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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Supernumerary Captain James W. O'Dowda to be Captain, vice T P. Smith, seconded, dated 22nd December, 1907.

Captain C. Bonham-Carter from the Royal Warwickshire Regiment to be Captain, with precedence next below Captain F. J Joslin and to remain seconded whilst serving on the staff Lieutenant Percival A. Wilson from the West Indian Regiment to be Captain, vice C. V. Molony retired and to remain seconded while employed with the Egyptian Army, dated 25th December, 1907.

3RD BATTALION.

Captain C. V. Molony (retired pay) to be Captain, dated 29th October, 1907. Lieutenant George Alured Coote Alcock from the Thames Division (Submarine Miners) Royal Engineers (Militia), to be Lieutenant, dated 1st April, 1907.

1st BATTALION.

LANCE-CORPORAL PROMOTED CORPORAL.—8126 Z. Barden, dated 12th December, 1907.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS.—8566 W. Selves, dated 5th December, 1907; 8312 H. Sewell, dated 10th December, 1907; 8443 G. Franklinde, dated 18th December, 1907; 8408 W. Mott, 8557 A. Mockford, 8679 A. Stearn and 8689 A. Saunders, dated 19th December, 1907; 4921 E. Ransome, 8701 J. Wilton, dated 20th December, 1907.

2nd BATTALION.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS.—7396 W. Birch, dated 11th October, 1907; 7817 E. White, dated 18th October, 1907; 8108 W. Page, dared 18th October, 1907; 7845 R. Bishop (Drummer), dated 18th October, 1907.

PRIVATES APPOINTED MUSICIANS.—5653 E. Orchard, dated 1st April, 1907, and 6016 J. Sullivan, dated 1st November, 1907.

DEPOT.

LANCE-CORPORALS PROMOTED CORPORALS.—6584 J. Fenwick, dated 29th November, 1907; 7357 H. Nurden, dated 18th December, 1907; 7401 W. Ney, dated 19th December, 1907.

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following subscriptions: Lieut.-Col. Wilson, Miss Clarke, Lieut.-Col. Vandermeulen, Col. H. D. Armstrong, D. P. Forestier-Walker, Esq., Mr. E. Sillitoe, Mr. G. Gould, Mr. J. Hunt, Mr. J. Fowler, Col.-Sergt.-Inst. A. G. Wood, Mr. J. T. Blount, Mr. W. J. Hannan, Mr. Henry Wain, Clr.-Sergt.-Inst. S. Kill, Mr. A. Pearson and Mr. J. Brown, up to December 1908, Mr. W. Murphy, up to December 1907, Col. G. Maunsell 1907.

EDITORIAL.

The Editor in wishing the readers of the Queen's Own Gazette the compliments of the season, tenders his hearty thanks to those who during the past 12 months have rendered him assistance, not only by their subscriptions, but especially by their contributions of copy, which is at all times very acceptable.

The Q.O.G. this month enters on its 27th year of existence, during which period it has appeared without break, although it has not always been possible to publish the monthly numbers with that promptitude which is the feature of professional magazines.

As the records of the regiment are now kept at the Record Office at Hounslow, difficulty is experienced in obtaining authentic items of interest concerning the pensioners and reservists of the regiment. The Editor is always grateful for information concerning those who are not in touch with the Depot, and he will in future endeavour to reproduce in the pages of the Gazette a limited number of photographs of incidents and places of regimental interest.

This month complete numbers for the years 1902 to 1907 inclusive have been placed in the bookbinder's hands. Some orders have already been received, but a few volumes are still available (price 21s.). Any back number for the past six years can also be supplied with a few exceptions.

PERIODICALS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR 1907.

The Editor begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following during the past year:—

"The Dragon,"
"The Sapper,"
"The Globe and Laurel,"
"The Suffolk Regimental Gazette,"
"The Highland Light Infantry Chronicle,"
"The St. George's Gazette,"
"The Green Tiger,"
"The Army Service Corps Journal,"
"The Thin Red Line,"
"The 3rd Vol. Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers' Magazine,"
"The Kentish Mercury,"
"The Military Mail,'
"The Aldershot News,"
"Orders of the 2nd Vol. Batt. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment,"
"Kent Messenger."

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Christmas Day has passed, and passed much as other Christmas Days pass, unless we except our last, spent at sea, when some of us were not too confident as to whether we could enjoy the good things provided for us. The decoration of the Company's dining rooms was very tastefully done, notwithstanding the few men present. This is the first year that "the restaurant system" has been in vogue in the Battalion, and there can be no doubt that its adoption has added much to the comfort of Companies' messes.

There have been several football matches during the month, chiefly I am afraid to our disadvantage. The remarks of our football correspondent are worth paying attention to. There is no doubt that we have plenty of individual talent, but we do not win matches. Perhaps it is that we want a centre-forward in whom the rest of the team would place implicit trust.

At hockey we have only played one match, in which we were defeated by the A.S.C., Shorncliffe, by five goals to three, after a good game.

Dover has been given a whole cricket week in the programme of county fixtures for 1908. As we are also to have a pageant in July, we hope to be very gay in the coming year. I hear the director of this pageant, having assigned the various characters, has wisely withdrawn for a month

Capt. Snow and Lieut. Stevenson took part in some amateur theatricals which were held in the Dover Theatre for a local charity. A goodly sum was thus obtained; apparently theatricals appeal more to the Dover "sports" than a boxing entertainment, even when such first class talent is produced, as was the case a short time ago, at the Town Hall, when our Regimental Boxing Club arranged an entertainment almost worthy of the National Sporting Club.

To return to the theatricals, the piece produced was "The Trial by Jury." Capt. Snow as the Clerk kept the audience convulsed with laughter. He was quite the best performer in a very good company

Lieuts Wilberforce and Moulton Barrett have left us for the 2nd Battalion. Lieut. Waring goes shortly to the Depot. Lieut. Fisher shortly takes a section of the Battalion to Longmoor, to the M.I. School.

Good conduct medals were presented to Col.-Sergt. Murphy, Ptes Collins and Ranger at Church-Parade on the 15th December. Major Style, in presenting them, spoke congratulating the recipients, and calling attention to the great value of the decorations.

[LATER].

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Having just returned from leave I am somewhat doubtful as to how much news has already been sent you.

Colonel Maunsell has now returned and taken over command from Major Style, who has gone on leave. Captain Buchanan Dunlop, Lieuts. Adams and Cooke have also returned from, and Captain Nunn, Lieuts. Ingram and Legard have gone on leave.

This month is purposely going to be a slack one as regards football as having only two matches the battalion team have for the most part gone on furlough. We played against Dover on the 4th, managing to draw with them. This was a Kent League match and gives us another welcome point. The teams we meet in this league are very strong and up to date we have only scored three points, having beaten the Royal Naval Depot and drawn with Dover. However, it has done our team a lot of good to meet good teams and I am confident that in time we shall have a first-class team. This, of course, being our first season at home we could not expect very much, although as a matter of fact we have quite held our own in local football and should not be far from the top of the Folkestone and District League by the end of the season. We are still in the Army Cup and Hallam Parr Competitions and shall probably meet the Leicestershire Regiment in the former on the 8th February, when we should have a good game. We have been enjoying (?) very seasonable weather lately, and the military canal at Hythe has been frozen over. The ice, however, on it was rather too rough for the skating to be good.

Sanitary lectures for all ranks have commenced in the gymnasium twice a week, and a party of officers and N.C.O's. are undergoing a course of the new physical training at the gymnasium, so we are kept fairly busy.

On Sunday, the 5th inst., the battalion after church formed up in quarter column outside the Officers' Mess and Colonel Maunsell presented the medal for long service and good conduct to Col.-Sergt. O'Connell, addressing a few congratulatory words to him.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., a football meeting was held in the Library to discuss the arrangements for deciding the competition for the Battalion Foot all Shield. It was decided that the competition should be on the "knock-out" system, that it should start on the 1st February and that officers might play for their companies. The latter rule is a new one, as hitherto officers have not played in this competition.

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

HOCKEY, v. A.S.C., SHORNCLIFFE,

December 5th, 1907.

With so many officers and men on leave, we could not raise a very good side to meet the A.S.C. at Shorncliffe. To add to this we turned up one short, owing to a misunderstanding, and so considerably diminished our chances of success. The first half was very equal. We opened the scoring with a fine shot by Mr Legard, but the A.S C soon equalised. Even play followed for a time, when Mr. Fisher scored our second. The A.S.C now pressed us and scored twice rapidly, but a good shot by Mr. Vicat brought us level. The second half the A.S.C. had the best of the game, and pressed us hard though no score resulted for some time, but within a few minutes of time they scored twice. The game had to be curtailed owing to bad light. Result :—

A.S.C.	5 goals
R.W.K.R.	3 goals

1st BATTALION FOOTBALL.

The Football of the past four weeks has not been a success, and it rather points to the fact that the team are not as well trained as they ought to be. Five matches in all have been played, and only one of these have been won, and that when the opposing team only managed to put nine men in the field against us. The team generally started their matches with great dash, and seemed to be equal to their opponents, but within the last half-hour they fell hopelessly to bits, and were beaten out of hand. It is obvious, therefore, to those who watched the matches, that the team have not reached that perfection in training which is a necessary adjunct to staying power, and that matches will continue to

be lost unless more serious steps are taken in the right direction.

November 30th, v. Dover (Kent League).

This match was played on the Crabble Athletic Ground, and resulted in a win for Dover by 3 goals to 2. The following team represented the Battalion :—Butcher ; Thompson, Lord ; Verrall, Huggett, Green ; Hooper, Barker, Keeble, Powell, Woodward. Our two goals were secured by Powell and Keeble.

December 4th, v. 5th Fusiliers (Folkestone League).

This was a very good match, but the ground was rather heavy, through the recent rains, and there was a strong wind blowing, which continually swept the ball out of play. We won the toss and elected to play with the wind in our favour. Play opened in a spirited style, and had not been long in progress before Barker with a fine shot netted the ball. Although most of the pressing was done by us we failed to score again, and when the whistle blew at half time the score still remained 1—0 in our favour. The second half saw better play, the goalkeepers of both sides being continually called upon to save some excellent shots from the forward lines. The Fusiliers' goal had a narrow escape from a shot from Keeble, the ball striking the upright and bouncing back along the goal line, and though a number of the spectators shouted for a goal, the referee's decision was to the contrary. It was a noticeable fact in this match that during the last half hour the team tired rapidly, with the result that the Fusiliers scored three goals, without any retaliation on our part, and when time sounded the score stood 1—3 against us. The following team represented the Battalion :—Butcher ; Thompson, Lord ; Dorrell, Huggett, Green ; Hooper, Powell, Keeble, Barker, Woodward.

December 14th, v. Folkestone Excelsior (Folkestone League).

On Saturday, December 14th, we met Folkestone Excelsior in the Folkestone and District League at Dover. The conditions were most unfavourable to football, as there was a very high wind blowing, and the ground was in a most greasy state from the recent rains. In addition, the visitors turned up with only nine men. The following team represented the Battalion :—Butcher ; Thompson, Lord ; Dorrell, Huggett, Green ; Hooper, Powell, Keeble, Barker and Woodward. We lost the toss, and commenced playing up the slope and against the wind. Hooper broke away, but failed to score with an open goal before him. Shortly after the commencement Barker scored, and then play continued fairly even till half time, when the visitors netted and equalised. About the remainder of the game there is nothing much to say, except that we had the game in our own hands. Thompson, who played a game of his own in the forward line, scored three goals, Keeble one, and Powell one, the game resulting in a win by 6—1.

December 18th, v. Leicestershire Regt. (Folkestone League).

This match was played at Shorncliffe, and resulted in a win for the home team by 3 goals to nil. During the first half play was pretty even, both sides having their fair share of the game. At half time the score stood nil nil. The last half started off with the usual dash, but our opponents seemed to wear us down very quickly, and before the whistle blew at time they had succeeded in making the score stand 3—0 in their favour. The following team represented the Battalion : Butcher ; Thompson, Lord ; Dorrell, Huggett, Green ; Hooper, Powell, Barker, Woodward, Keeble.

December 21st, v. Ashford Railway (Folkestone League).

Another defeat was inflicted on our team in the above match. The football on both sides was very poor. The final result was three goals to our nil. The following team represented the Battalion :—Butcher ; Thompson, Lord ; Dorrell, Huggett, Green ; Hooper, Powell, Barker, Woodward and Keeble.

December 7th, v. Maxton Invicta (Friendly).

A friendly match was arranged with the above team for the reserve team, which consisted of Smith ; Huggett, Smith ; Hylands, Green, Lieutenant Vicat ; Hooper, Huggett, Barker, Pease, Woodward. The ground was in a very bad condition, and although throughout the game we failed to score a single goal on account of the erratic shooting, our opponents managed to net the ball once, thus beating us by one goal to nil.

We are drawn for the next round of the Army Cup against the Leicestershire Regiment at Shorncliffe. No date as yet has been arranged for this match, but it will in all probability take place between the 29th January and 8th February. The Battalion are still in the Hallam-Parr Shield, the next round being the Semi-Final. Our opponents, in all probability, will be the Royal Scots.

1st Battalion Football Correspondent.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

4568, Sergt. G. Ingram has re-engaged for such term as shall complete 21 years' service, dated 26th November, 1907.

Certificates of Education have been granted to N.C.O.s and men as follows :—"Second Class"—8395, Lance-Corpl. C. Ransom; 8667, Pte. A. Crayford; 7181, Lance-Corpl. A. Baker; 8679, Pte. A. Stearn; 8656, Pte. A. Lowry; 8459, Lance-Corpl. W. Mills; and 8545, Boy F. Guess. "Third Class"—2445, Pte. H. Ranger; 8663, Pte. G. Jeffrey; 5536, Lance-Corpl. E. Green; 8725, W. Bridger; 8726, Pte. A. Bryant; 8735, Pte. A. Trussler; 3681, Lance-Corpl. W. Hide; 8548, Pte. R. Hague; 8816, Boy M. Bellion; 8748, Pte. L. Glover.

No. 2723, Lance-Sergt. Golding is confirmed in the appointment of Sergeant-Master Shoemaker from 18th May, 1907, and is granted a parchment certificate of appointment dated War Office, 27th November, 1907.

The following N.C.O.s and men of the 1st Battalion were under Army Order 242, dated October, 1907, awarded medals for long service and good conduct with the usual gratuity of £5 :—2483, Col.-Sergt. W. Murphy; 2862, Col.-Sergt. D. O'Connell; 2181, Pte. C. Collins; 2445, Pte. H. Ranger; 1549, Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. J. Cover; 901, Sergt. W. Ball; and 3983, Pte. F. Knight.

No. 1738, Pte. J. Ford having completed his second period of engagement is discharged with a view to pension.

No. 4568, Sergt. Ingram, having arrived from the 2nd Battalion is taken on the strength of the 1st Battalion. He absorbs the vacancy caused by Sergt. Payne, who proceeded to join the Service Battalion with the last draft.

No. 8643, Pte H. Blake, whose foot had to be amputated owing to an accident, has been discharged medically unfit, dated 20th December, 1907. An account of his benefit concert will be found in another part of this number.

No. 5014, Corporal J. T. Markham, has been selected to attend the 119th Cooking Class which assembles at the "School of Cookery," Aldershot, on the 2nd January, 1908.

The following N.C.O.s and men have been granted or restored good conduct badges as stated:—No. 8180, Lance-Corpl. W. Dobson, one badge; 8194, Pte. E. Fitzgerald, one badge.

The undermentioned N.C.O.s and men have been transferred to the Army Reserve:—5742, Pte. J. Conolly; 5188, Pte. F. Barnett; 5729, Corporal T. Copeland.

BENEFIT CONCERT AT DOVER.

Some months ago several of the 1st Batt. Royal West Kent Regiment were engaged in a game of darts at the Victoria Hall, Western Heights, when one of the darts struck the foot of one of the onlookers—also belonging to the 1st Batt. Royal West Kent Regiment. There was only a slight graze, and little notice was taken of this at the time, but later it showed signs of poisoning, and it was found necessary to amputate the foot. In aid of this unfortunate soldier—Pte. Blake, of D Company—a concert was held in the Gymnasium, at the Heights, Dover, on Friday evening, November 29th, when all the artistes gave their services gratuitously. The affair was a great success, as will be shown by the fact that by Wednesday, 27th November, 1907, over 700 tickets had been sold, and the room, which is a very large one, was crowded to overflowing. Sergt.-Major Rogers acted as chairman, while the officers present included Major Martyn, Capt. Norman, Lieut. Johnson, as well as the chaplain, the Rev. J. D. S. Parry-Evans. A great number of ladies were also present.

The Rev. J. D. S. Parry-Evans and Sergt. Martle (Royal West Kent Regt.) were responsible for the arrangements.

During the evening the chairman announced that Lieut. Leslie (R.A.M.C.), who was booked for some banjo solos, and Miss Beattie, who was to sing, had been unavoidably detained elsewhere, and were unable to be present. While in thanking those present on behalf of the committee, he said the money in the first place was being banked in the joint names of the Rev. Parry-Evans and Major Martyn, and they proposed to send amounts at certain intervals to the parents of this young man, so that his parents would not suffer in having to look after him for some considerable time until they hoped that he would be able to help himself.

The amount accruing from this concert is between £16 and £20.

The programme was opened with an overture by the band of the 1st Batt. Royal West Kent Regt, while Sergt Bellion followed with an excellent rendering of "By the side of the Zuyder Zee," while he also obliged later with "Farmer Giles." Pte. O'Shea was heard to advantage in the song, "The Workhouse Gate," while in "Always" he fairly brought down the house, Several excellent selections on the gramophone were given by the kindness of Mr. March. Miss Ormsby was very popular in her rendering of "Daddy," and "Home, Sweet Home." Corpl. Harris was very good in his comic song, "Laughing," having to answer to a unanimous re-call, giving, on his re-appearance, "The Giggling Nigger," while he also later obliged with "Shift up a little bit farther." Schoolmaster O'Kelly was also heartily applauded for the singing of "Teaching McFadden to waltz," and "Pat Mulligan." Mr. Edgar Berte is always popular with his items, and this was no exception to the rule, for on each appearance he had to respond to the inevitable encore, his contributions including "The wreck of the Hesperus" (parody), "Limburgher Cheese," "Potted Poetry," and the "Village Pump." Mr. J. Blount (late Royal West Kent Regt.), kept the fun going with his songs, "Any Rags," and "We close at two on Thursdays"; while Miss Purton's sweet voice was heard to great advantage in "Angus Macdonald," and "The Flight of Ages." Sergt. Cassidy, M.P.S.C. (late Royal West Kent Regt.) created much laughter with his Irish songs, "The story of a tin tack," and "The Irish Jubilee," the latter bring forth loud plaudits. Staff-Sergt. Grainger, R.A.M.C., was very good in "The Last Watch," while the programme concluded with "The old brown Hat," sung by Pte. Smith, and the National Anthem, played by the band, Staff-Sergt. Grainger (R A.M.C.), and Mr. J. Wakefield acted as accompanists.

