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OF

THE QUEEN'S OWN (ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT).

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

1ST BATTALION.

Promoted Corporal, Lce.-Corpls. Harrison, 3rd Dec., and R. Page, 4th Dec., 1903.

Appointed Lance-Corporal, Ptes. E. King, 4th Dec., E. Sawyer, 19th Dec.

2ND BATTALION.

Promoted Sergeant, Lce.-Sergts. E. Eley, 20th Oct, W. Wallon, 9th Nov., A. Squires, 9th Nov., C. Pope, 20th Nov.

Appointed Lance-Sergeant, Corpls. H. Chatfield, 20th Oct., C. Stringer, 9th Nov., T. Barrett, 9th Nov.

Promoted Corporal, Lce.-Corpls. P. Vincent, 20th Oct., S. Joyce, 5th Nov., A. Jacobs, 9th Nov., J. Boldy, 9th Nov., G. Julyan, 9th Nov., J. Sheen, 28th Nov.

Appointed Lance-Corporal, Ptes. F. Ibbotson and F. Morris, 20th Oct.; J. Purdy, 26th Oct., W. Davies, 6th Nov., J. Connolly and A. Bonfield, 14th Nov.

DEPOT.

Promoted Sergeant, Corpl. A. Bellion, 11th Dec., 1903.

Promoted Corporal, Lce.-Corpls. T. Dixon, 2nd Dec., and T. Cassidy, 11th Dec., 1903.

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I must ask you to forgive me for the lack of correspondence this month, as the 1st Batt. Correspondent has gone away on six weeks' well-earned leave, and the Q.O.G. has consequently fallen into less able hands.

We have been very busy preparing a draft for the 2nd Battalion, and on the 7th December, 3 Officers, and 179

N.C.O.'s and Men were dispatched to Southampton for embarkation on the hired Transport "Dilwara." The Officers who accompanied the Draft were Lieuts. Elgood and Pullman, and 2nd Lieut. Paget, the latter now being posted to the 2nd Battalion.

There has been very little going on in the Sports line, owing chiefly to the bad weather.

Our last venture in the hockey line was not too successful, as we suffered defeat at the hands of the 2nd Royal Sussex Regiment by two goals to love. Pte. Dufoy, our goal keeper, played excellently, as did also Lieut. Dunlop; 2nd Lieut. Brock at back, and 2nd Lieut. Phillips at centre-half. Our forwards were weak, and showed a lack of combination. Only twice was the Sussex goal in danger, and then we failed to score.

The football team is now on furlough, and consequently there have been no matches during the month, but early in February the Company Shield is to be played for, and as far as I can learn there will be great difficulty in spotting the winner.

I have just had the pleasure of going round the Xmas Dinners, and although the majority of the men are away, those remaining have the fortune to sit down to an excellent dinner, amidst comfortable surroundings. This year very few companies have decorated their rooms, and I must congratulate D Company on their decorations, which were excellent, and only show that those who were entrusted with this all important task, had taken great trouble to achieve such an excellent result. Amongst the other Companies deserving praise were C and F Companies, who had decorated their rooms tastefully, but on a less elaborate scale.

We are now short of officers, the following being on leave:—Captains Hotham, Burt, O'Dowda, Lieuts. Buchanan, Dunlop, Lynch-White, and 2nd Lieuts. Phillips and Waring, also a number of officers have gone on a few days Xmas leave.

Colonel Harrison rejoined us on the 30th of last month, which was a great pleasure to us all, and we only regret that his stay will probably be a very short one.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Colonel Bayly during the month, and we hope many other officers connected with the Regiment will shortly pay us a visit.

The East Kent Hunt Ball took place at the Hotel Metropole on the 10th December, and the Regiment was well represented, no fewer than eleven officers being present.

Attached you will find accounts of Sergeants' Smoker and Shooting Competitions.

I must now conclude, wishing you, from the Battalion, a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

QUEEN VICTORIA CUP.

The shoot in the above competition took place at Hythe on the 25th November, 1903, but the shooting was not of a very high standard, owing mostly to the very unfavourable weather, also the shoot took place far too late in the year, and an average of only 83.5 was obtained, this was not good enough when compared with the score made by several members of the team in the practice shoots. Below will be found the names, and the scores made by the team, also the scores and average of all the shoots.

	200	500	600	Total.
Sergt. Brown	31	33	28	92
Clr.-Sergt. Colyer	29	32	29	90
Clr.-Sergt. Kill	31	27	29	87
Pte. Stewart.....	29	28	28	85
S.I.M. Dark.....	26	27	29	85
Sergt. Nicholson	25	28	26	79
Pte. Chapman	23	26	28	77
Clr.-Sergt. Murphy	26	26	24	76
Average	83.5			

SCORES AND AVERAGE OF THE TEAM.

	Average.
Clr.-Sergt. Colyer ... 90 94 61 95 96 90 90	92.28
Clr.-Sergt. Kill	90
Lce.-Sergt. Selves ... 74 91 95 88 91 89	88
Sergt. Brown	85.62
S.I.M. Dark.....	85.57
Pte. Chapman	84.71
Clr.-Sergt. Murphy... 86 79 82 88 90 85 87 76	84.12
Pte. Stewart.....	83.75
Sergt. Button	82.5
Sergt. Nicholson..... 75 84 74 80 88 84 79	80.57
Sergt. Firman	79.25
Sergt. Osborne..... 86 70 82 79 74	78.2

SERGEANTS' RECREATION CLUB.

On the night of the 19th ult., in connection with the above, the first of the season's dances was given. In spite of the inclemency of the weather there was an excellent attendance of visitors. Dancing commenced at 9 p.m., and was continued with evident pleasure until the small hours of the following morning. The Drill Shed was converted into a Ball Room, and the manner in which it was decorated together with the general arrangements of the dance, reflect great credit on the Working Committee, headed by Qr. Mstr.-Sergt. Cover.

This is the Convivial Season, and "D" Company's festivities in connection therewith deserve special mention.

Most of the Company being away, either on furlough or pass, the remainder prepared to spend Xmas in the old-fashioned way, and, to complete the illusion, profusely decorated the room under the supervision and active assistance of Lce.-Corpl. E. Turner. Chains of gaily colored paper were artistically arranged from one cross beam to another, the whole roof being practically invisible, save through a nimbus of color, while door and windows were embellished with evergreen, interspersed with paper roses and other artificial floral decorations, producing a peculiarly pretty effect. The beds were *pour a present* arranged to represent couches, their utility being very much "en evidence" afterwards, while blankets were draped from the shelves, thus giving a cosy appearance to the room. Mottoes were freely displayed, foremost being one, suspended near the centre of the room, wishing "Long life and happiness to Col. and Mrs. Harrison," "Long life and good luck to our Captain" (Capt. Pedley), "Success to both our Lieutenants," "A Merry Xmas to our Col.-Sergt.," "Good luck to the 'Queen's Own' in India," ditto in Somaliland and last, but not least, a shield of bayonets suspended over the door, with the motto "Invicta," underneath. Altogether the room was a triumph of color, the oriental blaze of colored paper, etc., chastened yet harmoniously blending with the more sober decorations of Old England.

The table was tastefully laid, and almost groined under the weight of good cheer, Turkeys, Geese, Beef, and Plum Pudding in galore washed down in the old English fashion with a plentiful supply of beer (aerated waters being provided for those who preferred them), while there was a plentiful assortment of fruit, nuts, etc., for those who

appreciate dessert. The cook excelled himself, and "D" Coy.—alas, all that were left of them—did ample justice to the good things provided.

Major Annesley, D.S.O., for the Colonel, accompanied by Lieut. and Adj. Annesley, the Orderly Officer, and Sergt.-Major, paid the customary visit, and tactfully alluding to past Xmas, congratulated the Coy. on the appearance of the room, concluding with a wish for the happiness of all this festive season.

Three cheers were heartily given for the Colonel, and on Major Annesley giving us the lead, three cheers were enthusiastically given for Mrs. Harrison, also for Major Annesley; our Captain and Col. Sergt. After dining—not wisely, but too well—the tables were cleared, and the diners prepared to spend the remainder of the day in harmony with the surroundings.

To some of us, accustomed to an old fashioned Xmas in civil life, Xmas Day, 1903, in the Barrack Room of No. 3 Section, D Company, 1st, The "Queen's Own," Shorncliffe, will long be a pleasing memory.

D COMPANY CORRESPONDENT.

1ST BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

Lce.-Corpls. A. Klein and J. Keyte have been awarded a Pioneer-Sergeant's Certificate at School of Military Engineering, Chatham.

Pte. H. Robinson has been granted a certificate as cold shoer.

The undermentioned have been transferred to the Army Reserve —Corpls. L. Moir, G. Verrall, F. Taylor; Ptes. W. Kelcher, C. Culver, S. Cheeseman, J. Jarvis, W. Bawblett, W. Robinson, E. Hilton, W. Harden, J. Pitcher, F. Gorham, F. Angel, J. Sims.

Boy R. Bowell has been awarded a certificate from Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall.

1st class Certificates of Education have been gained by the undermentioned:—Lce.-Corpls. T. Lewis, F. James; Lce.-Sergt. G. Harris; Corpl. R. Harrison.

2nd class:—Lce.-Corpls. E. Turner, O. Bond, A. Ayres, F. Simmons, G. Press; Ptes. W. Jones, G. Reeves; Boy A. Rogers.

2nd BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

COLOMBO, DECEMBER 31st, 1903.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The following is, I admit, a trifle extraordinary, but is perfectly true, and as you are asking for "copy," I trust you will not consider it a trespass on the ordinary routine.

"A MIRACLE AS IT IS SEEN IN CEYLON."

Not having anything better to do last Boxing Day, I accordingly set out for a place called Mount Lavinia, about eight miles distant from Colombo; why it is called "Mount" I really don't know, as there is no Mount of any kind in the vicinity; the reason probably is, as a Ceylonese told me, it sounds fashionable.

The walk led me to a small village about four miles from Colombo, where I came across a Native Missionary preaching to a mixed crowd in English. I would have passed on without any further notice, but he was just starting on a Sermon, the subject of which attracted my attention, *i.e.*, "Do unto others as thou would'st others do unto you." He said the reason he had chosen that text was because he heard a man remark a few days previously, "these Missionaries are always preaching precepts they never put into practice." As far as he (the preacher) was concerned he practised what he preached (quite a curio) I've no intention to weary readers with the sermon, but an incident that followed. After he had finished his sermon he exhorted his audience to become Christians, and walk on the right path, at the same time telling them of all the miracles and good things that would come to them if they did so.

A nondescript amongst the audience, who affected a pair of boots, a hat, and a pair of unmentionables, made himself particularly and conspicuously obnoxious with interruptions, which the preacher, with Christian-like forbearance, took all in good part, till, I suppose, his stock of patience was being exhausted, when he demanded of his tormentor, "What is it you want of me?" The nondescript thus cornered, replied, "If you can tell me of any great deed or miracle which is convincing, I might believe all you say." Thereupon the preacher began by telling the story of the Saviour and the sixty disciples when in the wilderness, meaning, I suppose, to tell how the sixty were miraculously

kept fed on one loaf of bread. The Missionary must have got excited, or flurried, for the following is the manner he told the story :—" You will recollect that our Lord was in the Wilderness with a disciple, and having sixty loaves of bread ; now that disciple had to be fed ; now the Lord kept him fed on the sixty loaves of bread, of which he made him eat," finishing up with an appeal to his listeners, whether they could not see the magnitude of the miracle. The nondescript, however, could not see the miracle, and he said so. The preacher by this time must have seen his mistake, for he replied, quite unabashed, " You don't see the miracle, don't you ? " My good man, do you think *you*, or any other person *could eat 60 loaves of bread ?* "

T.S.E.

2ND BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

Corpl. H. Iliffe has been awarded an Acting Schoolmaster's certificate.

2nd class Certificates of Education have been gained by the undernamed :—Sergt. E. Gulliver ; Corpl. Meale ; Lee.-Corpls. R. Humphreys, F. King, S. Mills, W. Mills, T. Ventham ; Ptes. W. Carrington, H. Earl, G. Hatton, T. Long, J. Moore, G. Ridley.

3rd Class :—Corpl. F. Emmerson ; Lee.-Corpls. H. Cousins, W. Freeman, C. Thurling ; Ptes. A. Frost, J. Watts, C. Hadaway, H. North.

Ptes. A. Barker and W. Sandwell have been appointed drummers.

Bandmaster T. McKelvey has been permitted to continue in the service beyond 21 years.

Col.-Sergt. E. Bullock, Corpl. S. Joyce and Pte E. Thom have each re-engaged to complete 21 years' service.

Corpl. J. Teer and Pte. A. Jones have extended their service to complete 12 years.

The following has been received from the editor, the "Times" History of the War in South Africa, he having asked for any information that could be obtained to assist him in compiling details of the operations of the VIII. Division. and the column with which the 2nd Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment operated :—

12/12/1903.

DEAR SIR,

I beg to acknowledge with thanks your letter of yesterday's date, and also to express my gratitude to you for having sent me the small pamphlet with regard to the Queen's Own. I am sure it will be of the greatest help to me, and I hasten to express my best thanks.

Yours truly,

HENRY JAMES.

From "Spectator," December 12th, 1903.

IN MEMORIAM.

ERIC LUARD, WEST KENT REGIMENT.

(Died of fever in Somaliland, November 13th, 1903).

No triumph-hour of death for him
In the wild rapture of the fray ;
Only to watch as sad and dim
To darkness waned his latest day ;

Dreaming, maybe, he heard once more
The pine trees whisper round his home,
Or saw on that dear distant shore
The wavelets break in silvery foam.

What land remote, what furthest sky,
By rise or set of sun, but knows
How Britain's hero-children lie
'Neath Tropic sands or Arctic snows !

And some the flag of Empire bore,
And some were eager in the quest
Of jealous Nature's guarded lore,
And some a passionate unrest

Urged from the settled ways of peace :
With them what hopes were lost ! and yet
'Tis thus the fruitful years increase,
'Tis thus the bounds are wider set

Of civil rule and right. The way
Is smother when their feet have trod,
Still moving towards the golden day,
The vanguard of the host of God.

ALFRED J. CHURCH.

DEPOT FOOTBALL.

December was not a busy month as far as football was concerned; only four matches were played.

On December 2nd we played a friendly match v. Malling, beating them after a pleasant game by 3 goals to 2.

December 5th was the date fixed for the first round of the Hospital Charity Cup. Our opponents were the Springfield F.C. The match was played on the Postley Fields, and resulted in a draw. The loss of Dr. Sweeney, who is not qualified to play in the Charity Cup Competition, greatly weakened our attack.

December 12th, v. Holmesdale.—We were unfortunately not able to take our full team to Sevenoaks for this match, which was played in a stiff breeze, and resulted in a win for our opponents by 6 goals to 2.

On December 16th we were visited by the A.S.C., Chatham. The match was a good one, both sides playing hard. The visiting team certainly had the worst of the luck, and a very interesting game ended in a win for them by 3 to 2.

We started the new year by paying a visit to Tunbridge Wells on January 6th, and were beaten after a poor game by 5 goals to 2, the ground being a perfect quagmire.

DEPOT INTELLIGENCE.

Sergt. A. Bellion promoted from Corpl., has been appointed Orderly Room Sergeant.

Pte. W. French granted 2d. Good Conduct Pay, 2nd Nov., and Pte. G. Finnis granted 3d. Good Conduct Pay.

Ptes. R. J. Bond, W. French and C. Wood have been transferred to the Army Reserve.

Acting Sgt.-Major C. Maynard, 1st V.B., has been discharged to pension after 33 years' service. His successor is Col.-Sergt. A. Wood from the 2nd Battalion.

1st VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

The annual dinner and distribution of prizes to the Tunbridge Wells Volunteers took place at the Friendly Societies' Hall on December 16th. Some 200 scarlet-coated Volunteers dined, together with their blue-coated comrades of the cycling corps. Here and there a Regular or a Yeoman was seated. Their presence was welcomed.

Major A. T. Simpson presided, and Quarter-master Sergt. E. Hickmott occupied the vice-chair. The Chairman was supported by Colonel Henderson, Lieut.-Colonel Stanley Williams, Surgeon-Captain Vise, Captain Horace Beeching, Captain Waterlow, Mr. W. C. Cripps, Lieut. Eggington, Lieut. Harriss, Lieut. Carlisle, and Lieut. C. H. Cripps.

After the loyal toasts had been honoured, Lieut.-Colonel Stanley Williams proposed the toast of the "D, E, and L Companies," and in doing so said it gave him great pleasure to be once more amongst them. There were many new faces in the companies since he commanded them, but he noticed many old faces at the other end of the table. He was glad to see them. It was absolutely necessary that they should have capable officers, and he thanked the officers of the Battalion for the trouble they had taken in making the Companies as efficient as any in the Battalion. Of course the officers had had to look to the non-commissioned officers to help them, otherwise he was afraid the men would never be efficient. Therefore, he asked the non-commissioned officers to continue to perform their excellent duties. Indeed, he earnestly appealed to the non-commissioned officers to do all they possibly could, on parade and off parade, to help the recruits and everyone in the companies. In Tunbridge Wells they were passing through critical times for recruits. During the war fever, some time ago they could get plenty of recruits, but that had not been their experience this year. It was necessary they should have them, and they looked to the non-commissioned officers to help them to fill their ranks. They were well in touch with their fellow men and citizens, and could get the right sort of men they wanted. One point he was anxious to get thoroughly established in the Battalion, was that the whole of their commanders should take a very great interest in their sections. He wanted every section commander to be a sort of godfather to his men. The Colonel said he wished particularly to thank the Sergeant-Major for all he had done for the Battalion during the time he had been there. (Applause). No one ever joined the Companies who did not always look upon the Sergeant-Major as their friend, and he was perfectly certain that during the whole time he had been there he had never made an enemy. (Applause). He coupled with the toast the name of Major Simpson.

The toast was enthusiastically drunk with musical honours.

Major A. T. Simpson having thanked the Colonel for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast, said he had had the great privilege of commanding the detachment for something like fifteen years, and he ventured to hope he might continue to hold that position for many more. (Applause).

In the absence of the Mayor, Lieut.-Colonel Stanley Williams distributed the prizes.

Colonel Henderson proposed the health of Sergt.-Major Maynard. He said while it gave him the greatest pleasure to do so, he could not help a feeling of regret, which he was sure they all shared, that that was the last occasion on which their Sergt.-Major would be there officially, but they sincerely hoped he would be there on many occasions after his retirement. (Applause). The Sergt.-Major had been the friend of everyone. He (the Colonel) knew how well he had identified himself in every way with them; how he had worked for them, and had done all he possibly could to advance the interests of the Battalion. He who succeeded him would have to be an exceptionally good man. (Applause). The toast was accorded musical honours.

Sergt.-Major Maynard, in the course of a neat reply stated he had occupied the post for ten years, and would retire next month. He hoped the detachment would go on and increase in efficiency.

Captain Waterlow tendered the toast of "The Prize Donors and Subscribers" in appreciative terms, and Mr. Cripps replied.

The following appears on the programme :—

- 1.—Where is the "Valiant Sailor?" (Ask the Drums or the Stretcher Bearers).
- 2.—Who was the Corporal that slept so soundly that he had to be pulled out of bed by the Sergt.-Major?
- 3.—When does the Sergt.-Major draw his sword?—See p. 276, "Infantry Training"—(*i.e.*, from the man who borrowed it).
- 4.—When does the Sergt.-Drummer DRAW *his* sword? (At present he has only got a tin 'un).
- 5.—If it entails the expenditure of 1s. to ensure becoming a marksman, how much does it cost a man to make the highest score in the detachment?

6.—Is there any truth in the rumour that an infectious disease has broken out in D and E Companies, and that the members of a certain section of this detachment are afraid of contamination?

7.—Who gives the most trouble on the range: the men who can shoot, or the men who can't?

8.—Does any Q.-M.-Sergt. in the Service know more about "dead 'uns" (*and other things*), than our Ted?

9.—What is wrong with this detachment?

10.—When will it wake up, and again take its old place as the smartest and *strongest* in the battalion?

2nd VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

A children's party was given in the sergeants' mess on Monday, 28th December, a company of about seventy little folks having an enjoyable time. Tea at 5 o'clock was followed by an exhibition of conjuring by Mr. Batch, of Catford, and games were indulged in to the general delight. Punch and Judy were exhibited also by Mr. Batch, who succeeded in keeping everyone in roars of laughter—the "Old Babies" enjoying the show quite as much as, if not more than, the little ones. Mr. W. Lashbrooke gave some selections on his excellent gramophone. The party broke up about 10 p.m., each child receiving a toy before leaving for home. The funds for this entertainment and tea are provided by the generosity of the members of the sergeants' mess and their friends. Efficient help was given during the evening by the wives of several of the sergeants and the sergeants themselves.

On Tuesday a "sucking pig" supper was given in the sergeants' mess, the pig being presented by the younger son of Sergt.-Instr. G. Church. The necessary arrangements were made by Mr. W. H. Gomer (himself an old sergeant of the battalion) and the hon. secretary of the mess (Sergt. A. Kilch). Supper, to which about thirty sat down, was followed by a "smoker," Sergt.-Major Lalley proving himself an able chairman in both instances. The enjoyment of the evening was enhanced by the songs of Sergt.-Major Lalley, Sergts. Jaffray, Barnes, Brewster, and Kilon, Messrs. Hollom, Leach, Harby, A. Curd, Curnow, &c. Mr. Willoughby was an efficient pianist.

EMIGRANTS' INFORMATION.

Notwithstanding the very large number of farm labourers that arrived in CANADA during last season, there was a deficiency of labour all over the country, and there is likely to be a scarcity during the present year also. Of late the difficulty of obtaining labour in Eastern Canada, especially in Ontario, has induced the farmers to engage before the opening of spring the help which they will require, but the ordinary emigrant from this country should not arrive before the end of March.

No persons are now allowed to land in CAPE COLONY unless they have secured definite employment in the Colony, and possess £20 on arrival. The labour market is overstocked owing to the large number of new arrivals, and a great many mechanics and labourers are unable to obtain work. There is therefore now no opening for mechanics in the building or other trades, and all persons are warned against going at the present time, unless they go out to situations engaged for them, or have means of their own sufficient to keep them for some months. But in any case there is no opening for indifferent workmen.

Cases have recently come to the notice of the Emigrants' Information Office of emigrants to NATAL and other parts of South Africa being deceived by extravagant promises of advantages held out by interested persons or syndicates; intending emigrants are strongly advised to obtain trustworthy information with regard to the Colony to which they propose to go by communicating with the Emigrants' Information Office, 31, Broadway, Westminster, S.W., or with the Agent-General for the Cape, 98, Victoria Street, London, S.W., or with the Agent-General for Natal, 26, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

Nominated third-class passages to Natal at £5 5s. for adults, £2 12s. 6d. for children from 3 to 12 years, are granted (*on application only* from British subjects residing in Natal, to the Secretary, European Immigration Department, Natal) to the following classes *provided* that they have not previously resided in any place in South Africa, viz., to wives and families (exclusive of male children above 16 years), or female relatives, or intended wives, of *bona-fide* colonists, and to female domestic servants, female shop assistants and clerks, dressmakers, governesses, and agriculturists.

Employment in the building and other trades has fallen off, so that labour is plentiful, and the wages of carpenters, bricklayers, and plasterers, have been reduced. Large numbers of unskilled workers and indifferent tradesmen are unable to obtain employment. Emigrants, therefore, other than those obtaining nominated passages, are warned against going to Natal at the present time on the chance of work.

No one can enter the TRANSVAAL without a permit, and persons are warned against going there at the present time in search of work. There is no demand for white miners, of whom there are large numbers on the spot without work, or for farm or general labourers. The building trades have become slacker, and the supply of labour is more than sufficient. Many mechanics, and especially unskilled workmen, are out of employment. There is no demand whatever for the "handyman," nor for shop assistants; and the number of clerks is excessive.

Emigrants must remember that the standard of work required from workmen is very high in all trades, and that inferior men have no chance of employment. It must also be remembered that prices of nearly everything remain very high, rent being especially high, and lodging sometimes unobtainable; the cost of living generally is from two to three times as much as it is in this country. There is some demand for female servants, who may obtain assisted passages through the South African Colonisation Society, 47, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

In the ORANGE RIVER COLONY there is very little demand for skilled mechanics, and none at all for second-class hands or general labourers. The cost of living is very high. There are openings for farmers with a capital of a few hundred pounds.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following subscriptions:—

To 31st December, 1903—Major W. H. Leckie, Mr. Tiley, Mrs. King.

To 31st December 1904—Capt. A. B. Pembroke, Mr. Osman, Miss Clarke, Major R. J. Roche, Sergt.-Instructor Evans, Pte. Hopkins, Lieut.-Col. H. Wilson, Major A. T. Morse, Lieut.-Col. Vandermeulen, Col. Kay, Mr. W. Locks, Mr. A. E. Ingham, Lieut.-Col. Armstrong, Mr. S. Rhoads, Col. Henderson.

To 31st December, 1905—Lieut.-Col. H. Cumming.

To 31st December, 1907—L. Ricketts, Esq.

Owing to the absence of news from various sources we regret we have been unable to publish the paper as early in the month as we should wish. We therefore crave the indulgence of our readers.

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“SERGEANTS’ ASSOCIATION.”
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The business connected with the formation of the Association is being carried on, and the matter is progressing favourably. The first Annual Dinner of the Members will be held in Maidstone on 5th of March.

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COMPASSIONATE FUND.
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Colonel T. H. Brock acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following amounts :

	Donations.			Subscriptions.					
				1903			1904		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brigadier-General E. A.									
Alderson, C.B., A.D.C. ...	1	10	0	...			1	0	0
Lt.-Col. W. G. B. Western,									
C.B.	1	0	0	...			1	0	0
C.O.'s Fund, 2nd Batt,									
per Col. Western, C.B. 10	0	0		...					
Col. T. H. Brock.....	...			...			1	0	0
Capt. C. Druce.....	0	10	0	0	10	0	0	10	0

BIRTHS.

At Shorncliffe, 10th October, 1903, the wife of Sergt. A. Firman, 1st Battalion, of a son.

At Maidstone, 9th December, 1903, the wife of Pte. G. Finnis, Depot, of a daughter.

At Maidstone, 23rd November, 1903, the wife of Pte. E. Free, Depot, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

At St. Martin's Church, Cheriton, 28th November 1903, Sergt.-Major F. W. Rogers, 1st Battalion, to Elizabeth Ellen Sinden.

DEATHS.

At Maidstone, 8th December, 1903, Violet May, the wife of Pte. A. Crisp, Depot.

At Maidstone, 24th December, 1903, No. 3600 Pte. A. Godfrey, Depot, of tubercule of lung.

At Ceylon, on 5th November, 1903, No. 5241 Pte. W. Maloney, 2nd Battalion, of abcess of the liver.

At Ceylon, on 29th November, 1903, No. 5245 Pte. W. Lee, 2nd Battalion, of abcess of the liver.

At Chelsea, December 30th, 1903, No. 4656 Pte. W. H. Price, Army Reserve.

At Treharris, December 2nd, 1903, George Drane, pensioner 97th Regiment.

At Maidstone, December 8th, 1903, Hugh Martin, pensioner 97th Regiment.

At Carlisle, 6th December, 1903, Robert Saunders, pensioner 97th Regiment.

At Athlone, December 10th, 1903, Terence Tighe, pensioner, 97th Regiment.

At London, 29th December, 1903, Andrew Smith, pensioner 97th Regiment.

At Limerick, December 22nd, 1903, Michael O'Brien, pensioner 97th Regiment.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

LINE BATTALIONS.

Captain Richard J. Woulfe-Flanagan is seconded for service under the provisions of Army Orders 150 of 1899 and 107 of 1903, dated 20th October, 1903.

Supernumerary Captain M. P. Buckle D.S.O., to be Captain, vice R. J. Woulfe-Flanagan, dated 1st January, 1904.

3rd BATTALION.

Supernumerary Captain R. Whitehead is absorbed into the Establishment, dated 6th January, 1904.

Richard Booth Leslie Bazley White, gent., to be Second-Lieutenant, dated 23rd January, 1904.

1st VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

Acting Chaplain the Reverend E. D. Finch-Smith, B.A., from 3rd Volunteer Battalion the Hampshire Regt., to be Acting Chaplain.

2nd VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

Captain and Quarter-Master M. C. Matthews is borne as Supernumerary whilst serving as Executive Officer to the National Rifle Association, dated 5th December, 1903.

Captain W. F. Soames to be Instructor of Musketry, vice Lieut. G. R. Edey, who has vacated the appointment, dated 23rd January, 1904.

3rd VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

The undermentioned officers resign their commission :—
Captain C. E. S. Phillips and Lieutenant W. D. Geddes, dated 19th December, 1903.

Captain S. H. Jones, dated 6th January, 1904.

Lieutenant E. B. Herbert, dated 9th January, 1904.

Captain P. J. F. McCracken is absorbed into the Establishment, dated 23rd January, 1904.

4th VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

Lieutenant E. B. Willis to be captain, dated 19th December, 1903.

The resignation and appointment of Lieut. W. J. Woodman which was announced in the "London Gazette" of the 9th October, 1903, bears date 2nd November, 1903, and not as therein stated.

Lieutenant H. Wyllie is absorbed into the Establishment, dated 3rd February, 1904.

The undermentioned Second-Lieutenants to be Lieutenants :

J. C. Nash, O. H. G. Browne, H. F. Cobb, M. Spencer, and E. J. Earle, dated 3rd February, 1904.

KENT'S MEMORIAL

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY AT ROCHESTER.

The county memorial to all the Kentish soldiers who died in the South African campaign from wounds or disease was unveiled at Rochester Cathedral by Dean Hole on 16th January. The memorial, provided out of subscriptions received by the Lord Lieutenant of the County, Lord Stanhope, is a beautiful mural tablet, eight feet long and four feet wide. It is of alabaster marble, in the late Gothic design. It is surmounted by the badge of Kent, and in the lower part badges of the four regiments appear, coloured with regimental facings. Mr. W. D. Caroe, F.S.A., architect to Canterbury Cathedral, was responsible for the design, and the execution of the work was carried out by Mr. N. Hitch, of London. The tablet, which cost £250, is on the wall of the Lady Chapel in the south aisle of the nave, and the inscription reads as follows :

In grateful memory
of the devotion and heroic services
of gallant soldiers who gave their lives
in their country's cause
during the war in South Africa
1899-1902.

The officers, non-commissioned officers and
men of County Regiments.

The Buffs—East Kent—Regiment.

The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment
Militia.

3rd Battalion the Buffs—East Kent—Regiment.

3rd Battalion—the Queen's Own—Royal West Kent
Regiment.

Imperial Yeomanry.

Royal East Kent—The Duke of Connaught's
Own.

West Kent—the Queen's Own.
Volunteers.

1st and 2nd Volunteer Battalions the Buffs—East
Kent Regiment.

1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Volunteer Battalions the Queen's
Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

Royal Army Medical Corps, Volunteers.
Maidstone Companies.

This memorial has been erected by
the County of Kent, 1903.

Among those present at the unveiling were Earl Stanhope, who is President of the County War Fund. General Sir Robert Hart, V.C., Commanding the Thames District, Col. Barter, C.S.O., Col. Brock, Commanding the 50th Regimental District, Major F. S. W. Cornwallis, second in command of the West Kent Imperial Yeomanry, and treas. of the Memorial Fund, Capt. C. G. Pack-Beresford, Bt.-Major A. Martyn, Lieut. H. D. Belgrave, Second-Lieut. G. Seccombe, 3rd Battalion, from the Depot, Sergt.-Majors J. Outten and B. H. Grellier with 10 Non-Commissioned Officers from Maidstone.

There was a very strong muster of the 4th Vol. Bat. under the command of Major R. J. Passby, accompanied by its band.

The Mayors and Corporations of the three municipal boroughs—Chatham, Rochester and Gillingham—occupied seats in front of the troops. The Chief Constable (Mr. S. S. Arnold), with inspectors and sergeants and a detachment of constables (each of the latter bearing a large silver mounted staff), headed the civic procession from the Guildhall, and the principal and deputy sergeants-at-mace bore the city regalia.

The service was choral, and opened with the instrumental music "Cujus Animam," from Rossini's oratorio, "Stabat Mater," played by Mr. B. Luard Selby on the organ, accompanied by the Band of the Royal Engineers.

The processional hymn sung by the Cathedral choir as they proceeded to their places in the nave, and taken up by the whole congregation, was "The Son of God goes forth to war," to full band accompaniment.

Minor-Canon C. J. Nash intoned the special prayers, after which the forty-sixth Psalm was chanted.

Canon H. C. Pollock (Chaplain to the 4th Volunteer Battalion, Q.O.R.W.K.R.) read the lessons—Ephesians vi., 10-18.

After the recital of the Creed, Minor-Canon Nash continued the service, the whole congregation taking the responses.

The anthem, "If we believe that Jesus died," was then sung by the choir.

The unveiling and dedication of the memorial was then solemnised by the Very Rev. the Dean, who said: It is my privilege, by permission of the Lord Lieutenant of Kent, who is the President of the County Soldiers Memorial Fund, to unveil this tablet.

At this juncture the national flag which had covered the memorial was then released from its fastenings by the architect, and fell from the face of the beautiful tablet, and the guard of honour presented arms.

The Dean (proceeding) said: in memory of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men attached to Kentish regiments who fell during the South African campaign, and in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we dedicate this monument to Almighty God in gratitude to Him who maketh wars to cease and giveth to His people the blessings of peace, and in honour and reverence of those who were firm to walk the path of duty even unto death. "Greater love hath no man than this—that he layeth down his life for his friends."—And

"How can men die better,
Than facing fearful odds;
For the ashes of their fathers,
And the temples of their gods?"

This tablet—this beautiful work of art—will be an ornament to our Cathedral, and it will remind all of us of the respect and admiration with which brave men, loyal to their orders, and loyal to their country, are held in remembrance, and will be a lesson to us to be true soldiers of the Cross, and soldiers of the Crown, to be faithful servants of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The closing hymn was "Fight the good fight with all thy might," to organ and full band accompaniment, the music being most inspiring in the last verse, the first line of which was "Faint not nor fear, His arms are near."

After the Benediction had been pronounced by the Dean, the band and organ played "Pro Peccatis," another grand piece from the "Stabat Mater," followed by the National Anthem, the guard of honour again presenting arms. This concluded the service, and the great assemblage dispersed.

THE BARRACKS,
MAIDSTONE,
28th January, 1904.

DEAR SIR,

I am forwarding you herewith a copy of the minutes of the first meeting held in connection with the Association of Sergeants, and I wish to thank you very much for the assistance you gave the Association by publishing the draft rules in the December number.

I may add that the success of the Association is now practically assured, and now that the Committee have approved of my action in connection with the same, I am writing to nearly 200 Pensioner Warrant Officers, Staff Sergeants, and Sergeants, who, although not able to attend the dinner each year, will, I hope, support us by joining the Association.

The first Annual Dinner is to be held at the Corn Exchange, Maidstone, on March 5th, 1904, commencing at 6 p.m., and I hope that we shall see a good muster of old comrades, who, for want of something to bring them closer in touch with each other, perhaps never see the uniform of the old "West Kents" from year's end to year's end.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. J. BASS, Qr. Mr.-Sergt.,
Hon. Sec. Sergeants' Association

ASSOCIATION OF SERGEANTS.

THE QUEEN'S OWN (ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

Minutes of the first Committee Meeting held at the Barracks, Maidstone, on 27th January, 1904.

Present—Sergt.-Major H. G. Rogers, 1st Battalion, Shorncliffe; Sergt. Major B. H. Grellier, 3rd Battalion, Maidstone; Sergt.-Inst. M. R. Audsley, 3rd Vol. Batt., Woolwich; Col.-Sergt. Trueman, 4th Vol. Batt., Chatham; Mr. W. Brown, Pensioner Sergt.-Major, Dartford; Mr. W. Locks, Pensioner Sergt.-Major, Maidstone; treasurer, Sergt.-Major J. Outten, 50th Regt. Dist., and hon. secretary, Qr. Mr.-Sergt. H. J. Bass.

Proposed by Mr. W. Brown, seconded by Mr. W. Locks, "that Sergt.-Major B. H. Grellier be appointed Chairman of the meeting." Carried unanimously.

The Hon. Secretary then reported progress, giving a short account of the action taken in the formation of the Association, two propositions, sent by Sergt.-Major J. Lalley, 2nd Vol. Battalion, and Pensioner R. Maddocks being laid before the meeting. A number of letters favourable to the formation of the Association were also laid before the meeting. The hon. secretary further reported that he had 163 names on the Register.

After discussion, the words "subject to the approval of the Committee" were added to the 2nd Rule, as printed in the December number of "The Queen's Own Gazette," and Rule 5 was altered to read as follows:—

OFFICERS.—5. That the Regimental District Sergt.-Major (for the time being) be appointed Treasurer, and that the Secretary keep a Register of all members, and account for all sums received and expended. That the Committee of Management consist of three Pensioners, the Regimental Sergt.-Major of the 1st Battalion, 2nd Battalion, and 3rd Battalion, and a representative from each of the Volunteer Battalions (3 to form a quorum), together with the Treasurer and Hon. Secretary.

The meeting then went into Committee, and it was proposed by Sergt.-Inst. M. R. Audsley, 3rd Vol. Batt., and seconded by Sergt.-Major H. G. Rogers, 1st Batt., "that the Rules, as amended and read by the Hon. Sec. be approved. Carried unanimously.

The names of Messrs. W. Ball, W. Brown, and W. Locks (Pensioners), who were nominated by the President, Col. T. H. Brock, commanding 50th R D., were approved as members of the Committee.

After further discussion, it was proposed by Mr. W. Brown, seconded by Col.-Sergt. Trueman, 4th Vol. Batt., "that the first Annual Dinner and Smoking Concert be held at the Corn Exchange, Maidstone, on the 5th March, 1904, commencing at 6 p.m., and that the Hon. Sec. be empowered to accept the offer of the Mayor of Maidstone, who has consented to hire the Corn Exchange to the Association at half-price."—Carried unanimously.

Sergt.-Major Outten, Sergt.-Major Grellier, and Qr. Mr. Sergt. H. J. Bass were empowered to make the necessary arrangements for the dinner, etc.

The hon. sec. (Qr. Mr. Sergt. H. J. Bass) having resigned office subject to re-election, it was proposed by Sergt.-Major H. G. Rogers, 1st Batt., seconded by Mr. Locks, "that Qr. Mr. Sergt. H. J. Bass be appointed Hon. Secretary for the period ending 31st March, 1905."—Carried unanimously.

Qr. Mr. Sergt. W. R. Gilburd, Depot, was appointed Auditor.

Proposed by Mr. Locks, seconded by Sergt.-Major H. G. Rogers, "that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded Qr. Mr. Sergt. Bass for the manner in which the Association had been formed."—Carried unanimously.

H. J. BASS, Qr. Mr. Sergt.,
Hon. Secretary.

Maidstone, 1st February, 1904.

NOTICE.

THE FIRST ANNUAL DINNER AND SMOKING CONCERT

OF THE

Sergeants' Association will be held in the

CORN EXCHANGE, MAIDSTONE,

On Saturday, 5th March, 1904,

COMMENCING AT 6 P.M.

TICKETS, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Sergt.-Majors of Line, Militia and Volunteer Battalions, or of the Hon. Sec., Qr.-Mstr. Sergt. H. J. Bass,
The Barracks,
Maidstone.

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I am glad to say the regular 1st Battalion Correspondent returns at the end of this month, so this is the last time you have to put up with an inexperienced writer. We received at the commencement of the month a severe shock in the shape of a telegram from the War Office ordering us to be ready to embark for Malta about the 18th March. Naturally this was a great surprise, the Battalion having been home only a little more than a year. We did not expect to have to shift, and furthermore, it was difficult to realise that we should have to re-visit a place which we only left in November, 1902.

To those of us who know the place words can hardly express the disgust which we feel. Our one hope is that we may be fortunate enough to be quartered either at St. Andrew Barracks, Pembroke, or at Imtarfa, the latter being preferable, certainly during the summer months.

On Friday, the 8th, the Sergeants gave a dance in the Drill Hall, which I expect will be their last one at this station. Unfortunately for them the weather was against them, and consequently a number of people did not turn up at the last moment, but I am sure those who were there spent an enjoyable evening.

The annual entertainment for children took place on the 6th January. The first form of amusement was tea, which was greatly appreciated. Then came the Xmas tree, and every child was given a present. Conjuring and a cinematograph show was provided, which caused great amusement to the children.

During the afternoon the band played selections, and the entertainment was kept up till nearly eight o'clock. I am sure all felt greatly indebted to Major and Mrs. Annesley for the trouble they had taken to make the afternoon such a success.

A series of garrison smoking concerts have been arranged for the winter months, and the first one took place on the 15th instant. Most of the talent was provided by the regiment, and Corporal McEnuff and Dr. McCarthy met with a very good reception. The attendance was small, but this no doubt was greatly due to a number of men still being on furlough.

The sergeants held their annual dinner on the 21st, and afterwards gave a very successful smoker. Col. Harrison and most of the officers present attended. The sergeants were lucky to obtain the assistance of outside talent, namely, from the Alhambra in Sandgate, which added to the success of the evening.

The mounted infantry detachment returned from Bulford on the 15th and are now on furlough.

There are still a number of officers and men away, but by the end of the month all will be back, with the exception of the mounted infantry detachment.

Four companies commence field training on the 1st February, but will hardly have sufficient time to finish the course here.

The remaining four companies will do their training in Malta, and will probably be well acquainted with the ground around Mellicha, which I believe is now used as a camp for training.

Major Lowe joined the battalion on the 14th inst., having been away for about 10 months. Captain Buckle has been posted, but is at present at the War Office, and is not likely to join us.

The regimental team has played two football matches, one against the Ashley Rovers and the other against the South Lancashire Regiment. On both occasions our opponents got the best of it, but the matches were evenly contested.

I attach accounts of sergeants' dance and dinner and smoking concert.

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

SERGEANTS 1st BATTALION.

The Sergeants held another of their successful dances on the evening of the 8th of January. The Drill Shed was again used for the occasion, and was very nicely decorated by an energetic committee. The Dance was advertised to commence at 9 p.m., but as is generally the case, the members of the fair sex did not arrive in very great numbers until about 10 p.m. Shortly after this every thing was going full swing, and by the happy expression on the majority of faces, one could easily see that the dance was proving one of our most successful. One of the features of the occasion was a "Leap Year Waltz," the ladies having the pleasure of selecting their partners for the same. This might have proved a greater success had a few more gentlemen responded to the earnest appeal of the M.C., who, very rightly, tried to induce several nervous gen-

tlemen to advance from behind the curtain (leading to the bar) to give the ladies a proper chance of carrying out their part of the contract.

Dancing was kept up with great spirit until soon after 3 a.m., very few of our visitors leaving before that time, a fact which the writer ventures to think proves, in a great measure, the success of any dance.

SERGEANTS MESS, 1st BATTALION.

The members of the above held a very successful Dinner and Smoking Concert on the evening of the 21st January. The first of these functions was held during our stay in Aden on the 9th of January, 1902, and proved a great success. It was intended that a similar affair should be held annually, but owing to the Battalion only landing in England, in December, 1902, the time was too short to get the Mess thoroughly comfortable before Company Training commenced on the 1st February. In addition to this, during January, 1903, the majority of the Sergeants (very naturally after our long stay abroad) were away on furlough. However, on the above date we did our best to make amends for the omission last year. Dinner was commenced at 7 p.m. and appeared to be thoroughly enjoyed, although one member did make the mistake of adding bread sauce to some sweetmeat in mistake for sauce of another kind. This proved to be one of the little things that tend to put all in good temper, and the said member improved matters by readily joining in the laughter against himself. After dinner the tables and chairs were very quickly arranged for the concert by our energetic committee. The chair was taken by Sergt.-Major Rogers, and the following was the programme carried out: 1, song, "Only a leaf," Sergt. Wren; 2, toast, "The King," Chairman; 3, song, "Rooms to Let," Sergt. Merrick; 4, song, "Play that melody again," Sergt. Mackintosh; 5, song, "I'm looking at you," Lance-Sergt. Tranter; 6, song, "Eastbourne old town," Sergt. Naylor; 7, song, "The Admiral's broom," Mr. Monk; 8, toast, "Col. Harrison and Officers of the Battalion," Chairman; 9, song, "Rocked in the cradle of the deep," Sergt. Keen; 10, song, "The village smithy," Sergt. Ball; 11, song (encore), "A soldier and a man," Sergt. Ball; 12, song, "But he bites," Mr. Tony Black; 13, cornet solo, Mr. D. H. Watson; 14, song, "The King's Own," Sergt. Perkins (Army Pay Corps); 15, song (encore), "Ashore," Sergt. Perkins (Army Pay Corps); 16, song, "Fon-a-lol-lol," Mr. Walker; 17, Euphonium solo, Sergt. Sonnenberg; 18, song, "The sexton," Mr. Venner; 19, "The charge of the Light Brigade," Mr. Emery; 20, "Funniosities," Mr. Tony Black; 21, Recitation, "Charge of the Light Brigade" (parody), Mr. Walker; 22, song, "Rosie, Rosie," Mr. D. H. Watson. Lieut.-Col. Harrison, on behalf of the officers very kindly responded to the toast (No. 8), saying how pleased they all were to be with the sergeants on this occasion, and hoped that the members would do all in their power to make the same dinner and smoker an annual affair as a means of bringing the whole together once a year, and of having their officers present with them.

This very pleasant evening was brought to a close, just after midnight, by all present rising and singing the National Anthem. Heartly thanks are due to the Committee (composed as under), who so efficiently carried out their duties.

Committee—Col.-Sergt. Lee, Serjts. Button, Sonnenberg, and Lance-Sergt. Tranter.

2ND BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Under great difficulties, owing to the wide distribution of the Battalion, the annual Rifle Meeting was held on December 17th and 18th, firing taking place on the ranges at Hunupitiya (Colombo), Diyatalawa, and Trincomalee.

Each Company entered a team for the Company Shield, and there were 230 competitors of all ranks in each of the other events. I append a list of results and prize winners. Sergt.-Major Mitchell's score of 99 out of the possible 105 was a highly meritorious performance, the score being composed of three 33's.

Whilst on the subject of Rifle Shooting, I might add that at the recent Ceylon Volunteer Rifle Meeting, Q.M.S. Wood won the event open to all comers, with a fine score of 100 out of 105, which is a record for the Hunupitiya range.

OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.

Colombo, January 12th, 1904.

RESULT OF THE 2ND BATTALION RIFLE MEETING.

1. COMPANY CHALLENGE SHIELD.

1st. A Company (Shield) ...	40 Rs.
2nd. B Company ...	20 Rs.

INDIVIDUAL AGGREGATES.

	Points.	Rs.
1 Pte. Adams (G) ...	47	5
2 „ May (G) ...	44	3
3 Crpl. Joyce (E) ...	44	2
2. OFFICERS' CUP.		
1 Lieut. Tulloch (A) ...	121	Cup
2 2nd.-Lieut. Case-Morris (A) ...	116	
3 Q.M.S. Wood (F) ...	114	40
4 S.M. Mitchell (B) ...	112	30
5 Sergt. Jury (F) ...	109	25
6 Lce.-Crpl. Darby (H) ...	108	20
7 Crpl. Redmond (A) ...	107	15
8 „ Joyce (E) ...	107	10
9 Lce.-Crpl. Wall (E) ...	106	5
10 Lieut. Tulloch (F) ...	105	—
11 C.S. Wood (A) ...	102	5
12 Crpl. Murdoch (C) ...	102	5
13 C.S. Bullock (D) ...	101	5
14 Pte. Norfolk (F) ...	100	5
15 A.S. Simons (G) ...	99	2.50
16 Sergt. Pope (G) ...	99	2.50
17 Capt. Hastings (H) ...	98	—
18 Lce.-Crpl. Mills (D) ...	97	2.50
19 Sergt. Hyde (H) ...	97	2.50
20 Pte. Warricker (F) ...	96	2.50

21 2nd-Lieut. Hibbert (G) ...	96	—
22 Clr.-Sergt. Croucher (G) ...	95	2.50
23 Sergt. Wood (B) ...	95	2.50
24 Pte. Huntley (E) ...	94	2.50
25 Sergt. Dorrell (H) ...	94	2.50
26 Pte. Deer (E) ...	94	2.50

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Best Sergeant—Clr.-Sergt. Wood (A) ...	10
„ Corporal—1 Crpl. Joyce (E) ...	10
2 Lce.-Crpl. Wall (E) ...	5
„ Private—1 Pte. Norfolk (F) ...	10
2 Pte. Warricker (F) ...	5

RANGE PRIZES.

200 yards—Crpl. Redmond (A) ...	5
500 „ —Pte. Bunker (G) ...	5
600 „ —Lce.-Crpl. Stevens (E) ...	5
800 „ —Lce.-Crpl. Wall (E) ...	5

3 ECCLES CUP.

1 Sergt.-Major Mitchell (B) ...	99	40 Cup.
2 A.S. Simons (G) ...	87	30
3 Clr.-Sergt. Bullock (D) ...	87	25
4 Q.M.S. Wood (F) ...	86	20
5 Lieut. Tulloch (F) ...	83	—
6 Sergt. Hyde (H) ...	83	15
7 Sergt. Wood (B) ...	81	10
8 Sergt. Jury (F) ...	81	5
9 Lce.-Crpl. Wall (E) ...	80	5
10 Pte. Holder (A) ...	80	5
11 Pte. Adams (G) ...	9	75
12 Capt. Hastings (H) ...	78	—
13 Pte. May (G) ...	78	5
14 Pte. Connor (E) ...	78	2.50
15 Crpl. Redmond (A) ...	77	2.50
16 Lce.-Crpl. Darby (H) ...	76	2.50
17 Sergt. Chasteneuf (A) ...	76	2.50
18 Pte. Southee (F) ...	76	2.50
19 Clr.-Sergt. Wood (A) ...	75	2.50
20 2nd Lieut. Case-Morris (A) ...	75	—
21 Pte. Wren (C) ...	75	2.50
22 Lce.-Crpl. Cousins (B) ...	74	2.50
23 Clr.-Sergt. Croucher (G) ...	74	2.50
24 Pte. Lee (A) ...	74	2.50
26 2nd Lieut. Hibbert (G) ...	74	—

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Best Sergeant—Sergt. W. Wood (B) ...	10
„ Corporal—1 Lce.-Crpl. Wall (E) ...	10
2 Crpl. Redmond (A) ...	5
„ Private—1 Pte. Holder (A) ...	10
2 Pte. Adams (G) ...	5

RANGE PRIZES.

200 yards—Pte. Wren (C) ...	5
500 „ —Sergt. Jury (F) ...	5
600 „ —Lce.-Crpl. Wall (E) ...	5

OBITUARY.

Colonel Wm. Lawrenson Fleury, late 50th Regiment, died recently at Melview, Clonmel, County Tipperary, at the age of 65. He served in the New Zealand War of 1863-1865, and was present at the repulse of the enemy at the attack on the Camp at Nukumara, receiving the New Zealand medal. He was transferred to the Army Pay Department in 1880. He was promoted Honorary Major in 1885, and Lieut.-Colonel in 1898. He was also employed during the late South African War, and received the rank of Colonel.

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

Captain R. Whitehead having resigned his appointment with the East Coast Protectorate, has been absorbed into the Establishment of the Battalion.

2nd Lieuts. F. H. H. Liebenrood and R. B. L. Bazley-White have been gazetted to the Battalion from the 6th and 23rd January, 1904, respectively.

It may be of interest to many readers of the "Gazette" to know that during the year ending 31st December, 1903' 324 N.C.O.'s and men of the 3rd Battalion were passed into the Regular Army, Royal Navy and Royal Marines, more than half this number joining the Line Battalions of the Royal West Kent Regiment.

Rumours are afloat as to the Annual Training this year, which, it is said, will take place at the Isle of Grain, and which, it is hoped, will prove a pleasing change. The Musketry will be carried out at Gravesend, which is sometimes called "Shrimp Town," and in connection with which, no doubt, many have pleasing recollections of the Rosherville Gardens.

"The Low Backed Car."

DEPOT NOTES.

The promotion of Col.-Sergts. J. Outten and B. H. Grellier to Sergt.-Major has been confirmed, the last named with effect from 25th August, 1903, and Sergt.-Major Grellier has been posted to the Per. Staff of the 3rd Batt. from that date.

Sergt.-Major J. Outten, Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. H. J. Bass and Clr.-Sergt. G. Allen are to be congratulated on having obtained their First Class Certificates of Education.

The Members of the Sergts. Mess held their annual New Year's Dance, which, as usual, was attended with great success. The Committee, under Sergt.-Major Outten, are to be congratulated upon the manner in which the Gymnasium was decorated, and for the arrangements in general. Col. Brock and other Officers of the Depot attended during the evening, and everybody thoroughly enjoyed a most pleasant evening.

It is a matter of conjecture what changes the move of the 1st Battalion to Malta will make at the Depot.

"Dug-up."

Colonel T. H. Brock acknowledges the receipt of £1, subscription for 1904, for the Regimental Compassionate Fund, from Major J. W. Jones, whose name was inadvertently omitted from the list in last month's number.

We are pleased to find that Quarter-Master and Hon. Captain W. F. Lapham, late 2nd Battalion, has been rewarded with the honorary rank of major for his re-employed services in South Africa.

A PRESENTATION.

On Monday, 11th January, 1904, a very enjoyable Smoking Concert took place in the Sergeants' Mess, Depot, Royal West Kent Regiment, and as the evening wore on, one became astonished that such surprising talent has been lying dormant so long. It is hard to select one more than another, but certainly Sergts. Rose, Pond, Sanger, and Perkins are deserving of great credit for the manner in which their songs were rendered, and Sergt. Harper is to be congratulated upon his flute solos, "Il Travatore" and "Brian B'rue."

Sergt.-Major Outten was in the chair, supported by Sergt.-Major Grellier, and during the evening Colonel T. H. Brock, Commanding 50th Regimental District, who was present, made a presentation to the guest of the evening, viz., Qr. Mr. Sergt. D. Cross, who has just left the service after 31 years' service.

In making the presentation, which consisted of a handsome clock from the Sergeants at the Depot and a few friends, and also a revolving bookcase from the Sergeant-Instructors of the R.W. Kent Volunteer Infantry Brigade, Colonel Brock remarked how pleased he was to be present that evening, and that it gave him great pleasure to be allowed to make the presentation to so esteemed a non-commissioned officer, as Qr. Mr. Sergt. Cross. He had known Qr. Mr. Sergt. Cross for a good many years, and no doubt many in the room that evening had received their first issue of clothing at his hands on joining as recruits, and he thought that all present would bear him out when he said that Qr. Mr. Sergt. Cross had worked hard, and had performed his duty in a very pleasing way to all concerned. Especially so was this the case during the stress occasioned by the late South African War. In conclusion he again remarked that he had the greatest pleasure in making the presentation, and after thanking the representatives of the Volunteer Infantry Brigade, he asked all present to rise and drink the health of Qr. Mr. Sergt. Cross, which was done most heartily, in the manner usual on all such occasions.

Sergt.-Instructor Maynard then rose, and remarked how great a pleasure it was to his Comrades and himself to be allowed to subscribe to the presentation, and he hoped that Qr. Mr. Sergt. Cross would live many years to enjoy the benefits of his presents.

After Sergt. Rose had given his song "Very, very good to me," in capital style, Qr. Mr. Sergt. Cross responded.

He craved the kind indulgence of all present, for, he said, his heart was very full that evening. His best thanks were due to Colonel Brock in coming there that evening to make the presentation, and he was very pleased at receiving such pleasant tokens of respect from his old comrades, with many of whom he had served for a good number of years. In the course of further remarks, he stated that although his work had been one of great responsibility, he had done his best to do his duty, and to please all. He had always tried to give the same civility and respect to the juniors, and to the seniors of all ranks, and which he thought was only their due. He wished to thank most heartily his old comrades and friends for the kindness shown him, not only on the present occasion, but for the sympathy shown him during his recent illness.

Further toasts of the evening were, "Colonel and Officers," by Sergt.-Major Outten; "Our Visitors," by Sergt.-Major Grellier; and "The Chairman," by Qr. Mr. Sergt. Bass, thanks being due to the latter for the capital programme arranged by him.

