch was the guest of the Medway Branch. It is hoped that another grand evening's social function will be enabled to be held with our two branches. Before I close I would like to thank our Secretary and Committee of both branches for the work that they did and for a most enjoyable evening. We all departed for our homes at 10.15 p.m. We also thank Mrs. Bird and our Steward, L/Cpl. F. Allen and Pte. P. Whiskin for all that they did for us to make a very successful evening.

THE BUSY BEE.

(*For S. Chappell, Secretary*).

Thanet Branch.

MARGATE SUB-BRANCH.

Evidently the second Wednesday in the month is more popular than the second Monday, and in future our monthly meetings will be held on Wednesdays.

This Branch is fortunate in having the use of the Club Room at the Drill Hall of the Margate Detachment of the 4th Battalion.

We were honoured with an invitation from the Mayor to accompany him to Church on Mayor's Sunday, November 10th. It proved a very wet, boisterous morning, but 26 members, under Captain J. I. H. Friend, M.C., J.P., accompanied by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. T. Rogers, attended. Since this parade 12 others have joined.

We had a splendid concert on the 13th, as per details appended from the *Isle of Thanet Gazette*. The talent unearthed was very good.

Following a brief business meeting, on Wednesday evening, a concert was held at The Buffs Drill Hall, arranged by the newly-formed Social Committee of the Past and Present Buffs Association, composed of C.Q.M.S. P. G. Kennett (Chairman), C.Q.M.S. B. Gardner (Secretary), Sgt. H. J. Emptage, J. W. Robinson and G. May. The programme was varied and well balanced, and encores were much in evidence. It was not generally known that ladies were welcome, but there were several present.

After an overture by Mr. P. S. Goddard, Mr. Percy Owen started the ball rolling with a fine rollicking song, "What is the matter with P.C. Brown?" and was doubly encored. Sgt. Amos followed with "Dada, Dada," and gave "Sweet Music" as an encore. Mr. H. C. Lord provided some excellent turns with songs and monologues, and had a cordial reception. Sgt. R. J. Glover, from the 1st Battalion, who had joined the Association as a life member that evening, told some humorous army tales, and followed with a song, "Friend o' Mine." Pte. L. Denning provided a turn with some splendid gramophone records, the one reproducing an Armistice Day ceremonial and service being particularly effective. Absolute silence prevailed, and hearty applause followed.

The Chairman the called upon his "father," Mr. Marcus Kennett, to entertain the company, and for about fifteen minutes his splendid efforts caused roars of laughter, his topical illusions to many members present being very clever. Sgt. C. H. Buckman, who had joined that night, gave a very pleasing rendering of "Always," which was encored. Mr. W. G. Baigent sang two excellent songs with choruses mounted on canvas, which enabled the company to join in, which they did very heartily.

Mr. P. S. Goddard and "Harry Mac" were most efficient accompanists.

A telegram was received from Colonel H. Findlay, C.B.E., regretting that he was unable to be present; also a letter from the Mayor thanking the Branch for attending the service on Sunday last.

The Hon. Secretary of the Branch Mr. G. T. Rogers, reminded the members that he had promised to serve for one year, which expired during the current month, but was persuaded to carry on. He announced that since November of last year, when the Branch was formed, 192 member had joined, and he appealed to have the number increased to 200 that night. As a response, the total of 201 was reached. C.Q.M.S. P. G. Kennett became a life member.

The Committee desire to welcome all Past and Present Buffs into this Branch. The proposed social evenings on the second Wednesday in each month serve to let members get together and discuss things generally, not forgetting that the main aims and objects of the Association are to help old Buffs to obtain employment. There are several men out of work, and if householders and others who are in more fortunate circumstances would have decorations done now, instead of waiting for the spring rush, they would be doing good to others and at less cost. It is the aim of the Association to give financial assistance so far as funds permit to old Buffs and their widows and children, who, through no fault of their own, may be in distressed circumstances, and to administer The Buffs Cottage Homes (four in number), situated at Rumfields, St. Peter's. All should be interested in the County Regiment, which has had such a distinguished record since 1572. Donations may be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. T. Rogers, at 25 Warwick Road, which will be gratefully ackowledged. Any ladies and gentlemen interested in the Regiment who subscribe to the funds of the Association may become associate members. There is a Plum Pudding Fund, and if any old married Buff with a family who is in need at this time will give his name and particulars to the Hon. Secretary, particulars will be forwarded to the head office for consideration.

The Margate Branch takes this opportunity of sending greetings to all other Branches, including our comrades overseas. A Happy Christmas to all.

G.I.R.

Canterbury Branch.

The usual Monthly Meeting was held on November 1st at the White Lion. There was a fair attendance of members. A welcome was given to Mr. C. S. Whitlock of the Dover Branch who has come to reside at Canterbury. Mr. S. W. Willis and Mr. G. E. Read were appointed Infirmary and Hospital Visitors. A proposal to form a Ladies' Branch was discussed. The remainder of the evening was spent with the piano, Jack Ives and his whistle, Freddie Brissenden, H. Sangers, Neave, S. W. Willis and his dolls and Mr. Hills contributing to the Programme.

On Sunday, November 10th the Branch paraded at the Drill Hall and marched to S. Alphege Church for a Remembrance Service. The address was given by the Rev. J. M. Rolleston, Hon. Chaplain, Canterbury Branch of the British Legion. A wreath of poppies was placed by Brig.-General R. McDouall and Mr. Page on the S. Alphege War Memorial.

On Armistice Day all who could get away from work attended the Cathedral Service and marched behind The Depot. They were allotted special seats with other ex-service men.

After the service they marched past and saluted the Chaplet and then attended at the City Memorial to witness a wreath of poppies being placed on the Memorial by the British Legion.

FOLKESTONE SUB-BRANCH.

The members of this Sub-Branch are eagerly looking forward to their first social event, which is to take the form of a Beef-steak and Kidney Pudding Supper at the Harvey Hotel, Folkestone, on Friday, November 29th. Not only will the President of the Branch (Major Meakin) be present, but also Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell. As this is our Colonel's first visit to this Sub-Branch it is naturally looked forward to with the greatest of interest by the members.

As you know, Mr. Editor, we were only formed in April last and we already have a hundred members. The supper, I hope, will be the means of bringing us in many more, and also, directly after Christmas other social events are in hand, so that by the time we are twelve months old I feel sure that we shall be able to report double the numbers existing now.

It appears that in my last month's notes I was somewhat in error in stating that our meeting night had been altered to the second Tuesday in the month. This was for one occasion only and our meeting night is the first Tuesday in each month at the Victoria Memorial Drill Hall, Shellons Street, Folkestone. Will our friends and visitors please note.

SMUDGER.

Conclusion—**Hail! Columbia.**

Before he could say any more there was a sudden disturbance in front of the Fritz B. Weisenheimer memorial, as an angry-looking man, followed by four large policemen, pushed his way through the crowd. Pointing at Head Chef Cznwoczkslx, the angry-looking man shouted: "Thet's the guy thet done it! Thet's the doggone yeller-bellied wop thet pinched my bicycle when he was under-chef at the Splitz-Raza! And thet's the machine, too!" The man jerked his thumb at the bicycle that the Chief of Police was still holding.

The four large policemen advanced with drawn revolvers on Cznwoczkslx, who, as they laid hands on him, gently shrugged his houlders and pulled out from his pocket a fresh piece of chewing-gum.

Hail Columbia.

By Mervyn Pritchard.

FAR away beyond the limits of the vast Pacific Coast city of Beattle (pronounced Bee/attl, with nasal emphasis) stretched the enormous crowd that had turned out to render homage to the hero who was once again to show the world which was the greatest nation.

By newspaper forecasts the crowd had been expected to number 500,000, but by calculation on the actual day it was found to be 500,037, not including the Mayor of Beattle (pronounced Bee/attl), nor the Inspector of Customs, who was engaged elsewhere in supervising the landing of a private consignment of liquor from a rum-runner.

Excitement ran high on all sides; an atmosphere of deep, almost religious emotion hung over the expectant throng; rather was it an occasion for joyful tears than for unrestrained cheers. For the mighty continent, diagonally from Key East to Beattle (pronounced Bee/attl), was about to be crossed by bicycle for the first time in history.

In the Central Square, on the steps of the huge million-dollar memorial to Fritz B. Weisenheimer—the first American to settle in Beattle after his successful escape from the Atlantic Penitentiary, where he was being accommodated for some years as a result of a light-hearted attempt at murder—stood the Mayor of Beattle and a hundred and ninety-three newly-elected Senior Officials of the city. Here was to take place the formal reception of Jan Havlicek Cznwoczkslx, the young American under-chef of the Splitz-Raza Restaurant of New York, who was at this moment approaching the outskirts of the city at the termination of his magnificently courageous twenty-two day dash across the United States.

Suddenly a hush came over the waiting multitude, a hush that resembled a prayer. Cznwoczkslz was coming!

Then the world went mad: another record had come to the country. The crowds yelled, cheered, laughed, wept, embraced one another, dropped their chewing-gum; church bells rang, cars klaxoned, locomotives let off steam, whistles blew, ships hooted, and fire-engines rushed hither and thither sirening joyously.

Slowly and unconcernedly through all the commotion rode young Cznwoczkslx, bending down every now and again to disentangle from his wheels the "ticker-tape" and star-spangled banners that were showered on him unceasingly from the sky-scrapers on either side. On his head he proudly wore the tall white cap of a Head Chef, and over one shoulder hung a Head Chef's white coat, which he had been unable to put on without dismounting. By a happy inspiration the Secretary of Internal Affairs, at Washington, wishing to do honour to the young chef, had arranged that an aeroplane should fly over him as he approached Beeattle and drop to him the uniform of Head Chef, so that he might have the pleasure of appearing at once in the full glory of his newly granted rank.

Following Cznwoczkslx, a swarthy little man with fiercely uprising black moustache, came the official car containing the sponsors of this glorious record-winning ride; Mr. Charles Pigley, Jun., Mr. Samuel Leviski and Mr. Isaac J. Edelstein. Over their car floated a huge silken stars-and-stripes, while round the sides of the car were hung notices proclaiming that: "Pigley's Gum Chews Longest" and "Chew Gum with Clean Gums: Use Pipsandink," (the latter dental commodity being the product of Messrs. Leviski and Edelstein, Inc.). The device: "Pigley's the Best," in large letters, was also fixed to young Cznwoczkslx's back.

At last the great young man reached Central Square, where his welcome became even more tumultuous than before. At the steps of the Weisenheimer memorial he dismounted and with an air of careless composure, handed his bicycle to the somewhat surprised Chief of Police, who stood near, to hold.

The Mayor of Beattle, carefully removing a blob of chewing-gum from his mouth and sticking it on to the bronze left boot of Mr. Fritz B. Weisenheimer, stepped forward to a chair placed against the memorial, where sat, and vaguely smiled, a short fat woman. Offering her his arm, he led her towards Head Chef Cznwoczkslx. At the top of the steps the short fat woman caught her heel on nothing in particular and nearly collapsed, but recovering herself she advanced unsteadily to the young man and embraced him fondly, murmuring in a thick voice: "My son! My own boy!" while the onlookers wept and the movie operators worked feverishly at their "close-ups."

Young Head Chef Cznwoczkslx had not seen or heard of his mother for twenty years, but the grateful and proud nation had taken steps to ensure that she should be present at her son's triumph. After a stupendous million-dollar search throughout the country, in which were engaged one thousand five hundred and seven specially chosen members of the Police Department, Mrs. Cznwoczkslx had been discovered working as a charlady in a Home for Wounded Bootleggers in Chicago, and had been brought at the nation's expense to Beattle.

The Mayor of Beattle allowed a suitable pause in which the touching re-union of mother and son might be duly registered from all angles by the army of press-photgraphers and movie-men, and then led the young hero and his even more heroic mother back to the top of the steps. There, with a gesture of deep feeling, he turned to address the crowd.

"People of the greatest nation in the world," he began in a voice shaken with emotion, tears streaming down his face, "you have had the honour of being present to-day to welcome this splendid, this superb, this sublime young American, who has just achieved one of the most wonderful feats in the history of the world, at the same time bringing another world's record to our great country. Head Chef Cznwoczkslx, the very personification of Young America, should stand before the nation as an example and an inspiration, as the essence of all we should strive to be. But greater still, more worthy of the nation's homage, if I may say so, is the gloriously heroic mother of the young man....."

At his point there was a terrific crash in the background. Mrs. Cznwoczkslx, the gloriously heroic mother, finding her legs becoming more and more unsteady, had endeavoured to sit down, but, miscalculating the exact position of her hazily discerned chair, had landed on the ground. It must be explained that the lady had "met some friends" on her arrival in Beattle, and that their open-handed liquid hospitality had been a trifle more than she could cope with.

The Chief Prohibition Agent and the Inspector of Prisons having helped Mrs. Cznwoczkslx into her chair, the Mayor proceeded with his address. After eulogising the young superman in a further flow of glowing rhetoric for some twenty minutes, he asked Head Chef Cznwoczkslx if he would now say a few words to the Great American People (broadcasting rights owned by Mr. Charles Pigley, Jun.).

The young man extracted a lump of chewing-gum from his mouth and stuck it on to the bronze right boot of Mr. Fritz B. Weisenheimer. Then he spoke:

"I no spik Inglis good, but I guess I sure am...what you say?...plised I am good Amurcan....."

Nova Scotia.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEAS LEAGUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE ANNAPOLIS VALLEY, NOVA SCOTIA.