PROCEEDS OF CONCERT FOR BENEFIT OF PRIVATE BLAKE.

RECEIPTS.

	£ s. d.
By A Company	1 14 6
By B Company	1 4 0
By C Company	0 11 6
By D Company	1 5 0
By E Company	1 2 0
By F Company	0 17 6
By G Company	1 3 0
By H Company	1 3 0
Major Style	0 5 0
Major Martyn	0 5 0
Major and Mrs. Hewett...	0 5 0
Capt. Norman	0 4 0
Lieut. L. White	0 4 0
Lieut. Stevenson	0 4 0
Lieut. Johnson	0 2 0
Rev. Parry-Evans, C.F....	1 10 6
Pte. Blake	0 1 0
Other Sales	1 5 3
Programmes	0 10 3
2nd Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers	2 13 6
Total	£16 10 0

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.
To Hire of Piano,... ...	0 10 6
To Refreshments... ...	0 5 0
To Soap to clean gymnasium	0 2 4
Oil	0 0 4
	0 18 2
Balance at Bank ...	15 11 10
Total...	£16 10 0

J. D. S. PARRY-EVANS,
Chaplain to Forces.
December 18th, 1907.

LYDD CAMP, KENT.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I am sending you a short account of a concert held in the gymnasium, Western Heights, on the 29th of November, 1907. (Particulars under 1st Battalion Correspondence.—Ed.—Attached is the balance sheet, and the proceeds have been banked in the joint names of Major A. Martyn and Rev. J. D. S. Parry Evans, C.F., and a certain sum will be forwarded to Pte. Blake weekly, which we hope will support him until he gets suitable employment. I may also add that Pte. Blake wishes to thank his numerous friends who bought tickets and assisted him in many ways in his time of trouble.

A Friend in Need.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

4481 Ptes. W. Walsh and 4521 J. Tyrrell have re-engaged at Singapore for the Royal West Kent Regiment to complete 21 years' service.

No. 4730 Sergt.-Master Tailor J. Mitchell and 2554 Pte. G. Bateman have been awarded the medal for Long Service and Good Conduct (with gratuity), dated October 1st, 1907.

5983 Pte. J. Blackall has extended to complete 12 years with the Colours, dated November 25th, 1907.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s and men have been awarded Good Conduct Badges as stated :—

8154 Lance-Corporals R. Roythorne awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated Oct. 24th, 1907, and 7598 J. Bassett awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, dated November 19th, 1907 ; 6451 Drs. W. Patston restored 1st G.C. Badge, dated November 24th, 1907, and 7845 R. Bishop restored 1st G.C. Badge, dated October 15th, 1907 ; 6385 Ptes. T. Austen awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, dated November 7th, 1907 ; 8039 T. Evans awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated September 20th, 1907; 4935 G. Charman restored 1st G.C. Badge, dated November 5th, 1907 ; 8175 C. Laws awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated November 15th, 1907 ; 6031 H. Palmer restored 2nd G.C. Badge, dated November 12th, 1907 ; 6406 J. White awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, dated November 4th, 1907 ; 5941 A. Mills awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, dated November 17th, 1907 ; 5331 J. Moore awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated November 3rd, 1907 ; 8164 F. Hodges awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated November 6th, 1907 ; 7556 T. Payne, awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, dated November 12th, 1907 ; 3014 S. Sparshott restored 2nd G.C. Badge, dated November 27th, 1907 ; 8166 W. Standen awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated November 6th, 1907 ; 7800 J. Burnett restored 1st G.C. Badge, dated November 21st, 1907 ; 7571 J. Williams awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated November 6th, 1907 ; 7997 R. Steel awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated October 27th, 1907 ; 8162 A. Tapsell awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated October 30th, 1907 ; 6060 W. Dowsett awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, dated November 5th, 1907 ; 7546 A. Close restored 1st G.C. Badge, dated November 26th, 1907 ; 6343 J. Renwick restored 1st G.C. Badge, dated November 7th, 1907 ; 4569 G. Runnicles restored 2nd G.C. Badge, dated November 13th, 1907.

The following N.C.O.'s and Men have passed Class of Instruction, and qualified as 1st Class Scouts, dated November 13th, 1907 : —

6389 Corporals C. Trevena and 7720 W. Bishop ; 5105 Lance-Corporals J. Beale, 7937 H. Funnell and 6334 W. Flinn ; 4914 Privates L. Mason, 5597 J. Readings, 6093 G. Russell, 6114 J. Luckhurst, 6068 S. Mills, 7257 J. Bloomfield, 6092 W. Peterson, 7546 A. Close, 7563 J. Hyland, 8004 W. Brotherwood, 6136 J. Cooper, 4684 P. Smith, 7569 C. Wood.

4613 Private G. Vickery has been discharged on termination of his first period of engagement, dated November 7th, 1907.

5985 Lance-Sergeant W. Freeman has extended to complete 12 years with the colours, dated November 16th, 1907.

EXAMINATIONS.

The name of Lieut. A. S. Hewitt, of the 2nd Battalion, appears in Army Orders for January as having obtained the necessary number of marks in each of the subjects (c) to (i) for promotion. He is accordingly granted a "special certificate" in accordance with Appendix VII. King's Regulations.

Capt. J. W. O'Dowda's (1st Battalion), name appears in the list of officers who have recently graduated at the Staff College.

DEPOT SERGEANT'S MESS.

On Thursday, 19th December, the members of the Sergeants' Mess held a smoking concert, at which Major Lowe (commanding the Depot) and the officers present at Maidstone honoured us with their company. An excellent programme of music, etc., was much appreciated by all, the performance of a quartette of glee singers deserving special mention. During the evening Major Lowe, with appropriate words, presented the trophies won by members at shooting, billiards, etc. He impressed on those present the great importance of teaching everyone the art of shooting, and hoped that those members who were shortly leaving would give their assistance to the Rifle Clubs that might be in their vicinity. He kindly promised to assist the Rifle Club to the full extent of his power, and hoped yet to see the Prince of Wales' Cup come to Maidstone.

MESSING ALLOWANCE.

Under a recent Royal Warrant, all soldiers enlisting on and after the 1st November, 1907, shall receive Messing Allowance from the date of attestation at 3d. per diem, and all soldiers serving on that date who have not before that date become eligible for messing allowance under existing rules shall begin to draw it from such date, provided, however, that recruits specially enlisted not in conformity with the regulations as to age shall not draw the allowance until they attain the age of 18.

DEPOT FOOTBALL.

ARMY CUP.—2nd ROUND.

DEPOT v. A.O.C.

After defeating the Artillery, we were drawn against the Royal Army Ordnance Corps at Woolwich on Wednesday, 11th December. The Woolwich Arsenal Club kindly lent us the Manor Ground, and most of the Arsenal team witnessed the match. The game was very even, and both teams nearly scored several times, but owing to the state of the ground it was very difficult to shoot, and the goalies had very little trouble in stopping the few that came their way. Full time 0—0. Extra time was ordered, and both sides scored one goal each. The game was stopped on account of darkness a few minutes before time. Depot : Fenny, Wright, Moore, Lieut. Phillips, Sweeney, Brown, Langridge, Redmond. Davis, White, Lloyd.

RE-PLAYED TIE.

December 18th was fixed for the re-play, and the Arsenal again lent their ground for the match. Our team was slightly altered, owing to Wright going to Hospital and Holding coming out. Redmond played back and Holding inside left. In the first half the game was very fast and both sides lost several chances by wild shooting and getting offside, the depot forwards on several occasions hanging on to the ball instead of shooting. Score, half-time 0—0. In the second half the Depot were the better team, which was soon shown by Corporal Davis scoring with a beauty. The Ordnance played well, but their combination was broken by our halves, who seemed as if they could not go wrong, Sweeney being in great form. Holding took everyone's eyes, and he was cheered by the spectators several times for his clever play, and we should hear more about him in the near

future. The Depot scored again by Langridge about ten minutes before time, and might have scored again if they had not hung on the ball too long. Except for a couple of good long shots the Ordnance did not have much chance of scoring. The victory was chiefly due to the way in which the team put their hearts and souls into their training under Sergt.-Major Outten, all being in great form right up to the finish. About 90 of the Depot undertook the long journey to see the match. Result :—

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This leaves the Depot the meet the Depot Battalion R.E. (Holders) in the third round on the 1st February at Chatham. It will be remembered that the Depot gave the R.E. the hardest game they had to play last year, and all their supporters are hoping that the Depot will again "rise to the occasion."

DEPOT v. WOULDHAM.

These teams met at the Depot on Saturday, January 4th, in the first round of the Maidstone Hospital Charity Cup, and lined up as follows :—Wouldham :—I Stevens; F. Stevens and A. Bailey; T. Chapman, C. Bridges and W. Bailey; T. King, N. Redsell, W. Bird, H. Sands, and T. Clark. Depot : Fenny; Redman and Moore; Brown, Sweeney and Wright; Lloyd, White, Davis, Holding, and Langridge. Mr. Langley acted as referee. Wouldham, who look like being the top of the Maidstone and District League this season, won the toss and took advantage of the strong sunshine. Play at first was very even, and it was not until well into the game that the Depot, by real hard work, drew first blood, through the medium of Davis. Wouldham, spurred on by this success on the part of their opponents, pushed hard ahead, and just before half-time T. Clark got in a pretty shot, which equalised the terms. There was no further play of note in the first half. The ball was hardly set in motion in the second half before Wouldham, making a determined rush, put the leather home in the Depot's goal, Bird being the scorer. Play then settled down into a succession of alternate attacks by both sides. At first the Depot attacks were not very strong, and twice they ran right to the mouth of the visitors' goal, and one of their players shot finely from the left wing, but the ball went a foot the wrong side of the net. Shortly before time the soldiers got well up, and after a sharp attack the ball was netted, but Holding, who shot, was given offside. Within a minute from time the Depot again drove the visitors back, and Davis with a clean shot equalised. Result :—

DEPOT..... 2
WOULDHAM..... 2

DEPOT SKITTLE CLUB.

Dear Mr. Editor,

On Wednesday the 4th December the exponents of the art of skittles met a civilian team in a friendly match, at the Barracks, and a very interesting game was the result.

The visitors won the toss, and Mr. Brooks started the cheese rolling, the conditions being the best two of three games. Scores as follow, the winning teams being placed first: 1st game—Civilians 66, Depot 68. Second game—Depot 58, Civilians 61. Third game—Depot 66, Civilians 67.

Pte. Chapman played a good game for the Depot, as also did Wright, of football fame.

After the match the rival teams sat down to supper, which, according to the Secretary of our opponents' Club, "was unexpected," and in a neat speech he thanked the winning team for their hospitality, and hoped to play them a return game shortly. A very enjoyable evening was spent, "Tattoo" (which, for the benefit of our civilian friends, I may say is equivalent of Act of Parliament, gents, please) arriving much too quickly.

I may mention that a Skittle Club has only just been formed, but any team who might like to try conclusions will please communicate with the Hon. Sec., Skittle Club, Maidstone Barracks.

Yours truly,
Snake.

DEPOT NOTES.

Third Class Certificates of Education have been granted as follows :—Privates, 8723, R. Steel; 5844, F. Russell; 8716, T. Welch; 8707, A. W. Goodsell; 8740, T. W. White; 8749, Pte. E. Dolley; 7750, Pte. J. Thompson; 4345, Pte. W. Castle; 8726, Pte. W. Herbert; 8761, Pte. G. Seal; 8745, Pte. A. Clark; 8750, Pte. C. Dolley; 8709, Pte. G. Londen; 8754, Pte. T. Briant; 8751, Pte. W. Stedman; 8733, Pte. A. Bunyan; 8760, Pte. H. Claxton; 8711, Pte. G. Davies; 8750 Pte. H. Quinn; 7112, R. McDonald; 7104, S. Bailey; 4809, Drummer C. Jefferys; 8806, Ptes. G. Butler; 8871, F. Stearn; 8765, C. Jaggs; 8783, C. Carr; 8759, R. Robinson; 8786, G. French; 8787, W. Johnson; 8752, S. Newson; 8728, E. Newton; 8800, T. Jarrett; 8785, E. Phipps; and 8742, W. Kitchen.

Driver G. H. Redmond, R.F.A., has been transferred to the Royal West Kent Regiment to serve with his elder brother, Lance-Sergt. Redmond, now serving at the Depot. He is numbered 8388 and posted to the Depot for drills.

Good Conduct Badges have been granted to the following : No. 7750, Pte. H. Thompson, 2nd badge; 4618, Lance-Corpl. J. Smith, 3rd badge; 3194, Pte. G. Finnis, 4th badge; 6657, Pte. F. Simpson, 2nd badge.

No. 6062 Pte. J. Gusson, and No. 8010, Pte. A. Prince, have been discharged as "Medically unfit for further service" from the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich.

No. 1736, Pte. H. Smith, has been discharged to pension on completion of 21 years' service.

No. 8719, Pte. A. Turner, has been transferred to the Royal Garrison Artillery at Sheerness.

No. 4732, Corporal H. Taylor, has been permitted to re-engage for such term as shall complete a total service of 21 years.

VOLUNTEER INTELLIGENCE.

During the ensuing year arrangements are being made to supply volunteers with aiming tubes and to alter rifle bolts so that the new pattern rim fire ammunition can be used.

It has been notified that on the transfer of a volunteer unit to a County Association, the commanding officer of the battalion will be relieved from responsibility for debts legitimately incurred in the administration of his corps.

CHRISTMAS AT THE DEPOT.

A most enjoyable Christmas was spent at the Depot by those N.C.O.'s, dutymen and recruits who did not avail themselves of the Christmas leave. About 50 in all sat down to an excellent dinner in A Company Dinner Hall, which was tastefully decorated by Corpls. Baker, Banks and Drummer Pullen. About 1 p.m., after being snapped by the photographer, the whole set about a good spread of Christmas fare to which all did full justice. Capt. Lister and Mr. Trousdell paid a visit at dinner time, and drank the health of the troops, and made a small speech to which everyone present heartily responded in good old yuletide fashion. About 3 p.m., after everyone was well filled, the troops quietly dispersed and went on their way to make their own amusement for the remainder of the day.

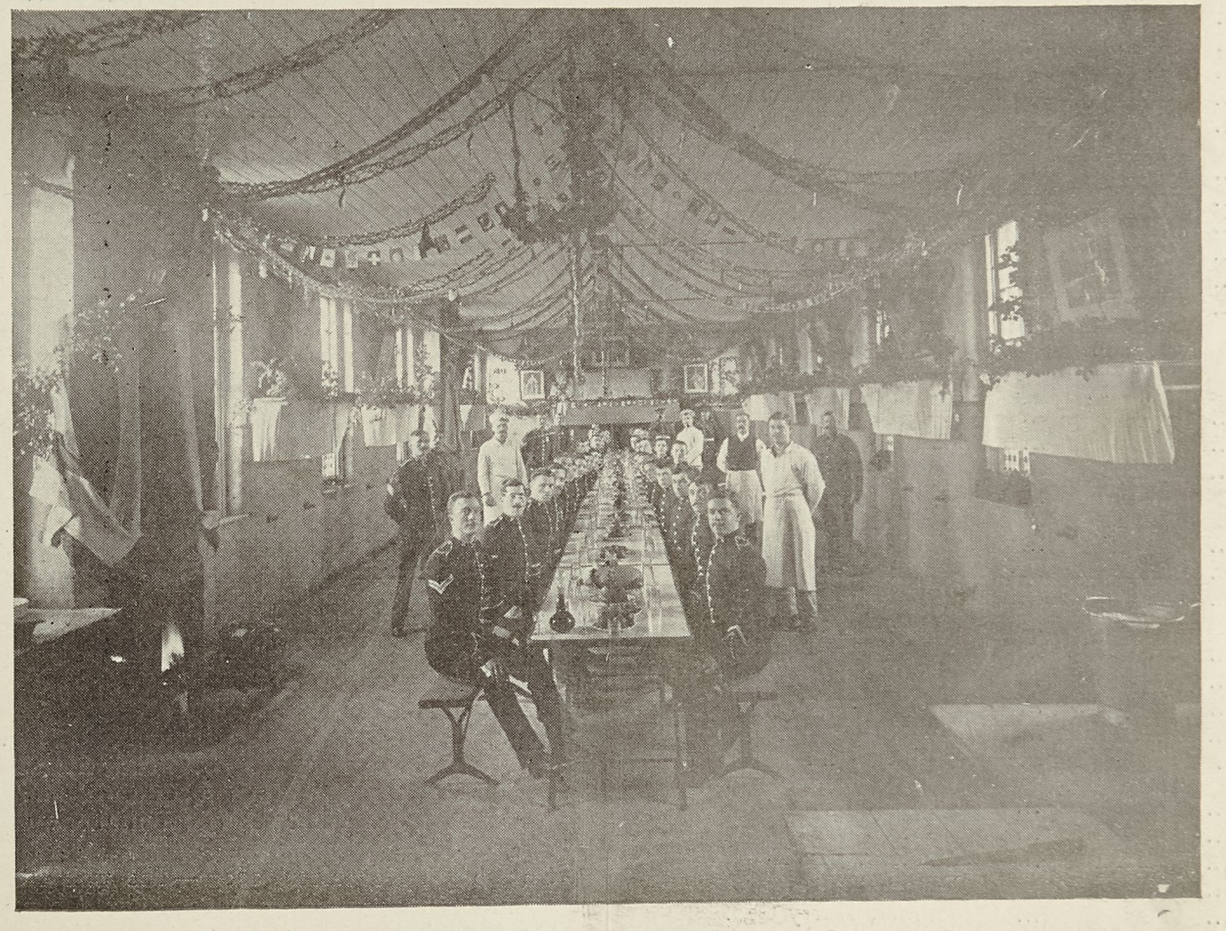

Photo by D'Ath and Dunk] **CHRISTMAS AT THE DEPOT.** *[Week Street, Maidstone.*

3RD BATTALION NEWS,

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I shall be obliged if you will print the following notice under 3rd Battalion news in the next issue of your valued paper. Yours truly,

CHARLES F. HITCHENS.