Overture (piano), "Stars and stripes for ever," Mr. Okill; toast, "The King and Royal Family," S.M. Outten; song, "He'd never been there before," Sergt. Pond; phonograph, selected, Sergt. Blount; toast, "Q.M.S. D. Cross," Col. T. H. Brock and another; song, "Very, very good to me," Sergt. Rose; reply, Q.M.S. Cross; song, "Because I love you," S.I.M. Evenden; song, "Take it over your side, Lucy," Sergt. Leaver; toast, "Colonel and officers," S.M. Outten; recitation, "The farmer's fright," Color-sergeant Wilson; song, "Number nine," S.M. Outten; song, "Break the news to mother," Color-sergt. Palmer; song, "Walmer," Sergt. Perkins, A.P.C.; song, "May I dance with you?" Sergt. Connor; gramophone, selected, Color-sergt. Osborne; ten minutes stand easy; song, "Queen of the earth," Sergt. Reeves; song, "In the sun," Color-sergt. Wimbhurst; toast, "Our visitors," S.M. Grellier; song, "The heart bowed down," Sergt. Hayward, A.P.C.; song, "Jerusalem," Color-sergt. Chiswell; song, "Ghosts," Color-sergt. Hunt; song, "The fatal wedding," Sergt. Daykin; flute solo, "Il Travatore," Sergt. Harper; song, "You'd better come down at once," Sergt. Rose; song, "As your hair grows whiter," Sergt. Reeves; song, selected, Sergt. Pond; song, "Mammie," Sergt. Sanger; song, "Take me there," Color-sergt. Allen; selection (piano), "Down South," Mr. Okill; song, "The wolf," Sergt. Dr. Gee; flute solo, "Brian B'rne," Sergt. Harper; song, "The christening," Q.M.S. Bourne; song, "The boys of the old brigade," Sergt. Rose; song, "Genevieve," Sergt. Harper; song, "Sweet dreams of memory," Sergt. Rose; "God Save the King."

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT.

The Entertainment of the Children associated with the Barracks, Maidstone, which is looked for eagerly by the youngsters, took place at the Gymnasium Barracks, on Monday, 5th January, 1904. Mrs. Brock, wife of the Commanding Officer, took great interest in the matter, and found able managers in the persons of Capt. and Mrs. Couch, whilst the sub-committee spared no efforts to second them. Much the same lines was followed as in previous years. Tea being followed by an entertaining conjuror, Mr. Eley, of local renown; and then the distribution of prizes from a tree kindly lent by Mr. Frost, florist, to whom thanks are due, he also sending a number of ferns, which added to the appearance of the tables set for tea. Father Christmas was represented by Col.-Sergt. Chiswell and his speech was most amusing, his pointed remarks having a two-fold effect on the listeners who were appropriately dealt with. Amongst those present were the Revs. Joy and Hooper, Major and Mrs. Daniell, Major Harvest, A.P.D. The officers present were Col. T. H. Brock, Major R. C. Style, Major A. Martyn, Lieut. Belgrave and Second-Lieut. G. Seccombe. With the exception of those pre-

vented by illness, or away on leave, scarcely an absentee amongst those invited was noticed. Assistance was given by Mrs. Grellier, Mrs. Outten, Mrs. H. Bass, Mrs. W. Bass, Mrs. Blount, and Mrs. Cates, and Sergts.-Major Outten and Grellier, Color-Sergts. Pearson and Hunt, Sergts. Dugay and Pond, and Staff-Sergt. Perry, Army Gymnastic Staff. The Band of 3rd Battalion was in attendance.

MAIDSTONE VOLUNTEERS.

The annual supper and smoking concert of the L Company (Cyclist), 1st Vol. Batt., was held in the Hollingworth Hall of the Maidstone Church Institute on Friday evening and was a great success. The hall was prettily decorated with bunting and drapery, and the trophies won by the Company made an imposing display on the top table. Captain Phillips (the commanding officer) presided, and he was supported by Major C. R. Smith (commanding Maidstone Detachment), Sergt.-Instructor Evans, Sergts. E. Lattimer, Avery, Hughes and Epps, Mr. F. G. Laurence, &c.

After an excellent repast, well served by Mrs. Featherstone, of the Bell Hotel, had been thoroughly enjoyed, and the usual patriotic toasts honoured,

Captain Phillips, in the course of a few remarks, said the Cyclist Company was still fairly strong, for they numbered over 100, which, he thought, under the circumstances, was very good. During the past year they had had many things which gave them pleasure. The camp was a most enjoyable one and also very instructive. He had found it so, and he was sure they had also. Whilst under canvas they earned the sobriquet of the "Valiant Sailors." Why he did not know, unless it was on account of their blue uniform, or through a certain rendezvous they used pretty frequently of that name. He was very pleased to be able to say that the L Company won the Battalion Cup (applause) for the second year in succession (cheers.) Considering the fact that it was still a young company, he thought great credit was due to its members for winning it from the other and older companies. He himself felt proud to command a company that could shoot like it. He must also congratulate Section No. 1 for winning the Section Cup. They won the trophy handsomely. They had to ride from Hadlow in three-quarters of an hour to the range at Boxley before shooting, and they did the work well. Yet another success he was bound to mention was that he contained in his company the best recruit shot in the battalion. Private Hughes came out first in the Battalion Recruits' Competition. Last year they also had the best shot in the battalion, but Corporal Merralls was not quite in form this year, or they might have had it again. He warned them not to get over confident in their shooting but to continue to make every effort to win. He mentioned that Colonel Henderson had kindly consented to present an inter-company cup to be shot for by Maidstone Companies, and remarked that it was an opportunity for the Companies to distinguish themselves (applause). He then called upon Major Smith to present the prizes to the successful competitors.

They were as follows:—Best shot at 600 yards, Corporal Merralls; ditto at 500 yards, Sergeant Epps; ditto at 200 yards, Private A. Norman. Prize for best shot among the recruits of the Battalion, Private Hughes. Best attendance prize, Sergeant Avery; best recruits' attendance prize, Private Strachan. Photos of the Battalion Cup team were presented to its members as follows:—Corporal Merralls, Sergeant Epps, Corporal Berry, Lance-corporal Groom, Private Button, Private Knowles, Private Davy, Private Merralls, and Private Waters.

At the conclusion of the distribution, Captain Phillips thanked the Major, and the company drank the latter's health with musical honours.

Major Smith, in reply, thanked them for the kind way in which they had received his name. It was always a great pleasure to him to do anything he could for the Maidstone Detachment. He wished the company every success in the future as it had had in the past (applause).

Sergeant Lattimer then proposed the toast of "Success to L Company," coupled with the name of Captain Phillips, and it was most enthusiastically drunk with musical honours for that popular officer.

Captain Phillips, who was cheered to the echo on rising briefly responded.

During the evening a capital musical programme was enjoyed. Several members of the band played pleasing selections, interspersed with vocal selections from Messrs. H. Dann, G. Thrush, P. Brown, &c.

List of officers who served with the late Major F. C. Marsh, Royal West Kent Regiment, in Mafeking, who, by the courtesy of his brother officers, have been permitted to subscribe to the memorial to his memory:—

Major-General R. S. S. Baden-Powell, C.B.; His Excellency Major Sir Hamilton Goold-Adams, K.C.M.G., C.B.; Lieut.-Col. C. B. Vyvyan, Buffs; Lieut.-Col. A. J. Godley, Irish Guards; Lieut.-Col. Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O., Grenadier Guards; Lieut.-Col. F. W. Panzera, British South Africa Police; Major Gordon Wilson, M.V.O., Royal Horse Guards; Major Hon. A. Hanbury-Tracey, C.M.G., Royal Horse Guards; Major Lord C. Cavendish-Bentinck, 9th Lancers; Major C. Fitzclarence, V.C., Irish Guards; Major C. M. Ryan, D.S.O., Army Service Corps; Major E. Holden, D.S.O., Derbyshire Imperial Yeomanry; Capt. R. W. Hare, D.S.O., Norfolk Regt.; Capt. Ashley Williams, D.S.O., 21st Lancers; Capt. T. Greenfield, Irish Guards; Capt. H. Swinburne, Northumberland Imperial Yeomanry; Lieut. G. Bridges, D.S.O. (late) Protectorate Regiment; Lieut. R. W. Waller (late) Protectorate Regiment.

It has been decided to erect a tablet in All Saints Church, Maidstone, to the memory of Lieut. Luard, who lost his life in Somaliland. Subscriptions will be received by Major A. Martyn, 50th Regimental District.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of subscriptions—To December, 1905, Colonel M. D. Treherne; to December, 1904, Mr. J. Bowman, Major Jones, E. J. Elgood, Esq.

To those who have not forwarded their subscriptions a notice has been sent, as we wish to get in outstanding sums.

MARRIAGES

At St. Martin's Church, Cheriton, Nov. 24th, 1903, Lance-Corpl. A. R. Klein, 1st Batt., to Edith Annie Golden.

At Independent Chapel, Chelmsford, Oct. 24th, 1903, Sergt.-Major H. G. Rogers, 1st Batt., to Alice Emily Kemp.

In the record of marriage of Sergt. Rogers, 1st Batt., in last month's number the rank was incorrectly given as Sergt.-Major. The marriage notice in the case of Sergt.-Major Rogers is given above.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

LINE BATTALIONS.

The following officers are appointed Ordnance Officers, 4th Class, to fill existing vacancies with effect from the dates stated:—Captain Harry S. Bush, 20th January; Captain Eustace L. H. James, 21st January; Second-Lieut. A. Lowry-Corry, 19th January.

The undermentioned Lieutenants to be Captains:—Reginald J. T. Hildyard, vice S. H. Bush seconded, 20th January; Richard M. G. Tulloch, vice E. L. H. James seconded, 21st January.

1st BATTALION.

Appointed Lance-Corporals:—Ptes. D. Burrows, 4th January; W. Geddes, 6th January; H. Homersham, 13th January; M. McNamara, and R. Brown, 27th January.

2nd BATTALION.

Promoted Colour-sergeant, Sergt. H. Jury, 17th January, 1904; appointed Lance-sergeant, Corpl. E. Saughton, 2nd January, 1904; appointed corporals, Ptes. F. Copeland, W. Hurman, 16th Dec., 1903; W. Falshaw, 28th Dec., 1903.

1st VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

The undermentioned gentlemen to be Second-Lieuts.:—Frederick Jasper Henson, Walter Charles Lamarque, dated 6th February, 1904.

The following is the inscription on the Memorial Tablet erected in All Saint's Church, Maidstone:—

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

AND IN MEMORY OF

FRANCIS CHARLES MARSH,
BREVET MAJOR,

The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regt.,

Eldest Son of Colonel J. T. MARSH. R.E.,

Who while in command of a force at Burmi, Northern Nigeria, was killed in action on the 27th July, 1903 when gallantly leading his men in an attack against a stockade. He also served in the operations on the Niger in 1897-98, including the expedition to Illah; also in the South African Campaign of 1899-1902, taking part in the defence of Mafeking, and afterwards commanding the Protectorate Regiment in the operations in the Transvaal. For these services he was three times mentioned in despatches and promoted to a Brevet-Majority.

This tablet is erected by his brother officers and other friends with whom he served in Mafeking.

THE BARRACKS, MAIDSTONE,

27th February, 1904.

TO THE EDITOR,

"The Queen's Own" Gazette.

Sir,

I forward you herewith a copy of the Minutes of a Committee Meeting, held at Maidstone on the 20th inst. in connection with the Association of Sergeants, and trust that you will find space in your next issue for the same, for the information of the 220 Members who have already joined the Association.

I should like to add that I have received many very nice letters in support of the Association, one of which was received from Pensioner Sergt. Thomas Sheward, who is in his 83rd year, and who served in the 97th 1842 to 1865, and who is still drawing a pension for his services in the same.

I should like to thank all those who have supported me in the formation of the Association, and I trust that my efforts to try and keep us all in touch with each other may be the means of those, who are in a good position, helping the less fortunate to better situations in civil life.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. J. BASS, Qr.-Mr. Sergt.

Hon. Secretary Sergeants' Association.

ASSOCIATION OF SERGEANTS.

**"THE QUEEN'S OWN" (ROYAL WEST KENT)
REGIMENT.**

Honorary Secretary:

Qtr.-Mr. Sergt. Bass.

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at the Barracks, on Saturday, 20th February, 1904.

Present: Sergt.-Major H. G. Rogers, 1st Battalion, Shorncliffe; Sergt.-Major B. H. Grellier, 3rd Battalion, Maidstone; Sergt. T. Meads, 1st Volunteer Battalion, Maidstone; Armourer-Sergt. T. Simmons, 3rd Volunteer Battalion, Woolwich; Qtr.-Mr. Sergt. J. F. Smith, 4th Volunteer Battalion, Chatham; Mr. W. Brown, Pensioner Sergt.-Major, Dartford; Mr. W. Locks, Pensioner Sergt.-Major, Maidstone; Treasurer, Sergt.-Major J. Outten, 50th, R.D., and Hon. Secretary, Qtr.-Mr. Sergt. H. Bass.

The Hon. Secretary having read the minutes of the previous Meeting, it was proposed by Qtr.-Mr. Sergt. J. F. Smith, 4th Volunteer Battalion, and seconded by Armoury-Sergt. T. Simmons, 3rd Volunteer Battalion "that the Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting, as read by Hon. Secretary, be confirmed." Carried unanimously.

The Hon Secretary then reported progress: the number of Members on the Register being 202, one member having paid his annual subscription for ten years. Letters accepting position of Vice-Presidents of the Association were read from Lt.-Col. C. E. Harrison, Commanding 1st Battalion; Lt.-Col. E. W. G. Bailey, Commanding 3rd Battalion; Lt.-Col. C. S. Williams, Commanding 1st Vol. Bat.; Col. E. Satterthwaite, Commanding 2nd Vol. Bat.; Lt.-Col. E. J. Moore, Commanding 3rd Vol. Batt. The contents of the letters were very much appreciated by the Committee.

An offer from Mr. J. E. Martin, 2, Middle Row, Maidstone, to decorate the Corn Exchange for the Annual Dinner and Smoking Concert on the 5th March, at the cost of labour only, was accepted, the Hon. Secretary being instructed to thank Mr. Martin on behalf of the Committee. The Hon. Secretary was also instructed to write a letter of thanks to the Mayor of Maidstone for his kindness in allowing the use of the Corn Exchange at half price.

Tenders to cater for the Annual Dinner, etc., were laid before the Committee, and after a discussion it was proposed by Mr. W. Locks, seconded by Sergt.-Major H. C. Rogers, 1st Batt., "that the application of Mr. Hadlow, Mitre Hotel, Maidstone, to cater for the Dinner, etc., be approved." Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. W. Brown, seconded by Qtr.-Mr. Sergt. J. F. Smith, 4th Vol. Batt., "that the President (Col. T. H. Brock) and the Commanding Officer and Adjutant of each Battalion and Depot be invited to attend the Smoking Concert at 8 p.m., on the 5th March." Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. W. Brown, seconded by Mr. W. Locks, "that Quarter-Masters Brown, Roche, Couch, Willis and Sumner, as Past Sergeants of "The Queen's Own" be invited to attend the Annual Dinner, etc., on the 5th March." Carried unanimously.

Further business was the arrangement of the Toast List, and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to obtain the names of Members of the Association who would like to take part in the Concert on 5th March.

H. J. BASS, Qtr.-Mr. Sergt.,

Hon. Secretary Serpts. Association.

Maidstone, 23rd February, 1904.

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

It is with a considerable amount of diffidence that I resume the duties of 1st Battalion Correspondent. The able manner in which your wants were supplied, justifies my opinion that the Correspondent of the last two months should have continued his interesting productions. However, the strain, I am told, would have been too much, considering he is now at Field Training.

On February 1st, Captains Pedley, Molony and Hildyard, and Lieut. Annesley, commanding D, B, E, and G Companies respectively, started their training. It was decided that musketry should be postponed till our arrival in Malta. Since the commencement of the training the Company Commanders have spent most of their time in anxiously looking out to see when the rain is likely to give them a chance of outdoor work. Luckily the second half of the month promises better, and though the weather is still very cold, the Companies are able to get out and receive some useful instruction.

Until quite lately, the weather has been equally adverse to all kinds of sport. Now that there seems a chance of fine weather, our Regimental Sports Committee has decided that the various Cups and Shields, that are annually competed for, should be fought for at once. Unfortunately, they were not competed for in 1903, so the competitions for last year are now being carried out. Those for this year will be competed for at Malta. The Inter-Company Football and Tug-of-War Shields' Competitions have commenced, and the result, so far, is as follows:—

Tug of War—1st Round—D beat A, E beat F, C beat G, H scratched to B.

The second round has been drawn as follows:—C v. D, B v. E. A 12 foot pull, the best out of three pulls to win. This shield was presented by Lieut. Riddell.

The football ties in the 1st and 2nd rounds are as follows—1st Round—B beat Drums (scratched), F beat A 7 goals to 1. The remainder were byes.

2nd Round—Band v. H. resulted in a draw, no score. G beat E 4 goals to love. B v. D resulted in a draw, 2 goals all. The other cups and shield to be competed for are—The Regimental Shooting Bowl. The Officers' and Sergeants' Cup (presented by Lt.-Col. C. E. Harrison). The Drill Shield (presented by Major-General Sanford).

On February 10th, the anniversary of Sobraon, we had the pleasure of welcoming to Shorncliffe General Leach, C.B., who had so kindly entertained the Officers of the Battalion at the Army and Navy Club on their return from foreign service. The following officers were invited to meet him: General Sir Fowler Burton, K.C.B., Brig.-General Alderson, C.B., A.D.C., Colonel Bayly, Brock, Belgrave, Churchill, Doran, Dury, Fyler, Grove, King, Johnson, Tweedie, Wintour, Wilson, and Vandermeulen, Majors Daniell, Dalison, Morse, A. Wood-Martyn, A. Martyn, and Roche. Captains Pack-Beresford, Buckle, Burbury, Bush, Woulfe-Flanagan, Kennedy, Long, and Simpson. Mr. D. Forestier Walker and Mr. Hudson. I regret to say that many of those invited were unable to be present. Some were abroad and a few others found it impossible to be at the dinner.

Our departure for Malta has been postponed till the 7th April, and we are all thankful for the respite. Considering the manner in which the Battalion suffered from Malta fever only 14 months ago we have hardly yet become reconciled to our destined move.

On our arrival there four Companies, A, C, F and H, will be placed under canvas at Pembroke for their annual course of musketry. All available musketry recruits will also be sent there to execute Table A under Second-Lieut. Waring. The remaining companies and the headquarters will go under canvas in the Ditch till the Floriana Barracks are vacated by the Rifle on 24th April.

We have had news of Captain Robinson. He has been appointed Adjutant of the Mounted Infantry Battalion in Northern Nigeria, and has been ordered to Zaria to take over his duties.

Captain Hildyard left us on the 22nd February to take up his appointment of A.D.C. to his father, who has been given command of the troops in South Africa. He sails on the 5th March.

Second-Lieutenants Humphreys and Hearle have been posted to the 2nd Battalion, and sail for Ceylon on the 18th March.

Major Maunsell is now on his way home from Ceylon, and should arrive in England at the end of this month.

It is with much regret that I have to announce the death of No. 4039 Sergeant W. Mendham, who was attached to the Southern Nigerian Regiment. He was killed in action in the Asaba Hinterland about the 11th February. This report was sent to the Colonial Office by the Administrator of Southern Nigeria, but no further details have yet been received.

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

1st BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

Transferred to the Army Reserve:—Lee-Sergt. J. Payne, Privates A. Cole, J. McCarthy, D. Milligan, F. Carley, J. Goldsmith, F. Goodger, C. Cornish.

Ptes. G. Smith and W. Wood have re-engaged to complete 21 years' service.

Granted Mounted Infantry Certificates:—Sergt. E. Ashton, Crpl. W. Cockle, Lee-Crpls. H. Gurr and H. Bishop, Ptes. E. Greig, T. Higgins, J. Morton, T. Barnett, S. Keen, E. Roberts, J. Butler, G. Boorman, W. Cousins, H. Jones, H. Winter, P. Homan, W. Harmer, H. Knight, E. Rixon, T. Carden, W. Dowsett, W. Pickering, T. Wick, H. Mitchell, F. Smith, H. Eastgate, H. Evans, A. Rogers, H. Brill, Drummer L. Newman.

Appointed Bandsmen:—Ptes. R. Wood, 3rd December, 1903; F. Edmonds, 18th December, 1903.

Awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education:—Crpl. G. Golding; Lee-Crpls. T. Stacey, P. Eldridge, W. Geddes, E. Sawyer; Pte. D. Dix, J. Kerridge, J. Davis.

Crpl. O. Bristow has passed the examination for promotion to Sergeant, and the following Lance-Corporals have passed for rank of Corporal:—H. Maslin, J. Burrows, F. Davis, A. Martin, E. Lawrence, A. Ayres, W. Skeer, A. White, S. Turner, L. Lewis, S. Weeks, W. Hake, and O. Bond.

Appointed Drummers:—Boys H. Maynard and A. Price 6th January, 1904.

2nd BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

Diyatalawa,
Jan. 11th, 1904.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I am afraid there is not much news to send you from Dlaw. It has been raining for practically a month, which has put an end to most games. The Company has played A and D Companies at football since we have been up here, and beaten both. We have now beaten every Company; our only regret is, that owing to the Battalion being so split up, the football shield was not competed for, as we would have had a very good chance of coming out top. We are losing three of our team who go home time expired by the Dilwara.

The Company have got up two entertainments lately to try and relieve the monotony of the evenings up here. They were both great successes. I enclose the programme of the second one. D Company also got up a boxing display which was very good, but I expect their correspondent who seems to be a regular writer has told you about it.

We had many days' shooting for the Eccles and officers' cups up here, but very few prizes were got by any of the Diyatalawa detachment. B Company was second in the competition for the Company shield, and of course we put down the fact of our not being first to the badness of the range compared with the one at Hampitiya.

A little mild excitement was caused last Saturday by the railway line giving way near here and part of a train slipping down about 50 feet, which made a glorious mix-up of

carriages, but luckily no one was injured. This line was apparently made on the cheap, consequently, when it rains, the line is sure to slip somewhere or other.

The G.O.C. was up here on Inspection last Saturday, and the Company did some field firing, with no casualties.

We expect Headquarters and C Company up here on the 10th, which will make the place more lively, and we hope the Band will come up as well.

B Company Correspondent.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The following are some of the doings which took place last month:—

HOCKEY.

Two matches were played against A and B Companies resulting in a win in both instances for D Company. Also a very good match took place between the corporals of the detachment and the officers and sergeants, a fine fast game terminating in a victory for the corporals by three goals to nil. For the winners Corporals Redmond, Boldy, Bonfield, and Fryer were conspicuous by their splendid play, while for the losers Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Case-Morris, and Color-sergeant Bullock are worthy of special mention, being very unfortunate in not scoring.

Our next item was a concert, comprised also of boxing and a gymnastic display by Ptes. Slodden and Shepherd of B Company. Programme:—1, overture, mandolines, Ptes Vile, Roberts and Holder; 2, four rounds exhibition by Ptes. James and Twine; 3, song, "The gallant Hussars," Pte. Hanson; 4, comic song, "Let her drown," Pte. Moor; 5, three rounds exhibition by Ptes. Lawrence and Denman; 6, song, "Love needs no words," Pte. Lawton; song, "My boy, my boy," Pte. Garwood. Interval of 10 minutes. 8, mandoline solo by Ptes. Vile, Holder, and Roberts; 9, six rounds contest, Ptes. Moir and Tucker; 10, descriptive song, "Boys of the Chelsea School," Pte. James; 11, three rounds exhibition, Ptes. Vincent and Richards; 12, song, "Only a leaf," Pte. Donoghue; 13, gymnastic display, Ptes. Slodden and Shepherd; 14, comic song, "I suffer from the same complaint," Pte. James. The theatre was crammed, not even standing room; in fact, there was a lot of the coloured community round the doors trying to obtain a view. The meeting between James and Vine was a rare rattling bout. The contest of the evening between Moir and Tucker was looked forward to with great interest. The whole of the six rounds were fought out, first one and then the other obtaining the lead. Just on the call of time in the last round Tucker was fought to the floor and remained there until counted out. Both received a great ovation. Moir is a wonderfully improved man, and if he takes care of himself will want a lot of stopping. Pte. James' rendering of the "Boys of the Chelsea School" was loudly applauded. Pte. Slodden (the pocket Hercules) gave a fine display of weight-lifting and club swinging, while Pte. Shepherd as clown kept the audience in roars of laughter. Pte. Bentley performed the duties of M.C. very satisfactorily. All the officers of the camp were in attendance, and thus ends one of the most successful concerts at Diyatalawa.

FOOTBALL.

A startling announcement met the eyes of all the frequenters of the Canteen on the 19th of last month, a poster being the attraction, with the following programme:

Look Here! Look Here!! Look Here!!!

The Match of the Season.

D Cos. "Dug Ups," and A Cos. "Old Fossils."

All "Old Sweats." A Treat for the Time Expired.

The following "Old Sweats" have promised to appear: D Cos. Team—Rattler Morgan, Sticks Burrows, Tim Kelly, Dinah Grant, Paddy Taylor, Tottie Rowe, Jim Boldy, Knotchy Knight, Cock Hanson, Clr.-Sergt. Bullock, Dash Waldack.

A Cos. Team—Spud Murphy, Mog Thornton, Rooty Jones, Juicy Jupe, Mona Gadd, Buffy Ward, Joe Morley, Pouch Harrison, Georgie Julyan, Paul Neville, Pimp Redmond.

The match came off on the following afternoon, amongst a good attendance of spectators D Co. won the toss, and Rattler kicked off punctually at 4.30 p.m. The ball was quickly transferred to A Co.'s goal, but was stopped by one of the backs, then A Co. had a turn, and got the ball down, and ten minutes after the start Jones scored from a penalty caused by Clr.-Sergt. Bullock handling the ball. From the kick-off D Co. then had it almost all their own way, the ball being kept continually in their opponents territory, and shot after shot was rained on the goal by Burrows and Morgan, but Gadd was always there; in the midst of a melee the whistle sounded for half-time.

On resuming, the play was still in favour of D, who were very unfortunate in not scoring; after some combined play by Kelly, Morgan and Burrows, they managed to equalise just before the call of time, thus ending in a draw.

Both sides not being satisfied, another match was arranged, which took place on the 21st, resulting in a win for D Co. by three goals to two. Bob Leggett's beautiful headers during the match caused much merriment.

There is any amount of excitement in Camp just at present owing to the time-expired men going away. They all seem to be mad, especially the three years men.

The Company has been going through Field Training this last couple of months, but finish to-day. We start our Annual Course of Musketry to-morrow, and trust this year to be the leading Company.

A Co.'s Correspondent asked me to mention a football match which took place yesterday between A and B Cos. A fine fast match throughout resulted in a pointless draw.

The sending off of time-expired men was one of the finest. Thanks to the energetic men comprising B Co. who got together the Band under the leadership of Drum Major Pte. Patsy Duggan who manipulated the baton in grand style, which caused the spectators to roar with laughter.

They fell in at 5 p.m. to-day, under Mr. Dinwiddy, and marched off, the improvised band playing some martial air, and every available man in camp following them to the station, where the best of all good feeling prevailed, no drunkenness occurred on this occasion to mar the happiness of this parting of comrades, the band being in a great measure responsible for the good humour which seemed to be pictured on everybody's countenance, and they deserve

great credit. It was composed of all the available buglers, Pte. Gosling, who used a tub for a big drum, and Ptes. Lawton and Roberts made very efficient side drummers, large tin cans, with sticks, being their instruments.

The time-expired will remain in Colombo for embarkation on the S.S. "Dilwara," which is to convey them to the "Dear Old Land" shortly.

"GIBBO,"

D Cos. Correspondent.

2nd BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

Qualified for promotion to Sergeant:—Sergt. A. Moss, Corpls. H. Iliffe, W. Neale, C. Mears, 22nd January, 1904. For Corporal: Corpls. H. Chawckley, B. Hurman, P. Vincent; Lance-Corpls.: F. Morris, F. Ibbotson, W. Freeman, C. Thurling, C. Nicholson, W. Hurman, M. Bearham, R. Rouse, T. Hemsley, J. Rowland, 22nd January, 1904.

Pte. G. Gardiner has re-engaged to complete 21 years' service, and Sergts. P. Kevan and T. Dorrell have extended to 12 years.

Awarded 1st Class Certificate, 27th October, 1903:—Pte. G. Wright and Pte. F. Cook, 8th January, 1904; passed in Group I, 1st Class Certificate, O.R. Sergt. R. Thorne, Sergt. C. Pope, Lance-Corpls. A. Sarney and H. Kimber, 8th January, 1904.

Dr. G. Gunningham and Mus. H. Wilson have been awarded the medal for long service and good conduct.

Granted Mounted Infantry Certificates:—O.R. Sergeant R. Thorne, Sergt. J. Mills, Lance-sergt. J. Barrett, Corpl. J. Redmond, Ptes. W. Bishop, F. Holmewood, L. Campbell, J. Pierce, H. Carman, T. King, J. O'Connor, W. Hills, W. Neighbour, C. Wren, J. Wannell, 18th January, 1904.

DEPOT INTELLIGENCE.

The undernamed have obtained 3rd Class Certificates of Education on 12th February, 1904:—

Ptes. J. Fox, W. Burrows, A. Barker, J. Smith, C. Carpenter, F. Godden, A. Walton, W. Ney, G. Danney, J. Driver, E. Mussell, H. Bampton, H. Groves, H. Crouch, E. Cole, W. Doyle, J. Hoyer, R. Driscoll, A. Stapley, S. Bowden, E. Willding, and 7390, Pte. G. Hyland a Second Class Certificate.

DEPOT SERGEANTS' MESS.

The return games competition with the Maidstone Companies of the 1st Vol. Batt. took place recently at the Barracks Maidstone, when everybody present enjoyed one of those pleasant meetings with our comrades of the Volunteers, to which we all look forward to from time to time. The result was a win for the Depot Mess, which I suppose must be attributed to their superiority in billiards.

BILLIARDS.

DEPOT.	1	VOLUNTEERS.
Col.-Sergt. Taylor	1	Sergt. Mead
Sergt. McGregor	1	Col.-Sergt. Upton
Sergt.-Major Outten	1	Col.-Sergt. Nicholls
Sergt. Perkins	1	Sergt. Cogger ..
Sergt.-Major Grellier	1	Sergt. Harding

WHIST.

Col.-Sergt. Allen	0	Sergt.-Instr. Evans	1
Sergt. McVicar	0	Col.-Sergt. F. Mead	1
Sergt. Marchant	0	Bandmaster Hunt	1
Sergt. Perkins	0	Sergt. Day	1
Col.-Sergt. Bass	1	Col.-Sergt. A. Lockyer	0
Sergt. Blount	0	Sergt. Cogger	1
Col.-Sergt. Taylor	0	Col.-Sergt. H. Lockyer	1
Col.-Sergt. Ailwood	0	Sergt. Barber	1
Qtr.-Mr. Sergt. Bass	0	Col.-Sergt. Cogger	1
Col.-Sergt. Moon	0	Sergt. W. Meads	1
Sergt. Daykin	0	Sergt. Harding	1
Sergt. Hayward	0	Sergt. H. Hughes	1
Col.-Sergt. Hunt	0	Col.-Sergt. Upton	1
Sergt. Collins	0	Sergt. Cogger	1
Sergt.-Major Outten	1	Sergt. Horton	0
Sergt. Page	1	Sergt. Haswell	0

TWENTY-FIVES.

Sergt.-Major Outten	0	Sergt. W. Meads	1
Col.-Sergt. Moon	0	Col.-Sergt. Nicholls	1
Sergt. McGregor	1	Col.-Sergt. Nicholls	0
Col.-Sergt. Hunt	1	Col.-Sergt. Upton	0
Sergt. Collins	1	Bandmaster Hunt	0
Col.-Sergt. Taylor	1	Col.-Sergt. H. Lockyer	1
Col.-Sergt. Ailwood	1	Col.-Sergt. Nicholls	1

DOMINOES.

Sergt. Daykin	1	Sergt. H. Hughes	0
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CRIBBAGE.

Sergt.-Major Grellier	1	Sergt. Horton	0
Col.-Sergt. Neighbour	1	Sergt. Haswell	0
Sergt. Hayward	1	Sergt. Harding	0
Col.-Sergt. Bass	0	Col.-Sergt. Hughes	1
Sergt. Blount	1	Col.-Sergt. A. Lockyer	1
Col.-Sergt. Allen	1	Sergt.-Instr. Evans	0
Sergt. McVicar	1	Col.-Sergt. Meads	0
Col.-Sergt. Taylor	1	Col.-Sergt. H. Lockyer	0
Col.-Sergt. Ailwood	1	Sergt. Barber	0
Col.-Sergt. Hunt	1	Col.-Sergt. Upton	0
Sergt. Collins	0	Sergt. Day	0
Sergt. Marchant	0	Col.-Sergt. Cogger	1
Sergt. Perkins	0	Sergt. W. Meads	1

DEPOT FOOTBALL NOTES.

On February 3rd we sent a team down to Shorncliffe to play the 1st Battalion. The game resulted in a draw. The weather was against good football as there was a high wind and pouring rain. In the first half Sweeney scored a goal, which was shortly equalised by our opponents. After the change over, the weather rapidly got worse, and after twenty minutes' play the match was stopped. Score—Depot 1 goal, 1st Battalion 1 goal.

On the following day we played our postponed match, v. Springfield, in the Hospital Charity Cup, at Barming Heath. We greatly felt the want of Sweeney, and lost the match by 3—1.

February 13th we played our return match v. Snodland, who again lowered our colours. The match was played amid a rain and hailstorm, and so bad did it become, that at one time the players were literally driven off the field by the hail. The visitors started off by getting four goals in rapid succession. This seemed to pull our team together, and before the finish of play we had scored three times, two from runs by Sweeney, while Snodland only raised their total by one, the match ending in their favour by 5 goals to 3.

On the 17th, Tunbridge Wells Half-holiday Club paid us a visit, and after a good game on a ground like a morass, the result was, Depot 2 goals, Tunbridge Wells 2 goals.

On the 24th we played a scratch game v. Mr. Armstrong's XI., and in spite of their having Sweeney and Hunter against us, won by 3 goals to 1.

On the 27th we took a team to East Malling, for a return match. A hard and well-played game resulted in a draw 2 goals all.

The Company League has continued weekly, and the table is as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	GOALS		PTS.
					F.	A.	
D ...	10	6	3	1	33	10	13
A ...	10	5	4	1	33	30	11
B ...	10	4	4	2	23	34	10
C ...	10	3	7	0	22	37	6

The first of a series of Concerts, organized by Sergt.-Major Outten and a Committee formed for that purpose, took place at the Recreation Room on the 2nd February, the room being packed to its utmost limit by the N.C.O.'s and men at the Depot, and a good many of the married families. Col. Brock and the other Officers serving at the Depot attended during the evening, and everybody appeared to thoroughly enjoy and appreciate the various items of the programme. Lce.-Crpl. Branson, Clr.-Sergt. Allen, Sergt. Rose, Pte. Lusted, Sergt. Haywood, A.P.C., Sergt. Blount, and Crpl. Kipps, are to be congratulated for the manner in which they rendered their songs, etc., and it is hoped that the next concert will take place at an early date in the Gymnasium. Programme:—

Overture, the Band; song, "The good old annual," Lce.-Crpl. Branson; song, "My sister Sue," Sergt. Pond; song, "The heart bowed down," Sergt. Haywood, A.P.C.; song, "Three women to every man," (sung twice by special request), Sergt. Rose; song, "Everything in the garden's lovely," Clr.-Sergt. Allen; song, "Me heart's good, but me feet won't let me," Pte. Lusted; song, "Don't stick it out like that," Pte. Stripling; song, "May I dance with you?" Sergt. Connors; song, "We've both been there before many a time," Sergt. Blount; interval, selection by the Band; song, "Genevieve," Crpl. Lawrence, A.P.C.; recitation, "The House that Jack built," Lce.-Crpl. Branson; stump speech, "Advice to young men," Pte. Klein; song, "Postponed? rather!" Pte. Lusted; mandoline duet, "Stella de Mair," Sergt. Blount and Cpl. Kipps; song, "Jerusalem," Clr.-Sergt. Chiswell; phonograph, selected, Sergt. Blount; song, "I haven't told him, not up to now," Clr.-Sergt. Allen; duet, "Larboard watch," Sergt. Haywood, A.P.C., and Crpl. Lawrence; song, "Very, very good to me," Sergt. Rose; song, "You'd better come down at once," Sergt. Rose; song, "How did you get in?" Pte. Stripling; "God save the King."

A second concert was held at the Gymnasium at the Depot on the 23rd February, and proved a distinct success, taking place before some 300 persons, including Major Style, Major Martyn, Captain Pack-Beresford, and Lieuts. Belgrave and Seccombe. Sergt.-Major Outten, Color-sergeants Allen, Hunt, Pearson, Sergeants Blount, Rose and

others who formed a working committee are to be congratulated on the very enjoyable evening's amusement, whilst the orchestra are deserving of the greatest praise for the manner in which they played. One item not provided for in the programme was the trick conjuring by Color-sergeant Allen, and it was known that a good many "could not see the point," at the conclusion of the programme when Color-sergt. Ailwood was seen at the back of the stage. Thanks are also due to those members of the Army Pay and R.A.M. Corps who assisted at the concert, which, now once started, should not be allowed to die out. Programme:—

Overture, "Zampa," Band; song, "Don't stick it out like that," Private Strickland; song, "Jack still knows how to fight," Pte. Morrison, R.A.M.C.; song, "His day's work was done," Sergt. Perkins, A.P.C.; flute solo, "Il Trava-tore," Sergeant Harper; song, "The old brigade," Sergeant Rose; song, "Winds that blow from the south," Pte. Sparks, R.A.M.C.; song, "Won't last very, very long," Pte. Simmons; stump speech, "Lecture on politics," P. e. Klien; song and dance, "Looping the loop," Drum.-Mr. Connor; Song, "Whoa, back pedal," Sergeant Pond. Interval. Song, "England, Home, and King," Sergt. Lawrence, A.P.C.; song, "Oh, the business," Color-sergeant Hunt; song, "Soldiers of the Empire," Drummer Pullen; song, "I've brought the coal," Color-sergt. Allen; song, "In happy moments," Sergt. Haywood, A.P.C.; song, "O'wd yer Row," Sergeant Blount; conjuring by Colour-sergeant Ailwood; song, "The song that reached my heart," Sergeant Harper; bassoon solo, "Lucy Long," Mr. White; song, "If the Missis wants to go, let her go," Sergt. Perkins, A.P.C.; recitation, "The rival Jockeys," Sergeant-Major Outten; song, "I'm the plumber," Sergeant Rose; "God Save the King."

The Corporals of the Depot held a smoking concert at the Rose on Thursday evening, 18th February, to bid farewell to Corpl. Walker, on his joining the Battalion. A very pleasant evening was spent, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The following contributed towards the success of the evening:—Lee.-Crpl. Branson (Chairman), toast, "The King," musical honours; Lee.-Crpl. Branson, song "I'm another"; Crpl. Walker, song, "Our Threepenny Hop"; Mr. Binskin, song, selected; Lee.-Crpl. Mears, song, "The Flower Girl"; Lee.-Crpl. Branson, toast, "Our Guest, Crpl. Walker," with musical honours; Lee.-Crpl. Boots, song, "'Aint it alright, Ah"; Sergt. Bellion (guest), in a few well-chosen words, bid farewell to Crpl. Walker, wishing him every success on joining the 1st Battalion, etc., etc. Mr. C. Meades, song, "The Little Hero"; Mr. Binskin, song, selected, and encore. Crpl. Walker responded to the toast of the evening, also his stay in the Depot just over seven years, speaking of the good feeling existing between the Corporals of the Depot, and hoped he would find as good comrades in the Battalion, etc. Crpl. Carpenter, song, "Captain told the Mate"; Mr. C. Meades, song, "A little stowaway"; Crpl. Walker, song, "They're a watching 'em"; Lee.-Crpl. Branson, song, "The King's Own." The party broke up by singing "The King," just before 11.

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

Second-Lieuts. G. Seccombe and B. W. Parker have been promoted Lieutenants from 20th February, 1904. The former is at present attached to the Depot for duty.

Someone has discovered that the new Militia Reserve is robbing us of all our oldest and best men of the 3rd Battalion, and an order has been issued stopping the recruiting for the Militia Reserve, except for men of the Royal Garrison Regiments.

The necessary orders concerning the Annual Training this year have been issued, and, as I anticipated in last month's "Gazette," the Training will take place at Gravesend and the Isle of Grain, commencing with the Recruits on the 27th June, and with the "old hands" on the 11th July next. By that time it is hoped that the weather will have improved, and that we shall not see so much mud as we have seen at the last two trainings.

Sheerness, Chatham and Southend, not being far from the Isle of Grain by water, has anybody got a small steam, electric, or motor launch to loan to

"THE LOW BACKED CAR."

VOLUNTEERS.

2ND VOL. BATT. INTELLIGENCE.

One of the great days of the year for the Beckenham and Penge Company of the 2nd V.B. was 6th February, when the fourth annual concert and prize distribution took place at the Public Hall. The building had been decorated in manner suitable to the occasion. A programme of music, etc., arranged in excellent taste and of great attraction, was performed, and in an interval between the items the ceremony of giving away the prizes gained during the past year took place, the gentleman undertaking this duty being Lieut.-Col. Browne, R.E. The guests, who were received by Captain and Mrs. Moore and the officers of the company, included Col. and Mrs. Satterthwaite, Col. and Mrs. Reid-Todd, Col. and Mrs. Hummell, Col. C. B. Clay and Miss Clay, Lieut.-Colonel Browne, R.E., Lieut.-Col. Trimmer, Major and Miss Latter, Capt. and Miss Selby, Captain and Mrs. Harris, and Second-Lieut. A. Sharland.

Captain Moore, the officer commanding the local company, made a few remarks on the work done during the past volunteer year. It remained for him to thank the Beckenham inhabitants for their support given, not only in attendance that evening, but also as donors to their prize fund. It was very much appreciated, and was a great encouragement to the men.

Lieut.-Colonel Browne having presented the prizes, Col. Satterthwaite proposed a vote of thanks to him, and congratulated the Company on the very satisfactory report presented by Captain Moore.

Lieut.-Colonel Browne, who was received with applause, said he really thought he ought to thank them because that event gave him a chance of renewing his acquaintance with a part of England where he spent most of his boyhood. It was not only pleasant to do that, but pleasant as an old volunteer and the father of a present volunteer to attend a meeting of that kind and hear such a satisfactory report as Capt. Moore had been able to read.

The contributors to the programme of the evening were most successful in their work. Mr. Eustace Turner excelled as usual at the piano. Mr. Harold Montague gave some clever musical sketches, introducing some novel and amusing matter. Miss Evalyn Amethe gave some of those wonderful violin solos of hers with a grace and feeling that won all hearts. The Misses Kay Clifford gave pleasing piano and mandoline duets, and Mr. Robert Denman sang songs which gave the greatest pleasure. Mr. Russell Canning, in a humorous recitation and a "phrenological" lecture, added to a splendid reputation as an entertainer.

D COMPANY.

The Annual Prize Distribution and Concert in connection with D (Goldsmiths' Institute) Company was held on 13th February at the Brockley Jack, Captain Donald Dinwiddy, commanding the Company, presiding. There were also present Colonel E. Satterthwaite, V.D., Lieut.-Colonel Frigout, V.D. (retired), Major E. J. Heward, Surgeon-Major Roberts, Captain and Adjutant O. Simpson, Sergt.-Major Lalley, Armourer-Sergt. Horobin, Sergt.-Instructors Church and Tench, Staff-Sergt. E. E. Sayer, Col.-Sergt. Jaffray, Sergts. J. H. Ridge H. F. Attree and T. Ayling, Alderman W. Brown, J.P. (ex-Mayor of Lewisham), who distributed the prizes, &c.

Captain Dinwiddy said that the D Company had determined to spread their recruiting net with the view of getting members of the Battalion from Brockley, Honor Oak, and Crofton Park. They did not receive that support from members of the Goldsmiths' Institute which was expected, and he regretted to have received a letter from the assistant secretary of the Institute (Mr. Birley) to the effect that he having reported to the Governors his (Captain Dinwiddy's) proposal to divide the Company into two parts—one consisting of the members of the Institute and drilling there, and the other of non-members drilling at a Board School, they (the Governors) considered the idea unsatisfactory, and having regard to the difficulties which he (Captain Dinwiddy) appeared to experience in restricting the Company to *bona fide* members of the Institute (which was one of the essential conditions when the Company was started) they had come to the conclusion that it was necessary to discontinue the connection between the Institute and the Volunteers. Mr. Birley went on to say this connection would cease at the end of the Volunteer year, after which date, November 1st, the Governors would require the armoury at the Institute to be given up and the practice of Volunteer drill at the Institute discontinued. He (Capt. Dinwiddy) was sorry that the Governors had taken up this attitude after the Volunteer connection with the Institute for so many years (hear, hear). But there was no help for it, and after this year the Company would be known as the Brockley Company. Alderman Brown having distributed the prizes was heartily thanked on the motion of Captain Dinwiddy, and in reply expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present.

3rd VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

The remains of Sergt.-Major J. G. Brash, Sergeant Instructor to the 3rd Vol. Batt., were interred with full military honours in Plumstead Cemetery on Saturday, February 6th. The funeral cortège formed up at the Drill Hall in Beresford Street, Woolwich, over three hundred Regulars and Volunteers forming the procession. The coffin, covered with the Union Jack, upon which were placed deceased's helmet and sword, and two wreaths sent respectfully by deceased's old comrades in the 1st Batt. Border Regiment (tied with the Regimental Colours) and the Sergeants of the Royal West Kent Regiment, was conveyed on a gun carriage, drawn by six horses. An immense and sympathetic crowd lined the streets. The Battalion Band, under Bandmaster Barber, played the "Dead March" from *Saul* and Chopin's *Marche Funebre*. The Drum and Fife Band was also in attendance. The usual volleys were fired over the grave, and the buglers and drummers sounded "The Last Post." The mourners included the widow and her two young children, deceased's brother, sister and mother, Sergt.-Major and Mrs. Mayfield, and several personal friends. Representatives were present from almost every Corps in the garrison, and in addition, from the Regimental Depot at Maidstone, and the 2nd and 4th Volunteer Battalions. The 3rd Volunteer Battalion, under the command of Captain Clyde Forsdyke and Captain and Adjutant Warner, was well represented. A large number of beautiful wreaths and crosses were sent by the widow and family, Colonel E. J. Moore, V.D. (commanding) and other officers of the 3rd Volunteer Battalion, The Queen's Own; the 1st Battalion Border Regiment; Sergeants and Corporals of the 3rd Volunteer Battalion, The Queen's Own; Sergeants of the 50th Regimental District; Sergeants and Corporals of the 2nd and 4th Volunteer Battalions, The Queen's Own.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

The following is the Record of Service of Brevet-Lieut.-Col. H. G. Fitton (late Royal Warwick Regiment), who has been appointed second in command in the Royal West Kent Regt., vice Major Brock-Hollinshead, who has retired on retired pay:—

- (1) Soudan Expedition, 1885—Suakin Medal with clasp, and Bronze Star.
- (2) Soudan, 1885-1886—Frontier Field Force, action at Ginnis, and attack on Ambigole Wells.
- (3) Expedition to Dongola, 1896, as D.A.A.G. Infantry Division (wounded), operations on 7th June (horse killed), and 19th September. Despatches, "London Gazette," 3rd November, 1896. D. S.O., Egyptian Medal with two clasps.
- (4) Nile Expedition, 1897, as Staff Officer to G.O.C. Flying Columns; occupation of Berber, and to Atbara River. Despatches, "London Gazette," 25th January, 1898. 4th Class Medjidie, clasp to Egyptian Medal.
- (5) Nile Expedition, 1898, as D.A.A.G. Battles of the Atbara and Khartoum. Despatches, "London Gazette," 30th September, 1898. Brevet-Major, two clasps to Egyptian Medal, Medal.

(6) South African War, 1899-1902.—On Staff, operations in Orange Free State, February to May, 1900, including operations at Paardeberg; actions at Poplar Grove, Karee Siding, Vet River (5th and 6th May), and Sand River. Operations in the Transvaal in May and June, 1900, including actions near Johannesburg and Pretoria. Operations in the Transvaal, 30th November, 1900, to 31st May, 1902. Despatches, "London Gazette," 10th September, 1901, and 22nd July, 1902. Brevet of Lieut.-Colonel, Queen's Medal with three clasps, King's Medal with two clasps.

Lieutenant L. H. Hickson (doing duty at the Depot), has sailed for Somaliland to join the 2nd King's African Rifles. We all wish him every luck on his third campaign, and a speedy return to the Royal West Kent Regiment. He has been relieved at the Depot by Lieut. A. D'E. Knox, 1st Royal West Kent Regiment.

We much regret that Capt. Lister has been very seriously ill in Newcastle, having had to undergo an operation. The latest reports state that he is now on the right way to recovery. His illness was supposed to have been caused by resuming hard work before he had entirely recovered from the effects of enteric fever contracted whilst serving in the South African Campaign.

Major A. Wood Martyn has, after a long and trying illness of eighteen months, been found fit for service again, and has the notice to join the 2nd Battalion in Ceylon.

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

	Subscriptions.	Donations
Major-General E. Leach, C.B.....	1 0 0	
Captain C. E. Kitson.....	0 10 0	
Lieut. L. H. Hickson	0 10 0	
Captain A. M. Campbell ..		0 14 0

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions:—

To December, 1907.—Major A. T. Simpson.

To December, 1905.—Mr. T. N. Hill.

To December, 1904.—Mr. J. Bowman, Major J. W. Jones, E. J. Elgood, Esq., Capt. J. Kennedy, Mr. W. Dadd, Col. W. Wynyard, Col. F. F. Johnson, C.B., Bde.-Surgeon Owen-Owen, Mrs. Maunsell, S. L. Monekton, Esq., Mrs. Moody, Mrs. Rowe, Rev. Canon Grant, Admiral Buckle, Capt. E. Heygate, Mr. G. Franklyn, Mr. W. Geddes, Col. C. M. Churchill, Mrs. Jameson, Mrs. Safford, Mr. J. Muddle, Sergt.-Instr. J. Blackburn, Major N. Leckie, Mr. Hurrell, Col. E. T. Luck, Miss Dalison, Randall Mercer, Esq., Col. W. H. Bayly, Mrs. D. B. Roffey, Major-Gen. Luard, Col. A. E. Fyler, Capt. A. Campbell, Rev. F. W. Fiennes, D. R. Pack-Beresford, Esq., Col. Belgrave, Capt. Matthews, Capt. C. Druce, Capt. Lewis, Mrs. Barker, Capt. Moore, Mr. J. Malone, W. O. F. Sergeant, Esq.

The remains of the late Sergeant-major C. Funnell, 50th Regimental District, were interred in Chatham Cemetery on Saturday, February 20th, in accordance with the wish of the family that he should be buried there.

The troops stationed at the Depot followed the hearse from the deceased's residence in Maidstone to a point on the Maidstone-Chatham road, a party of bearers going on to Chatham.

A CONTEMPORARY.

We have received No. 1. of *The China Dragon*, the Regimental paper of the 2nd Battalion North Stafford Regiment, and congratulate the Editor. We wish the paper every success.

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C. E. PACK-BERESFORD, Captain,

2nd Royal West Kent Regiment.

AN ELEPHANT HUNT IN CEYLON.

40 YEARS AGO.

Pavilion, Kandy, 2nd March, 1882.

MY DEAR,

I have only just returned from a week's expedition with Lady McCarthy, and think that some account of it may not prove uninteresting.

The mail goes out this afternoon, so I cannot write as much as I could wish, as I have other business on hand. The object of our trip was to see an Elephant Kraal or Coral. Lady M——, Mr. McCarthy (a brother of the Governor's) on a visit here from Australia, and a very good fellow who has been my constant companion and ally for

the last three months, and myself started on Monday afternoon last and drove down to Ambaupitha, 26 miles on the Colombo road, to a Mr. Evatts (a road officer). We were there hospitably entertained by him and his charming wife, who is a remarkably handsome woman, and not at all colonial, and we started on horseback at 5 the next morning for Avisharville, where we were to put up the next night. We rode by 8 o'clock to Ruamville, 17 miles. The road was a grassy one the whole way, and the morning delightfully fresh, and we enjoyed it exceedingly. Ruamville is an old permanent field work, which was built in the Kandian Rebellion of 1816, and was one of the many points of communication as a depot of stores, on the then road to Kandy; it is most pleasantly situated, and the house is very comfortable. We were then met by a native headman and retinue, and provided with a most excellent breakfast, the staple commodity being, of course, chicken. We had good appetites, and I am afraid made sad havoc in the poultry yard. We had lots of fruit, and every luxury was provided for our horses. We spent a very pleasant six hours there, Lady McCarthy made some very nice little drawings. Towards evening we put one of our horses in a trap, which had been sent to meet us, and drove 10 miles to Mr. Curqueen's, at Avisharville, where we found numerous arrivals from Colombo and other places, and everybody in a great state of excitement, as reports had just been received from the Kraal that the elephants were just outside the fence, and that they were anxiously waited for, as they would perhaps try to break the circle of beaters; however, we enjoyed a good dinner, and early to bed. Up at 4 in the morning, and made a hasty meal, in the saddle at 5 o'clock, and rode 9 or 10 miles before the sun was up.

This brought us to the temporary bungalow which had been erected for our accommodation, about half a mile from the kraal, so far in order that we might not frighten the elephants by any noise we might make. The party had been increased to three ladies and seven gentlemen; besides our party there were several others, some in tents, others in huts, forming, altogether, a very pretty picture, as we were in a delightfully little grassy valley surrounded by abrupt and lofty hills, over one of these was the kraal. The greater part of the day of our arrival we spent in paying visits to the different tents and huts and not the least enjoyable part of our day's amusement was a swim in a very nice stream with beautiful clear and cold water, and so shaded that we bathed in the heat of the day. About four o'clock on Wednesday afternoon the Dissari (the native chief whose kraal it was) sent us orders that we must start immediately for the kraal as the elephants were in its immediate vicinity and we must get up before they were near enough to hear us, so off we started, and after a very stiff walk of about 20 minutes we arrived at it. I don't know whether you have read Terrant's account of it. If not, I may as well tell you the kind of affair it is. It is an enclosure with strong

fencing made of half trees and bound together with jungle rope, strong enough to resist the charge of several elephants, although never required to do so, and they always turn before arriving at it, as I will hereafter explain. This kraal was situated at one end of a deep and narrow gorge between two hills; in fact, a thorough *cul de sac*. Down the centre of it I saw a little stream, but so covered with bamboo grass as to be invisible. The enclosure was about 100 yards by 70, having at the broad end an opening in the fence about six yards broad. The interior was full of large and small trees with an almost impenetrable underwood. The elephants were within a quarter of a mile of this trap. When we arrived at the covered stand which had been erected for our accommodation at nearly one end of the kraal and on an elevation, we were enjoined to keep strict silence and not to smoke. We obeyed these instructions most laudably, expecting every moment to see the rush of elephants; and we could hear them crashing through the jungle at a short distance. We were, however, destined not to be so easily let off. Just imagine we remained till 8.30 the next morning in total darkness without eating, talking, or smoking. We fortunately had some drink. Not having expected to be kept up all night we had not prepared for it. Some lucky few had long easy chairs, but most had to sit on the floor or in the dark feel for a cover and sleep as well as they could. Most were in such a state of excitement that they could not sleep. I was one of the number, and was extremely thankful when daylight came. I must tell you that the herd of elephants had been kept afoot for a fortnight previous to this by a party of natives sent to watch and follow them about three days before the driving in. About 300 beaters surround them and drive them in the direction required until they get them to the entrance of the trap. Then came the most difficult job, that of getting them to enter it. This they fully experienced on this occasion as they had them 16 hours before it, in vain trying to induce them to enter. The brutes had got into such a thick clump of jungle that it was impossible to get at them, and it was only by cutting it and firing at them that they were at last induced to enter. This they did with a splendid rush, tearing through the underwood, and crashing down the small trees like so many sticks. I was at the far end of the kraal on a tree where I could get a tolerably clear view of the thing. Imagine 21 elephants charging at you, and as they come making the ground shake again, trumpeting and bellowing like so many fiends up to within five or six yards of the fence where I was. I can assure you I did not feel at all comfortable, but when they arrived there they were received with hoots of the natives, blazing torches, long sticks with points to them and discharges of firearms; in fact, such a noise as one can scarcely imagine that they turn tail and tried all the other parts, but in vain, as they were received in the same manner everywhere. In the course of half an hour all the brushwood and small trees were dust, and we could see

everything they did, which was very little as they were exhausted by their best efforts and their previous fortnight's harrassing.

The sport was now to see them catch one. This is not usually done on the day of their being trapped; they are not considered to be sufficiently done up and it is too dangerous. They are usually left in twenty-four hours before it is attempted, during which time they are so frightened by various means, that they are thoroughly cowed, and offer a comparatively feeble resistance. However, as Lady McCarthy could not stay any longer, the Dissari resolved that one at least should be caught. Accordingly operations were commenced as follows—Two Mahouts mounted a large tusker tame elephant and entered the enclosure, and were shut in with the herd. The effect was extraordinary, the utmost terror seemed to be instilled into the wild beasts, they scampered off, then turned trembling with fear, moaning and making all sorts of noises, and watched the approach of the tame one, and on his getting near them off they went again. However, after a time one of them seemed to think he might as well show fight, and charged the tusker, but turned tail when within a yard or two on which the Mahout commenced chipping him, and then got off and led his elephant, holding a noose of deer's hide twisted rope in one hand. This man was charged several times behind in the most plucky manner. Sometimes seeking protection from the tusks, and others boldly holding his ground and tiring the elephant, at last he very cunningly noosed his fighting friend, and then commenced a fine struggle between the two elephants, the rope being fastened round the tame one's neck. They at last got entangled, and rolled over together in their struggles, and no doubt a capture would have been made but the rope broke and a fresh start had to be made. This went on for a couple of hours and unfortunately several ropes broke; the elephants were too wild, and a capture of a small one was made in order to satisfy us. The little beast caused great fun, his fight to the last and his struggles were most ridiculous. I believe they were going to take ten the next day when they had worried them sufficiently. It was unfortunate we could not stop, but we really saw the whole process and were exceedingly pleased. It was a magnificent sight, but far beyond my descriptive powers even had I time to use them. We went down that afternoon and an early dinner and early to bed to make up for the lost night. We were up and in the saddle at daylight, and all off to their respective destinations.