Nova Scotia has the distinction of being the first colony of the British Commonwealth to obtain representative government, over one hundred and seventy years ago. As a sister province in the Dominion of Canada it is proud of its location by the sea and its nearness to the Mother Country. With the exception of a narrow neck of land uniting Nova Scotia to New Brunswick its shores are entirely bathed in salt water, and there is no part of Nova Scotia more than thirty miles from the sea. The effect of this maritime location is found in the temperate climate. The climatic conditions prevailing along the western side of the province adjoining the Bay of Fundy have made it possible for agriculturists to undertake the most extensive propagation of apples that has been attempted in Canada.

The Annapolis, Cornwallis and Gaspereaux valleys of Nova Scotia offer to fruit growers exceptional opportunities to display their ability in the production of that "king of fruits." Apples from these valleys have found their way to Great Britain and other overseas markets for several decades. An apple made the Annapolis famous.

Situated in the heart of the apple country are the towns of Kentville and Wolfville. Kentville, the shire town of King's County, celebrated its 100th birthday a few years ago, and although its population does not exceed 3,000 people, it is a hive of industry in the distribution of agricultural produce. Kentville, is but 72 miles from Halifax, accessible by the Dominion Atlantic Railway or by automobile along one of the fine highways of the province. Seven miles from Kentville along the Halifax highway is the attractive town of Wolfville, with a population of about 2,000, augmented by a considerable student body in attendance at Acadia University. Wolfville overlooks the Minas Basin and enjoys harbour facilities for coast-wise schooners. The two towns of Kentville and Wolfville unite in many undertakings of mutual advantage, and one frequently encounters the title "Ken-Wo" assumed in such enterprises.

CLIMATE.

When one considers that apple production is the main industry of this part of Nova Scotia, for they have been grown here for nearly three hundred years, and nearly 40,000 acres of land are now given over to this crop, then it is realised that climatic conditions are favourable. Seldom does the thermometer go lower than—10°F., and temperatures above 90° F. are rarely recorded by official meteorological observers in this part of the province. Each month brings two or more inches of rainfall, and the calendar year finds approximately 40 inches as the average annual rainfall. January and February are the coldest months with average mean temperatures of about 19° F. July is the warmest month with an average temperature of 65.5° F. The average annual number of hours of sunshine for the year is approximately 1;800. Even in the month of February it is exceptional to have less than 100 hours of sunshine, whereas July brings annually over 200 hours. So much for light, heat and water as provided free of all nominal charge.

TOWN LIFE.

Modern conveniences such as electricity, water and sewerage are immediately available to the homes of the town dwellers at very reasonable rates. Cooking by electricity is being done in many homes as economically as by coal or wood. Telephone service is available at moderate rates, and your own radio instrument will bring you a great variety of entertainments if you pay a licence fee of about four shillings.

Heating the homes in the winter is usually done by a central unit—a furnace in the basement of the house. This is also supplemented by fireplaces in certain rooms for those who enjoy a fireside evening. Our natural resources of coal and wood provide ample fuel.

For those desiring more property than a town lot provides (seldom more than one half-acre) the outskirts of the town offer larger areas. Electricity and water from the town supply are frequently available in such localities, and a telephone line borders practically every road. Conveniences and facilities for comfortable living are therefore everywhere readily available.

The services of professional men—medical, dental, legal, and so on—are available in both towns, and hospitals are within easy reach when necessary.

Education facilities are good. Schools which carry on teaching in all grades, including the preparation of students for University, are found in both towns, and Acadia University is situated at Wolfville, where degrees in arts and science may be obtained in four years' study. Other Universities or Colleges at Halifax, Antigonish and Truro offer courses in arts and the professions.

Churches representing the Church of England, United Church of Canada, Baptist and Roman Catholic are all standing with welcoming hand extended to those who choose to come and join in their activities.

RECREATION AND SPORT.

During summer or winter there are sports of various kinds going on. Summer sports resemble those in any country, except that baseball predominates for the younger members of the family. Golf, tennis, quoits, softball and other activities are in full swing during the summer months; rugby holds sway in the autumn. In the winter, skating, snow-shoeing, ski-ing, sleighing and tobogganning call for outdoor life, whereas large enclosed ice rinks open their doors to skaters and to all who like the true Canadian game of ice-hockey. Taken as a whole, we have sports the year ound—inside or outside as weather permits.

Nova Scotia is well known for its fishing and hunting areas. Trout and salmon are the favourites for those experienced with the rod and fly. There are many excellent streams and lakes in the province where followers of Isaak Walton annually become care free for a few days of royal outdoor life. Sea fishing is naturally within easy reach of any part of the province.

Hunting may be enjoyed in a variety of excursions. Wild duck and wild goose shooting may be had within walking distance of Kentville or Wolfville. Partridge, woodcock, snipe, etc., are native to these parts and protected by the game laws of the province. These may be shot during the "open season" each year. Big game, moose and deer are the objects of many game seekers in this province and the hunting of these offer plenty of opportunity for some real outdoor life and sport. Wild cats and bears are occasionally obtained by some of the more experienced hunters. As an outdoor playground for the hunter and fisherman, Nova Scotia is hard to beat. Sportsmen are now attracted from hundreds of miles to her woods and streams.

COST OF LIVING.

For those who raise their own vegetables and some or all of their own fruit, the meat and grocery bill for a family of five will vary from $30 to $50 per month. If chickens are kept the egg and meat bill may be lowered a little. If one or more cows are native to the estate these will also help lower the food bill proportionately.

Taxes are comparatively low. The average town residence with all conveniences pays annual taxes amounting to between one and two per cent. of its actual value. This means that private ownership prevails. All lands are freehold. Houses may also be rented by those who want to spend a little time looking things over before they buy. Rents for 6—8 roomed house, with all conveniences, vary from $25 to $40 per month, depending on the location and condition of the property.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES.

Farming.—If a person wishes to try to make a living from the soil, there is no better place that this part of Nova Scotia to start and finish. There are a variety of soils available that will support vegetation varying from extensive hay crops to intensive fruit and garden plantings. We are not going to give a detailed resumé of agriculuture in this brief, for there are several official agencies in Great Britain which already have this information available for those who seek it. There are, however, some good opportunities in small farm holdings where one may go into the culture of vegetables and small fruits. Asparagus, raspberries, currants, are not plentiful in these parts, but can be raised intensively with splendid profits. There is annually a greater demand for these than the present production can supply.

Fruit growing is the main field of agriculture locally.

Many good farms are on the market each year for those who know the game and are prepared to tackle it. But one should know the game before he starts, as a few mistakes in a season may mean considerable loss of revenue. The successful apple grower is the one who has thoroughly studied his business, mastered it as far as possible, and then entered it intensively. It is a specialist's business. The small-holding man must depend on something besides apples for a revenue ; but, if he wishes to eventually enter the apple industry this is a good method of learning some of its difficulties.

Stock and poultry farms are also plentiful in these parts, and there is always room for a few more " cakleberries," or a few additional pounds of butter fat on local markets.

Fur Farming.–Here is a branch of native industry that is attracting a number of people. Silver foxes are the prominent animals in the propagation pens. Other fur bearers are also becoming popular in some parts of the province. Rabbits, especially Chinchillas and Angoras, occupy the time of some enthusiasts and are bringing profit to their owners. Any of these animals are interesting, and their propagation should make a good hobby or even business for anyone specially interested.

There are many other business opportunities open. Lumbering, hydro-electricity, mining, and so on, are going on continuously. The related industries of these developments offer plenty of opportunity to the skilled man. A country of this size and population is far from that stage of over-development which is found in densely populated areas.

AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE.

Situated at Kentville is the Federal Experimental Station where agricultural specialists are employed studying the problems of that industry. Here will be found areas devoted to the production of the major crops of the province as well as live stock and poultry. The farm is open to the public and information is given freely to those who visit. Here also is a Laboratory of Plant Pathology where investigations are being made on the control of the diseases of agricultural crops.

Extension men are employed by the provincial government. These men are always at your service and are ready to visit you and give such assistance as they are able.

After Many Years.

WHEN the war broke out I had reached the great age of twenty. My twenty-first birthday was spent in billets with three other officers in the Folkestone Road at Dover : very proud of the fact that I was an officer in The Buffs.

In those early days one filled in a form and stated to what Regiment one wished to be posted, and with fast-beating heart you mentioned your favourite regiment and when the Commission came through found the word " Surrey " had been misread for " Sussex." Knowing a thing or two I mentioned West Kents or East Kents, with the result that The Buffs had the misfortune to knock into shape another temporary officer.

Talking of appointments and the way they were dealt with reminds me of the day I arrived home from France with a " Blighty " one through the thigh. Every officer and man on board the hospital ship was asked where he would like to be sent. I tried the same dodge —anywhere in London or Kent, so as to be near my home.

" We've sent you as near to your wishes as we can," an embarkation official informed me.

And where do you think that was—why, Salisbury !

Now, all this talk of the war is only because of a strange little incident that happened in the Savoy Hotel, London, only a few weeks ago.

I was enjoying an excellent tea and a good dance, when too youngish women came and sat at the next table. You will see in a moment why I call them youngish.

Except for noting that they were well-dressed and very attractive, I did not take much notice, especially as my companion was extremely pretty.

On the way back to the table from a dance I saw the two talking earnestly and it is not difficult to tell if you are the person under discussion. Not being particularly sheik-like or gifted with the proportions of a Carnera, I surmised that they were suffering from the delusion that they knew me. I haven't been in the Police News as yet, so it couldn't be a newspaper in which they had seen me.

One was dark and no more than twenty-two or three. There was an amused air on the girl's face as if she knew all about me.

I gave the other a quick glance and found myself gazing into two very dark, large eyes. There was no mistake about the recognition in their depths, though mockery was most apparent.

Feeling somewhat uncomfortable I resumed my seat, when a hand touched me gently on the shoulder. I turned to face the girl with the beautiful, mocking eyes. What do you think she said ?

" You don't remember me, do you, Fido ?

A gasp, and I had gone back in one jump thirteen years. Once more I was a perky young officer and stationed at Southend—one of the best spots I ever struck. I had served in France and had been wounded, and was somewhat proud of the two pieces of gold braid on my cuffs.

Nova Scotia—*Concluded.*

Anyone contemplating settlement in Nova Scotia or any other Dominion or Colony should avail themselves of the free information which can be obtained at the Overseas League Migration Bureau, 4 Park Place, St. James's Street, London, S.W. 1. Contact can be established with residents in the country selected and letters of introduction obtained before sailing.

I had an especial friend—we were full lieutenants—and often we strolled along the Esplanade and listened to the band.

Was it by the bandstand or on the pier that chance had led two daring, bright-eyed flappers to come our way? One had brown eyes and the other blue; one hair of raven black and the other red—Ginger, I called it.

A friendship sprung up. Both were pretty and jolly, but atrocious little flirts, and both were on the stage.

Billy was dark, and Olga was she of the flaming locks. I know I swore I loved one of 'em but in the Savoy I somehow couldn't quite remember which. I remember Billy saying that she would never marry an officer with about twopence a week.

I came back to the Savoy and grinned happily.

"I know you now, Billy," I cried. "Then you were seventeen and now you must be....."

"Shush—not so loud, please," she laughed. "This is Ninette, my sister. You used to call her "Podgy." I gazed at the slim, elf-like creature and nearly blushed.

"The world has treated you well," I questioned.

"My husband is an officer in the Guards." Her lips twitched and the eyes became more mocking. "I've a son of nine years and he's nearly as tall as me. You remember Olga—she was married even when you knew her, but it wasn't a very happy affair. Luckily everything is all right now—she has three children. And you?"

"No one, lady, will cast eyes on me," said I with a laugh. "Those I would like to marry don't want to marry me, and those who might say 'Yes' if I asked them I don't want to ask." I coughed discreetly and motioned to my companion. "I shall be thought rude." I fumbled and produced a card. "Ring me up there any day but Saturday, and not before ten-thirty. Do that and a good solid lunch is yours. We'll have a chat over old times."

"I should love it." She tucked the card away in an absurd bag. "I haven't got one of my cards here but I'll be sure to ring you up. Good-bye, Fido."

Now the question that is puzzling me is this—shall I ever know her married name? So far the telephone has remained blissfully silent. Poor Fido!

M.C.

Viscum Album X.

IN India mistletoe does not grow in the fine abundance that it does in England. There is no possibility of plucking it freshly from a Banyan tree in the same breezy manner that we pick it from our apple trees at home. No one seems to have thought of grafting mistletoe to the Banyan—an omission which, to me, is incomprehensible. One would think the urge for seasonable kisses was less out East of Suez than in England. But this is not the case. Far from it. I could tell you—— but no! In the words of Mr. Kipling "that is another story." It does not do to tell tales out of India.

But to return to our mutton. Some weeks, even months before Christmas arrives, an unappetising, parti-coloured vendor of mistletoe is sure to present himself on your verandah. In his basket is an apology for the weed, so that only after looking twice does it become apparent what the saddened, drooping flora represents. In untidy, melancholy bunches he sells it for six annas a bunch, praising Allah for the absurdities of British custom.

But out come the six annas, nevertheless. Custom prevails, even so far East of Suez.

And the marvel of it! Draggled, drooping, wretched specimen of a thing that it is—it works! Every time it works!

K.E.H.D.

Memories of Dugout Life.

THE War has been over a good many years but a lot of memories came back to me when I saw "Journey's End." Without disrespect to this fine play may I say that the dugouts that I saw and lived in were hovels compared with Mr. R. C. Sheriff's palatial scene.

The play brought back little incidents that were lodged at the back of my mind. I had a vision of the first time I ever went to the trenches.

Reserve trenches in the Hohenzollern Redoubt and a good six hundred yards behind the front line. All that distance meant that one existed in comparative safety, though it does not speak for comfort.