It is proposed to put into book form the valuable M.S.S. now complete and in the hands of Colonel Bonhote, being the history of the Regiment dating back before 1759, when the Regiment was commanded by the Right Hon. Lord Romney to the present time, giving rolls of all officers who have served in the West Kent Militia. This M.S.S. has been collected and put together in its present form after a vast amount of work and research. This research has disclosed, amongst others, a most interesting book, the title of which is as follows:—"A regular form of discipline for the militia as is performed by the West Kent Regiment commanded by the Right Hon. Lord Romney (8vo. calf) 1759 by E. Fage, Adjutant." This volume is now in the possession of W. J. Mercer, Esq., of Margate, and it is hoped later to get access to it and add to the M.S.S. anything more of interest it may contain. A strong committee is in course of formation to deal with the matter, and a fund will be formed, the name of which will be associated with the object to be attained, namely: "The West Kent Militia History Fund." The amount to be raised is £150, and all particulars will be given in a later issue.

CORPS OF COMMISSIONAIRES.

The undermentioned N.C.O.s and men who, in the past, have served in The Queen's Own, are now serving in the Corps of Commissionaires. No doubt many of our readers will remember some of the names. Should anyone be desirous of communicating with any of their old comrades, Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. D. O'Flaherty, 419, Strand, W.C., will have

much pleasure in placing them in communication with each other :—

JOINED AS 1st BATTALION.

Year of Joining.		No.		Name.
1881	...	680 Edinbro'	...	Jacobs, Chas. I.
1890	...	38	...	Geddes, William
1897	...	658	...	Nixon, John
1899	...	29	...	Henderson, Alfred
	...	1293	...	Dawson, William
1902	...	1913	...	Carter, Arthur J.
1904	...	2039	...	Beese, William
	...	2075	...	Knight, John
1905	...	1222	...	Partridge, John C.
	...	1900	...	Hearn, Albert
1906	...	360	...	Sullivan, James
	...	2170	...	Page, Frank
	...	2189	...	Lush, William
	...	2222	...	Elvins, Fred W.
	...	2225	...	Wise, Frank Hy.
1907	...	156 Bristol	...	Baker, Jas. F. W.
	...	5	...	Newman, Frank
	...	1369	...	Newbold, Joseph
	...	1792	...	Wall, John
	...	2261	...	Bradford, Mouritan R.
	..	2319	...	Ball, William H.
	...	2352	...	Griffin, George

JOINED AS 2nd BATTALION.

Year of Joining.		No.		Name.
1889	...	513	...	Wingrave, John
1891	...	874	...	Hannan, Wm. T.
	..	871	...	Eden, George
1894	..	176 Birmingham.	...	West, Joseph
1895	...	99	...	Clarke, Jas. H.
1897	...	1279	...	Cavalier, E. F.
1898	...	629	...	Robinson, Thos.
	...	1728	...	Warren, W. F.
	...	Staff	...	O'Flaherty, Dan. F.
1899	...	610	...	Hapted, Alfred
1900	...	371	...	Blackburn, John
1903	...	55	...	Humphries, Wm.
1904	...	1894 Newcastle.	...	Tarpey, John
1905	...		...	Cooper, Jas. H.
	...	2136	...	McGregor, John
	...	2144	...	Masters, Jas. H.
1906	...	1509	...	Dillon, Matt.
	...	2299	...	Palmer, Harry Geo.
1907	...	31	...	Greanes, Henry
	...	1494	...	Buttle, William

SPECIAL RESERVE BATTALION.

The 3rd Battalion, under the latest scheme, becomes the Reserve Battalion of the Royal West Kent Regiment after the annual training of 1908 (which takes place at Shorncliffe on the 13th July). On 16th January recruits are being enlisted for the special reserve (i.e., the 3rd Battalion), and will drill for six months on enlistment, which period will, if possible, include musketry. If the latter is not executed five months only will be done at the Depot, and the recruits will come up the month previous to the training. A comprehensive syllabus has been issued by the Army Council for the training of the recruits enlisted for this special Reserve on somewhat similar lines as regular recruits. Men who wish to join the Regular Army are allowed to do so after three months drill. As regards other matters we hope to have more to say on a future occasion.

Capt. H. S. H. H. Hall has been granted leave with permission to travel abroad from the 26th November, 1907, to the 25th November, 1908.

Lieutenants A. D. Frazer and W. T. M. Buller, who recently were successful in the competitive examination for officers of the Militia for commissions in the regular Army, have been gazetted to the Royal Irish Regiment and the Army Corps respectively.

Drummer G. Pendry, Permanent Staff, has been discharged on completion of 21 years' service with a view to a pension.

Lieutenant C. D. Young has resigned his commission, dated 8th December, 1907.

DEATH OF LIEUT.-COLONEL J. C. CAUTLEY.

The following notice appeared in the Daily Telegraph of the 7th inst :—A telegram, received at New York from Buffalo, states that Lieut.-Colonel John C. Cautley, a retired British officer, was knocked down and killed on Sunday by an electric tram-car while he was crossing one of the main streets of the city. Lieut.-Colonel Cautley was born in 1849, and entered the Army as ensign at 20 years of age. He served during the Boer War of 1881 with the Natal Field Force, and in the Egyptian Expedition of 1882 (Arabi Pasha's rebellion) with the 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, during which he was present at the battle of Kassassin. He received the medal and the Khedive's bronze star. He was promoted lieutenant-colonel in 1894, and retired from the Army two years later.

BIRTHS.

On the 21st August, 1907.—The wife of No. 4743, Pte. F. Bishop (1st. Battalion) of a daughter, Alice May.

On the 29th October, 1907.—The wife of 4558, Sergt. W. Penny (1st Battalion), of a daughter, Hilda May.

On the 11th November, 1907.—The wife of 4981, Corpl. B. Fish (1st Battalion), of a son, Edward John, and the wife of No. 8185, Pte. A. Dowell (1st Battalion), of a daughter, "Vera."

On the 4th November, 1907.—The wife of 2031, Pte F. Edmonds (1st Battalion), of a daughter, Mary.

On the 7th December, 1907.—The wife of 3695, Sergt. G. Selves, of a son, George.

At Tonbridge, on the 30th November, 1907, the wife of No. 2368, Sergt. H. Sweatman, of a daughter, Nora Gladys Jemima.

MARRIAGES.

Violet, the wife of Col-Sergt. J. Mills (2nd Battalion) is brought on the Married Establishment.

At Maidstone, on the 31st October, 1907, No. 5080, Pte. W. Regan (Depot), to Miss Ethel Mason.

DEATHS.

At Singapore, on the 11th November, 1907, No. 6100, Pte. F. Sellings (abscess of liver).

At Singapore, on the 16th November, 1907, No. 6137, Pte. H. Eastgate.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

1st BATTALION.

Lieut. Robert L. White (1st Battalion) to be Captain, vice Capt. P. A. Wilson, seconded; dated December 25th, 1907.

Second Lieut. Marmaduke W. Graham (2nd Battalion), to be Lieutenant, vice R. L. White, promoted; dated December 25th, 1907.

The undermentioned ordnance officer, 4th class, to be ordnance officer, 3rd class, dated January 1st, 1908.

Capt. Harry S. Bush, The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, in succession to Lieut.-Col. P. G. Parkinson, retired.

SECOND VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

The following 2nd Lieutenants to be Lieutenants, all dated November 26th, 1907, C. D. B. Ross, I. B. John, I. B. H. Benn, S. M. Andrews, and I. Harston.

1st BATTALION.

LANCE-CORPORALS PROMOTED CORPORALS.—7540 Lance-Corpl. C. Gilbey, dated August 1st, 1908.

The following Lance-Corpls. receive the pay of their rank:—8097 B. Pronger, dated December 12th, 1907; 8566 W. Selves, December 18th, 1907; 8312 H. Sewell, January 7th, 1908; 8443 G. Frandlinde, January 7th, 1908; 8408 W. Mott, January 7th, 1908; 8557 A. Mockford, January 7th, 1908; 8679 A. Stearn, 8689 A. Saunders, January 23rd, 1908; and 4921 E. Ransome, January 24th, 1908.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS.—8230 Pte. A. Ashdown and 7788 Pte. H. Laurence, dated January 6th, 1908; 8610 A. Bishop, January 22nd, 1908.

PRIVATE APPOINTED DRUMMER.—7738 P. Standen, January 1st, 1908.

SECOND BATTALION.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS.—7485 F. Craddock and 8266 B. Smith, dated November 11th, 1907; 6519 W. Whittaker, November 4th, 1907.

HISTORY OF THE WEST KENT MILITIA.

Ightham Court,
Sevenoaks,
Kent.
February 1st, 1908.

Sir,— It may interest you to know that it is proposed to publish in book form, suitably bound, a history of the West Kent Militia, dating back from 1759, when the Regiment was commanded by the Right Hon. Lord Romney, to the present day. The Regiment is one of the oldest in the Service, being a survival of the early Trained Bands of Kent, raised and armed during the reign of Queen Elizabeth (1558), and is associated with many of the great historical events of the various periods through which it has passed, loyally on all occasions serving the Crown, as for instance during the Irish Rebellion in 1798.

The Regiment's period of embodied service, including the late war, when it was one of the first regiments to be called up and leave England for Foreign Service, is also unique, covering as it does a period of over 40 years.

The whole of the M.S.S., which has taken years of research to get together, is now in order for the publishers, and a Fund, which has been named the "West Kent Militia History Fund," with a Committee as under, has been formed with a view of raising the necessary money required by subscription (about £175) from the County and from past and present officers of the Regiment. The minimum subscription has been fixed at two guineas, which will entitle the subscriber to one volume, and as only a limited number of copies will be printed, the work will immediately become of value. Any surplus of the Fund, after the cost of publishing has been met, will be handed to one of the several charities now existing in Kent for the relief and aid of old soldiers who have served their country in Kentish Regiments. Trusting we shall have your support,

We are, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
THE COMMITTEE.

VISCOUNT HARDINGE, South Park, Penshurst, Kent.
HON. R. P. NEVILL, Birling Manor, Maidstone.
COLONEL H. STREATFIELD, M.V.O. Chiddingstone, Kent.
LT.-COLONEL FARQUHARSON, Ruthven Lodge, Cuckfield, Sussex.
COLONEL BONHOTE, 29, Braham Gardens, London, S.W.
LT.-COLONEL E. W. GREVIS BAILEY, Ightham Court, Kent.
C. J. OAKELEY, Esq, Frittenden House, Staplehurst, Kent.
CAPTAIN C. F. HITCHINS, 62, Kensington Mansions, London, S.W.

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

There is not much news this month. I enclose accounts of the only two football matches the battalion has played during January. We play the Leicestershire Regiment in the third round of the Army Cup, at Shorncliffe, on February 5th.

Corporal Baker, on the 27th, fought Meekins, an old opponent of his, at the National Sporting Club, and I enclose an extract from *Sporting Life* giving an account of the contest which was evidently a splendid one.

A party of over 200 recruits, under Lieut. Adams, proceeded to Lydd by route march on the 31st, to fire a recruits' course of musketry. Lieuts. Hearle, Legard and Johnson also went with this party.

The battalion is giving another boxing display in the Dover Town Hall, on the 27th February, when it is hoped there will be a better house than on the last occasion in October. An energetic committee is hard at work arranging the various items. They have already arranged what ought to be some splendid contests, and a 9 stone 8 lbs. competition open to the Dover and Shorncliffe garrisons has long since been full up. It was also hoped to have a novices competition open to the battalion only, but for some reason entries do not seem forthcoming. This is a great pity as by this means only is it possible to discover new talent in the battalion.

During February we shall be busy with the inter-company football shield. The following are the draws for the first round and the dates for playing :—

B	Company	v. E	Company,	4th	February.
H	,,	v. A	,,	6th	,,
F	,,	v. G	,,	11th	,,
D	,,	v. C	,,	13th	,,

H Company is perhaps the favourite on account of possessing the larger part of the battalion team. D Company, however, possess the two battalion full backs, so that H may not find matters go all their own way.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Owing to the team being on furlough there is very little to report on football. In the Kent League Competition we have yet to win a match at home, our solitary victory being obtained on foreign soil, to wit, at Chatham, v. Royal Naval Depot. The match with Dover was the third this season, and each club has a win to its credit and a draw, the goals being exactly equal, 5 each. The return match in the Folkestone League on April 15th should supply the rubber. The East Yorkshire match on the Crabble yielded us a brace of points, and White, of Depot fame, should make a good acquisition to our front rank.

KENT LEAGUE.—v. DOVER.

Played at the Crabble on the 4th January on a frost-bound ground, ending in a draw of one goal each. The ground was far too hard for any liberties to be taken, and the majority of the players played very gingerly. Dover were prominent at the commencement, but the shooting was below par, and Butcher was not seriously troubled. Fine work by Keeble and Powell nearly resulted in a goal, but Gardner relieved by a great effort. Play ruled very even until some fifteen minutes from half-time, when some excellent play on the right terminated in the inside right opening the scoring for Dover. This was the state of the score sheet at the interval. The "Blues" opened very strongly in the second half, and for a time there was only one team in it, and that one was not Dover. But play how they would the forwards could not penetrate the defence, where Gardner at centre-half was quite a host in himself. Dover now began to have more of the play, and McCarty put in some excellent work, which he nullified by putting over the bar when well placed. From the goal kick the "Blues" attacked, and Keeble, at the opportune moment, fed Powell with a judicious pass, the latter equalising the scores amid great excitement. From now to the finish the game was stubbornly contested, but no further scoring took place, and an even game ended in a draw.

Team :—Goal, Butcher; backs, Lord and Thompson; halves, Verrall, Huggett, and Green; forwards, Hylands, Powell, Keeble, Kearns, Woodward.

FOLKESTONE LEAGUE.—v. 1st EAST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT.

Played at the Crabble on January 29th, a rather one-sided game ending in favour of the "Blues" by 2—0. The weather was very wintry, and the "Blues," who had greatly shuffled their team, kicked off with the slight assistance of a stiff cross wind. For ten minutes the ball never left the vicinity of the Yorks goal, but no goal was scored, although Thompson went very close with a terrific drive. The Yorks forced a corner but were driven back. At the end of half-an-hour's play pretty work by White ended in Thompson opening the scoring. This was the extent of the scoring to the interval. The "Blues" opened strongly in the second half and a firm run and centre by Keeble enabled White to augment the "Blues" total. Several corners were now forced, but none were improved upon. No more scoring took place and we were returned winners as stated.

Team :—Goal, Butcher; backs, Lord and Huggett; halves, Verrall, Mitchell, and Dorrell; forwards, Hooper, White, Thompson, Hylands, and Keeble.

In the Third Round of the Army Cup, the "Blues" are drawn against the 1st Leicestershire Regiment at Shorncliffe on the 5th February.

Matches for February are :—

5th—1st Leicestershire Regt., Army Cup.
12th—1st Royal Scots, Kent League.
19th—1st Leicestershire Regt., Folkestone League.
29th—Maidstone Church Institute, Kent League.

THE BUD.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following subscriptions :—Major R. Roche, Capt. C. M. Allfrey, Mr. T N. Hill, Mr. F. Grey, Mr. E. Sillitoe, Mr. Hutcheson, and Mr. J. F. Grellier, to December, 1908. Staff-Sergt. H. Mason and Mr. W. J. Light, to December, 1907.

Maidstone, 1st February, 1908.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE SERGEANTS' MESS.

The Warrant Officers, Staff-Sergeants, and Sergeants of the 1st Battalion The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) held their annual dinner and smoking concert in the Mess Room, Shaft Barracks, on Friday, 10th January. Covers were laid for 70, many friends being invited, as also were the members of the Depot Sergeants' Mess, 16 of the latter availing themselves of the invitation. The tables were tastefully decorated with evergreens and flowers, while the silver trophies which have from time to time been added to the Mess gave an excellent finish to the artistic efforts of the committee responsible for the arrangements.

By the kind permission of the Commanding Officer the Band of the Regiment rendered an excellent programme of music during dinner. Punctually at 7 p.m., to the strains of "The Roast Beef of Old England," the assembled company filed into the Mess Room and took up their allotted places round the festive board. The first course appeared upon the table with equal punctuality, and was followed at regular intervals by the remaining courses, all of which appeared to be thoroughly enjoyed by those present. Dinner over, the room was cleared and a start made on the programme of the smoking concert, the Officers of the Battalion (headed by Colonel Maunsell) having previously turned up in full force. After the toast of "The King," the programme of songs (a *fac simile* of which appears below) was started, encores being gained by Mr. Blount (late R.W. Kent Regt.) for an admirable rendering of "Any Rags," by Schoolmaster O'Kelly, for "Slatthery's Mounted Futt," who gave, by special request, "Teaching McFadden to Waltz," and also later in the evening an excellent selection of Irish airs on the violin in various difficult playing positions, after being re-called for "Little Patsy Cassidy."

Speeches were delivered by Colonel Maunsell, Sergeant-Major Rogers, Sergeant-Major Outten (Depot), Reverend Parry-Evans, Schoolmaster O'Kelly, and Mr. Kent, the latter informing us that his uncle had served in the 50th Regiment (now the 1st Battalion the Queen's Own) many years ago, during which period six honours had been added to the colours, notably those for the Sikh Campaign of 1845 and 1846, and the Crimean War. Mr. Kent has kindly promised the Mess copies of this veteran's photographs, one taken in the uniform of the 50th Regiment, and a later one, in which his uncle was serving in the Volunteer Force.

The Commanding Officer, in responding to the toast "Our Officers," gave a very interesting discourse, in which he mentioned incidentally that this would probably be his last appearance among the Sergeants at such a function.

A repetition of the nice things mentioned by the other speakers would occupy so much valuable space that modesty compels your correspondent to refrain from trespassing further.

The Officers left at 11.20 p.m. to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne," specially rendered as a tribute to the forthcoming departure of Colonel Maunsell, whose period of command expires in March next. Suffice it to say that by midnight everyone appeared to be satiated with the good things eaten and said (not forgetting the liquid portion), so at that witching hour the proceedings terminated with the National Anthem.

My account would not be complete unless mention were made of the indefatigable efforts of the Committee, who left nothing undone that could help to make the gathering what it was—an unqualified success.

MACION.

BAND PROGRAMME.