BIRTHS.

At Colombo, 16th October, 1903, the wife of Sergt. J. Mitchell of a son.

At Colombo, 23rd October, 1903, the wife of Sergt. W. Alderman of a daughter.

At Colombo, 4th November, 1903, the wife of Cdr.-Sergt. H. Jury of a daughter.

At Trincomalee, 23rd November, 1903, the wife of Sergt. W. Moir of a daughter.

At Colombo, 8th December, 1903, the wife of Orderley Room Sergt. R. Thorne of a son.

At Colombo, 15th December, 1903, the wife of Lce.-Crpl. E. Hickmott of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

At All Saints', Sydenham, on February 20th, 1904. Mr. J. Bowman, late 2nd Batt., to Daisy Seymour.

DEATHS.

At Manchester, on 7th February, William Wood, late 50th Regiment.

At Clough, Co. Down, on 31st January, 1904, Robert Smyth, late 97th Regiment.

At Maidstone, on 12th February, 1904, Charles Funnell, late Sergeant-major 50th Regimental District.

At Sheffield, on 18th July, 1903, Charles King, late 2nd Batt.

At Woolwich, on 28th January, 1904, George Brash, Acting Sergeant-major, 3rd Vol. Batt.

In action, at Asaba Hinterland, about 11th February, Sergt. W. Mendham, 1st Batt., attached to the Southern Nigeria Regiment.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

LINE BATTALIONS.

The undermentioned Gentleman Cadet from the Royal Military College to be Second Lieutenant, dated 2nd March, 1904:—Arthur Kenneth Searight.

The undermentioned Lieut.-Col. to be Brevet-Colonel under the provisions of the Royal Warrant, 10th February, 1904:

Cholmeley E. C. B. Harrison.

The undermentioned Second-Lieuts. to be Lieuts.:

C. H. Shaw, vice R. J. T. Hildyard, promoted, dated 20th January, 1904; B. Johnstone, vice G. H. Shaw, seconded for service with the Indian Army. Dated 21st January, 1904. A. S. Hewitt, vice L. H. Hickson, seconded, dated 4th February, 1904.

Major Anthony W. Martin retires on retired pay, dated 19th March, 1904.

1st BATTALION.

Promoted Colour-Sergt. Sergt. G. Button, 16th Feb.

Appointed Lance-Sergts., Corpls. T. Legg, 4th Dec.; A. Allen, 6th January.

Promoted Corporal, Lance-Corpl. S. Weeks, 1st January.

Appointed Lance-Corpls., Dr. W. Barrow, Ptes. G. Boorman, W. Cousins, 20th February.

2nd BATTALION.

Promoted Sergt. and appointed Master Cook, Sergt. E. Soughton, dated 8th February, 1904.

Appointed Lance-Sergts., Corpls. C. Rowland, 27th Nov. 1903; F. Piper, 7th February, 1904, J. Teer, 8th Feb. 1904.

Appointed Lance-Corpls., Ptes. G. Brown, 29th Dec. 1903; J. Graham, 29th December, 1903; H. Christie, 29th December, 1903; J. James, 7th December; 1903; A. Hale, 12th January, 1904.

Sergt. (Orderly-Room Sergt.) R. Thorne, promoted Col.-Sergt. (O.R.S), 8th November, 1904.

3rd BATTALION.

Major J. P. Dalison resigns his commission, with permission to retain his rank and to wear the prescribed uniform, dated 5th March, 1904.

Capt. R. Whitehead resigns his commission. dated 19th March, 1904.

1st VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

Capt. W. C. Lewis vacates the appointment of Instructor of Musketry, dated 12th March, 1904.

Lieut. F. B. Carlisle to be Instructor of Musketry, dated 19th March, 1904.

3rd VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

The undermentioned gentlemen to be Second-Lieuts.: Frederick Lockhart Goad, dated 12th March, 1904; William Edward Hocken Matthews, dated 12th March, 1904; Thomas Walter Collyer, dated 12th March, 1904.

OBITUARY.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Colonel A. E. Fyler, which took place on March 19th, 1904. Colonel Fyler joined the 50th Regiment in 1853, and was the last officer to command it before the system of linked Battalions was brought into force. He served with the 50th Regiment throughout the Crimean Campaign of 1854-55, and was present at the battles of Alma and Inkerman, and at the siege and fall of Sevastopol, receiving the medal with three clasps and the Turkish medal. In 1866-67 he again saw active service with the 50th in the New Zealand Campaign (medal). In 1882 he commanded the 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment in the Egyptian Campaign, and was granted the medal, Khedives' Star, and the 3rd class of the Medjide. In 1895 he published a History of the 50th Regiment.

INAUGURAL DINNER & SMOKING CONCERT

of the

ASSOCIATION OF SERGEANTS,

held at the

CORN EXCHANGE, MAIDSTONE on Saturday, 5th March, 1904.

Maidstonians were puzzled to see so many fresh faces in the county town wearing the uniform of the Territorial Regt., and when it was seen that they were all wearing the gold or silver chevrons generally associated with the Sergeants of a corps it was known that something unusual was taking place.

The occasion was the First Annual Dinner and Smoking Concert of the Association of Sergeants, "The Queen's Own R.W. Kent Regt., to which about 130 members of the Association, who had been or were at present Sergeants in the Regiment at some time, sat down to an excellent repast provided by Mr. Hadlow of the Mitre Hotel.

The proceedings commenced at 6 p.m., and amongst the members present were Captain and Qr.-Mr. Couch from the Maidstone Depot, and Lieut. and Qr.-Mr. Willis from the 1st Battalion at Shorncliffe.

About 7 p.m. a flashlight photo of the Company was taken by Mr. Dunk of Week Street, and within an hour, 2 copies of the photo were on view, which does great credit to the photographers.

Unfortunately, the flash or the report caused several to instinctively to close their eyes at the moment of exposure, causing some of them to have the appearance of taking an after dinner doze.

After dinner, a capital programme was provided, Qr.-Mr. Sergt. Smith, 4th Batt., with his Violin Solo, Pensioner Qr.-Mr. Sergt. Dawson, Cr.-Sergt. Allen, Cr.-Sergt. Hunt, Sergts. Pond, Ball and Rose with their songs, and Sergt.-Major Outten with his recitation being particularly good.

The Smoking Concert opened with the toast, "The King," and after a song or two, the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family," by Sergt.-Major Outten, 50th Regimental District, and Sergt.-Major H. G. Rogers, 1st Batt., who were Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.

During the evening, Colonel T. H. Brock, Commanding 50th Regimental District, who is President of the Association, and Colonel C. E. Harrison, Commanding 1st Batt., and who is a Vice-President, attended, amongst other officers present being Major A. Martyn, Captains O'Dowda, Kitson and Warner who are Adjutants of their respective Battalions.

Pensioner Sergt.-Major Brown in proposing the toast of the evening, "The Association of Sergeants," remarked how, in conversation, the idea of an annual dinner for the Sergeants was mooted, it being suggested that Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. Bass, at the Depot, should be written to for his assistance, the result being, not an Annual Dinner, but the formation of the Association of Sergeants. In the course of further remarks, he stated that the object of the Association was to keep the Sergeants in touch with each other, whether they were Regulars, Militia, or Volunteers, and whether they were serving or not, and the management of the Association having fallen into good hands, it was now the duty of all of them to work for the success of the Association, theirs to make or mar.

He coupled the names of Pensioner Sergt.-Major Locks and Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. H. Bass with the toast.

Pensioner Sergt.-Major Locks in responding, expressed himself thoroughly satisfied with the results of the work so energetically taken up, and accomplished, by the Secretary. One point he wished to impress on behalf of the committee, was that they met that night for business, not solely to dine together. They would meet together at the Annual Meetings of the Association, where suggestions for improvement of the Association could and should be discussed. He asked that suggestions be sent to the Secretary in writing for the Committee's consideration. The Association was bound to have its influence on the young men of the District, and the honour of becoming a Sergeant of the Royal West Kent Regiment will become an aim and ambition of those enlisting in the territorial Regiment.

Qr.-Mr. Sergt. Bass, rising, said, all who read the Regimental Record, "The Queen's Own Gazette," knew his views of the Association, and the fact that there was a large number of members present that evening, proved that his efforts had been appreciated. He felt that his best thanks lay in the fact that 257 Sergeants past and present, had joined the Association. The meeting that night was the result of some three months' hard work in his spare time, and he had received a great many very appreciative letters during that time. He thanked Colonel Brock, Sergt.-Major Outten and the Committee for their advice and support, and hoped to be able to publish the names of the members who had joined the Association.

Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. Smith, 4th Vol. Batt, proposed the toast of "The Queen's Own Regt.," and in doing so referred to the good work accomplished by the 2nd Batt. in South Africa, the raising of 3 Volunteer Active Service Companies, and the *esprit de corps* which existed. We had in the ranks, Men of Kent and Kentish Men, all in one camp for King and Country. He felt it a great honour, as the senior volunteer of the youngest Batt. of the Regt., to be allowed to propose the toast of "The Queen's Own," and the members of his Batt. were very proud of the fact that they belonged to a corps which had two Line Batts. at their head with such splendid records as the 1st and 2nd Batts. He coupled the names of Colonel T. H. Brock and Colonel C. E. Harrison with the toast.

Colonel Brock in replying, said that he could not help thinking that the oldest soldier in the room should have responded to this toast. He could see many old soldiers in the room, amongst them Sergt.-Major Light, who was Sergt.-Major of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion when he (Colonel Brock) was Adjutant, and who, as a good many knew, went through the Siege of Lucknow. Anything he could do to further the efforts of the Association would be a pleasure to him, and he was pleased to see the Association so soundly established. The more Members got to know each other, the better it was, and the more beneficial to the welfare of the Corps. Speaking for himself, he would never forget that evening, and would continue to take great interest in the Association of Sergeants.

Colonel Harrison rising, said, "No matter how carefully one may prepare a set speech, on such occasions as these you speak from the bottom of your heart, and, thus I say, it gives me very great pleasure to be with you to-night. Continuing, he said it was the good fortune of the Corps to be represented in the late South African War, and that there the 2nd Battalion simply added to the credit started years before by the 1st Battalion. Probably none knew better than himself the history of the Regiment, not only of the honours borne on the Colours, but of those not thereon, and to which the Regiment was fully entitled to share with other Regiments. He had striven to obtain recognition, but where a Field Marshal had failed, it was hopeless to expect him to obtain success.

"He had the success of the Sergeants' Association at heart, knowing the relation of the Commanding Officer to his Sergt.-Major, the Captain to his Sergeants, and so on, and he felt that the more they knew each other the better they were able to appreciate each other—the better they were able to give and take.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman—Sergt.-Major Outten; Vice-Chairman—Sergt. Major Rogers; and the Hon. Sec.—Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. Bass, after which "The King" was sung.

1st BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

Appointed Drummers, Boy F. Coe, 1st February; Ptes. A. Jones, 20th February; F. Wilson, 21st February.

Ptes. F. Stocks, G. Barnes, P. Pope, G. Stringer, and P. Fabin have been transferred to the Army Reserve.

Lance-Corpl. F. James, Ptes. F. Cook, W. Carpenter, A. Ribbon, E. Dickson and B. Cook have been permitted to extend their service to complete 8 years.

Pte. G. Bromley has been transferred to the R.F.A.

Pte. W. Ho k from the Royal Marines. Pte. J. Allen from the Royal West Surreys. Pte. J. Bartlett from the Royal Engineers.

Ptes. H. James, F. Merrony, F. Couldrey and S. Taylor have been discharged medically unfit.

Dr. H. Palmer discharged "free" after 12 years service, and Pte. W. Coleman on termination of first period.

Awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education: Lance-Corpls. W. Skeer, H. Gurr, Ptes. W. Bellingham, F. Tiffin.

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The members of our Sports' Committee have not relaxed their efforts in carrying on the various competitions. The contest for the Tug of War Shield was continued as follows:—

2nd ROUND.

C beat D.
D beat E.

In the final round (C v. B.) C Company proved far too strong for their opponents. Colonel Harrison presented the Shield to the winners directly the contest was over.

The Football Challenge Shield was this year carried off by G Company, though F Company made a grand fight for it in the finals. This shield has been competed for eleven times, out of which B and G Companies have each won it five times, and F Company once.

Continuing the accounts of football from where I left off last month, C Company met F on the 2nd March in the Second Round, and after a very one-sided game, F Company won by 7 goals to 2. B and D Companies played off their tie in the Second Round on the 4th March. This turned out to be a very evenly contested game, and finally D Company won by 2 goals to 1, principally owing to the fine play of Pte. Lord at back. This was the third time these two teams had met, each of the two previous matches having ended in a draw.

H Company beat the Band on the 5th March by 2 goals to love; these teams had played once before but the game resulted in a draw, neither side scoring.

In the Third Round F were drawn against H and D against G.

The game between F and H Companies proved of little interest. F was by far the better team, and though they only won by 2 goals to love, their opponents did not fight as keenly as they should have done.

D v. G COMPANY.

The first time these two teams met on the 9th March, the result was a draw, one goal all, and an extra half hour's play did not alter the score. It was a well-contested game, and Pte. Lord, of D, and Ptes. Davies and Keeble, of G, showed up remarkably well. These two teams met again next day, but the result and the play was not so interesting, G Company winning by three goals to love.

F and G Companies were thus left in for the Final. An enormous interest was taken by everyone, the popular fancy being F, chiefly, I think, because G Company were convinced they would win. Although their confidence in themselves was justified, they had a hard fight for it,

The first game they had was on the 14th March. It was an excellent game, gamely fought from start to finish, one goal all was scored at call of time, and though they elected to play another half hour, no change took place.

The teams met again on the 18th March, and the game was also hotly contested, till G Company scored a goal soon after half time, and then the game became rather poor. Both goals had narrow escapes, especially that of F Company. G Company, with one goal to their credit, managed to keep the play chiefly in their opponents' half, and despite the valiant efforts of Pte. Sparrow and his supporters in the front line, managed to maintain their lead till the whistle sounded. I think there was an unnecessary amount of kicking out, and that is what chiefly spoilt the second half. It is not a sporting thing to waste time, but let the best team win. I noticed the following did great service for their respective sides—Lce.-Sergt. Harris, Ptes. Keeble, Davies, Sparrow and Cogger.

We have only had two regimental matches this month, one against Holy Trinity Football Club, and the other against Folkestone. In each case we won by one goal to love.

The team was as follows:

Goal: Pte. Cooksey; backs, Lance-Sergt. Harris and Pte. Lord; half-backs, Second-Lieut. Phillips, Ptes. Green and Cogger; forwards, Ptes. Sparrow, Keeble, Lance-Corpl. Barrow, Ptes. Davies and Eastgate.

With any luck I think this team should turn out well next year, they have greatly improved since I last saw them play, and I hope to see still more improvement when they are taken in hand at Malta next autumn.

Our only hockey match was rather disastrous, Second-Lieut. Brock being knocked out of time with a blow between the eyes within five minutes of starting, and one of our opponents (Folkestone H.C.), being knocked out at the end of the game. We were beaten by one goal to love.

We have had five victims up for examination in subject "C" for promotion this month, but I am glad to say they all defeated the Board of Examiners. Captains Burt and O'Dowda, Lieuts. Snow, Keenlyside and Lynch-White all passed. On the 18th March we said farewell to Colonel Harrison, whose tenure of command finished on the 20th. We all sincerely hope that the rest which he so well deserves, will restore him to health once more.

Copy has run a little short this month, but I hope the voyage and its incidents will enable me to send you a more interesting budget next month.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

Diyatalawa, March 4th, 1904.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Since my last letter the weather, I am glad to say, has improved, so there is much more doing in the way of games. C Company has come up, and has played D Company at hockey twice, drawing once and being beaten the other game 6—0. D Company has not been beaten at hockey now for five months. B Company has played the other Companies at football, and still remains unbeaten. The last match, B v. D, was a draw one all. Hockey is catching on to a certain extent, and there have been several keen matches; Officers and Sergeants v. Corporals, the Corporals first won three matches, but by less margin each time, then there was a draw, and finally the Officers and Sergeants beat them 6—0. The Corporals have now challenged us at football, where I expect we shall be hammered. The Officers and N.C.O's combined played the Privates at hockey, but were badly beaten 3—0. Last week A and B Companies went down to Colombo on Wednesday to take part in the yearly mobilization scheme; each Company was given a bridge to defend. We occupied the outpost line for one night, and next day we were relieved by the Volunteers. It was only twenty-four hours' work, and as we did not return till Tuesday morning, we had a holiday for a day or two. A and B played F and E (the Colombo Companies) at football. Our team was practically composed of B Company. There was a very close game, ending eventually in a win for the D'lawa team. There was a report that we were to have 350 Russians up here, who were picked up at Port Arthur, to look after, but thank goodness that is off, it would probably mean more guards and no more pay.

Your D'LAWA CORRESPONDENT.

Diyatalawa, Ceylon,
6th February, 1904.

Everyone who has visited our station in the hills will remember Sergeant Jack Hayhurst, of the Royal Engineers, and will not be surprised to hear that on the eve of his departure for England, there was a great demonstration of feeling in the Sergeants' Mess. Demonstration is quite a mild expression of what happened. All old comrades met to bid him farewell, and carried it out in right good Old English fashion—a way that we still have in the Army, in spite of many reforms. During the evening of the 2nd of February, the concert, which was given in his honour, had plenty of "go" in it.

The Chairman, when proposing the toast of the evening said that all had begun to look upon our worthy guest as an "Engineer Fixture," and although he was going home "time expired," they were positive he was by no means "unserviceable." Space will not allow of a description of the health-drinking and many good wishes which were lavished on our old friend; but all who know him will join us in wishing him everything good in civil life.

Towards midnight the "Mayor of Kandy Hill" rose to speak, and all could see that the parting affected him more than he cared to show. He said that he had experienced many partings during his career, and few had been as painful as the present. During the time that he served with the Battalion he had formed ties which could not be broken, and he would watch our movements with the keenest interest.

Our Officers, and, in fact, all ranks, had given him the greatest assistance, and he wished his most sincere thanks to be recorded.

The following is a Programme of the Concert:—Musical Selection, Piccolo and Mandoline, Staff-Sergt. Powell, R.A.M.C., and Sergt. Kallend; Song, "Alice, where art thou," Sergt. Minall; Song, "Some years ago in the wilds of Australia," Sergt. Bristow; Song, "Boys of the Old Brigade," Clr.-Sergt. Wood; Song (comic), "'Scuse me, must go!" Mr. Bennet Burley; Song, "Soon we'll be in London Town," Clr.-Sergt. Grey; Song, "Money," Sergt. Crossley; Song (comic), "Time is Money," Staff-Sergt. Powell; Song, "Mother Shipton," Sergt. Northeast, R.E.; Song, "Drinking," Clr.-Sergt. Bullock; Recitation from Burns, Mr. McMath; Song (comic), "Up they all came smiling," Sergt. Crossley; Song, "Queen of the Earth," Sergt. Minall; Song (animated), "Follow your Leader," Sergt. Kallend; Song, "He forgot his poor old mother," Sergt. Mallon; Song, "Out in a garden of roses," Sergt. Bristow; Song (comic), "He's dot-dot-dot-dotty," Staff-Sergt. Powell; Song, "I do feel sorry that I was set free," Sergt. Kallend; Song (comic), "Well caught!" Mr. Bennet Burley; Song, "Anchored," Clr.-Sergt. Bullock; Song (comic), "Let 'em all come," Sergt. Richman; Song, "He was the scamp of the Regiment," Col.-Sergt. Wood; Song (comic), "Such a nice man, too," Col.-Sergt. Grey; Song (by special request), "Happy we have been together," Sergt. Hayhurst, R.E.; Song (comic), "The Rose of Persia," Mr. Bennet Burley.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

F.G.

A Co., Diyatalawa, 11th February, 1904.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I am afraid hardly anything of importance ever happens here; however, the following may be acceptable. On the 5th January, we (A Co.) arrived here under the command of 2nd Lieut. Case-Morris, Lieut. R. M. G. Tulloch being unable to come up with the Company owing to his participation in the Annual Military Staff Ride, which lasted about ten days. These rides, I believe, are of a Topographical nature, and were inaugurated in Ceylon under the *regime* of the late Sir Hector Macdonald, and are now kept up annually by the General Staff.

Field Training and Musketry is the order of the day at present, two Companies (there are three Companies here) doing Field Training, whilst the other Company is going through Musketry. Up to the present we have indulged in preliminary drills, but now have started Field Training in earnest. In the ordinary course of events we should have finished our training by the beginning of March, unfortunately the weather is very unkind, and continually interrupting our work, which, of course, means a prolonged Training, and is very annoying to all concerned. I use the term "annoying" with reason, because when it rains it means that your Correspondent, in common with the remainder of the "Prehistoric Warriors of Asian unknown," have to career round, knees up in an old tin hut, which does not commend itself to our martial sense, though occasionally, when it rains, we're treated to very interesting and instructive lectures.

A new range is being built here, and will be completed about the end of March; according to our pre-arranged programme, that should be about the time we commence our Musketry.

On the 9th January we played B Co. at Football, which ended in a win for us by two goals to one. In this game the Co.'s Team tried two young 'uns (last draft), i.e., Ptes. Todd and Trevena. They both played a very good game, the latter being responsible for one of the goals. On the 11th we played D Co. at Hockey, which ended in a win for D Co. by two goals to one, but as D Co. possess, or is reputed to possess, the best Hockey Team on the Island, their victory was to a certain extent anticipated. On the 15th we played B Co. a return match at Football, which ended in a draw, one all; this was one of the fastest games I have seen played in Ceylon. The play at half-back of Ptes. Anderson and Morris was admirable, and likewise Corpl. Redmond at forward, who showed splendid form. In this game Trevena again took part, and scored the only goal for the Company with a well-timed shot from mid-field. Judging by his last display he should prove a useful acquisition to the Co.'s Team.

On the 16th B Co. kindly entertained us to a Concert, which concluded with a Dramatic Farce entitled "Gentleman Harry," the best feature of which was Pte. Shepherd as the swell mobster; Messrs. James, Graham, and Christie were loudly appreciated for their Sentimental and Comic Songs, the three of them being vociferously encored in their turn as they appeared.

On the last day of January quite a commotion was caused in camp by an accident on the Railway, which runs almost parallel to the camp, no ordinary train smash, but a landslip. It seems that the incessant rain we have had lately had so much soaked the ground that on the train approaching, a bit of sandy soil, near a rock, completely gave way beneath the metals and a good portion of the rails and part of the train were precipitated a depth of about 200 feet. The coupling pins between the engine and tender broke, thus the engine escaped, but the tender and three cars went over the side. Some portions of the latter went right down, whilst the remainder dangled in the air, being caught by a rock. A party was sent from Company to render any aid that may have been required. Fortunately, there were no fatalities of any kind.

On the 3rd of February there was a general exodus of time-expired men. Although it goes without saying that they were all glad to leave for home, the majority of them were extremely sorry to leave, and felt grieved at parting with their comrades. I suppose long-formed friendship, cemented by long and weary nights of outpost on African Veldt was bound to tell at parting, however, the feelings were reciprocal on all sides. The scene was one never to be forgotten, some were laughing, some were crying, whilst the majority indulged in antics that baffles description, and I am sure Mr. Dinwiddy must have felt relieved when the train finally steamed out of the station to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne," sang and shouted in goodness knows how many different keys.

TO THE EDITOR "THE QUEEN'S OWN GAZETTE."

Dear Sir,

I have been asked to write a short report on a Shooting Match which took place at Haputale Range, on Sunday last, 14th September, between the Ceylon Planters' Rifle Corps (Haputale Section) and the Detachment of the Battalion at Livatalawa Camp.

The day was very hot and the light dazzling, and the Range, which was evidently not tested with a spirit level, was very unfavourable to us, as, since our friends, the Boers, let us out of S. Africa, we have not fired from tops of hills.

At 200 yards it was not so bad, but the 500 and 600 yards points were some way towards heaven, while the butts remained in the other direction.

At 200 yards, we commenced about 9 a.m., after a long and fatiguing walk in all sorts of directions, to circumnavigate the paddy fields. At this range the Planters were very nearly our equal, as we only managed to get 3 points ahead.

At 500 yards we increased our lead considerably, viz., 9 points.

After firing this range practice we adjourned to breakfast (1.30 p.m.), which was served in a range hut and consisted of—no I shall not tell you that because we don't want those who didn't go to be envious, as we who went all want to go again to get another.

After breakfast (by the bye we don't get TEA for breakfast out here) the Planters did not shoot so well, and neither did we, but we managed to increase our lead still more, so that we won by 16 points.

Tea was then served, and we returned to camp by train after a jolly and very successful day.

We hope soon to give them a return match. I append full scores.

We are well satisfied with our victory, as the C.P.R.C. collected their best team, or very nearly so, with the intention of wiping us out.

I am, Sir,

Yours, &c.,

A CASUAL SCRIBE.

C.P.R.C.

		200	500	600	Total.
Sergt. Marks	...	26	27	22	75
Forbes	...	28	25	17	70
Magor	...	29	25	28	82
Armstrong	...	26	31	29	86
Walker	...	29	29	26	84
Ferguson	...	29	25	24	78
Hudson	...	23	23	20	66
		190	185	166	541

DETACHMENT "THE QUEEN'S OWN."

		200	500	600	Total.
Lieut. Tulloch	...	27	32	28	87
" Grant	...	31	23	26	80
2nd Lieut. Case Morris	...	28	30	23	81
" Hewitt	...	22	24	27	73
Clr.-Sergt. Bullock	...	28	32	25	85
" Wood, A.S.	...	26	27	21	74
Lce.-Corpl. Neville	...	31	26	20	77
		193	194	170	557

THE ACTIVE SERVICE COMPANY'S DINNER.

The First Volunteer Active Service Company held their second annual dinner at the Drill Hall, Sevenoaks, Captain C. N. Watney presiding. Supporting him were Major G. Morphew (who commanded the Company), Captain C. S. Marchant, Lieut. L. de B. Barnett, Captain J. F. Lawrie, Captain T. N. Dinwiddy, Captain and Adjutant C. E. Kitson, 1st V.B., Captain A. Havergal, R.N., Mr. G. Willis, and others, the whole company numbering upwards of 60. The hall had been effectively decorated with flags, &c.—The Chairman, proposing "The King," referred to the fact that it was at Norval's Pont that the Active Service Company heard of His Majesty's accession to the throne. Their hopes as to the dignified manner in which the King would fill the throne of his revered mother had been fully realized. They praised His Majesty for his interest in the well being and efficiency of the Army and Navy, and his ever untiring endeavour to be at peace with all nations (cheers).—Captain J. D. Laurie, proposing "The Active Service Company," referred to the ready response that was made by the West Kent Volunteer Battalions in 1901 when the appeal was made for volunteers for South Africa. Were they ever called upon again—God forbid that the necessity should arise—they would, as in the past, do their best to uphold the British flag and the honour of the Empire.—Major Morphew (who had a most enthusiastic reception), replying to the toast, said that there was never a truer active service company in South Africa than that of the Royal West Kents (hear, hear). They did their duty well in spite of all the difficulties. They always knew that they had England behind them, and they were prompted in their work by the fact that they wanted to bring a good record home with them. This, he ventured to say, they did (hear, hear). As to those of the Company who were still in Africa, he had heard from all of them with the exception of two, and all were doing well and hoped to be with them at their next dinner. He was pleased to see so many present, and hoped that these pleasant re-unions would continue.—Captain Watney also expressed pleasure at seeing so many members of the Active Service Company present. He wished they could all have attended, but they were very wide apart. He was in the chair that evening because it was the desire of the committee that each officer who was with the Company in South Africa should occupy the position in turn. He read letters of regret for non-attendance from Colonels T. H. Brock, Grove, C.B., Hammond—who treated them so well at Hammonia—E. Satterthwaite, commanding the 2nd V.B., and Major Wood Martyn, the late adjutant of the 2nd V.B. Of the 137 men and officers, and the draft of 20 men that went out, all but seven returned. One of these was fated never to see South Africa. He died at sea. Others they lost by disease at Norval's Pont, but those who were spared and returned he hoped to meet for many years. He proposed "Our Fallen Comrades," and the toast was drunk in silence.—Captain C. S. Marchant, in proposing "The Queen's Own," referred to the good feeling which existed between the volunteer battalions and the Territorial regiment.—Captain C. S. Kitson, replying, regretted that he did not see more of the first Active Service Company in South Africa. Speaking of the second Active Service Company, of which he saw more, he claimed that they followed the

excellent example of the first company.—Lieut. L. de B. Barnett proposed "The Visitors," and made special reference to the much appreciated kindness of the Editor of *The Kentish Mercury* in forwarding weekly to the Active Service Company copies of that paper during the time that they were in South Africa.—"The Non-commissioned Officers," proposed by the Chairman (who spoke in terms of high praise of the subjects of the toast), was acknowledged by Colour-Sergt. G. Church, Sergt. W. Wainscott and Sergt. Prentice (the indefatigable secretary of the dinner committee).

1ST VOL. BATT. INTELLIGENCE.

PRESENTATION TO SERGT.-MAJOR MAYNARD.

The members of the Tunbridge Wells detachment of the 1st V.B., the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), foregathered in large numbers in the Friendly Societies Hall on Saturday evening, February 20th, to bid farewell to their respected and esteemed instructor, Sergt.-Major C. Maynard, who is retiring to pension after 33 years' service. Sergt.-Major Maynard enlisted in the 97th Regiment (now the 2nd Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment) in 1871, and during the earlier part of his engagement saw a good deal of foreign service, including part of the regrettable operations in South Africa during the first Boer War in 1881, and also in the West Indies, Gibraltar, etc. He originally served as a Drummer, and advanced step by step until he was promoted Drum-Major. He then transferred to the band, and was made Band-Sergeant, eventually going to the Regimental Depot at Maidstone as Colour-Sergeant. After remaining there some years he was posted to the permanent staff of the Volunteers, and went to Tunbridge Wells as Sergeant-Instructor in 1893. He was appointed Sergeant-Major of the 1st V.B. five years later and has held that position with the greatest credit to himself since that date. He now retires with the remarkable and highly creditable record of 33 years' military service with an absolutely clean sheet.

The gathering took the form of a very enjoyable smoking concert. It was presided over by Lieutenant C. Fordham Harris (in the unavoidable absence of the senior officers of the detachment), who was supported by Lieutenant Eggington, Sergeant-Major Nealon, Sergeant-Instructor Callaghan, Quarter-Master-Sergeant Hickmott, etc., while the vice chair was occupied by Colour-Sergeant S. Knight. The proceedings commenced with some selections by a very efficient amateur orchestra, under the conductorship of Mr. K. Turner, which were very much enjoyed. A very well arranged and highly-appreciated programme, consisting of quartettes, trios, duets, and songs, was sustained by the following members of the Corps and friends:—Private Robin Hood, Lance-Corporal C. Ranger, Sergeant Rose, Drummer Trotman, Drummer McBride, and Messrs S. Stringer, Foster and T. Urner, while Private W. King made a very efficient accompanist. The various items on the programme were extremely well rendered, but amongst those deserving special mention was the quartette "Comrades in Arms," which received a well-merited encore. Mr.

T. Urner was also recalled for his splendid song "The Skipper," and followed by an even better rendition of "Drinking." The two humorous members of the detachment, Drummers Trotman and McBride, were, as usual, in great demand, and received frequent recalls for their really funny and up-to-date character songs.

During the interval between parts one and two of the programme the Chairman, in a few words, expressed the regret that both officers, N.C.O.'s, and men felt at the retirement of Sergeant-Major Maynard. He then called on Sergeant-Drummer Watson, who, in a neat little speech, thanked the Sergeant-Major for the very special interest he had taken in the drums of the battalion, and asked, on their behalf, his acceptance of a very handsome and richly-ornamented silver tray.

He was followed by Quarter-Master-Sergeant Hickmott, who, in eulogistic terms, referred to the many happy years that they had spent with the Sergeant-Major, and as a token of the esteem and regard in which he was held by the N.C.O.'s and men, asked his acceptance of a beautifully illuminated address, together with a very ornate silver tea service.

The Sergeant-Major, who was received with prolonged cheering on rising to respond, remarked that he could not find words to express his gratitude for the very handsome gifts that had been presented to him that evening, but he assured them he greatly appreciated their kindness.

The address, which was very artistically designed, was the work of Pte. G. Adams, and the handsome oak and gilt frame was supplied by Colour-Sergeant S. Knight.

2ND VOL. BATT. INTELLIGENCE.

The Sergeants' Mess of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion had its Annual Dinner at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, Colour-Sergeant G. Allard (President of the Mess) being in the chair. The Company, numbering nearly eighty, included Colonel E. Satterthwaite, commanding the Battalion. Sergt. A. Kiloh, the Hon. Sec. of the Mess, deserves credit for the excellence of the arrangements. After the loyal toasts the Chairman read letters of regret for absence from Captain and Adjutant O. B. Simpson, Surgeon Captain Fegan, Captain Selby and Lieut. Sawyers. He regretted, too, that they had no representatives from the Depot with them. In proposing the "Imperial Forces" the Chairman said that each branch was equally dependent on the other in the defence of the Empire (applause). Sergt.-Major Jones, R.M.A., in reply, assured the company that service men were very proud of the Volunteers. Qr.-Master Sergt. Cover spoke in high praise of the 2nd W.K. Vols.—they were the essence of *esprit de corps*. Col.-Sergt. Roche also suitably replied. "The Colonel and Staff" was also proposed by the Chairman. He was sure they would not wish to serve under a better Colonel or Doctor—who always prescribed for them correctly (laughter and applause). Colonel Satterthwaite, who was received with loud cheers, referred to the good feeling which existed between the Line Battalions and themselves. He regretted that he had not been able to be present at all their prize distributions as

usual, but he had been very busy, as they all knew. They were glad that their Sergt.-Instructors came from the Territorial Regiment, and they hoped that they would always have such a good Adjutant and Instructors (applause). He thanked the Sergeants for their hospitality. Surgeon-Major Roberts said that it was gratifying to know that his branch of the service was appreciated. His supplies never ran short, and, judging from the run on them, they were very much appreciated, especially after late nights and shooting competitions (laughter and cheers). Sergt.-Major Brewster repounded for "The Visitors," proposed by the Chairman, remarking on the true sprit of comradeship which existed between the Line and Volunteer Battalions. Especially was this so with the West Kents. Colonel Kent Lemon proposed "Success to the Sergeants' Mess," observing that there had always been a chain of good fellowship from the Colonel down to the latest joined recruit, and this was the secret of their splendid record. The Chairman and Sergt. Kiloh, who was described as "the life and soul of the Mess," replied.

Kentish Mercury, 4/3/04.

2nd BATTALION JOTTINGS.

Thanks to the energy and zeal displayed by Col.-Sergt. Bullock, a comfortable and commodious A.T.A. Branch has been established, where a pleasant hour may be spent, and where "tack wallahs" can indulge in the harmless pastime of punching wads, judging the time.

Seriously, though, the Detachment ought to feel grateful to the Col.-Sergt. for his energetic interest, as until the A.T.A. became an accomplished fact, the Canteen was the only time-killing Institution in Diyatalawa.

Who was the individual at Kandy who asked for dietary extras out of the recreation funds?

The last of the Boer prisoners have now disappeared from Camp, but they have left us an everlasting souvenir in the shape of "S.A. Light Horse."

Though I'm not a regular trained scout, I find I've to practice the art much against my will, only, whilst the former practice scouting on the hills, and by daylight, I have to commence operations after "lights out" round my cot.

But it is rather humiliating, because I'm invariably vanquished by the "S.A. Light Horse," and I prided myself on having mastered the elements of scouting, I having slept next to a scout for some considerable distance.


One of the Sousa's (last draft) :—"Orderly man, how is it you have'nt drawn the jam this morning for breakfast?" Orderly man (old cert and of choleric disposition) :—"Oh, I forgot all about it, but I'll tell the Col.-Sergt. and he'll probably put you down for compensation in this month's pay list."

What is the idea of a certain N.C.O. studying Chinese? Evidently our projected move to Chinaland must be the probable cause.

Corpl. (looking at pass):—"Er—eh—what's this, your name is obliterated." Pte.:—"My name is not Obliterated, Corpl., my name is Monk."

Can anyone supply us with a choice selection of expletives for use when being stuck up to the knee in a bog? The ordinary barrack room vocabulary is a complete failure on that occasion.

AU COURANT,
A Co.'s Correspondent.

We regret to hear, just as we go to press, of the
death of the
 COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT,
LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR FOWLER BURTON, C.B.,
on 2nd April.

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COLONELCY OF THE REGIMENT.

Our readers will be gratified to learn that the Colonelcy of the Regiment, vacant through the death of General Sir Fowler Burton, K.C.B., has been conferred on Major-General E. Leach, C.B. Major-General E. Leach served in the 50th Regiment in the Crimea, subsequent to the fall of Sebastopol, from the 19th September, 1855, until the evacuation on 12th July, 1856. He served also in the New Zealand War of 1863-66 as orderly officer to Colonel Waddy when commanding a field force in the Waikato in 1864; present at Waiari; appointed aide-de-camp to Brigadier General Waddy, 7th January, 1865; and present at the attack and repulse of the enemy at Wukumara (mentioned in despatches); appointed Deputy Assistant Adjutant General 28th January, 1865, and present at the repulse of the enemy at Kakaramea (mentioned), and served throughout the campaign in the Wanganui district under Sir D. Cameron. Accompanied Major-General Chute as D.A.A.G. during his campaign on the West Coast in 1865-66, and present at the assault and capture of Okatuku, Putahi, Otapawa, Ketemari, and Waikoko Pah (mentioned in despatches, Brevet of Major, and Medal). Served with the 1st Batt. R. W. Kent Regiment throughout the Egyptian War of 1882, and was present at the action of Kassasin on 9th September (Medal, 4th class of the Osmanieh, and Khedive's Star). Served in the Nile Expedition in 1884-85 in command of the 1st Batt. R. W. Kent Regiment (mentioned in despatches, C.B. and Clasp).

The following telegram was despatched by the O.C. 50th Regimental District on behalf of all ranks of the Regiment, to Major-General Leach, C.B. :—

"Major-General Leach, C.B., 27, Thurloe Square, London.

"All ranks desire to express how greatly they appreciate the honour conferred on the Regiment by your appointment to the Colonelcy."

The following telegram was received from General Leach in reply to above :—

"Officer Commanding Depot, Maidstone.

"Please convey to all ranks my most sincere thanks for their very kind telegram on my appointment as Colonel of the old Regiment, which I greatly appreciate and shall never forget."

Major-General Leach.

Major-General E. Leach, C.B., has kindly consented to become Patron of the Association of Sergeants of the Queen's Own.

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Lieut.-Col. C. R. King				0	10	0
Major N. H. Leckie				1	0	0
Captain H. W. Beeching	1	0	0			
Lieut. J. Parker	0	5	0	0	5	0
Captain T. H. C. Nunn, D.S.O.	...	...	0	10	0			
Captain L. H. James	...	...	0	10	6			
Captain E. F. Venables	...	...	0	10	0			
Major E. V. O. Hewett	...	...	0	10	0			
Captain T. P. C. Smith	...	...	0	10	0	0	10	0
Captain M. P. Buckle, D.S.O.	...	...	0	10	0			
Captain J. Couch	...	...	0	10	0			

DEATH OF GENERAL SIR FOWLER BURTON, K.C.B.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of General Sir Fowler Burton, K.C.B., death being due to heart failure.

General Sir Fowler Burton, K.C.B., was born in September, 1822. He had, therefore, reached his 82nd year, and it is a remarkable fact that he remained on the active list for 65 years, having entered the army in 1839. He was educated at Eton and in Paris, and it was on attaining the age of 17 that he joined the 97th Regiment. In 1841—two years after he received his commission—he went abroad with the regiment, and returned home from Novia Scotia in 1853. In the very year that he reached home the forces of Turkey, depending on the assistance of England and France, had crossed the Danube and commenced war against Russia. Towards the end of the following year Captain Burton was ordered to the Crimea with his regiment. Sailing from Sebastopol on the night of December 20th, the Russians seized the most forward parallel of the allies' lines, from which the guard had been compelled to retire. Captain Burton, who had command of the Light Company, drove the Russians from that position, and retained its possession

until reinforcements arrived. It was for this distinguished service that he received the brevet of lieutenant-colonel. Major Burton, in the July of the following summer, was seized with a dangerous illness and invalided home, and was, therefore, not present at the capitulation of the great arsenal.

Two years later the Indian Mutiny broke out, and Major Burton, who had command of the Sharpshooters of the Jounpore Field Force, under Brigadier Franks, took part in suppressing the uprising in Bengal, and was present at the capture of Fort Nusrutpore, and in the actions of Chanda, Ummeerpore, and Sultanpore, on the road to Lucknow. On March 1st the attack on Lucknow commenced, and Sir Colin Campbell's real fighting began 5 days later. On the 11th General Burton commanded a portion of the forces which stormed the Kaiserbagh. For his work with the Jounpore Force he was mentioned twice and thanked in despatches. Afterwards came the Central Indian campaign, in which the late officer served under Sir Hugh Rose in the march to Jhansi, Calpee, and Gwalior. Amid all the dangers of the mutiny, the deceased officer took part in many skirmishes and engagements, but received no serious wound, and his constitution resisted all the hardships of climate, and the rigours of campaign. Some years after his services in India he received the Companionship of the Bath in further recognition of his military ability.

From 1860 to 1870 General Burton commanded the Walmer Fusilier Battalion, becoming colonel in 1862 and major-general six years afterwards. It was from 1870 to 1875 that he was on the staff as A.A.G. in the Western District. In 1880 he became lieutenant-general, and in the following year, at the age of 59, he was promoted to general, after 41 years' hard and faithful service to his country. In 1890 he received the colonelcy of the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent) Regiment, and it was in consequence of his retaining that appointment that he remained on the active list up to the time of his death. His medals include the Crimea, 1854-1855, with clasp; Sardinian and Turkish, the Order of the 5th Class of the Medjidie, and the Indian Mutiny medal and clasp. Last June General Fowler Burton's name was included in the list of those on whom the honour of K.C.B. was conferred.

IN MEMORIAM.

(April 2nd, 1904).

O life, so rich in kindliness, so hale

In thy sincere and generous northern grain !
The span of years so told : ripe as a tale

Which full of love and honour, finds no pain
Of long farewell and sorrowful Adieu,
But lives o'er all to read sans end and rue.

How close thy memory clings to us that stay—

Here in the chastened paths of Love's regret—
Mindful of the staunch strenuous lot to-day

That sets as some rare evening none forget !
So, 'tward the westering lights that gleam beyond,
Thou passest hence—tried Knight and Friend so fond.

W.A.W.

The verses were composed by Mr. W. A. Walker, and sent to the Rev. Bramwell Burton, Rector of Cherry Burton, in memoriam of the late General Sir Fowler Burton, K.C.B., J.P., the Colonel-in-Chief of the Queen's Own Regiment.

In the presence of a large gathering of relatives, and naval, military, and civilian friends, the remains were laid to rest at Pennycross, on the 9th April. The deceased officer's family home is at Cherry Burton, East Yorkshire, and it was originally intended that the funeral should take place there, but the illness of Lady Burton rendered this impossible. A more beautiful resting-place could hardly be found than the quiet little churchyard at Pennycross, and the service, simple though it was, was exceedingly impressive.

Under the supervision of Major G. A. Burton, eldest son of deceased, the coffin was removed at 7.30 a.m. to Stoke Damerel Parish Church, where it was received by Rev. J. Sharpe, and deposited in the Chancel. A very large number of wreaths had been received from friends living near and at a distance, and among the flowers placed on the coffin were the wreaths from Lady Burton and her sons, tied with light and dark blue, the colours of General Burton's old regiment; from 1st and 2nd Battalion Royal West Kent (Queen's Own) Regiment, from the depot of the regiment at Maidstone, and from Cherry Burton. The other wreaths, lovely tributes to the memory of one who was as good as he was brave, were placed around the chancel or suspended from the gas pendants and brackets. The inscription on the coffin was:—"General Fowler Burton, K.C.B., born September 3rd, 1822, died April 2nd, 1904."

The service commenced at 2 p.m. and was fully choral. Rev. S. Gordon Ponsonby (rector) officiated, and the other clergy present were Revs. J. Sharpe, A. Sharpe and G. Robinson. The mourners were Major Fowler Burton, Mr. Montague Fowler Burton, Major and Mrs. S. Harves (Chatham), Mr. D. Fowler Burton (Cherry Burton), Rev. Bramwell Burton (rector of Cherry Burton), Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Fowler (Otterington House, Northallerton), and all the household servants. As colonel of the Royal West Kent Regiment the deceased officer remained on the active list up to the time of his death. A large number of military officers attended in uniform. Lieut.-Gen. Sir W. F. Butler, K.C.B., commanding the Western District, who was in London on duty, was represented by Major C. B. Little and Captain H. F. H. Clifford, A.D.C.'s. Those present or represented were Major-Gen. E. Leach, C.B., Col. T. H. Brock, Col. C. E. C. B. Harrison, Major Martyn, Captain C. G. Pack-Beresford, Captain C. Druce, Captain M. P. Buckle, and Lieut. Belgrave. The 2nd D.C.L.I., stationed at South Raglan Barracks, were represented by Captain R. M. Wetherill and Lieuts. E. B. Ward and C. H. G. Collins; the 2nd Royal Warwickshire Regiment by Captain C. Hassel and Lieuts. C. W. C. Crook and C. H. G. Collins; and the Plymouth Division R.M.L.I. by Col.-Commandant A. D. Corbet, C.B. and Lieut.-Col. J. H. Swanton.

Also present at the service or at the graveside were Rear-Admiral W. H. Henderson, Rear-Admiral R. F. Hamrick, Inspector-General T. Bolster, R.N., Commander R. F. Yonge, Lieut.-General H. F. Williams, Colonel J. S. Bar-

ker, C.B., C.S.O., Colonel J. C. Dalton, C.R.A., Colonel M. H. G. Goldie, C.R.E., Colonel J. Elliot, C.B., C.M.G., Colonel W. G. Armstrong, R.M.L.I., Colonel A. T. Wodehouse, Colonel G. C. Swiney, Colonel Alford, Colonel H. A. Barker, R.A., and Captain H. L. Barker (late Royal West Kent Regiment), Colonel Plunket, R.A., Captain W. M. Ogg, Captain Hall Parlby, Captain M. C. Collier (2nd V. B.D.R.), From the Royal British Female Orphanage, of which committee General Sir Fowler Burton was a member, were present 20 children under Miss Mackenzie.

Shortly before the commencement of the service the deceased officer's sword, plumed hat, and tunic, with medals and decorations, were laid on the coffin by Captain C. G. Pack-Beresford and Capt. C. Druce. The service was very impressive, the opening sentences being sung to Helmore's beautiful setting. The hymns were, "My God my Father while I stray," and "Onward Christian Soldiers," and at the close Mr. C. Jeffery (organist) played the Dead March in Saul. Although full military honours were not accorded, the funeral was of a semi-military character. While the service was in progress there was drawn up at the south entrance to the church a 16-pounder gun carriage, drawn by six Army Service Corps horses in the charge of three Royal Field Artillery drivers from Exeter. There was also in attendance the Band of the 1st Border Regiment, stationed at Crownhill, under Bandmaster Robinson. The coffin was borne from the chancel and placed upon the gun carriage by five colour-sergeants or sergeants from the 2nd D.C.L.I., and a similar number from the 2nd Warwickshire Regiment. As the cortege left the church the band played Hartmann's "Funeral March," and on the way to Pennycross Beethoven's "Funeral March," was also played. Pennycross was reached by way of Collingwood, Tavistock Road, and Milehouse. Nearly 100 carriages followed the cortege, and thousands of people lined the whole route so much was Sir Fowler loved by all. Along the route in the borough of Devonport the police were in charge of Chief Constable J. Matters, while Supt. Hacon, of Devon County Constabulary, had charge of the police outside the borough boundary. On the cortege arriving at Pennycross Churchyard, the other clergy were joined by the vicar (Rev. W. E. Waddington). The grave was lined with moss and lovely white flowers. At the service at graveside Revs. S. Gordon Ponsonby, J. Sharpe and Waddington officiated, and at the close the band played "When the labourer's task is o'er."

Amongst others who sent letters of sympathy and were unable to be present at the funeral of Sir Fowler Burton were His Excellency the Turkish Ambassador in London, His Excellency the Greek Minister in London, the Marquis of Villalobar, the Spanish Embassy in London, the Hon. Mrs. Tremayne, Sydenham, Devon, and Mr. John Tremayne, Heligan, St. Anstrel.

General Sir Fowler Burton, K.C.B., was born at Cherry Burton Hall (where his nephew, Mr. D. F. Burton, now resides), in September, 1822. In 1862 the deceased married Elizabeth, daughter of the late John Banks Friend, of Ripple Vale, Kent, by whom he had three

sons and one daughter. The eldest son, Cecil Fowler Burton, who was a captain in the Royal Fusiliers, died in 1897. The second son is Gerald Arthur Fowler Burton, a retired major, from the 3rd Suffolk Regiment. The only daughter is the wife of Major Sydney Harvest, R.M.L.I.

The deceased, who was a great friend of the late Duke of Cambridge, was a Justice of the Peace for Devon. He was identified with the various charitable institutions of the locality in which he lived, and the poor will lose in him a generous and warm-hearted friend. He worshipped at Stoke Damerel Church, for which he had a warm affection.

He never ceased to take an interest in his birth place and Yorkshire home.

Kindly references to him was made in the pulpits of several of the churches of the neighbourhood.

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Your regular 1st Battalion Correspondent pretends that he has too much to do to contribute this month, and has selected, I fear, a most indifferent substitute.

The P. and O. s.s. "Soudan," which brought us to this delectable island, is certainly a superior sort of transport, and I think everyone was more comfortable than is usually the case when troops cross the briny. It is true that very many of all ranks were sorry for themselves, and wished on the second and third day out they had never been born. That, however, was not the fault of the ship, which did her best under adverse circumstances. Most of us have seen far higher kickers. When once out of the Bay things went quite smoothly, and we were enabled to have sports and concerts and things. Of the sports boxing and tug-of-war were the main events.

In the boxing Pte. Dray won the heavy weights, beating a big gunner in the finals. Dr. McCarthy was successful in the middle weights, and Pte. Baker easily won the lights. In fact none of his opponents seemed to find it good enough to stand up before Baker after a couple of punches. Pte. Hobbs won the feather weights, his opponent in the final, Pte. Tugram, knocking up his thumb. The remaining competition was for boys, and was most pluckily contested all round. I am not quite sure, but believe that they all won.

Our own eight companies, two teams of cavalry, and two of garrison gunners entered for the tug-of-war. In the semi-finals C beat G fairly easily, and the 1st gunner team beat 1st cavalry team. The gunners, who were a very heavy team, pulled C once in the final, after a very hard pull. Then, however, one of their men fainted, and C twice pulled over the remainder, thus winning first prize. In the pull for third prize G beat the 1st cavalry team.

The other events included cock fighting, potato race, gymnastics and greasy pole, all of which were keenly contested, and afforded plenty of amusement to the specta-

tors, especially the greasy pole. Ptes. Evans and Hill (Bottle) also gave a wrestling exhibition, which seemed to combine much science with comedy.

The concert was much appreciated. Of the Regiment Sergt. Wren, Dr. McCarthy, and Ptes. Johnson, Klein, Harris and O'Shea, helped to make it a success.

We reached Malta on Thursday evening, and disembarked on Friday, the 15th. Since then we have been under canvas at Pembroke, five miles from Valetta. The Battalion is going through its annual course of musketry, and from 7 a.m. till dark every day the popping to be heard from the ranges shows that the Companies are at it.

We have been distinctly unlucky in our weather so far, which satisfactorily accounts (in his own mind) for the shooting of every man who is going to be a third class shot.

H.E., the Governor, made his inspection of the Battalion on parade three days after we disembarked. We march to Mellieha, at the other end of the island, early in May. We shall do the field practices there and hope to return to the neighbourhood of bells, yells, and smells, and to occupy Florianna Barracks before the middle of the month.

YOUR ACTING 1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

1st BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

SERGEANTS' SHOOTING MATCH.

On 26th March a team of Sergeants from the 2nd Vol. Battalion, under the captaincy of Sergt. A. Kiloh, visited Shorncliffe for a shooting match with a team of Sergeants from the 1st Battalion (under Sergt.-Instructor Musketry Dark). In the result the Volunteers were beaten after a good match by one point. Scores:—

REGULARS.

	200	500	600	T'tl.
Colour-Sergt. Kill	29	27	26	82
Sergt. Nicholson	27	28	27	82
Sergt. Brown	28	30	23	81
Sergt. Ashby	28	28	22	78
Colour-Sergt. Collyer	29	21	27	77
Colour-Sergt. Eldred	28	24	24	76
Sergt.-Inst. Musketry Dark ...	26	31	16	73
Sergeant Firman	26	23	23	7

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VOLUNTEERS.

	200	500	600	T'tl.
Lance-Sergt. R. Fawsitt	28	33	28	89
Colour-Sergt. Mitchell	29	32	28	89
Sergt. E. Bryant	29	32	23	84
Sergt. H. Goodsell	30	27	26	83
Sergt.-Instructor Cooke	27	29	24	80
Lance-Sergt. H. Bishop	26	21	22	69
Sergt. Thornley	24	22	21	67
Colour-Sergt. Jaffray	25	20	14	59

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2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

COLOMBO DETACHMENT.

Football in Colombo has been going strong, and has been making great strides since our arrival in the island, our own keenness and that of the R.G.A. Company stationed here doing a lot to keep things going.

In December last it was decided to form a Football League, called the Colombo Football League. We put in two teams (No. 1 and No. 2). These teams were practically two company teams, as only E and F Companies are in Colombo, but by giving No. 1 team (E Company) the attached men of the right half battalion and the drums, and No. 2 (F Co.) the left half and the band, both teams were considerably strengthened.

The League includes, with our two teams, the R.G.A., the Fort F.C., and four native teams, making a total of eight clubs. The natives have a very fair idea of the game, but they rely too much on individual play to be very dangerous, although one team ran No. 1 team to a single goal win, and that only scored after 50 minutes play.

So far No. 1 team is top of the League with a total of 10 games played, won 7, drawn 3, lost *nil*, making a total of 17 points. No. 2 team is second, with 11 games played, won 6, drawn 4, lost 1, totalling 16 points. The R.G.A. are third with 9 games played, won 4, lost *nil*, and drawn 5, making an aggregate of 13 points.

Of the games played, those between No. 1 and No. 2 teams evoked far the most interest, the first game ending in a draw, neither side scoring, and the second game ending in rather a fluky win for No. 1 by two goals to one. A draw would better represent the merits of the two teams. No. 1 team were lucky to score 2 goals, owing first to loose play on the part of the backs, and secondly to a piece of bad judgment by the goalkeeper.

The games played by our two teams and the R.G.A. have all, curiously enough, ended in draws. No. 1 team drawing one goal all in the first match, and three all in the second, after No. 1 had scored 3-love to the good ten minutes before time. No. 2 team drew their two matches love-all and one-all. All these games were most keenly watched by practically the whole garrison, the play being full of excitement and interest.

No. 1 team should bring the cup home, the only hard game they have to play being *v.* The Fort, at home, a powerful team. We wish them luck, and hope they will still keep up the credit of the Battalion in the sporting line.

The Sergeants of the Colombo Detachment played the Sergeants R.G.A. a friendly game of cricket on 8th March. Our opponents took the first knock and scored 73, which was, however, passed for the loss of only three wickets, mainly due to a very fine innings by Sergt. Mills. The Sergeants were at home to their guests, and an enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Notwithstanding the great heat (fancy playing football with the thermometer at 89 in the shade) every one endeavours to get as much sport as possible, and if there is no League match there is nearly always a scratch game every afternoon.

H.M.S. Porpoise, which was here for some time as a guard ship, had a very fair team, and several "friendlies" were played during the stay in the harbour.

Two very exciting games were played between the Sergeants and Corporals of the Detachment last month. The first game resulted in a win for the Corporals by one goal to nil, thanks mainly to one of the Sergeant's backs fancying he was playing centre forward for the Corporals, and scoring a very fine goal for them. The Sergeants weren't satisfied with this result, so a second game was played. The Corporals opened the ball at once by scoring a goal, but, on the referee counting the players, it was found that the Corporals had brought up their reserves, and were playing 13 men!

The game eventually ended in a draw, 2 goals each.

COLOMBO DETACHMENT CORRESPONDENT.

CAMP JOTTINGS.

"A" COMPANY, DIYATALAWA.

March 31st, 1904.