It was shortly after the Battle of Loos in 1915. That month of October was cold, miserable, and the rain came down in sheets. That meant that support trenches were just as wet and uncomfortable as the front line. A slimy mixture of mud and water filled the bottoms of the trenches and it was agony wading through the sticky liquid.

In those days we had not learnt the German method of digging dugouts that were like burrows, deep in the bowels of the earth. Shall I ever forget those unpleasant places known as funk holes? The latter were scooped out of the side of the trench, about six feet long, two feet high and same in width. You crawled into this earthy and dismal den taking with you mud and slime to keep you company.

Such was my first experience of a dugout, if such it could be termed. I well remember it for another reason.

After seven days of this life we were relieved and though we had suffered no casualties in wounded or killed, many had to go on the sick list. My face was yellow—the soldier who says he never got scared during the War ought to be a journalist—and the reason was the nearest attack to jaundice I ever had in my life.

The relieving Company came in one end and we went out the other, and we were half-way out when I remembered I had left a brand new revolver in my funk hole. Whether I had breeze or otherwise a revolver was something one couldn't afford to lose, thank goodness I was a spare officer and was able to leave my superior to carry on, swearing that I should only be gone a minute.

Try and get back along a narrow, sloshy trench past men laden with packs and rifles, and see what happens. My tender ears heard words that they had never heard before. So over the top I went, though it was probably contrary to orders.

Except for distant Verey lights it was as dark as blazes. I tripped over old wire, cans and heaven knows what. Now and again I would manoeuvre back to the trench and peer down at the slowly filing along troops, who were too occupied in dragging their feet out of the mud to bother about me.

It was ages before I recognised my funk hole. Occasional shots whined past me from Germans taking chance shots. How glad I was to find the hole and my gun. But my difficulties were not yet over, because I couldn't get past the troops, so back over the top I went.

By the time I got to the end of our recent lines there was not a sign of my Company and I had visions of being shot for desertion. I was mud from head to foot—I had fallen over several times—and the gun had somehow come out of the holster.

I decided as long as I wandered away from the Verey lights I might find some human folk. An old railway line was my first landmark, and heartily I wished I could get into a train for a comfortable bath.

Beyond I found Vermelles and a cobbled road. I had about two tons of mud on me. A scrape down and a mug of " Char " brought some measure of life back to weary bones. I believe it was Annequin where I found the battalion and as luck would have it, your humble hadn't been missed.

After that we were often in and out of that line, but I never remember living in a dugout that had any sort of bed. Most days Mines were going up, so that it was perhaps as well not to be buried deep down in the earth.

That reminds me of an unpleasant day when the air was thick with minnewerfers. Myself and a senior officer, together with fifty men occupied a crater in No Man's Land. One day an engineering company made that crater look beautiful with sandbag revetements and neat dugouts, and the next it was blown to smithereens. Luckily I came through alive and only got a scratch from a rifle grenade.

My wandering memory carries me to Festubert and breastworks. You couldn't build dugouts there on account of the marshy state of the ground. I think we dug down a few feet and built the dugout round the hole. Those breastworks were seven or eight feet thick. Amazing how bullets find a way of working through.

It was quiet in that sector and there was much time on our hands. I had won at " Vingt-et-un " or " Pontoon " the sum of fifty francs—then quite a considerable sum of money—and my victim was a brother officer.

He came to me and suggested his revenge. We sat in that blamed dugout from early morning till " stand to " in the evening, playing every conceivable game. Within a short while the fifty francs had become a hundred, and he confessed that such a sum would mean a rotten four days when we were relieved. No Champagne cocktails at Bethune. I therefore agreed to play any game he liked so he could win it back, and though we tried everything his luck would not change.

At " stand to " the sum was two hundred and fifty francs. I had a head like a boiled owl and I had tried every method I could to lose. A coke brazier in a confined space is the best way of capturing a fat head. In the end I accepted an I.O.U. for fifty francs, and earned his gratitude. Poor devil—he stopped a whizz-bang on the Somme.

Now I pass on to the Somme and the River Aisne. I laugh as I mind the day I went bathing and bits of shrapnel from anti-aircraft shells bursting up above round a taube mearly settled my account when they hit the water near my head.

There I did have a dugout for about five minutes : a nice peaceful place when I arrived there but within a few hours the Great Advance had started.

My mind jumps to a night attack which proved successful, and how I got plugged through the thigh. Somehow I staggered down a communication trench to the largest dugout I ever saw during the War. It had been built by the Germans in the ruins near Ovillers-La-Boiselle. I believe as a store or as a hospital. It was now in our hands and being used as a hospital.

How I remember the comments of the fat, cheery doctor when he saw the gash in my leg.

" You lucky young devil," was his shout, " why, there are some guys who'd give thousands for a Blighty one like that."

It was a Blighty one and kept me there because it became septic. I never went to France again because sheer luck ordained that when I became fit my name came out of the bag for India.

I shall never forget that old doctor because he himself was killed in action shortly afterwards, and all because he would go and tend to a senior officer.

LUCK.

A recruit came one day to our ranks and I can hardly term him a credit to the Regiment. He came under the Derby scheme and was mighty reluctant about it.

A mixture of coward and hero : he would cower down in the trench when a raid was contemplated, yet would disappear over the top—no matter how close the German trench—if he saw a tin of bully beef lying around.

One day in the most dangerous part of the line he stood on the firestep in the early hours of the morning. The snipers in that part could hit a mosquito at a hundred yards.

" I'll show 'em," he shouted, and fired off his rifle six times. His head and shoulders were exposed.

And believe me those Huns were so darned surprised at the impertinence of the fellow that it was twenty seconds before there came a plonk and our young friend collapsed to the bottom of the trench.

" They've hit me," he shouted in an aggrieved whine.

" What yer expect ? " growled a kindly disposed Corporal " Here, stop howling and let's have a look at yer. Struth ! Well I'm blessed. Fetch the stretcher-bearers."

I was sent for and arrived at the same time as the stretcher-bearers. The comments of the latter caused me many a smile.

" Hit through the fleshy part of the neck, sir," said one. " Love me if he ain't got a cushy one."

The victim began to recover interest in life—he had visions of a hospital.

I detailed that he should be taken down to the dressing station, and at once the wounded lad was all for being taken down before the Huns started strafing.

The rest of the story I heard later. Vermelles was connected with the trenches by two main thoroughfares —Gordon Alley and Hullock Alley. I can't remember which was the one in and the one out, but sufficient that it was a darned long walk over trench boards back from the front line ; and the wounded one wanted to ba carried.

" You can blinking well stay here afore we'll carry yer," was something after the manner of the stretcher-bearer's comment. " That little scratch ain't nothing. If you don't get a move on we'll lend you a bit of boot."

They say he almost ran the two miles.

M.C.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter I am sincerely sorry that I have not corresponded with you before but I have been away from home on employment.

I have secured a position as painter and signwriter and am earning a good wage, thanks to Mr. —— and Mr. ——, who were my instructors while I was at the School.

I sincerely hope that everything at the School is progressing favourably.

Please convey my thanks to the instructors of the Painters' Shop for all they did for me.

I am,
Sir,
Yours truly,
Signed : G.W.G.

To the Commandant
Aldershot Training Centre.

ADVERTISEMENT.

The Goldsmiths & Silversmiths Company request us to point out that in their advertisement in our issue of November the size of the Cigarette Case priced at £2 2s. 0d. should read 3¼ X 3¼ ins.

I was in the line four days when the gunner I 'ad wiv me said as 'ow, if 'e didn't get me 'ome I'd fall to bits; so orf me and 'im started. Blimey—that Menin Road haunts me inside out. My gunner's name was 'Sprucer' and he was a proper one. He wouldn't let me do a thing in the line—oh, 'e used to get the wind up—'e would bury the ammo' in a shell 'ole, and when we came out would tell the orficer I 'ad killed 'undreds of Jerrys and blown up trains and all that sort of thing—they always believed 'Sprucer'—'im and me were great pals.

As we went along the road we started rocking over the 'oles and bumps, so as to get 'ome quickly—you know what I mean. Then we 'ad to slow down 'cause the road started getting blocked. There was ambulance lorries, any amount of my mates, limbers, ammo' columns, 'undreds upon 'undreds of Tommies cursing and blinding 'cause they couldn't get along, falling into 'oles, coming out again smothered in mud, bumping into ammunition mules in the dark and shouting, 'Who the 'ell are you?' whilst the old mules lashed out just to let 'em know. Oh, it was a blooming night. It wouldn't 'ave been too bad only Jerry started slinging 'em along the road. First—a blinking Whizz Bang battered in me nose—I mean my nozzle—which made poor old 'Sprucer' cry. 'We'll have to get a move on,' said 'Sprucer,' and away we went 'ell for leather until we got just past 'Hell Fire Corner,' where we are now, when I said to 'Sprucer,' ''ear it coming?'

'Yes!' answered 'Sprucer,' and the words 'ad 'ardly left 'is mouth when the blighter came on us like an earthquake. I shouted for my pal, 'Sprucer'—'e was dead: blown to atoms. I lingered on until the morning when I snuffed it as well. Then a fatigue party from the Labour Corps came up and swore at me for being in the middle of the road—as if I could 'elp it. They got out picks and shovels and turned me up-side down into this heap of ruin. I 'ad to tell yer about it—I'm all that's left of No. 4 Gun of The —— Division."

"Good night, mate," said Nobby—"I can quite understand 'ow it as upset yer."

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Beyond I found Vermelles and a cobbled road. I had about two tons of mud on me. A scrape down and a mug of " Char " brought some measure of life back to weary bones. I believe it was Annequin where I found the battalion and as luck would have it, your humble hadn't been missed.

After that we were often in and out of that line, but I never remember living in a dugout that had any sort of bed. Most days Mines were going up, so that it was perhaps as well not to be buried deep down in the earth.

That reminds me of an unpleasant day when the air was thick with minnewerfers. Myself and a senior officer, together with fifty men occupied a crater in No Man's Land. One day an engineering company made that crater look beautiful with sandbag revetements and neat dugouts, and the next it was blown to smithereens. Luckily I came through alive and only got a scratch from a rifle grenade.

My wandering memory carries me to Festubert and breastworks. You couldn't build dugouts there on account of the marshy state of the ground. I think we dug down a few feet and built the dugout round the hole. Those breastworks were seven or eight feet thick. Amazing how bullets find a way of working through.

It was quiet in that sector and there was much time on our hands. I had won at " Vingt-et-un " or " Pontoon " the sum of fifty francs—then quite a considerable sum of money—and my victim was a brother officer.

He came to me and suggested his revenge. We sat in that blamed dugout from early morning till " stand to " in the evening, playing every conceivable game. Within a short while the fifty francs had become a hundred, and he confessed that such a sum would mean a rotten four days when we were relieved. No Champagne cocktails at Bethune. I therefore agreed to play any game he liked so he could win it back, and though we tried everything his luck would not change.

At " stand to " the sum was two hundred and fifty francs. I had a head like a boiled owl and I had tried every method I could to lose. A coke brazier in a confined space is the best way of capturing a fat head. In the end I accepted an I.O.U. for fifty francs, and earned his gratitude. Poor devil—he stopped a whizz-bang on the Somme.

Now I pass on to the Somme and the River Aisne. I laugh as I mind the day I went bathing and bits of shrapnel from anti-aircraft shells bursting up above round a taube mearly settled my account when they hit the water near my head.

There I did have a dugout for about five minutes : a nice peaceful place when I arrived there but within a few hours the Great Advance had started.

My mind jumps to a night attack which proved successful, and how I got plugged through the thigh. Somehow I staggered down a communication trench to the largest dugout I ever saw during the War. It had been built by the Germans in the ruins near Ovillers-La-Boiselle. I believe as a store or as a hospital. It was now in our hands and being used as a hospital.

How I remember the comments of the fat, cheery doctor when he saw the gash in my leg.

" You lucky young devil," was his shout, " why, there are some guys who'd give thousands for a Blighty one like that."

It was a Blighty one and kept me there because it became septic. I never went to France again because sheer luck ordained that when I became fit my name came out of the bag for India.

I shall never forget that old doctor because he himself was killed in action shortly afterwards, and all because he would go and tend to a senior officer.

LUCK.

A recruit came one day to our ranks and I can hardly term him a credit to the Regiment. He came under the Derby scheme and was mighty reluctant about it.

A mixture of coward and hero : he would cower down in the trench when a raid was contemplated, yet would disappear over the top—no matter how close the German trench—if he saw a tin of bully beef lying around.

One day in the most dangerous part of the line he stood on the firestep in the early hours of the morning. The snipers in that part could hit a mosquito at a hundred yards.

" I'll show 'em," he shouted, and fired off his rifle six times. His head and shoulders were exposed.

And believe me those Huns were so darned surprised at the impertinence of the fellow that it was twenty seconds before there came a plonk and our young friend collapsed to the bottom of the trench.

" They've hit me," he shouted in an aggrieved whine.

" What yer expect ? " growled a kindly disposed Corporal " Here, stop howling and let's have a look at yer. Struth ! Well I'm blessed. Fetch the stretcher-bearers."

I was sent for and arrived at the same time as the stretcher-bearers. The comments of the latter caused me many a smile.

" Hit through the fleshy part of the neck, sir," said one. " Love me if he ain't got a cushy one."

The victim began to recover interest in life—he had visions of a hospital.

I detailed that he should be taken down to the dressing station, and at once the wounded lad was all for being taken down before the Huns started strafing.

The rest of the story I heard later. Vermelles was connected with the trenches by two main thoroughfares —Gordon Alley and Hullock Alley. I can't remember which was the one in and the one out, but sufficient that it was a darned long walk over trench boards back from the front line ; and the wounded one wanted to ba carried.