Japanese Romance	"Poppies"	*Moret*
Valse	"Repouse a Amoureuse"	*Berger*
Selection	"Veronique"	*Messager*
Spanish Serenade	"La Palona"	*Grader*
Valse	"The Merry Widow"	*Lehar*
Selection	"The Pick of the Basket"	*Williams*
Two Step	"Clorinda"	*Ring*
Galop	"Vivat"	*Zikoff*

PROGRAMME OF THE SMOKING CONCERT.

Toast	"The King"	S.M. Rogers
Song	"Birdseed"	Sergt. Bellion
Song	"If those lips could only speak"	Sergt Walker
Song	"Any Rags?"	Mr. Blount
	(Encore, "What d'yer want to tork abart it for?")	
Song	"Minding a House"	Q.M.S. Mackintosh
Song	"Slatthery's Mounted Futt"	Schoolmaster O'Kelly
	(Encore, "Teaching MacFadden to Waltz.")	
Toast	"Our Comrades of the Depot"	S.M. Rogers
	Response by Sergt.-Major Outten.	
Song	"My old comrade"	Clr.-Sergt. Pond
Song	"We close at 2 on Thursday"	Mr. Blount
Song	"In the valley where the blue birds sing"	Sergt. E. Collins
Toast	"Our Officers"	S.M. Rogers
	Response by Colonel Maunsell.	
Song	"The Farmer's Boy at Wa-a-lmer"	Sergt. Bellion
Song	"Little Patsy Cassidy"	Schoolmaster O'Kelly
	(Encore, A selection of Irish Airs on the Violin).	
Toast	"Our Visitors"	Q.M. Sergt. Doe
	Response by Schoolmaster O'Kelly and the Rev Parry-Evans.	
Song	"For Auld Lang Syne"	Sergt. Walker
Song	"Angel of my dreams"	Sergt. E. Collins
Song	'Always'	Sergt. Humphreys
Song	"She's never been there before"	Clr.-Sergt. Pond
Chorus	"Auld Lang Syne"	The Company

"God Save the King."

BOXING.

EXTRACT FROM *The Sporting Life*, 28th JANUARY, 1908.

"It is a long time since such a fine ten rounds contest has been seen at the Covent Garden establishment as that between Lance-Corpl. Baker (Royal West Kent Regiment) and Jack Meekins (Walworth). Two months ago the pair engaged in a similar contest at Maidstone, when Meekins won. On the present occasion, however, Baker turned the tables on his pluckly adversary, and had him well beaten in the seventh round.

THE CONTEST.

This was a contest for £5 a side and the club purse. Meekins forced the pace when the pair started, but the soldier was not to be flurried, and though receiving a couple of rights on the ribs, he stood his ground well. Baker went to work capitally at their next meeting, and one of his right-handers caused Meekins to pause, and later a nice upper cut further steadied the Walworth man. The bout had by now become very interesting, both showing cleverness. During the third meeting Meekins managed to get home several straight lefts, while Baker once landed the right heavily on the jaw. Another fine round succeeded, for while the former put the right on the eye, he received a hard jab on the ribs. A splendid round followed, in which fine work by Baker, and a wonderful exhibition of pluck on the part of his adversary, were the outstanding features. Twice Baker dropped his opponent with clever rights on the jaw, but on each occasion Meekins rose and managed to last out the round when all seemed over. Meekins had not recovered sufficiently during the interval, and in the seventh round a blow on the mark made him drop his hands, and Baker had won."

1st BATTALION NOTES.

The following N.C.O.'s and men have been granted good conduct pay as stated :- 8208 Pte. L. Harbach, one badge, December 21st, 1907 ; 8232 Pte. S. Diplock, January 3rd, 1908 ; 7721 Pte. G. Tranter, two badges, January 5th, 1908 ; 6794 Pte. G. Sparrow, two badges, January 3rd, 1908 ; 8230 Lance-Corpl. A. Ashdown, one badge, January 8th, 1906 ; 8237 Pte. W. Page, one badge, January 8th, 1908 ; 4745 Pte. W. Burge resumes second G.C. badge, January 8th, 1908 ; 6235 Pte. W. Brown, and 8234 Pte. S. Bishop, granted one badge each, January 9th, 1908 ; 8243 Pte. C. Bailey, one badge, January 12th, 1908 ; 3306 Pte. W. Wood, restored one badge, January 21st, 1908 ; 8241 Pte. C. Price, one badge, January 22nd, 1908 ; 7133 Pte. W. McCaffrey, two badges, January 20th, 1908.

The following men have been transferred to the Army Reserve—5755 Pte. G. Capsey, January 4th, 1908, and 6076 Pte. G. Frazer, January 25th, 1908.

The wife of 4568 Sergt. G. Ingram absorbs the vacancy on the married roll caused by the wife of Sergt. Payne proceeding to the 2nd Battalion at Singapore.

No. 2820 Sergt. G. Seaton has rejoined from the P.S. 3rd Battalion.

No. 7475 Pte. J. Marsh has been transferred to I Battery, Royal Horse Artillery.

No. 4840 Sergt. P. Walker has re-engaged for such time as shall complete a total of 21 years' service.

No. 7528 Lance-Corpl. H. Young has successfully passed the course of instruction in Infantry Pioneer duties, and is now qualified to superintend Pioneers in repairing barracks, dated January 22nd, 1903.

No. 6164 Lance-Corpl A. Catt has extended his service to complete 12 years with the colours.

No. 6722 Lance-Corpl. J. Kirton and 8262 Lance-Corpl. F. Beadle have been granted physical training certificates, dated Aldershot, December 31st, 1907. They have also qualified in swimming.

The undermentioned has been discharged for the reasons stated against his names :—No. 4659 Drummer A. Jones, on the termination of his first period of engagement, viz., 12 years.

Sergt. A. Brown has been selected to attend the School of Musketry at Hythe which commenced on the 28th January.

Certificates of education have been granted as under :— Second class, 8473 Pte. A. Fowle, dated December 23rd, 1907. Third class, 8509 Ptes. W. Beck and W. Hazlewood, dated December 23rd, 1907.

2nd BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

SINGAPORE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

In my letter this month I have drawn up a programme of events which have taken place during the year, showing the success of the Company, which may be of interest to some of our readers, also some of the old hands who formerly belonged to G Company, now serving in the 1st Battalion, Depot or elsewhere.

S.R.A. MEETING.—Rapid Firing, First Prize.

BATTALION RIFLE MEETING.—Company's Challenge Shield, Second Prize, and 24 other prizes.

MINIATURE RIFLE RANGE.—Open Competition, First Prize.

BATTALION ATHLETIC MEETING.—Tug of War, First Prize ; 100 Yards Race, First Prize ; ¼-Mile Race, First and Second Prizes ; ½-Mile, Second and Third Prizes ; Open Mile, Third Prize ; Sergeants' Race, First Prize.

WATER SPORTS.—Polo Team, Second Prize ; Company Relay Race, Second Prize ; Diving Competition, First Prize (shared with A Company).

COMPANY FOOTBALL SHIELD.—Third Place

COMPANY HOCKEY.—Second Place (not beaten in 1907).

SECOND ELEVEN FOOTBALL.—Semi-final (not finished).

Also representatives in the following Regimental Teams : Football, Hockey, and Shooting.

SCOUTS' COMPETITION.—G Company, First, six men out of seven classifying as 1st Class Scouts. Winners of General Leach's Prize for Scouting, 1907.

The highest percentage of Swimming Certificates in the Battalion, viz., 90 per cent., for which the Commanding Officer presented to the Company an Eight Day Clock, and at the same time expressed his appreciation of the above record established by us during the year.

The draft from England joined us on the 3rd December, and Clr.-Sergt. Osborne and Lance-Sergt. McNamara and about 16 others joined our Company.

Christmas time again. Once more the rooms gaily decorated with flags, evergreens, and coloured paper ; the tables laid out with all the delicacies suitable to the palate. After dinner, the tables cleared, stage erected, and a most enjoyable afternoon spent in singing, and dancing to the melodious strains of the flute and piccolo. Then the men gradually wandered away, and the music became fainter till once more "Silence reigned supreme."

On Boxing Day (26th) the time-expired men and others embarked on the H.T. "Sicilia" for Old England again, and they had a very pleasant send off, with best wishes for a safe voyage, and success to them in civilian life.

Colour-Sergeant and Mrs. Croucher are leaving Singapore for England early next month to join the 1st Battalion.

I must draw a line now for 1907 by wishing you and all the readers "A Prosperous New Year" and "Success to the Q.O. Gazette" during 1908.

G Co.'s CORRESPONDENT.

2nd BATTALION NOTES.

No. 5974 Pte. F. Roberts has been transferred to the Army Reserve with his consent, before the expiration of his period of Army Service, 7th Dec., 1907 ; and No. 5175 Pte. W. Standing has transferred to 3rd Battalion Middlesex Regiment, dated 4th December, 1907.

No. 5997 Corpl. F. Hare and 5785 Pte. A. Urry have extended their service to complete 12 years with the colours.

No. 7283 Drummer W. Earl has been granted clasps 1901 and 1902 to his Queen's S.A. Medal.

No. 4986 Corpl. G. Hatton has been transferred to Army Reserve with his consent before the expiration of his period of Army Service, dated 19th December, 1907.

No. 6704 Lance-Corpl. W. Locks has been discharged at his own request on payment of £25, under Art. 1058 (i), Pay Warrant, dated 17th December, 1907.

Fifty-four Swimming Certificates were granted to N.C.O.'s and men of the Battalion during the month of December, 1907.

A draft composed of Captains A. K. Grant, J. W. Nelson, Lieutenant A. H. Pullman, 2nd-Lieutenant B. H. F. Leir, eight Sergeants, three Corporals, and 211 Privates arrived at Singapore per H.T. "Sicilia," on 3rd December, 1907.

A draft composed of Captain C. Druce, Captain F. J. Joslin, 2nd-Lieutenant M. W. Graham and Hon. Lieutenant and Quartermaster T. Sumner, eight Sergeants, twelve Corporals, one Drummer, and 138 Privates proceeded to England by the H.T. "Sicilia," on 26th December, 1907.

Good Conduct Badges have been awarded or restored to N.C.O. and men as under :—

AWARDED — Privates 6378 J. Weller, 1st, dated 30th Dec., 1907 ; 8172 F. Thomas, 1st, dated 13th Nov., 1907 ; 6408 J. Hayes, 1st, dated 29th Nov., 1907 ; 8196 A. Tick, 1st, dated 4th Dec., 1907 ; 8183 J. Baker, 1st, dated 30th Nov., 1907 ; 6634 A. Teague, 2nd, dated 26th Sept., 1907 ; 8633 Lance-Corporal A. Judge, 1st, dated 27th Nov., 1907 ; 8165 Privates C. Manktelow, 1st, dated 6th Nov., 1907 ; 8202 J. Nixon, 1st, 14th Dec., 1907 ; 8190 C. Osborne, 1st, dated 30th Nov., 1907 ; 8219 A Doyle, 1st, dated 28th Dec., 1907 ; 7543 F. Woodrow, 1st, dated 25th Sept., 1907 ; 8205 A. Spalding, 1st, 21st Dec., 1907 ; 7406 A. Dickinson, 1st, dated 19th Dec., 1907 ; 8197 J. Redding, 1st, dated 4th Dec., 1907 ; 6562 C. Rye, 2nd, dated 25th Nov., 1907 ; 8156 T. Batchelor, 1st, dated 31st Oct., 1907 ; 8220 J. Woodberry, 1st, 29th Dec., 1907 ; 6277 W. Christie, 2nd, dated 2nd Dec., 1907 ; 8206 H. Gibson, 1st, dated 21st Dec., 1907 ; 8174 A. Page, 1st, dated 15th Nov., 1907 ; 8191 C. Russell, 1st, dated 30th Nov., 1907 ; 8160 J. Worsell, 1st, dated 1st Nov., 1907 ; 8223 J. Payne, 1st, dated 30th Dec., 1907 ; 8195 H. Dolan, 1st, dated 6th Dec., 1907 ; 8207 J. Davis, 1st, dated 19th Dec., 1907.

RESTORED—Privates 5998 D. Cummings, 2nd, dated 17th Dec., 1907 ; 5895 W. Cristwood, 1st, dated 11th Dec., 1907 ; 7472 E. Cole, 1st, dated 17th Dec., 1907.

T.Q.O.A.D.C.

SINGAPORE,
December 15th, 1907.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Herewith report of more of the doings of the Q.O.A.D.C. whose endeavours to amuse have kept them somewhat busy, both in rehearsals and the actual shewing, from early in October up to the time of writing, and with your kind permission I send the programmes of the concerts given Oct. 18th (Tanglin), Nov. 8th (Tanglin), Nov. 28th (Blakan-mati) and Dec. 13th, (Tanglin), which was a special for draft and farewell for time expired. Success in every instance crowned our effort on every occasion, particularly the last two, of which I will make special mention, without, I hope, encroaching on your valuable space. On Nov. 28th, we journeyed to Blakan-mati (through the kind permission of the Commanding Officer), where we received a hearty welcome from our comrades of the R.G.A. After a good deal of hard and busy work, we got everything ready, and, on the rise of the curtain (?) save the mark! flag I should have said, were pleased to find a full house, and audience which afterwards proved a most appreciative one, and who expressed delight on the excellence of the entertainment given. Needham and Martin R.A.M.C , our comic and eccentric, were the cause of a young lady being taken outside, their funniosities having on this particular person the effect of strong laughing gas, but the fresh air, happily had an appeasing effect on her ladyship, who was able to return and indulge in a little more. Everyone comported themselves with distinction, the whole of the long programme being carried out without a mistake. The programme was as follows :—Accompanists were our friends Blake, Jack, R.E. and Watson, R.A.M.C.

Overture, (Piano) ..... Pte. Blake
Song, Comic ..... "Let me Sing" ..... Pte. Graham
Song .... "Mamma would ask papa to sing 'Annie Laurie' " .. Pte. Runnicles
Song, Comic ..... "The Old Tin Can" .... Pte. Martin, R.A.M.C.
Song, Des. ..... "Life, Love, Death" .... Lce.-Corpl. Simmons
Song, Comic .... "There must be another one somewhere" .. Pte. Needham
Song ..... "Down the Vale" .... Pte. Watson, R.A.M.C.
Song, Coon ..... "I want to get away back home" .... Pte. Donoughue
(Assisted by Brown in Cake Walk).
Song ..... "Please Mr. Conductor" ..... Pte. Priddy
Song, Comic ..... "Sandy O" ..... Pte. Cummings
Song ..... "I've a longing in my heart for you, Louise" .... Pte. Reading
Exhibition of Club Swinging (encored) by Pte. M. Hamilton.
Song, Comic ..... "Phœbe Lightfoot" ..... Pte. Blake
Song ..... "Here the Pipers Calling, Jennie mine" .... Pte. Sharpe
Song, Comic ..... "Would you mind passing the salt" .... Pte. Graham
Song ..... "The Singer was Irish" ..... Pte. Runnicles
Song, Comic ..... "The song without a name" .. Pte. Martin, R.A.M.C.
Song, Des. ..... "Northampton Laddie" .... Lance-Corpl. Simmons
Song, Comic ..... "Like this" ..... Pte. Needham
(Encore, "He hadn't been used to luxuries").
Song ..... "The Deathless Army" ..... Pte. Runnicles
Song, Coon .... "Down where de possum blossoms grow" .. Pte. Donoughue
Assisted by Watson.
Song, Comic ..... "As I looked in the book" ..... Pte. Cummings
Song, Des. ..... "The Gambler's End" ..... Pte. Reading
Song ..... "The Gauntlet" ..... Pte. Blake

After a short interval, the following sketch, entitled "Domestic Economy," was submitted :—

John Grumpy ..... Pte. Watson, R.A.M.C.
Tom Brown ..... Pte. Cripps.
Joey ..... Pte. Runnicles.
Mrs. Grumpy ..... Pte. Graham.
Mrs. Naglen ..... Pte. Martin, R.A.M.C.
Mrs. Shackles ..... Pte. Sharpe.
Boys ..... Ptes. Priddy and Brown.

concluding with the National Anthem at a late hour. Dec. 13 was our welcome special to draft, and farewell to our time expired.

"Welcome draft!" "Farewell time expired!" Such was the heading on our programme for concert given on the evening of December 13th, and which aroused feelings not altogether to our liking, for it told us in its own way that comrades true and tried, after years of association, are leaving, and new ones take their places. Well, by this boat we lose three very good men from the club, viz., Runnicles, Graham and Cumming, whose endeavours to amuse, and personalities have made them very popular, and in our opinion their places will be hard to fill. We wish them luck on their arrival home.

Friday's concert was in every way a success, and we went some way out of the ordinary in playing a farce in one act, entitled "The New Butler," and which went off allright, our new friends enjoying it immensely, especially the married element. Pte. Stammers gave us an excellent solo on the mandoline, one of Gounod's serenades, and being one of our latest members, I make this special mention ; also Pte.

Spalding, in his coon song, "Ma Honey's Holiday." Of the draft, Ptes. Stammers, Spalding, Guy, Gutteridge and Kersey have become members of the club. To those of our friends, time expired and going to home Battalion, we wish the best of luck. Our president, Mr. Graham, goes again on leave, this time to the United Kingdom, and his place has been kindly taken by 2nd.-Lieut. Yates. Sergt. Stringer having gone to Hong-Kong, Corpl. Carrington has taken his place as manager, and has, up to date, admirably carried out the duties. Everything was all that could be desired, and the sketch, "Boots at the Swan," was indeed rather good, but we thought that at the end of it the Boots, Swan or Friskly had got into cold water, which had, or should have had, a cooling effect on, shall we say, temper; anyway, we hope it did. Perhaps the hit of the evening was "Soldiers Three," by Jones, Martin and Graham. The air and actions, having the

Extra (Coon)....."Ma Honey's Holiday,"....Pte. Spalding (draft)
Song, comic....."Poor John"....Pte. Blake
Song, sentimental.."Where the silvery Colorado flows"..Lance-Corpl. Simmonds
Song, comic....."Soldiers Three"..Ptes. Jones, Martin, and Graham
Song, comic....."Who's your tailor"....Pte. Stammers
Song, coon and walk.."Down where the Cotton Blossom grows"..Ptes. Donoughue and Brown
Song...."Absence makes the heart grow fonder"..Pte Watson, R.A.M.C.
Comic Acrobatic Turn with Club Swinging..... Ptes. Hamilton and Young

Interval of 10 minutes.

SKETCH—"BOOTS AT THE SWAN."