Dear Mr. Editor,

With the exception of the band and headquarters having moved up here, nothing of moment that I am acquainted with has occurred since last month; consequently my notes are short, and not perhaps very interesting; but probably Gippo and the "irrepressible one," who are in position to get the *precis* of everything, will keep you *au fait* with all the latest.

In the first week of March, we had the honour of a visit from Lieut.-Gen. Sir Alexander Tulloch, K.C.B., C.M.G., who arrived in Ceylon on the 28th February in the P & O Mongolia, which was chased by the Russians near the gulf of Aden.

The distinguished General seemed to take a good deal of interest in all our doings, and was very favourably impressed with our manner of field training; he was particularly struck with the individual intelligence, which manifested itself to him on all occasions he followed our movements.

With the exception of a journey which we had to make to Colombo, to take part in a mobilisation practice, we have had no break from the uniformly monotonous routine which is part and parcel of this camp.

From 8 to 12 we climb the hills, from 12 to 1 we fight the day's scheme afresh, while we refresh the inner man at the same time, and then of course follows dinner. After dinner, in the majority of huts, the time is passed in the land of nod; though in some huts may be heard vigorous discussions on the fiscal problem, the probable investment or evacuation of Port Arthur, the possibility of another Moscow denouement, and last but not least the tightness of the Money Market, especially when the "Lay" is two or three days behind in coming up from Colombo which is generally the case.

Of course my view may be erroneous, but it seems to me whoever first selected the site of the camp, showed great consideration for the health of those to be encamped within its environments, as will be seen from the following:—If I want to go to the station it is about two miles distant; if I want to go to the football field it is about another couple of miles; the Post Office is four miles away; the going and coming from the Canteen or Coffee Shop necessitates the climbing of a miniature Snowdon, and if I only go for a short constitutional, I find that it can't be done without traversing a few hills, so I've reasonably come to the conclusion that these places are so situated to prevent a sluggish liver.

The above reads like an accurate description of the Camp, but for the edification of those who are not acquainted with Diyatalawa, I will further quote an extract from a lecture delivered by Col. Western, C.B., at the termination of the Volunteers' Training last year, before Sir West Ridgeway and a large gathering of Officers:—"In all my wanderings through the various portions of the Empire, I have never come across such an excellent training ground as Diyatalawa."

Apropos passing of orders on field days, the following, which comes from Trincomalee, and is authentic, is well worth recording:—There was a long line of skirmishers, the Officer being somewhere on the right; on the left of the line was a party with a Maxim Gun, when somehow the latter got disabled, the commander accordingly passed on the order to the man next to him, "Machine Gun disabled," pass it on to the Officer, but the following is what the last man passed on to the Officer in question: "It has been passed down the line that the Machine Gun is in stable, Sir."

There has been a series of football matches lately between A and B *versus* C, D, Band, and the remainder of the detachment, and so far they have always ended in a victory for the former. The last match took place yesterday, before a large gathering of spectators, and ended as usual in a win for A and B. Below I append details of yesterday's match.

Sergeant Reynolds won the toss for the detachment, and elected to play with the wind at his back. Punctually at 5 p.m. Childs kicked off for A and B, and the ball was at once worked down in the detachment quarters, but a fine piece of work, which looked rather dangerous for the detachment, was splendidly checked by Edwards, and play was transferred to the other end. The game was now of a give and take order, some fine work by Reynolds and Sayers for the detachment was deservedly applauded.

Gosling, from a free kick, dangerously near the penalty area, nearly caused a reverse for the detachment, but after dribbling up and down for a minute or two in the goal mouth, it was eventually cleared. The turn the play took now was a clear run through the opposing defence, by Sergeant Sayers, who finished a smart piece of work by sending a shot that gave A and B's custodian no earthly chance, thus scoring the first and only goal for the detachment, the whistle immediately after sounded half time. On resuming, A and B took up the attack, and after subjecting the defence of the detachment to severe pressure, their persistence was rewarded soon after by Childs scoring a goal, thus making matters even. With the scores now level a

good game was witnessed, as both teams settled down to it, and play was beginning very fast indeed. Both sides, encouraged by the shouts of their respective partisans, striving to gain the supremacy, but try all their hardest, neither side could get the advantage, till a few minutes before time, when Brandon cleverly shot the ball in the detachment's net, thus making the scores A and B 2 goals, Detachment 1, the whistle immediately after blew time. Referee Sergt. Kallend.

The following were the teams:—A and B.—Sheppard, Waters, Morris, Kemp, Gosling, Anderson, Curtis, Saunders, Childs, Redmond, Brandon.

Detachment:—Watling, Ruby, McIntyre, Edwards, Byford, Newell, Reynolds, Colley, Sayers, Clements, Burrows.

Though Irish whisky is unprocurable in the Canteen, the 17th was not allowed to pass unnoticed. Thanks to the indefatigable efforts of Messrs. James and Graham, a gala concert was organised which was a great success, the principal item on the programme being "Boys of the Chelsea School," which was sang with great gusto and feeling by Harry James. The comic element was strongly represented in Messrs. Ladd, Graham, Donoghue, Christie, and Sergt. Moir, the latter causing roars of laughter with his parody on Moore's Almanack, and thus we celebrated the memory of the Patron Saint of Ireland,

Diyatalawa,
1st April, 1904.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Things are very lively up here just at present. The Band, A, B, C, D, Companies, signallers, convalescents, Royal Engineers, and the Topographical Society of Surveyors help to make the grand total of about 600, and consequently there is a deal of sport.

Hockey.—D Company have now played 18 matches since they have been here, and have won them all.

Football.—There has been a large number of matches here, and it is admitted that B Company, on form, is the finest team in the battalion. The team consists of goal, Pte. Shepherd; backs, Ptes. Walters and Roberts; half-backs, Sergt. Killand, Ptes. Gosling and Miller; forwards, Ptes. Ball, Brandon, Childs, Corpl. Kemp and Pte. Trivett. It seems rather strange that the regimental team can very seldom beat the Colombo Football Club, yet B Company's team nearly always win.

Cricket.—There have been several matches against the Surveyors of the Topographical Society, and honours are about easy.

Tennis.—A Tennis Tournament took place on the 23rd against the Surveyors, when the following couples competed:—Bandmaster McKelvey and Sergt.-Major Mitchell versus Mr. Wickwar and Mr. De Zyla. The military were beaten by 6—0, 6—1. Mr. Daniel and Dharmartne beat Sergeants Sayer and Gillespie by 6—3, 6—2. The Bandmaster and Col.-Sergt. Bullock beat Messrs. Covray and Kellar by 6—3, 6—4.

Musketry.—Major-General Sir A. B. Tulloch, who had been staying here for a few days with his son, prior to going to the seat of war, opened the new range, and now it is quite a pleasure to fire on it. A company can complete the annual course in about a fortnight quite easily.

Cricket.—No. 2 section, D Company against the pick of the other three. Scores:—Nos. 1, 3 and 4 sections, 46; No. 2 section, 143.

Concerts.—These took place on St. Patrick's night and the 18th. Pte. James was responsible for them. Programme: Songs, "Gentleman Jack" and "Whisper those words again," Pte. Shepherd; comic songs, "I've brought the coals," and "It's a very deserving case," Lance-Corporal Christy; Song and dance, "Ring, ring, sweet chiming bells," Ptes. Vile and Lawton; Coster Songs, "The Skipper of the Mercantile Marine" and "I'm very unkind to my wife," "Arry, Arry, Arry," Pte. Ladd; Cake Walk, Pte. Donohue and Lee.-Corpl. Christy; Sentimental Song, "Play that melody again," Pte. Muskitt; Country Yoke Song, "Little Pigs," Ptes. Wright and Crow; Eccentric Songs, "Still I breathe" and "It's alright in the summer," Lee.-Corpl. Graham; Sentimental Songs, "Queen of the Earth" and "The Diver," Pte. Hunt; Comic Songs, "I never stopped running till I got home" and "I'm John James Henry Irving Wilson Barrett Bags" and Descriptive Song, "Boys of the Chelsea School," Pte. James; Four Rounds Exhibition Boxing, Ptes. Reading and Cripps.

The theatre not being large enough to hold the troops Pte. James arranged it so that the Band, A and B companies went the first night and the remainder the next night. The concerts on both occasions turned out to be qualified successes. Mr. George Leyton's great song, "Boys of the Chelsea School," were represented by the following:—The boys were Matthews, Irvine, Falkner, J., Falkner, L., McFarland, Elen, Norrington, and Orchard. The Chelsea pensioner was Lee.-Corpl. Graham whose make up was good, the A. T. A. medals he wore made good substitutes for the real. Pte. James, as the visitor, sang the song and on both nights had to sing the last verse over again. For this one song he was accompanied by the band orchestra. Pte. Blake was an efficient piano player. Every artiste did his work well, the country yokel song causing roars of laughter. The band played several Irish selections on both evenings.

The Band.—The band has been delighting the troops by playing on the square once a week.

Football.—Three matches took place last week. The first was between the Sergeants and the Corporals; result, draw, no goals being scored. The second, D Company v. Signallers; result, a draw. The third was A and B combined against the Rest of Headquarters. The game:—Sergt. Sayer set the ball rolling for the Rest punctually at 4.45 p.m., and some up and down play was soon indulged in. McIntyre fouled Redmond, but from the free kick nothing ensued. Burrows was now doing some pretty work on the wing, the game at this time being slightly in favour of the Rest. A and B now brought the ball down, but Brandon was ruled offside. A minute later Newell fouled Saunders and A and B got a free kick, but nothing resulted. Some

up and down play was now the order, first one and then the other having a turn. Burrows was doing some beautiful head work, and passed off his head to Calley, and he all but scored. Could he have managed to kick the ball harder a goal would have been inevitable. The Rest managed to obtain a corner, but could not score. A few seconds later Sergt. Sayer headed the ball just over the goalpost. Just after Colley again had hard lines, the ball just missing by inches. A second or so elapsed, then, amidst great excitement, Shepherd rushed out to kick the ball, but Sergt. Sayer got it by him, and scored first goal for the Rest. Just after this the whistle blew for half-time, the scores being the Rest 1 goal, A and B nil. On resuming hostilities the Rest managed to keep the ball in their opponents' territory for a few minutes, then some mid-field play was kept up for a while, and then A and B got the ball down and had a shot at goal, but the ball went wide. Ruby in trying to clear gave A and B a corner, but they could not get on terms. Redmond put in a clinking shot, but Watling saved splendidly. A minute or so afterwards Brandon put in a lightning shot, which went a little wide. Then the Rest had a turn, Colley doing some good work on the wing. Then A and B had a run down, and Childs scored a somewhat doubtful goal, he got it through somehow or other, and the referee allowing it placed them on equal terms. A and B now seemed to have the best of it, Watling being continually called upon, which finally resulted in Brandon with one of swiftest kicks beating the custodian.

DEPOT FOOTBALL NOTES.

The football season is now over, and has been attended with fair success for the Depot. Besides winning a good number of friendly matches, they hold second place in the Maidstone and District League, having been bettered by Snodland alone. The third place was taken by Eccles Star, with only one point on the wrong side. Had the team displayed the same form at the beginning of the season as they have showed during the last few matches they would have done even better. The chief fault was a lack of combination, which may be in great part attributed to the constant changes in the team, necessitated by the departure of our players to join the home battalion. However, we have always kept a foundation on which to rebuild, and Sergt. McGregor, Dr. Sweeney, Col.-Sergt. Crouch, Sergt. Connors, and Dmr. Verral, have played consistently throughout the season. Sergt. McGregor we all know, and can only say that he seems as clever with both his extremities as he always was. Dr. Sweeney has been of the greatest service, and has shone conspicuously in almost every match. Col.-Sergt. Crouch, Sergt. Connors, and Dmr. Verral have all three worked hard in the defence, especially the last named, who plays with considerable dash. Undoubtedly the best player among the recruits has been Pte. Hunter. He shows a very fair knowledge of the game, and if he improves his present form by a study of the play of good performers, should prove a very useful man in a team. We have been unlucky in not having the services of Col.-Sergt. J. Bass and Col.-Sergt. Tapp during most of the season, both of

them having been on the sick list. Below will be found notes of the matches played lately.

On March 26th we went to Malling to play our return fixture. The League referee, however, did not put in an appearance, and a friendly game ended in a draw, 4 goals all. The League match was played on the following Tuesday, and resulted in our defeat by 3 goals to 0.

On March 30th the 1st Battalion sent up a team, and after a good game defeated us by 3 goals to 2. We wish them the best of luck on the Marsa.

We played Eccles Star here on the 2nd of April, and after a hard and well contested game defeated them by 2 to nil. The first goal was scored after five minutes' play. Eccles tried hard to equalize, but nothing more happened before half-time. During most of the second half the Depot were hard pressed, but Sergt. McVicar in goal cleared brilliantly and repeatedly. The Depot then broke away, and Sweeney scored the second goal.

On the 9th we beat Burham Invicta after a rather interesting game by 4 goals to nil.

On the 16th we played Eccles on their ground. After half-an-hour's play Sweeney headed the ball through from a corner, and shortly added another on his own. In the second half the play was even and interesting, but no further score was made, and the match ended in our favour by 2 goals to nil, giving us the lead of our opponents in the Maidstone and District League by one point.

The following is the precis of the three leading clubs' record:—

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Pts.
Snodland	14	12	0	2	26
Depot	14	10	4	0	20
Eccles Star	14	8	3	3	19

The Company League ended with the victory of D Company, the holders, whom we heartily congratulate, this being the second time they have won the shield since its presentation in 1902-3. The table is appended:—

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
D Co.....	12	8	3	1	37	10	17
B Co.....	12	5	5	2	25	37	12
A Co.....	12	5	6	1	33	39	11
C Co.....	12	4	8	0	31	40	8

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

Sergt. W. Dugay is to be congratulated on his success in having obtained the 4th Prize of £1 10s. od. from the Militia Rifle Association in a competition for the Permanent Staff, seven rounds at 200, 500 and 600 yards. His score was 94, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd being respectively 99, 97 and 95. Sergt. C. Price was also awarded a prize of 15s. for his score of 158, made in his Annual Course at Hythe at the last Training.

Captain A. G. Boscawen, M.P., who has recently been attached to the School of Instruction at Chelsea, has been successful in gaining a Special Certificate on Army Form E 535, which qualifies him for promotion to the rank of Major, and Second-Lieutenant F. H. H. Liebenrood, who has been attached to the 2nd Devon Regiment at Bordon Camp, has obtained a Satisfactory Report on Army Form E 535, which qualifies him for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant.

Second-Lieutenant R. B. L. Bazley-White is now at the Depot with a view to obtaining a Certificate on Army Form E 535.

The Non-Commissioned Officers desirous of further promotion will be attached to the Depot from the 11th May and it is hoped that there will be a keen competition for promotion to the higher ranks.

The latest rage for the Permanent Staff at the Depot is Semaphore Signalling, and is reminiscent of our stay at Mellieha Bay, Malta, during the period the Battalion was preparing for South Africa, and which journey was afterwards cancelled by the authorities, as it was thought that no more troops would be required.

"THE LOW BACKED CAR."

97th CRIMEAN MEMORIAL

An officer has kindly drawn attention to the fact that the tablets and colours in Winchester Cathedral need seeing to, and the matter has been taken up. The officers of the 97th Regiment dedicated the Window to the memory of their comrades who fell during the time that the Regiment occupied the Piræus, Greece, in '54, and at the Siege and Fall of Sevastopol in '54 and '55.

It consists of eight large lights and four smaller ones, the whole surmounted by the Royal Coat of Arms, flanked on each side by a shield with the letters 97. Immediately underneath the Royal Arms are representations of St. Michael and St. George. A figure of Victory is portrayed on one side of them, and a figure of Peace on the other. Under these four smaller lights are the eight larger ones in two rows of four. In the first row there are representations of four Old Testament heroes, namely:—Joshua, Gideon, David and Jonathan, while underneath these are four Saxon Warrior Kings, which are represented in the following order:—Ethelbert, Egbert, Ethelred and Alfred the Great. On each side of the door and underneath the Window are two Tablets. The first one on the right hand side bears the following inscription:—"The above Window is dedicated by the Officers, now serving, and those who have lately served in the 97th Earl of Ulster's Regiment, to the memory of Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, Drummers, and Privates of the Corps, who lost their lives when the Regiment occupied the Piræus, Greece, in conjunction with the French in 1854, and did duty in the trenches at the Siege and Fall of Sevastopol, 1854 and 1855." Underneath this Tablet is another one of similar size, upon which is inscribed:—Names of Officers who have lost their lives:—

Lieut. H. B. Ramsbottom, 2nd January, 1855.

Major R. Colville, 4th January, 1855.

Captain Hedley H. S. J. Vicars, 22nd March, 1855.

Lieut. and Adj. T. Dermon, 11th August, 1855.

Lieut. T. B. Preston, 31st August, 1855.

Lieut.-Colonel the Honourable H. K. Hancock, 8th September, 1855.

Major A. F. Welsford, 8th September, 1855.

Captain T. Hutton, 9th September, 1855.

Lieut. and Adj. David McGregor, 8th September, 1855.

Lieut. Goodenough, 20th September, 1855.

On the left hand side are two corresponding Tablets, the upper one having some texts from the Old and New Testaments upon it, and the lower one containing the actual number of Soldiers who died during the Campaign, with the cause of their death, viz., 172 Soldiers were killed in

the trenches or died of wounds, 81 were killed in assault on the Great Redan, 43 died of wounds received in the assault, 122 died of Cholera in the Piræus, and 109 of disease in the Crimea and Scutari, thus making a total of 527.

Headquarters, Scottish District,
Edinburgh,

25/4/04.

To the Editor of the Queen's Own Gazette.

SIR,

In your last issue I read with much satisfaction the account of the first meeting of the newly formed Sergeants Association.

I cannot express too strongly what I think will be the value of this Association, and the greatest possible credit is due to those who initiated it, and who have given it such a good start. Long and strongly may it flourish.

In my opinion such an Institution will be of inestimable value, not only to the Regiment as a whole, by enhancing that most valuable of feelings, *esprit de corps*; but it will also be of great value to individuals. Old friendships will be kept up, and opportunities of mutual assistance amongst the Sergeants, past and present, will be afforded.

The Regiment owes yet another debt of gratitude to Sergt.-Major Brown and Qmr.-Sergt. Bass, amongst others, for their good work in this matter.

Yours truly,

E. A. GROVE, Col.,
C.S.O., Scotland

Lieut. and Quartermaster W. Barrow, 5th Battalion (Hunts) King's Royal Rifles, has been posted to the 1st Notts and Derbyshire Regiment, Hong Kong, vice Capt. E. Patterson, deceased. Lieut. Barrow served in the 1st Battalion and promoted to Warrant rank from Paymaster-Sergeant; being posted to the 3rd Batt., he succeeded to the post of Sergeant-Major 50th Regimental District, from which he was appointed Garrison Sergt.-Major at Chatham. He received his Commission on 13th June, 1900, to the satisfaction of all ranks.

Lieut. and Quartermaster W. Goss, Army Service Corps, has been granted the honorary rank of Captain. Capt. Goss served in the Queen's Own, was promoted from the ranks, and is one of our oldest subscribers.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions:—

To December, 1906—Major-General E. Leach, C.B.

To December, 1905—Captain W. H. B. Long, Colonel C. E. Harrison.

To December, 1904—Messrs. A. Squires, F. Grey, J. Brown, D. Harmson, C. Miller; Bde.-Gen. E. A. Alderson, Bde.-Surgeon Lieut.-Col. C. Boyce, Captain A. G. Boscamer and Captain T. H. C. Nunn, D.S.O.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

LINE BATTALIONS.

Lieut.-Col. and Brevet-Col. C. E. C. B. Harrison on completion of period of service in command of a Batt., is placed on half pay, dated 21st March.

Major G. W. Maunsell to be Lieut.-Col., dated 21st March.

Captain M. P. Buckle, D.S.O., is seconded for service on the Staff, dated 4th January.

Lieut. L. H. Hickson to be Captain, dated 21st January.

Lieut. W. H. Annesley to be Captain, dated 4th Feb.

Captain S. H. Pedley to be Major, dated 21st March.

Lieut. W. H. Buchanan Dunlop to be Captain, dated 19th March.

Ante-dated :—Captain R. J. T. Hildyard to 4th January. Capt. R. G. M. Tulloch to 20th January. Lieuts. G. H. Shaw and B. Johnstone to 4th January. W. H. Dinwiddy to 20th January. A. S. Hewitt to 21st January.

Lieut.-Col. W. G. B. Western, C.B., to be Brevet-Col. dated 9th April.

Second-Lieuts. Lowry-Corry and C. W. Case-Morris to be Lieutenants, dated 4th February.

Captain R. J. T. Hildyard to be A.D.C. to Lieut.-Gen. Sir H. J. T. Hildyard, K.C.B., Commanding the Forces in South Africa, dated 19th March, and is seconded.

Lieut. G. Elgood to be Captain, dated 19th March.

Lieut. C. H. Stigand to be Captain, dated 21st March.

Second-Lieut G. E. St. C. Stevenson to be Lieutenant, dated 19th March.

3RD BATTALION.

Major J. P. Dalison on resigning his commission, has been granted the honorary rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

Captain A. S. T. Griffith-Boscawen to be Major, dated 21st May.

1ST VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

The Volunteer Officers' Decoration has been conferred on Major A. T. Simpson.

Captain D. C. Lewis resigns his commission, dated 30th April.

Captain L. W. Andrews resigns his commission dated 14th May.

2nd-Lieut. A. Taylor-Jones to be Lieut., dated 21st May.

2ND VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

Lieut.-Colonel and Hon. Colonel E. Latter, and Major and Hon. Lieut.-Colonel W. R. Lemon resign their commission, with permission to retain their rank and wear the prescribed uniform, dated 23rd April.

The Volunteer Officers' Decoration has been conferred on Major B. H. Latter.

3RD VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

P. V. M. Sampson, gent., to be 2nd Lieut., dated 26th March.

Lieut.-Colonel E. J. Moore is granted the honorary rank of Colonel, dated 2nd April.

4th VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

Lieut. H. J. Driver resigns his commission, dated 9th April.

Lieut. C. Willson, from 3rd Durham Light Infantry, to be Major, dated 30th April.

Major R. J. Passby to be Lieut.-Colonel and to command the Battalion, dated 11th October, 1903.

Cadet Corps (Borden School), P. A. Maynard, Esq., to be Captain and to command, dated 29th October, 1903.

A. F. Watts, gent., to be Lieut., dated 29th October, 1903.

E. J. Snee, gent., to be 2nd-Lieut., dated 7th May.

INSPECTION BY THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT.

Major-General Leach, C.B., on his appointment to the Colonelcy of the Regiment made an inspection of the Depot on the 13th May.

He was received with a general salute, and made an inspection of the troops who were formed up in line.

After the inspection Colonel Brock, addressing Major-General Leach, said:

"On behalf of the Regiment, I desire to express to you sir, how very highly all ranks appreciate the honor done to them by your appointment to the Coloneley, and to thank you for so kindly consenting to inspect us to-day. I can only regret that owing to both Battalions being abroad, you are enabled to see only such a small portion of the Regiment. It is, however, a very great privilege to me, sir, that you should have received your appointment from the King before my period of command should have expired."

Colonel Brock then called Q.M. Sergt. Gilburd to the front and continued: "I will now ask you, sir, to present Q M. Sergt. Gilburd with the medal for long service and good conduct, and should like to take this opportunity of informing you how very highly I appreciate the services of this valuable N.C.O. He has never had an entry in his default sheet, and during his whole service he has been a bright example to all ranks. He has never spared himself and no one who was not here during the war can know the amount of work he accomplished. There is no N.C.O. who has done more for the Regiment than Q.M.S. Gilburd, and to whom the Regiment is most indebted. Personally I may say I do not know what I should have done without his valuable help in the Orderly Room. He was Orderly-Room Sergt. during the whole of the war, and it has given me the greatest pleasure to have had the opportunity to promote him to the position he now holds."

I may also add that for 15 years he has held the position of Sub-Editor of the "Queen's Own Gazette," a position which he has filled in the most able way.

He has always had the interests of the Regiment at heart and was ever willing to undertake anything he was asked—and I am glad, sir, that he is now to have the distinguished honour of receiving this medal from the hands of the Colonel of his Regiment.

Major-General Leach having pinned on the medal congratulated the recipient and addressed the parade.

"Colonel Brock, Officers, Warrant Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men of "The Queen's Own" (Royal West Kent) Regiment, it has given me much pleasure to have the opportunity kindly give me by your Commanding Officer, of seeing you on parade to-day. It is the first time since the King conferred upon me the honour of being your Colonel, an honour which I can assure you I highly appreciate. I assure you my interest in the old corps has never ceased since I joined it close upon 50 years ago, and it will always continue."

Most of you are young soldiers, but I am sure should you be called upon to go on service, you will uphold the honour of your king and country, as well as the fine old regiment to which you belong, and also that of your county.

I am very pleased at the clean and soldierlike manner in which you turned out."

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

Diyatalawa,
May 3rd, 1904.

Dear Mr. Editor,

This month sees many changes in this beautiful valley, as the four Companies, namely, A, B, C, and D, which have been doing Field Training and Musketry up here for the last few months, will gradually be relieved by other Companies coming both from Colombo and Trincomalee.

B Company under Lieut. Grant goes down to Colombo by the night mail to-day, relieving E Company under Lieut. Elgood, who should arrive up here on the 6th, and from all accounts they will not be sorry to leave Colombo, as the heat down there during May and June is somewhat trying. B Coy. will leave Colombo for Trinco on or about May 26th, half of the Company going to Kandy under Lieut. Grant, who will relieve the half Company of H under Lieut. Norman, who no doubt will be pleased to join the Battalion again, having been stationed at Kandy for the last six months by himself.

A Company under Captain Tulloch, Lieuts. Case-Morris and Helmore will proceed to Colombo soon after finishing field firing and musketry, and from thence it will go to Trinco. Lieut. Case-Morris taking over command of the other half of B Company. Captain Joslin and Lieut. Norman will shortly be leaving for India, to go through a course of musketry, and Captain Tulloch for a course of signalling. Lieut. Hewitt will be going home, on or about June 23rd, to take over duty at the Depot.

The work up here this year has been most interesting this is perhaps due, in the case of field training, to the Companies having a better knowledge of the country, being more accustomed to the climate, and being altogether more efficient in every respect, and in the case of musketry owing to the opening of the new range, which, by the way, was opened by General Sir Alexander B. Tulloch with a bulls eye.

Having the four targets on the new range of course greatly shortens the musketry, as formerly, on the old range, an officer commanding Company, putting a Company through musketry, couldn't definitely state in which quarter he was going to finish his course. The four Companies up here went for a 16 mile route march the other day, only one man falling out—I'm afraid for the moment I forgot which Company the man belonged to—which shows what a fit state the men are in.

There was a very good boxing tournament up here on Monday and Tuesday, last but I believe an account of this is being sent by someone else. The H.M.S. Merlin is in Colombo Harbour, and we have half the ship's company up here doing musketry. They will stay for three weeks when they will be relieved by the remaining half of the ship's company. The next time I write, no doubt I shall be in Colombo, where I hope to be able to let you have more news than is contained in this short and disjointed epistle.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENT

Diyatalawa, Ceylon, 25th April, 1904.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The Corpls.' Football and Hockey Teams were on the war path again to-day, and the victims were the Sergts., the game was football, the score, 3—0, in favour of the Juniors. There is not much to say about the game except that during the first half the Sergts. were like the man who fell out of the balloon—completely out of it. But our centre-forward, Lce.-Corpl. Trevena, was there every time—in fact, three times.

The Corpls. have also a very strong Hockey Team, and they generally manage to pull off any matches they play. Referee—Ko Ko.

A musical evening followed in the Corpls.' Club. The following Programme was carried out:—

Starting at 9 p.m., sharp, Corpl. Chawkey announced that Lce.-Corpl. Jones would sing "Mesmerism," he greatly amusing the audience by his comical way of explaining. Corpl. Julian sang "Because I love you"; Lce.-Corpl. Fry, "The Coster's Linnet"; Corpl. Keene, "Just tell them that you saw me"; Lce.-Corpl. Christie, "The Football Match to-day"; Lce.-Corpl. Trevena, "They are very very good to me."

A short interval of about ten minutes then followed, resuming with Sergt.-Major Mitchell in the Chair. Bombr. Rumble spoke a few words on behalf of the R.G.A. and R.E.

Lce.-Corpl. Neville, song, "Northampton Laddies"; Corpl. Ko Ko, Banjo Solo; Corpl. Sheen, song, "Mona"; Lce.-Corpl. Pelling, song, "Limericks"; Corpl. Russell, song, "Twixt love and duty"; Lce.-Corpl. Jones, song, "Buttercup Joe"; Lce.-Corpl. Bonfield, song, "The Coster's Dream." Early in the evening Lce.-Corpl. Rowlands gave a Cornet Solo, which was greatly appreciated.

A pleasant evening was then closed by the singing of "God Save our King."

ABRAM SAIBO.

Diyatalawa,

1st May, 1904.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The Easter vacation of six days go as you please, came as a great surprise, and acceptable to the troops after the hard work which had been gone through. Many of the officers and lots of men took advantage of the holiday and journeyed to Nuwara Eliya, Kandy, Colombo, and the men who could not afford to go to these places, went to the neighbouring villages, viz:—Haputale and Banderawella. I can almost safely say that everyone enjoyed themselves.

Hockey:—D Coy.'s Hockey Team went to Kandy and played three matches. Results:—Two wins and one draw.

Football:—On the 16th of last month B Coy.'s Team played the remainder of head quarters, and a capital game ended in a victory for B Co. by three goals to nil. The Teams were as follows:—B Co.—Goal, Shepherd; Backs, Ptes. Waters and Roberts; Half-Backs, Ptes. Miller, Gosling, Mebberry; Forwards, Corpl. Kemp, Sergt. Keyland, Ptes. Childs, Bolt, and Ball.

Headquarters—Forwards, Trevena, A Co., Ogle, Band, Colley, D Co., Clements, E Co., Curtis, A Co.; Half-Backs, Ridley, F Co., Newell, D Co., Edwards, Band; Backs, Campbell, Band, Morris, A Co.; Goal, Wright, C Co.

Next day they went to Nuwara Eliya and played the pick of that place, and crushingly beat them by six goals to nil. But Nuward Eliya turded the tables at hockey by beating them by a goal to nil.

Concerts.—On the 16th and 17th Bandsman Adams was responsible for two very good concerts. The programme gone through was as under:—1, Overture, "Carnwalia," the Band; 2, Sentimental Song, "Don't let him go to the Workhouse" Pte. Ladd; 3, Comic Song, "The Football Referee," Lce.-Corpl. Christy; 4, Mouth Organ Solo, Pte. Mushitt; 5, Descriptive, "By Order of the Tsar" Pte. James; 6, Coon Song, "The Cockney Picanninies Serenade" Pte. Lawton; 7, Sentimental, "Whisper those words again" Pte. Sheppard; 8, Comic, "How will I do," Pte. Graham; 9, Mandoline Solo by Ptes. Vile and Holding.

Interval of five minutes.

10, Mr. Joe Elvin's Sketch, "Touched, or I a'int balmy," "The Principal of the Asylum, Pte. W. Hanson; Billy Bangham, the Keeper, Dr. J. Crow; Lunatics—The King, Pte. Ryon; Dick Turpin, Pte Ladd; Silly Female, Pte. Mushitt; Sweeny Todd, Pte. Cripps; The Mad Boxer, Pte. Wright; 11, Sentimental, "Gentlemen Jack" Pte. Sheppard; 12, A Quick March, "Wittebergen" Band; 13, Eccentric, "The Lighthouse Keeper" Pte. Graham; 14, "The Cake Walk" Pte. Windsor; 15, Descriptive, "Only a Dream," Pte James; 16, Military Song, "My first week in the Army," Pte. Lawton; 17, Comic, "I've brought the Coal," Lce.-Corpl. Christy; 18, Descriptive, "The Cabman's Story," Pte. Ladd; 19, Exhibition Boxing, Ptes Wright and Lawton. "God Save the King."

Pte. Ladd was excellent in "The Cabman's Story." Pte. James, "Only a Dream" could have been better had he had a longer time to learn it in; although he felt a bit nervous, it went exceedingly well.

The Sketch went splendidly, roars of laughter from start to finish. Dr. Crow as "The Keeper," was very good, and Pte. Ryon as the "Mad King"—the manner in which he disguised his voice, made the audience absolutely roar. His words were:—"I'm the King, get down on your hunkers and sign these documents."

Pte. Rubin was an efficient pianist, and the Band Orchestra was very good.

Music.—Bandsman Adams is no mean musician, his "Wittebergen" March is a favourite tune in the Battalion, and has been sent to London for approval.

Football.—On the 24th a capital game was played between Band, Drummers, and Signallers v. A and B Coys., and one of the hardest fought games witnessed on this field resulted in a pointless draw. I cannot mention any one in particular, everyone played well, each goal keeper being continually called upon, and both saved grandly. These were the teams:—A and B Coys.—Goal, Shepherd; Backs, Wright, Kemp; Half-Backs, Anderson, Morris, Miller; Forwards, Curtis, Saunders, Childs, Waters, Ball.

Band, Drummers and Signallers—Goal, Watling; backs, Campbell, Haddaway; half-backs, Windsor, Newell, Edwards; forwards, Ogle, Ridley, Brandon, Jones, Clements.

Route March.—On the 26th April a route march took place. The Band and drums, and about 80 men of each Company (A, B, C, D,) started punctually at 7.30 a.m., and marched a round-about journey to the other side of Banderawella. We arrived there at 11 a.m., and then fell out and had lunch and tea. The men were provided with flour to make chuppatties. Everybody seemed to enjoy it, fancying they were on active service again. We started for camp at 3.30 p.m., and arrived there at 5.30 p.m.

New Rate of Pay.—At the beginning of April the sole topic of conversation in all institutions and barrack rooms was, of course, the new rate. A great many men have taken it, and I think myself, they have done a wise thing.

The Royal Navy and Marines.—About 70 men of H.M.S. "Merlin" arrived here on the last day of April, to recruit their health. They were played into camp by the band and drums. The band played the following march, "Sons of the brave"; the drums played "The Coon's parade."

Boxing.—Mr. Pullman has arranged a competition at different weights, to take place on the 2nd and 3rd of May, a full account of which I will give next month. There are 18 entries up to the present.

Field Training and Musketry.—The above is still being carried out under favourable conditions.

A Storyette overheard at one of our field practices, and which I've named "The 3rd Class Shot." In this particular field practice, 3rd Class Shots are served out with ten rounds of blank, and are mixed with marksmen and 1st and 2nd Class shots, who obviously fire ball ammunition. In trying to find the range, one of the men knocked over a target. The group leader at once enquired who it was, and a voice from the firing line shouted "Pte. Flynn." The group leader immediately asked what elevation he was using, and a voice shouted, "350 yards sight." The group leader at once gave the command to open fire at that distance. The consequence was the two remaining targets were soon knocked over. Pte. Flynn is a 3rd Class shot.

"GIBBO," D Co.'s CORRESPONDENT.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

As predicted in my last, No. 1 Team succeeded in winning the Colombo Football League with a total of 21 points out of a possible 24, and have an unbeaten record. It is a great honour to go through a League and not be beaten. I enclose a cutting out of the *Ceylon Independent*, and you will see by their remarks the name the team has won for themselves. The R.G.A. finished second with 19 points, and No. 2 Team Colombo Detachment third with two points less:—

"The matches played in connection with the Socker League for the Cup have practically ended. There are only two matches more to be played next week, but this does not prevent the No. 1 Team, R.W.K.R., carrying off the trophy. This team has held the lead throughout, did brilliantly in every match, and has to be congratulated on its success. The Cup will be presented next week. We also learn that each member of the winning team is to be awarded a medal."

The following games of football have been played here during the month:—

No. 1 Team v. H.M.S. Royal Arthur resulted in a win for No. 1 Team by 1 goal to nil.

No. 1 Team v. Chums (League match). Won by No. 1 Team by 7 goals to nil.

No. 1 Team v. Fort (League match). Great interest was taken in this game, for not only was it the final match, but should the Fort win No. 1 would be equal points with the R.G.A., and a final game would have to be played. The Fort won the toss, and from the kick-off made a determined rush on the Kent's goal, and ended up with a fine shot which Spooner with great difficulty got away, not, however, without conceding a corner, which availed them nothing, as it was kicked behind. Play now became very fast, each side in turn invading the others territory. The Fort were playing a fine game, and it looked as if they must score. Thompson and Price, however, played grandly. No. 1 now had a look in, and loose play on the part of the Fort backs allowed Thompson to race in and score what was somewhat a soft goal. Half-time arrived with No. 1 leading by 1 goal to nil. Play in the second half was somewhat in favour of No. 1, but they could not increase their score. Just before call of time the Fort right raced away, and only missed by inches. There was nothing further scored, and No. 1 were returned winners of the League by 1 goal to nil.

No. 2 Team played the Chums (League), and beat them easily by 9 to nil. They, however, got a surprise when they played their return League match with Bloomfield, for they narrowly escaped being beaten, and were somewhat lucky to make a draw of it, the score being 1—1.

B Company have arrived now in Colombo, and from accounts had been doing well in football, so it excited a good deal of interest when they met No. 2 Team, a good game ending in a draw, nothing being scored.

The Sergeants have had a billiard handicap and crib tournament, and are now engaged in a tennis tournament. The billiard handicap was won by Qr.-Mstr. Sergeant Wood (rec. 50), and the crib by Pioneer-Sergeant Keyte.

The monsoon has broke, so outdoor sport now depends on the weather clerk.

COLOMBO CORRESPONDENT.

COMPASSIONATE FUND.

Colonel T. H. Brock, commanding 50th Regimental District, desires to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following:—

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DEPOT NOTES.

No! things have not been exceptionally quiet at the Depot lately. For this reason we reserved a certain amount of space for items of interest, but alas, a correspondent has failed us.

We have running through our mind a meeting of the Army Temperance Association, which was held on April 21st, when Colonel Brock presented medals for long abstinence to the members of the Depot Branch. Sergt. Smith and Crpl. Kipps received tokens of seven years' self-imposed abstinence from intoxicating liquor; Crpl. King and Pte. Fox six years; whilst Clr.-Sergt. Tapp and Pte. Fox were for five years. There were 45 members present, which goes to show the interest taken in the matter.

Then winding up the football season has been another event, for the Depot team ousting Eccles from the position of second place in the Maidstone and District League, secured the medals as "Runners up," and D Company received from the hands of Colonel Brock the handsome trophy he presented for competition amongst the Depot Companies.

From shooting goals we come to Rifle Shooting. Here we note that the "Luad" Silver Medal was won by No. 7516 Pte. Tamplin, of B Company. The Sergeants' Shooting Club has proved its existence by the number who patronize Boarley Range every Thursday. One of its attractions is the competition for the "Locks" Prize of a pair of field glasses for the best total score of six shoots at 600 yards. Mr. Locks received a vote of thanks for his kind offer.

The Depot Companies have now completed their annual musketry course, to the relief of many who were in a state of anxiety in view of the condition of the new Service pay. There have been few to cry "sour grapes," as the shooting has been good. The schemes in the miniature field practices were made interesting to those taking part.

We have been treated to some excellent concerts in the Gymnasium, under the management of Sergt.-Major J. Outten. For the last one a nigger troupe was organised and took immensely well. Owing to such a short time being available for practice, the songs were, perhaps, a little antiquated, but the choruses were well rendered. Not having a copy of the programme, we cannot now give the names of the performers, who each tried to do their level best and succeeded.

There has been an epidemic of marriages, but though there is an increase in families, there has been no increase in the families for us to record.

We regret to notice that Colonel R. A. Manners, one time in command of the 50th Regimental District, died on the 2nd May. He commanded the Regimental District in the interim between the retirement of Colonel W. J. Chads and the appointment of the late Colonel J. D. Safford in June, 1889.

DEPOT CRICKET.

MAY 11th, 1904, v. LIBERAL CLUB, at Barracks. Liberal Club, 1st innings, 10, 2nd innings, 43 for 4 wkts. Depot, 85. Chief Scores—Major Martyn, 32 (retired), Mr. Cates, 9, Dr. White, 8. Bowling Average—Pte. Ayres, 1st innings, 5 wkts. for 3 runs, 2nd innings, 2 wkts. for 7. Corpl. Knight, 3 wkts. for 6.

MAY 14th, 1904, v. TURKEY MILL, at Barracks. Turkey Mill, 1st innings, 30, 2nd innings, 20 for 3 wkts. Depot, 45. Best Scores—Sergs. McGregor, 12. Bowling Average—Pte. Ayres, 7 wkts. for 10 runs, Dr. White, 3 wkts. for 17. 2nd innings, Pte. Ayres, 0 wkts. for 11, Dr. White, 2 wkts. for 2, Sergt. Bass, 1 wkt. for 3.

MAY 21st, v. R. E., Chatham, at Barracks. Depot, 61. R.E., 71. Chief Scores—Major Martyn, 18, Dr. White, 14, Clr.-Sergt. Neighbour, 10. Bowling Average—Major Martyn, 5 wkts. for 13 runs, Pte. Ayres, 4 wkts. for 38.

MAY 25th, v. FILMER'S XI., at Barracks. Filmer's XI., 69. Depot, 73. Chief Scores—Corpl. Knight, 18, Sergt. McGregor, 8, Clr.-Sergt. Bass, 8. Bowling Average—Corpl. Knight, 4 wkts. for 26 runs, Major Martyn, 3 wkts. for 4, Dr. White, 2 wickets for 9.

MAY 28th, v. EIFFEL TOWER, at Boughton Mount. Depot, 1st innings, 89. Eiffel Tower, 73. Depot, 2nd innings, 83 for 4 wkts. Best Scores—Clr.-Sergt. Neighbour, 27, Clr.-Sergt. Bass, 25, Sergt. Stringer, 14. 2nd innings, Sergt. McGregor, 40, Mr. Cates, 15, Pte. Ayres, 15. Bowling Average—Pte. Ayres, 4 wkts. for 30 runs, Corpl. Knight, 5 wkts. for 40.

VOLUNTEER INTELLIGENCE.

VETERAN SERGEANTS' DINNER.

A dinner took place at the headquarters of the 2nd V. B. on Wednesday, the 4th May, for past and present Sergeants of 20 years' service. Sergt.-Major Light presided, and others present were: Col. E. Satterthwaite (commanding), Col. C. N. Kidd, Col. T. H. Brock (formerly Adjutant of the 2nd V.B. and now commanding the 50th Regimental District), Surgeon-Major Roberts, Capt. H. Pembroke, Capt. and Adjutant O. B. Simpson, Sergt.-Instr. W. Trueman, Q.M.S.'s Pierpoint, Palmer, and Baker, Bugle-Major Heasman, Col.-Sergts. Wastzig, Beardon, McLean, Scott, J. Ward, J. Harris, Beachay, McDonnell, A. Wilson, Staff-Sergt. Benson, Sergts. Thompson, R. Collins, J. Reeson, W. Mitchell, Jarrett, Ralphs, W. H. Gomer, Ancrum, Primett, Curtis, Goodlad, Sergt.-Major Lalley, Sergt.-Instrs. Church and H. Cooke, Staff-Sergt. Horobin, and Lieut. M. Dinwiddy (2nd Batt. Royal West Kent) who is on leave from Ceylon.

A pleasing feature of the gathering was that the serving Sergeants, led by Sergt.-Instr. Trench, waited on the veterans, Sergts. Coughdon, W. Cook, Prentice, Borrett, Green, and Barnes. The whole of the arrangements were carried out under the guidance of Sergt. W. H. Gomer (past), and Sergt. A. Kiloh (Hon. Sec. of the Mess). After the loyal toasts the Chairman proposed "The Imperial Forces." This was responded to by Col. Brock, who, in a very happy speech, made special reference to the West Kent Sergeants' Association, and to the good it was hoped the Association would do, not only in keeping old comrades together, but good of another kind. C. P. O. Gomer and Sergt.-Major W. H. Smith (of the "Body Snatchers") also replied to this toast. Col. Kidd proposed "Our own Battalion," with which he was associated for many years. He regarded the success of the Battalion as due in no small measure to the very capable Adjutants and Instructors from

the Regiment (applause), and he ventured to say that the Battalion was never in better order than it had been, and is, under Col. Satterthwaite (cheers). Col. Satterthwaite in response, said he hoped this was the first of many such gatherings, and echoed the remarks of Col. Kidd with respect to the Adjutants and Sergeant Instructors. The Royal Commission on the Auxiliary Forces (of which he is a member), hoped to present their report shortly. The report was sure not to please everybody, but he thought that the recommendations would be the means of making the Volunteer Forces more efficient. "Our Chairman" was proposed by Col.-Sergts. McLean and A. Wilson, and suitably acknowledged. Sergt.-Major Lalley had just sang "Where are the boys of the Old Brigade," and he (the Chairman) was reminded of the days when he formed one of the garrison at Lucknow, in the Mutiny. All the "boys" of that Brigade had passed away with the exception of about twelve. "Serving Veteran Sergeants" was proposed by Captain H. Pembroke, who expressed the hope that the Sergeants to come would be of the same mettle as those serving and those who had left. Col.-Sergt. J. Harris replied in a few well-chosen words. Surgeon-Major Roberts proposed "The Past Sergeants," to whom, he claimed, was due the credit of the present position of the Battalion. Col.-Sergt. A. G. Collins responded. Sergt.-Major Lalley proposed "The Visitors," to which Mr. J. Pointon replied. Sergts. Gomer and Kiloh were very heartily thanked for the pleasant evening, and both said a few words in reply. An excellent musical programme was sustained by Sergt.-Major Lalley, Sergt.-Instr. Tench, Staff-Sergt. F. Western (R.A.M.C. Vols.), Col.-Sergt. Jaffray, Sergts. Barnes and A. Kiloh, Messrs. Moughton, Spurling, Walford and Stoneham.

From 2nd V.B. SCRIBE.

MORRIS TUBE MATCH.

A Morris tube match took place at headquarters between a civilian team (captained by Mr. Dodd) and a team of Sergeants under the captaincy of Sergt.-Major Lalley. Scoring did not rule very high on account of the light. The civilians won by 10 points—236 against 226. The teams and friends afterwards sat down to supper, the catering being in the efficient hands of Sergt. A. Kiloh (mess secretary), while Col.-Sergt. R. C. Pease (late 1st Battalion Queen's Own R.W.K. Regiment), was responsible for the very pretty floral decorations. The evening finished with usual "smoker," Sergt.-Major Lalley taking the chair.

On Sunday, May —, an orchestral concert was given by the Winchester Orchestra in the Sergeants' mess.

3rd VOL. BATT. ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING.

The sterner side of a citizen soldier's life to which he generally has to turn the moment his uniform is donned, seemed to have been laid aside as a temporarily forgotten thing as one entered the Drill Hall in Beresford Street, Woolwich, on Saturday evening.

An elaborate musical programme had been arranged by a committee, consisting of Major C. J. Swiss (president), Captain J. M. Forsdyke, Captain P. J. F. McCracken, Captain A. J. Dodd (hon. secretary), Sergt.-Major Audsley, Pioneer-Sergt Inwood, Sergeant W. J. Kelly, Sergeant G. Paine, Sergeant J. Hannigan, and Sergeant E. Vaughan, and while the officers were dining in the mess adjoining, the Drill Hall rang with the melody and merriment supplied by such favourites as the band of the corps (directed by Bandmaster Barber), the Invicta Mandoline Band (under Mr. H. Morris), Sergeant J. Hannigan, Sergeant-Drummer J. T. Stubbings, Gunner Dell, R.H.A., Drummers Coffee and Sturch, Privates S. Powell, Catlin, Maynard, and Messrs. Sam McCoan, F. Davis, Dan Brooker, Harry Leslie, F. Tyler, Gus Valmore, H. Brown, Tom Day, Will Ginno, Tom Morris, G. Pearce, H. Deacon and Gus Rendell. From 7.30 until nearly 10 the entertainment was kept up with unflagging interest, thanks to the admirable stage management of Sergt.-Major Audsley, while other little matters incidental to the general comfort were looked after by Colour-Sergeant W. Davis, Sergeants A. H. Goldsmith, H. T. Tindell, R. Davis, W. Rice, T. McMahon, J. J. Nolan, Colour-Sergeants W. Radley, W. Beer and H. Aston. The Prizes Sub-committee were Quarter-master-Sergeant Webb, Armourer Sergeant Simmons and Sergeant J. Bentley.

Presently word was passed round that distinguished company was about to join the gathering, and the platform was briskly re-arranged for their reception. Colonel T. H. Brock, who commands the 50th Regimental District, had consented to present the prizes, and with him were Colonel E. J. Moore, V.D., who commands the Battalion, and Major Swiss. Others present included Captains C. Warner, J. M. Forsdyke, H. Christmas, P. J. McCracken, E. Harston, A. Jennings, R. Barrisow, N. Norman, Dodd, Lieutenants North, Bremner, Murphy, Collyer, Good, Buckler, Williams Sampson, Priddy, Rev. H. J. Mercer (chaplain to the corps).

THE SPEECHES.

Of speeches there were only two, and these were comparatively brief. Colonel Moore, whose commanding voice sounded well in the great hall, came first, and observed that they had not had a gathering like that to give away the prizes for some time and for several reasons. When he took over the command of the Battalion it was a bit slack, and he was determined, before they came before the residents of the town, that that slackness should disappear (applause). He must say that the numbers of the Battalion were not so large then as when he took over the command, but that was easily explained, for he was determined not to have any men in the Battalion that he could not count on (applause). Of course everyone knew that a Battalion of soldiers was no good unless they could use their rifles. When he took over the Battalion he did away with the prize meeting—that was the day on which they used to meet to shoot for money—because he saw the same names at the top of the list time for time, and what he wanted to see was for the whole Battalion to become better shots (applause). He knew there were a number of men who would become good shots, and they had a very good shooting club for them, where he supplied them with ammunition for nothing (applause). But as he had said, what he wanted was that every man should feel that he was nearer winning

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a prize, and therefore he took the money and gave it to the companies according to the number of efficient they had, so the money was divided among the ten companies (applause). Concluding, the Colonel made an appeal for more recruits. "I want as many men as I can get," he said, "and we will make you into something smart before we have done with you."

Colonel Brock then distributed the prizes, after which the gathering heard from him with regret that that was probably the last time he would meet the battalion in his official capacity, his time expiring in two months' time. Some four years ago, he went on, when reviewing them on Woolwich Common he had to complain that they were not turned out as cleanly and smartly as they might have been. He was very much rejoiced to be able to say that in the last two camps there had been an enormous improvement and he saw the same improvement that night. He was also very pleased to hear from Colonel Moore of the excellent topographical sketches made by the sergeants of the battalion. (Applause). Another point worthy of great praise was the very large attendance at camp, that battalion having a larger percentage than any other. (Applause). He was sure they had excellent headquarters, with one of the best clubs he had ever been in in England. (Applause). What could be better than to see that crowded hall that night. He regretted it would be the last time, probably, he would be among them in that capacity, but would assure them that he would always take the greatest interest in one of his old Volunteer battalions, and hoped it would not be the last time he should meet them. (Applause).

REGIMENTAL DINNER.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Will you allow me space to remind Officers that the Regimental Dinner of the two Line Battalions has been fixed to take place at the Hotel Cecil, at 8 p.m., on Tuesday, June 14th, the Tuesday of Ascot week? The Officers whose names are given below have already notified their intention to be present, and the Committee hope that many others will quickly send me their names.

This Dinner will be presided over by Major-Gen. Leach, C.B., the Colonel of the Regiment, and as both Line Battalions are abroad, it will be necessary for old Officers to turn up in increased numbers if the attendance is to be anything like an average one.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN H. KENNEDY.

Whitwell Hall,

Reepham, Norfolk,

May 20th, 1904.

OFFICERS DINING.

Major-Gen. E. Leach, C.B., Brig.-Gen. Alderson, C.B., A.D.C., Colonels Bayly, Brock, Belgrave, Grove, C.B., Harrison, Johnson, C.B., Tweedie, D.S.O., Wintour, Wilson, Dalison. Majors Style, Roche, and A. Martyn. Captains Beeching, Buckle, D.S.O., Burbury, Pack-Beresford, Druce, Kennedy, Kitson, Lees, Lister, Nunn, D.S.O., and Simpson. Lieuts. Belgrave and Knox, and Mr. Forestier-Walker.

We are indebted to Mr. A. Devine, of New Plymouth, N.Z., a Maidstone man, for the following cutting:—

Splendid weather prevailed to-day (April 28th), and all the ceremonies in connection with Lord Ranfurley's farewell visit were carried out under the most favourable circumstances.

The principal ceremonies in the afternoon were the presentation of an address, and the unveiling of the hatchments at St. Mary's Church to the 50th and 68th Regiments, Captain Cracroft and officers and men of the H.M.S. Niger, and the Maori allies.

The address from the citizens was presented to his Excellency outside the Church by the Mayor.

There was a fine military display on the occasion, the parade consisting of companies forming the Taranaki Battalion, bluejackets and marines from the Psyche, Central School Cadets and Garrison Band.

The medals to troopers who took part in the South African war were also presented by the Governor.

A peculiar interest attaches to this regiment for the people of Taranaki, in that this was the first British regiment to land on these shores, or, in fact, in New Zealand. On the 20th April, 1834, the barque Harriett was wrecked near to Cape Egmont, and twelve of the crew were killed and eaten. Mrs. Guard, wife of the captain, and two children, with the balance of the crew, were taken into captivity, and to rescue these shipwrecked people an expedition was sent down from Sydney to Ngamotu, or the Sugar Loaves (New Plymouth). This expedition sailed in H.M.S. "Alligator," accompanied by the "Isabella," a colonial schooner, conveying a detachment of the 50th Regiment under the command of Captain Johnson and Lieut. Gunton. This was the first warlike expedition undertaken by the British Government against the New Zealanders. After three days' stay at Ngamotu (now known as the Breakwater), the Alligator and Isabella left, sailing down the coast to Te Namu Bay (Opunake). Here a party of sailors and soldiers were landed, and after a slight skirmish with the natives they returned to the ship and proceeded on to the mouth of the Waingongoro (Hawera district), where the party designed for the recovery of Mrs. Guard and children was landed. From here the party, under the command of Captain Johnson, an old Peninsula veteran, marched along the coast, hauling a field piece with them, to a position overlooking the Waimate pa, on the sea cliffs below the present town of Mania. This great Maori fortress was taken and burnt, and Mrs. Guard and her children rescued. This was the opening chapter of the Taranaki war, in which the 50th over thirty years later were to take an important part in bringing to a close along this self same coast, which landed at Auckland from India on the 15th November, 1863.

The Regiment, under Colonel Weare, did a lot of hard fighting in the Waikato campaign, 1863-64, notably at the capture of Rangiawhia, for which they received the special thanks of the General "for the brilliant manner in which they had assaulted the enemy's position." They took part in the severe fighting north of Wanganui and South

Taranaki, and lost severely at Nukumarū, where Lieut. Johnston and fifteen rank and file were killed and Lieuts. Wilson and Grant and thirty others wounded. They also took part in the fighting and occupation of the coast country between Patea and Stoney River, and the headquarters of the Regiment was established at the Stoney River redoubt in February, 1866, under Major and Lieut.-Col. F. G. Hamley. They were gradually withdrawn from the coast, and the Regiment left Taranaki in July, 1867, for Auckland en route for Sydney and England. Colonel Waddy, K.C.B., and later Colonel Weare, commanded this fine Regiment during its stay—1860-67—in New Zealand.

THE HATCHMENTS.

Following is a description of the hatchments which have been beautifully painted by the Ven. Archdeacon Walsh. The panels are made of practically imperishable composition board, and were manufactured by Messrs. John Leech & Co., of Auckland.

1.—The colours of the 50th (Queen's Own) Regiment: Regimental colour, blue, badge in centre with numeral, name of Regiment on surrounding ribbon, the numerous honours on labels distributed over the flag, the sphinx for Egypt, and a badge with a white horse surrounded by garter, with "Honi soit qui mal y pense." [This is evidently a mistake. We think the motto "Quo fas et gloria ducunt" is intended.—Ed.]

2.—The colours of the 68th (Durham Light Infantry): Regimental colour, green, badge in centre with numeral, name of Regiment on surrounding ribbon, numerous honours distributed over the flag.

3.—The Union Jack and St. George's Ensign for H.M.S. Niger. In this case the flags are represented naval fashion, attached to the poles with signal halyards. At the crossing of the poles there is the ship's badge, a stork holding a halberd, and the mottoes "Ne cede malis," and "Hic Niger est." Over all is the Royal Crown, and underneath a gold label with "Waireka," the name of the battle in which the ship's company rendered such valuable assistance.

The fourth hatchment is interesting as showing that the friendly Maoris are not forgotten. Its treatment here is distinct from the others. The prominent object is the Royal arms, surrounded with the garter and legend, supported by two old Maori weapons, a taiaha and te wate-wate. Over all is the crown. On either side a scroll with "Fortiter and Fideliter," and "Friendly Maoris" on a ribbon at the bottom.

There are now fourteen hatchments in St. Mary's Church, all the work of Archdeacon Walsh, who will paint three or four more to complete the series, those to be done including the Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, and the 12th Regiment.