" You can blinking well stay here afore we'll carry yer," was something after the manner of the stretcher-bearer's comment. " That little scratch ain't nothing. If you don't get a move on we'll lend you a bit of boot."

They say he almost ran the two miles.

M.C.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter I am sincerely sorry that I have not corresponded with you before but I have been away from home on employment.

I have secured a position as painter and signwriter and am earning a good wage, thanks to Mr. —— and Mr. ——, who were my instructors while I was at the School.

I sincerely hope that everything at the School is progressing favourably.

Please convey my thanks to the instructors of the Painters' Shop for all they did for me.

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As we went along the road we started rocking over the 'oles and bumps, so as to get 'ome quickly—you know what I mean. Then we 'ad to slow down 'cause the road started getting blocked. There was ambulance lorries, any amount of my mates, limbers, ammo' columns, 'undreds upon 'undreds of Tommies cursing and blinding 'cause they couldn't get along, falling into 'oles, coming out again smothered in mud, bumping into ammunition mules in the dark and shouting, ' Who the 'ell are you ? ' whilst the old mules lashed out just to let 'em know. Oh, it was a blooming night. It wouldn't 'ave been too bad only Jerry started slinging 'em along the road. First—a blinking Whizz Bang battered in me nose—I mean my nozzle—which made poor old ' Sprucer ' cry. ' We'll have to get a move on,' said ' Sprucer,' and away we went 'ell for leather until we got just past ' Hell Fire Corner,' where we are now, when I said to ' Sprucer,' ' 'ear it coming ? '

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There are two or three other members going away shortly, Sgt. Curtiss and Sgt. Louth. It is a great pity this has to happen after such a time in the Regiment, one seems to feel the loss of good friends in the army so much. I am sure we wish them the best of luck when they return to civie life. Old "Chips" Louth has always been a good friend to our Mess in making things to make us comfortable. "Stump" Curtiss' dear old cheery face we shall miss like anything. We hope he leaves us his tortoise though.

It was suggested that a fine of five rupees was to be levied if any member of the Mess sits in the wrong chair at meal times. Old Tom Pratt, the one who suggested this, was the first offender. It is a good job it wasn't passed. Is this the Palladium or the Corner House, I wonder?

By the time these notes are printed our Acting R.S.M. will be in England. We hope he and his family have a good time. He, however, has left me a leaf out of his book, so perhaps leave will eventually come to

Yours truly,

W.H.B.

"D" "M.G." Company.

Since our last month's notes we have been very busy, which is no doubt the reason why contributions for *The Dragon* have been lacking.

Firstly the Third Young Class Gunners are learning the art of throwing tripods about, also fathoming the mysteries of the Gun generally. They will be shortly firing their course with it so I hope in the near future to let Home readers know how much of the art they have mastered.

But this is not the only thing they have been learning; shortly after our arrival in Ranikhet the Company Office was bombarded for Pass Forms and on making enquiries I found that nearly everybody wanted them for a dance. I naturally followed the crowd. We set off in two's and three's and eventually arrived at the Rink, about fifty in all and spent a very enjoyable evening. This has become a regular habit now, in fact the proprietor of the dance hall definitely states that the place would be lost without the Machine Gunners.

The latest craze at these dances now is a dance called "The Machine Gunners Fox-trot," introduced for the benefit of "D" (M.G.) Company. Only gentlemen partners are allowed, but the variety of steps, combined with excellent music ("Tipperary," "Take me back to Blighty" and other old masters) would make world famous Exhibition Dancers turn green with envy. I wonder if "D" (M.G.) Company of the 2nd Battalion can produce such excellent dancers! no doubt we shall know in the near future.

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For the benefit of readers in Blighty I would like to mention that everybody is allowed to wear blue patrols in India, a great advantage which everybody fully appreciates in this country.

However, all good things must come to and end sooner or later. About thirty of our dancing masters have gone to Hawalbagh Mountain Warfare Camp where they are learning the gentle art of jazzing up and down Khuds with tripods, etc. This training only lasts about a fortnight so in my next month's notes I shall probably be able to introduce readers to a few new steps.

Major Hamilton has rejoined the Company from Ahmednagar on the termination of his course on Crank Handling and we all heartily congratulate him on obtaining that very elusive award Distinguished.

The local Syncopators have been out of action lately owing to two of the members being temporarily away from the Station. In the meantime weird noises can be heard coming from the direction of the Company Office where Phil is learning to play the One String Fiddle. I give the name of the instrument because a few of the Company are still under the impression that it is a cat in agony. However, practice makes perfect.

T.B. has returned to the fold and taken over the reins of A/C.S.M. No sooner were we notified that he was coming back than Sgt. Brophy was warned to hold himself in readiness to proceed to join the staff at Ahmednagar. Their gain our loss.

During the past month we finished third in the Ranikhet Football League, details of which will be published for information in the next issue of *The Dragon*, which I think will be a Bumper Number for "D" (M.G.) Company.

December Notes.

I mentioned in my last month's notes that I would probably be able to introduce my readers to a few new Jazz Steps after the composite platoon had returned from Hawalbagh Mountain Warfare Camp. I hope that the Machine Gun Company of the Home Battalion will have an opportunity of practising some of them.

The platoon moved off on Saturday morning under Lieut. N. E. Hoare in company with "C" Company and the Drums. The latter were very helpful and marched quite three-quarters of the way during the first day's march before turning back. Majkali was reached after about four hours marching, and after tea was issued and consumed with relish there was a rush for the stream which ran through the camping ground. By the time everybody had finished washing their feet it was time for dinner, after which the lads began to settle down before continuing the march the next day.

During the evening a Camp Fire Concert was held in which our Ethel shone. It was noticed that the fire died down and the air turned blue during Ethel's performance, but by the encores he received he must have been a star turn.

The following morning everybody was up and ready for anything, especially the remaining part of the march to Hawalbagh. We started at seven o'clock and the Gunners are to be congratulated on doing the march so well. A nurse looked into our Welfare once or twice but his kindly efforts were not needed among the Gunner's ranks.

We reached Hawalbagh to find that somebody had very kindly pitched our tents and all that was to be done was to get the baggage and kits up and get down to it.

On Monday morning the fun started with an exciting Khud climb in which everybody took part and the Gunners gave a very good account of themselves.

Only once did the Gunners have to wend their watery way across the river. Bonzo was leading one party across and he either got tired suddenly or his memory went back to his childhood days and Brighton Beach, for he suddenly decided to sit down when he was half-way across, and on finding that his seat was about two feet under water and that life-buoys were not part of a soldier's equipment, he tried to cover up his mistake by kidding the world that he was salmon fishing. Quite a number of stunts were performed during the fording; KNOTT to mention TRIM who had the presence of mind to send up the S.O.S. when one man found a foot of water too deep for him. Well done, TRIM Boy, your bravery was KNOTT passed unnoticed.

Ethel one morning appeared on parade with an eyeful of black and on enquiring the cause it was found that he got mixed up in an argument with a mosquito. Said mosquito gaining the Purse.

The march back to Ranikhet was done in record time, but unfortunately the rain came down in torrents during the second day's march. This did not seem to worry the lads who were in the best of spirits, in fact they almost marched the Bun and Wagon Company off their feet.

During the training a new fire control order came out, i.e. All, Two Taps down. John of the Machine Gun Battery was said to be the originator.

Now that the training is over, all who took part said it was fairly easy, but the Gunners part in it was well done, including the marching; not one man dropped out. Well done, Gunners. You are a young company but you certainly can march and show them how training should be done.

The Company are at present firing their Annual Rifle Course prior to proceeding to the sun-burnt plains of Bareilly and manoeuvres. In my next month's notes I hope to be able to give the names of the Company Shot, together with our average and also how we stand in the Battalion.

The Third Young Hand Machine Gunners have just finished their M.G. Course and I must say that the results are not quite up to expectations. The firing was not nearly so good as at Bareilly, but of course they are only Young Hands and I think that with a little more practice and training they will overcome any difficulties which they no doubt experienced as First Year Gunners.

During the past month sport has been the order of the day. A Depot Cross Country Run took place but there was some misunderstanding in the Company about this. Nobody seemed to know anything about it until the day of the run, consequently we had to turn out a team composed of anyone we could find. The team number had to be twenty-five, all runners to count in the final. Out of the six teams entered only two completed the course, both belonging to The Dorset Regiment. Eighteen of our twenty-five completed the course and Pte. Bailey is to be congratulated on coming in ninth out of one hundred and fifty. I am certain that he would have been placed better if he had not waited to help some of our other members along. Well done, Bailey.

Our efforts in the Depot Sports started very well and I venture to say that if all the sprint races had not been run on top of one another we should have won the Depot Cup. As it was we were not prepared for this, incidentally the same runners had no sooner finished the 220 Yards Relay than they had to immediately run the 100 Yards and then the Mile Medley. Nevertheless, they gave a good account of themselves in finishing third.

After the Composite Platoon returned from Hawalbagh the Depot arranged a Knock-out Football Tournament. In our first match we met the 3rd Indian Divisional Signals and beat them 4—1. During the first half the game was very even, both sides scoring. Jones, with a litte more experience will make a very fine centre-forward; he has plenty of dash and knows how to use his head. Newbury at centre-half worked very hard and is, I think, the best man for this position. The backs worked very well, especially Clifton, who saved a great many awkward situations. Heath played right-back; his first game in this position and I think that after a few more games in this position it would be advisable to keep him there. During the second half the Signals seemed to fall to pieces, owing, no doubt, to their centre-half continually grumbling at them, a very bad thing to do during an important football match. I hope the captain of the Gunners team never developes this habit. The forwards are to be congratulated on their fine display of football, and Tonge, at outside-left, certainly knows how to centre the ball at the proper time.

The following did duty for the Company :—
White; Heath, Clifton; Murdock, Newbury, Laydon; Bing, Bourn, Jones, Senior, Tonge.

In the second round we met "B" Company Dorset Regiment. This game, I think, was the worst I have ever seen refereed. Our trouble started when Heath was pulled up for having supposedly handled the ball in the penalty area. A very serious mistake on the part of the referee, who at the time was at the other end of the field and not in position to be able to see what was happening. Later on in the second half he awarded a goal against us just as the ball was cleared by White, our goalie. Again, he gave this decision from the centre of the field, where he was not in a position to see what was happening. In fact, I think, he remained practically stationary in the centre of the field right throughout the game. I believe the only time he did actually move was when he awarded a corner kick. I venture to suggest that in all games where a Shield or Cup is at stake, it would be a good idea to have touch-line referees so as to avoid goals being awarded which normally would not be given at all if the referee knew his job. It is a well-known fact that there is no disgrace in being beaten, but it seems rather a shame that a team should be pushed out of a tournament because the referee happens to be lacking in a knowledge of the game. We lost this game by 3—1, the same team doing duty for us except that L/Sgt. Gillett replaced Senior as inside-left.

The same team, with the exception of Pte. Bing and L/Sgt. Gillett, visited the Gordon Highlanders at our neighbouring Hill Depot, Chaubattia. They turned out their Regimental Team against our Company Team and our side was losing 4—0 at half time. On the game being resumed after the necessary breather, we managed to keep the other side out and at the same time scored 3 goals. I think that if the final whistle had been delayed for about five minutes our team would have certainly scored the goal which would have evened the game. They congratulated our team after the match on the sportsmanship displayed right throughout the game.

Afterwards a bean-feast was arranged in the Jocks canteen for about fifty visitors, but owing to the distance from our own barracks only fourteen men were able to do duty to this feast prepared for fifty. Nevertheless, there was very little left when the time came for clearing the tables. A really very enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent and I sincerely hope that we shall be able to return the compliment to the Gordons before we return to Bareilly in about a fortnight's time.

While on the subject of sport I would like to suggest that the Shields in the Company should be fought for this year by promoting inter-section sport. This should include all the sports that have to be played and run

for in the Harris Shield. This, I think, would assist our respective sports representatives to select the best teams for the Harris Shield events, apart from the fact that practically everybody in the sections, which are about twenty-four strong, would have the necessary exercise to keep a Machine Gunner fit. I believe that in suggesting the above I am voicing the opinion of our Acting C.S.M. who takes every opportunity of turning out to watch all the various sports and at the same time take notes for future reference. It is his ambition that "D" (M.G.) Company (the youngest in the Battalion), should win the Harris Shield this year and everybody in the Gunners is willing to help in some small way, no matter what it is. Whatever the game or sport might be I think that all the other Companies in the Battalion will have to look to their laurels.

The whole Company are glad that Lieut. Williams has returned from leave and I anticipate in the near future seeing him out with the runners in the evening training for the sports which come off early in 1930.

We have already received our copy of the Harris Shield events for this year from the Regimental Games Officer so that everybody knows what is expected of them.

THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

What is Knott's objection to water ?

Who won the fight between Bantley and the Mosquito ?

TOC-BEER AND PHIL.

Band Notes.

As happenings of any interest or importance have been somewhat scarce of late, I hope that readers of this famous paper will excuse me if I cut these notes rather short. To be a successful correspondent for this journal requires one to undergo a Course of Pelmanism and a tour of duty in Fleet Street.

By the time this little effort finds its way into print and causing my readers untold agony we shall be " attacking at dawn " somewhere in the region of Dhanauri.