Mr. Higgins, Emily's Lover....Pte A. Jones
Frank Friskly, Captain of Dragoons....Pte. Runnicles
Peter Pippin, of an inquiring turn of mind....Pte Brown
Jacob Earwig, Boots at the Swan....Pte. Priddy
Miss Cecilia Moonshine, Romantic Lady....Pte. Graham
Emily, her sister....Pte. Martin, R.A.M.C.

THE QUEEN'S OWN AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB (2nd Battn. R.W. Kent Regt., Singapore).

"Thompson's Yard" swing about it, made it so popular that you can even hear it (pianissimo) in church and faintly in the direction of detention barracks. The following was the programme:—

Overture....Pte. Blake
Song, comic....."Mr. Tootle"....Pte. Graham
Song, sentimental.."I'm wearing my heart away for you"..Pte. Runnicles
Song, comic...."The old Tin Can" (by request)..Pte. Martin, R.A.M.C.
Song, sentimental...."If those lips could only speak"....Pte. A. Jones
Song, comic....."Invarary"....Pte. Cummings
Song, sentimental....."While I am with you"....Pte. Reading
Mandoline Solo.....Serenade (*Gounod*).....Pte. Stammers (draft)
One Act Farce....."The New Butler"
Mrs. Appleyard.....Pte. Martin, R.A.M.C.
Mr. Appleyard....Pte. Priddy
Sarah (servant)....Pte. Graham
Sally Smith, Housemaid....Pte. Sharpe

Concluding with the National Anthem.

I enclose a photo of the Q.O.A.D.C., with the hope that, should room be available, it would make, perhaps, an interesting illustration in our "Gazette," and show a little of what we look like in far off Singapore. Before closing this report special mention should be made of the elaborate scenery painted and property made by Pr. Blencowe, who has worked hard to give our stage the appearance respectable, and we take this means of thanking him, and in conclusion, Mr. Editor, we wish you and the staff of the "Q.O.G" the "Compliments of the Season."

NOSNAH.

RUMOURED RE-CONSTRUCTION OF MAIDSTONE BARRACKS.

DEAR SIR,

Having heard rumours that the question of the re-construction of Maidstone Barracks is again under consideration, may not some antiquarians consider this another act of vandalism, and start a movement to form a society for the preservation of these venerable and historical piles that have reared their hoary heads unchallenged during past centuries. My eyes wander over the married quarters where, when not long ago one of the famous light brigade who was visiting the Barracks pointed out to me the place, now I believe occupied by Colour-Sergeant ———, where his charger was stabled about fifty years ago. Again, has no one consideration for the lives that will be sacrificed by this act, the spiders, the milleped, mice, and other insects and mammalia that will lose their homes.

On several occasions the wooden buildings have been saved from fire by the skin of one's teeth within the past few years. It can be remembered when the heated stove at one end of the block of these buildings caused the wall to catch alight, but was promptly put out by the individual who lived upstairs, "his worldly possessions and wife were in one of the upper floors and needless to say they were not insured." Again, it can be remembered another stove in the Officers' mess going wrong and smoke issuing from the vicinity of the dry pump which used to be close by the gate, the episode of a lighted wax vesta carelessly dropped from an upper window finding a snug resting place in the curtains of a room below, thereby causing the partial destruction of a massive chest of drawers (the property of the public). Another time the Sergeant-Major, in search of skulkers, finds an empty room full of smoke where a careless recruit has been blowing up the fire with a potato sack, and when called away by the bugle for parade places the aforesaid sack on the floor with a healthy spark therein, with the result that a couple of square feet of the flooring is in a glow. However, a bath of water and a mop stands near and, unaided, alone, he quenches the flames.

Another time damage to the buildings was not avoided, and it may have been noticed by the passer by that a substantial brick building stands at the north end of the Barracks. This building at one time was of wood and a certain Colour-Sergeant who was shortly to be married to a daughter of the Regiment (this wedding was duly chronicled in the "Q.O.G.") had stored many of his treasured belongings in his quarters, he, poor chap, was not so fortunate as the "uninsured one" previously mentioned, as the place was burnt out.

The burning of the Quarter-Masters stores, over twelve years ago, has been duly chronicled in your magazine so I will not dwell on that, no doubt many of your readers could relate stranger and more thrilling tales (if not so true) of escapes from fire. However, to return to my subject, it will be noticed that I only say "rumoured re-construction," and there is, no doubt, a chance that these grand old wooden barracks, with the stables converted into married quarters, may go down as heirlooms to our children.

For the information of your readers, if they turn to the pages of the Maidstone Directory they will see in the Chronicle of Local Events the following statement: "1797—The Royal Cavalry Barracks finished," but, unfortunately, it does not say when they were "commenced."

Dear Mr. Editor, I must now apologize for taking up so much of your valuable time and I hope space.

Yours sincerely,

A. GOTH.

N.B.—I forgot to mention the efficient fire brigade at the Barracks, which can extinguish an imaginary fire in under two minutes. No doubt a pukka conflagration would be dealt with more summarily.—A.G.

DEPOT NEWS.

SERGEANTS' DANCE.

The Members of the Sergeants' Mess at Maidstone held a dance at the Gymnasium on January 3rd, a large number of members of other Corps and civilians being present. Dancing was kept up with much vigour till the early hours of the morning. The room, as usual, was tastefully decorated and the committee are to be congratulated on the excellent arrangements made. Among those present were Major and Mrs. N. H. S. Lowe (Commanding the Depot), Captain and Adjutant G. D. Lister, Lieutenants Case-Morris, Phillips and Trousdell. The band was under the directorship of Sergt.-Drummer Gee.

TEA AND XMAS TREE.

On 7th January the usual Xmas Tree and Tea was held in the Gymnasium at Maidstone. This was followed by singing and other amusements. Mrs. N. H. S. Lowe presented each child with a suitable present from the tree, each child also being presented with a packet of confectionery.

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The Major-General in charge of administration Eastern Command inspected the troops and barracks at Maidstone on the 21st instant. He was accompanied by Brigadier-General C. G. Donald, C.B., the Brigadier commanding No. 10 District (to which the Depot now belongs), and the Asst. Adjt.-General of the Command, after inspecting the different squads on the Square, he inspected a squad in the Gymnasium at physical training and another one under musketry instruction.

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No. 6584 Corporal J. Fenwick, 7357 Corporal H. Murden, and 7401 Corporal W. Ney have rejoined the home battalion for duty on promotion, and Lance-Corporals. 8356 W. Burr, 7504 B. Claridge, and 6348 A. Hammond have joined the Depot for duty in their place.

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Lieutenant W. C. O. Phillips has completed his tour of duty at the Depot, and is now at Aldershot going through a course of instruction at the Signalling School at that place. Lieutenant Phillips, it will be remembered, was one of the Depot Football Team and took the lead on the Depot Boxing Committee, and was also much interested in the Royal Army Temperance Association. He carries with him the best wishes of all ranks, who have thoroughly appreciated his efforts for upholding sport at the Depot.

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Lieutenant H. A. Waring, from the 1st Battalion, joined the Depot on the 29th January for a tour of duty in relief of Lieutenant Phillips.

The following N.C.O's. of the 2nd Battalion are shown as en route for home :—No. 5975 Lce.-Sergt. H. Lee, 5885 Corpl. H. Cousins, 5305 Corpl. F. Kite, 5876 Corpl. A. Bonfield, 5858 Corpl. H. Lynes, 5790 Lce.-Corpl. C. Miller, and 4525 Corpl. D. Pelling.

No. 3953 Pte. E. West (accompanied by his wife and four children) has arrived at the Depot from the 1st Battalion for a tour of duty, and 3805 Pte. W. W. Ellen has also joined for the same purpose.

4170 Sergt. E. Harris is attached to the Depot with a view to taking over the duties of Orderly Room Clerk to the 3rd Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment. Sergt. E. Branson at present holds this position, but he completes his twenty-one years' service during March next.

GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS.

Last month at a special parade of the troops in the Depot, Major Lowe presented 1929 Clr.-Sergt. C. F. Wilson of the Permanent Staff, 3rd Battalion, with the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct. The C.O., in a few suitable words, congratulated the recipient on being entitled to the honour of wearing this medal, and explained to the recruits how they themselves might earn this coveted decoration. He also pointed out to them the Sergeant-Major and other N.C.O's. and men to the number of about ten who were wearing the medal.

SKITTLES.

NORTH END VERSUS DEPOT.

These teams met at the Depot Skittle Alley on 10th January. Poor play was witnessed on both sides. The Depot was defeated after a very exciting finish, Mr. Geo. Allen (Hon. Treasurer, Depot Skittle Club) and late Col.-Sergt. of the 1st Battalion wanting a "floorer" to tie, but could not accomplish the feat. They hope, however, to equalise in the return match, of which you shall hear later on.

About half-time supper was provided for the teams. The repast over, Mr. G. Allen offered a few words of welcome to the visitors. Mr. J. Dalton, on behalf of the North End team, thanked the members of the Depot Skittle Club for their hospitality. The players then adjourned to the skittle alley and there finished an exciting game. The scores were :—First game, won by Depot with 48 ; North End, 49 ; second game, won by North End with 68 ; Depot, 69 ; third game, also won by North End with 68 ; Depot, 69.

The following were the team selected :—Privates Chapman, Smith, Marchant, Beer, Mr. Geo. Allen, Privates Worth and Russell.

Result of return match played with North End (away), on January 15th, at the North End skittle alley. The Depot was again defeated. Both teams played well, but the North End judged their throws to perfection. Mr. Dove, of the North End Skittle Club, being the shining light amongst them, his average being two's throughout the match. The Depot threw well, considering it was the first time they had tried to do so on that particular alley. The usual number of games were played (two out of three). North End won the first two games and so were the victors. Three "floorers" were obtained during the match, Mr. Butcher (North End), and Privates Butler and Smith (Depot) being the successful players. The scores were as follows, the winning team being placed first :—First game, North End 71, and Depot 72 ; second game, North End 38, and Depot 47.

After the match a supper and concert was provided by the North End Skittle Club, and a very bright and enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. Geo. Allen, on behalf of his team, proposed a vote of thanks to the members of the North End Skittle Club for a very pleasant evening. Mr. J. Dalton replied on behalf of the members of the North End Skittle Club, and expressed a hope that it would not be the last enjoyable evening they would have together. The evening ended with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King."

The Depot team were :—Privates Smith, Chapman, Butler, Jeffrey, Mr. G. Allen, Private Finnis, Corpl. Baker and Private Russell.

DEPOT FOOTBALL.

KENT AMATEUR CUP (First Round Proper).

DEPOT v. ARGYLL & SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS.

This match was played on the Depot Ground on the 25th of January. The Depot, owing to being in the semi-final for this Cup last year, were exempt from the qualifying rounds. It will be remembered that last year the Army Cup Holders (Depot Battalion R.E.) were too strong for them ; they also met their fate in the Army Cup at their hands in the first round in the same year.

The teams were :—Depot—Fenny ; Wright and Moore ; Redmond, Sweeney and Brown ; Lloyd, White, Davies, Holding and Langridge.

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders—Robb ; Stewart and Whitehill ; Colquhoun, Smith and Koyle ; Dixon, Alexander, A. L. Beattie, A. J. Beattie and Fulton.

Referee, Mr. E. J. Cooke (Tunbridge Wells).

The opening stages of the game were in favour of the Depot, and for the first ten minutes the visitors were almost entirely confined to their own territory. A break away by the Scots looked rather dangerous, but Moore cleared in fine style. The ball was returned, but the visitors were not given much liberty, and a huge kick by one of the home defenders transferred the ball to the other end. Langridge secured a corner and placed nicely, with the result that Davis scored the first goal. The home team now continued to attack, and forced two corners in quick succession. Nothing tangible resulted, however, but a few minutes later one of the visitors' defenders, in an attempt to clear, kicked the ball on to Davis' back. The sphere rebounded, and Davis fastened on, and in consequence the Depot's second goal went up. From now until half time the homesters monopolised almost the whole of the play, and but for an occasional break away the visitors never caused the home defenders much anxiety. No more scoring took place in this half, and the teams changed ends with the Depot leading by two goals to nil.

The first point worth recording upon the resumption was a grand shot by Davis, which the visiting custodian saved with no little difficulty. A few minutes later, Langridge, of the Depot, was fouled in the penalty area, but the home team failed to increase their score. Some ten minutes' later Holding added to the Depot's score with a beautiful shot, but the ball had hardly been restarted before the visitors ran down and reduced the lead. After this the Highlanders

played a much better game, but their chances of even effecting a draw were lost entirely when, a few minutes later, Davis broke through the defence and put on the Depot's fourth goal. Result :—Depot 4. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders 1.

THIRD ROUND ARMY FOOTBALL CUP.

THE DEPOT ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT MAKE A DRAW WITH THE "HOLDERS," VIZ., THE DEPOT BATTALION ROYAL ENGINEERS, BUT GO DOWN 6—1 IN THE EXTRA HALF-HOUR.

The following account is from "The Military Mail," of the 7th February :—

A good deal of interest was centred in the meeting at New Brompton on Saturday of the Depot Battalion R.E. and the Royal West Kent Depot in the Army Cup competition. As was generally anticipated the Sappers came out with flying colours, securing a fine victory of 6—1. It was a most extraordinary game, however, for at the close of the ninety minutes the teams were on an equality of one goal each, and it was in the extra half-hour's play which followed that the Sappers piled on their goals. Undoubtedly the extra time afforded a test of endurance too great for the West Kents, and although they stuck to their guns manfully during the regulation ninety minutes, they had not husbanded their strength for the additional tax that was made upon it. On the other hand, the superbly-trained Sappers were fit to the very finish.

The West Kents opened the scoring in the first five minutes, Davies finding the net as the result of a free kick close in. Determined rushes were essayed by the Engineers, and Lowe and Hawthorne sent in good shots. These the custodian got safely away, only to be beaten by Shepherd, who brought the scores level with a nice shot. So vigorous after this were the onslaughts made by the Sappers that Fenny was given an extremely warm time, but the pressure on the Kents' goal was eventually relieved, owing mainly to the strong game played by the Kents' backs, Wright especially putting in effective kicking. When the teams crossed over the scores remained 1—1. The West Kents' defence were kept fully employed in the second half, but Fenny was smart between the sticks, meeting and repelling hard drives from Lowe and Pearson. With the wind against them the West Kents could make but little progress, but Langridge made one fine run and tested Aston with a low shot, which gained a corner. The Sappers were continually dangerous, one rasping shot from Cadbury hitting the bar, but at the end of ninety minutes the scores were still level. In the extra half hour the West Kents fell away, and the Sappers, taking full advantage of the collapse of their opponents, added five goals in quick succession, four of which were registered as the result of sweeping rushes in the first ten minutes. The scorers were Cadbury, Hawthorne and Pearson (3). Teams :

Depot Battalion R.E.—Aston ; Stanton and Sleightholme ; Shallcross, Webber and Keir ; Lowe, Cadbury Pearson, Shepherd and Hawthorn.

Depot Royal West Rent Regiment—Fenny ; Wright and Moore ; Redmond, Sweeney and Brown ; Lloyd, Harris, Davies, Holden and Langridge.

COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The Officer Commanding the Depot acknowledges the receipt, with thanks, of the following subscriptions :

	£	s.	d.
Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B.	2	0	0
Major-Gen. E. A. H. Alderson, C.B.	1	1	0
Brigadr.-Gen. E. A. Grove, C.B.	5	0	0
Colonel F. F. Johnson, C.B.	1	0	0
Colonel T. H. Brock	2	2	0
Lieut.-Colonel C. M. Churchill	1	1	0
Colonel W. H. Bayly	1	0	0
Colonel W. H. Wilson	1	0	0
Colonel J. P. Dalison	5	0	0
Colonel H. G. Fitton, D.S.O., A.D.C.	1	0	0
Colonel G. W. Maunsell	1	1	0
Colonel R. H. P. Doran	2	0	0
Major J. W. Jones	1	0	0
Major A. Martyn	0	10	0
Major E. V. O. Hewett	0	10	0
Major R. C. Style	1	0	0
Major P. Umfreville	0	10	0
Major M. P. Buckle, D.S.O.	2	0	0
Major E. F. Venables	1	0	0
Major H. Isacke	0	10	0
Major R. J. Roche	0	10	0
Major J. Smith	1	1	0
Captain W. H. B. Long	1	0	0
Captain C. M. Allfrey	1	0	0
Captain C. F. Hitchins	0	10	6
Captain E. W. Brown	0	10	0
Captain J. H. Kennedy	1	1	0
Captain H. S. Bush	0	10	0
Captain E. L. H. James	0	10	0
Captain F. W. Burbury	1	0	0
Captain J. Lees	1	1	0
Captain R. M. G. Tulloch	1	1	0
Captain L. H. Hickson	1	0	0
Captain C. G. Pack-Beresford	0	10	0
Captain C. Druce	0	10	0
Captain P. M. Robinson	0	10	0
Captain R. J. T. Hildyard	1	0	0
Captain J. C. Parker	1	0	0
Captain T. P. C. Smith	0	10	0
Captain G. D. Lister	0	10	0
Captain H. D. Belgrave	0	10	0
Captain J. Couch	0	10	0
Lieutenant C. F. Adams	0	10	0
Lieutenant L. Ricketts	0	10	0
Lieutenant H. J. Vicat	0	5	0
Lieutenant M. J. Dinwiddy	0	10	0
Lieutenant G. B. Legard	0	5	0
Lieutenant T. Y. Dobson	0	5	0
Lieutenant W. Wilberforce	0	10	0
Lieutenant D. J. Johnston	0	5	0
Lieutenant H. J. Dresser	0	10	0
Lieutenant G. E. Wingfield-Stratford	0	5	0
Lieutenant M. W. Graham	1	0	0
Lieutenant W. S. C. Hamley	0	5	0
Lieutenant N. I. Whitty	0	5	0
Lieutenant B. H. F. Leir	1	0	0
E. J. Elgood, Esq.	1	1	0
E. J. Hudson, Esq.	1	0	0
Mrs. Brenda Hewett	0	10	0
Kent Soldiers' Fund, per F. S. W. Cornwallis, Esq.	20	0	0
	£75	5	6

ANOTHER BOXING TOURNAMENT AT THE DEPOT.

On the 26th February another boxing tournament takes place in the Drill Hall. Among those competing are Driver Crew and Seaman Kilham, Lance-Corpl. Baker and Sergt Coles (light weight champion of the army and navy), Fred Latter and Seaman Parsons, Fred Drummond (heavy weight champion of Kent) and Jack Scales (ex heavy weight champion of England), also a Light Weight Competition open to the army and navy of Kent.

VOLUNTEER INTELLIGENCE.