The hatchment to the Maori Allies is in recognition of services rendered to the whites during the troublous times of the Maori rebellion in Taranaki. A goodly proportion of the natives were friendly to the Europeans, and on several occasions they protected white people from the hostile Maoris, and also gave timely information on other occasions.

The N.C.O. and men composing the draft which joined the Provisional Battalion at Dover on the 26th May, 1904, were 4110 Sergt. J. Smith, 5257 Ptes. J. Longford, 7420 M. Pattenden, 7490 R. Price, 7492 G. Swift, 7493 S. Bowden, 7494 J. Shipp, 7495 R. Warner, 7496 H. Thurston, 7497 W. Duffin, 7498 W. Leppard, 7499 A. Boniface, 7501 W. Markham, 7502 F. McGillicuddy, 7503 J. Boyle, 7504 B. Claridge, 7505 W. Dunning, 7506 R. Gibson, 7507 W. Barrie, 7508 T. Saring, 7509 A. Bagwell, 7510 J. Brown, 7512 T. Buckley, 7514 J. Stirrup, 7516 W. Tamplin, 7517 A. Davis, 7518 W. Lewis, 7519 G. Hulbert, 7520 J. Mundy, 7521 T. Stickings, 7522 W. Moore, 7523 J. Tucker, 7524 P. Clarke, 7525 P. Andrews, 7526 W. Lewis, 7528 H. Penny, 7529 W. Fowler, 7530 A. Archer, 7531 J. Shean, 7532 C. Wilkins, 7533 G. Giles, 7534 J. Bonds, 7535 W. Robertson, 7536 R. Harris, 7538 H. Marsh, 7539 T. Jones, 7540 C. Gilbey, 7541 W. Jenner, 7542 W. Langridge, 7543 F. Woodrow, 7544 A. Simmons, 7545 A. Waghorn, 7546 A. Close, 7547 G. Creed, 7548 J. Moseley, 7549 J. Challand, 7550 A. Clark, 7555 H. Beaumont, 7556 T. Payne, 7557 F. Oswald, 7558 F. Palmer, 7560 L. Waldron, 7561 F. Piggott, 7563 J. Hyland, 7564 W. Feast, 7565 R. Foreman, 7566 A. Wood, 7568 F. Coomber, 7569 C. Wood, 7570 A. Tedder, 7571 J. Williams, 7572 J. Page.

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We beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following subscriptions:—

To December, 1904.—Colonel J. Bonhote, Mr. A. H. Pallett.

BIRTH.

At Maidstone, on 29th January, the wife of O.R. Sergt. A. L. Bellion, Depot, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

At Maidstone, on the 23rd April, No. 4348, Pte. H. Hall, Depot, to Miss Rose Marsh.

At West Malling, on 26th April, Sergt. R. Daykin, Permanent Staff 3rd Battalion, to Miss Sybil Sayer.

At Westgate-on-Sea, on 18th May, Clr.-Sergt. A. Tapp, Per. Staff, 3rd Battalion, to Miss Bertha King.

At Chiswick, on the 22nd May, No. 3177, Pte. C. Lea, Depot, to Miss May Chapman.

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The following is the inscription on the memorial tablet erected in All Saints' Church to Lieut. E. D. Luard's memory:—

To the Glory of God

AND

In Memory

OF

ERIC DALBIAC LUARD,

Lieutenant,

"The Queen's Own" (Royal West Kent Regiment),

WHO DIED AT

Garrero, Somaliland,

On the 13th November, 1903,

Of Enteric Fever, contracted in the Field, when serving in the King's African Rifles with the Somaliland Field Force.

He also served with the Royal West Kent Regiment in the South African campaign, 1899-1902, taking part in the operations in the Wittebergen, Transvaal, Orange Free State, and Cape Colony.

This Tablet is dedicated by his brother Officers in appreciation of his devotion to duty, and as a tribute to his sterling qualities.

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Since my last contribution we have completed our annual course of musketry, and have been established in our barracks at Floriana for the last three weeks. We fired the field practices at a place called Mellieha, at the western end of the island, about fourteen miles from Valetta. We were in camp there for about ten days, and found it a considerable improvement on our last camp at Pembroke. Though stony, the country about there is green and pretty for Malta; it is clean and fresh, and there is a fine bay for bathing, so on the whole I think we enjoyed our time there.

Since arrival here we have been busy with inspections, guards and drills. H.E., the Governor, as well as the Brigadier, has been to look at us, and a very thorough inspection he made. All work must be done in the early morning or evening now, the middle of the day being too hot. Following the excellent Indian custom, Thursday is made, as far as possible, a holiday.

We have played two cricket matches, an account of which I send you. We were fortunate enough to win both.

We were all sorry to part with Captain Pedley, who left to join the 2nd Battalion a fortnight ago.

Captain Burt and Second-Lieutenant Fisher have left for England on leave.

It is gradually stoking up for the hot weather. The sun is already unpleasantly hot in the middle of the day, and one is glad if one can keep out of it. Sandflies and mosquitoes—especially sandflies—have begun their persecutions. If anyone could tell us a genuine preventative for sandfly bites, he would, I am sure, earn many benedictions.

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

1ST BATTALION CRICKET.

So far we have only had two cricket matches, but I am glad to be able to record that we were victorious in both. The first match was against the R.A. West, at Fort Vigne, on May 28th. We lost the toss, but thanks to the good bowling of Lce.-Sergt. Allen and Pte. Pinder we got the R.A. out for 48. Lce.-Sergt. Allen took 5 wickets for 17, and Pte. Pinder 5 for 29. After losing 8 wickets for 47, we eventually managed to knock up 98, Second-Lieut. Waring (33), Lce.-Sergt. Allen (21), and Sergt. Sonnenberg (17 not out) being the chief scorers. Our team was as follows: Lieut. Keenlyside, Second-Lieuts. Waring, Hall, Fisher, Col.-Sergts. Saunders, McVicar, Sergts. Merriek, Sonnenberg, Lce.-Sergt. Allen, Ptes. Pinder and Evans.

The second match was against the 4th Royal Garrison Regiment, at Verdala, on June 6th. We drew to play against them in the first round of the Governor's Cup, but owing to their departure for South Africa at the end of this month they scratched, and we played this friendly match against them instead. We won the toss, and after a bad start made 197. Pte. Pinder, who played an excellent innings of 78, and 2nd-Lieut. Phillips (41) put on over 100 runs while they were together. We succeeded in getting the Garrison Regiment out for 88, and so won the match by 109 runs. Lce.-Sergt. Allen was again very successful with the ball, taking 7 wickets for 48, and Col.-Sergt. Saunders kept wicket well. Our team was the same as before, except that Capt. O'Dowda and Second-Lieut. Phillips played instead of Second-Lieut. Fisher and Sergt. Sonnenberg.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Last month I am told that you received a very glowing account of the beauties and attractions of Malta from one of your casual correspondents. [We regret this was crowded out.—Ed.]. This month I feel bound to show you the other side of the picture, or you will look on us as a set of incorrigible

grumblers. In other words, the sandfly season has commenced, and so far they are irresistible. Everyone has tried some means or other to keep them at a distance, but up to the present they are absolutely undefeated.

We are told that the great Napoleon only stayed here a week. It must have been during this particular season, and he discovered an enemy that his great genius could not grapple with, and for the first time he had to acknowledge a defeat.

I hear that thunderstorms from the Continent have been entertaining you at home. I wish they would try a trip in the Mediterranean. We would gladly welcome them here.

Malta is a wonderful place for inspections. We arrived on the 15th April, and have been inspected five times. These inspections take the place of the annual manoeuvres, for which we have no facilities in Malta, but we all hope that now the hot weather has commenced we shall be allowed a few months' respite.

The leave season has commenced: Col. Maunsell, Capt. Burt, and 2nd-Lieut. Fisher have already gone on leave, and some others are expected to go very shortly. Major Lowe, Capt. Buchanan-Dunlop, and Lieut. Ingram join us about the 27th June. Major Lowe was left behind when the Battalion embarked, being ill with bronchitis, but we are glad to hear he has recovered and is on his way out.

Capt. Buchanan-Dunlop and Lieut. Ingram have been at Aldershot. The former has been granted a Gymnastic Certificate, and the latter a special Signalling Certificate.

One of the blessings of Malta is the cricket, though it compares badly with a good season at home. So far we have played four matches; we have won two, drawn one greatly in our favour, and lost one. The great secret here is to get first innings. After about three hours' fielding in the heat and glare of the Marsa, one's eyes are so tired that it is most difficult to bat afterwards.

Our first match was against the R.A. West, whom we beat by 50 runs. 2nd-Lieut. Waring batted well, and Sergt. Allen and Pte. Pinder were most successful as bowlers.

The second match against the 4th Royal Garrison Regiment also ended in our favour. We scored 197, and the R.G. Regt. 88. Pte. Pinder made 78, and 2nd-Lieut. Phillips 41, while Sergt. Allen bowled in fine form.

I attach short accounts of our 3rd and 4th matches:

3RD MATCH.—1ST BATT. QUEEN'S OWN V. R.G.A. CENTRAL.
Played on the Marsa, at Malta, Saturday, June 10th, 1904. After our success in the first two matches this season, the Gunners from St. Elmo showed us we were not quite invincible! In fact, they beat us badly all round.

They won the toss and went in first. We started fairly well, but Kinnear, playing sound steady cricket, got well set, and when joined by Lewis, runs came more freely, our attack getting weaker and weaker in spite of many changes of bowling. Kinnear and Lewis, having tired themselves, our bowlers and field out, were content when they had made 100 and 53 respectively and retired; we should have liked to get them out but were not sorry to see them go. We did not have nearly so much trouble with the rest, and when they had reached 200 with eight wickets down, they declared.

This ground is partially covered with lumpy coarse grass, which makes matters worse rather than better for fielding, though there is not so much glare as there is from the white stoney parade grounds we played on before. We had nearly three hours' hard fielding, from 2 till nearly 5, on very rough, hard ground, in a very difficult light for fielding—it was impossible at times to see where the ball was going—with a very hot sun, which we have not all got used to yet. Clr.-Sergt. Saunders kept wicket very well, as he did in the first two matches, and Sergt. Sonnenberg caught a good catch out in the country off

Pinder, who was bowling leg breaks at the time as a last resource.

We started our innings soon after 5, and had one hour and twenty-five minutes to play, with a good chance of being beaten, a possibility of making an uninteresting draw, but no hope of winning, and I think no one felt very much like making runs. We began fairly well and played steadily, but the light was very difficult now with a dark green and brown and light background. Pinder was the only man who looked like making runs, but he was caught in the deep field when he had made 17. Then bowling was of a medium good length description, but it presented no real difficulties. We were all out for 60, no one stopping long, and were beaten by 140 runs.

Captain O'Dowda has not got into his bowling form yet, but when he has worked his stiffness off, and everyone has got accustomed to the extraordinary conditions under which the game is played in this rocky freak of an island, we hope to give a fairly good account of ourselves.

4TH MATCH.—V. H.M.S. "EGMONT."

This match was played on 15th, and resulted in a rather lucky win for us by 18 runs. We lost the toss but managed to get them out for 89, Captain O'Dowda taking four wickets and Lee-Sergt. Allen six. Our total was 107 of which Pte. Pinder made 55.

RIFLE COMPETITION.

1st BATTALION v. HAMPSHIRE REGIMENT.

The above Competition took place on the 15th June on the Naval Range at Ricasoli. Teams of 10 aside competed at 200, 500, and 600 yards, the two lowest scores being counted out.

The result was a win for the Hampshire Regiment by 11 points. The names of those who took part and their scores are as below:—

HAMPSHIRE REGIMENT.			
	200	500	600
Sergt. Kinshott	25	31	30
Sergt.-Major Tarrant	27	27	30
Lieut. Beckett.....	29	29	25
Col.-Sergt. Pragnell.....	29	25	28
Sergt. Norris	26	27	29
Sergt. Giles	29	28	24
Corpl. Young	34	20	27
Colour-Sergt. Holdway ...	29	24	26
Corpl. Redman.....	27	25	23
Col.-Sergt. Giddens.....	28	20	25
Totals.....	283	256	267

* Counted out.

1st ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

	200	500	600
Col.-Sergt. Colyer	29	33	27
Col.-Sergt. Murphy.....	31	29	28
Sergt. I.M. Dark.....	27	32	29
Sergt. Brown	24	30	27
Col.-Sergt. Saunders	24	28	24
Pte. Carmody	28	25	21
Pte. Canty	26	27	21
Pte. Melloy	22	28	22
Sergt. Nicholson	26	16	24
Lce.-Corpl. Lewis	24	23	17
Totals	261	271	240

* Counted out.

REGIMENTAL TEAM v. OFFICERS & SERGEANTS.

This competition took place at Pembroke Ranges on the afternoon of June 22nd, and consisted of seven shots at 200, 500, and 600 yards, Bisley targets and marking. The Regimental Team to fire only ten in their team, their opponents (Officers and Sergeants) to fire as many as could be present, the eight best scores to count. Although Pembroke Ranges are at some distance from Floriana Barracks, and the day a very hot one indeed, seven Officers and twenty Sergeants, in addition to the Regimental Team, turned up at E range soon after 2 p.m., all anxious to give the Regimental Team a warm time of it. However, we were beaten by 26 points, but intend having another try some other day.

It will be noticed that the shooting was rather poor at 600 yards; this was owing to a very choppy wind blowing at the time, which quite upset the calculations of some of the best shots, one shot it being necessary to aim on the left of the target, the next on the right. Of course our readers who have fired on Pembroke Ranges will be quite able to sympathise with us, they are so very different to the range at Boxley.

In connection with above competition, the following item may be of interest to our readers:—

A young N.C.O. (by name Lce.-Crpl. Saward, of B Company), had volunteered for range duty, and during the afternoon had expressed a wish to fire a few rounds. He was allowed to do so at 500 and 600 yards, and made the scores of 29 and 26 respectively at a Bisley target. This, I venture to think, is a very creditable performance for a young soldier who has not yet fired his Recruit's course, and it is to be hoped that he will profit by the experience he will gain during this course (the preliminary duties of which he is now taking part in), and will, in time, become one of the shots of the Battalion. Scores:—

REGIMENTAL TEAM.

	200	500	600	Total.
Clr.-Sergt. Dark	28	32	27	87
Sergt. Nicholson	30	22	25	77
Clr.-Sergt. Kill	34	26	17	77
Pte. Canty	25	25	25	75
Pte. Melloy	24	27	23	74
Clr.-Sergt. Saunders	28	24	22	74
Sergt. Brown	27	26	20	73
Clr.-Sergt. Button	29	26	17	72
Totals	225	208	176	609

OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS.

	200	500	600	Total.
Sergt. Wren	26	28	23	77
" Keen	24	27	25	76
" Moore	28	26	21	75
" Sweatman	23	24	27	74
" Page	27	19	26	72
2nd-Lieut. Hoare	25	25	20	70
Captain O'Dowda	22	29	19	70
Clr.-Sergt. Davis	23	24	22	69
Totals	204	202	172	583

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

Diyatalawa, Ceylon, May.

DEAR SIR,

During the latter part of April we had a very large majority of the crew of H.M.S. "Merlin" up here for a "bucker-up," and well they deserved it. After they had

been in camp about a week we could hardly recognise them. Instead of that white look so prevalent amongst Europeans who have to live in the tropics for a considerable time without a change to higher altitudes, they possessed that healthy brown look which the planters in the hilly districts show, proving that they are in the best of health.

On the 9th of May we heard that the time for their departure was fast drawing nigh, and we thought it very befitting for us to give a "Smoker" in honour of the Chief and 1st Class P.O.'s, who had shared the hospitality of our mess whilst they were up here, so forthwith on the night of the 11th inst. Mess showed animated signs of activity about 8 p.m. Everybody turned up *en force* to do honour to our comrades of the Senior Service. The Band, unfortunately, were playing at the Officers' Mess, so were prevented from putting in an appearance until just on 10 p.m., but with their coming every member seemed to be present, and things continued to swing along with that gusto which is always attached to these sort of functions.

About half-way through the varied programme the Chairman (Sergt.-Major Mitchell) rose, and expressed on behalf of the Sergeants' Mess here the feeling of the Mess towards our comrades of the Navy in terms which called forth vigorous applause. The health of the guests was then drunk with musical honours.

After a short interval, Gr.-Instructor Casey, R.N., replied on behalf of his "shipmates" to the members of the Mess for the excellent way in which they had been received on their arrival, and during their stay here, which speech he terminated with the request that "Shipmates, just stand on your pins for a few minutes while we drink the health of the Sergeants," which is a way that goes with the Navy.

Time passing quickly, we found ourselves, with glasses filled, toasting the King at 12 (midnight), but not before "Auld Lang Syne" was sung with enthusiasm, and thus the proceedings finished, having been declared "very good on all sides," or as an honorary member expressed himself, "I have never enjoyed myself so 'many' before."

Programme.—Toast, "The King," the Chairman; song, "Idler," Sergt. A. Reynolds; toast, "The Queen and Royal Family," the Chairman; song, "Money," Sergt. Crossley; song, "Hi-tiddly-hi-ti," Sergt. Moir; song, "Big Ben," Gr.-Inst. Casey, R.N.; song, "Santa Claus is coming in de morning," Sergt. B. Reynolds; song, "A pushing young man," Chief-Stoker Date, R.N.; song, "Time is money," Staff-Sergt. Powell, R.A.M.C.; song, "In cellar cool," Col.-Sergt. Bullock; toast, "Our Guests, the Chief and 1st Class P.O.'s H.M.S. Merlin," the Chairman; song, "Never been there before," Sergt. Hooley, R.E.; toast, Gr.-Inst. Casey, R.N., reply to toast of "Our Guests"; song, "Alice, where art thou?" Sergt. Minall; song, "Slap-dab," Gr.-Inst. Casey, R.N.; song, "Off to Philadelphia," Sergt. O'Reilly, R.G.A.; song, "Let me like a soldier fall," Band-Sergt. Hindmarsh; song, "Got it in Leicester Square," Engine Room Artificer Norris, R.N.; song, "Annie Laurie," Bandmaster McKelvey; song, "Queen of the Earth," Col.-Sergt. Bullock; song, "Take it over your side Lucy," Sergt. Kevan; piccolo solos, Polka, and "Liberty Bell" march, Staff-Sergt. Powell, R.A.M.C.; song, "Waste not, want not," Chief-Stoker Date, R.N.; song, "Juanita," Band-Sergeant Hindmarsh; song, "William don't (and William do)," Sergt. Spencer,

R.G.A.; song, "Are we to part like this?" Chief-Stoker Cribb, R.N.; song, "The Brigade," Sergt. Spencer, R.G.A.; "God Save the King."

A MEMBER.

BOXING AT TRINCO.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

On Monday, May 9th, the Garrison was enlivened by a short Tournament, which took place on a small open space near G Company's bungalow, the verandahs of the bungalow itself forming an admirable Grand Stand. Nearly all the officers of the Garrison were seated round the ring. Capt. McDonald, R.G.A., and Lieut. Chitson, one of the Dockyard Naval Officers, acted as Judges, Sergt. Smith, R.E., was the Referee, and Sergt. Eley, Timekeeper. The show commenced at 5.15 p.m. with a three-rounds Exhibition Spar between Privates Bexon and Fry, G Company, some very quick work ensuing between them, but Bexon was undoubtedly the best man.

They were succeeded by Private Kemp, G Company, and Private Tyson, H Company, in a four-round contest. The first round was of a light give-and-take character, ending, however, with points to Kemp. In round No. 2 Kemp delivered some heavy blows about the face and body, which told greatly on Tyson. The third round showed some very rapid play, Kemp following his opponent about and administering punishment in a very cool, workmanlike manner, which caused Tyson to retire to his corner on the call of time very much the worse for wear. Round No. 4 was a repetition of the first, Kemp not exerting himself in the least, and ending up with an easy victory.

The next on the programme was a six-round contest between Privates Brewster and Yarnston, of G and H Companies respectively. Both of these men were splendidly developed, Yarnston, however, having the advantage of weight. Sparring commenced and Yarnston, with a terrific swing on the jaw, floored Brewster. He was up again like lightning, and then the real business commenced in earnest. H Company's man relied mainly on slogging and his superior weight, each blow being delivered with the force of a pile driver, but Brewster's lack of weight was compensated by his agility and a better knowledge of the art. Yarnston fouled in the second round by tripping, and again in the fourth by striking his opponent after time was called. After a hard contested fight Brewster was declared the winner on points.

The best event was to have been a ten-rounds contest between Private Connor (who fought and beat the American Negro Fitzgerald in Colombo) and Private Kirby. Unfortunately Kirby was sick and unable to fight. Connor, not wishing to spoil the evening's sport, boxed nine rounds Exhibition Spar a la Jack McAuliffe, with three separate men, namely, Privates Flinn, Cox, and Bunker, each one boxing three rounds in turn with him.

On May 21st, at Trincomali, a grand display of Boxing, an outcome of that of the 9th, was given on the same ground and commenced at 9 p.m. The ring was lit up by numerous lamps lent by the R.E. and others. All the officers of the Garrison were present and also several Naval Officers from the Flagship, H.M.S. Hyacinth, including the Captain. Lieut. Chitson, R.N., officiated as referee, Capt. McDonald,

R.G.A., and Lieut. Bremner, R.E., were the Judges, and Sergt. Eley, Timekeeper.

The first event was a six-round contest between Privates Bexon and Hill, both of G Company. In the first round Hill put his thumb out. He fought gamely, however, through the remaining rounds, but on account of the accident, lost the fight by a small margin.

The next event was Private Kemp, whose offer to spar three rounds with anybody in the Garrison, at eight stone, was taken up by Sapper Rampson, R.E. This was an altogether one-sided affair, Rampson, whose boxing was of an extremely elementary order, being entirely outclassed by Kemp.

The third item on the programme was an eight-round contest between Privates Brewster, G Company, and Yarnston, H Company. This was considered to be the best contest of the evening, some very stubborn fighting ensued, each man going for all he was worth. Brewster was floored several times but here his superior agility stood him in good stead, he being up each time almost before he was down. Yarnston fouled in the fourth round by striking his opponent after time was called as in the previous contest, but after a splendid fight Brewster was declared the winner on points.

Lance-Corp. Humphries and Private Hamilton were the next to enter the magic circle, and some good boxing took place. Humphries, however, was too good for Hamilton, who, after fighting gamely for five rounds, retired from the ring.

The fight of the evening was an eight-round contest between Privates Kirby and Connor for a purse of 100 Rupees. Kirby's weight was about 11st., and he being taller than Connor has a much longer reach. Connor's weight is 9st. 10lbs., but is superior in science. In the first round, after a little sparring, Connor dodged a swinging blow by Kirby by ducking, and in return delivered a terrific punch which landing on Kirby's jaw, floored him. He remained on the ground for nine seconds and rose as time was called. In the second round sparring was quick on both sides. Connor getting in some heavy blows and receiving a few. Again in the fourth round Kirby was floored and it was evident that he was getting the worst of it. He still fought in good style but to no purpose, and finally Connor gained a popular victory. The prizes were distributed by the Captain of H.M.S. Hyacinth, Bexon, Brewster, and Lance-Corp. Humphries receiving 30, 50, and 30 Rs. respectively.

G COYS. CASUAL CORRESPONDENT.

"A" Company, Colombo.
June 2nd, 1904.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

We left Diyatalawa for the last time on the 27th of last month. It seems, with the advent of the monsoon, the Ceylon "Jerry built" railway has again come to grief, the rain causing a mass of rock weighing 5,000 tons to fall on the line, which took some time to clear, and naturally delayed our journey down. This monsoon, by the way, has caused a lot of trouble and misery around the outskirts of Colombo. To us, on the train, as we neared the town, the houses on each side of the line appeared like so many little islands, the whole of the suburbs being entirely flooded. It seems that the rains were of such an exceptional character that all water has risen 12 feet above sea level.

Although we could not head the list in the first part of table B (for "B" Company's average, 193, that is eight points above first class shots, will want some beating), we greatly excelled in field firing, in fact, words fail me to adequately express how pleased the Colonel was. At the termination of the second day's practice the Commanding Officer told us: "In view of the fact that in our next station some of us may be stationed with representatives of Continental Armies (presumably Peking), such shooting as ours was very pleasant to behold, because if ever we take part in friendly competitions, and if we shoot as well on that day as we did on this day, there is not much doubt about the results."

On the 19th, the last day of our field firing, the Brigadier-General commanding came up to our camp for a general look round, but principally to see us at field firing practices. He watched us fire at a target, which represented a gun in action. At the termination of the practice I believe the Brigadier-General expressed himself as highly pleased with everything that came under his notice.

We stop here a few days pending departure for Trincomali, in relief of the detachment there.

On the 28th our team played the 87th Company R.G.A. at football, which ended in a win for us. Play, during the first half, was of a very even nature, and some fine defensive work by the backs of both teams was deservedly applauded. The play was fast and furious, and both teams must have been glad when the whistle blew for the interval, neither side having scored up to then. On resuming, "A" Company got the upper hand, and a well timed pass from Curtis enabled Corpl. Trevena to shoot the first goal for the Kents. This was followed shortly after by another goal, scored by Sergt. Redmond. After this the R.G.A. tried their hardest, but failed to pass our backs. At this juncture, which was about 15 minutes from time, Pte. Anderson was injured, and had to retire from the field, "A" Company finishing the game with ten men, with a well judged pass from Twine, Sergt. Redmond scored goal No. 3, the whistle immediately after blowing time. The game ended "A" Company, R.W.K., 3 goals, R.G.A. nil.

On the 31st we played "F" Company at Hockey, which ended in a win for us by 3 goals to 1, The feature of this game being the splendid combination shown by the whole team, the play of Ptes. Dale, Musset, and Sergt. Minal, being particularly noticeable, the latter, 2nd Lieut. Helmore, and Corpl. Cummings, being responsible for the goals scored.

To-day, 2nd June, our 2nd XI. played "F" Company's 2nd XI. at football, neither of the teams were very strong. The result was in a win for "A" Company by 2 goals to 1.

There are a good many rumours prevalent in barracks, as to our future destination and probable move; these rumours, though they nearly always prove true, can hardly be accepted as facts, in this case, as their only authority seems to be the "Regimental Chancer."

AU COURANT, "A" COMPANY.

DEPOT CRICKET.

Some fairly good cricket has been witnessed at the Barracks, during the month, as will be seen below.

June 4th, played on Depot Ground, Depot v. Springfield Mill. Score—Springfield Mill 44 runs, Depot 47, best scores for Depot being Sergt. Stringer 13, Sergt. McGregor 10. Bowling—Major Martyn 2 runs for 2 wks., Pte. Ayres 22 runs for 6.

June 8th, played on Depot Ground, Depot v. Kent County Constabulary. Score—K.C.C., 1st innings, 23 runs, 2nd innings, 45. Depot 35. Best score for Depot, Sergt. Bellion 8 runs. Bowling—Pte. Ayres 6 wks. for 12 runs, 2nd innings, 6 wks. for 22, Dr. White 3 wks. for 8, 2nd innings, 4 wks. for 18.

June 13th, played at Boxley, Depot v. Boxley C.C. Scores—Depot, 1st innings, 110 runs, 2nd innings, 105. Boxley, 81. Best scores—Corpl. Knight 18, Pte. Ayres 17*, Sergt. Reeves 17. Bowling—Pte. Ayres 6 wks. for 28 runs, Sergt. Perkins 2 wks. for 4.

June 15th, played on Depot Ground, Depot v. A.S.C. Scores—A.S.C., 1st innings, 29 runs, 2nd innings, 51 for 5 wks. (declared). Depot, 1st innings, 29 runs, 2nd innings, 34 for 4 wks. Best scores—Sergt. Reeves 11, Dr. Askew 13, Clr.-Sergt. Neighbour 12, Sergt. Bellion, 17*. Bowling—Pte. Ayres 7 wks. for 11 runs, 2nd innings, 4 wks. for 27.

June 18th, played on Depot Ground, Depot v. R.A.M.C., Maidstone. Scores—R.A.M.C., 1st innings, 26 runs, 2nd innings, 29. Depot, 110. Best scores—Major Martyn 30, Clr.-Sergt. Neighbour 27. Bowling—Pte. Ayres 3 wks. for 12 runs, 2nd innings, 7 wks. for 12, Dr. White 3 wks. for 11, 2nd innings, 2 wks. for 10.

June 22nd, played on Depot Ground, Depot v. St. Philip's C.C. Scores—Depot, 37, St. Philip's, 62. Best scores—Major Martyn 18. Bowling—Major Martyn 3 wks. for 16 runs, Pte. Ayres 5 wks. for 34.

June 25th, played on Depot Ground, Depot v. East Farleigh C.C. Scores—East Farleigh C.C., 79 runs, Depot, 19. Best score—Sergt. Reeves 7 runs. Bowling—Pte. Ayres 4 wks. for 22 runs, Sergt. Reeves 3 wks. for 15.

SERGEANTS v. SCHOOL OF MUSKETRY (3rd TEAM).

At Hythe, a team from the West Kent Depot, Maidstone, engaged the third team of the School of Musketry Staff in a shooting competition, the Depot winning by 13 points. After the match the teams adjourned to the staff mess, where they were entertained under the presidency of Sergt.-Major Howland. An inspection of the School and of the new service rifle followed. The scores of the competition follow:—

	DEPOT.			
	200	500	600	Total.
Sergt. Dugay	32	33	26	91
Sergt. Pond	32	28	30	90
Sergt.-Major Outten, capt.	31	31	23	85
Sergt.-Major Grellier	30	31	24	85
Col.-Sergt. Osborne	30	28	27	85
Sergt.-Ins. Mus. Evenden	28	27	29	84
Col.-Sergt. Wilmhurst	24	27	27	78
Sergt. Davis	30	24	18	72
Totals	237	229	204	670

3RD TEAM HYTHE STAFF SCHOOL OF MUSKETRY.

Sergt.-Inst. Chaney.....	31	29	31	91
Sergt.-Inst. Horsbury.....	34	29	27	90
Sergt.-Inst. Fox	30	29	22	88
Captain Hales, captain ...	31	28	29	88
Arm.-Sergt. Tucker.....	26	26	29	81
Sergt.-Inst. Turner	31	26	22	79
Q.M.-Sergt. Maddocks.....	27	27	19	73
Q.M.-Sergt. Proctor.....	22	29	16	67
	232	223	202	657

MAIDSTONE DEPOT v. VOLUNTEERS.

A match of unusual interest took place at Boarley Range on Saturday, 11th June, between teams of the Depot Rifle Club and Maidstone Vol. Shooting Club. Splendid weather prevailed, though a tricky wind gave the marksmen some trouble at the longer range. It will be remembered that last year the Depot team defeated the Volunteers, a success they hoped to repeat on this occasion, but the citizen soldiers, obtaining a good lead at 200 yards, increased it at five, and holding their own at six won a well-earned victory by 22 points. Sergt. J. Welch was the highest scorer with a grand total of 96. Appended are the scores:—

MAIDSTONE VOLUNTEERS.		DEPOT RIFLE CLUB.	
Sergt. Welch.....	96	Sergt. Davis	88
Pte. H. Lockyer.....	91	Clr.-Sergt. Osborne.....	88
Pte. J. Andrews.....	88	Qr.-M.-Sergt. Gilburd...	85
Sergt. H. Lockyer.....	88	Sergt.-Major Outten...	84
Sergt. F. Wright.....	88	Clr.-Sergt. Wimbhurst...	83
Sergt. H. Cogger.....	82	Sergt. Pond.....	82
Corpl. A. Andrews.....	82	Sergt.-Major Grellier ...	82
Corpl. C. Merralls.....	81	Clr.-Sergt. Ailwood	79
Sergt. W. Meades.....	78	Qr.-M.-Sergt. Bourne...	78
Pte. J. Merralls	78	Clr.-Sergt. Bass.....	76
Total.....	846	Total.....	824
Scores of 76 and 69 counted out.		Scores of 74 and 52 counted out.	

VOLUNTEER INTELLIGENCE.

2ND VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

SERGEANTS' SHOOTING MATCH.

A match took place at the Milton Ranges on Saturday, May 21st, between teams respectively representing the sergeants of the Battalion and of the 3rd Grenadier Guards. The result was a win for the former by 40 points. Score—

2ND V.B. WEST KENT.		GRENADIERS.	
Lce.-Sergt. Fawsitt	98	Colour-Sergt. Wall ...	90
Colour-Sergt. Mitchell ...	94	Colour-Sergt. Jones...	89
Sergt. Hall.....	91	Sergt.-Instr Yorke ...	87
Sergt.-Instr. H. Cooke...	90	Colr.-Sergt. Goodman	82
Sergt.-Instr. E. Pike.....	86	Sergt. Capper	82
Sergt. E. Bryant	83	Sergt. Hiscock	80
Colour-Sergt. Allard.....	83	Sergt. Langley	78
Sergt.-Instr. Tench	79	Colour-Sergt. Copeland	76
Total.....	704	Total	664

The teams were afterwards entertained in the mess of the 2nd V.B., the arrangements being in the hands of the mess secretary, Sergt. A. Kiloh, who was ably assisted by Colour-Sergt. R. C. Pease (late of the 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment), who was responsible for the very tasteful floral decorations of the tables. A concert followed, with Colour-Sergt. Allard, mess president, in the chair.—Sergt.-Major Skidmore, in responding to the toast of "The 3rd Grenadier Guards," said that although his "boys" had had a beating, they had had a very good time. He hoped that this would be only the first of such meetings, and that next time the Regulars would beat the Volunteers.—Colour-Sergt. Allard, of the West Kent, echoed the hope that there would be many such occasions, and that the comradeship shown that day would be fostered and kept green, especially as the 3rd Grenadiers and the Active Service Company of the West Kents had fought side by side in South Africa. The musical programme was sustained by Colour-Sergt. Goodman, Sergt. Hiscock, Sergt.-Instructor Tench, Colour-Sergt. Allard, Colour-Sergt. Wheller, Sergt. A. Kiloh, Sergt. G. Barnes, Messrs. Martin and Moughton, and Ex-Sergt.-Bugler P. Reed. Thanks were heartily accorded Colour-Sergt. Pease and Sergt. A. Kiloh, who said a few words in response, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close with "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King."

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

Colonel T. H. Brock desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following:—

Subscriptions for 1904.		Donations.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Col J. L. Tweedie, D.S.O. ...	1 0 0		
Capt. P. Umfreville	0 10 0		
Major H. Isacke	0 10 0		
Capt. H. L. C. Moody	1 0 0		
Capt. R. M. S. Tullock	0 10 0		
Lieut. A. K. Grant	0 10 0		
Lieut. E. H. Norman	0 10 0		
Lieut. A. H. Pullen	0 10 0		
Lieut. G. Fenning.....	—		
Lieut. B. Johnstone	0 5 0		
Lieut. A. S. Hewitt	0 5 0		
Lieut. C. S. Case-Morris	0 5 0		
Lieut. G. E. St. C. Stevenson	0 5 0		
Balance of Marsh Memorial			
Fund per Capt. C. S. Pack-			
Beresford		20 2 4	
Subscription for 1905 from			
Major H. Isacke	0 10 0		

At the request of the Officer taking over the command of the Depot, Colonel T. H. Brock has kindly consented to continue to administer the Regimental Compassionate Fund.

BIRTH.

At Anerley, on — April, 1904. the wife of Pensioner-Clr. Sergt. R. Harmson, of a son.

ASSOCIATION OF SERGEANTS THE QUEEN'S OWN ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at Maidstone on the 15th June, 1904.

1.—Present: Sergt.-Major Grellier, Acting-Sergt.-Major Audsley, 3rd Vol. Batt., Colour-Sergt. Purton, 2nd Vol. Batt., Colour-Sergt. Upton, 1st Vol. Batt., Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. Smith, 4th Vol. Batt. Pensioners Mr. W. Brown, Mr. W. Locks, Mr. W. Ball. Sergt.-Major J. Outten, Treasurer.

2.—The Hon. Treasurer having read the minutes of the previous meeting, it was proposed by Sergt.-Major Audsley, seconded by Mr. Locks, that the minutes of the previous Committee Meeting, as read by the Hon. Treasurer, be confirmed. Carried unanimously.

3.—It was proposed by Mr. W. Brown, and seconded by Mr. Locks, that Sergt.-Major H. B. Grellier, 3rd Batt., be appointed Hon. Secretary of the Sergeant's Association. Carried unanimously.

4.—Proposed by Sergt.-Major Outten, 50th Regimental District, seconded by Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. Smith, 4th Vol. Batt. that Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. Gilburd. Depot Royal West Kent, be elected a member of the Committee. Carried unanimously.

5.—Proposed by Mr. W. Brown, seconded by Colour-Sergt. Upton, 1st Vol. Batt., that the balance of cash in hand be placed in the Post Office Savings' Bank in the names of the Treasurer and Secretary. Carried unanimously.

6.—The Auditor's report on the accounts having been read, it was proposed by Colour-Sergt. Purton, 2nd Vol. Batt., seconded by Sergt.-Major Audsley, 3rd Vol. Batt., that the Auditor's report be accepted, and that the accounts as read by the Hon. Treasurer be passed, and a balance-sheet of same be sent to every member through the "Queen's Own Gazette." Carried unanimously.

7.—Proposed by Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. Smith, 4th Vol. Batt., seconded by Mr. Locks, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Sergt.-Major Outten, Hon. Treasurer, Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. Gilburd, Auditor, and to Sergt.-Major Grellier, and to all those upon whom the bulk of the work has fallen, in bringing the Association up to its present state. Carried unanimously.

PATRON—

Major-General E. LEACH, C.B.

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Colonel T. H. BROCK.

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" C. E. Harrison.

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" " R. J. Passby, 4th Vol. Batt.

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" W. Ball, " "

Colour-Sergt. J. Upton,

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Sergt.-Major M. R. Audsley,

Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. F. Smith,

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Hon. Secretary—Sergt.-Major H. B. Grellier, 3rd Batt.
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2nd Batt.

1st Batt.

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Pensioners.

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2nd Vol. Batt.

3rd Vol. Batt.

4th Vol. Batt.

MEMBERSHIP ROLL.

1ST BATTALION.

43, Sergt.-Major H. G. Rogers; 45, Colour-Sergt. W. Colyer; 46, Colour-Sergt. H. Eldred; 47, Colour-Sergt. W. Murphy; 48, Colour-Sergt. J. Saunders; 49, Sergt. J. McIntosh; 50, Sergt. L. Pressly; 51, Sergt. W. Woolmer; 52, Sergt. G. Nicholson; 53, Sergt. W. Page; 54, Sergt. J. Wren; 55, Colour-Sergt. A. Davis; 56, Colour-Sergt. G. Button; 57, Sergt. F. Rogers; 58, Colour-Sergt. W. Osborne; 59, Sergt. W. Murphy; 60, Sergt. W. Renny; 61, Sergt. T. Crockett; 62, Sergt. W. Naylor; 63, Sergt. F. Mills; 64, Sergt. W. Ball; 65, Sergt. W. Kingham; 66, Sergt. G. Harris; 119, Sergt. W. M. Collins; 8, Sergt. P. Balcombe; 23, Colour-Sergt. W. McVicar; 29, Sergt. E. Rose; 131, Bandmaster G. Davis; 133, Sergt. J. Merrick; 134, Sergt. Smith; 135, Sergt. J. McGee; 136, Sergt. H. Moore; 188, Colour-sergt. S. Kill; 189, Sergt. G. Rigglesford; 190, Clr-Sergt.-Inst.-Musketry W. Dark; 191, Sergt. A. Firman; 192, Sergt. E. Sonnenberg; 193, Sergt. A. Keen; 194, Sergt. A. Brown; 195, Sergt. E. Ashton; 196, Sergt. W. Tranter; 197, Sergt. T. Legg; 198, Sergt. A. Allen; 199, Sergt. W. Asey Shaw; 200, Sergt. H. Sweatman.

2ND BATTALION.

249, Sergt.-Major C. B. Mitchell; 236, Colour-Sergt. J. Bullock; 237, Colour-Sergt. F. Grey; 238, Colour-Sergt. A. E. Wood; 239, Sergt. W. Ellis; 240, Sergt. A. Chesteneuf; 241, Sergt. E. Kallend; 242, Sergt. W. Harrison; 243, Sergt. H. Bristow; 245, Sergt. W. Mallon; 246, Sergt. W. Minall; 247, Sergt. R. Rickman; 250, Bandmaster T. McKelvey; 251, Sergt. T. Dorrell; 252, Colour-Sergt. R. Silver; 253, Sergt. G. Barden; 254, O.R.S. R. Thorne; 255, Colour-Sergt. H. Jury; 256, Sergt. J. Mills; 257, Sergt. A. Moss; 259, Sergt. A. Colyer; 261, Sergt. F. Howard.

DEPOT AND 3RD BATTALION.

1, Sergt.-Major J. Outten; 2, Sergt.-Major B. H. Grellier; 3, Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. W. Gilburd; 5, Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. G. Bourne; 6, Colour-Sergt. G. Allen; 7, Colour-Sergt. F. Ailwood; 9, Colour-Sergt. W. E. Bass; 10, Sergt. J. Blount; 11, Sergt. T. Connor; 12, Colour-Sergt. H. Crouch; 13, Sergt. H. Davis; 14, Sergt. R. Daykin; 15, Sergt. W. Dugay; 16, Clr-Sergt.-Inst.-Mus. W. T. Evenden; 17, Sergt. E. Harper; 18, Colour-Sergt. J. T. Hunt; 19, Sergt.-Dr. C. Gee; 20, Sergt. W. Jarrard; 21, Sergt. D. Leaver; 22, Sergt. J. McGregor; 24, Colour-

Sergt. H. Moon; 25, Colour-Sergt. F. Neighbour; 26, Colour-Sergt. C. Osborne; 27, Colour-Sergt. A. Outred; 28, Sergt. A. Rye; 30, Colour-Sergt. W. Seager; 31, Sergt. J. Sharp; 32, Sergt. J. Smith; 33, Colour-Sergt. A. Tapp; 34, Colour-Sergt. C. F. Wilson; 35, Colour-Sergt. H. G. Palmer; 36, Colour-Sergt. W. Wimbhurst; 113, Sergt. S. Reeves; 117, Colour-Sergt. S. L. Chiswell; 121, Sergt. B. Pond; 122, O.R.S. A. Bellion; 126, Colour-Sergt. F. Taylor; 260, Sergt. J. Hyde; 262, Sergt. F. Goulds; 258, Lance-Sergt. C. Stringer; 284, Lance-Sergt. C. H. James; 285, Lance-Sergt. A. E. Allright.

1ST VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

96, Sergt.-Major Nealon; 129, Sergt.-Inst. H. Evans; 67, Sergt.-Inst. T. Callagan; 202, Sergt.-Inst. Parry; 82, Colour-Sergt. G. Hughes; 81, Sergt. H. Lockyer; 83, Colour-Sergt. E. Nichols; 84, Bandmaster Hunt; 85, Sergt. W. Davis; 88, Sergt. H. Cogger; 89, Sergt. W. Meads; 90, Sergt. F. Meads; 91, Colour-Sergt. J. Upton; 92, Sergt. W. Wainscott; 93, Sergt. Haswell; 94, Sergt. W. E. Cogger; 97, Sergt. Biddle; 98, Sergt. G. J. Jones; 99, Sergt. Stonestreet; 100, Sergt. O. Gray; 169, Sergt. A. Lockyer; 173, Sergt. Harding; 216, Sergt. W. Day; 219, Sergt. A. Watson; 220, Sergt. W. Pollard; 222, Sergt. F. Wright; 224, Sergt. E. Epps; 225, Colour-Sergt. W. Cogger; 226, Sergt. J. S. Welch; 278, Colour-Sergt. J. Horide; 279, Sergt. T. Ives; 280, Sergt. H. W. Lenday.

2ND VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

39, Sergt.-Inst. Cooke; 286, Sergt.-Major M. Lalley; 287, Sergt.-Inst. G. Church; 288, Sergt.-Inst. F. Tench; 172, Colour-Sergt. W. J. Furton; 185, Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. G. Baker; 201, Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. A. Perry; 232, Colour-Sergt. W. J. Mitchell; 263, Sergt. E. J. Walker; 289, Sergt. F. A. Horibin; 290, Colour-Sergt. H. Scott; 291, Colour-Sergt. G. Allard; 292, Sergt. H. Bishop; 293, Sergt. H. Curtis; 294, Sergt. E. Congdon; 295, Sergt. G. Frankling; 296, Sergt. H. Goodsell; 297, Sergt. A. Kiloh; 298, Colour-Sergt. E. Towell; 299, Sergt. J. Park; 300, Sergt. H. Smith; 301, Sergt. T. Jenner; 302, Sergt. R. Fawsitt.

3RD VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

143, Sergt.-Major M. R. Audsley; 144, Sergt.-Inst. J. Cooper; 142, Sergt.-Inst. H. Greaves; 44, Sergt.-Inst. S. Drew; 132, Sergeant-Instructor A. Lee; 139, Arm.-Sergt. T. Simmons; 138, Sergt. J. Sutherland; 139, Sergt. D. Claney; 140, Sergt. W. Tatham; 141, Sergt. J. Wesley; 145, Colour-Sergt. G. Gown; 146, Sergt. J. Cooke; 147, Sergt.-Inst.-Mus. L. Pratley; 148, Colour-Sergt. H. Ashton; 149, Colour-Sergt. D. Dollimore; 150, Colour-Sergt. A. Goodbody; 151, Colour-Sergt. W. Radley; 152, Sergt. E. Marshall; 153, Colour-Sergt. W. Beer; 154, Sergt. W. Lindley; 155, Colour-Sergt. W. Davis; 156, Sergt. J. Seabright; 157, Sergt. M. Gabbett; 158, Sergt. J. Trayte; 159, Sergt. A. Goldsmith; 160, Colour-Sergt. W. Aldridge; 161, Sergt. A. J. Clarke; 162, Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. C. Webb; 163, Colour-Sergt. G. Blackall; 164, Staff-Sergt. McCoan; 165, Sergt. Darling; 167, Sergt. Wright; 267, Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. C. Molley.

4TH VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

68, Sergt.-Major L. Carter; 69, Sergt.-Inst. J. Holland; 70, Sergt.-Inst. F. W. Elvins; 71, Colour-Sergt. A. R. Soames; 72, Colour-Sergt. W. Christie; 73, Colour-Sergt.

R. Moffatt; 74, Colour-Sergt. G. L. Lampard; 75, Colour-Sergt. J. Sullivan; 76, Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. E. West; 77, Sergt. W. Franks; 174, Sergt. Middlemas; 268, Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. J. F. Smith; 269, Colour-Sergt. H. Trueman; 270, Colour-Sergt. P. T. Hickmott; 271, Colour-Sergt. Lee; 272, Sergt. Chisfield; 273, Sergt. J. Court; 274, Sergt. W. Boys; 275, Sergt. Coulson; 107, Colour-Sergt. Wildish; 166, Band-Sergt. R. Lane; 105, Sergt. Daley; 116, Sergt. Addiscott; 103, Sergt. A. E. Church; 127, Sergt. W. R. Coombes; 111, Colour-Sergt. Anderson; 277, Sergt. Abel.

PENSIONERS AND RESERVISTS.

37, Sergt.-Major W. Brown; 38, Sergt.-Inst. J. Tiley; 41, Sergt. G. Paine; 79, Sergt.-Major W. Locks; 80, Colour-Sergt. A. Reddersen; 104, Colour-Sergt. R. Daykin; 106, Sergt.-Major J. Jackson; 108, Sergt. F. Coe; 109, Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. D. Cross; 110, Sergt.-Major W. Ball; 112, Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. R. Maddocks; 114, Colour-Sergt. W. Neighbour; 115, Colour-Sergt. W. Murphy; 118, Colour-Sergt. E. Sillitoe; 120, Colour-Sergt. A. Pearson; 123, Sergt. W. Parker; 124, Sergt. T. Cousins; 125, Colour-Sergt. J. Muddle; 128, Lance-Sergt. D. Davidson; 168, Sergt.-Dr. R. Cates; 170, Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. D. O'Flaherty; 171, Sergt. H. Savage; 175, Sergt.-Major. W. H. Noller; 176, Colour-Sergt. J. Malone; 177, Colour-Sergt. H. Wain; 178, Colour-Sergt. T. Cornell; 179, Sergt.-Dr. R. G. Brookes; 180, Sergt.-Major J. Dyer; 181, Sergt. A. Nicholl; 182, Sergt. J. O'Shea; 183, Sergt. J. Feuillade; 184, Colour-Sergt. J. Blackman; 187, Sergt.-Major W. J. Light; 203, Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. J. Morrison; 204, Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. A. Tow; 205, Sergt. W. Osman; 206, Colour-Sergt. W. Hannah; 207, Sergt. T. Plackett; 208, Sergt. H. Hurrell; 209, Colour-Sergt. J. Kelly; 210, Sergt.-Ins.-Mus. T. Franklin; 211, Arm.-Sergt. C. Donnelly; 212, Colour-Sergt. J. Sullivan; 213, Colour-Sergt. T. Stewart; 214, Sergt. J. Regan; 215, Sergt. Dadd; 217, Sergt. W. Carpenter; 218, Colour-Sergt. G. Matthews; 221, Colour-Sergt. H. Laurence; 226, Colour-Sergt. T. Barker; 227, Colour-Sergt. A. Summerhayes; 228, Colour-Sergt. W. Skinner; 229, Sergt.-Inst.-Mus. C. Hurley; 230, Colour-Sergt. J. Thomas; 231, Sergt. D. O'Brien; 233, Sergt. C. Theobald; 234, Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. W. Dawson; 235, Sergt. E. Coupland; 248, Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. E. Dicker; 264, Bandmaster A. E. Ingham; 265, Colour-Sergt. R. J. Hunt; 281, Sergt. J. Hughes; 282, Sergt. J. Lumsden; 283, Drum-Major W. J. Hannon; 303, Lance-Sergt. Sanger.

OTHERS.

40, Sergt.-Major J. Dempster; 42, Staff-Arm.-Sergt. C. Hadgkiss; 78, Sergt. J. Newbold; 95, ex-Sergt. W. Cook, 1st V.B.; 101, ex-Colour-Sergt. E. Harris, 1st V.B.; 102, ex-Colour-Sergt. J. Francis, 1st V.B.; 103, ex-Colour-Sergt. W. B. Gray, 1st V.B.; 130, Gar.-Sergt.-Major C. Guess; 186, ex-Sergt. C. Hind, 2nd V.B.; 223, ex-Sergt. A. Conway 1st V.B.; 276, Staff-Sergt. Mason, Prison Staff.

Since the list closed six more have joined, three from 2nd Vol. Batt. and three from 1st Vol. Batt.

A membership card will be issued to each member in due course.

The names of Lieuts.-Col. G. W. Maunsell and R. J. Passby (4th Volunteer Battalion), have been added to the list of Vice-Presidents.

It is requested that all monies be remitted to the Treasurer, Sergt.-Major J. Outten, Barracks, Maidstone.

Members are requested to make a point of asking any old comrade if he has become a member, and thus spread the knowledge of its existence.

Sergt. H. M.
Colour-Sergt.
28, Sergt. J. Sha
Sergt. J. Sha
Tapp; 34, C
H. G. Palm
Sergt. S. Re
Sergt. B. F
Sergt. F. T
Goulds; 258
C. H. James

96, Sergt.
67, Sergt.-I
82, Colour-S
Colour-Sergt
Sergt. W. I
Meads; 90,
92, Sergt. W
W. E. Cogg
99, Sergt. S
A. Lockyer;
219, Sergt.
Sergt. F. W
W. Cogger;
Horide; 279

39, Sergt.
287, Sergt.-I
Colour-Sergt
Baker; 201,
W. J. Mitch
F. A. Horibi
Sergt. G. Al
Curtis; 294,
296, Sergt.
Colour-Sergt
H. Smith; 3

143, Sergt
Cooper; 142
S. Drew;
Arm.-Sergt.
Sergt. D. Cl
Wesley; 14
Cooke; 147,
Sergt. H. A
Colour-Sergt
152, Sergt. I
Sergt. W. I
Sergt. J. Se
J. Trayte;
Sergt. W.
Qr.-Mstr.-Se
164, Staff-S
Sergt. Wrig

68, Sergt.
70, Sergt.-I
Soames; 72,

ASSOCIATION OF SERGEANTS.

THE QUEEN'S OWN (ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT).

BALANCE SHEET, 1904.

SUMS RECEIVED.		EXPENSES OF MEETING:—	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
300 Members for Entrance Fees at 1/-	15 0 0	Corn Exchange, hire of, half price	2 5 0
242 Members for Annual Subscriptions at 1/-	12 2 0	" Decoration of	1 5 0
1 Member's Annual Subscription up to 1913	0 9 0	" extra labour	0 10 0
2 Members' " for 1905	0 2 0	" hire of Plants	0 10 0
121 Members for Dinner at 3/6	21 3 6	" Police on duty	0 3 0
Donation from Col. E. A. Grove, C.B.	2 2 0	" Hire of Piano, and Instrumentalists	0 15 0
		INITIAL EXPENSES:—	
		Books	0 18 0
		Postage and sundries	2 18 5
		Printing	3 3 0
		Photographs	1 8 0
		DINING EXPENSES:—	
		Dinner to Members	19 13 0
		" Band	2 8 0
		Refreshments, Band and Guests	1 17 11
		Refunded Subscription and Entrance Fee	0 2 0
		Cash on hand...	13 2 2
	Total £50 18 6		Total £50 18 6

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Cash on hand	13 2 2	Subscriptions paid in advance	0 11 0
Due from Members for Annual Subscription, 1904	2 18 0	Balance Cr. ...	15 9 2
	Total £16 0 2		Total £16 0 2

J. H. OUTTEN, Sergt.-Major, 50th Reg. Dist.,
Hon. Treasurer Sergeants' Association.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Colonel Thomas Herbert Brock, on completion of his period of service in command of the 50th Regimental District, retires on retired pay, dated 12th July.

LINE BATTALIONS.

Second Lieut. G. B. Legard, from the Yorkshire Royal Garrison Artillery (Militia) on augmentation; Lieutenant M. W. Graham, from the Glamorgan Royal Garrison Artillery (Militia) on augmentation.

Lieut. Baron H. F. Leir, from the Waterford Royal Garrison Artillery (Militia), on augmentation.

Lieut J. C. Cooke, from the 5th Batt. the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, on augmentation.

Supernumerary Lieut. J. C. Parker, to be Lieutenant, on augmentation, 26th April.

Second Lieut. W. C. G. Phillips, to be Lieutenant, on augmentation, dated 6th April.

1ST BATTALION.

Promoted Colour-Sergeant, Sergt. W. McVicar, 4th May, 1904.

Promoted Sergeant, Lance-Sergeant P. Balcombe, 3rd April, 1904; Lance-Sergeants R. Rose, H. Moore, and G. Kingham, 7th April, 1904; Lance-Sergeant W. Tranter, 4th May, 1904.

Appointed Lance-Sergeants, Cpls. C. Skiggs, W. Wood, 7th April, 1904; Cpls. P. Walker, T. Martle, 4th May, 1904.

Promoted Corporals, W. Jeffreys, 3rd April, 1904; H. Maslin, F. James, H. Gurr, W. Hake, A. Ayres, O. Bond, H. Bishop, and W. Bailey, 7th April, 1904; F. Davis, L. Lewis, and J. Baker, 4th May, 1904; C. King, 25th May, 1904; G. Burrows, 13th June, 1904.

Appointed Lance-Corporals, Privates W. Barrett, 8th March, 1904; A. Ribbon, 17th March, 1904; B. Fish, 31st March, 1904; J. Adams, 11th April, 1904; W. Keeble, 18th April, 1904; J. Hayman, 21st April, 1904; E. Sharrad, 2nd May, 1904; R. Newberry, 2nd May, 1904; J. Saward, 13th May, 1904; W. Jones and T. Francis, 18th May, 1904; F. Piper, A. Catt, H. Bartupp, J. Sellens, J. Silvester, J. Kirton, and C. Esplaine, 21st May, 1904; S. Tusting and A. O'Brien, 23rd May, 1904; G. Hamblin, J. Hobbs, and G. Reeves, 24th May, 1904; J. Smith, 27th May, 1904; B. Sharp, 28th May, 1904; W. Marks, C. Fittall, and J. Butcher, 30th May, 1904; J. Davis, 29th June, 1904; D. Morgan and T. Clarke, 1st July, 1904; J. McCarthy, 2nd July, 1904; M. Fisher and O. Brown, 25th July, 1904.

2ND BATTALION.

Promoted Colour-Sergeant, R. Thorne, 8th February, 1904.

Promoted Sergeant, E. Soughton, 8th February, 1904; G. Geer, 16th June, 1904; Crpl. R. Urquhart, 15th March, 1904; Lce.-Sergt. C. Rowland, 1st April, 1904; appointed Master Cook, Lce.-Sergt. Rickman, 5th March, 1904.

Appointed Lance-Sergeant, C. Rowland, 27th November, 1903; F. Piper, 7th February, 1904; J. Redmond, H. Childs, W. Orchard, and A. Allen, 5th March, 1904; G. Camplin, 16th June, 1904.

Promoted Corporals, J. Keyte and H. Booker, 29th February, 1904; J. Turner, 7th March, 1904; W. Russell, 15th March, 1904; E. Seal, 1st April, 1904; D. Webster, 21st April, 1904.