Cricket has been the predominant item in sport of late, practice at the nets before breakfast being fashionable. In the Inter-Platoon K.O. Cricket Tourney. we were unlucky in being defeated in the first round by No. 6 Platoon. The less said the better. The results of matches played have been various. Since our last issue No. 3 Group have been our opponents on several occasions. The first resulted in a victory for us by 10 runs. The return match was drawn. The Signals next fell victims to us, although we only beat them by the very narrow margin of one run. In this match he of the protruding chin, put his face in the way of the ball which resulted in raising a dent on the lower portion of his proboscis and upper lip. He was put out of action as Solo Bass for some days ! Whilst looking through the score book I noticed a match played between " The Rt. Hon." Percy Grant's Eleven and " Viscount " Saunder's Eleven at Appledore. I will spare everybody's feelings by not saying more about the said match. I am sorry to relate that "A" Company's Dankers " beat us up " to the tune of 4 runs. The latest match played was versus The Corporals. They batted first and declared at 94 for 7 wickets. We administered the Coup de Grace in very bad light by obtaining 99 for 5 wickets. " Bdsm. " Catt was our star performer by " knocking up " the grand total of 41. I have heard that Dover C.C. are signing him on as a " pro."

We wish to congratulate Bdsm. Collins on his recent marriage and also welcome Mrs. Collins to the regiment. May all their troubles be little ones.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who was it who wore a spine pad with an angola shirt ? Can Wetsell enlighten us ?

When is Tolsky likely to convert his trumpet into a " Yanky " mouth organ or Jew's harp ?

Who was it who was told by a " civvy attached " man that he was ess than the dust ?

Who mistook Langdon's Bass box for a dustbin ?

FIRST TO-DAY.

Signals.

" Tiger " Hart said the other day that some of the lads needed livening up and, after some whisperings and conferences, the word " Cricket " flew around the Battalion. Bats were oiled, elbows were greased and Tug. told everyone of the day he scored 97 for the Battalion. I told the lads I played " stump " for my school, but noses were turned up in disdain. On consulting the notice-board I found that an Inter-Platoon Cricket match was being held, the winners receiving Rs. 20 and Runners-up Rs. 10. " Arfer Thomas " being an expert on Finance, put two teams of the Signals in the competition with orders to bat for Rs. 20 and Rs. 10 respectively. Team B played first and the Attached Section and No. 4 Platoon were beaten to a frizzle and they were then unfortunate enough to meet Team A in the Semi-final thus robbing us of the chance to get the Rs. 20 and Rs. 10 respectively. Team A. met No. 6 Platoon, "C" Company Details, Team B. (Sigs.) and No. 3 Group and to say that we beat them all by hundreds is putting it mildly. Confidentially speaking, the remainder of the Battalion just did not have a smell of the game and personally speaking, I reckon some of those fielders ran miles. They could " leather chase." Just to give the readers an idea of our crushing victories, I will give below the result of the Final. Now with the vision of Rs. 20 being realized, healths were proposed and drank in that well-known establishment. But a " Foxy " game had been played and to our dismay and pocket-trouble the Rs. 20 respective, had been with an automatic sweep, placed in the Coffers of the Company Fund.

We go on Manoeuvres next month and are training strenuously with the new procedure. Now, Flag-waggers all, it is useless me addressing the Non-waggers, as the mysteries of wagging are uncomprehendable affairs for their feeble minds. But speaking as Wag to Wag, what do you think of the new procedure ? Stop ! our Burra Sahib has returned off leave and it has been rumoured that he has whispered into the ears (and they are big enough) of Arfer Thomas, that anyone not trying hard will be placed " where the flies will not bite them." So, dear waggers, all correspondence to me should be placed under a confidential cover.

Lieut. Dewar returned back from his leave and the Qualifying Course at the School of Signals and we congratulate him on his success. We have been without an R.S.O. for two years now and a ship without a Captain is lost, so the welcome to our new R.S.O. is sincere. Signal Classification was held on Friday and Saturday and the results have just come through. Three young hands failed in Buzzer ; all the remainder passed with flying colours and Pte. Howe is to be complimented on winning the Shield for being the most efficient Signaller this year and also on becoming top man in Classification. He has only been a Signaller one and a half years and this is his second Classification to which end his efforts have left him with distinguished victory. Pte. Smith has been awarded a Silver Cigarette Case, suitably inscribed for being top man in the Classification of the young hands and for which he has our congratulations with the hope of his trying for the Shield next year. At present we go on collective training until Manoeuvres.

A tennis match was arranged between us and the Corporals' Mess, two Single Games and a Double in case of a rubber. Pte. Kendall played Cpl. Hogben in the first match when we were unfortunate to lose by 5–6. Pte. Langdon played Cpl. Kewell. We won easily, 6–2. The rubber was played, Ptes. Langdon and Kendall versus Cpls. Hudson and Butcher. We were leading by the score of 5–0 when we eased up to give them a chance whereby we lost the game and rubber by the score of 6–5. A return match will be held shortly and we will not give them any chances. During the interval " Earth's-Water " was supplied by that well-known public benefactor.

As this is a hot country various people go in for numerous exercises, but what beats me is why Old Joe goes for Constitutional walks after " Lights Out." Can Pungab oblige us with an answer ? Whispering Smith has made an " Ode to Stashy." Why is it that Stashy, that dear old soul, pays us out less than we get on the Dole ? The time-ex. men went home to-day and we wish Honeysett the best of luck in the new sphere of life. Old " Mutiny " is walking about like " Loves Labour Lost," the reason being that his Winger has gone home, but he now has a new bride, so now a wounded heart is being mended.

Owing to the fact that it takes time for the publication of these notes, the Section wish the 2nd Battalion Signallers a Merry Christmas also the greetings of

MR. PUDDEN.

No. 3 Group Headquarter Wing.

The first batch of T.-X. Wallahs are leaving us this month and they will continue to depart from now until March. Among them are Ptes. Carter and Pitkin who will be missed by the Group, more so Nick as he was one of the first members of the " Old Group " and is one of the Group's best all-rounders. These two lucky ones will be greatly envied by some others of the Group who are due for Discharge this Season, but have not yet been allotted a boat. They will be gone and settled in their new surroundings by the time these notes appear in print, but I trust that they will not lose touch with the lads who remain " Out East " and I am sure the Group's heartiest best wishes will follow them out.

Another event of the month is the Annual Weapon Training Course of the Casuals of the Wing most of whom are of the Group. Everybody seemed to be quite contented and in the best of spirits on the range in spite of the fact that the time of firing was in the evening which is usually devoted to Football, etc. We had nothing to grumble at as the evenings, though inclined to be warm, were fine and provided an excellent light for firing. The firing proceeded over a period of about five days, two of which were devoted to classification. After the first day of classification the lads came back from the range with

visions of cross guns and others only had visions of 6d. or 9d. per diem floating away in the distance. On the start of the second day grim determination crept o'er the face of several persons there, as eagerly they watched to see what the markers would show them next. The journey back from the range seemed excedingly slow and occasionally one would hear whispers of " Bung " or " Just crept out " and sometimes " Died in the hole for one," etc. Now that the ordeal of the W.T. Course is over this party of " Bisleys and Bungs " are resting peacefully and waiting for next year to retrieve the lost honours.

We welcome back Sgt. Perry and L/Cpls. Etheridge, and McDonnell from their six months' leave in the U.K. They seemed reluctant to come back and were eager to tell us of the latest from Blighty. Also we extend a hearty farewell to Cpl. West (O.R.C.) for the next six months as he is proceeding home for that period of leave. Shortly the R.S.M. will be rejoining from leave in England and R.Q.M.S. Evans will be leaving us for the same purpose.

There have been a few additions to the Company since the last issue of notes, and among these are Ptes. Kemsley, Crowley, and Denham, all from "B" Company. We offer them a sincere welcome and are glad to notice that they have already appeared upon the sports field for the Group. Also, L/Cpl. Wild has returned from Ranikhet looking much better for his brief spell of recuperation in the Hills.

Next month's notes will be sent in from Camp which it is rumoured will be in the Dhanauri area this year and close to Kheri. Once again we have been informed that White ants are prevalent in that district and it is hoped that the use of charpeys will be sanctioned. These pests are well remembered by some of us who were at Delhi last year and I think it is hardly likely that we shall allow them to worry our periods of rest. It is also rumoured that the camp site is near the canal in which case we are looking forward to some bathing, and perhaps the companies are thinking of some practice in bridge-building, but that is their worry not ours. Those who were at Kheri will perhaps recall the nature of the training grounds which we travelled over and think of us. Some of the members of the Group will leave us temporarily during the training period, these can be seen now any evening poring over maps and industriously copying and sketching. With furrowed brows they sit for hours puzzling out the meanings of R.F.'s and scales, etc. ; they are on Intelligence Training in preparation for work as the Battalion Intelligence Section on Manoeuvres. Other members of the Group are, it is rumoured, members of the mythical "Anti-Tank Group " and these are patiently awaiting their fate as regards their duties whilst on training.

This last month has been somewhat of a trial to a few members of the Group. Faces which are not familiar have been seen on the Battalion Parade Ground at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., mounting Guards and picquets. Glancing in the rooms of an evening one can see them ardently " Buffing " for the great event, and I am glad to say they have not let the reputation of the " Old Group " down. Though it has been strange to see these faces at Guard mounting it has also been strange to see the same faces at the Company Assizes, as they have not appeared, which, needless to say, is obvious.

At football we have had some very good games and have played almost every night for the month exeept when we were on the range. The results are far too numerous to mention or dwell upon, but there are a few players of the teams who deserve mention. Pte. Ferrell has played some fine games and has given us some excellent displays, so also has Pte. Billett, in goal and we hope to see him between the sticks for the Company for the Harris Shield matches this year. Ptes. Kemsley and Crowley have turned out for the Group at football and have played some fine games during the short time they have been with us.

Rugger has fallen a lot in the shade on account of the termination of the monsoon season, but we are pleased to see that it is to be included in the games for the Harris Shield and are looking forward to the Headquarter Wing team. Also Hockey has suffered a lot this year as there is only one ground in use, but as No. 1 Ground is developing into something like a billiard table we are hoping to see some splendid games upon it as soon as it is open for play.

During this month there has been a Battalion inter-platoon cricket tournament and we have watched the Wing teams with interest. The Group team did exceptionally well, and in one match when Pte. Howland was Captain of the team he set a very good example by getting 40 out of the total 80 runs himself and also doing some good fielding. The final of this tournament was between the Signals and the Group during which game there was some excellent work done by both teams. On our side, Ptes. King, Davis and Catt fielded very well and had the Signals all out for 96 in the first innings. Ptes. Barden and Penfold were batting well at the close of the first day and were making a good stand, but Barden unfortunately was " caught out " and the rest of the wickets fell quickly. After this the match grew tame and the Signals proved the winners much to the chagrin of the Group.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

What makes Burn blush when he sees a tin of " Cherry Blossom ? "

When did Pitkin first realise that he had not got long enough to do ? And what do the members of the R.A.O.C.A. think of that statement ?

What made Ticky shave off his moustache when he took over Company storeman ? Was he afraid that he would make the C.Q.M.S. jealous ?

What made Ginger lose his helmet ? Has his brain become enlarged since taking over C.C. and does he feel the strain ?

What will the Group football team do when the Harris Shield Matches are being played off. Will they travel to away grounds such as the Hospital and the M.T.'s ? Ask Peacock.

P.B.

"A" Company.

We have just recently lost some excellent men who left us for U.K. having completed their terms of Service, including " buckshee " time. They are :—Cpl. Hudson, Ptes. Ashby, Brooks, Goodsell, Jamieson, McKenna, Moore and last, but not least, old Waghorn, the biggest scrounger and finest Company Storeman ever known. We wish them all the best of luck and happiness in " Civvie " Street and only regret that we shall be losing some more old soldiers before Christmas.

We welcome 2/Lieut. Gibson to the Company who has just joined us from U.K. He is on the Indian Unattached List and stays with us for about twelve months for training after which he joins his Indian Unit. We hope he will enjoy his stay with us as well as 2/Lieut. Surve did. Mr. Surve has just recently left us to join his Unit after completing his training with us and I think I am right in saying that he was sorry to leave us.

Captain C. R. B. Knight has been away at Simla with the Football Team and several of our young soldiers have had leave there. Simla is an expensive place in which to take a leave, especially for a 2/- a day wallah and the A./C.Q.M.S. is nearly grey trying to find a way to reduce their debts.

There has been no real sports recently, only scratch and " Danker " games. Most of us are gradually getting prepared for our move to Camp next month.

The " Casuals " are just starting to fire their " Instructional " and we hope that they will do better than the Company did. It is a remarkable thing, but it is noticed that " Casuals " usually do do better. I wonder why ?

O.S.

"B" Company.

Football has been going very well this month. We have averaged two teams each night from the Company, and some new talent has been discovered. I think that the Company will take the Football Shield into its loving care for a year or so.

We have been all about at Cricket. Like Football, Cricket Matches have been played every night and some very good games have been played. L/Cpls. Boseley and Leggett have been responsible for the fetching out of a few " young Hopefuls " from the Company during the recent Inter-Platoon Cricket Competition and I hear that they are getting a good team for the Harris Shield.

I think that there has been only one game of Hockey played during the last month and that was by an accident. A team went to play the Indian Military Hospital at Football and on arrival at the ground they found that they were expected to play Hockey instead. The majority of them had never touched a Hockey Stick before, but they played just the same. Of course, one can easily guess the result.

We welcome to the Company, 2/Lieut. H. Mc.D. Reinhold of the U.L.I.A. who is attached to us for a while.

We are very sorry to lose fourteen N.C.O.'s and Men of the Company who sail for U.K. and Civvie Street this month. We wish that we were going too. The Company wishes them the best of luck and bon voyage.

A Dinner and Concert was given to the T.X. Wallahs of the Company at which all Officers of the Company were in attendance and one and all voted it to be a complete success.

W.W.G.

No. 5 Platoon.

At last we have decided to write a few notes concerning the Platoon.