2ND VOLUNTEER BATTALION PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The annual distribution of prizes to the members of the Battalion took place on Saturday evening, 18th January, at the headquarters, Holly Hedge House, Blackheath. This ceremony was performed by Colonel E. Satterthwaite, V.D., commanding the West Kent Volunteer Infantry Brigade. Colonel E. J. Heward presided, and there were also present Colonel G. Morphew, Surgeon-Colonel Roberts, V.D., Major Wood-Martyn, Major M. C. Matthews, Major and Quartermaster Martin, Captains Moore, L. de B. Barnett, and Hamilton, Surgeon-Captain Stillwell, Lieutenants Andrews, Ross, Hefford, Harston, etc.

Colonel Heward, in speaking of the year's work, stated that the strength of the Battalion had risen to 1032 from 953 in 1906, the number of recruits being 335. He was satisfied with the training during the past year and trusted that the Brigadier was also satisfied. The number of all ranks who attended camp was 694, the best record since 1902 As to musketry they had the best figure of merit for trained men in the Brigade, but he would have also liked them to have held the best record for all round shooting. He was pleased the signalling of the Battalion was making rapid strides, the signallers having passed their examinations satisfactorily. He also referred to the scouting and judging distance, and announced that the Battalion would go into camp at Walmer during the ensuing year. He asked the members of the Battalion to assist him in carrying on the work, whether as Volunteers or members of the Territorial Army. He wanted them all to enlist for the next year, and give the new scheme a trial, at least for one year.

Colonel Satterthwaite, having distributed the prizes, was thanked on the motion of Colonel Morphew, and responding, expressed great pleasure at seeing his old Battalion prospering. He spoke at some length about the Territorial Army, among other things stating that the present scheme was that the battalion should be divided, the headquarter companies being administered by the County of London Association and the outlying companies by the Kent County Association. He was telling them no secret when he informed them that the Kent Association was doing its best in a constitutional way to get this altered (applause). He hoped that the efforts of the County Association might be successful. The views he had expressed had been warmly supported by representatives of the county of Kent, east and west, and he had a great hope that their representatives might have some influence with the Army Council. But, assuming the worst, that the battalion had to be divided, was it not the duty of everyone to put the general well-being of the country, as decided by the competent authorities, before their own special predilections. Let them put country before county, and before their own wishes, and remember that the scheme had come to last, and would be carried on as long as the country would support it, and that it was their duty to do their best to carry it through (applause).—A musical programme was provided, under the stage-management of Band-Sergeant Read, by the Misses Gertrude Wood and Nellie Ladbrooke, Messrs. Charles B. Steele, St. John Long, and Edward Hunter, and the battalion string band under Bandmaster C. S. Birkhead.

TERRITORIAL FORCE ASSOCIATION.

The names of the President, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Kent County Association are as under :—

President—The Most Hon. The Marquis Camden.

Chairman—The Earl of Cranbrook.

Vice-Chairman—Colonel Henry Streatfield, M.V.O.

We also hear that Major A. Wood-Martyn (retired pay), Brigade-Major of the West Kent Volunteer Infantry Brigade, is appointed Secretary to the above Association.

Colonel F. F. Johnson, C.B., takes over Secretary to the Essex County Association.

BIRTH.

At Maidstone, on the 15th January, 1908, the wife of No. 3534 Drummer Joseph Driscoll of a daughter, Laura Francis.

MARRIAGES.

At the Parish Church, Shipdam, Norfolk, No 4428 Sergt. E. J. Ashton, to Miss Ellen Jane Head, on the 23rd March, 1907.

At Camberwell, No. 3085 Sergt. W. J. Jarrad (P.S. 3rd Battalion) to Miss Grace Prisley, on the 8th January, 1908.

DEATH.

At sea, on the H.T. "Sicilia," Charles, the son of Sergt. P. Kevan, 24th November, 1907.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

3rd BATTALION.

Lieutenant George Alured Coote Alcock to be captain, dated 2nd April, 1907.

To be Second Lieutenants.—Alfred Richard Burness (gentleman), dated 12th August, 1907; Brian Hulbert Bonham-Carter (gentleman), dated 1st February, 1908.

Captain Robert James Grewing resigns his commission, dated 11th January, 1908.

1st BATTALION.

Corporal Appointed Unpaid Lance-Sergeant (Band).—2976 Corporal M. Harris, dated 8th February, 1908.

Privates Appointed Lance-Corporals.—8535 Pte. W. Traill, dated 30th January, 1908; 7864 Pte. A. Hart, dated 26th February, 1908.

Appointed Bandsmen.—5607 Pte. G. Howell, dated 7th January, 1908; 8256 Boy B. James, dated 31st January, 1908; and 8254 Boy B. Friend, dated 7th January, 1908.

2nd BATTALION.

Appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant.—No. 5905 Corporal F. King, dated 26th December, 1907.

Promoted Corporal.—No. 6413 Lance-Corporal J. Smith, dated 20th December, 1907.

The Undermentioned Lance-Corporals Receive the Pay of their Rank.—8154 Lance-Corporal R. Roythorne, dated 9th November, 1907; 7558 Lance-Corporal F. Palmer, dated 20th December, 1907; 5737 Lance-Corporal F. Bond, dated 26th December, 1907; 7210 Lance-Corporal C. Esplin, dated 26th December, 1907; 8630 Lance-Corporal A. Judge, dated 18th December, 1907.

Appointed Lance-Corporal.—No. 6429 Pte. W. Elmer, dated 9th December, 1907.

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The Officer Commanding the Depot acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following subscriptions for 1907:—

	£	s.	d.
Captain G. Elgood	0	10	0
Captain A. K. Grant	0	10	0
Captain E. H. Norman	0	10	0
Lieutenant A. S. Hewitt	0	5	0
Lieutenant C. W. Case-Morris ...	0	5	0
Lieutenant A. H. Pullman	0	10	0
For 1908:—			
Captain G. Elgood	0	10	0
Lieutenant G. B. Legard	0	5	0

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

29th February.

Dear Mr. Editor,

To-day is the last day of the leave and furlough season. On March 2nd, D, F, G, and H Companies commence field training.

On the 27th February an excellent Boxing Entertainment was held in the Town Hall, Dover. I attach an account of it, taken from the *Dover and County Chronicle*.

On the 28th February the inter-Company Bayonet Fighting Challenge Shield, presented by Colonel G. W. Maunsell, was fought for.

In the first round C Company beat E Company, D beat B, F beat A, and H beat G. In the semi-final, F beat H, and C beat D. The final was won by C Company's team, which consisted of Corporal Wood, Ptes. Bellingham, Knight, Lowe, and Pronger.

The inter-Company Football Shield has also been in progress. The final takes place on Monday, March 9th. B, D, G, and H Companies survived the first round. D and H Companies are left in the final. I see that my predecessor predicted the success of these two Companies in your last issue.

A Regimental Point-to-Point has been arranged to be held on March 7th in the vicinity of Waldershare. One race is to be exclusively a regimental one; the other two races are open to the Northumberland Fusiliers and the members of the West Street Harriers respectively.

FOOTBALL.

The past month's work in the football field has been rather unsatisfactory—two matches won, whereas four have been lost.

We have been beaten twice by the Leicestershire Regiment and twice by the Royal Scots.

In the semi-final for the Hallam-Par Shield we meet the Northumberland Fusiliers.

The matches for March are:—

March 4th v. R.G.A. (Folkestone League).
,, 7th v. Northfleet (Kent League).
,, 11th v. East Yorks (Folkestone League).
,, 18th v. Royal Scots ,, ,,
,, 25th v. Ashford ,, ,,
,, 28th v. Folkestone ,, ,,

News is just to hand that the Battalion were beaten to-day at Maidstone by the Maidstone Church Institute by two goals to nil.

v. 1st LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT (3rd Round Army Cup).

Played at Shorncliffe on February 5th in fine weather. This match resulted in our defeat by four goals to nil. The Leicesters were in great form and won easily. From the start the Leicesters pressed. Our defence, however, by good work prevented any scoring until twenty minutes had passed, when the "Tigers" scored from a corner. Another was soon added, and a third before half-time. In the second half our forwards, who had been conspicuous for their inactivity in the first half, showed even poorer form. Corners against us were plentiful, but the defence were only once again defeated.

Team :—Goal, Butcher; backs, Thompson and Lord; half-backs, Verrall, Huggett, and Mitchell; forwards, Hylands, Powell, Barker, Woodward, and Keeble.

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v. 1st ROYAL SCOTS (Folkestone League).

Played at Cheriton on February 8th, when we were beaten 1—0. Unfortunately before half-time we lost Huggett, who badly injured his arm Playing with ten men in the second half we were beaten as stated. The Royal Scots obtained their goal in the first half.

Team :—Goal, Butcher; backs, Lord and Thompson; half-backs, Verrall, Mitchell, and Huggett; forwards, Hooper, Powell, Barker, Dorrell, and Keeble.

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v. 1st ROYAL SCOTS (Kent League).

Played at the Crabble on February 12th, and, like the match of the preceding Saturday, ended in a win for the Scots by 1—0. The game was well contested, and at the interval neither side had scored. The second half was full of excitement, and good attempts were made by the forwards of both sides. With a minute to go it looked any odds on a draw, when Powell, in clearing, kicked hard on to the Scots' centre forward, who, getting the ball, beat Butcher, and thus gained his side the victory.

Team :—Goal, Butcher; backs, Powell and Thompson; half-backs, Verrall, Mitchell, Woodward; forwards, Pease, White, Holding, Sparrow, and Keeble.

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v. 2nd NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS (Folkestone League).

Played on the Crabble on February 15th in a veritable deluge, and ended in a win for us by the odd goal in seven. The start was sensational, the "Fifth" scoring in half a minute. However, we attacked, and quickly obtained three goals through the agency of Hooper, White, and Powell. The "Fifth" played a good game against the wind, and from two attacks eventually equalised. Prior to the interval White again gave us the lead. The second half was one continual attack by the Fusiliers, but as they failed to score the Blues won by the half-time score of 4—3.

Team :—Goal, Smith; backs, Thompson and Parker; half-backs, Verrall, Nicolson, and Woodward; forwards, Hooper, White, Powell, Sparrow, and Keeble.

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v. LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT (Folkestone League).

Playing at home on February 19th we were defeated by two goals to nil. The opening half was a chapter of missed chances, the "Tigers" missing time and again when scoring seemed imminent, while we were little better. The second half saw the "Tigers" on their mettle, and two splendid goals resulted, Butcher being powerless to save either. A good game, in which the Leicesters were always the better team, ended as stated.

Team :—Goal, Butcher; backs, Powell and Thompson; half-backs, Verrall, Mitchell, and Woodward; forwards, Hooper, White, Holding, Sparrow, and Keeble.

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v. SHEPPEY UNITED (Kent League).

A very good game was witnessed at the Dover Athletic Ground on February 26th, when we met Sheppey United and managed to beat them by two goals to one. The game, on the whole, was very good, and the Kents well deserved their win, which was a very creditable one. The Sheppyites, as on the occasion when they came to play the town team, arrived on the ground very late. The home forwards were ever on the alert, although, perhaps, somewhat slow in getting on the ball in front of goal, but they played pretty combination, although the visitors' halves were in good trim. The islanders' forwards were pretty in their passing, although Powell intercepted their passes very well, sometimes punting the ball almost from one end of the field to the other.

Mr. Woods, of Faversham, was the referee, and he lined up the teams in the following order :—

Royal West Kent Regt. : — Butcher; Keeble, Powell; Verrall, Mitchell, Nicholson; Hooper, White, Redmond, Holding, Todd.

Sheppey United :—Champion; H. Nicholls, Nye; Brightman, Ratcliffe, C. Nicholls; Charland, C. Nicholls, Pelling, Rule, Kent.

Sheppey won the toss, and elected to defend the pavilion end goal. They went off well, keeping the homesters at bay, Kent sending in a good shot which grazed the bar. The Kents went up, and from a melee in front of goal Hooper tapped just over the bar. From the goal kick Nicholson returned, and Brightman miskicked. C. Nichols went to obtain, but Hooper raced him, and put into the net with a very good shot. Soon afterwards Sheppey went down with a rush, and after good passing they scored, Butcher stopping the ball and then falling over it. The Battalion went off again, and Mitchell sent in a fine shot, which Champion had to put round the post. From the resultant corner two shots were put in, but Champion proved a barrier to both. Sheppey came down well in line, and after Butcher had saved several shots Powell enabled the homesters to get away, and from a centre from Todd, Redmond headed on to the goal-line, but the ball rolled on the goal-line and was cleared. After a fruitless attack by the visitors half-time arrived with the score one all.

On the resumption of the game the weather conditions were against good football. The wind had increased while it was accompanied by plenty of rain. This damped the ardour of the players, and mid-field play was the order of the day, each goal being left alone, although the visitors had the best of the booting, but keeping down well the Kents worried the visitors' defence, and after good passing White sent across to Holding, who made no mistake in finding the net, thus winning the game by two goals to one.

D COMPANY FOOTBALL NOTES.

INTER-COMPANY SHIELD COMPETITION.

We played the first of our matches in the above competition on the 13th February, being drawn against C Company in the first round. Although being without Pte. Lord, our right back, we expected a win which was realized, but not quite so easy as we thought for. The game was of a kick and rush description. Our goalkeeper, Pte. Judge, had

several dangerous shots to deal with, but proved equal to the occasion each time. Corpl. Darley and Pte. Thompson come in for individual praise. The goal-getters were Pte. Hubert 1, Corpl. Darley 2. Result: D, 3; C, 0.

SECOND ROUND—v. G COMPANY.

Played on the 20th. Both teams were at full strength on this occasion, G appearing the more formidable at the commencement of the game, but our defence could seldom be penetrated, our two backs, Ptes. Lord and Thompson, being in fine form. The game was strenuous from beginning to end. D scored ten minutes from the start, Darley being responsible. We were three up before G managed to get one through. They made great efforts to get through again but our goalkeeper was invincible. The goal getters were Corpl. Darley 3, Corpl. Lauder 1. Result, D 4, G 1. We are left in the final against H Company, who have a good team, including five regimental players. The final is to be played on the Danes Ground at the beginning of next month.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

We are now no longer in the Army Cup Competition. We were defeated by the Leicestershire Regiment to the tune of four goals to nil. This can only be accounted for by the fact that they were the better team. The Batta ion team certainly appeared to suffer from "cup-tie" nerves, which I am informed is not an uncommon thing. Pte. Butcher played a splendid game in goal, and was not to be blamed for any of the four goals scored against us. Pte. Thompson played his usual steady game, but was rather inclined to kick too hard. Lance-Corpl. Verrall was perhaps the next most useful member of the team. As for the forwards, the less said the better. Our defence was good, as it always is, but no backs, however good, can win a match without some assistance from the forwards. The latter, in this match, except on two brief occasions, showed no combination whatever. This meant that the backs were defending nearly the whole game, and were given no relief by the forwards. By the play, therefore, the better side won. The following team represented the Battalion:—

Goal, Pte. Butcher; backs, Ptes. Lord and Thompson; half-backs, Lance-Corpl. Verrall, Pte. Huggett and Pte. Mitchell; forwards, Ptes. Woodward, Powell and Barker, Lance-Corpl. Hylands and Corpl. Keeble.

The arrangements on the ground were excellently carried out by the Leicestershire Regiment, and there was a large crowd of spectators. The Sergeants of the Leicestershire Regiment entertained the Sergeants of the Battalion after the match, and I enclose an account. About 280 of all ranks of the Battalion journeyed to Shorncliffe by special train, to see the match.

On the following Saturday the Battalion team played the Royal Scots in the Folkestone and District League, losing by the narrow margin of one goal to nil.

We were unfortunate in putting a rather weak team into the field, and had the further misfortune to lose Pte. Huggett before half-time, who put his arm out at the elbow, and will, I fear, be unable to play again for some time. Notwithstanding this, the team made a most plucky fight, and almost equalised on several occasions.

It was hard to realise that practically the same team had lost by four goals to nil to the Leicestershire Regiment only three days before. Pte. Butcher again played in grand style.

In the Inter-Company Shield Competition the following matches have been decided up to date, and Company correspondents will probably send you in due course accounts of the matches. B Company beat A Company 1—0, H Company beat A Company 2—0.

BOXING CONTEST AT THE TOWN HALL, DOVER.

A CROWDED HOUSE.

Some rousing sport was seen at the Town Hall, Dover, on Thursday evening, February 27th, when a boxing contest was held under the direction of the Royal West Kent Regiment. There was nothing very startling on the programme, but, as is often the case, the card panned out far better than it looked on paper, and a crowded house had the pleasure at looking at a series of highly interesting bouts.

Lieut. North, 1st Lancashire Fusiliers, was the referee, while Mr. Warne, of the Imperial Hotel, and Company Sergt.-Major W. Elliott, of the Army Gymnastic Staff, were the judges.

9-STONE CONTEST.

The first item of the programme was a 9-stone contest of 3 rounds open to the 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, between Private Bowell and Private Dixon. The first-named had a pull in height and reach, but at the first sound of the gong Dixon had got home some good hits. The second round favoured Dixon, and at the end of the third Dixon was declared the winner.

The next pair, Private White and Private Barker, were very evenly matched. Both hit at lightning speed, White forcing the exchanges, but Barker kept a good guard and at the same time landed several telling hits. The pace was kept up in the second round, and in the last bout Barker had the better of his man and won, but was cautioned for hitting below the belt.

Private Babbage and Private Briselden sparred a bye.

In the semi-final the first bout between Dixon and Barker was fast, Dixon forcing the pace, but at the end of the second round Barker got one home in the ribs, and Dixon had to submit to defeat.

Babbage had a much better reach than Briselden, but the short man took advantage of every opportunity and won.

The final was a good bout. Brisselden got some excellent hits in in the first round, as he also did in the second, and at the conclusion of the last round he was declared the winner.

9-STONE 8-LBS. CONTEST.

Trumpeter Cant, R.G.A., and Gunner Graham, R.G.A., were the first pair. Graham had a tremendous reach, Cant getting hardly any hits in, and Graham was accorded the fight.

Private Sparrow, R.W.K., and Private Middleton were next, and both fought well, but Sparrow, with a longer reach, repeatedly got hits home without return and won the fight.

Private Edwards (1st Leicester Regiment) and Private Fisher (1st Leicester Regiment) sparred a bye.

In the semi-final Fisher met Graham, and, although short, took advantage of every opening, and sent his man clean through the ropes in the first round. The second round was an excellent one, both putting plenty of fight into it, and finally Fisher was declared the winner.