Appointed Lance-Corporals, G. Brown, J. Graham, and H. Christie, 29th December, 1903; J. James, 7th December, 1903; A. Hale, 12th January, 1904; W. Smith and E. Barnes, 10th February, 1904; W. Johnson, 29th February, 1904; C. Geast, 13th February, 1904; D. Erskine, 27th January, 1904; C. Hurley and W. Newell, 17th February, 1904; W. Simkins, 6th May, 1904; T. Myner and T. Barnett, 25th May, 1904; W. Gale, 21st May, 1904; J.

Garwood, 26th May, 1904; A. Jones and J. Hunt, 28th March, 1904; C. Bailey and C. Trevena, 21st April, 1904; J. Edwards, 26th April, 1904; G. Bowers, 18th April, 1904.

DEPOT.

Promoted Sergeants, Lcc.-Sergt. C. James and Corpl. A. Saunders, 1st June, 1904.

Appointed Lcc.-Sergts., Corporals C. James, A. Cramp, and A. Allwright, 26th March, 1904.

Promoted Corporals, Lance-Corporals T. Cassidy, 11th Dec., 1903; W. Carpenter, 7th Dec., 1903; C. Fletcher, 11th Dec., 1903; J. Hayley, 1st January, 1904; A. Boakes, 6th January, 1904; W. Rush, 27th March, 1904.

Appointed Lance-Corporals, Privates E. Burge, 30th April, 1904; L. Crisford, 19th July, 1904.

3RD BATTALION.

Lieut. G. C. L. Elverson, resigns his commission, dated 28th May.

Captain R. J. Grewing, to be Acting Adjutant of the 1st Cadet Battalion, the Rifle Brigade.

Captain and Hon. Major A. C. Pine resigns his commission with permission to retain his rank and wear the prescribed uniform, dated 4th June.

The undermentioned 2nd Lieutenants to be Lieutenants: H. A. de Ferrers Furber and H. B. Wheeler, dated 30th July.

1ST VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

Lieut. M. J. Falks resigns his commission, dated 25th June, (Cadet Corps).

3RD VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

Major C. J. Swiss resigns his commission with permission to retain his rank and wear the prescribed uniform, dated 30th July.

Captain C. A. Forsdyke resigns his commission, dated 28th May.

Lieut. T. G. Moll to be Captain, dated 28th May.

4TH VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

Captain J. W. Burrell to be Instructor of Musketry, dated 4th June.

Lieut. J. S. Nash resigns his commission, 2nd July.

On July 11th Colonel T. H. Brock vacated the command of the 50th Regimental District, and retired from the service. For more than 32 years he has served with us, and his departure leaves a gap in the Regiment which only time can fill. Though no longer a member of the Regiment, we are sure that he will always take an active interest in its welfare. As officer, comrade, and friend, we miss him greatly, and we can assure him that he carries with him into civil life the good wishes of all ranks of the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, whether Line, Militia, or Volunteer.

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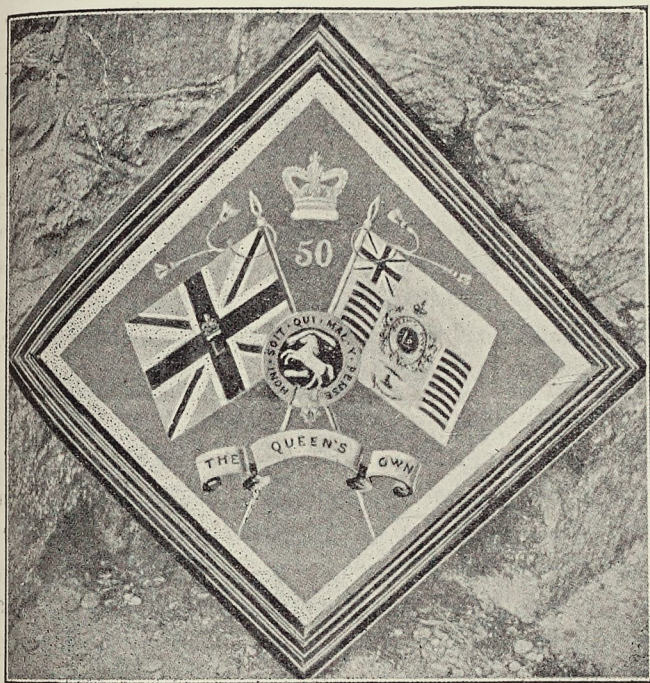
REGIMENTAL DINNER

The following Officers attended the Regimental Dinner this year:—Major General C. Leach, C.B., Colonel Commanding the Regiment, in the chair. Brig. Gen. E. A. Alderson, C.B., A.D.C., Col. W. H. Bayly, Lieut.-Col. Belgrave, Lieut. Belgrave, Col. T. H. Brock, Capt. H. Beeching, Capt. F. Burt, Capt. F. W. Burbury, Capt. C. G. Pack-Beresford, Capt. B. Dunlop, Lieut.-Col. C. R. Crosse, Capt. A. Montgomery Campbell, Lieut.-Col. J. P. Dalison, Capt. C. Druce, Col. E. A. Grove, C.B., Col. C. E. Harrison, Lieut. C. R. Ingram, Col. F. F. Johnson, C.B., Col. C. R. King, Capt. J. H. Kennedy, Capt. C. E. Kitson, Lieut. Knox, Major N. H. Leckie, Major N. Lowe, Capt. J. Lees, Capt. G. D. Lister, Major A. Martyn, Capt. T. H. C. Nunn, D.S.O., Lieut. J. C. Parker, Major R. J. Roche, Major R. C. Style, Capt. O. B. Simpson, Col. J. L. Tweddie, D.S.O., Col. H. Wilson, Col. F. Wintour, Mr. Forestier Walker.

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The amount of 5/- should have appeared opposite the name of Lieut. Fenning in our last month's number. The name of Lieut. Johnston was included in error.

This month we are enabled to give our readers a picture of the Hatchments described in a previous issue. We are indebted to Colonel Churchill for the New Zealand paper from which the picture was reproduced. The panels are made of practically imperishable composition board, and will be a lasting memorial of the 50th Regiment's doings in New Zealand.



THE HATCHMENT TO THE 50th REGIMENT (THE QUEEN'S OWN)
UNVEILED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

1st BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

We played our second match against H.M.S. Egmont on Thursday, the 23rd June, and were equally successful. Winning the toss we kept our opponents out for three hours, and scored 258 for six wickets, and then declared. Pte. Pinder played a fine innings of 121, almost without a chance. Capt. O'Dowda made 46, 2nd-Lieut. Phillips 28, and Lieut. Keenlyside 39. We left our opponents one and three-quarter hours to make the runs, and only just managed to get rid of them eight minutes before time, as they were doing all in their power to keep up their wickets, and only scored about 10 runs in the last half-hour. Capt. O'Dowda bowled well, taking six wickets for 40 runs, and we got rid of our opponents for 125.

v. A. ORDANCE DEPARTMENT.

This match was played on the 25th June, and resulted in an easy win for us. The A.O.D. won the toss, and elected

to bat, but we managed to dispose of them for 129, Sergt. Allen bowling splendidly and taking nine wickets for 50 runs. Our innings was opened by Capt. O'Dowda and Pte. Ford, who carried the score to 46 before Pte. Ford was dismissed for 16. Pte. Pinder joined Capt. O'Dowda, and the score was carried to 140 before Capt. O'Dowda was caught after making 62. Pte. Pinder played the best innings of the day, and was bowled after making 73. At the close of play we had scored 229 for eight wickets.

v. R. DUBLIN FUSILIERS.

This match was played at Pembroke on 7th July, and resulted in a win for us by 73 runs. The Dublins went in first and made a poor start, four wickets falling for 12 runs. A short stand was then made and the innings ended for a total of 76 runs. Our innings, which reached a total of 149, was remarkable. Pte. Pinder scored 93 not out of this total, and in one over scored 26 runs. He played an invaluable innings.

v. 60th RIFLES.

This match, the 2nd Round of the Governor's Cup Tie, was played on the 8th and 9th July, and ended in a sad defeat for us. It was a mistake our having played the day before (the 7th). Also our opponents won the toss, which gives an immense advantage to the team which can bat first. Our opponents made 150 and 191, and, in reply, we twice only reached between 70 and 80.

Eighty recruits, under 2nd-Lieut. Waring, have been sent to Pembroke for Table A. They are under canvas there, and the freshness of the breezes is doing them good. So far the shooting has been satisfactory.

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

SHOOTING.

A match was fired on Ricasoli Range on Saturday, 25th June, between a team of our Corporals and the Corporals of the Hampshire Regiment, who had sent us a challenge. The conditions were seven shots each at 200, 500, and 600 yards. Owing to pressure of Garrison duties it was difficult to get up a representative team at short notice. However, those who went did their best against the picked shots opposed to them. We hope, when we have got more accustomed to the different conditions of light, etc., prevailing here, to fire a return match and to come off the winners.

CORPORALS QUEEN'S OWN.

Corpl. Golding	77
Lce.-Corpl. Lewis	73
Corpl. Maslin	66
Lce.-Corpl. Tustin.....	62
„ Ransome ...	58
Corpl. Cockle	57
„ Cassidy	55
Lce.-Corpl. Geddes ...	55

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CORPORALS HANTS REGIMENT.

Corpl. Diamond	80
Lce.-Corpl. Young.....	79
Corpl. Scott.....	75
„ Glasspool	72
„ Moyle ..	72
„ Buckingham ...	72
Lce.-Corpl. Blackman ..	72
Corpl. Redman	71

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WEST KENTS v. HAMPSHIRE.

The above match took place at Pembroke on the 14th July, 1904, and ended in an easy win for the Hampshires by 42 points. The following are the scores made by the two teams :

HAMPSHIRE.

	Total.
L.-Corp. Young....	30 34 30 94
Sergt. Giles	31 32 30 93
„ Kinshott ..	28 30 33 91
Lieut. Beckett ..	31 24 32 87
Sergt. Norris.....	30 28 29 87
Cl.-Sergt. Bragnall	31 26 29 86
Sergt.-Maj. Tarrant	32 28 26 86
Cl.-Sergt. Holloway	28 31 20 79

Total....241 233 229 703

WEST KENTS.

	Total.
Cl.-Sgt. I.M. Dark	30 30 32 92
Sergt. Colyer	29 30 32 91
Cl.-Sergt. Murphy	31 34 26 91
„ Kill	28 27 29 84
Sergt. Nicholson..	26 26 30 82
„ Brown	25 27 27 79
Pte. Canty	28 25 19 72
Sergt. Keen	23 22 25 70

Total....220 221 220 661

WEST KENTS v. 1st RIFLE BRIGADE.

The above match took place at Pembroke on the 21st July, 1904, and ended in a win for the Battalion by 21 points. The following were the scores made by the two teams :—

WEST KENTS.

	200	500	Ttl.
Cl.-Sergt. I.M. Dark	32	33	65
Cl.-Sergt. Murphy ..	29	34	63
Sergt. Brown	30	32	62
Cl.-Sergt. Kill	30	29	59
Corpl. Golding.....	27	31	58
Pte. Stewart.....	30	28	58
Pte. Chapman	26	28	54
Sergt. Colyer	27	27	54

Total.... 231 242 473

1st RIFLE BRIGADE.

	200	500	Ttl.
Cl.-St. I.M. Churcher	29	33	62
Cl.-Sergt. Beer.....	30	31	61
Corpl. Cunningham	30	30	60
Lt. Jenkinson	28	31	59
Sergt. Ede.....	30	29	59
„ Haven.....	24	27	51
„ Vickers	22	28	50
„ Taylor	24	26	50

Total....217 255 452

We have very little to say for ourselves during the past month. We have played several games of Cricket. Playing A company on July 7th we were beaten, but am unable to give score, as the scoring book was lost. Corpl. Jeffreys, Ptes. Judge and Wooldridge batted well for us. Pte. Cooksey took six wickets for 36 runs.

Water Polo is now quite the craze. In July we played E Company, and beat them 2 goals (Dr. Newman and Pte. Simmons) to nil. On July 21st we played G Company and beat them by 2 goals (Corpl. Jeffreys and Pte. Swain) to 1 (Lce.-Corpl. Clarke). We soon hope, however, to have a very good team owing to the keenness and good management of Pte. McLeod.

D COMPANY CORRESPONDENT.

BOXING.

On the 20th and 21st July a Boxing Competition was held in the Garrison Gymnasium, Valetta. There were some very good fights, especially considering that the competition was limited to novices, no men who had previously won competitions in the Regiment being allowed to enter. The competitors who showed up best were Ptes. Webber, Hunter, Dickinson, Darley, and Allen.

The following were the events :—

FEATHERWEIGHTS.—There were twelve entries for this event. Pte. Webber eventually won. The fight between Ptes. Allen and Darley was very evenly contested, an extra round being necessary to decide the winner. Pte. Darley was afterwards beaten by Pte. Webber in the final, after a well contested fight, Pte. Webber being considerably the heavier man.

LIGHT WEIGHTS.—There were ten entries for this event. Pte. Brown was returned the winner, the fight between Ptes. Evans and Herbert being a very hard one in the first round.

MIDDLE WEIGHTS.—This event was not so exciting, as there were only five entries. Pte. Melloy, after having a great fight with Pte. Clayton in the first round, eventually won the competition fairly easily.

2ND BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

COLOMBO,

6th July, 1904.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Nothing of a seriously exciting nature has happened since my last letter. A and C are the two Companies quartered in Colombo, having relieved E and F, who have gone to the beautiful valley. There is a whole Company now stationed at Kandy, under Major Hotham, and only one at Trinco, under Major Pedley.

We hear that the 87th Company of Gunners, stationed here at Colombo, go to Hong Kong towards the end of November, and doubtless we shall be moving about the same time.

There are to be four Companies in North China, *i.e.*, Pekin and Tientsin, and four in Southern China, *i.e.*, Hong Kong.

At present we believe that B, C, E and H Companies will be in North China.

From all accounts Southern China is the more preferable, not only on account of climate conditions, but also that sport is far better than at Pekin. *On dit*, that most of the houses and quarters out there are made of paper and match, so doubtless the Barrack damages there will amount practically to nil, as windows and walls can be repaired by using the "Tientsin Observer" or the "Pekin Chronicle."

The Sunday before last G. Willson, Musician, was presented with the long service and good conduct medal, by Colonel Western, C.B.

From a copy of an evening paper ("Evening News") received out here, it appears that a man of the name of Burns, who claimed to have been with the Regiment for 3 years in Africa, performed a gallant and daring piece of rescue work at the Lyceum, which resulted in the rescuer, himself, being injured. Referring to the Battalion records, no trace of any man of the name of Burns can be found.

2nd BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING IN THE ISLE OF CEYLON.

That the Band stops up country too long.

That we shan't be sorry to leave for Hong Kong.

That Lient. Hewitt left for England last night.

That the gangways up the side of the ships are rather narrow.

That a Theatrical Company has visited Colombo.

That several privates of the Detachment have been borrowed to swell the Chorus.

That *Honi soit qui mal y pense*.

That the climatic conditions of Diyatalawa appear to have a serious affect upon the teeth.

That game is very scarce up at the camp.

That with the exception of a few pariah dogs, crows, and an occasional Diyatalawa dove, the bag is very small.

That this may appear in print.

That this may not.

2nd BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

G COMPANY,

DIYATALAWA.

We have left the sun-baked, snake-ridden, (?) jungle-bound Trinco, and after a short stay in Colombo, we have reached the Arctic Regions, I mean D'Lawa. According to orders received, the Company and half H Company were supposed to embark on June the 14th, and, accordingly, on the arrival of a small B I. Steamer, we proceeded to the Gun Wharf, and after loading the lighters with our baggage and kits, we found, to our dismay, that it was not our boat. This entailed another wait of two days, and as we had handed our blankets in and the spare barrack rooms were closed, we elected to camp out. Nothing makes a warmer or more comfortable bed (?) than mother earth, after it has been nicely warmed by the sun during the day. If you are at all timid of falling out of this bed, you can sleep in the gutter. On the afternoon of the 16th we embarked on the B.I. S.S. Ismalia, a ship nearly as big as a full grown transport, which gave us a smooth voyage as far as the S. of the Island. As soon as we turned our nose northwards, however, we got the full benefit of the monsoon, and our vessel began to do the "Calk Walk" to the delight of the bad sailors. It seemed to be generally expected that we would arrive at Colombo late the next night, but after it became known that we were not due to the following morning, a concert was decided on and was arranged by Color-Sergt. Croucher and Sergt. Ventham and the genial Captain of the Ismalia, who kindly had some bunting arranged around a large hatchway, which formed a splendid stage. The following was the Programme:—

Song, "Could we but see the future," Pte. Deighton; Song, "A Woman holds the Reins," Lce.-Cpl. Humphreys; Song and Dance, Pte. Dummett; Song, "Dreaming," Cpl. Allan; Song, "Everyone notices me," Cpl. Allan; Song, "I'll never leave home any more," Pte. Jobe; Song, "The Lifeboatmen's Story," Pte. Jobe; Song, "Flora Dora," Pte. Connor; Song, "Fifty years ago," Pte. Connor; Song, "The little bronze cross," Pte. Bayman; Song, "Strolling down the Strand," Pte. Jarman; Song, "Don't Apologise," Cpl. Allen; Song and Dance, Pte. Hamilton; Song, "Northampton Laddies," Pte. Ellis; Song, "Mother Tongue," Pte. Ellis; Song, "After your wanderer comes home," Pte. Deighton; Song, "The Green Grass grew around," Clr.-Sergt. Croucher; Song, "Doo-Dah," Clr.-Sergt. Croucher; Song, "Micky Dunn's Party," Pte. Piggott; Song, "The Shipwrecked Captain," Pte. Piggott; Mando-line Selection, Cpl. Childs, accompanied by Clr.-Sergt.

Croucher; Song, "Old King Cole," Lce.-Cpl. Humphreys. "God save the King."

The gaff went merrily till brought to a sudden termination by a squall, and we retired to bed, but not to sleep. A rough night on a Steam Ship, provided with an ordinary healthy fog horn, that murmurs gently every three minutes, is not conducive to peaceful slumbers. We arrived in harbour early next morning, and the following night played R.G.A. Hockey, and won by 2 goals to love. Before we left we played A Company Football, which match ended in a pointless draw. Since reaching D'Lawa, we have played E and F Companies, Football, and got beaten by 2-0 and 3-0 respectively. I must say in extenuation of the latter licking that four men of our proper team were indisposed. A Hockey match, which ended up in a win for G by 2-0, brought us quits with F.

SLOPER,
G Company Correspondent.

COLOMBO CORRESPONDENCE.

MR. EDITOR,

This has been a slack month as regards news. D Company arrived from Diyatalawa but left again on the 10th for Trincomali. B Company have gone to Kandy in relief of H Company. It has been a good deal cooler and more pleasant here this month since the burst of the monsoon.

Lieut. Hewitt has been assisting Colombo at Rugby. He played for them on Saturday, 11th inst., against Kandy, at Kandy, and he scored the only try for Colombo, who were beaten by 6 points to 3. They miss Captain Lister greatly, he was a great help to them last season.

Association Football still keeps to the fore, B Company played 87th Company R.G.A., and beat them easily by 4 goals to nil. F Company played the Fort, but this time they had to retire beaten by 2 goals to 1. A Company played the Fort and beat them by 2 to 1.

A team representing the N.C.O's of the Detachment played the Fort on the 13th and were successful by 2 goals to 1, thanks to the splendid play of Sergt. Minall in goal, who excelled himself, and to Cpl. Trevena, who scored both goals for the N.C.O's. A Company played the R.G.A., who put in a weak team, on the 2nd inst., and easily beat them by 6 goals to nil.

Hockey.—With D Company, in Colombo, Hockey was revived again. D, who possess the best Hockey team in the Regiment, played a game against a team representing the rest of the detachment on the 3rd inst., but D, apparently, were out of form, as they were beaten by 3 goals to 1. A return match was played, however, this time honors were divided, neither side scoring.

Cricket has not been played much, the only game of any importance being the return match between the Sergeants and the Sergeants' Sports Club, R.G.A. The R.G.A. batted first, being all out for a total of 56 runs, this score was, however, passed for the loss of only two wickets, the bowling honours being divided between Sergt. Mills and Canteen Steward Fairholm, and the batting by Sergt. Mills and Alderman.

The Sergeants have just completed a Tennis Tournament, and being, as this is, the first time they have ventured on one it was most successful, and gives encouragement for more tournaments of a similar nature. The first prize was a Tennis Bat, val. Rs. 17.50, the second a Bat, val. Rs. 7.50. Sergt. Mills won the first, and Sergt. Kalland second.

COLOMBO CORRESPONDENT

16th July, 1904.

DEPOT INTELLIGENCE.

The following have not been previously published in the Gazette. The undermentioned have re-engaged to complete 21 years' service:—Sergts. S. Reeves, Lce.-Sergts. Cramp and James, and Pte. H. Cook.

Extension of Service has been permitted as under to 1 years:—O.R. Sergt. A. L. Bellion, Corpls. Fletcher and Carpenter, Lce.-Corpls. Egglesden, Martin, White and Cripps.

Good Conduct Badges have been awarded as follows:—Granted 4d., Lce.-Corpls. Wall and E. Branson. Granted 3d., Dr. A. Sweeney, Per. Staff, and Pte. A. Crisp. Granted 2d., Ptes. W. Smith and Byatt. Granted 1d., Lce.-Corpls. L. Crisford and Martin.

Lce.-Sergt. W. Sanger has been passed to the Army Reserve.

Ptes. Carpenter and Andrews have been discharged on completing 12 years' service.

Major R. C. Style has passed the necessary examination in Tactical Fitness for Command.

The list of winners at the Thames District Rifle Meeting of 1904, did not contain many familiar names this year. In "All Comers" at 200 yards Sergt.-Inst. Cooke came eighth taking 17s. With Officers, Warrant Officers, and Sergts. at 200 yards, Sergt.-Major Grellier, with 34 points, found £1 10s. Sergt. Davis, Per. Staff, 3rd Batt., was sixth with a score of 33, taking 10s. 6d. At 500 yards he also made

33, this time taking a prize of 12s. Sergt.-Inst. Cooke, with 31, taking 5s. At 600 yards Sergt. B. Pond, Per. Staff, 3rd Batt., with a score of 30, was tenth, taking 6s. 6d. The remainder of the Competitors failed to find a place.

DEPOT CRICKET.

July 2nd—v. Hayle Place C.C. Played at Hayle Place. Scores—Depot, 78 and 56 for eight wickets; Hayle Place, 63. Best scores for Depot—Sergt. Reeves 33, Dr. Fenney, 24. Bowling—Pte. Ayres took 7 wickets for 44 runs, Dr. White, 3 for 31.

July 6th—v. Filmer's XI. Played on Depot Ground. Scores—Depot, 52; Filmer's XI., 80. Best scores for Depot—Mr. Cates 19, Pte. Ayres 16. Bowling—Pte. Ayres, 4 wickets for 26 runs.

July 9th—v. Fitters' United. Played on Depot Ground. Scores—Depot, 81; Fitters' United, 28. Best scores for Depot—Mr. Cates 30, Dr. Sweeney 16. Bowling—Pte. Ayres, 3 wickets for 10 runs; Dr. White, 5 for 16.

July 20th—v. Liberal Club C.C. Played on Depot Ground. Scores—Depot, 112; Liberal Club C.C., 85. Best scores for Depot—Sergt. Reeves, 50; Pte. Ayres, 21. Bowling—Pte. Ayres, 6 wickets for 24 runs.

July 30th—v. Kent County Constabulary. Played at Barham Court. Scores—K.C.C., 137; Depot, 62. Best scores for Depot—Pte. Long 22, Sergt. Bellion 10. Bowling—Pte. Ayres, 4 wickets for 44 runs; Pte. Long, 3 for 34.

JOTTINGS.

The death of Ex-Qr.-Mr. Sergt. Cross, which took place on 1st July, removed from our midst an old and valued servant, and a popular N.C.O. The funeral, which was of private character, was attended by a number of officers, non-coms. and men, and a large number of civilians, who assembled to show their respect.

A Monthly Military Service has been arranged at All Saints' Church, Maidstone, on the fourth Sunday in each month, at which the troops at the Depot attend.

The first was held on 26th June, and a collection taken in aid of the local hospitals which amounted to 19/5. The collection is only to be taken quarterly.

A Chelsea pensioner has passed away in the person of No. 3043 Pte. John Parker, who enlisted in 97th foot on 22nd February, 1841. He was invalided with 13 years 8 months' service. Served in the East India Regiment for 11 years, and was admitted in Chelsea Hospital in 1856. He was 80 years of age at the time of death on 26th July, 1904.

Sergt. Gould of the Depot conveyed a wreath from the Depot to place on his grave.

VOLUNTEER INTELLIGENCE.

A team of the L Co. (Cyclists), 1st Volunteer Battalion, visited Bisley on June 25th to represent the Royal West Kent Regiment in the Wolseley Cup Competition, for three handsome trophies given by the proprietors of the "Daily Telegraph," and other prizes. Frequent showers of rain

scattered the competitors during the 40 mile ride which comprised the first part of the competition, whilst the wind and variable light rendered shooting difficult. The West Kents, however, in spite of a broken chain, finished the ride in the fastest time—3 hours 22 minutes 47 seconds. In the shooting they took fifth place.

The winners of the "Wolseley" Cup, and cup value £10, were the 20th Middlesex (Artists) Rifles with 118 points, the Inns of Court Rifles taking the second cup with 114, and the Civil Service Rifles the third with 107. They were followed in order of merit by the Queen's Westminster Rifles (who tied with the London Irish last year for first place), 101; 1st West Kent, 78; 1st Cadet Battalion King's Royal Rifles, 74; 19th Middlesex, 72; London Irish, 60; 2nd Wiltshire, 60; and Oxford University, 59. Sir F. Maurice presented the prizes, and congratulated the teams upon their smart appearance and general turn out.

SOME IMPRESSIONS OF MALTA.

A first impression of Malta is somewhat confused, because one has not had time in the short passage from England to eliminate home impressions, and Valetta strikes one as a strange mixture of Oriental and Western architecture, in which the Oriental preponderates.

The houses are built of a whitish, soft stone, and are very commodious, the roofs being generally flat, the outside walls being raised two or three feet, thus forming a parapet. The streets are fairly wide, like an ordinary English town, but the shops, with their odd signboards and windows packed with strange commodities, are of great interest.

A walk through Valletta is a strange experience; one enters the town from Floriana over a drawbridge and through the Porta Reale—the Porta Reale is similar to the bars in some of our English cities and towns, notably York and Southampton—on which there is an inscription to the memory of La Vallette, the founder of Valletta. Passing on one is bewildered by the strange street cries, the inevitable goats, of which herds are to be met at all times and in all places, monopolizing the pavement and constituting a perpetual nuisance; the number of priests, the buzz of an unknown tongue, the crowds of sailors and soldiers, all give food for thought—here, a few thousand miles away from the seat of Empire, is felt the pulsation of the heart, the control of the master mind, and here, where is diversity of tongue, of race, clime, religion, where there is practically naught native to the soil, to remind one of that England of ours—here, in this little island, is a monument to the world, an outward and visible token of the might and majesty of that great Empire on which the sun never sets. It is a grand, a glorious thought, that in the whole wide world, far or near, there is not a corner, no, not in the uttermost parts of the earth, to which the outstretched arm of our Empire cannot reach.

Passing down the Strada Reale, one comes to the Palace, the residence of His Excellency the Governor, a long, low building, not at all imposing, if one excepts the smart guards (I say smart, advisedly, because guard-mounting is, in this station, reduced to a science. For cleanliness, soldierly smartness, precision of movement, and perfection of drill, commend me to the Main Guard).

There is an open space in front of the Palace which lies back from the street, on which a military band plays some evenings to the evident gratification of the inhabitants. Crowds of smartly-dressed women and men promenade up and down, listening to the band, exchanging greetings and bandinage with each other. The women strike one at first as of no particular beauty, but after a time, when one has become accustomed to the type of face, the type peculiar to the Latin race, one begins to admire the rare beauty of some; a piquant face perhaps, refined, spirituelle, Raphael-like, with an insouciant charm that appeals to one imperceptibly, the sort of face that one associates with culture: note the dainty way they trip down the wet street (Since our arrival here there has been one slight shower only, just sufficient to wet the streets. It is of that occasion I speak), utterly oblivious to the fact that they are exposing an extravagant amount of an inordinately charming ankle, equally unconscious that there are interested onlookers, sublimely indifferent to aught save preserving their snowy lingerie from becoming soiled—and therein, in their utter indifference, because one can see that the action is perfectly natural, not affectation, lies their chief attraction.

On the General Post Office in the Strada Mercanti, there is a tablet in the wall bearing an inscription to the effect that

GENERAL NAPOLEON BUONAPARTE,
Commanding a French Army,
lived here during seven eventful days
in the history of Malta,
12th to 18th June, 1798.

It speaks eloquently of the impression left on the Maltese by the iron-handed First Consul, a General whose military aptitude, whose fame as a soldier is a matter of history, but whose brief sojourn here, and that of his licentious soldiery and its effect, is perpetuated in the above inscription.

The incessant glare of the sun reflected from the white buildings is rather unpleasant, and one sighs for the restfulness to the eye of an English landscape, and when walking out the intolerable dust that penetrates everywhere gives one a strange longing for the soft, springy turf so common in England. After all, there are advantages here that almost outweigh the disadvantages, and the satisfaction that is born of a knowledge of other lands, other customs, and the breadth of mind and thought that is begot of travel, tempt one to exclaim of Malta:—

“Age cannot wither, nor custom stale
Its infinite variety.”

Pensioner-Sergt. Sheward, late 97th Foot, who resides at Yarnbrook, has been awarded the medal for meritorious service, together with an annuity of £10. The medal was presented to Sergt. Sheward by Lieut.-Colonel R. F. McCrea, R.F.A., commanding the troops at Trowbridge, on the King's Birthday Parade of the 118th Battery R.F.A., after the usual Royal Salutes and March Past had taken place.

Sergt. Sheward's service includes the Crimean and Indian Mutiny Campaigns, and he holds the Crimean Medal with “Sebastopol” clasp, Turkish Medal for the Crimea, and Indian Mutiny Medal with clasp for “Lucknow,” in addition to the Meritorious Service Medal now awarded to him.—From the *Wiltshire Chronicle*.

ASSOCIATION OF SERGEANTS.

The following names have been added to the list previously published:—

2nd Vol. Batt.—304, Sergt.-Instructor E. Pike; 305, Cr.-Sergt. T. J. Bowen; 306, Lance-Sergt. G. Hall.

1st Vol. Batt.—86, Sergt. H. Hayes, 87, Sergt. A. Horton.

2nd Batt.—307, Sergt.-Drummer B. Ingliss; 308, Sergt. H. Smith; 309, Sergt. Garwood.

310, Mr. H. Wilson, Pensioner.

Depot—311, Sergt. C. Cramp; 312, Sergt. Coomber.

313, Mr. H. Dickens, Pensioner; 314, Mr. F. Stanley, Pensioner.

3rd Vol. Batt.—315, Sergt W. A. Smith; 316, Sergt. G. Foster.

STRAY JOTTINGS.

A certain party was being educationally tested in a class of dictation, amongst other words the dictator gave the words, “Officers desirous of passing in foreign languages.” The inspecting officer's surprise may be better imagined than described, when he found the party above referred to had written, “Officers desirous of passing immoral languages.”

A certain Battalion, which shall be nameless, but which recruits largely from the Garden of England, when once stationed in Ireland were short handed for pioneers. On the Pioneer-Sergeant's suggestion, the Colonel ordered all recruits at drill to be paraded in front of the Orderly Room to ascertain if there were any tradesmen amongst them. “Take four paces to the front everybody who knows anything about a trade,” was the command given by the Colonel. About forty men moved forward. “Now,” said the Colonel, “If there are any skilled tradesmen amongst you, take two paces to the front.” Two men only at once moved forward. “What is your trade?” the Colonel asked, “Marmalade makers, sir,” they both replied in unison. “Captain, dismiss these people,” said the Colonel to the Adjutant, “I sha'n't interview any more; and you two,” turning to the marmalade makers, “What in the name of Hades do you mean? do you think I want to start a jam factory in the Pioneer shop?”

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

LINE BATTALIONS.

Theodore Young Dobson, Gent., to be 2nd Lieutenant to complete establishment, dated 12th August, 1904.

Lieut. G. S. T. Fenning resigns his commission, dated 24th August, 1904.

1st BATTALION.

Appointed Lance-Corporals: Ptes. F. Lander, 5th Aug.; F. Cooksey, 8th Aug.; J. Kerridge, 12th Aug.; G. Harris, 12th Aug.; F. Marsh, 12th Aug.; Drummer W. Barrow, 3rd Aug.; Ptes. G. Golder, 20th Aug.; R. Paget, 20th Aug.; J. Hover, 20th Aug.; E. Hook, 27th Aug., 1904.

2nd BATTALION.

Promoted Sergeant: Lance-Sergt. H. Iliffe, 11th July, 1904.

Appointed Lance-Sergeant: Pte. G. Ingram, 11th July, 1904.

Appointed Lance-Corporals: Ptes. E. Crouch, 30th May; H. James, 3rd May; C. Taylor, 20th June; W. Hayden, 25th June; J. Moger, 25th June; E. Hadaway, 29th June, 1904.

DEPOT.

Promoted Corporals: Lce.-Corporals W. James, 14th March; W. Palmer, 1st June; F. Mears, 13th Aug., 1904.

1st VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

Lieut. C. H. Cripps resigns his commission dated 6th Aug., 1904.

2nd VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

Major E. J. Heward to be Lieut.-Colonel, dated 3rd Sept., 1904.

3rd VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

Captain H. A. Christmas to be Major, dated 13th Aug., 1904.

Lieut. H. C. L. Bremner to be Captain, dated 13th Aug., 1904.

Dear Mr. Editor,

We regret to announce the death of Colour-Sergt. H. Eldred, who died on Wednesday, July 27th inst., of Mediterranean Fever, after a short illness. The funeral took place on the following afternoon. The company and firing party (which consisted of 19 of the oldest soldiers of the company) under Captain C. V. Molony, marched to Valletta Hospital, where they were met by all the Sergeants of the battalion and a large number of Staff Sergeants and Sergeants of the various departments and corps in Malta. The coffin, which was borne on a gun carriage, was covered with the Union Jack and was completely hidden by wreaths from members of his company, the battalion, and other corps. The cortege, headed by the firing party and band and drums, proceeded via Valletta and Florianna to the Portes de Bembes, where it was met by the Officers and a large number of N.C.O.'s and men of the battalion, who accompanied it to the cemetery field. The deceased was followed by his widow and two children, the bearers consisting of six of his fellow Sir-Sergeants. The service at the graveside was very impressive, and after the usual volleys had been fired over the grave the buglers of the battalion sounded the last post. The band played Beethoven's Funeral March No. 1, also Chopin's Funeral March. The wreaths, of which there were a great many, were sent by all ranks with deepest sympathy.

A party of our recruits who were going through their course of musketry at Pembroke, arrived in the early part of the afternoon under the command of Lieut. H. Waring, so as to be present at the funeral. I think that all ranks showed their sympathy by the way in which they so readily volunteered to attend, and I think the company agrees with me in saying that they have lost one of the best soldiers in the battalion, and there is no doubt that the company will always think of him as one of the most willing and straightforward of Clr.-Sergeants it has had.

The deceased, who had almost 21 years' service, leaves a widow and four little girls.

The company wish to convey their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Eldred and children.

I am, Sir,

Yours truly,

B Company Correspondent.

2ND BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

A COMPANY,

COLOMBO,

August 4th, 1904.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I have so often heard this lovely Isle of Spices (Ceylon) compared to the Garden of Eden, that I am beginning to wonder, as to what kind of abode Eden must be; because if Colombo any way resembles the latter place I should feel inclined to deeply sympathise with all who live in the hope of ultimately reaching that much sought after place.

Sunny Ceylon indeed! Judging from our experience last year and this year, I should say a real fine pleasant and cool day in Ceylon is more like an event for the Greek Kalends.

Things are very quiet here at present, their being only two companies here, A and C. B Company is at Kandy, and D Company having gone to Trinco in our place, the remainder of the Battalion are at Diyatalawa at present, but we expect Headquarters and two more companies to arrive here sometime next week. Though life is not very pleasant in Colombo, with the aid of or indulgence in sport, we manage to exist in a state of vegetation.

FOOTBALL.

We have played nearly every team in garrison, military and civil, and defeated them all in turn; though the non-commissioned officers and Sergt. Redmond's scratch team were beaten by the Fort Football Club. To describe the various matches would take up too much space, but mention must be made of one of the matches with the Colombo Football and Hockey Club. This team is composed of the finest football players of the beau-monde of Ceylon and includes some very fine athletes. They were always considered superior to any team in the battalion, and have up to this year beaten every team that was pitted against them from the battalion. Though one of your correspondents some months back casually mentioned that B Company nearly always wins. As a matter of fact B Company beat this team once only. Our team have played this team three times last month, and defeated them each time by a very large margin. The first match took place on July 12th and ended in a win for A Company by two goals to one, below I append full details of the game

COLOMBO HOCKEY & FOOTBALL CLUB

v.

A COMPANY 2ND ROYAL WEST KENT REGT.

Colombo won the toss and elected to defend the southern port, thus playing with the wind. A Company at the start played a defensive game, but after Colombo scored a goal, they assumed the aggressive, and infused a good deal of zeal and excitement, and according to some civilian spec-

tators, it was one of the fastest games they had seen on the Galle Face. A Company secured a corner immediately after starting, but nothing came of it. The ball was then transferred to Colombo's territory, and after a good deal of give and take play, our goal was invaded, but Brown saved in fine style, amidst a good deal of applause. The Colombo's getting a corner soon afterwards failed to score. Sergt. Redmond dribbled the ball for a considerable time, and though he attempted what looked like an impossibility, he nearly scored. However, the ball was promptly sent back. At this stage some fine work was put in by Colombo, but Brown saved again. Redmond then broke away, and would have undoubtedly scored, but his shooting was a little wild. The club then pressed, and from a well judged pass from their left wing, their centre forward sent in a fine shot, thus scoring the first and only goal for Colombo. The club then put in a deal of smart work, and although they got a corner, they failed to improve their position, the whistle at this stage blew half-time.

On resuming, Colombo seemed to have it all their own way for a while, but Smith, (playing at back) sent in a fine shot, which was saved by Colombo's custodian, but the ball dropped too close, which gave Redmond a chance to shoot, but he was foiled by Maskie, Colombo's back, but the latter in turn was charged by Cpl. Trevena—a by no means easy task when the two are compared—and shot a goal which gave the goalkeeper no earthly chance to save. Thus matters were equalised. From the return, Colombo got a corner, but failed to score. The ball was then transferred to Colombo's territory, and a *melee* ensued, from which Cpl. Dale, of the right wing, sent in a fine shot, thereby scoring the second goal. Colombo now indulged in some very aggressive play, for the little time that remained, and play became exceedingly fast, but our backs cleared in splendid style. Colombo after this got a corner, and almost scored, but Brown, our goalkeeper, who received golden opinions from the spectators, again saved. The whistle immediately after blowing time, the game finished with A Coy. R.W.K. Regt. 2, Colombo Hockey and Football Club, 1.

The teams were as follows:—

COLOMBO.			A COMPANY.		
Horsfall.			Brown.		
Symonds. Mackie.			Smith Fry.		
Collyer.	Cole.	Williams.	Light.	Twine.	Cooper.
Davies,	West,	Lintotte,	Curtiss,	Musset,	Redmond.
Somerville and Horsfall.			Trevena and Dale.		

Referee—Mr. John Mackie.

Colombo being dissatisfied with the result, challenged the Company soon after. A Company have played them three times since and defeated them each time with a larger margin. On the last occasion the result was—A 4, Colombo nil. I enclose a cutting from the "Ceylon Independent," containing a report of the last mentioned match, which took place two weeks after the first one.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL ON GALLE FACE.

C. H. & F. C. v. R. W. K. R.

The Colombo Hockey and Football Club met a team representing the Royal West Kent Regiment at a game of Association Football, on the Galle Face Green, opposite the Colombo Club, last evening. The following were the teams:—

C. H. & F. C.		R. W. K. R.	
<i>Goal.</i>			
C. W. Horsfall.	...	Pte. Brown.	
<i>Backs.</i>			
H. N. Colyer.	...	Pte. Fry.	
J. A. Symons.	...	Pte. Morris.	
<i>Halves.</i>			
W. A. Cole.	...	Pte. Light.	
R. H. Skrine.	...	Pte. Anderson.	
R. H. Williams.	...	Lce.-Corpl. Newell.	
<i>Forwards.</i>			
W. H. M. Davies.	...	Sergt. Reynolds.	
A. G. G. Hyde.	...	Lce.-Corpl. Trevena.	
Sueter.	...	Pte. Ball.	
A. West.	...	Pte. Curtis.	
A. J. Lintotte.	...	Pte. Saunders.	

Referee:—Mr. John Mackie.

Play commenced at 5.15 p.m., and in the first half the game was very fast. Sueter (of Dimbula) filled the place of W. E. M. Paterson on the Club team. The C. H. & F. C. began well, and secured several corners in quick succession, but the Military team before half-time improved considerably and notched two goals, both being shot by Sergt. Reynolds. The first half ended with the score reading, Military 2 goals, C. H. & F. C. nil.

Changing over, the Regimental team played an aggressive game, and Lce.-Corpl. Trevena obtained a third goal. Play became somewhat slow after this, until Hyde made a landable attempt at goal, but the Regimental goal-keeper ably saved. Sergt. Reynolds shot another goal soon after, and the game ended in a decided victory for the Military by 4 goals to nil. More than a word of praise is due to Sergt. Reynolds and Lce.-Corpl. Trevena, who played an excellent game throughout.

Though Colombo could not regain their lost supremacy over Football, they had it all their own way at Hockey, by defeating a team captained by Sergt. Minall by 4 goals to 2.

It is said by some people, and with a certain amount of truth in it, that wherever a score or so of Englishmen congregate, the meeting is bound to result in sport of some

kind. This was verified by the arrival of the P. and O. "Macedonia" on the 15th ultimo, having on board the crew of the ill-fated P and O "Australia," which struck a rock between two sharp points (points Nepean and Lonsdale) near Port Philip. As the "Macedonia" was in harbour, nearly a day and a half, the crew of the "Australia," not having any duty to perform, played a game of Cricket with us on the barrack square. Though the Regimental team won by an innings, with the exception of Sergt. Minall's score, the form displayed was not of a very high order on either side. Below I append full scores:—

CRICKET MATCH.

P and O "Australia" v. Detachment R. W. K. Regiment.
Played at Echelon Barracks on the 15th July.

P & O "AUSTRALIA."

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Noble, b Wright	6	b Barnes	1
Franks, b Wright	1	b Wright	2
Buxton, c Reynolds, b Wright	0	b Wright	5
Craig, b Wright	10	b Wright	21
Harwood, b Reynolds	4	b Barnes	7
Ledner, c Minall, b Wright	1	b Barnes	2
Donovan, b Wright	3	b Brown	0
Bates, b Wright	0	b Brown	0
Kemp, b Reynolds	0	b Brown	0
Jennings, b Reynolds	6	not out	4
Pringe, not out	9	b Wright	4
		Byes	7
	40		53

DETACHMENT 2ND R. W. K. REGT.

Minall, b Buxton	62
Meopham, b Buxton	1
Brown, b Buxton	1
Reynolds, b Buxton	0
Wright, b Craig	3
Ruby, run out	3
Gazzard, b Noble	1
Vale, b Noble	4
Tucker, c Ledner, b Buxton	3
Barnes, run out	1
Roberts, not out	12
Byes	2
	93

Captain Venables, who was on leave in Australasia, was amongst the passengers of the P & O "Macedonia."

Captain R. M. G. Tulloch left us on the 25th ultimo, to join a signalling party which assembles at Kussowlee, a hill station for the Punjab Troops, and not far from Simla, I believe.

The searching, seizing, and sinking of ships has caused no end of a sensation about here, gives us plenty of food for reflection, whilst the A.T.A. room politician and the canteen strategist, are in the heights of their glory, when these subjects are under discussion.

This month (August) brings in its train a long list of festivities in Colombo, to which the military contribute no small share. Our band, which came down last week from Diyatalawa, being in great demand for the various dances, balls, concerts, and the local races. The Colombo races, which attract a good deal of attention, are of four days' duration, the chief event being the Governor's Cup, while next in importance are the garrison and military handicaps. The day on which the latter two races take place, the military entertain society in the grand stand.

Great events occurred last month at Diyatalawa, where the Ceylon Volunteers have once again assembled for their annual training, under the command of Col. Western, C.B. But no doubt, the battalion correspondent will keep you well posted on this subject, from Diyatalawa.

AU COURANT,

A COMPANY CORRESPONDENT.

D'LAWA CORRESPONDENT,

July 26th, 1904.

G and left half H Companies left Trimcomali on June 15th, in the ss "Ismaila," and arrived at Colombo on the morning of the 17th, after a somewhat tempestuous voyage in the S.W. monsoon.

On the 23rd June, F, G, and H Companies came up here from Colombo to do their field training, E Company having been up here since the beginning of the month.

On July 13th the Volunteers, composed of the Ceylon Light Infantry, Ceylon Mounted Infantry, Ceylon Planters Rifle Corps. and the Ceylon Volunteer Artillery, came up here from all over the island to do their ten days' annual training. They are quartered in the old Boer Camp, where there is good accommodation.

Combined field days have been the order of the day, terminating in an attack with ball ammunition on a hill held by an enemy represented by targets and barrels, which exploded when they were hit.

There was an amusing incident in connection with this field day. A Ceylon Light Infantry Company marching home, looking rather tired, were suddenly very much woken up by a mine exploding in their midst. Fortunately no body was hurt, which your correspondent can vouch for, as

he was an eye witness of this appalling catastrophe, or their military ardour for another camp might have suffered. The General was present for the last few days of the Camp.

During the Camp a wandering theatrical company found its way up here, and gave two performances. Such gaiety has never been known before in Diyatalawa.

On Thursday, 21st, the General, on behalf of the King, presented the C.B. to Colonel Western before the officers of the Battalion.

During the Camp, a hockey match was played against the C.P.R.C. Captain Elgood, winning the toss, elected to play up hill. At half-time we were one goal to their nil. After a short pause play was resumed, and time saw us the winners, after a hard and fast game, by two goals to nothing.

There is a good story in connection with the Volunteer Camp. Our canteen was out of bounds to all Volunteers.

SCENE: Regimental Canteen.—Thirsty trooper of the C.P.R.C., ready for a glass of beer.

Canteen Corpl.: "You can't come here, out of it!"

Thirsty Trooper: "O! its alright; I'm a tea planter."

Canteen Corpl.: "I don't care if you're a blooming cabbage planter, out you go!"

DIYATALAWA,

August 5th, 1904.

DEAR SIR,

I hope you will find a small space in the "Gazette" to publish this. It is a bit of our doings in the above station. By the kind permission of the Commanding Officer, the tack wallers had a set to last Tuesday, the 2nd inst., and I am pleased to say everyone enjoyed the feed. We all have to thank Sergt. Moir (the President) for its success afterwards, when we all repaired to the Concert Room, where I think everyone done their best to make it an enjoyable evening. I am pleased to say since Sergt. Moir has had charge of the A.T.A., there has been a great improvement in management and a great increase in membership. Great praise is due to him and the signallers for helping the programme in the way they did, and I must say that the signallers' Football Team is one of the best, and also their Dramatic Club.

K.O.

The following took part in the programme:—Part I. Lc.-Corpl. Morris, "Blind Boy"; Pte. Blake, "Haddock Smoker's Daughter"; Pte. Barr, "Sword in hand"; Sergt. W. Moir, "Liza Johnson"; Lance-Corpl. Hurley, "Dreaming, dreaming"; Pte. Jobe, "Parson Said"; Corpl. Allen, "Everyone notices me"; Pte. Brandon, "Old Turn Key"; Pte. H. Palmer, "Dear old home"; Pte. Bayman, "Victoria Cross." Interval of 10 minutes.

Part II.—Sergt. W. Moir, "Ri Tootles"; Pte. Jobe, "Home, home, sailing home"; Pte. Lynes, "Masks and Faces"; Lc.-Corpl. Draper, "I'm the plumber"; Corpl. Allen, "Proverbs"; Pte. Palmer, "Broken Toy"; Lc.-Corpl. Morris, "Banks of Rhino"; Pte. Blake, "Holy City"; Pte. Jobe, "Convict No. 0"; Sergt. Moir, "Dandy Coloured Coon." "God save the King."

During the recent Volunteer Camp at Diyatalawa, an "old hand" of the Regiment, Mr. Champion, paid the 2nd Batt. a visit. As many of his old comrades, readers of the regimental paper, may be interested, particulars of Mr. Champion's service are appended.

No. 2110 J. Champion, enlisted 29th December, 1880. Went from 1st Battalion with draft of 210 men to 2nd Battalion 9th January, 1881, joining Head Quarters at Newcastle, Natal, on 17th March, 1881. Served with 2nd Battalion throughout Natal Campaign. Accompanied 2nd Battalion home to Dublin 17th March, and was stationed with one company Linenhall Barracks. Joined 1st Battalion at Aldershot on 25th July, 1882, and proceeded with Battalion to Egypt, serving in Egypt, Cyprus, and Gibraltar, coming home, time expired, from the Rock, 2nd June, 1886. He served in Captain (now Lieut. Col.) Crosse's Co., 2nd Battalion, and in Company commanded by Captain (now Major) Morse in 1st Battalion.

Mr. Champion is a member of the Ceylon Planters' Rifle Corps, and has been for many years a highly respected member of the Ceylon Government Railway Staff. It is very pleasant to find an "old hand" doing so well.

DEPOT NOTES.

The Branch of the Royal Army Temperance Association is certainly justifying its existence. We have received the following accounts of the last two meetings held:—

A meeting was held on July 5th, 1904, when the following received honours: 12 years' total abstinence, Colour-Sergt. Allen; 7 years' total abstinence, Corpl. King; 6 months' total abstinence, O.R.-Sergt. Bellion, Corporal Fletcher, Ptes. Allen, Ford, Ball, Kearney, Kersey, Barnes. Colonel T. H. Brock kindly consented to present the honours, and in doing so congratulated the recipients, and also impressed the importance of sobriety on the Recruits. Of the last two drafts sent from the Depot, 44 per cent. were members of the Association.

A meeting was held in the Library on August 16th, when Clr.-Sergt. Allen and Corpl. King gave the members who were leaving on the 20th for Dover a few words of advice, and Lieut. Knox kindly presented the following honours:—Clr.-Sergt. Tapp, 6 years; Lc.-Corpl. Crisford and Pte. Ayres, 6 months. Sixty-six per cent. of the recruits going with the draft were members. Lieut. Knox informed the members that the officers had promised to assist in the way of subscriptions, for which they offer their best thanks.

The usual contest for best man at Gymnastics amongst the draft of recruits took place with the result that Pte. Hayhurst took first place, Ptes. Smith (7718) and Forman tied for second place, and Ptes. Jenkinson and Wood for third place, Pte. Holland being fourth. The Luard Medal in Rifle Competition was won by 7728 Pte. E. Sharp.

DEPOT CRICKET.

At Barracks, 3rd Aug, v. Maidstone Grocers.—Grocers, 118 for 7 wickets (declared); Depot, 24. Best bowling average—Pte. Ayres, 2 for 24.

At Barracks, 13th August, v. Eiffel Tower.—Eiffel Tower, 69; Depot, 109. Best scores—Clr.-Sergt. Bass, 24; Pte. Ayres, 20; Sergt. Bellion, 11; Lieut. Parker, 13. Best bowling average—Pte. Ayres, 3 for 30; Sergt. Reeves, 3 for 2.

At Barracks, 20th August, v. Hayle Place.—Hayle Place, 87; Depot, 52. Best score—Sergt.-Dr. Gee, 16. Bowling—Pte. Ayres, 4 for 20; Sergt.-Dr. Gee, 2 for 5; Pte. White, 2 for 14.

At Coxheath, 27th August, v. East Farleigh.—Depot, 87; East Farleigh, 145. Best scores—Pte. Ayres, 26; Clr.-Sergt. Bass, 13; Pte. Miller, 14. Bowling—Pte. Ayres, 8 for 55; Sergt.-Dr. Gee, 2 for 15.

REGIMENTAL INTELLIGENCE.

1st BATTALION.

Bandmaster G. Davis has been permitted to continue beyond 21 years.

Pte. E. Dickson has been awarded Queen's medal and three clasps. He served in Prince of Wales' Light Horse in the South African War.

DEPOT.

Pte. J. Fox, has been awarded 2nd Class Certificate.

Ptes. C. Carter, M. Riley, C. Swan, W. Budgeon, W. Brown, A. Dobbs, E. Hatch, and G. Short have been awarded 3rd Class Certificates.

Lce.-Corpl. F. Cripps has been granted a Good Conduct Badge.

Corpl. W. James has been passed to the 1st Class Army Reserve.

Pte. R. G. Charman has extended his service to 8 years.

Pte. G. Watts has been granted two Good Conduct Badges.

3rd BATTALION.

Pte. C. Hart has been awarded a 3rd Class Certificate.

Dr. W. Connors has been granted four Good Conduct Badges.

3rd BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

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July and August have been the months for training of the 3rd Battalion, and where everyone strives to make things as pleasant as possible, no one regrets the giving up of a portion of their time to what would otherwise be a duty to be avoided or shirked if possible. The old way of getting the whole Battalion through musketry in a fortnight, and spending the other half of the month in evolutions that culminated in a march past has been abandoned for more up-to-date methods of warfare. The G.O.C. no doubt noticed this and inspired the compliment he paid to the Permanent Staff.

The "East Kent Advertiser" is responsible for the following:—

THE MILITARY.

The past week has been one of hard and long drill for the troops now camped at Grain. On Tuesday the G.O.C., Major-Gen. Sir R. Hart., V.C., made his official inspection. The battalion paraded in quarter column, and the G.O.C. inspected the companies in turn. After the inspection, a company was put in extended order for the purpose of attacking a position, and the G.O.C. took occasion to remark on the willing manner in which the men did their work. At the close, the General had the permanent staff paraded for the purpose of complimenting them on their smart and soldier-like appearance, remarking that it gave him great pleasure to state that the 3rd Royal West Kent Regiment had one of the finest permanent staffs that he had ever inspected.

The training comes to an end on Saturday, and it is evidently due to the Grain (?) air that the health of the troops has been excellent, none being left behind sick. Maxim im gun practice with ball ammunition, at sea targets, was carried out on Wednesday, and good shooting was the result, which, as mentioned before, reflects great credit on the officers who had charge of the guns. As a whole, the training has been most successful, the drill having made rapid strides under able tuition. Recreation has not been forgotten, cricket and football being indulged in every evening.

CONCERT.

On Tuesday a camp concert was arranged, and proved most successful, being attended by the whole of the officers. The selection by the band was much appreciated, more especially the cornet and bassoon solos. The programme comprised:—Overture by the band; songs by S.S. Burnett, R.E., Corpl. Parker, Prvt. Moffit, Gr. Pullen, R.A., Private Wilkins, P.O. Swatheridge, R.F. Mstr.-Gr. Routledge, R.A., S.S. Fletcher, A.O.C., Major Boscowen, Prvt. Delaney, Prvt. Allen, Lieut. Irons, Sergt. Worster, and Prvt. Lilburn; cornet solo by Dr. Evans; bassoon solo by Dr. White; and a recitation by Mr. Savery.

On Wednesday, the Sergeants entertained the Sergeants and many friends who had been made in the island. Sergt.-

Major Grellier making a capital chairman, and having the easiest of times in calling on a willing host of singers. The programme was a long and a good one, and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. It comprised songs by Sergt. Pond, Sergt. Connor, Sergt. Smith, Sergt. Barton, S.S. Burnett, R.E., Sergt. Fisher, Sergt. Harper, Sergt. Worster, Mstr.-Gr. Routledge, R.A., Sergt. Binns, Sergt. Hyde, Col. Sergt. Hunt, Sergt. Blount, and Sergt. Sturgess; recitations by Sergt. Barton and Col.-Sergt. Wilson. Sergt. Sturgess was outstanding successful in his singing of "My old thatched home." Sergt.-Major Grellier proposed the healths of the military staff of Grain and visitors, remarking that it had been a real pleasure to find such a hearty welcome and a good feeling existing. Mstr.-Gr. Routledge, R.A., responded, and thanked his host for the kindly way in which the efforts of the Grain staff had been appreciated, trusting that the Queen's Own would again visit Grain for their annual training.

The band has been the means of brightening many a weary and lonesome heart in the old time village, for which many silent thanks are given.

WEST KENT VOLUNTEER BRIGADE.

Our confreres of the Volunteer Force enjoyed their short stay at Dover this year, making a pleasant change from Shorncliffe.

Colonel Satterthwaite, V.D., of the 2nd Vol. Batt. proved a very capable Brigadier, and the camp was voted a success both from a military and social standpoint.

VOLUNTEER SPORTS.