Since the Company has been down from Ranikhet we have done Field Firing, Individual and Company Training and naturally this has made the duties a bit stiff, but then of eourse there has been the usual Sick Parade.

There is always a time when seven years and a few months come to an end, the result being that we lose 14 N.C.O.'s and Men from the Company. The following are leaving No. 5 Platoon :—Cpls. Chandler, and Hogben and Pte. H. Ditton, and I am sure that the whole Platoon will wish them the best of luck in Civilian Life.

Our Compony Commander very kindly arranged for the N.C.O.'s and Men going to U.K. to have a farewell Dinner and Concert and as I happened to be one of these N.C.O.'s I can honestly say that it was a great success and we one and all thank our O.C. very much.

Nebgoh, T.-X.

No. 6 Platoon.

There have been several games of Football and Cricket, in which we did fairly well. In the Football line we have discovered several new stars and we shall soon need them as the McDouall Shield Competition will soon be coming along.

By the time these notes appear in print we shall be on training once more and also some of the old stagers will have left us for U.K. and will be in Civvie Street. Cpl. Butcher, Ptes. Amos and Farrant leave our Platoon and we wish them the best of luck.

Sgt. Annan, our Platoon Sergeant is at present on leave at Ranikhet and we all hope having a good time. We welcome to our platoon, Cpl. Thornycroft who has transferred from No. 7 Platoon. Pte. Hamill has just returned from a month's leave at Lahore where, we heard that he has had a roaring time. We miss our " Old Soldier " (Joe), who has gone to Calcutta on a Motor Mechanic's Vocational Training Course. We hear that he has visions of wresting the Speed Title from Sir Henry Segrave ; however, that remains to be seen.

Being at present on " Quarter Guard " and the Orderly Officer is approaching, I must call a Halt for this month.

F.S.B.

No. 7 Platoon.

Once again we have finished Training and once again we do a few guards.

We now take the opportunity of saying "Au Revoir" to the N.C.O.'s and Men who have left us for Blighty. We understand the "Mick" has signed a contract to have the gun metal handle on the Faversham Pump French-polished for the opening ceremony.

A Dinner and Concert was held in "B" Company's library on the evening of the 12th and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. KISMUNK.

No. 8 PLATOON.

Alas, what am I to write about? As I look around me I see nothing but empty bedcots. This is because we have finished our short spasm of training and most of the men have taken over their different Garrison and Regimental Duties.

Before I pass on, I should like to say a little about this training. We have almost enjoyed it. Most of the time was spent on the range and the result is that we are now trying to get the rifles back to the usual standard. The remainder of the time we were out on stunts and we had two very good miniature battles which taught us a great deal.

We welcome to the Platoon L/Cpl. Whitehead who comes from No 7 Platoon and hope that he will have a good time with us.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNEW.

Is it usual to spend two months reconnoitreing a village?

H.B.

"C" Company.

Undoubtedly the premier item of importance is the training at Hawalbagh. I will not attempt to describe the country or the camp as this has been done so often before. The training though fairly stiff, was very interesting. Even though, as Colonel Stone said, the hills were small "Pimples" round about that area, it gives one a comprehensive idea of the difficulty of manoeuvres in the North-Western Frontier. We left Ranikhet on the morning of the 13th together with a Company of the Dorsetshire Regiment, our own Drums, and the Dorsets' Band. When we were six or seven miles out the musicians left us and returned to Ranikhet. We arrived at Majhkali about noon. After everyone had finished their dinner, quite a few roamed about round the camp collecting brushwood, etc. We all got our bivouacs up before dark, and at sunset, the men, headed by Sgt. Daisley, lit the brushwood and we soon had a huge camp fire going. The men all sat round in circles, and one man after another got up and sang a song, thus passing away a very pleasant evening. We were off again at 7 next morning to arrive in Hawalbagh about noon. We could not go over the bridge so we had to wade through the water, very nice for tired feet, but not so pleasant when we started marching again. The first few days were given over to lectures and demonstrations by the Gurkhas. These demonstrations were interesting and in some cases amusing, especially some of the full N.C.O.s' efforts at carrying the wounded man. Sgt. Daisley ended up by spraining his ankle and depositing his burden in a cactus plant. L/Cpl. Ward took a nose dive down the Khud, throwing L/Cpl. Hayman over his head. We know someone else who thanked his lucky stars afterwards that he carried a man down, and he didn't give his usual "Chip" away either. For the remainder of the week we practised what we had seen done. On Sunday we had another Camp Fire Concert, again arranged by Sgt. Daisley. On Monday and Tuesday of the next week we practised some manoeuvres on the large scale in conjunction with the Gurkhas, and on Wednesday we did a demonstration for the spectators. On Thursday evening, after the Camp had been packed up, a Khud race was held in which two teams from "C" Company ran against two teams of Gurkhas. Our teams did extremely well, but were no match for their nimble-footed opponents in this type of country. L/Cpl. Belcher was third and Pte. Mitchell was fourth. At six o'clock on Friday we commenced our march back to Ranikhet and arrived in Majhkali about 11 a.m. Everyone seemed anxious to get back, and we commenced the final lap about 7 a.m. on Saturday morning. Soon after we started it commenced to rain which did not improve matters. However, it did not last long and we arrived in Ranikhet about 9.30 a.m. to resume our normal routine.

Just before we left for Hawalbagh a Sports Meeting was held at Ranikhet. We had teams entered in most races and on the final day the heats and the finals or the short distances, *i.e.*, 100 yards, 220 yards and One Mile Medley were run off. We had L/Cpls. Hover and Bartlett running in each race and heat, and as there were only ten minutes' interval between each race in which we had to run it was decided to withdraw from some at any rate. Our first race was the Mile Medley heat. We won this fairly comfortably with "C" Company Dorsets second. Our next item was the relay 220 yards final in which we came third. Ten minutes later the final of the Mile Medley came off, but we withdrew from this race as it was too much for our men. Another period of ten minutes elapsed before the last race which was the relay 100 yards final. Our team came second to "B" Company, Dorsets. Taken all round, our men did very well indeed under the circumstances. Our team for the 100 yards was :—L/Cpls. Bartlett, Hover, Randerson and Pte. Miles. For the Medley it was L/Cpls. Bartlett, Hover, Taylor and Belcher.

A week after we arrived back some sports were held at Dulikhet. We entered a team in the One Mile Medley (Open) for which there were ten teams entered. We had Lieut. H. de L. Walters running the 880 yards so our chances looked rosy. However, we had the misfortune to run up against the Irish Fusiliers Medley Team which gave our Battalion Team one of the best runs seen since last February.

However, we finished up a very good second which is saying a lot considering there were nine more teams beside us. Our team was :—Lieut. H. De L. Walters, L/Cpls. Bartlett, Hover and Taylor.

Q.E.D.

The 2nd Battalion.

ONCE more the festive season is upon us and everybody's thoughts will be turned, no doubt, to groaning boards laden with plump turkeys, fire-girt puddings, and all the other good things of Christmastide. We therefore take this opportunity to send out to all our friends, at home and abroad, our Christmas greetings and hopes that the New Year may bring them all that they would wish.

Last month I was able to announce various coming activities in the Sporting World. In this month's *Dragon* will be found accounts of the actual performances. Just credit is due to our football team for the splendid way in which it has successfully negotiated the first and second rounds of the Army Cup. If it can keep up this standard—and there seems no reason why it shouldn't—it should go far.

Our Novices' Boxing Team has also won laurels and has now fought its way into the semi-final, whilst our Rugby XV. has also achieved some measure of success.

With the exception of the latter separate accounts of these successes will be found elsewhere. Our Rugby correspondent has unfortunately failed to function so that Rugger enthusiasts will have to wait till next month for a record of their team's prowess.

On November 3rd the Command Beagles met at the Officers' Mess and after a pleasant afternoon's sport the devotees of the chase (though they did not all chase the hare!) returned to the Mess for tea.

On December 12th we shall be losing about 160 men who are sailing for India so that the battalion will be left very short-handed. Those staying behind will wish them all a pleasant voyage and a happy time in the Shiny.

Soccer.

On October 24th we played the First Round of the Army Cup beating the Royal Scots' Fusiliers, 4—0. It started to rain a few minutes before the game began and there was a steady downpour and strong wind for the remainder of the game. From the start the Buffs

had the best of the game and although it was extremely slippery they seemed to control the ball remarkably well. What was particularly noticeable was that the Buffs seemed to get to the ball much quicker than their opponents and to combine well in their passing. For the winners, Marsden played a very good game at centre-forward, shooting all four goals. In the defence Robbins was the outstanding player, using his head extremely well. For the losers the goalkeeper had the most to do and saved some very good shots. It was a very clean hard game, both sides playing up well.

Team :—Pte. Rhodes, L/Cpl. Goatley, Cpl. Bowyer, Sgt. Drake, Pte. Walton, L/Cpl. Robbins, L/Cpl. Ingram, Cpl. Edwards, L/Cpl. Marsden, Pte. Garrett, Dr. Gosling.

On Monday, 11th November we played the Second Round of the Army Cup, beating the Service Companies R.A.S.C. 4—3. As at Bordon, it was pelting with rain throughout the whole match which made the ball very slippery for both sides. The R.A.S.C. started off the game with very good passing which was inclined to leave the Buffs wondering what was going to happen next. This led to our opponents scoring a goal soon after the start. We seemed to have great difficulty in passing the ball and getting forward to our opponents' goal. The chief fault seemed to be to dribble the ball too long and then it was more than probably lost. But soon after this Marsden, who up till now had found it decidedly difficult to stand upright, ran through and scored an extremely good goal. The R.A.S.C. by some quick movements, then went one ahead. Half-time score : 2—1 against.

This wasn't good enough. We were the better trained team and in much better condition. So we began to wake up. Then we got three more goals and the R.A.S.C. got one more off a corner.

For the R.A.S.C. Lieut. Briggs was decidedly dangerous and their outside-right did some very good runs. For The Buffs all the half-backs played well on a difficult ground and they were well backed-up by Pte. Bowyer and L/Cpl. Goatley.

Team :—Pte. Rhodes, L/Cpl. Goatley (Capt.), Pte. Bowyer, L/Cpl. Robbins, Pte. Walton, L/Sgt. Drake, L/Cpl. Ingram, Cpl. Edwards, L/Cpl. Marsden, Pte. Garrett, Dr. Gosling.

Boxing.

ALDERSHOT COMMAND NOVICES' COMPETITION.

Having received a walk-over in the first round, we had to box against the 11th Hussars in the second round.

This match was fought in the Wellington Lines Gymnasium on October 23rd. After several very close fights and a lot of good boxing we were victorious by the narrow margin of one point; everything depended on the last fight of the evening between L/Cpl. Scullion and Trp. Sanderson, of the 11th. Scullion boxed well and decidedly won his fight.

The following is a list of the fights :—

BANTAM WEIGHT.—Pte. Mangleshot (Buffs) beat Lieut. P. Payne-Gallivey on points after a very good fight.

FEATHER WEIGHTS.—Pte. Squires (Buffs) beat Tpr. Hudson (11th Hussars).

Pte. Supple (Buffs) beat Tpr. Nash (11th Hussars).

LIGHT WEIGHTS.—Tpr. Norris (11th Hussars) beat Pte. Rance (Buffs).

L/Cpl. Woodward (11th Hussars) beat Pte. Henderson (Buffs).

Tpr. Avis (11th Hussars) beat Pte. Brigstock (Buffs).

WELTER WEIGHTS.—L/Cpl. Scullion (Buffs) beat Tpr. Sanderson (11th Hussars).

Tpr. Wells (11th Hussars) beat L/Cpl. Griggs (Buffs).

Tpr. Bray (11th Hussars) beat L/Cpl. O'Connor (Buffs).

L/Cpl. Martin (Buffs) beat Cpl. Harris (11th Hussars).

MIDDLE WEIGHTS.—Tpr. Bell (11th Hussars) beat Pte. Haines (Buffs).

Pte. Harlow (Buffs) beat Tpr. Smith (11th Hussars).

L/Cpl. Taylor (Buffs) beat Tpr. Vickery (11th Hussars).

Total Points :—2nd Battalion The Buffs, 26 ; 1st Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers, 19.

We are now in the Semi-final which will be fought on November 21st in the Maida Gymnasium, Aldershot. Our opponents will be the winners of the fight between The King's Own Scottish Borderers and the R.A.M.C., and with further training we are hoping for the best.

LIGHT-HEAVY WEIGHT.—Pte. Himsworth (Buffs) beat Tpr. Howarth (11th Hussars).

HEAVY WEIGHT.—Tpr. Fields (11th Hussars) beat Lieut. Williams (Buffs).

The total score of points was :—2nd Buffs, 23 ; 11th Hussars, 22.

On 30th October, in the Third Round, we fought the 1st Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers in the Marlborough Lines Gymnasium. We managed to win this match by a larger margin than the last one, probably due to the marked improvement of the boxing throughout the team. Cpl. Beal is to be congratulated on his training of the team and for the amount of extra time he has given to training and teaching them the proper boxing spirit.

Results of fights :—

BANTAM WEIGHT.—Pte. Mangleshot (Buffs) beat Fus. Hailey (Scots. Fusiliers).

FEATHER WEIGHTS.—Pte. Squires (Buffs) beat Fus. MacDougall (Scots. Fusiliers).

Fus. Adair (Scots. Fusiliers) beat Pte. Supple (Buffs).

LIGHT WEIGHTS.—Pte. Rance (Buffs) beat Fus. MacCrorie (Scots. Fusiliers).

Pte. Henderson (Buffs) beat Fus. Power (Scots. Fusiliers).

L/Cpl. O'Connor (Buffs) beat Fus. Harrison (Scots. Fusiliers).