Sparrow stood up against Edwards and knocked him out in the first round. Edwards hurt himself in falling.

In the final Sparrow received many hard hits from Fisher, but at the end of the second round Fisher had to give in owing to an injury to his hand.

6-ROUNDS CONTEST.

There were three six-rounds contests, none of which lasted to the full time. The first was between Lance-Sergt. Thomas (1st Leicester Regiment) and Corporal Lally (Royal Marines). Lally was taller but did not hit so hard as Thomas, and from a strong body hit in the second round Lally was knocked out.

Driver Crew (R.F.A.) and Private Power (1st Leicester Regiment) seemed very evenly matched, but in the second round Crew severely injured his wrist and had to give in.

Corporal Darley (R.W.K.) and C. Wilkins (Deptford). This fight lasted three slow rounds, and at the end of the third round Wilkins complained of an injury to his wrist and had to give in.

3-ROUND CONTEST.

Private Burbridge (R.W.K.) and Private Hooper (R.W.K.) fought a three-round contest. Hooper gave his man an awful dressing down, following up well, but Burbridge fought bravely until the end, although mostly on the defensive, Hooper being an easy winner.

WRESTLING.

A wrestling match between Sergeant Newton (East Yorks Regiment) and Stoker Wilson (R.N.) in catch-as-catch-can style proved very interesting. Wilson was the bigger and stronger of the two, and won the first round in 3½ minutes, while in the second round he fixed his man at 4½ minutes, and won the match.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

The following N.C.O.'s and men of the 2nd Battalion having arrived home from Singapore are taken on the strength of the Home Battalion, dated 29th January, 1908:—5926 Sergeant G. Pace, 5174 Privates R. Curd, 5978 H. Burton, 6025 F. Floyd, 5937 W. Green, 5982 J. Mobbrey, 5980 E. Payne, 6005 G. Vale, 5934 W. Walsh, 5970 W. Wood, 5309 Lance-Corporal H. Kimber, 5967 Corporal T. Merrick, 5227 Lance-Corporal J. Metcalfe, 6003 Lance-Corporal T. Hensley, 5920 Privates H. Hughesdon, 5176 T. Wyatt, 5957 M. Bearham, 5879 J. Foster, 5875 G. Newell, 5907 A. Parker, 3212 F. Buldock, 5889 A Fouch, 6034 A. Hale, 6031 H. Palmer, 6033 T. Pavitt, 6020 F. Voller, 5984 J. Wannell, 5923 S. Yule, 4730 Sergt. J. Mitchell, 5376 Corporal Newell, 5965 Lance-Corporal E. Hatch, 5043 Privates R. Wood, 5893 J. Brazier, 5895 W. Gristwood, 6501 H. Hook, 4957 Sergeant H. Childs, 6014 Corporal E. Jones, 5110 Privates T. Phyall, 5991 J. Banfield, 5911 J. Graham, 6009 H. Loader, 5892 C. Paimer, 5966 W. Ryan, 5899 Sergeant C. Kemp, 5882 Privates H. Bonham, 5998 D. Cummings, 5904 R. Gregory, 5360 J. Lambert, 5973 R. Parsons, 6002 H. Reed, 5989 F. Ventham, 5993 J. Woodhams, 3246 F. Chapman, 5259 Sergeant F. Crossley, 5345 A. Reynolds, 5570 Corporal T. Myner, 3371 Privates J. Turner, 5881 W. Circus, 5930 A. Barker, 5906 W. Mussett, 5976 G. Peck, 5938 J. Seares, 5649 Sergeant E. Seal, 6019 Corporal E. Byford, 5963 Privates T. Borton, 6015 W. Dicker, 5958 S. Godden, 5981 D. McCarthy, 6017 W. Pearce, 6008 A. Toms.

No. 5794 Private G. Richards, 5077 Private T. Frankson, and 5809 Private B. Stinton have been transferred to the Army Reserve, dated 13th February, 1008, and 21st February, 1908, respectively.

Captain J. C. Parker is seconded for service under the Colonial Office, 25th January, 1908.

No. 4859 Lance-Corporal A. Jones has been permitted to re-engage for such term as shall complete 21 years' service.

No. 1798 Private Harry Buss has been discharged on completion of 21 years' service with a view to pension, dated 17th February, 1908.

6078 Corporal H. Darley has extended his service to complete 12 years with the colours, dated 17th February, 1908.

No. 5461 Sergeant G. Hindmarsh has been permitted to continue in the service beyond 21 years.

No. 8773 Private J. Wilkins is allowed to count his former service (12 years and 11 days) in Royal Munster Fusiliers as qualifying service for pension under Article 1063 (b) Pay Warrant, and also as service under Article 1062 Pay Warrant Establishments.

Nos. 5259 Sergeants F. Crossley, 5345 A. Reynolds, and 4957 H. Childs, 5309 Lance-Sergeant H. Kimber, 5376 Corporals W. Newell and 5570 T. Myner, on arrival home from Singapore, absorb the vacancies in the 1st Battalion caused by the transfer to the 2nd Battalion of Sergeants McVicar, Rose, Urquhart, Lance-Sergeant McNamara, and Corporals Bond and Rouse.

Nos. 5899 Sergeant Kemp, 4730 Sergeant Mitchell, 5926 Sergeant Pace, 5649 Sergeant Seal, 6019 Corporal Byford, 5967 Corporal Merrick, and 6041 Corporal Jones, on the 3rd February are supernumerary to the establishment of the Home Battalion.

Certificates of Education have been awarded as follows:—

SECOND CLASS—8706 Lance-Corporal G. Franks, 8816 Boy Bellion, 8230 Lance-Corporal A. Ashdown, 8110 Drummer A. Whitehorn, 8754 Privates H. Coombes, 8671 W. Unsworth, 8578 A. Harrison, and 8785 E. Phipps.

THIRD CLASS — 8357 Lance-Corporal C. Reeves, 5163 Privates E. Best, 8713 W. Angell, 8493 Lance-Corporal J. White, 8538 Private W. Ball, 8510 Lance-Corporal A. Bishop, 8622 Privates F. Barton, 8619 J. Sporle, 8575 E. Card, 8705 Private T. Lawrie, 8551 A. Thomas, C. Deamer, and 8788 E. Miller.

The following N.C.O.'s and men have been granted or restored good conduct badges as stated:—Granted two badges: 6110 Private E. McIntosh, 5th August, 1907; 6742 Private J. Smith, 9th December, 1907; 6768 Drummer F. Brockett, 1st February, 1908; 5360 Private J. Lambert, 30th September, 1907. Granted one badge: 8245 Lance-Corporal B. Findlay, 31st January, 1908; 8254 Boy A. Friend, 8255 Boy W Gorman, and Boy B. James, 14th February, 1908; 8081 Private J. Ballard, 12th February, 1908. Resumes two badges: 8773 Private J. Wilkins, 16th October, 1907. Resumes one badge: Private L. Glover, 28th February, 1908.

The following N.C.O.'s and men have extended their service to complete 12 years with the colours:—6110 Private E. McIntosh and 6087 Private J. Wellard, dated 31st January, 1908.

No. 8213 Private W. O'Bee has been discharged on termination of 14 years' colour service.

No. 5825 Lance-Sergeant F. Piper is transferred to the Army Reserve from 29th February, 1908, and No. 6019 Corporal Byford absorbs this vacancy, 29th February, 1908.

SERGEANTS' MESS, 1ST BATTALION, ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

Recently the members of the above mess received an interesting gift in the form of two photographs of a distinguished old soldier of the Regiment, Colour-Sergeant

George Kent, one of the old 50th. They were presented by Barrack Warden Kent, one of the friends made since the Battalion has been stationed at Dover. The offer was made on the occasion of the Annual Dinner and Smoking Concert, January 10th, at which Mr. Kent, who is a nephew of the old soldier, was present, and gave a brief account of the career of his Uncle while serving with the 50th, and concluded by asking the members to accept the two photographs. Needless to say, the offer was accepted, and a promise given that the photographs should always occupy a prominent position in the Mess Room. One of the photographs shows Colour-Sergeant Kent in the uniform of the old 50th, with the medals for the Gwalior, Sutlej, and Crimean Campaigns, together with that for Distinguished Conduct received for service in the latter campaign; the other in the uniform of the Lincoln Volunteers, with the medals for Good Conduct and Meritorious Service added to his war medals. Mr. Kent states that one of the proudest boasts of this old gentlemen was, that he only missed three days duty in the trenches during the Crimean War. The following is a brief account of the career of No. 1871 Colour-Sergeant Kent, late H.M. 50th Foot:—Enlisted in 1841, and joined the 50th in India at Chinsurah in 1842. Took part in the following engagements, Punniar 1843, Gwalior, 1844, Gwalior Campaign, Punniar Star with Clasp for Gwalior; Aliwal, 1846, Sobraon, 1846, Sutlej Campaign, India Medal with Clasps for Aliwal and Sobraon. Embarked for Crimea in 1854, and was present at the following engagements:—Alma, 1854, Inkerman, 1854, Sebastopol, 1855, received Crimean Medal with three Clasps, Turkish Medal and Medal for Distinguished Conduct. Received the Good Conduct Medal in 1859, and later the Meritorious Medal.

On the formation of the Lincoln Volunteers he was offered the position of Sergeant-Major to that Corps. This he accepted, and was connected with them until his final retirement in the year 1883. His death took place in 1886 at Lincoln.

The members of the Sergeants' Mess were in strong force on the football ground at Shorncliffe on Wednesday, the 5th, the occasion being the match between the Battalion and the 1st Battalion Leicester Regiment in the Army Cup Competition. For the convenience of all who wished to be present arrangements were made by Captain Dunlop for a special train, which left Dover at 1.27 p.m. About twenty Sergeants took advantage of this, while three cycled over from the Musketry Camp at Lydd. An enclosure has been reserved, and shortly after the match commenced the Sergeants of both Messes were fraternising in a manner that spoke well for the good feeling existing between the two regiments. At the conclusion of the match, advantage was taken of the char-a-banc kindly provided to convey the party to the mess. Here a nice tea had been arranged, to which one and all did full justice. The return to Dover was made during the evening, all having thoroughly enjoyed the outing, and hoping an opportunity will soon present itself, when the hospitality of the Sergeants of the Leicester Regiments can be returned.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

January 31st.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I must apologise for the scarcity of news during the last two months, and I will try now to give a short resumè of the few interesting events that have occurred.

Very few games have been played, owing partly to the fact that in order to improve the accommodation for them in the future, possibly for our successors, we have been turfing the Parade Ground, where we used to play cricket; and we have also been making some attempt to repair the football ground, which was much worn in May games. The former work is slowly progressing; we have done enough now for a hockey ground, and hope to get the remainder finished before long.

During December the chief events of interest were the arrival of the draft from home; the winning of the Sultan of Perah's Cup by the Regimental polo team; and the departure of the time expired men and others for home.

The draft arrived on December 3rd, with Captains Grant and Nelson, and Lieutenants Pullman and Leir, and soon settled down in the various Companies.

The polo team, consisting of Captains Joslin, Grant and Belgrave, and Lieut. Hibbert, with Lieut. Bazley White as spare man, left for Kuala Lumpur, in Selangor, on December 14th, the ponies having gone up on the previous Wednesday.

There were two cups to be played for, the Sultan of Perah's Cup and a cup presented by Mr. McDougall, a local player.

Three teams entered for the former, Selangor, Klavy, and the Regiment, and there were five entries for the latter.

The Regiment drew Klavy in the first round for the Sultan of Perah's Cup, and the match was played on Monday, 16th. Unfortunately the ground was in very bad condition, owing to rain.

The play was for six periods of five minutes each, with three minutes between, and the ponies limited to ten a team.

As the Regiment had never before played togther, they were lucky to have a fairly easy game, for after the first period, when nothing was scored, they had matters all their own way, and won by 11 goals to 0. Capt. Joslin, at back, was playing well for the Regiment, and as the local paper said: "His back-handers were a pleasure to watch." But the team as a whole were much better together than would have been expected.

The final was to have been played on Tuesday, 17th, but rain made this impossible, and on Wednesday, 18th, though things were a little better, the ground was in a terrible state. Selangor was represented by Capt. Graham, back; Dr. Gerrard, three; Mr. Spooner, two; and Mr. J. Spooner, one; and the Regiment lined out with Capt. Joslin, back; Capt. Grant, three; Capt. Belgrave, two; and Lieut. Hibbert, one.

The game was a very even one, and had the ground been in good condition, would have been fast. As it was, however, the ball on several occasions lay in standing water. The Regiment had slightly the better of the game all the way through, and scored twice before their opponents had hit a goal. In the penultimate period one was scored by Selangor, and the Regiment rode off the winners by two goals to one. The McDougall cup was not played for, as the weather on Thursday and Friday was too bad.

On Saturday the Regiment played three periods against a combined team of Selangor and Klavy, and beat them by three goals to none.

On Friday morning they varied the entertainment by shooting a match against the Malay States Rifle Volunteers, and though the Volunteers had two of their regular team away, the fact that they only won by ten points was satisfactory, as the Corp is about 100 strong.

The Sicilia departed with the time expired, invalids, etc., on December 26th, and also took with them Captain Druce for the Depot, and Captain Joslin and Lieutenant Graham on leave.

During January very little of interest has occurred. Football has started again, and the Companies are vigorously practising for the League, which starts on February 14th. The finish of the 1907 Cricket League is also to be played, commencing on February 15th. The Football Ground is not an ideal cricket pitch, but necessity knows no laws, and though a poor thing, 'tis our only one.

I enclose a letter for your shooting correspondent, which you will see deals with the competition for the Company Shield and the Officers' Cup, and also some Company correspondence.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

D. COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

News regarding D has without doubt been somewhat slack lately, but want of news is really the cause of it, and therefore apology has to be made for it.

I might say that one reason is that both grounds have been closed to games, being under repair, and the usual routine of the Company work being about the only things that has happened, made me refrain, more or less, from sending any report. Twas only to be expected that Christmas Day should fall again on the 25th of "D," and there is no doubt that it was eagerly looked forward to, everything and "where" being resplendent in colour, which harmonised in every way with the good things provided for us, laid out so tastefully on the tables and with a colour which was of a tint most temptingly appetising.

The dining hall was decorated very beautifully, and to look at it, as it was on that day, one would have thought it a captive, being so much in chains.

The author of this conglomeration of colour so beautifully blended prefers that his name should not be recorded here, but he takes this opportunity of thanking those of the Company who so kindly assisted, whom he could not have done without.

The Commanding Officer and Company Officers, both present and past, drank our healths, and we duly returned the compliment; indeed, so exuberant were we all, that our Colour-Sergeant came near to violating his pledge in the excitement (we're glad he didn't). His whole aim (with Sergts. Seal, Cox and Stace) was to see we enjoyed ourselves, and thanks to them for their labours, which attained that end, we did right loyally. So much for Christmas.

The football ground having undergone such repair by this time, that it was considered fit to play scratch matches on, advantage was taken of it, and we played C 2nd, beating them 2—0; then we met E 2nd, whom we beat 2—1. Our next turn was with the representatives of the shield holders, who beat us 3—1. It was not bad, two out of three, and I hope it augurs well for when we play in the next League matches; we should stand a chance, as we have a good line of forwards, who, properly handled, should make a good show. We hope they will. The Q.O.A.D.C. boasts of six members in D, the latest of whom are Ptes. Spalding and Drinkwater, both of them "D"ecent.

The H.T. Sicilia took with her about 12 of our T.X., including Sergt. Seal and the renowned (Tatcho) Pte. James, who all received a hearty send-off. We wish them the best of luck.

D COMPANY CORRESPONDENT.

RECORD OF SPORTS FOR F COMPANY.

For January, 1908.—Football (friendly) :—

E Company v F Company; win for F, 3 goals to nil.

F Company v Picked Team of Battalion : draw, 1 goal each.

F Company v Singapore Chinese Recreation Club; win for F by 2 goals to nil.

F Company v D Company; win for F by 2 goals to 1.

Hockey (friendly) :—F Company v R.E. at Palace Brani; win for F by 2 goals to 1.

F COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.
Tanglin, Singapore.

Fired at Normanton on 23rd January, 1908 :—

Result of the Company Shield Competition :—G Company, 409 points, shield and $20; G Company, 406, $10; C Company, 389; D Company 386; B Company, 376; F Company, 369; A Company 364; H Company, 358. Highest scores : Pte. Cousins, E, 47 points; 1st aggregate, $2; Cpl. Martin, G, 46 points, 2nd aggregate, $2; Cpl. Williams, H, 3rd aggregate, 45 points, $1. Teams of ten, all ranks; five rounds at 200 and 500 yards. Regimental targets, but Bisley scoring.

Singapore, January, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

As there are only one or two events worth recording in the jottings for the month of January, you may find this rather a short epistle.

The principal event that took place recalls the words to mind of G's correspondent two or three months back, referring to the Company Shooting Shield. This was competed for on the 20th January, and resulted in a win for G Company with a total of 409 points, E Company 2nd place with a total of 406 points.

The competition for the badges of best shot amongst Sergeants, and best shots amongst Corporals and Privates in the Battalion took place on the 23rd instant, and G were the runners up in both events, being beaten by the narrow margin of four points and one point respectively.

The Officers' Cup was competed for during the month, and the following were the three best scores :—Q.M.S Wood, D, 122 points, cup and first prize ; Capt. H. D. Belgrave, D, 119 points ; Capt. C. E. Kitson, G, 116 points.

Now football—G Company met E Company in the 2nd Division, and as there was not much difference in the two teams, I cannot say much about the play, as they were fairly even, and close upon time E Company managed to score one goal, thus knocking us out of the semi-final.

There were one or two friendly matches during the month, but hardly worth recording in the doings of the Company.

According to the above, I think I can safely say that G has made a good start for the New Year, and let us hope that the Company will maintain its present position in the sporting world throughout the present year.

G COMPANY CORRESPONDENT.

Tanglin,
5th February, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Since my last contribution to the Q.O.G. there has been very little doing in the musketry line; in fact, I think I might say it has been the off season. We have had two matches with outside teams, in which we came out "top side" each time. During the Polo Week at Kuala Lumpur, Federated Malay States, a shooting match was also arranged between the Regimental Polo Team and the Malay States Volunteer Rifles, the latter being victorious. Unfortunately I have been unable to obtain any details to forward for publication.

The competitions for the various cups for 1907 are now being held. The Company Shield and Officers' Cup Competitions have been completed, and I enclose the results, together with those of our other matches, etc.

Yours faithfully,
"MAGPIE."