At the conclusion of the training of the West Kent Volunteer Brigade, sports were held on the R.A. Cricket Ground, Fort Burgoyne, Dover, by kind permission of Col. Foster, R.A., and the officers of the Dover Castle Garrison. The events were keenly contested, and each race had 40 to 50 competitors. There was a large concourse of spectators, the weather being grand for the occasion, and the entire arrangements were most satisfactorily carried out. At the end, Mrs. Satterthwaite (wife of the Col. commanding the Brigade) distributed the prizes to the successful competitors and votes of thanks were passed to this lady, and to Col. Foster and the officers of the Garrison for their kindness in lending the ground for the sports. The members of the Committee responsible for the success of the sports were:—Capt. J. D. Laurie, Sevenoaks, Lieut. F. B. Carlisle, Capt. A. C. Chauncy, Surg.-Capt. G. R. Stilwell, Lieut. E. C. Russell, Capt. A. Harston, Lieut. E. T. Williams, Capt. C. H. Scriven, Surg.-Lieut. F. B. Jefferiss, Lieut. H. F. Cobb. Starter: Capt. A. C. Chauncy; Hon. Sec. Clerks of the course: Lieut. F. B. Carlisle, Lieut. E. T. Williams, Lieut. E. C. Russell, Surg.-Lieut. F. B. Jefferiss. Capt. Laurie (the officer commanding the G or Sevenoaks Company) officiated as Judge, and the results were as follows:—

100yds. Flat Race (open to all ranks)—1 Lucas, 1st Battalion; 2 Frommings, 2nd Battalion; 3 Little, 4th Battalion.

100yds. Flat Race (open to N.C.O's only)—1 Corpl. Dut-ton, 2nd Battalion; 2 Corpl. Rose, 2nd Battalion; 3 Sergt. Turner, 4th Battalion.

Sack Race, 80yds. (open to all ranks)—1 Lance-Corpl. Lever, 2nd Battalion; 2 Austin, 4th Battalion; 3 Sergt. Turner, 4th Battalion.

Boot Race, 100yds. (open to Buglers and Drummers under 17)—1 Warren, 1st Battalion; 2 Reynolds, 1st Battalion; 3 Norris, 4th Battalion.

Cycle Race, two miles, (open to all ranks)—1 Wells (Seren Oaks), 1st Battalion; 2 Thompson, 4th Battalion.

Band Race, 80yds. (open to all Bandsmen except Buglers and Drummers)—1 Pritchard, 1st Battalion; 2 Becher, 2nd Battalion; 3 Fassit, 2nd Battalion.

Obstacle Race, 100yds., blindfolded (open to all ranks)—1 Chalton, 1st Battalion; 2 Wellard, 2nd Battalion; 3 Smith, 4th Battalion; and Morgan, 2nd Battalion.

Half-mile (open to all ranks)—1 Tovey, 4th Battalion; 2 Hayes, 1st Battalion; 3 Parris, 2nd Battalion.

Veterans' Race (open to Veterans over 40)—1 Lance-Cpl. Frost, 3rd Battalion; 2 Jordan, 1st Battalion; 3 Evans, 4th Battalion; and Monachan, 3rd Battalion.

Tug of War—1 4th Battalion 2 2nd Battalion.

100yds. Three-legged Race (open to all ranks)—1 Barton and Crouch, 1st Battalion; 2 Parris and Wellard, 2nd Battalion.

Tug of War—1 Royal Garrison Artillery; 2 4th Battalion.

Officers Tug of War—1 4th Battalion; 2 2nd Battalion.

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

Colonel T. H. Brock acknowledges with thanks the receipt of 10/- from Captain Bush. Subscription for 1904.

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ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA.

KINGSTON,

27th August, 1904.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I enclose cuttings from the "Montreal Star," detailing the experiences of an emigrant in this Country. My reason for doing so is that on my passage out last month I discovered a large number of time-expired men who were coming out here to start life. Few, if any, had any idea as to what they were to do, yet the greater number fancied that money was easy. This is not the case, it has to be worked for, but as the cutting I refer to states there is always work for the willing man. At present, the harvesting is the work what is calling for double the number of men available, but the crops are in, thus a slack time sets in followed by the winter, during which a man must have regular employment and quarters. Good grooms, smart ex-mess waiters and officers' servants can always get employment. Clubs constantly are changing their staffs; I find the principal club in Montreal, the St. James', had ex-soldiers entirely employed. Steady men with good characters are in demand as coachmen, butlers and waiters, and the wages run from £5 per month up. The police will enlist good men under 34 years of age.

If, in any way, I can assist men who wish to try this Country, or bring their chum, I will gladly render every assistance I can.

Five shillings a day is the minimum wage of unskilled labour, a coal cart driver gets 10/- per diem, grain and coal shovellers about the same.

Yours sincerely,

E. HEWETT,

Major.

WORK AND WAGES WAITING IN CANADA FOR ALL WHO SEEK THEM.

How a Young Englishman, without Money or Friends, can Earn His Living Here in a Dozen Different Ways if He is Willing to do it.

A Convincing Reply to the Wail of Discontented Immigrants That There is No Work to Be Obtained in Canada by an Immigrant Who Found Lots of It.

LETTER No. 1.

Almost every week one sees in one or more of the English papers a long letter of lament and complaint from some disappointed would-be colonist who has come out here from the Old Country, and, not finding things exactly as he expected, has stayed a few weeks—perhaps only days—and has then returned home to rush into print and made public his trials and privations in the Dominion.

These letters are all of them more or less bitter—more or less irresponsible—and generally totally erroneous in the impression they convey to their readers concerning this country and the chances of success which await the immigrant, and their can be no disputing the fact that these wails of the dissatisfied must be, to a certain extent, detrimental to the welfare of Canada and check many prospective immigrants from taking the bold step and endeavouring to win fortune in a new Country.

In most of these complaints regarding the conditions of life in the Land of the Maple Leaf, we find stress is laid upon the fact that "work could not be got," and it is my intention in these articles to show by my own personal experience that work can be got by any man willing to take it—that there is no need for any man to go idle or hungry in this land of plenty, and that the responsibility of failure rests solely and entirely upon a man's own shoulders and not upon the conditions of labour in the country.

I have noticed that nearly 80 per cent. of the complaints I have seen have come from people of moderate education—men of the clerk and shop assistant class—who have been used to wearing a linen shirt and a high collar in the Old Country and who came out here under the impression that all they had to do is to walk off the steamer and secure employment half as hard as that to which they have been used: at about double the wages.

The other twenty per cent. of complaints come from people who have deliberately come out here at the wrong time of the year in spite

of the information issued by various competent authorities, which distinctly inform intending immigrants as to the time of year suitable to embark.

I saw a long letter the other day in one of the English papers from a farmer who had come out here in March to take up land. He had, of course, found everything in the grip of the Frost King, and after staying in the city for about a week, he took train back to Halifax with his wife and family, and embarked upon the same steamer which brought him out from England and immediately commenced an active campaign against Canada and everything Canadian.

Now I confidently assert that had that man come out at the proper time of year he would have found Canada much to his liking—would have stayed—and ultimately made a good and useful colonist—and I also affirm that men of the clerk class—shop assistants and others indeed, every able-bodied man able to pass the medical examination of the Immigration Department's doctor, can secure an amplitude of work which will keep him until an opening in his own line of business should occur.

Let him discard his linen shirt and high collar and put on a pair of blue jean overalls and a flannel shirt and he can go round the corner of the street and get employment of some sort or other. I want it to be distinctly understood by my readers that I am writing only of what I know to be absolute facts—of what I myself—a hard working journalist—have personally investigated and experienced, and I unhesitatingly say that what I can do can be done by others.

If the narrating of these experiences of mine during the past few weeks show the way to any young colonists from home and inspire them to strive and succeed I shall be satisfied, and shall feel that my labours have not been in vain.

I landed here a few weeks ago, an Englishman, a stranger in a strange land—without a letter of introduction to anyone—without knowing anyone of influence in the city or country who could put work in my way, with nothing except my pen and my brains, such as they are, and found a market overcrowded with men who knew the country and the "style" required of writers. I have had no training other than a journalistic one—I am a newspaper man first and last—and although my work has taken me to many strange and far-off corners of the world, still I have always worked with my head and not my hands.

I could not find employment on either the editorial or reportorial staffs of any of the papers I applied to. I was a stranger to the country and its journalistic methods, and no one knew or wanted me. I spent a small fortune—to me—in stationery and stamps in writing applications to various papers both in this country and the States, but scarcely ever received any reply to my polite applications, and then it was invariably in the negative—"No vacancy at present."

And all the time my spirits sank lower as I saw my few remaining dollars dwindling rapidly away, until at last I awoke one morning to the stern realization of the fact that work of some sort I must get, and quickly, too, unless I wanted to admit myself a failure.

Perish the thought! I had come out here to make my way and make it I would. But how? That was the question!

There was no opening for me in my own business—what was I to do?

As I asked myself the question; so, in the same moment, it was answered: "Why the first thing that comes along," and straightway my mind was made up and I started out from my boarding house, determined to secure some sort of employment ere night fell.

Passing along the streets, my eyes on the alert for any place where I might get a job, I saw posted on a hoarding a small placard calling for volunteers for the militia camp at Three Rivers, Que., to open on June 28th, and a little further on I met a young fellow with whom I had a slight acquaintance and who had also been looking for work.

We stopped for a chat and I mentioned the militia camp to him. In three minutes our minds were made up and we were on our way to the address given on the poster, only to meet the captain coming along a few hundred yards further on. My friend knew him by sight, and we stopped him, telling him the object we had in view. A few details as to pay and rations, etc., the muster roll was produced from the captain's pocket, and I signed against a convenient store window, with my ever-ready fountain pen—we received our instructions as to when to go for

our uniforms and equipments, and parted from the captain, "pledged to serve in the militia in accordance with the provisions of the Militia Act,"

As my friends had seen service in the American Army and I had been through the South African campaign, we were enlisted as sergeants at 75 cents. per day and rations, with a hint of a further 20 cents. a day, "good conduct money," which needless to say we both made up our minds to earn.

This was on the Thursday, and we were to proceed to the camp on the following Tuesday, the 28th of June. On Friday we drew our uniforms and equipments, and by careful pressing and cleaning succeeded in getting them into something like smartness. On the Tuesday morning, together with the company, we paraded at six o'clock and marched down to the station to entrain for Three Rivers.

My first employment in Canada had begun, and it was as a soldier of the King—surely one that no one from the old country need be ashamed of taking.

I had exactly 1.17 dollars in my pocket when we started for camp, so I had secured work just in time.

(To be continued).

BIRTHS.

At Maidstone on 6th July, 1904, the wife of Cr.-Sergt. Chiswell, of a daughter.

At Maidstone on 15th August, 1904, the wife of Cr.-Sergt. F. A. Neighbour, P.S., 3rd Batt., of a daughter.

DEATH.

✓ At Malta on 27th July, 1904, Col.-Sergt. H. Eldred, 1st Battalion.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

LINE BATTALIONS.

Capt. T. T. Burt retires on retired pay, dated 21st Sept 1904.

1st BATTALION.

O.R. Sergt. J. Mackintosh promoted Color-Sergt (O.R.S.) dated 26th August.

DEPOT.

4923 Pte. G. Outred, appointed Lance-Corpl. 22nd Sept 1904 (details).

3rd BATTALION.

Capt. T. T. Burt, retired pay, late 1st Battalion, to be Capt., with seniority, from 15th Jan., 1904. Appointed 21st Sept. 1904.

1st VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

Lieutenant H. B. Cohen to be Captain, dated 24th Sept. 1904.

Lieut.-Col. C. S. Williams is granted the Honorary rank of Colonel, dated 17th Sept., 1904.

Major A. T. Simpson granted Honorary rank of Lieut.-Col. dated 17th Sept., 1904.

Captain F. Johnson resigns his commission, dated 17th September, 1904.

Lieutenant and Instructor of Musketry, F. B. Carlisle, to be Captain, dated 24th September, 1904.

Second-Lieut. F. J. Henson to be Lieutenant, dated 24th September, 1904.

2nd VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

Capt. and Hon. Major T. Marchant to be Major, dated 10th September, 1904.

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Providence has been very kind to us this last month in sending us comparatively cool and pleasant weather, a luxury that the inhabitants of Malta are little used to at this time of year. Another three weeks and we shall be able to congratulate ourselves in having been blessed with a very mild summer.

The cricket season closed, as far as the Regiment is concerned, when our Soldiers' team was beaten by the R.A. East in the Soldiers' Cup. Although we have not carried off any trophy, we have won more matches than we have lost this year.

Football has commenced, and our Regimental team is practising hard in view of the forthcoming contests. Personally I think the weather much too hot for this violent game, and, though no damage has been done so far, I shall consider the team lucky if they get through this month without some admissions to hospital.

We still have some 250 men out at the ranges at Pembroke Camp, third-class shots being exercised, the Casuals, and a large party of recruits. We shall only just finish them off before the new course for 1905 commences, which at present has been fixed for the 1st November. Each regiment will go under canvas for eight weeks during the ensuing winter months, one month for table musketry and one month for Company field training, and as the whole Battalion cannot go out at once, there will be a great deal of running backwards and forwards between Pembroke, Mellieha, and Ghain Tuffieha. The change, however, from the close and stuffy air of Valletta will benefit everyone.

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E and F Companies combined, under command of Major Lowe, had an instructive and at the same time enjoyable day's work away from barracks last Friday, 9th September.

Starting away from Floriana at 5.30 a.m., the two Companies performed a concentration march, moving by different routes, *via* Paula and Zeitun; the advanced guards, whose signallers had kept up lateral communication between the columns, meeting near Marnisi at about 8.30. Thence we marched down to the coast at Marsa Scoiocco, at the southern extremity of the Island, where all hands lost no time in making for the water for a refreshing plunge. Then fires were lighted, tents pitched, and the men were soon cooking their well-earned breakfasts on the shores of the Bay.

A couple of amusing incidents occurred during breakfast. A certain sergeant, keen on Semaphore, hastily caught up a handkerchief wherewith to wave answer to a distant signal. Unfortunately the said handkerchief contained his own and a comrade's ration of sugar, which was instantly scattered in a shower of sweetness to the winds of heaven. The two worthy and bereaved N.C.O.'s moralized over their unsweetened tea, that while Semaphore is good, sugar at breakfast time is better.

A certain private, feeling dry after the march, brewed himself a refreshing canteen of tea, and hasting to assuage his thirst burnt his lip severely with the heated tin. He dropped the canteen, and dancing with agony, stepped heavily on the remainder of his breakfast, consisting of two eggs. Briefly lamenting his loss in a few well-chosen words, he disappeared, and a few minutes later was seen with *another* couple of eggs! Now, what we want to know is—*who* went short?

The coast scenery here is very picturesque, although the absence of trees gives it a very bare aspect to eyes accustomed to the landscapes of the "Garden of England." The rugged boulder-strewn hill, capped with ruined towers and lonely churches, rise steeply from the calm waters of the "blue Mediterranean;" almost the only living things one can see being innumerable small lizards basking on the rocks in the shadeless glare of the noontide sun. After breakfast, some useful practice in judging distance over land and water was carried out; and after dinner, which, like the breakfast, was cooked by the men themselves under "service conditions," F Company moved off to take up a defensive position under the walls of Fort St. Lucian, where they soon were hotly attacked by E Company. Subsequently, F Company formed an escort to the waggons, representing a convoy marching on Valetta; E Company, which moved homewards by another route, endeavouring to surprise and capture it, resulting in some smart skirmishing on the outskirts of Zeitun, much to the delight of the peaceful inhabitants. Hostilities then ceased, and the two companies marched back to Floriana, where they arrived about 6 p.m. after a useful day's work which, at the same time, was a welcome charge to the monotony of barrack life.

F. M.

It is very gratifying to us to be able to offer a tribute of praise to the success and popularity of the Band of the Royal West Kent's during the stay of the Regiment in Malta. This expression of public favour will be especially acceptable to the Colonel and officers, as well as to the whole regiment, inasmuch as it has been won by true merit and perseverance in face of the difficulties which have to be encountered in keeping a band up to the required standard of strength and efficiency. The Royal West Kent's hold to their traditional reputation of being "up-to-date" in everything appertaining to the profession of arms, and they are justly proud of their band, which has merited so many expressions of favour, not only in Malta, but wherever the Regiment has been stationed.

This satisfactory state of affairs reflects highly upon the energy and intelligence of Mr. G. M. Davis, who has proved himself to be a very capable bandmaster. We had the pleasure of being present upon the occasion of last Wednesday's performance at Sliema; and we can safely testify to the accuracy of the opinion expressed by a large, influential, and appreciative audience, that there is no better band upon the island. The several pieces were treated with unerring skill; and elicited flattering expressions of approval.

We congratulate the Colonel and Officers upon the excellence of their Band, and it is only right to say that the credit is due to its teacher and conductor, Mr. Davis, who, in his turn, will readily acknowledge the diligence and attention contributed by the N.C.O.'s and men under his direction.

(Copied from "The Malta Times and United Service Gazette," dated 16th Sept., 1904.)

1st BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

RIFLE COMPETITION.

Two competitions took place on Pembroke Ranges on the afternoon of 25th August. The first was arranged before leaving barracks, and consisted of a team of all ranks stationed at Head Quarters against a team of like number of the Musketry Detachment, stationed at Pembroke Camp.

Each competition consisted of a shoot of seven rounds at 200, 500 and 600 yards. Bisley targets and marking.

In the competition, Head Quarters *v.* Detachment, the latter were easy winners by 39 points. Sergt. Colyer coming out top of the roll, and 2nd-Lieut. Belcher second. The score of the latter at 600 yards was particularly admired, as there was rather a tricky wind blowing, and the message, "Last shot on No. — target," was often heard from the firing point.

The second competition was decided upon on the way to the range, the eight oldest soldiers amongst the Sergeants being selected to fire against the eight oldest soldiers of the Corporals. This resulted in a win for the Sergeants by 20 points. It will be noticed that the Staff of the Sergeants did not shine on this occasion. Probably a little more practice is required.

A pleasant part of the above competition was the sea trip from the Hay Wharf (which is close to barracks) to St. George's Bay, Pembroke, on the Government Boat, "Sir Edward Markham." Our journey only took twenty minutes, and we arrived at our destination at 1.45 p.m., enabling us to reach the range very shortly after 2 p.m. Our return journey was timed for 5.30 p.m., but the skipper of the boat kindly waited for us until 6 p.m., by which time all were on board. We arrived at the Hay Wharf at 6.30 p.m., very pleased with the short trip, and unanimous in declaring its improvement on a Maltese carrozza.

SCORES OF COMPETITORS.

HEAD QUARTERS.

RANK AND NAME.	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Aggr. Pts.
Corpl. Golding	27	27	31	85
Sergt. Wren	31	30	23	84
Colour-Sergt. Button	30	28	21	79
Pte. Chapman	24	26	24	74
Sergt. Nicholson	29	23	22	74
Pte. Stuart	25	24	24	73
Lance-Corpl. Lewis	24	20	21	65
Lieut. Willis	19	15	11	45
Totals.....	209	193	177	579

MUSKETRY DETACHMENT PEMBROKE.

RANK AND NAME.	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Aggr. Pts.
Sergt. Colyer	31	30	30	91
2nd-Lieut. Belcher	27	26	34	87
Colour-Sergt. Dark	26	33	25	84
Sergt. Brown	27	27	28	82
Pte. Bloomfield	26	23	28	77
Lce-Sergt. Collins	26	23	18	67
Pte. Faulkner	22	13	31	66
Pte. Cauty	29	14	21	64
Totals.....	214	189	215	618

SERGEANTS (Old Soldiers).

RANK AND NAME.	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Aggr. Pts.
Sergt. Murphy	27	25	24	76
Sergt. Merrick	23	22	26	71
Sergt. Sweatman	20	24	22	66
Sergt. Keen	27	17	22	66
Sergt. Mills	23	28	15	66
Sergt. Rogers	24	19	21	64
Qr-Mtr-Sergt. Cover	20	22	19	61
Sergt-Major Rogers	19	22	16	57
Totals	183	179	165	527

CORPORALS (Old Soldiers).

RANK AND NAME.	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Aggr. Pts.
Corpl. Cassidy	26	31	23	80
Corpl. Stace	24	26	29	79
Corpl. Smith	29	23	26	78
Lce-Corpl. Brown	25	25	21	71
Corpl. Humphrey	26	19	21	66
Corpl. Chantler	24	6	15	45
Corpl. Herrington	20	4	17	41
Corpl. Bellfield	18	15	8	41
Totals.....	192	149	160	501

OFFICERS & SERGEANTS v. CORPORALS.

Competition 7 rounds at 200, 500, and 600 yards; Bisley targets and marking; teams of 12 aside.

This competition took place on Pembroke Ranges on the afternoon of the 11th ult., and resulted in a win for the Officers and Sergeants by the great majority of 224 points.

The Corporals who competed were somewhat handicapped by the absence of some of their best shots, who for various reasons did not put in an appearance. This is to be regretted, as probably the scoring would have been much more in their favour had they turned up.

It is to be hoped that in the near future the Corporals will have a better opportunity of practice, so that when they decide to have a return match with the Officers and Sergeants they may give a better account of themselves.

A word of advice to the Corporals:—If in the future you hear of any competitions taking place in the regiment, don't forget that you have a Regimental Shooting Committee, to whom you should apply on the chance of their being one or two spare targets, when you could take the opportunity of some practice.

OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Tl.
Sergt. Wren	25	31	31	90
Colour-Sergt. Kill	31	31	27	89
Colour-Sergt. Saunders	26	32	27	85
Sergt. Colyer	28	31	25	84
2nd-Lieut. Belcher	30	27	26	83
Colour-Sergt. Dark	33	29	21	83
Sergt. Brown	30	26	24	80
Colour-Sergt. Button	26	32	22	80
Sergt. Rose	21	31	24	76
Sergt. Nicholson	22	26	23	71
Colour-Sergt. Murphy	23	25	23	71
Sergt. Moon	22	20	24	66
Totals.....	320	341	297	958

CORPORALS.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Tl.
Corpl. Maslin	29	27	21	77
Lance-Corpl. Lewis	29	22	23	74
Corpl. Lawrence	23	25	22	70
Corpl. Stace	29	21	20	70
Lance-Corpl. Press	21	25	23	69
Corpl. Bellfield	19	22	24	65
Corpl. Golding	21	17	26	64
Corpl. Cockle	20	20	20	60
Corpl. Humphrey	19	14	22	55
Corpl. Brown	21	14	17	52
Corpl. Smith	22	5	14	41
Lance-Corpl. Harris				
Totals.....	271	227	236	734

FOOTBALL.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

In spite of the hot weather, football has at last got fairly started. The first match was between "G" Company and the Army Service Corps. The game was fairly evenly contested throughout, and ended in a draw (1-1). "G" Company played the following team:—Pte. Wrench (goal), Sergt. Harris, Pte. Gower (backs), Pte. Darlow, Ellen, Lieut. Phillips (half-backs), Sergt. Walker, Corpl. Collins, Lance-Corpl. Davis, Lance-Corpl. Keeble, Pte. Andrews (forwards).

"F" Company played the same team a few days later and were beaten 1-0.

The first Regimental match was played against the Essex Regiment. Both sides played rather scratch teams, and after a very one-sided game we proved victors by 7-0. The Regiment played the following team:—Pte. Dufoy (goal), Ptes. Lord and Ryan (backs), Ptes. Green, Ellen, Fordham (half-backs), Ptes. Eastgate, Lawrence, Barrow, Lance-Corpl. Keeble, Pte. Langridge (forwards).

On the 14th September "G" Company played "G" Company of the Hants Regiment, and beat them easily by 3-1. "G" Company:—Pte. Fowler (goal), Sergt. Harris, Pte. Gower (backs), Pte. Darlow, Pte. Ellen, Lieut. Phillips (half-backs), Sergt. Walker, Corpl. Collins, Lance-Corpl. Davis, Lance-Corpl. Keeble, Pte. Wood (forwards).

IN MEMORIAM

The following is the inscription on the tablet erected to the memory of the late Sergt. W. B. Mendham, killed in action in S. Nigeria:—

To the Glory of God
And in Memory of

WALTER BAGGE MENDHAM,

Sergeant the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment,
And Colour-Sergeant Southern Nigeria Regiment,
Who was Killed in Action

At Onicha Alona, Southern Nigeria, 28th January, 1904.

THIS TABLET

Is erected by the Officers and British Non-Com. Officers
Of the Southern Nigeria Regiment and the Civil Officials
Attached to the Asaba Hinterland Expedition,
As a Token of their Regard and Esteem.

We were privileged to see a small but interesting photo of the funeral of this N.C.O. in the Hinterland. The scene was very impressive.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

Diyatalawa, August, 1904.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I have not much to chronicle of the doings of G Company this month, except the trot over the hills we indulge in every day, and the football matches. I don't believe there is a square foot of ground within three miles of camp that we couldn't swear to. The troops do their three or four hours' work over the said hills with an enthusiasm that can only be equalled by the Japs., and, not being contented with the day's work, they, as a brother correspondent has it, fight their battles over again in the canteen, at the dinner table, and all the afternoon. At night, after "Lights Out," snatches of conversation can be heard as follows by anyone who chances to listen:—"I tell you I saw you behind that rock."—"Garn; I could have had you easy."—"Git out of it. What are you talking about? One man can't hands up three," etc, etc., interrupted now and then by a gruff voice shouting: "Stop that talking, there."

But alas! soon it is all to cease; we are leaving the charming plains of Uva for China.

Were I to send you the reports of every football match that takes place it would take up the whole of your valuable paper, as we have 'em every night. G Company beat F Company in two matches by 2 goals to 1 and 1-0, but in return was beaten by F Company in two other matches. A football match was played by G Company's Scouts and the Signallers. The following was the Scouts' team:—Peterson, goal; Corpl. Lang and Pte. Thompson, backs; Haslewood, Packman, Kemp, half-backs; Lce.-Corpl. Humphries, Ptes. Brewster, Simmons, Butler, and Loft, forward.

We have also played H Company three matches, one of which we lost by 0-2, one was a draw, and the other we won 3-0.

The G Variety Club have been at it again with a good concert, including a laughable sketch. The following was the programme:—

1. Overture Pianist.
2. Song (Comic) ... "The Parson said" Pte. Jobe.
3. Song "The Cabman's Story" ... Lce.-Cpl. Humphries.
4. Song and dance "Japanese" Pte. Divers.
5. Song... "I'll never leave home any more" ... Pte. Jobe.
6. Song... "I want to see my dear old home again" ...
Pte. Deighton.
7. Song "Dreaming" Cpl. Allan.
(Encore) "Everyone notices me."
8. Balancing Pte. Hazlett.
9. Song "Postman's holiday" Pte. Burke.
10. Song... "After your wandering, come home" ...
Pte. Deighton.
11. Song "Out in a garden of roses" Lce.-Cpl. Humphries.
12. Sketch "Turn him out"

Nicodemus Nobbs (juvenile toy vendor)Pte. Jobe.
 Susan Hopkins (maid of all work)Pte. Newell.
 Eglantine Roseleaf (a persevering individual) Pte. Hatton.
 Mackintosh Moke (the husband)Cpl. Allan.
 Julia (his wife)Pte. Divers.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

The concert, under the able directorship of Sergt. Ventham, and voted a great success by all, especially Corpl. Allan, who, appearing for the first time, acted his part manfully under the gentle treatment of Nicodemus Nobbs.

The theatre not being large enough to accommodate everybody, the concert was repeated the next night, with even better success than before. The "turn" of the evening was Pte. Hazlett, who, with half of the camp furniture balanced on his cranium, is a sight for the gods. A longer programme than the above was prepared, but the time allotted to us by the powers that be did not allow us to go right through it.

G COMPANY'S, CORRESPONDENT.

DEPOT INTELLIGENCE.

The return match with the School of Musketry Staff Hythe, took place on 20th, August. The professionals after an exciting match winning by 15 points. The damage being done at 600 yards. It will be remembered that the previous match resulted in a win for the Depot by 13 points, so that the honours are pretty even. The teams and members of the mess sat down to a substantial tea after the match. After which felicitous words were exchanged which augurs well for the continuance of the matches.

SCORES :

SCHOOL OF MUSKETRY.

				TOTAL.
S.I.M. MacKay ...	30	32	28	90
Q.M.S. Maddocks	30	31	26	87
S.I. Horsburgh.....	30	29	27	86
S.I. Purdon	28	28	24	80
S.I. Coffey	27	31	22	80
S.I. Halsey	30	23	26	79
S.I. Smith	27	27	24	78
S.I. James.....	28	27	22	77
	230	228	199	657

DEPOT.

				TOTAL.
S.-M. Grellier	32	30	27	89
S.M. Outten	31	29	25	85
Sergt. Dugay	29	33	22	84
Col.S. Wimhurst ...	27	31	25	83
Col.-S. Osborne ...	31	28	19	78
Sergt. Davis	29	22	25	76
Q.M.S. Gilburd ...	31	27	16	74
Sergt. Pond	26	23	24	73
	236	223	183	642

DEPOT FOOTBALL.

The football season started at the Depot on a day more suited to cricket than football. The team is a stronger one than it has been for several seasons, and consists almost entirely of men who will be at the Depot during the whole season. This is a great advantage. Last year we were second in the District League, and this season we hope to do still better. The first league match was played against Tovil on Sept. 24th, a great many spectators attending and a record gate of over £2 was taken. A most exciting game took place and ended in a draw, 1—1. Sergt. McGregor played excellently, as he always does, and the goal-keeping of Colour-Sergeant Bass was beyond all praise. A recruit, Pte. Mills, of C Company, shows great promise, and played a very good game.

In the Company League matches, A Co. defeated B Co., 2—1, and the match between C and D resulted in a draw, much to the chagrin of the latter Company, who thought they had a soft thing on.

DEPOT CRICKET.

The close of the Cricket Season found us counting the bag, the result was 10 won, 10 lost, and one match tied.

The following are the averages that have been compiled for Season 1904 :

	Inns.	Times. not out.	Runs.	Aver
Lieut. Parker.....	3	1	23	11
Major Martyn.....	12	0	121	10
Sergt. Reeves.....	16	0	160	10
Col.-Sergt. Bass.....	7	0	76	10
Corpl. Knight	6	1	45	9
Sergt. McGregor	10	1	80	8
Mr. Cates	16	1	120	8
Pte. Ayres	24	3	160	7
Clr.-Sergt. Neighbour	13	0	103	7

BOWLING.

	Overs.	M'dens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Major Martyn	29	8	61	14	5 07
Pte. Ayres.....	287	55	602	117	5.14
Sergt.-Dr. Gee	9	2	23	4	5.75
Corpl. Knight	45	9	110	16	6.87
Dr. White.....	125	25	210	30	7.00
Sergt. Reeves	24	1	67	7	9.57

VOLUNTEER SHOOTING COMPETITION.

On the Shoreham Range, on 10th September, a team from the Sevenoaks Volunteers met teams from Bromley, Orpington, and the permanent staff of the Depot. Although the wind and light was somewhat variable, the weather was conducive to fairly good shooting, with the result that some capital scores were made. The Bromley men were in fine trim for the competition, one marksman putting on the possible at 200 yards. The following were the scores :—

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BROMLEY DETACHMENT.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	T'tl.
Sergt. Hanmore	35	30	28	93
Lieut. A. N. W. Clark	33	32	24	89
Lance-Sergt. Fawsett.....	31	27	27	85
Lance-Corpl. Amos.....	29	28	28	85
Colour-Sergt. Towell	30	30	22	82
Sergt. Smith	31	26	21	78
Lieut. C. D. Clark	31	27	19	77
Pte. Smith	30	25	21	76

Aggregate..... 665

"G" CO., 1st V.B. ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

SEVENOAKS DETACHMENT.

Sergt. W. D. Weth	33	29	26	88
Pte. G. Langridge	30	31	23	84
Sergt. H. Marchant	31	23	26	80
Pte. W. Burgess	25	30	24	79
Colour-Sergt.-Inst. H. Parry.....	30	20	26	76
Pte. H. Townsend	27	27	19	73
Lie.-Corpl. R. Wells	28	24	20	72
Corpl. H. Overton	32	17	18	67

Aggregate..... 619

"K" CO., 1st V.B. ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

ORPINGTON DETACHMENT.

Sergt. Lane	26	32	29	87
Colour-Sergt.-Inst. McRedmond	27	31	26	84
Pte. A. Smith	25	32	23	80
Corpl. W. Smith	29	29	21	79
Lance-Corpl. W. Johnson	24	26	23	73
Corpl. E. Teer	25	29	16	70
Pte. J. Smith	26	20	18	64
Colour-Sergt. Nelson	22	23	16	61

Aggregate..... 598

DEPOT ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

MAIDSTONE.

Sergt. Dugay	31	32	23	86
Sergt.-Major Outten	27	28	29	84
Sergt. Pond	31	27	25	83
Colour-Sergt. Wimbhurst.....	23	22	33	78
Sergt. Davis.....	27	24	25	76
Colour-Sergt. W. E. Bass	23	23	24	70
Colour-Sergt. Ailwood	27	23	11	61
Colour-Sergt. Taylor	23	11	22	56

Aggregate..... 594

3rd VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

The Sergeants held a very successful dance at the Drill Hall, Beresford Street, Woolwich, on Friday evening, Sept. 30th, over eight hundred accepting invitations. Sergeant Sutherland made an efficient M.C., and Mr. Skudder's string band supplied the music.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

We beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following subscriptions :—

To December, 1904.—Colonel J. Bonhote, Mr. Maynard, W. Barrow, Esq., Q.M.S. Smith, 4th V.B.

To May, 1904.—Mr. A. Pallett, Mr. Coulter.

To December, 1905.—Mr. Coe, G. Strode, Esq., Major J. Smith, Mr. A. Pearson, Captain P. Umfreville.

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Colonel T. H. Brock desires to acknowledge the receipt of a donation of £1 from Captain E. A. Fagan, Jacob's Horse, late R.W.K. Regt.

WORK AND WAGES IN CANADA

(CONTINUED).

THE MILITIA CAMP AT THREE RIVERS.

Although we paraded at six o'clock in the morning, it was well after five in the evening ere the boat on which we crossed the river reached Three Rivers, and I think that almost everyone felt the journey somewhat, for the cars were crowded and the day hot and dusty. Fortunately, however, the company to which I was detailed was composed of congenial fellows for the most part, and so we all stuck together right through the camp and got on without any interference from any one.

Our captain had provided a supply of sandwiches, with which to refresh the inner man on the journey, but in spite of these the men were all pretty hungry when we reached Three Rivers and the enforced wait for the other regiments did not improve their tempers.

On the journey I had a good opportunity of studying the types of men to be found in the ranks, and had little difficulty in ascertaining the reason of many of them being there. One company was composed almost entirely of men employed in one of the big cotton mills outside of Montreal, which was being closed down for ten days. These men, rather than remain idle, had decided to take a turn "soldiering" and make their half-a-dollar and board a day. They were nearly all from Lancashire, rough and uncouth in manner and speech, but with the making of good soldiers in them had they been handled right. These men looked on the whole thing more in the light of a picnic than anything else—a sort of fair and wake, such as they have at home, indeed many of them had brought fifteen to twenty dollars with them. Lack of money could not have enforced these men to enlist, as was the case with many others. I saw men on the train who had starvation plainly written on their faces, but I am thankful to say that they were all of the class whose lives seem to have been spent in loafing and idleness, and I doubt if many of them would have accepted a labouring job even if it had been offered them. They had joined the militia because they knew that for 12 days they would have plenty to eat and somewhere to sleep—that they could shirk drills and parades by a little cleverness and that at the end of the camp they could go to their old haunts with some seven or eight dollars in their pockets. Then they would resume their old life, their old ways, until perhaps next year they would go up to camp again.

I saw one fellow there who had not a pair of shoes to his feet,—all he had was a pair of old carpet slippers, evidently picked off some dust heap, into which his feet, devoid of socks, were stuck, whilst another man had a pair of shoes, the soles of which flapped about and struck the ground a smart smack every time he lifted his feet, threatening all the time to part company altogether from the uppers.

This was the mixed sort of regiment in which I found myself, and I could not help reflecting that were all the militia of the same type, Canada would indeed be in sore stress if she ever had to rely upon them for purposes of defence. But it is not my province to criticize the defensive forces of the country, but to narrate my own experiences, so I will resume my story.

MEN BEGIN TO COMPLAIN.

When we landed from the ferry steamer we were formed up on the quay side awaiting the arrival of the other regiments whilst the officers retired to an hotel to refresh themselves after the journey. This wait tried the patience of the men severely and the long dusty march up to the camp only served to make matters worse, and by the time the camp was reached every one was ready to find fault at anything. In spite of the fact that a party had been sent on on the Monday, we found half the tents weren't up and that there were no preparations for supper—indeed several of the companies had no rations served to them at all, and all my own company got after much labour was dry bread and tea. The officers seemed to take little effective interest in the welfare of the men but disappeared into the mess tent as soon as we reached camp, and left us to look after ourselves. They neither asked nor seemed to care if we had rations, and all that interested them was getting their own food. Consequently as soon as I had got my kit safely stowed in the tent I shared with eight others, I went on a foraging expedition and ultimately secured a few sandwiches from the cook of the officers' mess, and even after these had been safely disposed of, I had to go to bed hungry. Negligence and ignorance was responsible for much of the discomfort of the camp. As I saw in that camp at Three Rivers, cooking gear which had been used at the camp last year had been put away dirty and unwashed, consequently when opened up, after twelve months' rust and verdigris had played havoc with it and half the utensils were totally unfit to use.

Half the time we were in camp our captain did not once put his nose into our tents to make an inspection, or to ask if there were any complaints.

ROUTINE OF THE CAMP.

Thoroughly tired out after the journey, I turned in early, and rolling myself in my blankets lay down on the bare ground, but not to sleep. Bare Mother Earth doubtless makes a very good bed when one gets used to it, but it takes a bit of getting used to, and, coupled with the fact that the night was cold and the blankets thin, and that some hilarious spirits in the camp were amusing themselves by rushing round throwing the things about in the tents and running off with what they could, served to effectually banish sleep from almost every one's eyes, and when reveille sounded at 5.30 in the morning, it did so in a camp already wide awake.

From reveille to 7 was spent in cleaning up, folding blankets, etc., and when the bugles sounded the call for breakfast, the cooks were instantly surrounded by an eager mob scrambling for their rations. The eager, half-dressed, half-washed men almost fighting to get served first; the battle of tongues, English, French, Indian and Italians, all shouting different questions and answers in different keys at one and the same time, made up an indescribable medley. Breakfast consisted of coffee and dry bread, and many and by no means stifled were the mutterings amongst the Englishmen in the regiment who protested loudly that they would not parade unless proper food was forthcoming. Ultimately things quietened down a bit, and when the bugle sounded the "fall in" for first parade, good feeling had been restored once more.

The morning was divided into two parades, from 8.30 to 10, and from 10.30 to 12 o'clock, at which the new infantry drill and the use of the rifle were taught.

Dinner was served at 12.30, and as far as our company was concerned, consisted of a stew composed of beef, beans, peas and potatoes, all cooked together.

After dinner came another parade from 2 to 4.30, and then supper at 5.30, after which the men were free to leave camp until the bugle sounded "lights out" at 10.15.

The same routine continued all through the camp, even as the food remained the same although the sergeants succeeded in establishing a mess of their own, where, by paying about 12 cents a day each, they secured many little delicacies in the way of butter, milk, sugar, etc., etc.

Wet days, of course, there were no parades, and then men spent their time in their tents or the canteen, and so the days passed and the camp drew to an end.

On the morning of the day we broke camp, reveille sounded at 4.30, breakfast was served at 5, and at 6 we marched out of camp, crossing the river and entraining again at Doucet's Landing for our journey home. Although we left at such an early hour in the morning, no food whatever was provided for us on the train, and it was only when we had to wait at a junction from 6 p.m. to after 11 that our captain secured us some dry biscuits.

Reaching the company's headquarters after midnight, we all hurried to hotels, boarding houses or home.

On Monday our uniforms were handed in, and we received our pay, and I must admit that I felt quite rich when my 11.40 dollars was handed me, for the money I had in hand at the beginning of the camp lasted me through, and I drew my pay intact without deductions.

There I was with 11.40 dollars to my credit and nothing in the way of work to do. Well, I would take a day's rest at any rate and look it over and see what there was offering.

I had gained nearly 8 lbs. in weight during the camp; I was tanned to a rich mahogany brown, and although the skin was burnt all off the back of my neck, that soon got all right, and I felt fit for any manual labour which might offer.

Of my travels in search of employment, of my failures, but subsequent success, I will tell in the next instalment of this series.

GEORGE ONWARD.

REGIMENTAL INTELLIGENCE.

1st BATTALION.

The undermentioned have extended their service to eight years:—Privates G. Weller, H. Lofthouse, T. Dale.

Corporal A. Collins, Private W. Hyde, and Private C. Valder have re-engaged to complete 21 years' Service.

2nd BATTALION.

Private W. Earl has been appointed Drummer.

The undernamed have extended their services to complete eight years:—Privates W. Newman, H. Smith, J. Bolt, R. Trevett, G. Blake, G. Craddock, C. Warner, S. Taylor.

To complete 12 years:—Lance-Corporal C. Nicholson.

DEPOT.

No. 3475 Private H. Baker has been discharged on completion of 12 years' service.

Sergeant E. Goulds, Corporal F. Mears, and Corporal T. Fletcher have joined the details at Dover for duty.

Color-Sergeant A. Wood, Sergeant H. Garwood, Lance-Corporal J. Darby, Privates H. McCormick, G. Johnson, A. Thomas, C. Nicholls, J. Wellard, R. Goodman, and C. Wren have arrived in England from the 2nd Battalion invalided, and are in Woolwich Hospital.

Sergeant S. G. Reeves, Depot, and Sergeant A. Pye, P.S., 3rd Battalion, have gone to Hythe for a course at the School of Musketry.

BIRTHS.

At Maidstone, on 2nd Oct., 1904, the wife of Sergt. A. E. Allwright, of a son.

On the 3rd October, at Colombo, the wife of Major W. E. Rowe, of a son.

DEATH.

At Malta, Harry, son of Sergeant-Major H. G. Rogers, 1st Battalion, of enteritis.

✓ In Ceylon, No. 6380 Private W. Lloyd, 2nd Battalion, of dysentery.

At Malta, the wife of 973 Private A. Johnson, of Mediterranean fever.

MARRIAGE.

At the Old Parish Church, Marylebone, Oct. 1st, 1904, Stephen, eldest son of Phillip Bushel, Esq., of Harringay, to Frances Emily, only daughter of the late Frederick Latimer Waring, M.D., of Bandon, Co. Cork.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

LINE BATTALIONS.

Second-Lieutenant R. G. C. Brock to be Lieutenant, vice Lieutenant G. S. T. Fenning, resigned, dated 24th Oct., 1904.

2nd BATTALION.

Promoted Corporal—Lee.-Corpl. A. Elliott, 27th August, 1904.

Appointed Lance-Corporals—Ptes. F. Roberts, 8th August, 1904; R. Ashdown, 16th August, 1904; W. Carrington, 16th August, 1904.

3rd BATTALION.

Captain W. H. Annesley to be Adjutant, vice Brevet-Major A. Martyn, dated 14th Oct., 1904.

2nd VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

Lieutenant W. G. Marchant to be Captain, dated 29th October, 1904.

Surgeon-Lieutenant J. Hamilton to be Surgeon-Captain, dated 15th October, 1904; Lieut.-Colonel E. J. Heward is granted the honorary rank of Colonel, 22nd October, 1904.

3rd VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

Supernumerary-Captain and Quartermaster J. M. Forsdyke vacates the appointment of Quartermaster, is promoted Major, and remains supernumerary, dated 10th September, 1904.

J. O. Cook, gent., to be Second-Lieutenant, dated 15th October, 1904.

By a printer's error the date of Captain Burt's appointment was given as January, 1904, in last month's number; it should have been 1896.

SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION.

Major-General Leach, C B., has consented to accept the Vice-Presidency of the Association, vice Colonel T. H. Brock, who has kindly consented to become a patron of the Association.

NEW MEMBERS.

318 Mr. H. Heath, pensioner; 319 Sergt. Reece; 320 Sergt. Brown; 321 Sergt. Middleton; 322 Sergt. Hollands; all 4th Volunteer Battalion.

EDITORIAL.

The mantle has again fallen, and the one who has for the past three years edited the Regimental paper takes his leave. He found his experiences were much the same as expressed in the lines below, which appeared in a contemporary, "The Oakleaf," which has, we much regret to see, announced that it will cease to exist this month.

Now "The Queen's Own Gazette" is, we hope, going to emulate the brook, and though Editors come and editors go, will go on for ever. The new editor, full of enthusiasm for the future, portends a continued success. Fortunately, the financial part, thanks to the support so liberally given by the Battalions and other subscribers, gives him no serious cause for anxiety—this, in face of the fact that the cost of production is but a fraction under the retail price, is a satisfactory feature.

We thank all who have contributed to the paper items of regimental interest. We have accepted from the rank and file jottings which, with the regular monthly letter from the Battalions have enabled us to confine our paper within the limits prescribed by its title, and if we have not accepted articles which have no connection with the regiment's doings,

interesting or amusing though they be, it is because we are practically making history. What standing record have we of our memorials to the fallen, our prowess in the field of sport, our daily doings, the progress of individuals up the ladder, except in the pages of the regimental paper.

We desire to brighten up the paper with more vivacious accounts of the regiment's doings, and we welcome such contributions. We delight in a good joke or anecdote, but let it be connected with our own regiment, and not too personal.

THE EDITOR AND HIS LETTER BOX.

Our Editor's a (Subaltern),
I much regret to say,
Oh! when will he a (Captain) be?
His hair his turning grey.

His letter box hangs on the wall
Outside the office door,
Where every month he takes a bag
His monthly screw to draw.

The letter box is square and squat,
With stony stolid stare,
It seems to ask each passer by,
"Now where's that 'copy'—where?"

It must take in full many a joke,
I've never seen it grin,
But p'rhaps it doesn't understand
Although it takes them in

The Editor and he alone
Can all its secrets share,
Who knows what stories it unfolds
When no one else is there?

See! here he comes with key in hand—
Let's hide behind the door,
And see him take the papers out
From his capacious maw.

Just look with a what jaunty tread
He comes up to the box!
With smiling and expectant face
The padlock he unlocks.

He lifts the lid, inserts his hand—
But mark his downcast air,
The smile has faded from his face,
He finds there's nothing there!

No wonder that his look is blank,
For you and I would swear;
The wonder is the silver threads
Aren't thicker in his hair.

MORAL.

Now you who read this story sad
(It isn't much to ask)
Take pity on the Editor
And help him with his task.

You get your paper every month.
It's always up to date,
Buck up and send your "copy" in
Before it is too late.

The Oakleaf.

FLAPPING.

Twinkle! Twinkle! Helio,
What you're sending I don't know;
Emma, Esses, Beer or N,
Hang the blooming lot of them.

Waggle! Waggle! little flag,
How I wonder what you wag;
G or K, A or D,
They all look alike to me.

Twinkle! Twinkle! little lamp,
Winking like a drunken scamp;
Is it T? or is it K?
D—the thing, put down a J.

Tick the ticker—ticker tick,
Tick the ticker—tick it quick
Till the time when I shall be
Super—numer—oomer—ee.

The Lillywhite's Gazette.

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Through a mistake the First Battalion correspondence did not make its appearance in the September number of the *Q.O.G.* If the mistake was due to the late arrival of copy from Malta I must apologise for the delay, though I was under the impression that I had sent it off in ample time.

With the exception of a few bad Sirocco winds during this month we have had nothing to complain of this summer in the way of excessive heat. Now that the weather is rapidly cooling it is surprising how rapidly Malta begins to fill up.

On Saturday, the 24th September, we had our Aquatic Sports at the Hay Wharf, Pieta Creek. The day was a great success, and the amusement created by the sport was added to by a very efficient troupe of clowns under the management of Lance-Corporals Harris and Lewis. The Committee, as shown below, worked very hard, and their exertions were rewarded by the great spirit and interest with which the sports were carried through.

Committee: Lieut. Philips, Lieut. Waring, Q.M.S. Cover, Sergt. Keen, Sergt. Cox, Corpl. Brown, Pte. McLeod.

1.—The Company boat race, which was looked forward to as a certainty by at least three Companies, fell to G Company, after a good race with H Company. Result: 1, G Company; 2, H Company; 3, D Company.

2.—The swimming under water was won by Lance-Corpl. Press, with Pte. Fordham a good second.

3.—The 100 yards swimming race was well contested, and the 1st prize was carried off by Pte. Murray. Result: 1, 7449 Pte. Murray; 2, 7340 Pte. Parr; 3, 6699 Pte. Hurran.

4.—The mop fighting which took place on a boom thrust out from the wharf was a source of endless amusement and laughter. There was a very large number of competitors, and Privates Ayres and Hawkins being left in at the finish made an excellent fight for the first prize, which Private Ayres eventually won.

5.—The inter-company Relay Race was won by the band with "F" Company second. This competition is a real test of the swimming powers of the best half-dozen swimmers in each company. As each competitor finished the course the

race was at once continued by the next man detailed to succeed him till all the men of the companies had completed the course.

6.—Quarter-mile Swimming Race. This was won by Pte. Murray, who also won the 100 Yards Race. Result: 1, Pte. Murray, 7449; 2, Pte. Hurran, 6699; 3, Pte. Eastgate, 6137; 4, Pte. Williams, 7416.

7.—The 100 Yards Boys' Race proved to be a family arrangement of the Kills, who won the first three prizes. Result:—1, Boy W. Kill; 2, Boy G. Kill; 3, Boy S. Kill; 4, Boy Rogers; 5, Boy Todd.

8.—The finals for the Inter-Company Water Polo match was won after a very good performance by the band and drums. Though not up to the standard of excellence shown by the R.G.A. of the garrison, who have been here several years, the game was very creditable, and showed that they had spent a good deal of their summer in the water of Pieta Creek.

On Thursday, the 6th October, nearly the whole battalion went out to Pembroke to compete for the regimental trophies. The day was fine, and the competitions were all finished with the following result:—

Colonel Harrison's cup won by Sergeant Colyer.

Major Rowe's cup won by 2nd Lieut. R. G. H. Belcher.

The regimental bowl won by No. 6695 Pte. Penn.

Best shot of the Sergeants and Lance-sergeants, 4054 Sergeant Colyer.

Best shot of the Corporals and Privates, No. 2029 Pte. Chapman.

The maxim gun teams also executed their annual range firing, and this completed the whole of the musketry for 1904.

The Battalion Football Team have had plenty of practice matches with the other Corps in Garrison, winning the majority. I have only got the record of three matches as follows:—

v. 2nd Battalion Hampshire Regiment. Result: Won by 1 goal to love.

v. 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade. Lost by 1 goal to 4.

v. A.S. Corps and A.O. Corps. Won by 4 goals to 3.

The team is as follows:—Goal, Corpl. Cassidy; backs, Lance-Sergt. Harris, Pte. Lord; half-backs, Pte. Cogger, Pte. Ellen, Pte. Green; forwards, Pte. Langridge, Lance-Corpl. Keeble, Dr. Barrow, Pte. Hunter, Pte. Eastgate.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

Colombo, October 18th, 1904.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I am afraid news is rather scarce this month, the chief item of interest being the inspection of the battalion, or rather what there is of it in Colombo, namely, A, C, E, and F Companies, by Brigadier-General Money, C.B., D.S.O. The Battalion, consisting of 13 officers and 379 men, having been inspected, was formed up in quarter column and addressed by the General, who made the following remarks :—“ Col. Western, officers, non-commissioned officers and men, as this is probably the last occasion on which I shall see you on parade before you leave the island, I wish to take the opportunity of saying what a pleasure it has been for me to have had you under my command. You are not only a very well behaved battalion, but also a very well drilled battalion, and what is more important, you are excellent at field training, and there has been a very great improvement in your musketry since last year. I know from experience as an old commanding officer that it is not a difficult matter for a battalion to be in an efficient state when it has all its companies together and most of its officers with the battalion, but with you it has been different. You came here from active service, and ever since you have been here you have been split up into four detachments, and very often your companies have been commanded by very junior officers. This, therefore, all the more creditable to you that you are in your present bright state of efficiency. I shall have much pleasure in writing to General Hutton, commanding at Hong Kong, and telling him what I think of you. I shall make a point of coming to see you on the “Avoca” and to wish you God speed, and I shall watch the future career of this battalion with great interest.”

With reference to the G.O.C's inspection the following minute was received from the C.S.O. :—

The Officer Commanding 2nd R.W. Kent Regiment.

I am directed by the General Officer Commanding to inform you that at his recent inspection of the battalion under your command he was greatly pleased with what he saw.

The men drilled and handled their arms well, and he was specially pleased to notice how healthy and well set up the men appeared to be.

The improvement in the musketry of the battalion is very marked from last year. The General Officer Commanding is aware what expenditure of time and trouble this entailed on both officers and men, and he congratulates them on the success of their efforts.

There was nothing that the G.O.C. could take exception to in the further inspection of books and barracks, &c., and he wishes to congratulate both officers and men of the battalion on their efficiency in every particular.

By order,

(Signed) H. CUMMING, Major,

Acting Chief Staff Officer.

Colombo,

12th October, 1904.

With regard to sport a series of football matches are being arranged, called farewell matches, one of which has been played, namely, a team of the regiment met a team representing Colombo on the Racecourse, and after an exciting game, which was unfortunately spoilt by showers, resulted in a win for us by two goals to nil.

The Dallas Theatrical Company has again arrived at Colombo, and will play at the end of the month most of the latest musical plays, which many of us have not had the pleasure of seeing.

By the time of writing next month we shall, if all goes well, and we are not held up by some lost or strayed warship, be at Hong Kong, as we sail on November 6th in the “Avoca,” which arrives on the 4th inst. with the Worcesters who relieve us.

The time-expired men are going up to Diyatalawa on the 22nd of this month with Lieuts. Johnstone and Case-Morris, and they will go home in the “Avoca” on her return journey from North China, where she leaves our detachment for Pekin and Tientsin.

G and H Companies are coming down to Colombo from Diyatalawa on the 21st, and B Company will be down at the end of the month.

Lieuts. Fiennes, Norman, and Pullman are going through a course of musketry in India, and will join us again in China.

2nd BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

2nd BATTALION RIFLE MEETING, 1904.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Just a few lines in reference to our Annual Rifle Meeting which took place at all stations (Colombo, D'Lawa, Trinco), on the 14th, 15th, and 16th Sept. The entries this year were rather smaller than last on account of the price of ammunition, but for all that a large number rolled up to try their skill. There were two new events this year in the programme, viz., the Western Cup and the Long Cup.

On account of the Battalion being so split up the wires were kept busy asking for "all the winners." At an early hour each morning a goodly number of competitors de-trained at Hunupitiya station (this is where Colombo competitors shot), pale but determined, where they were met by a crowd of boys to carry various articles, such as bottles of black paint, camphor, matches, and ends of candles, not to mention spectacles, and I might mention rifles. The event in which is centred the greatest keenness is the Inter-Company Shield, presented by the Sergeants' Mess, and shot for by a team of 10 (all ranks) from each Company, last year's holders being A Company.

I append a short prizelist below:

SHIELD, 1904.

1	B Company	389 points.
2	F "	388 "
3	E "	382 "
4	A "	379 "
5	C "	373 "
6	G "	369 "
7	H "	348 "
8	D "	341 "

OFFICERS' CUP.

Colour-Sergt. Spooner, 128 points out of 140.

ECCLES CUP.

Colour-Sergt. Jury, 95 points out of 105.

LONG CUP.

Colour-Sergt. Spooner, 94 points out of 105.

WESTERN CUP.

Tie not yet shot off.

VERNIER.

Colombo, Oct. 1st, 1904.

The following are the results of the Battalion Annual Rifle Meeting, 1904:—

OFFICERS' CUP.

Officers and Sergeants.

	Pts.	Rs.	Cts
1. Cr.-Sergt. J. Spooner, E	128	20	00
2. Band Sergt. C. Hindmarsh, A	123	15	00
3. Cr.-Sergt. R. Thorne F	122	10	00
4. Q.M.S. J. Wood, F	120	7	50
5. Ar.-Sergt. G. Simons, G	117	5	00
6. Cr.-Sergt. E. Bullock, D	116	5	00
7. Captain, F. J. Joslin	115		
8. Lieut. A. K. Grant... ..	114		
9. Sergt. W. Moir, C.....	109	5	00
10. Sergt. A. Chasteneuf, A	109	4	00
11. Lieut. J. T. W. Fiennes	108		
12. Bt.-Major H. Isacke ..	108		
13. Sergt. P. C. Kevan, E	108	4	00
Total Rs.	75	50	

Corporals and Privates.

	Pts.	Rs.	Cts.
1. Lance-Corpl. F. Ibbotson. E.....	124	20	00
2. Private J. Blackall, A ..	118	15	00
3. „ J. Argent, A.....	117	10	00
4. Lance-Corpl. H. Stevens, E.....	112	5	00
5. Private H. McKay, D	107	5	00
6. „ J. Hurley, C.....	105	5	00
7. Corpl. H. Chawkey, D.....	104	5	00
8. Lance-Corpl. G. Gadsdon, E	103	3	00
9. Private S. Edwards, C	103	3	00
10. Lance-Corpl. E. Hickmott, H	101	3	00
11. Private W. Dear, E	101	3	00
12. „ J. May, G.....	99	2	50
13. Corpl. G. Allan, G	93	2	50
14. Lance-Corpl. C. Thurling, F.....	97	2	50
15. Private F. Simpson, D	96	2	50
16. Lance-Corpl. W. Freeman, F	96	1	75
17. Corpl. W. Gillespie, C	96	1	25
18. Private E. Davis, H	96	1	25
19. Corpl. C. Nicholson, F	95	1	25
Total Rs.	92	50	

ECCLES CUP.