WELTER WEIGHTS.—L/Cpl. Scullion (Buffs) beat L/Cpl. Frost (Scots. Fusiliers).

L/Cpl. Griggs (Buffs) lost to Fus. McHhenny (Scots. Fusiliers).

L/Cpl. Martin (Buffs) beat Drm. Smith (Scots. Fusiliers).

2/Lieut. R. F. Parry (Buffs) beat Bdm. Nicoll (Scots. Fusiliers).

MIDDLE WEIGHTS. — L/Cpl. Robinson (Scots. Fusiliers) beat Pte. Haines (Buffs).

L/Cpl. Taylor (Buffs) beat Fus. Eadesforth (Scots. Fusiliers).

Pte. Harlow (Buffs) beat Fus. Rayson (Scots. Fusiliers).

LIGHT-HEAVY WEIGHT.—Pte. Himsworth (Buffs) beat Fus. Mitchell (Scots. Fusiliers).

HEAVY WEIGHT.—Lieut. W. S. Ritchie (Scots. Fusiliers) beat Pte. Morland-Hughes (Buffs).

Sergeants' Mess.

Compliments of the Season to all readers—and Buffs Past and Present in all parts of the world.

Practically the whole of the Battalion being on furlough during the month of October, nothing worth recording in connection with the Mess occurred, or so I am given to understand by those unfortunate members who remained behind. I say unfortunate, because, although they have theirs to come, yet to enjoy such remarkably good weather as we were blessed with will be almost impossible when they proceed on leave.

Headquarters, 2nd Battalion.

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Lt. & Qr.-Mr. Dare; Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) G. A. Ricketts; Bd.-Mr. C. Hewitt, M B.E.; R Q.M.S. Tong; R S.M C. Vaughan
Major Guy Lee, D.S.O., M.C.; Lt.-Col. J. Crookenden, D.S.O.; Capt. & Adjt. E. Foster-Hall, M.C.

A very interesting Entertainments' Programme has been drawn up by the Indoors Committee for the winter months, the first item being a Whist Drive and Dance, which was held on Tuesday, 12th November and proved a very successful and enjoyable entertainment.

The Whist Drive started at about 8.15 p.m., twelve tables being in play. Eighteen hands were played, the winners being as follows :—

Ladies : 1st. Mrs. Ransome.
,, 2nd. Mrs. Wright.
,, Consolation. Mrs. Mulligan.
Winner of Sweep (First Half).: Mrs. MacWalter.
Winner of Sweep (Second Half) : Mrs. Frowde.
Gents. 1st. Sgt. Richardson.
,, 2nd. Mr. Frowde.
,, Consolation. C.S.M. MacWalter.

After the presentation of prizes the room was cleared for dancing during which time refreshments were served and a really enjoyable evening closed shortly after midnight.

During the Whist Drive several of the players almost suffered severe heart attacks by the actions of C.Q.M.S. Taylor, who, after almost every hand, called the "HEM.C." to intial his card—which was required when a score of ten or above was scored. Everyone expected to see him with an enormous score at the close of play, but the secret was then divulged. He had handed the card of anyone near him who scored the requisite number of tricks—more often than not his opponent's !

A weekly " sweep " has been run since the opening of the football season and this appears to have developed into a sort of benefit collection for C.Q.M.S. Smith of "B" Company. The whole idea is quite simple. You merely put your name on the list, pay the caterer your tanner and he does the rest—which consists of handing it over to the aforementioned Smith ! This appears to be the case, anyhow, since he has won it five times out of seven! His star must be in the ascendant, but all good luck to him.

We have had the pleasure during the month, of welcoming to our midst Sgts. Allen and Dolbear, who joined us from the Regimental Depot. Hearty congratulations to Sgt. Saunders on his promotion to Sergeant. Well done, George !

We have lost Sgt. Cronin, who has gone on the Territorial Staff, but we hope to see him frequently and trust that he won't forget his comrades of the 2nd Battalion.

Sgt. Payne has commenced his Vocational Training Course and is probably wasting large quantities of perfectly good wood in his efforts of initiating himself into the mysteries of carpentry.

The Annual Billiard Handicap is now well under way and quite a number of " dark horses " have sprung up to lower the colours of opponents who probably thought they were on an " easy thing."

The Battalion was very busy last week, digging parties being supplied by the Battalion for the improvement of the arena, ranges, etc. Quite a number of amusing events occurred, naturally, but I think the following will give a good impression of the thoughts of some of the fellows :—

Private Soldier (to officer) : " I wish I could win a big prize in a crossword competition, sir." " Whatever for ? " asked the officer. " Well," said the private, " If I did I would buy up all the wheelbarrows in the whole world and burn 'em."

friends arrived for a short space with the draft from the 1st Battalion. May the best of luck go with them all to Civilian Life.

Will all readers of *The Dragon* living in or near Canterbury leave the evening of Thursday, December 12th free to come to the Boxing Tournament at the 4th Battalion Drill Hall, which is being organised by the Depot. The Tournament consists primarily of recruits' finals but in addition other attractive contests are being arranged, of which full details will be found in the local press and on posters. We can promise a really good evening's entertainment.

Sergeants Mess.

We gratefully thank Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., for the splendid photo of himself taken in the uniform of a Colonel of The Buffs, which he has so kindly presented to our Mess.

L/Sgt. Dolbear left us on October 29th and L/Sgt. Allen left us on November 4th on reposting to the 2nd Battalion, where we wish them both the best of luck. We also welcome L/Sgt. King on his joining the Mess on appointment to L/Sgt.

R.S.M. Potter, C.S.M. Howard, M.M., C.Q.M.S. Gibson and Cr.-Sgt. Shorter attended the annual dinner of the Medway Branch of the Past and Present Association, at Chatham, on November 2nd.

Sgt. Baker is at present on a Long Qualifying Course at the Small Arms School, Hythe, and L/Sgt. Baker is attending a Gym Course at Shorncliffe.

Congratulations to R.S.M. Potter, Sgt. Trice and Sgt. Crump on obtaining their 1st Class Educational Certificates.

We spent a very pleasant evening with the Corporals on the occasion of their "Smoker" on October 23rd, and also another with the Corporals of the 3rd Carabiniers at their "Smoker" held on October 31st.

Sgt. Eldridge arrived home from the 1st Battalion on November 11th, en route to civilian life, where we wish him every success in his new career.

The following are the results of the last two Whist Drives :—

October 22nd, 1929.—Ladies :—1st, Miss Petts ; 2nd, Miss Crouch ; 3rd, Mrs. Beasley. Gents :—1st, Miss Martin ; 2nd, Mrs. Summerford ; 3rd, Mr. Beasley.

November 5th, 1929.—Ladies :—1st, Mrs. Balamn ; 2nd, Mrs Rowe ; 3rd, Mrs Sayers Gents : —1st, Sgt. Larkin ; 2nd, Mr. Beasley ; 3rd, S.Q.M.S. Peck.

The members of the 3rd Carabiniers Sergeants' Mess held their first dance on November 8th, and we thank them for their kind invitation to a most enjoyable evening.

Hearty congratulations to C.Q.M.S. Gibson on being awarded the L.S. & G.C. Medal with gratuity.

By the time these notes are published Christmas will be near. We take this opportunity of wishing all Buffs—Past and Present—a Very Happy Christmas.

The Annual Shooting Competition of the Depot Staff for the "Eaton Cup" took place on November 21st, when the Sergeants' Mess Team once again proved that their musketry qualifications are as they should be—top.

R.S.M. Potter captained the team, the total score being 289 out of a possible 320.

The individual scores were :—L/Sgt. King 78, Sgt.-Cook Rowe 72, R.Q.M.S. Ings 70, and S.-I.-M. Trice 69.

L/Sgt. King's performance in obtaining two short of a possible deserves special mention, especially as in the four practices set there was one of snapshooting and one of rapid.

The remaining teams finished as follows :—Corporals 251, Officers 247, Trained Men "B" 238, Trained Men "A" 234.

On November 22nd the members of the Sergeants' Mess proceeded to Dover to attend the annual dinner of the Dover Branch of the Past and Present Association. The dinner was followed by a dance and we spent a very enjoyable evening.

Corporals' Mess.

This has been a very eventful month, both from the military point of view as well as socially.

In the first place we congratulate all those who obtained their First Class Certificates of Education, also those who passed the recent Promotion Examination to their next highest rank.

Secondly, we welcome three new members to the Mess, L/Cpls. Eley, Crane, and Arnell, who have been posted here for a tour of duty which we sincerely hope will be both happy and successful.

We held a Smoking Concert to welcome the Corporals of the 3rd Carabiniers, who have just been transferred to this station.

The attendance was exceptionally good and the "Turns" were plentiful and well chosen for such an occasion. The whole show proved a great success, owing to the guidance of R.S.M. Potter and work done generally by our own members.

The great feature of the evening was the keen competition between both regiments for superior talent, especially between the R.S.M.'s and C.S.M.'s of both parties.

In return we were entertained by our neighbours which also proved a huge success.

We paid tribute to the great work performed by Cpl. Kennedy in this Depot, by giving him a Smoker. C.S.M. Howard took the "Chair" on this occasion and everything went off to perfection.

Congratulations to Cpls. Kennedy, Drury and McBride on their recent promotions.

We regret the loss of L/Sgt. King to the Mess. His presence amongst us was always a real pleasure. Nevertheless, our only hope is to work hard and join hands again with him in the Sergeants' Mess.

We all tender our deepest sympathy to Cpl. Trinkwon and his family who are mourning the loss of his sister.

H.R.S.

Trained Men's Notes.

Now that the cold weather has set in our room gets quite full—everybody sprints to gain a chair near the fire—when everybody is seated we hear the same old remark "Have you heard this one ?"—then we all listen in.

Zander has been taking dancing lessons—his dancing instructor is Bottles. The floor fairly shakes when they start.

Zander goes over to Whitstable on Saturday, the 16th to fight Buller Foad in a six-round contest. We wish him the best of luck and sincerely hope he will not start singing "If you were meant for me and I was meant for you." I will let you know the result next month.

We congratulate L/Cpl. Arnell on his appointment. We welcome Drummer Smith to the Depot. He had only been here a couple of days when he played for The Depot against the Seaforth Highlanders. The Depot won this match—5–2.

We all wish our Hockey team every success in the Army Cup. Our first victory was against the East Surrey at Kingston-on-Thames, the result being a three clear goals victory for us.

The *Daily Express* gave a very thrilling account of the 2nd Battalion *v.* The R.A.S.C. in the Army Cup Round and judging by the remarks given by the Reporter, I can see the Battalion winning the Cup. We wish the team every success—and the Laurels go to L/Cpl. Marsden who scored all four goals. (Well done, "B" Company).

We have played Sandwich twice. On our ground we could only manage a draw ; at Sandwich we won by four goals to three.

A happy Christmas to all Buffs.

HEARD AT THE RECEPTION STATION.

M.O. to Recruit : "Any marks or scars ?"

Recruit : "Yes, Sir, I 've got one in my pocket" and went to get his scarf.

Approving Officer : "What was your mother before she married your father."

Recruit : "No, Sir—she was not my mother before she married my father.

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4th Battalion.

AS Christmas will be here and gone by the time our next Notes are printed, we would like to send our Christmas and New Year Greetings to all members of the Regiment, and wish them every success and happiness for 1930.

We must congratulate our Colonel on receiving the Territorial Decoration after many years of long and distinguished service with the Regiment and hope that he will remain at our head for many more moons to come—as we understand he is likely to receive another year's extension to Command. Also we must congratulate Colonel Burns on being elected a member of the Band of Brothers Cricket Club.

Thanks to the efforts of all companies we were able to supply a Guard of Honour to our Honorary Colonel, the Viscount Goschen, on his arrival at Folkestone from India on November 9th. He expressed his thanks on the spot to the Guard, saying how delighted he was to be received by his own Battalion after an absence of five and a half years in India, and also that he hoped to be able to visit the Battalion during Annual Training next January.

Arrival of Lord Goschen at Dover.

4th Battalion The Buffs—Guard of Honour. *Halksworth Wheeler, Folkestone*

" before Christmas " season, neither of which can be found on the Calendar, but which nevertheless play an influential part in the life of The Weald. Recruits who expressed a desire to enlist during the first season doubt if they can face the ordeal until after the second; the new P.S. Instructor's house on the " Square " which was promised to be ready for occupation in the early part of the first, has a grave doubt as to whether it will receive its " warming " until well into the second; the new heating system in the Drill Hall which has been noticeably absent during the latter part of the first, will be even more so throughout the second unless a benevolent Association bestirs itself; and so on....., but in spite of all this the proverbial good humour of the " Farmer's boy " asserts itself and we continue to make history in a quiet way.

The Annual Company Church Parade was held at Horsmonden on Armistice Sunday and despite the bad weather a creditable number assembled and were well turned out.

and giving me a touch of khaki paint, and splashing it wiv mud, which I didn't like—he said it was so the enemy shouldn't see me, which I didn't believe—and using 'orrible language about the war, when up came our orficer and 'e says: ' I've got a job for you to-day. You're to go up to ' Hooge Crater ' and try and stop Jerry's ration parties.'

Well, I groused to meself about it, 'cause it seemed as if I was the only bloke in the perishing battery they 'ad for this game—yet, I was known not to be in good 'ealth, but at the same time, I wasn't going to get shot for refusing to obey an order, so up I went.

We are indebted to Major Field and the Depot for taking thirteen of our N.C.O.'s, mostly juniors, under their wing for a fortnight's course of Weapon Training and Section Leading.