Officers and Sergeants,

	Pts.	Rs.	Cts.
1. Cr.-Sergt. H. Jury, F	95	20	00
2. Sergt.-Major C. Mitchell, B	92	15	00
3. Cr.-Sergt. J. Spooner, E.....	92	10	00
4. Band Sergt. C. Hindmarsh, A.....	91	7	00
5. Ar. Sergt. G. Simons, G.....	89	5	00
6. Cr.-Sergt. E. Bullock, D.....	89	5	00
7. Sergt. W. Moir, C	89	5	00
8. Captain F. J. Joslin.....	87		
9. Lieut. A. K. Grant	87		
10. Q.M.S. Wood, F	86	4	00
11. Lieut. C. W. Case-Morris	84		
12. Sergt. A. Colyer, F	81	4	00
Total Rs.	75	00	

Corporals and Privates.

	Pts.	Rs.	Cts.
1. Lance-Corpl. H. Stevens, E	87	20	00
2. Private S. Edwards, C.....	85	15	00
3. Lance-Corpl. F. Ibbotson, E	83	10	00
4. Corpl. J. Wright, C.....	82	5	00
5. Lance-Corpl. W. Yates, C	81	5	00
6. „ E. Hickmott, H.....	79	5	00
7. Private, W. Scott, C	79	5	00
8. „ H. Lee, A	78	4	00
9. „ G. Ridley, C	76	4	00
10. „ M. Connor, E	76	4	00
11. „ J. Argent, A	75	4	00
12. Lance-Corpl. C. Thurling, F	75	3	00
13. Private W. Flynn, G	74	3	00
14. Corpl. E. May, D.....	74	3	00
5. „ W. Gillespie, C	73	3	00
16. „ J. Boldy, D	73	3	00
17. Lance-Corpl. T. Copeland, F	72	2	00
18. „ A. Mills, D	72	2	00
19. Private F. Simpson, D.....	71	2	00
20. „ H. Bullard, C	71	2	00
21. „ G. Spaul, F	71	2	00
22. „ T. Merrick, C.....	71	2	00
Total Rs.	108	00	

LONG CUP.

	Pts.	Rs.	Cts.
1. Cr.-Sergt. J. Spooner, E... ..	94	7	50
2. Cr.-Sergt. E. Bullock, D	92	10	00
3. Sergt. W. Moir, C	90	5	00
4. Cr.-Sergt. R. Thorne, F.....	88	5	00
5. Cr.-Sergt. H. Jury, F.....	88	5	00
6. Band Sergt. C. Hindmarsh, A	88	2	50
7. Ar.-Sergt. G. Simons, G	87	2	50
8. Q.M.S. J. Wood, F	86	2	50
9. Sergt.-Major C. Mitchell, B	81	2	00
Total Rs.	42	00	

DEPOT INTELLIGENCE.

Sergt. James has been discharged, invalided.
Sergeant Reeves has rejoined from Hythe.

DEPOT BRANCH R.A.T.A.

On the afternoon of the 14th October the Rev. Batson paid us a visit, and by kind permission of the C.O the troops were assembled in the Gymnasium, when they heard something for their benefit, and just before the close the six months' badge was presented to Colour-Sergt. Osborne, and after the meeting was closed 30 men signed the pledge. On the 27th October we held a concert in the same place, by permission of the C.O, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Friends were allowed in, so we had a very good attendance. The following programme was carried out:

Selection.....	Selected.....	Mr. Okill
Song.....	"I've brought the Coals".....	Clr.-Sergt. Allen
Cornet Solo.....	Selected	Sergt. Dr. Gee
Song.....	"Queen of the Earth"	Sergt. Harper
Song.....	"Oh, the business".....	Clr.-Sergt. Hunt
Song.....	"The Mass of a Cottage".....	Pte. Kentford
Selection on the Phonograph	Clr.-Sergt. Ailwood	
Song.....	"Play that Melody again"	Sergt. Pond
Song.....	"Bill Bailey"	Lt. Seecombe
Song	"Any rags"....	Clr.-Sergt. Allen & Sergt. Blount
Song.....	"The Admiral"	Rev. Hardcastle
Recitation.....	"The Rival Jockeys"	S.M. Outten
Song	"The Golden Dustman"	Pte. Douch
Address	Rev. Hardcastle	
Magic Lantern	Rev. Hardcastle	

God Save the King.

Great praise is due to those who took part in the programme, especially Ctr-Sergt. Allen, who kept the place alive when he brought the coals, and then he collected the rags. Some wanted to know if the articles he collected all counted as rags, and then when "Bill Bailey" appeared there were roars of laughter. They did not like to lose him, as they called for an encore, and I am sure they all felt thankful to Cr.-Sgt. Ailwood for kindly bringing his phonograph; also to the Rev. Hardcastle for the magic lantern and the splendid address he gave. The Committee hope the men will take his advice and join our ranks. Our heartiest thanks are given to the Committee who arranged the programme and those who took part in it, also to the C.O. for so kindly letting us have the place. The meeting was brought to a close at ten p.m. by the singing of "God save the King." I hope this is one of many during the winter months, then I am sure we shall be able to swell our ranks.

E. J. KING, Corpl,
Secretary Depot Branch R.A.T.A.

3rd BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

Sergeant Hyde proceeds to Hythe to join a class at the School of Musketry.

Sergeant Pye has rejoined from Hythe.

Lieut. J. S. Masterman and Lc.-Sergt. P. Maloney, qualified at the School of Musketry on the 27-9-04.

VOLUNTEER INTELLIGENCE.

2nd VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

Lieutenant L. de B. Barnett qualified at the School of Musketry on 27th September, 1904.

SUBSCRIPTION RECEIVED.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following:—
To December, 1906, Major A. Martyn.

WORK AND WAGES IN CANADA

(CONTINUED).

LETTER No. II.

As I have said in concluding portion of my first article, I found myself in possession of 11 dollars 40 cents at the close of the military camp, and although I knew there was no immediate need for me to secure work, still I made up my mind not to remain idle any longer than I could help, for I thought that although I had had no difficulty in joining the militia, I might not find manual work so readily, unskilled in any particular kind of labour as I was. I therefore determined to strike out at once, and so, on the Tuesday after I had drawn my militia pay, I started out on my search for work.

I had no idea as to what sort of work I wanted—I did not specialise or differentiate—all I wanted was work—work of any kind or sort which would keep me—that was all—and so I walked out of my boarding house looking about me at every turn, endeavouring to sight some likely place to get a job. I saw one or two buildings in course of erection, and tried to secure employment as carpenter's or bricklayer's labourer, but with no success. Everywhere I applied the works were either too far advanced or they were not far enough advanced, and it would be some days before they wanted any more help, but I "could call round again."

Whenever I applied for work and was unsuccessful I always made it a point of asking the person to whom I applied if he knew of anyone else likely to want a man, and I strongly advise all those placed in a like position to myself to follow my example in this respect, for more often than not one gets to hear of something or other by these methods, whereas if one does not ask the other party is not likely to volunteer information unless he has a personal interest in the applicant.

A LONG LIST OF APPLICATIONS.

I started off on my search early in the afternoon, and it was getting on towards six o'clock before I ultimately succeeded in finding someone willing to make use of my service. During the course of my peregrinations I had applied successively to two building foremen, a market gardener, a wholesale grocer, a doctor in want of a handy man, but who I found had satisfied himself with a boy, a livery stable keeper, who wanted a carriage driver, and from whom I could have doubtless secured a job but for my lack of French, and a section boss on the railway. Then I happened to pass a woodyard, and noticing the men at work, walked in and asked to see the boss.

One of the French-Canadians who was engaged splitting wood paused in his labours for a moment, laconically jerked his head towards a corner of the yard where a tall, thin man in dirty and much-patched overalls was loading a cart with cordwood, pausing every few minutes to wipe the sweat from his face and swear at the horse, who evinced a desire to start off before the load was completed.

Without any preliminaries whatever, I made my way over to him, and nodding with true Colonial indifference said "Good day."

"Day?" he replied in a surly tone, which made me think that my prospects of getting a job were very remote, and also impressed me with the idea that if I did get one I wouldn't keep it long.

"Want a man?" I ventured.

Slowly his eyes travelled over me from head to foot and back again from foot to head—although it was a full two minutes before he muttered:

"Yup!"

"Well, how will I do?"

Again a long pause, and that silent inspection, which I cannot help admitting made me feel somewhat ill at ease. I felt that he was "weighing me up" and wondering whether he could get his money's worth of work out of me, and I instantly made up my mind that he'd be a regular slave driver; but I was out for work, and if he offered me a job I meant to take it. Suddenly the question came:

"What do you do?"

"Anything you want me to," I replied; "chop, saw, load, or anything. I want a job and don't care what it is, as long as there's money at the end of it."

"Can yer run a saw?"

"Never ran one in my life, but I'll try. If I don't do it right, fire me. It'll do you no harm to give me a trial and will do me good."

His next question astonished me.

"Down on yer luck, eh?"

"Well a little," I replied. "I can't get a job at my own business and am looking for something else. I daresay I'll get work soon but while the grass grows, you know, the horse starves, and though the Canadian air may be very healthy and bracing, I've no desire to sleep in it and live on it until something turns up. It wouldn't be exactly fattening."

He broke into a laugh, which fairly startled me, for, to judge from his face, one would think he had as much mirth in him as an Egyptian mummy, and the noise he made was astounding.

"You'll do me! You can run that saw and help me load! I'll give yer—I'll give yer—a dollar and a quarter a day, and yer can start in the morning, six o'clock. Had yer supper? If not, step across to the house and feed with me."

I declined this invitation, as I was anxious to get back to my boarding house, and assuring my new employee that I would be at the yard at six in the morning, went to get a good night's rest.

RUNNING A SAW.

Morning found me back at the yard at ten minutes to six, and when the boss came across from his home I was waiting to begin—indeed I was the only one who had put in an appearance.

"Morning!" he said.

"Morning," I replied, and without more preamble he opened the yard gates and we passed into the saw shed.

The saw was one of the most tumble-down affairs I have ever seen. It was all out of the true and I marvelled that it would saw anything harder than butter. The motive power was supplied by an ancient and decidedly scraggy animal called by courtesy a horse, who looked, like his master, as if a feed would do him no harm, but who I afterwards discovered was capable of plodding along hour after hour without pause or rest.

"Sandy," for I will call my employer by the name by which he was known by his workmen, proceeded to show me how the saw was worked, and it did not take me very long to grasp the details of it and to get the thing running in fine style. Once or twice during the morning we stopped the saw for a short while, and I went out into the yard to help him load the wood, but for the greater part of the time my work was one monotonous routine of picking the logs off the ground, cutting them into lengths, and then throwing these cut lengths through an opening into the yard, where they were stacked.

The work cannot be called hard; but to me, unused as I was to manual labour, it was somewhat trying, and I was not sorry when we knocked off for dinner at noon. Later I got into the knack of it, and I think that now I can handle cord wood as well as anybody, although my employment in the saw mill only lasted a short time.

"SANDY'S" STORY.

There is no denying the fact that the bed pulled very hard the next morning, and it was only by an effort of will that I turned out as the clock was striking five, and after breakfast went back to my work. I kept my place with "Sandy" till the following Tuesday week, and believe I could have had it still had I so wished, but as I got a chance of a better job on a farm a few miles off I left him in order to take it.

He was a strange character. Forbidding as his exterior was, he had a heart of gold, and during the time I was with him I learned to appreciate his many good qualities, for he was a good master in every way and treated me well. I heard something of his story from one of the workmen in the yard, and it only served to increase the interest and respect I had for the man.

It seemed that some ten or twelve years ago "Sandy" had been in better circumstances, and had owned quite a lot of property. His only son had turned out wild and dissipated, but such was the love which Sandy had for the motherless boy that he pampered him to the utmost and supplied him with money without stint.

The inevitable end came. The young fellow over-reached himself one day, and a quarrel between father and son was the result. The old man shut off the supplies, and the younger, determined to have what he regarded his by right, rifled his father's desk and disappeared in the night.

From that time my informant told me "Sandy" had never looked up. Day by day he had gone about his work silent, stern and uncomplaining, and day by day he had waited for the return of the prodigal, but in vain. His stern exterior, forbidding sympathies or confidences, he lived alone with his sorrow, waiting, always waiting, in the hopes that one day "his boy" would come back. I wonder if he ever will. For the old man's sake I hope not.

When I told Sandy that I wanted to leave him he looked at me reproachfully and said: "Can't stand the old man, eh? Well, well! I'm sorry!"

I hastened to assure him that I was only leaving him to better myself, and that I'd come back again if ever I wanted a job. "That's right, lad," he said, "come back when you've a mind. I'll find you something to do. Yer a good lad and 'll do well! Yes, ye'll do well. I wish—I wish mine had—well, well! that can't be helped. But come back when you've a mind."

I was really quite sorry to leave the old man, for whom I had already begun to have a sincere regard, but I was out to make money, and as I had heard of a job a few miles away at 1.00 dollar a day and my board I decided to take it.

ANOTHER KIND OF WORK.

My work with "Sandy" lasted from Wednesday, July 13, to Tuesday, July 26th, when I left him to go to work in the hayfield. On the very day I left him I noticed an advertisement in The Star for register keepers for the province of Quebec Rifle Association's meeting at Point aux Trembles, and as I had had experience in this work, and as I knew that my work on the farm would only last for the hay making, I hastened to write to the secretary of the association offering my services, and in the course of a few days received a reply engaging me for the three days' meeting at a salary of 2.50 dollars a day, and telling me to report for duty at the ranges at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 9th. It seemed as if my star was in the ascendant and that I should not have to engage in manual work much longer.

And now let me review my financial position. When I commenced work with "Sandy" I had eight dollars seven cents left, for out of my militia pay, 11 dollars 40 cents, I had to pay two dollars for my board on

Saturday, Monday and Tuesday; Sunday cost me 57 cents; tobacco, 10 cents; stamps, 15 cents, and repairs to my shoes 50 cents.

My twelve days' work with "Sandy" had resulted in 15 dollars being placed to the credit side of my private ledger, from which, however, my expenses had to be deducted, and when this was done I found myself with some six dollars odd to the good, which, added to my eight dollars seven cents, left me just under 14 dollars in hand as the result of a month's work.

Now I think that I have already more than shown that I did not make an over-sanguine statement in my first article when I said that "it was possible for any man able to pass the medical examination of the Immigration Department's doctor to find work which would enable him to keep himself until able to secure a job at his own trade or business."

Here was I, at the end of a month's work, healthy and content with my lot, with money in my pocket and a feeling of confidence and satisfaction that I cannot remember having had before.

I had come to a new country, a stranger in a strange land. I had met with rebuffs, and the Fates had at first frowned on me, and yet at the end of a month's work at labour in which I had had no experience, I had managed to save 13.00 dollars without stinting myself in any way, and during the whole of the time I had lacked for nothing necessary to make life comfortable. True I had not indulged in any luxuries, but I lived well and put on weight, so that hardship cannot be spoken of or even suggested.

On Wednesday, the 27th of July, I started my work in the hayfield—work which undoubtedly tried me at first, but which I got quite expert in in a few days, and which I took a sincere liking to.

GEORGE ONWARD.

BIRTH.

At Maidstone, on 20th September, 1904, the wife of Pte. H. Hall, of a daughter.

At Maidstone, on October 8th, 1904, the wife of Pte. T. Ayres, Depot, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

At Ceylon, on 6th September, 1904, No. 5845 Pte. F. Hensby, 2nd Battalion, of dysentery and abscess of liver.

At Ceylon, on the 10th September, 1904, the wife of No. 1324 Mus. J. Wilson.

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LINE BATTALIONS.

Captain F. J. Joslin to be Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion, vice Brevet-Major H. Isacke, dated 16th November, 1904.

Lieutenant G. F. H. Keenlyside to be Captain, vice Captain T. T. Burt, dated 21st September, 1904.

1st BATTALION.

Promoted Colour-Sergeant—Sergt. C. Naylor, 28th July, 1904.

Promoted Sergeant—Lce.-Sergt. W. Collins, 17th June, 1904.

Promoted Corporal—Lce.-Corpl. M. McNamara, 28th July 1904.

Appointed Lance-Corporal—Pte. H. Wood, 5th October, 1904.

2nd BATTALION.

Appointed Lance-Corporal—Pte. S. Moss, 10th September, 1904.

DEPOT.

Promoted Sergeant—Lce.-Sergt. C. Cramp, 4th November, 1904; Lce.-Sergt. Coomber, 19th November, 1904.

Appointed Lance-Sergeant—Corpl. E. J. King, 4th November, 1904; Corpl. H. Kipps, 19th November, 1904.

Promoted Corporal—Lce.-Corpl. E. Branson, 4th November, 1904; Lce.-Corpl. A. Lewis, 4th November, 1904; Lce.-Corpl. A. Martin, 19th November, 1904; Lce.-Corpl. W. White, 24th November, 1904.

Appointed Lance-Corporal—Pte. C. L. Waern, 19th November, 1904.

Promoted Sergeant—Lce.-Sergt. Selves (Details), 4th November, 1904.

Appointed Lance-Corporal—Pte. H. Bass (Details), 1st November, 1904; Pte. W. Coles (Details), 19th November, 1904; Pte. D. Budgeon (Details), 19th November, 1904; Pte. A. Calver (Details), 19th November, 1904; Pte. T. Drivers (Details), 23rd November, 1904; Pte. W. Routledge (Details), 23rd November, 1904; Pte. W. Parker (Details), 23rd November, 1904; Pte. W. Goodchild (Details), 23rd November, 1904.

1st VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

Acting-Chaplain the Rev. W. M. Falloon, B.A., resigns his appointment, 5th November, 1904.

2nd VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

Major B. H. Latter is granted the Hon. rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, 5th November, 1904.

Lieut.-Col. and Hon. Colonel E. Satterthwaite, V.D., has been appointed to act as Brigadier (temporarily) of the West Kent Volunteer Infantry Brigade, dated 21st November, 1904.

SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION.

We regret that by a clerical error Major-General E. Leach, C.B., was shown as being a Vice-President of the Association, whereas he has kindly consented to become its President.

We are informed that the Annual Dinner will take place at Woolwich, on February 11th. On this date there is a football match between Woolwich Arsenal and Blackburn Rovers at Woolwich, which will attract a goodly number of the Members of the Association.

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

Battalion v. Rifle Brigade (2nd match for the Malta Football League).—Played on the Marsa on the 11th November. Again we had to bring a weak and untrained team into the field, owing to the Battalion still being out at Pembroke. We were also without the services of Pte. Lord, who was unable to turn up, consequently the team had to play 10 men. In the first half our team played up very well, and, in fact, had the best of the game, and with a little luck we might have scored.

Just before half-time a foul was given against one of our backs in the penalty area, and in the kick which followed, the Rifle Brigade managed to score. In the next half the opposing team were pressing nearly the whole time, caused

chiefly by want of training of our team, and the absence of Pte. Lord. The game ended by the Rifle Brigade winning (3—0).

For our side, both backs and Pte. Hunter at half, played well. Our team was as follows—Corpl. Cassidy (goal), Sergt. Harris and Pte. Cogger (backs), Ptes. Darlow and Hunter (half-backs), Pte. Eastgate, Lance-Corpl. Davis, Pte. Sparrow, Lance-Corpl. Keeble, Pte. Langridge (forwards).

1st Battalion v. Army Service and Army Ordnance Corps.—This match was played on the Marsa on the 5th November. Our team were very much out of condition chiefly owing to the fact that they are out at Pembroke under canvas, and get no practice. The game was rather slow and uninteresting throughout; we managed to score in the first ten minutes through the opposing goal-keeper not picking the ball up cleanly. If only our forwards would learn to shoot we might win many more matches, and in this match they ought to have scored about ten goals.

Just before the end of the game we managed to score a second goal through a really good piece of combination on the part of the forwards.

Only once during the game did the opposing side look at all like scoring, but with the use of his hands, Pte. Darlow managed to clear; in the penalty kick which followed our opponents failed miserably. For us Pte. Sparrow and Lance-Corpl. Davis scored a goal each.

Our team was as follows—Corpl. Cassidy (goal), Sergt. Harris and Pte. Lord (backs), Pte. Cogger, Pte. Ellen, Pte. Darlow (half-backs), Pte. Eastgate, Lance-Corpl. Davis, Pte. Sparrow, Lance-Corpl. Keeble, Pte. Langridge (forwards).

1st Battalion v. 2nd Essex Regiment (3rd match for Malta League).—Played on the Marsa on the 12th November. In this match I am glad to say we were able to turn out with a stronger team than the one which suffered defeat the day before. The great feature of the game was the improvement of the forwards.

During the whole game our team was pressing, and only once or twice did our opponents look dangerous; Corpl. Cassidy, however, proved equal to these occasions and cleared well. We managed to score our first goal in the first quarter hour through Lance-Corpl. Davis. Nothing more was scored until the teams changed over; on resuming play through a misunderstanding on our part, the centre-forward of the Essex was allowed to run through and score what was thought by us to be an off-side goal, the referee, however, awarded the goal to the Essex. From that point we had matters quite our own way, our men making many vigorous attacks on the Essex goal. From a free-kick Pte. Cogger kicked a splendid goal, thus giving us the lead. Almost within five minutes of this Pte. Hunter managed to notch another goal. Nothing more was scored by either side before the whistle sounded, the game ending in a win for us (3—1).

All the team played well, the most noticeable perhaps being Pte. Eastgate at outside right, and Pte. Lord at right back. Our team was as follows—Corpl. Cassidy (goal), Sergt. Harris and Pte. Lord (backs), Ptes. Green, Ellen and Darlow (half-backs), Pte. Eastgate, Lance-Corpl. Davis, Pte. Hunter, Lance-Corpl. Keeble, Pte. Langridge (forwards).

RIFLE SHOOTING.

During the latter part of last month the Regimental and Young Soldiers' Teams shot for the Army Rifle Association's "Queen Victoria" and "Young Soldiers" Cups. The Regimental team was dogged throughout their practice by ill-luck and from sickness and other causes failed to do themselves justice. Clr.-Sergt. Kill, however, kept up his reputation as a good steady shot. The young soldiers, trained by Clr.-Sergt. I. M. Dark did well, and judging by last year's results, will be near winning a money prize. The Regimental team should find some useful recruits from among them for future years. Pte. Broadwood did well at each distance, and Lance-Corpl. Marks made a particularly good score at 500 yards. The full scores are appended:—

QUEEN VICTORIA CUP.

	200 Yards.	500 Yards.	600 Yards.	Total.
Col.-Sergt. Kill	29	31	31	91
Bandsman Stuart	26	32	29	87
Col.-Sergt. Murphy ...	31	25	25	81
Sergt. Wren	30	30	21	81
Sergt. Colyer	26	29	24	79
Col.-Sergt. I. M. Dark	28	28	20	76
Sergt. Brown	30	20	26	76
Sergt. Nicholson	27	24	21	72
Totals	227	219	197	643
Averages	28.37	27.37	24.62	80.37

YOUNG SOLDIERS' CUP.

	200 Yards.	500 Yards.	600 Yards.	Total.
Pte. Broadwood	28	29	28	85
Lance-Corpl. Marks ...	29	33	20	82
Pte. Rogers	31	30	20	81
Pte. Bloomfield	28	30	22	80
2nd-Lieut. Hoare	31	24	22	77
Pte. Faulkner	30	27	19	76
Pte. Canty	26	22	22	70
Pte. Hennis	24	19	20	63
Totals	227	214	173	614
Averages	28.37	26.75	21.62	76.75

A, B, F and G Companies have now completed Parts I and II, Table B, for 1905, and have shown a great improvement on last year.

Malta,

November 13th, 1904.

SERGEANTS' DANCE.

The Sergeants gave their first quadrille party of the season on the 19th of October, in the Garrison Gymnasium. There was a large and appreciative gathering numbering about 150. Dancing commenced at 9 p.m. and was kept up until the small hours of the morning.

The music was provided by the Band of the Battalion, whose excellent rendering under the directorship of Sergt. Allen was highly appreciated.

Much credit is due to the Committee, consisting of Quarter-Master-Sergt. Cover (President), Sergts. Seaton, Ashton, Kingham, and Tranter for their excellent management. The room was tastefully decorated with bunting, and everybody seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

R.A.T.A. CONCERT.

On the 13th October about 180 members of this Association sat down to tea, after which a most successful concert was arranged by the Committee, consisting of Corpls. Fish, James, Cassidy, and Ptes. Merrony and Metherall, in which the chief talent of the Regiment took part. This is the first of its kind held in Malta this time, and we hope to have many more of them in the future.

SERGEANTS' SMOKING CONCERT.

On the 22nd October the Sergeants of the Regiment held a smoking concert at their Mess at Florinana.

Colonel Maunsell and a number of officers of the Battalion arrived about 9.30, when things were in full swing, several very good songs were sung by the Sergeants of the Regiment and their guests. Quarter-Master-Sergt. Saul, A.S.C., went very strong in a song called "The man that brought the coals," also "Bill Bailey" by Sergt. Allen made a great hit.

Quarter-Master-Sergt. Cover then asked the Colonel to give away the shooting prizes, which had been shot for on the previous Thursday, some of these prizes causing great merriment to all.

Shortly after this the Colonel and officers left, but it was rumoured that the concert was kept up until the early hours of the morning.

A COMPANY.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I am afraid my news concerning A Company will be rather brief, owing to taking over the rather arduous task of Correspondent at the end of the month; and thereby missing a few interesting details, which might have been (or not have been) of interest to our great circle of readers. Whilst leaving myself to the tender mercies of critics (and there are many), I humbly apologise for all errors, and anything that might be thought personal.

The Company has been very busy during the month, and I think I can divide the work into two groups, viz., Musketry and Football. Though the latter is hardly work in the sense of the word, yet if one watches the men on the square every spare minute seems to be utilised by them in carrying on their favourite pastime.

No. 2 and 3 Sections work very hard, and do great credit to themselves and their Company. It is hoped that all will work together and be able to put on the field as good a team as any Company.

Sergt. Balcombe, who takes great interest in the men, is Captain of the team, and with his able co-operators I predict a successful season.

Several minor matches have taken place with the other Companies, in which the men have shown fine form.

A grand game came off on Saturday, 29th October, on the Marsa, v. C Company, and again A proved herself victorious.

For the Company, Lance-Corpl. Barrett, Ptes. Banks and Sargeant, played a fine game, the latter scoring three goals in splendid style. A whisper was heard in the crowd that the above mentioned were members of the noted "Woolwich Arsenal team." They might be—who knows! May the team continue in their good luck, is the wish of all.

The Company received a rather rude shock when the news was verified that the annual course of musketry would take

place shortly. All of a sudden, like an electric shock, musketry ran through the rooms, in fact a rook was heard to remark: "If I was to peg out now, musketry would be found written on my heart." Poor fellow!!

The miniature range has been kept very busy, and several good scores have been produced. Lieut.-Colonel G. Maunsell paid us a visit one morning, and gave several useful hints to the men as to their firing, etc.

Now that a 3rd class shot is as bad as a "black-listed civilian," every man is trying his level best to be marksman.

The Company left Floriana on the 31st October, with half the Battalion for Pembroke Camp, a place most of us are well acquainted with, and up to the present the firing has been good. All ranks hope fine weather will favour the annual course.

On the 15th November, the Company move to Mellisha for training, etc., the account of which I hope to send you for the next issue.

We have been very fortunate as regards officers, after the terrible rumour which circulated through the Company, to the effect that Lieut. R. Lynch-White was leaving us for the Provisional Battalion, we are very glad to find out it was not true, not yet at any rate we all hope. Mr. Fisher has been attached to us for duty, which made a few of our members of the A.T.A. shake! for why, I am not in a position to say. A wag suggested, that on Mr. Fisher going round the rooms, he might scent peppermint or cachous from A.T.A. members.

In the earlier part of the month, the Maxim gun team proceeded to Pembroke Camp and fired a course. Our Company under Sergt. Keen and a most intelligent mule (who has a passion for Ambeet) did very creditably; but unfortunately were unable to complete the traversing fire, owing to the lateness of the hour.

The Sergeants were firing the same day for various cups, etc., and we were glad to see Sergt. Colyer win Col. Harrison's cup, £5, and the best shot of Sergeants. All congratulations go to Sergt. Colyer, from the Company, on his successful shooting.

A good story is told how a certain Private, suffering from imaginary blindness, was cured:—

Scene: Back of "A" boy's bungalow. Men practising aiming drill.

Officer: Where are you aiming man?

Private: On the left edge of the bull, sir.

Officer (laughing): Why man, alive, the target has been taken away ten minutes ago.

(Collapse of the Private).

I am, Sir,

Yours truly,

A Company Correspondent.

On Friday, 30th September, E and F Companies carried out another useful tactical scheme, Major Lowe acting as umpire. The idea was that an invading force had landed a portion of its troops at St. George's Bay, the remainder having been blown down the coast to Marsa-Scirocco by a storm, which interrupted the disembarkation. A small force of the defenders was reported to be north or Birchircara, and the invading detachment received orders to reconnoitre and attack them.

Such a scheme afforded plenty of scope for individual initiative; both Companies accordingly were early afield—E Company under 2nd-Lieut. Hearle representing the invaders, while F Company moved off into the broken country south of

Tal-Balal, where we—the invaders—had to find and attack them.

By the time we had reached our allotted station and thrown out outposts to watch the maze of tracks over the rocky hill of Wied-il-Kbir, the sun was well up, and fires were lighted by the pickets and a hasty breakfast cooked, in the middle of which our patrols reported the enemy advancing under cover of the stone walls of the plantations. Some brisk skirmishing ensued, the pickets holding their own until a section of the enemy succeeded in working round our flank, and the umpire declared them to have the best of it.

Much useful instruction was gained by all ranks, especially in patrolling and keeping communication over a difficult country. The two Companies marched back to Floriana about mid-day with the consciousness of a good morning's work well done.

E Company's Correspondent.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I think that as we are now nearing the end of perhaps one of the most successful years the Company has ever had, I ought to give you a short diary of our doings in 1904. Early in the year we managed to win the Inter-Company Football Shield after a very hard tussie with F Company. Later on, after the arrival of the Battalion in Malta, we proved ourselves to be the best shooting company, and so won the shield. This being the second year in succession in which we have won it.

In the Aquatic Sports of the Battalion we managed to win the Inter-Company Boat Race after a good race with H Company, much credit is due to Sergt Harris in the way in which he trained the team and also to the team in the way they backed him up.

This year the Sanford Drill Shield was given to the Company which won the Inter-Company Bayonet fighting, this also we managed to win. Here we have to thank Lance-Sergt. Walker for training the team so well. In the final for this competition we had to fight F Company, which Company has been all this year our most dangerous rival at all kinds of sport. Pte. Chapman managed to secure the badge given to the best shot of the N.C.Os. and Privates of the Battalion, and is at present going well for the best shot of the Company this year, although he has great rivals in Lance-Sergt. Wood and Pte. Carmody. We have now finished Part 1, Table B, for this year, and have finished off with a figure of merit of 188.1, which is 13 points better than last year.

Amongst all this good fortune one is bound to have some ill-luck, and ours is that we have lost Capt. Annesley, who has taken over the duties of Adjutant of the 3rd Battalion; I am sure the Company to a man will feel his loss not only at work, but in the great keenness which he took in the Company's games. The only officer we have in the Company now is Lieut. Phillips, as 2nd-Lieut. Belcher has also left us to go to the West India Regiment.

We have played a lot of football this year, and have been up-to-date fairly successful; the following are some of the results:—

- G Company v. Army Service Corps, draw 1—1.
- „ v. G Co. Hants Regiment, won 3—1.
- „ v. E Co. Hants Regiment, lost 1—2.
- „ v. A Co. 1st R. W. Kent Regiment, won 3—2
- „ v. B Co. K. R. Rifles, won 3—0.

The team was usually selected from the following:—Sergt. Harris, Sergt. Walker, Lance-Corpl. Keeble, Lance-Corpl. Davis, Ptes. Gower, Ellen, Darlow, Fowler, Wood, Corpl.

Collins, Lance-Corpl. Clarke, Lieut. Phillips, Ptes. Wrench and McNamee.

The Company starts for Melleha to do its field firing on the 15th of November, and I feel sure No. 4 section at least are looking forward to visiting it again.

G Company Correspondent.

1st BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

Sergt. W. Penny and Sergt. W. Collins have re-engaged to complete 21 years' service.

Ptes. H. Young, P. Donovan, and E. Cheeseman have been appointed Pioneer.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

FAREWELL CONCERT AT THE KANDY BARRACKS.

Another farewell concert was given in the Recreation room of the Kandy barracks, on Saturday night, by B Company, under the patronage of Major T. H. Hotham, Officer Commanding, and the other officers, and was voted on all hands a great success. The company was assisted by two local amateurs, Mrs. Hill and Miss Wace, each of whom contributed two songs, while Mr. J. Botticelli presided at the piano. The concert opened with a mandoline solo by Pte. Vile, which was well received. Pte. Lawton's comic rendering of "Old Pals Together," in character, evoked much applause. After a song entitled "Gentleman Jack," by Cpl. Kemp, Pte. Shepherd amused the audience by his comic song, "Makes Me Go Old Goosie," which was loudly encored. Pte. Vile appeared again and favoured the audience with another mandoline solo, which was followed by feats of strength by Pte. F. Slodden, "The Pocket Hercules."

Mrs. Hill charmed her hearers with a beautiful song, exquisitely rendered. The effort was loudly encored, but there was no response. Pte. H. Kane, the comedian and mimic of the company, kept the audience in roars of laughter by his excellent interpretation of the comic song "Has Anybody Seen Cassidy?" and by clever imitation of the phonograph and the voice of a prima donna.

The first part of the programme was brought to a close by Pte. P. Ryan's fine rendering of "The Boys of the Chelsea School." After an interval of ten minutes, the second part of the programme opened with gymnastics and club swinging by Pte. Slodden, while Pte. Shepherd, who acted as the clown during the time, acquitted himself very creditably. The gymnastics were very much appreciated, as also the club swinging, the performer going through the different movements with great ease.

Pte. Lawton's song "The Pleasure Seeker" was vociferously encored, and, in reply, he sang another comic song "Arry, Arry, Arry." "Loves Sweet Song" was charmingly sung by Miss Wace. Her pathetic singing received rounds of applause, but there was no reply. The next items on the programme were mouth organ solos by Pte. F. Hare, which were excellently gone through. Ptes. Lawton and Vile, in the garb of Irish comedians, greatly pleased the audience with their clever step dancing and jokes, as also by the fine rendering of the song "Irish Knockabout." The pathetic rendering of "John Bull's Telephone" by Pte. Ryan was greatly appreciated. The last item on the programme was a dramatic recitation entitled "The Farewell upon the Bar-room Floor" by Pte. Kane, who again dis-

tinguished himself. The concert was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem. The attendance was very good, there being a large number of town folk present.

FOOTBALL.

Before a large and interested gathering of spectators, the Fort F.C. for the last time tried conclusions with the Sergeants of the R.W.K.R. at "soccer," on Galle Face, and had the satisfaction of winning the match by 2 goals to 1.

The weather, which during the afternoon threatened to interfere with the match, happily changed as the evening wore on, and the match was commenced in really ideal weather. On the last occasion these two teams met, the weather played a prominent part, and one and all who took part in that game last week, will not forget in a hurry the awful ducking they experienced.

The Fort Club played up remarkably well, their forwards being conspicuous time after time for brilliant dashes, especially Harvey, who excelled all others on the field. Fairholm was irreproachable at half, and with Bennett fed the forwards exceedingly well. Downie made an excellent full-back, and was a tower of strength to his side. The Sergeants, though beaten, played up gamely, and Redmond, Mills and Eley were all repeatedly applauded for their smart and solid work.

Sergeants team:—Sergeants Minal, Andrews, Reynolds, Mills, Dorrel, Camplin, Callan, Eley, Redmond, Colyer, and Mallon.

We have much pleasure in announcing the wedding of Brigade-Major Isacke and Miss Layard. The bridegroom was supported by Capt. Joslin as his best man. The aisle was lined by Sergeants, and everyone connected with the regiment was in white uniform. H.E. the Governor and Lady Blake were present, and His Excellency, in a few well chosen words, mutually congratulated the happy pair. In these congratulations and good wishes, I am sure all readers of the Queen's Own Gazette will most heartily join.

We have received, but much regret being unable to publish, a letter from a B Co. Correspondent, who appears to have been upset by a certain Company's own account of its football matches. We see nothing to be alarmed at. Each Company is at liberty and invited to write an account of its monthly doings, and it is not to be expected they will belittle themselves.

We wish B Company every success, as they have resolved to maintain their reputation in China, where they hope to find plenty of sport.

CASUAL NOTES ROUND THE DEPOT.

Nothing very stirring ever happens at the Depot. Our life glides along smoothly like the oft quoted brook, but I hope from time to time to chronicle some of the little incidents which relieve its monotony. The Company Football League is now in full swing, and it would require a clever prophet to predict which Company will eventually prove the winner of the shield. D Company has won this trophy ever since it was presented by Col. Brock, but the team will have to exert themselves this year if they wish to retain it. This Company started as a hot favourite for the shield, but gave indifferent displays in their first two matches. The

Depot team is doing fairly well, and is somewhere near the right end of the Maidstone League. We have won 4 matches, drawn 2, and lost 1. We ought to have beaten Snodland, but our team went to pieces in the last half, and we lost by 1 to 3. The casual spectator would say we were lucky in beating Malling, who seemed to have all the best of the game, but two brilliant dashes by Sweeney, and the persistent coolness and dexterity of Colour-Sergt. Bass in goal, gave us the game. Sweeney, by the way, is a marvellous goal getter. I am not quite sure of my numbers, but I think he has got 11 out of the last 12 goals scored by us.

A sporting match was played a few days ago between the recruits of A and C Companies. This is the class of game which one would like to see catch on at the Depot. The individual recruit has not much chance as a rule of coming to the front in games, unless he has, before joining, taken part in manly sports and pastimes. Few have had this chance, and consequently, few come to the front. The indifferent performer at a game very often enjoys it more than his expert comrade, and since the football ground is for the use of all at the Depot, let every recruit have his share of the pleasures to be got out of it. He will doubtless also get his fair share of pain in the form of strains and bruises, but youth soon forgets a black eye or a sore shin.

When not used for the purpose for which it was originally made, the Barracks Square forms an excellent hockey ground, and we have had several matches on it lately. There are, it is true, a certain number of sharpish stones about, and before sitting down violently, it is as well to have a look round to see if the business end of any of these stones is waiting for a soft spot in your anatomy. From my own experience I know one never has sufficient time to make a really careful survey of the ground before falling, but the affair always ends in a personal reconnaissance, the casualty list showing one man slightly wounded. An incident in one of our matches caused much amusement. A drove of Highland cattle was passing the barrack gate, and one of the animals catching sight of the brilliant shirts of the players, thought he might as well join in the game. Down the hill he came at a gallop, and a member of the Sergeants' Mess, who was watching the game, was nearly hoisted in the air. In a second the ground was clear, and the animal finding no one to play with, voted the game slow, and passed on through the barracks to the field. He went through our hedge on to the tow path, and there paused to take his bearings. Several civilians of both sexes were taking their afternoon walk on the path, but on the appearance of the wild beast they stopped and wondered. Only for a second, however, as a small recruit shouted through the hedge to an old lady "Look out Marm, he's mad." Never was seen such a scurry. The old lady ran like a four-year-old, and the tow-path might have been a running track with a weight for age event taking place. The animal eventually dropped into the river and swam across.

Most successful was the winding of the shooting season. On 31st October the members assembled in the Sergeants' Mess Depot, and settled down to what turned out to be a very pleasant evening. Not the least of the items was the presentation to the winners of the "Colyer" Cup and "Locks" Glasses. No, these glasses were not filled—but others were, and emptied, the Cup was filled, however. Sergt.-Dugay won the Cup with a score of 90 points made at the usual Bisley distances and conditions, whilst Colour-Sergt. Osborne carried off the Glasses—and in this competition Dugay was at his heels.

Sergt.-Major Outten was chairman, and in asking Major R. C. Style, Commanding the Depot, to make the presentation exhorted the members to hang together, and expressed the hope that the Club would always have something tangible to shoot for—considering the time they devoted and the expense they bore in making themselves proficient for the Country's benefit, the expense in providing ammunition was heavy, for ammunition could not be got hold of from the Government gratuitously.

Major Style in making the presentation, congratulated the winners, and promised his support. Space forbids us to dilate on the subject suffice to say the club has had success in its matches and tasted the bitterness of defeats, but there remains little to wipe off during the next season.

The usual toasts were honoured, and during the evening, Sergt.-James who, we regret to say, has been invalided after 12 years' service, received a token of friendship from his fellow Sergeants.

JOTTINGS FROM DOVER.

Dear Mr. Editor,

In response to your appeal, I send you a few jottings which will be of interest to your readers:—

No. 3,458, Col.-Sergt. G. Rigglesford, joined from Malta on 24th October, 1904.

No. 2,822, Col.-Sergt. A. E. Wood, and No. 4,913, Pte. A. Nichols, have joined from 2nd Battalion, via Woolwich, on 18th, and have proceeded on two months' sick furlough.

No. 4,607, Sergt. W. Saunders, qualified in musketry, at Hythe, on 4th inst.

A draft of 2 Sergeants and 81 men embarked on 3rd for Hong Kong, to join 2nd Battalion, and a draft of 1 Sergeant, 1 Corporal, and 100 men on the 18th for Malta, to join 1st Battalion.

On the evening previous to embarkation, a concert was given in the Canteen on their behalf, and a very pleasant evening was spent, artistes from "The Empire" being engaged for the occasion.

The Details of the Regiment have now been formed into two Companies, viz., 1 and 2 Companies, the draft which arrived on 21st inst., from the Depot, forming No. 2 Company. Col.-Sergt. Wise has been appointed Pay Sergeant of the Company, Ptes. Driver, Parker, Routledge, and Goodchild, of the draft, have been appointed Lance-Corpls. from the 23rd inst., all due to recommendations from the Depot, so buck up the recruits at the Depot, for we shall probably want some more Lance-Corpls. when the next draft arrives.

The whole of the Details of the R.W. Kent are to proceed to Lydd on the 29th inst., to be stationed there for a time, during which we are in hopes of getting all our recruits put through musketry. They are rather unlucky in having to fire in winter, but I feel sure that they will uphold the traditions of the Regiment, and try their level best.

We have a very good football team, they having played some seven matches during the season, and have not yet been beaten, and I hear of great things coming off in the way of sport between the newly formed Company and the old one when we get to Lydd.

I am pleased to state that No. 7,640, Pte. W. Smith, was successful in winning in fine style the middle-weight championship, in boxing, of the S.E. District, at Canterbury, on the 3rd inst., putting his first man out in 1½ minutes, and the second in 1 minute. The prize was £3 os. od.

"Details" Correspondent.

2nd BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

6148*Pte. T. Elliston has been transferred to 33rd Battery, Royal Field Artillery, 1st September, 1904.

5461 Band Sergt. C. Hindmarsh has been sent to the Depot, with a view to going to Kneller Hall for training for the position of Bandmaster.

Sergt. Mills has re-engaged to complete 21 years' service. Ptes. Dudman and Brewer have extended to complete 12 years.

Ptes. Roberts, Hensley, Brody, Hare, Miller, Twine, Gunningham, Murphy, Mushett, Looker, Laurel, Bryant, Lineham, Flattery, Pay, Patston, Gosling, Blannin, King, Reynolds, Steaston, Smith, and Lce.-Corpls. Cummings and Moger, have extended their service to complete eight years.

Pte. J. O'Connell has been discharged in Ceylon on completing 12 years' service.

2nd VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

The forty-fourth annual distribution of prizes took place on Saturday evening at headquarters, Holly Hedge House, Blackheath, Major E. F. Coates, M.P. for Lewisham, performing the ceremony. The spacious drill hall had been tastefully decorated, and previous to the distribution the band of the Battalion, under the direction of Mr. C. S. Birkhead, played. Colonel Satterthwaite, in giving a review of the year's work, said that his command expired on September 1st, and what was to happen to him was under the consideration of the War Office. They might determine that he should retire—at all events it was very unlikely that he should preside as their commanding officer next year. The strength of the Battalion was 878—about the same as when he took over the command eight years ago. During the war the number went up nearly to the establishment—numbering 1,400. It had now fallen and he did not think the strength was at all satisfactory, considering the important boroughs—Lewisham, Deptford and Greenwich—upon which they were able to draw. It was his sincere hope that under his successor the Battalion would again reach the large number he had mentioned. He maintained that the efficiency and discipline had improved while he had had command, especially the discipline, as was instanced by their night marching during camp. There had not been any advance, he regretted to say, in the number who attended parades, but there had been a considerable increase in the numbers attending camp. He wanted every member to attend camp and so prevent it being reported that their percentage was smaller than any of the three other battalions of the regiment. He believed that employers would let the men have leave if they were asked in the right way. With regard to musketry there was a better figure of merit besides a large number of marksmen. He hoped that under the new regulations they would go on improving. He did not know definitely where the camp would be held next year, but he had had an offer to go to Arundel Park, the seat of the Duke of Norfolk. The best shooting company was "K" (Charlton), with a figure of merit of 152.9, an increase of one point as compared with 1903; the best individual shot in the Battalion was Sergt. E. Bryant with 106 points. Sergt.-Instructor Cooke made 109, but his score did not count in the musketry record. They had now an efficient signalling section. He appealed for more cyclists, and, concluding, proposed a vote of thanks to Major Coates, M.P., who, on rising, was loudly cheered. He expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present

and to meet some of his constituents under such circumstances. They all regretted that Colonel Satterthwaite had practically made his farewell bow to them that evening (cheers). They would all agree that they could not have a better commanding officer than he had proved. Colonel Satterthwaite was justly proud of the regiment he commanded but they were prouder still to have been commanded by him. His name was a household word in the volunteer world, and they all remembered his services on the Royal Commission. Colonel Satterthwaite understood the subject with which he had to deal from top to toe. He appealed to employers to make it as easy as possible for their employees who were Volunteers to get away for camp, and he sincerely trusted that next year the members of the Battalion would be greatly increased. A concert followed under the direction of Surgeon-Captain Ardra Fegan.

WORK AND WAGES IN CANADA.

(CONTINUED).

In my last article I showed that at the time I left my employment at the woodyard I was 13 dollars 97 cents. to the good, and that I had already secured work from a big farmer to help in the hayfield at a dollar a day and my board, and this work I started in at the day after I left Sandy. Before recounting my experiences as a farm labourer, however, I would like to draw attention to the case of an Englishman, a skilled mechanic, who came to this country a few weeks ago to search for work, and whose methods of going about it will throw some light upon the reasons why some people fail to find employment.

The man to whom I refer is a skilled mechanic, with the best of characters, from his previous employers in the Old Country—a man who at home had been earning from 15 to 20 dollars a week regularly all the year round. This man came out to Montreal with his wife and family, and immediately commenced looking for employment. As he would take nothing except the same class of work to which he had been accustomed at home, he did not find a position at once, although so good were his recommendations that nearly all the works to which he applied either promised him the first vacancy they had or offered him a subordinate position until the opening he wanted should occur.

The other day I met him and asked him how he was getting along, and if he had secured work yet.

"No, not yet," he said, in a complaining tone, "It's just my luck. I got this the other morning, only it came two hours and a half after the time they wanted me to start," and he showed me a letter from one of the biggest engineering firms in the city, informing him that if he applied at their works at seven o'clock the day following the date on the letter he could start work at 2 dollars 75 cents. a day. It seems that although this letter had been posted in the city in the afternoon, it had not been delivered until about 9.30 the following morning.

"But man alive," I said, "surely you went down to the works and explained how it was you didn't turn in at 7 o'clock—they couldn't have refused to take you on for a delay which was not your fault at all?"

"No," he replied, in a despondent tone; "what was the good going there three hours late? They'd not have started me."

To say that I was startled was to put it mildly. Here was a man who had come out here to make his way in the world. He had a wife and family dependent upon him. According to his own confession he was hard up, and needed work badly, and yet by his own showing the first job that was offered him he did not bother to go after because the letter was two hours and a half late.

If he had gone down to the works the minute he had received the letter explained the circumstances to the manager, showed him the post-mark on the envelope, and asked to start at noon, I am confident he could have done so; but no, he had simply done nothing, and when, after my talking to him pretty straight for about half an hour, he did go to the works—three days after he received the letter—he found that the position offered him had been filled the day before.

Now, I prophesy that if that man goes on in the way he has begun he will never get a job in this country, unless it be by accident, for however capable a workman anyone may be, employers are not going out of their way to send special messengers all over the city to drag their men to work.

This incident for the truth of which I can vouch, will readily show why it is some immigrants fail to find employment—why they go home disgusted with the country, and why they write the bitter, unreasoning and irresponsible letters they do to the English papers.

If they would only tell both sides of the question in their wailings; if they would only state fully and plainly why they don't succeed in securing work, then no harm could be done to this country by their grumbling, but they don't! they only tell their own side of the story, and so they return home and pose as martyrs, who have been beguiled by fake statements into coming to a country where there is no work to be had, and their sympathizing friends and relatives forever after hold up their hands in pious horror whenever Canada is mentioned, and say: "Eh! but when John William went there he couldn't find work. Him as used to earn his three or four pound a week regular! Eh! but it's a horrible country!"

And now to return to my own experiences. I started work on the farm at 6 o'clock the morning after I left Sandy. It meant my getting up at about 4.30. for the farm was some miles away from where I had been boarding, but my new master had told me he wanted me there at six, so there I had to be. As I tramped along the country roads—if some of the tracks in the farming districts can be dignified by that name—towards the farm, I reviewed the many strange happenings which had befallen me since I landed in this country, and wondered what my new experience was going to be like. I wondered what my Fleet-street colleagues at home would think if they could only see me as I was then, tanned to a rich brown, tramping along in a pair of soiled blue jean overalls, with the few belongings I took with me slung over my shoulder. How many of them would have known me?

When I reached the farm I found everything astir, although it still lacked a quarter to six. The farmer was out milking, some of the farm hands were busy feeding the pigs, cattle and horses, and overhauling the waggons and gear ready to start, whilst others were already in the hayfield opening the hay out and spreading it in the sun.

I was sent off to join this latter gang, for when I engaged I told my employer frankly that I knew nothing of such farm work as milking, ploughing, or anything like that, and so he hired me just for work in the hayfield and nothing more.

To the uninitiated onlooker pitching hay seems quite an easy task. All one has to do is to stick a fork into a big pile of it, lift it up and shake it through the air, spreading it evenly on the ground all round. It certainly looked easy enough, but I had not been at work more than five minutes when I discovered that there was pretty considerable knack in it in addition to which a certain amount of bodily strength was needed, and within a short time of my commencing work I was in a lather of perspiration and seemed to be making but little headway. A few minutes careful study of the way the other hands used their forks, however, soon showed me the knack of the thing, and after that I went along famously, and was soon able to keep pace with the best of them.

One of the workers was a fellow known as Charlie, who at first, I thought was a French Canadian, his English was so broken. What was my surprise, however, when he said in very bad English, the effect of which it is impossible to reproduce in print: "Me Inglis, too: from London; been here eight nine year; work for Frenchmen all time, and so forgot Inglis." It was a positive fact. His knowledge of his mother tongue was practically nil and it was really pathetic to see him struggling with his words.

I heard that he had been working on farms ever since he came to the country; that he never went anywhere except from one job to another; and although we were only some six or seven miles from a town with from two to three thousand English speaking inhabitants, he had only been into it twice in four years. His wages he hoarded like any old miser, awaiting the time when he should have amassed enough to enable him to start a farm on his own account.

We worked until nearly eight o'clock, when we went up to the farm for breakfast, for which, needless to say, I was feeling quite ready. And what a breakfast it was, grilled steak, potatoes, fried eggs, bacon, cheese, apple pie and bread, butter and tea. I never in my life saw food disappear so rapidly; it seemed to vanish in the twinkling of an eye, and I can never recollect to have eaten such a breakfast before—or enjoyed one more either, for that matter. After breakfast we sat and smoked, for about ten or fifteen minutes, and then strolled back to the field to work.

By this time the sun had climbed pretty high in the heavens and the work began to try me a little, unused as I was to manual labour, but I kept on steadily and made up my mind to "stick to it," however hard it might seem, for I knew that the hardest part of the work was yet to come—the loading of the waggons and then the stowing of the hay in the barns. By noon the hay we had spread early in the morning was ready for carting, and as soon as we had finished dinner, which was served at mid-day, we commenced work carting. Now pitching hay to the top of a high waggon load is not easy, although it may look so. One has to know just how to stick the fork into the haycocks and then how to lift it. It is decidedly hard work, but by no means impossible to any man of average physique, and when once the trick of lifting is acquired it becomes comparatively easy.

(To be continued).

THE DEPARTURE OF THE 2ND BATTALION FOR HONG KONG.

The officers and men of the Royal West Kent Regiment arrived here from South Africa on the 22nd November, 1902, and by about the same time this year will have settled down at Hong Kong for which station they leave by the transport "Avoca" at the end of the week. That they will be missed goes without saying and we are sure all will unite in wishing them all success at Hong Kong. The officers took a keen interest in their men, while indulging in sport, especially polo, and the conduct of the men has been excellent. This statement may appear superfluous with such an officer as Colonel Western, C.B., at the head of the Regiment. A strict disciplinarian, his example all round was much admired and on the parade ground his keen eye soon detected any shortcomings. To him more than any one else is due the maintenance of the Diyatalawa Camp as a depot for the troops of this station, and it has been admitted that there is no place for field exercise as up at Diyatalawa. Colonel Western will be accompanied by Majors Rowe, Hotham, and Pedley, Captains Moody, Venables, Hastings, Joslin and Elgood, Lieuts. Grant, Tulloh, Dinwiddy, Hibbert and Stevenson, 2nd Lieuts. Paget, Helmore, Humphreys, and Graham, Lieut. and Quarter-Master Sumner, 48 Sergeants, and 738 N.C.O.'s and men. The ladies going include Mrs. Rowe and Mrs. Sumner. The Regiment did not go in for cricket, but at Soccer and Rugger could put in several excellent teams, and we are glad to think that at the former game held their own against the civilians, while they also secured the League Shield. We will always remember the Queen's Own, and trust that they will look back pleasantly to their stay here.

The last of the series of Association Football matches arranged with a two-fold object—namely, as a farewell to the Royal West Kent Regiment, and as a means of raising funds for the Colombo Friend-in-Need Society and the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Fund—came off last evening on the Galle Face Green opposite the Colombo Club. More than ordinary interest was centred in yesterday's contest, first, as it was the last of the farewell matches, and secondly, as the civilians, who were beaten on the two previous occasions, were expected to do their best to retrieve their reputation as the premier football club in Colombo. The ground was roped in all round, and long before 5 o'clock, a vast assemblage of spectators commenced to arrive on the scene, and by the time play was started there was a veritable living wall all round. The absence of any members of the fair sex was noticeable, and the chairs placed on the Club side of the ground were discarded, the spectators preferring to watch the game standing. By 5 o'clock both teams were on the field, and a few preliminary kicks were indulged in. C. W. Mackie tossed the coin, and the military secured the kick-off. An adjournment was immediately made by the rival teams with the two linesmen to the Colombo Sports Club ground to be photographed, followed by a motley crowd of spectators. Here, Mr. C. H. Kerr, the enterprising photographer, was in readiness to secure a group photograph of the teams, which he did in the space of a few minutes. The teams returned—of course with the motley crowd at their heels—and a commencement was made with the game.

The following were the teams:—Civilians, C. W. Horsfall, C. W. Mackie, J. Downie, R. H. Williams, R. H. Skrine, J. Hoare, A. J. Lintotte, F. Harvey, G. P. Taylor, W. M. Lockman, and W. E. Baker. Military, Col.-Sergt. Spooner,

Pte. Ripson, Pte. Ruby, Sergt. Redmond, Pte. Brewer, Sergt. Mills, Sergt. Reynolds, Pte. Thompson, Pte. Clements, Pte. Butler, and Pte. Moore.

In the first match, which came off on the Havelock Race-course, the Civilians, it will be remembered, were defeated by two goals to nil, and the second match, played on the Galle Face Green, resulted in a win for the Regimental team by three goals to nil. In spite of the vigour and spirit with which both teams played yesterday, neither side was successful in scoring, and the game ended in a draw.

3rd BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

Sergt. Pye qualified at the School of Musketry, Hythe.

DEPOT INTELLIGENCE.

Corpl. J. Knight has been discharged to pension, and Drummer A. Harris discharged on completing twelve years' service.

Pte. Renwick has been sent to the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall.

Sergt. S. Reeves qualified at the School of Musketry, Hythe.

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At Malta, 17th October, 1904, the wife of Col.-Sergt. Instructor of Musketry J. Dark.

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