After a long and weary journey we are glad to hear the Depot succeeded in defeating the Depot of the East Surrey Regiment at

very impressive parade down the Road of Remembrance at Folkestone. This Road of Remembrance will be remembered to many Buffs as the road leading from the Rest Camps on The Leas at Folkestone to the harbour. On the morning of Armistice Day the Dover Detachment was represented at the War Memorial Service by Lieut. Sherwood, C.S.M. Maskell, C.Q.M.S. Doe and Drummer Young. A wreath in memory of our Fallen Comrades, on behalf of "D" Company, was placed on the War Memorial immediately after the Two Minutes' Silence and Drummer Young, on behalf

I was in the line four days when the gunner I 'ad wiv me said as 'ow, if 'e didn't get me 'ome I'd fall to bits; so orf me and 'im started. Blimey—that Menin Road haunts me inside out. My gunner's name was 'Sprucer' and he was a proper one. He wouldn't let me do a thing in the line—oh, 'e used to get the wind up—'e would bury the ammo' in a shell 'ole, and when we came out would tell the orficer I 'ad killed 'undreds of Jerrys and blown up trains and all that sort of thing—they always believed 'Sprucer'—'im and me were great pals.

As we went along the road we started rocking over the 'oles and bumps, so as to get 'ome quickly—you know what I mean. Then we 'ad to slow down 'cause the road started getting blocked. There was ambulance lorries, any amount of my mates, limbers, ammo' columns, 'undreds upon 'undreds of Tommies cursing and blinding 'cause they couldn't get along, falling into 'oles, coming out again smothered in mud, bumping into ammunition mules in the dark and shouting, 'Who the 'ell are you?' whilst the old mules lashed out just to let 'em know. Oh, it was a blooming night. It wouldn't 'ave been too bad only Jerry started slinging 'em along the road. First—a blinking Whizz Bang battered in me nose—I mean my nozzle—which made poor old 'Sprucer' cry. 'We'll have to get a move on,' said 'Sprucer,' and away we went 'ell for leather until we got just past 'Hell Fire Corner,' where we are now, when I said to 'Sprucer,' ''ear it coming?'

'Yes!' answered 'Sprucer,' and the words 'ad 'ardly left 'is mouth when the blighter came on us like an earthquake. I shouted for my pal, 'Sprucer'—'e was dead: blown to atoms. I lingered on until the morning when I snuffed it as well. Then a fatigue party from the Labour Corps came up and swore at me for being in the middle of the road—as if I could 'elp it. They got out picks and shovels and turned me up-side down into this heap of ruin. I 'ad to tell yer about it—I'm all that's left of No. 4 Gun of The —— Division."

"Good night, mate," said Nobby—"I can quite understand 'ow it as upset yer."

"Yus, Nobby," replied Blinder—"its Christmas Morning, and the story that old gun told me I'll never forget. The Church Bells will soon be ringing, and people at 'ome that ain't tasted war will be feasting; whilst me and you will be trudging along the Menin Road shouting—Mind that B—— shell-hole, yet falling in it. When will this perishing war end?"

"When we've all gone the same way as the old gun," replied Nobby.

As the Battalion passed through "Pop" on its way to the station to entrain for the line, it passed the church which was all in darkness externally, yet from inside came out the strains of joyfulness:

"Oh, Come all ye angels,
Oh, Come let us adore Him."

Blinder looked at Nobby—they listened—they passed on—towards the Menin Road.

J.E.

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Officers.

REGULAR ARMY.

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

Capt. D. A. Wilkins, M.B.E., The Buffs, to be Adjt., (attd. to Gen. Staff), Belfast Univ. Contgt., Offrs. Trg. Corps (Oct. 1st).

Lieut. E. A. Airy is secd. for serv. with the R.A.F. (Oct. 1st).

Capt. D. A. Wilkins, M.B.E., is secd. for serv. on the Staff (Oct. 1st); Capt. R. B. Sandilands, M.C., is restd. to the estabt. (Oct. 1st).

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

The King has conferred the Territorial Decoration upon the undermentioned Officer, under the terms of the Royal Warrant dated Oct. 13th, 1920:—

4TH BN. THE BUFFS.—Lt.-Col. (Bt. Col.) E. B. Burns.

1st Battalion.

BOYS—AGE.

6283328 Boy F. Satterly, "H.Q.," attained the age of 18 years on 27–9–29.

6283492 Boy D. Butler, "H.Q.," attained the age of 18 years on 3–10–29.

TRANSFER—DECREASE.

6282780 Pte. (L/Cpl.) F. Hodges, "H.Q.," transferred to R.A.M.C. under para. 298 and 299 King's Regulations w.e.f. 16–5–29. (Authy: O. i/c. R.A.M.C. Records letter No. C.R./26843/A.2 dated 11–9–29).

EXAMINATION—RESULT OF.

6283091 Pte. A. Brittain, "C" and 6282862 Pte. N. Yard, "D," qualified in Victualling Duties at an examination held at Bareilly on 1–9–29. (Authy:—Certificate I.A.F.X. 1843 dated 2–9–29.)

EXTENSION OF SERVICE.

731869 Pte. F. A. Marsh, "H.Q.," extended his term of service to complete 12 years with the Colours, 11–9–29. (Authy:—O. i/c. Records letter dated 11–9–29.)

STRENGTH—DECREASE.

6281588 Pte. R. Dixon, "H.Q.," transferred to the I.U.L. (Signals) in the rank of Signalman for employment with "T" Coy. Indian Signal Corps, under the provisions of A.I. (I) 398 of 1925 and I.A.O. 476 of 1925 on 11–9–29. Held supernumerary to establishment.

APPOINTMENTS.

6282479 Pte. G. Spencer, "D," 6282451 Pte. H. Davis, "D," 6282342 Pte. N. Senior, "D," and 6283480 Pte. J. Causer, "D," appointed Unpaid L/Cpls. w.e.f. 9–10–29. (Authy:—8th (Bareilly) Inf. Bde. No. 0342/19/A dated 4–1–28)

6281867 Pt. C. Fullwood, "C," appointed Paid Acting Sergeant with effect from 15–9–29 vice P/A/Sgt. Whiting reverted.

(Republished from Part II. Orders of I.U.L. (Indian Corps of Clerks), dated 8–10–29.)

The Depot.

RECRUITS.

Attested as shewn:—

Recruits C. C. A. Rose, 17–10–29; J. W. Ballard, 17–10–29; A. Carrington, 15–10–29; W. R. Evans, 15–10–29; E. N. Ridge, 14–10–29; R. F. Butler, 14–10–29; E. Stupple, 19–10–29; C. H. Palmer, 17–10–29; J. Pearce, 17–10–29; C. Burgess, 23–10–29; F. May, 21–10–29; W. R. Skinner, 25–10–29; J. R. Pearson, 25–10–29; H. W. Savage, 28–10–29; R. Oliver, 28–10–29; F. G. Solley, 31–10–29; J. W. Seaword, 9–11–29; F. Deal, 15–11–29.

STRENGTH—DECREASE.

6284194 Pte. R. J. Harlow, "K," 6284195 Pte. H. J. Harlow, "K" and 6284208 Pte. A. H. Wood, "K," posted to 2nd Bn. The Buffs, 21–10–29.

The undermentioned proceeded to Aldershot to join the 2nd Battalion, The Buffs, 2–11–29.:—

6539390 Pte. A. Norris, 6284197 Pte. B. W. Roberts, 6284200 Pte. C. F. Newell, 6284202 Pte. G. A. Coote, 6284206 Pte. G. E. Richards, 6284209 Pte. C. A. W. Newall, 6284213 Pte. W. Jones, 6284215 Pte. J. Smith, 6284222 Pte. R. Davy, 6284224 Pte. C. A. H. Johnson, 6284171 Pte. S. V. Baker, 6284196 Pte. R. H. Thompson, 6284201 Pte. T. W. Ryalls, 6284204 Pte. L. J. Waple, 6284203 Pte. E. J. Edwards, 6284207 Pte. G. Jamieson, 6284217 Pte. J. C. O'Keefe, 6284216 Pte. F. O'Shea, 6284210 Pte. J. J. Honeybunn, 6284223 Pte. W. H. Hughes, 6284221 Pte. J. G. Deville.

6278733 L/Sgt. A. C. Allen, re-posted to 2nd Battalion on completion of tour of duty, 4–11–29.

5718152 Cpl. A. Kennedy, re-posted to 2nd Bn. The Buffs on promotion, 13–11–29.

POSTINGS.

6281192 L/Cpl. W. Eley and 6278732 Dmr. F. Smith, posted to Depot for a tour of duty, 8–11–29.

6283096 L/Cpl. P. Crane, posted to Depot for a tour of duty, 7-11-29

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

6282300 Cpl. G. A. King, appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant, 4–11–29.
5718152 L/Cpl. A. Kennedy, promoted Corporal, 9–10–29.
6283117 L/Cpl. F. Drury, promoted Corporal, 28–10–29.
6283383 L/Cpl. W. McBride, promoted Corporal, 6–11–29.
6282681 Pte. D. Arnell, appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 9–10–29.
6280191 L/Sgt. G. Eldridge, promoted Sergeant, 14–10–29.

EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.

6278118 R.S.M. F. W. Potter, 6278747 Sgt. H. T. Crump, 6278518 Sgt. A. Trice*, 6282802 Cpl. A. Yates and 6282945 Cpl. H. R. Sirett, awarded 1st Class Certificate of Education, at an examination held at Canterbury in October, 1929. Date of certificate, 9–10–29.

*Distinguished in MATHEMATICS.

LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL.

6279153 C.Q.M.S. A. Gibson, awarded Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. (Authy. List of Awards issued with Army Orders for October, 1929). The award is with gratuity.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

5764956 Pte. H. Townend (1st Bn. The Buffs), disembarked at Southampton, ex-H.T. *Dorsetshire*, accompanied by family, 4–11–29.

6282425 Pte. F. Munday, 750519 Pte. E. Relf (1st Bn. The Buffs), disembarked at Southampton ex-H.T. *Dorsetshire*, 4–11–29.

DISCHARGES.

2214591 Pte. B. Matcham, "S.A.," discharged under para. 370 (vi) (*a*) K.R.'s, 15–10–29.

6769184 Pte. G. Archer, "K," discharged under para. 370 (v) (*a*) (*b*), K.R.'s, 28–10–29.

4th Battalion.

ENLISTMENTS.

The undermentioned recruits having joined the Battalion are taken on the strength and posted to Companies as shown :—

6284305 Pte. A. Austen, "B" (C), 15–10–29 ; 6284307 Pte. W. Bolitho, "A" (M), 24–9–29 ; 6284304 Boy A. Cork, "B" (C), 15–10–29 ; 6284306 Pte. G. Cousins, "A" (M), 20–9–29 ; 6284303 Pte. J. Cox, "B" (C), 15–10–29 ; 6284308 Pte. A. Marriott, "A" (R), 16–10–29 ; 1048730 Pte. J. Birch, "A" (H.B.), 14–10–29 ; 6284309 Pte. A. Harris, "A" (R), 19–10–29.

PROMOTION AND APPOINTMENT.

6278023 Cpl. E. Ditton, "C," (T), promoted Sergeant, 13–10–29; and appointed Sgt.-Cook, 13–10–29.

RE-ENGAGEMENTS.

6282616 Cpl. J. Wells, "A" (H.B.), re-engaged for one year on 12–11–29.
6280544 Pte. W. Bishop, "C" (C), re-engaged for 3 years, 5–11–29.
6280820 Pte. G. Butler, "C" (C), re-engaged for 4 years, 22–11–29.
6280569 Sgt. W. Cooper, "C" (C), re-engaged for 1 year, 13–11–29.
6283028 Pte. P. Day, "B" (C), re-engaged for 4 years, 10–11–29.
6283031 Pte. A. Penfold, "C" (C), re-engaged for 1 year, 30–11–29.
6283308 L/Cpl. A. Pennels, "C" (C), re-engaged for 4 years, 16–4–30.
6283216 Pte. A. Richardson, "B," (C), re-engaged for 2 years, 22–2–30.
6283038 Pte. C. Withey, "D" (F), re-engaged for 4 years, 21–11–29.

DISCHARGES.

6283026 Pte. H. Allen, "A" (S), discharged on termination of Engagement, 24–10–29.
6278004 Cpl. F. Ashby, "A" (R), discharged under Para. 199.6 (*a*), T.A. Regs. 1929, 24–10–29.
6282644 Cpl. P. Kearney, "A" (H.B.), discharged under Para. 199–6 (*a*) T.A. Regs. 1929, 24–10–29.
6283009 Pte. R. Hampshire, "B" (S), discharged on Termination of Engagement, 21–10–29.
6280512 Sgt. W. Miles (Cook), "B" (C), discharged on Termination of Engagement, 12–10–29.
6283018 Pte. H. Moat, "A" (S), discharged on Termination of Engagement, 14–10–29.
6280682 Cpl. R. Roberts, "B" (C), discharged on Termination of Engagement, 14–10–29.
6283007 Pte. R. Smith, "C" (C), discharged on Termination of Engagement, 13–10–29.
6283002 Pte. A. Brooks, "C" (H.K.) discharged on Termination of Engagement, 12–10–29.
6284033 Pte. E. Elliott, "A," (R), discharged under Para. 199.3 T.A. Regs., 1929, 9–11–29.
6283025 Pte. M. Hook, "C" (H.K.) discharged on Termination of Engagement, 8–11–29.
6283040 L/Cpl. E. Smith, "D," (F), discharged on Termination of Engagement, 16–11–29.
6283647 Pte. F. Solley, "D," (D), discharged, having joined Reg. Army (The Buffs), 30–10–29.
6283016 Pte. N. Tondall, "C" (H.K.), discharged on Termination of Engagement, 2–11–29.

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