RESULT OF "OFFICERS' CUP" COMPETITION.

First two stages fired at Tanglin on the 15th and 16th January, and last two at Normanton on 29th January, 1908. Bisley targets.

200 yards' range:—Corpl. F. Ibbotson, E, score 32, prize $2; Q.M.S. J. Wood, D, 31, $1 50c.; Sergt. T .Fletcher, B, 31, $1 50c.; Pte. T. Littlejohn, G, 31, $1 50c.; Lance-Sergt. H. Stevens, E, 30, $1; Sergt. C. Cockle, G, 30, $1; Corpl. J. Williams, H, 30, $1; Pte. G. Klein, E, 30, $1; Pte. F. Robinson, G, 30, $1; Pte. J. Downs, C, 30, $1 Lt. E. Pullman, G, 30; 2nd Lt. H. Whitty, D, 30.

500 yards' range:—Capt. C. E. Kitson, G, score 32; Sergt. J. Gurr, G, 31, $1; Lance-Corpl. J. Dormand, G, 31, $1; Pte. A. Needham, B, 31, $1; Pte. A. Leeson, B, 31, $1; Sergt. Cramp, G, 30, 50c.; Lt. A. Hewitt, D, 30; Capt. H. Belgrave, D, 30; Lance-Corpl. J. Blackall, F, 30, 50c.; Q.M.S. Wood, D, 30, 50c.; Pte. A. Patching, F, 30, 50c.; Pte. T. Robinson, G, 30, 50c.; Pte. T. Wren, C, 30, 50c.; Pte. E. Moir, H, 30, 50c.; Lance-Corpl. W. Croucher, B, 30, 50c.; Pte. J. Donoghue, B, 30, 50c.; Sgt. H. Stevens, H, 30, 50c.; Sergt. C. Cockle, G, 30, 50c.; Lce-Corpl. L. Johnson, A, 30, 50c.; C.S. J. Smith, D, 30, 50c.

700 yards' range: — Capt. H. Belgrave, D, 32; Pte. B. Boxall, C, 31, 2$; Corpl. O. Bond, 30, $1 50c.; Pte. G. Allen, A, 30, $1 50c.; Pte. H. Connor, E, 29, $1, Pte. L. Pratt, E, 29, $1; Pte. E. Dickson, E, 29, $1; Col. H. G. Fitton, 29.

800 yards, range:—Q.M.S. J. Wood, D, 33, $2; Capt. C. Kitson, G, 31; Capt. H. Belgrave, D, 31; Corpl. F. Martin, G, 28, $1 50c.; Col-Sergt. J. Smith, D, 27, $1; Col.-Sergt. J. Mills, B, 27, $1; Pte. H. Harris, E, 27, $1; 2nd Lieut. Leir, B, 25; Lance-Corpl. W. Wharfe, C, 25, 50c.

Aggregate:—Q.M.S. J. Wood, D, 122, cup and $7; Capt. H. Belgrave, D, 119; Col.-Sergt. J. Smith, D, 111, 4dlrs. Capt. A. Grant, C, 109; Lieut. Hewitt, D, 106; Pte. H. Harris, E, 102, $1 50c.; Lance-Corpl. J. Beale, 101, $1; Lance-Corpl. J. Blackall, 100, $1; Capt. C. Kitson, G, 116, Corpl. F. Ibbotson, E, 110; 3dlrs.; Corpl. F. Martin, G, 109, $2 50c.; Corpl. O. Bond, E, 104, $2; 2nd Lieut. Leir, B, 102, Lance-Corpl F. Vincent, D, 101, $1.

In accordance with paragraph 128, Musketry Regulations, 1905, the competition for badges for best shot of the Sergeants and Lance-Sergeants in the Battalion, and best shot of the Corporals and Privates, was held at Normanton Range at 2.30 p.m. on 23rd January, 1908. The test was as under:—

1.—Snapshooting, standing, five rounds at 200 yards. Figure No. 3 target; hit 3 points; 4 seconds exposure.

2.—Moving target, kneeling behind cover, 5 rounds at 200 yards. Figure No. 5 target. Runs, scoring, and hits as per practice 22 Table B. Musketry Regulations.

3.—Lying, rapid; five rounds at 500 yards. Second Class Figure Target. Marking as per Table B. Musketry Regulations. Time, 30 seconds. Two sighting shots compulsory.

4.—800 yards; five rounds; slow. First Class Bullseye Target. Bisley marking. One sighting shot compulsory.

Result.—Sergeants and Lance-Sergeants, Lance-Sergt. H. Stevens, 1, 51 points; Lance-Sergt. E. Turner, 2, 47 points. Corporals and Privates:—Lance-Corpl Ives, 1, 47 points; Lance-Corpl Lythall, 2, 46 points.

WINNERS OF OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' TROPHY.

October, 1907.

Lt. F. B. Humphreys (trophy). .	83	20	103
S.M. Grey	92	5	97
Sergt. Reynolds	87	10	97

November, 1907.

Sergt. Russell (trophy) . . .	82	14	96
Q.M.S. Wood			92
Mr. Fairholme			90

The trophy was not fired for during December, 1907.

January, 1908.

Col.-Sergt. Smith (trophy). . .	91	6	97
Col.-Sergt Osborne	87	10	97
Sergt. Cockle	91	5	96

OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS AND H.M.S. KENT.

Tanglin Range, 18th November, 1907.

	200	500	600	Ttl
Q.M.S. Wood	26	33	32	91
Capt. Kitson	28	30	29	87
Lt. Dresser	29	31	25	85
S.M. Grey	29	26	29	84
L.S. Turner	26	32	24	82
Sergt. Mills	25	30	23	78
L.S. Stevens	27	25	23	75
Lt. Hewitt	27	26	22	75
				657

H.M.S Kent total, 607.
Officers and Sergeants won by 50 points.

REGIMENTAL TEAM v SINGAPORE R.E. VOLUNTEERS.

Tanglin, 8th December, 1907.

	200	500	600	Ttl
Capt. Kitson	32	35	32	99
Q.M.S. Wood	30	33	30	93
Corpl. Williams	32	29	31	92
Lieut. Hibbert	31	33	27	91
S.M. Grey	27	29	24	80
L.S. Crisford	30	21	27	78
L.S. Turner	28	28	21	77
L.S. Stevens	22	26	27	75
				685

Singapore R.E. Volunteers, 661.
Regimental team won by 24 points.

MINIATURE RANGE COMPETITION.

Open competition :—10 rounds, 500 yards target, 20 yards range :—L.C. Lythall, score 40, prize $5; Corpl. Williams, 38, $4; Pte. Drury, 34, $3; L.C. Clarke, 26, $2; Pte. Renwick, 17, $1.

Private soldiers only :—Pte. Sullivan, score 39, prize $5; Pte. Purchase, 38, $4; Pte. Steel, 34, $3; Pte. Turner, 17, $2; Pte. Glare, 13, $1.

SIX DAYS ON ONE OF H.M. CRUISERS.

Through the kindness of the Captain and the courtesy of the Warrant Officers of one of H.M. Cruisers, I was afforded the novel experience of a trip on a Man-o'-War. A few words about this fine vessel may be of interest to some of your readers. This is a first-class armoured cruiser, which means that she is better than any foreign ship of her own class, and in an engagement would probably sink a single cruiser in a quarter of an hour. I will endeavour to describe her in my own words, which may be more intelligible to landsmen than sailors. The armour of the ship is a steel belt which runs almost from stern to stem (that sounds nautical). Amidships it is four inches in thickness and twelve feet in height, eight feet are above the water and four below. There are two steel decks, which are in line with the top and bottom of the armour belt ; the upper deck is one-and-a-quarter inches thick.

The actual weight of the whole ship and armament is 9,800 tons, and she is over 150 yards in length, with a full speed of twenty-three knots per hour.

Her guns are 6-inch B.L. and number fourteen, firing a hundred pound shell. Two hundred of these useful little projectiles are always available for instant use. Two turrets each have a pair of these guns, but it is the opinion of some on board that one "9·2" would be more serviceable in these turrets. There are also ten guns which fire a twelve pound shell, and would be used for the purpose of repelling torpedo attacks, but I am afraid the general opinion is that they would not be of much real use. The two machine guns which are carried would be of great assistance in adding to the noise of an action.

Thirteen torpedoes are carried. These are discharged from two submerged tubes ; but the subject is too sacred to be spoken of lightly, sufficient to say that if they ever get home they will make a lot of dust.

Now as regards the general life on board. The first thing that strikes one is the business-like way in which everybody goes about his work. Jack ashore and Jack afloat are two different beings. They commence with prayers on the quarter deck, and then there is a different programme for each day of the week. Of the many practices I saw, the most imposing was an exercise at night (the last night of the old year). It was an operation to meet torpedo attack. All lights were extinguished, and the great iron castle was ploughing its way through an unpacific ocean. Not a star could be seen, nor a voice heard, when suddenly out flashed half-a-dozen search lights, each of twenty-five thousand candle power, and for miles in all directions could be seen the white-crested waves, but no destroyers !

While on the subject of destroyers, I might mention that one torpedo would, if well aimed, be sufficient to sink an ordinary crusier. Like our own system of attacks, nothing can be definitely laid down as to the method of attack by destroyers, but I am told a favourite idea is to advance in threes towards the enemy in extended order at a moderate speed, then, when within about 3,000 yards, the centre one will show a great flare from the funnel to attract attention, while the other two bear down on either side of the bows at a speed of thirty miles an hour to within 1,000 yards, where the torpedoes are discharged or the attackers sunk.

The wireless telegraph apparatus is of great use, but owing to the danger of generating too great a power on board an iron-clad, the results cannot compare with the development on land ; however, this crusier has sent and received messages at a distance of seven hundred miles, and on the day before we reached Hong Kong instructions were received as to where we were to anchor from the flag-ship "King Alfred," which was lying peacefully in the harbour.

To drive the twin screws of this ship there are two separate sets of engines with thirty-one boilers, having a twenty-two thousand horse power.

The total crew, all ranks, consists of 658, also one thorough bred bull dog, two gazelles, cats, rats, etc.

I was taken on to the bridge one morning to study navigation ! Of course I tried to look wise, but the whole system was rather mysterious. However, with an admiralty chart, a pair of compasses, parallel rules, sextant, chronometer, log, and an Indian Seas Directory, I dare say, if all the officers of our next transport are sea-sick, I could manage to lose the way in twenty-four hours.

An unimportant subject, though one which, if these notes catch the eye of a Pimlico official, may be worth considering, is the quality of certain articles of kit supplied to the Navy, especially the razor and towel. Each of these articles are really serviceable which cannot be said of our own class.

Another thing which I noticed, and which might save many grey hairs in the Army. When kit was being issued on payment, I asked a W.O., "Don't they have them numbered ?" and he replied, "No, why should they ? The things are their own."

F.G.

T.Q.O. AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

Tanglin,
January 31st, 1908.

Sir,—The New Year has come upon us, and it is hoped that it will be a happy one for us all.

The Q.O.A.D.C., I am glad to say, have made up their minds that this year will eclipse last, that is, of course, if all goes well.

In fact, we are in a better condition now than we were in 1907, and all that we stage, so far as we can, will be new, and somewhat original.

On the 10th January, 31st, and perhaps February, the sketches will have to be ones we have staged before, but after that I think I can safely say, our audience will have the pleasure of hearing entirely new ones. At the annual meeting held in the Regimental Theatre, 2nd Lieut. Yates was unanimously elected President, and we are very pleased to say he has accepted the post for the ensuing year, with Corpl. Carrington as manager. On the 10th we gave a concert, which was in every way a success, the sketch being one of the good old ones, which can bear the strain of a second staging, and as the cast has appeared in your valuable paper before I will say no more about it. The following was the programme, less sketch :—Overture, "Medley," pianist; song (comic), "There must be another one somewhere," Pte. Needham; ballad, "The Trumpeter," Pte. Blake; song (comic), parody on "I wouldn't leave my little wooden hut for you," Pte. Guy ; song (sentimental), "The Pipers calling Jenny mine," Pte. Sharpe; song (comic), "What did I do?" Pte. Young; song (sentimental), "In the Valley where the Blue Birds sing," Pte. Watson, R.A.M.C.; song (comic), "The Palmist," Pte. Needham; solo (mandoline), "True Blue March," Pte. Stammers; extra turn, song (comic), "Wait for me." Sergt. Urquhart ; song (descriptive), "His charity covers his sin," Pte. J. Readings; song and dance, "That is the girl I want to M-A-R-R-Y," Pte. Spalding; song (descriptive), "That is a woman's way," Pte. Drinkwater; song (comic), "O O'er,O O'er," (encored), Pte. Needham; song, "The Gauntlet," Pte. Blake; double dance and cake walk, Ptes. Guy and Young; song, "True Eyes," (encore), Pte. Watson, R.A.M.C.; song, "I've a longing in my heart for you, Louise" (encore), Pte. J. Readings; song, (descriptive), "Pal of mine," Pte. A. Jones, which, after an interval of 10 minutes, was followed by the sketch "Domestic Economy." So much for the 10th. There is no doubt but what we miss the old hands very much, although, I am glad to say, the new are coming up splendidly. On the 31st another and more successful concert was given, and which was, indeed, a great success, but, as I stated in my last, an old sketch had to be put on. To give it a different appearance, we revised it, and, I am pleased to say, our labours were rewarded by the way our audience showed their appreciation. The following was the programme :—Overture, piano; song (comic), "Dearly beloved brethren," Pte. C. Stammers; song (descriptive), "Half mast high," Dr. Moss; song (comic), "All of a trade"; (encore), "Hadn't been used to luxuries," Pte. N. Needham; song and dance, "Isle of Anglesey"; (encore), dance, Pte. A. Spalding; song, "Come back to me," Pte. Watson, R.A.M.C.; song (comic), "Good-bye," Pte. Young; song (descriptive), "Poppies," Pte. Gutteridge; song (comic), "Proud and she's beautiful"; (encore), "What do you want to talk about it for," Pte. Martin, R.A.M.C.; song (sentimental), "Two Little Brown Eyes," (encore), "Ballooning," Lance-Corpl. A. Simmons; quartette, "Sweet and Low," Ptes. Watson, R.A.M.C., Readings, Gutteridge and Hanson; double turn, "Two D's.," Ptes. Doyle and Cripps; song (descriptive), "All that glitters is not gold," Pte. A. Jones; song (parody) "Iv'e made up my mind to sail away," with dance, Pte. Guy; black art performance by Professor Readings; piano duet, "Bamboo Dance," Sapper Jack and Watson, R.A.M.C.; interval; sketch, "Justice at last" (revised), caste :—Lord Bolingbroke, Pte. D. Priddy; Lady Bolingbroke, Pte. A. Spalding; The Hon. Bolingbroke (their son), Pte. R. Gutteridge; Stanley Ferrers (an enemy of the Bolingbrokes, but a lover of Lady Bolingbroke), Pte. J. Readings; Victor Bellion (a friend of the Bolingbrokes), Dr. Moss; counsel for defence, Pte. W. Hanson; counsel for prosecution, Pte. Watson, R.A.M.C.; Judge, Pte. A. Jones; butler, Pte. N. Needham; gamekeeper, Pte. O. Brown; poachers, Ptes. Guy and Payne; policemen, Ptes. Doyle and Cripps; foreman of jury, Pte. Drinkwater; jury, etc. Synopsis of scenery : 1, drawing room at Towers' Abbey; 2, in the Abbey grounds; 3, Court of Assizes. The above was most enthusiastically received, and, as I said, we are amply rewarded.

NOSNAH.

The discharge by purchase of No. 5116 Pte. W. A. Pepperill, 2nd Battalion, has been cancelled by the G.O.C., South China, and he has been transferred to the Army Reserve on conversion of service.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

No. 4570 Clr.-Sergt. F. Croucher, accompanied by his wife, and No. 3608 Sergt. Keyte and one child embarked at Singapore for home in the s.s. Nyanza on the 8th January. They will join the 1st Battalion on arrival.

No. 4239 Sergt. W. Ellis, 4629 Sergt. C. Stringer and 6201 Corpl. A. Gallant have been awarded 1st class certificates of education, dated October 29th, 1907.

No. 7575 Lance-Corpl. F. Johnson passed in Group I., and 3501 Sergt.-Major F. Grey, Clr.-Sergt. F. Croucher, and 4943 Sergt. C. Harrison passed in composition at the same examination.

No 7167 Pte. E. Dickson has been granted the clasp for 1901 to his Queen's South African medal.

No. 6572 Pte. E. Arms has purchased his discharge at Singapore on payment of the sum of £25.

No. 8590 Lance-Corpl. de la Mare arrived at Singapore on the 27th January, 1908, from England on the s s. Nubia.

Good conduct badges have been granted to n.c.o.'s and men of the Battalion as hereunder stated : — Awarded 1st G.C. badge—8238 Pte. J. Whitehead, dated January 15th, 1908 ; 8226 Pte. S. Coleman, dated January 3rd, 1908 ; 8155 Pte. H. Hoadley, dated October 30th, 1907 ; 8222 Pte. W. Williams, dated December 30th, 1907 ; 8242 Pte. W. Sparks, 8236 Pte. J. Brennan, dated January 13th, 1908 ; 8226 Pte. J. Rabbitt, dated January 2nd, 1908 ; 7967 Pte. A. Coggin, dated November 29th, 1907 ; 6377 Pte. A. Steadman, dated January 20th, 1908 ; 8227 Pte. C. Stammers, dated January 3rd, 1908. Restored 1st G.C. badge—6675 Lance-Corpl. J. Ervin, dated January 12th, 1908 ; 6278 Pte. A. Reid, dated January 3rd, 1908 ; Awarded 2nd G C. badge—6190 Pte. E. Worsell, dated January 26th, 1908 ; 7145 Lance-Corpl. W. Geddes, dated January 26th, 1908 ; 7136 Pte. H. Parr, dated January 20th, 1908 ; 6997 Pte. T. Freeman, dated January 9th, 1908.

The following N.C.O.s and men have been appointed "Pioneers," dated January 27th, 1908—5528 Pte. W. Watts, 7598 Lance-Corpl. H. Bassett, 8173 Pte. J. Goldsmith, 8192 Pte. J. Turnbull, 8292 Pte. W. Jaikens, and 6760 Pte. G. Hamlyn.

No. 5955 Pte. W. Divers has been transferred to the Army Reserve at his own request before the expiration of his period of Army Service, dated January 28th, 1908.

3RD BATTALION NEWS.

Captain J. S. Masterman has been selected to attend the transport course, which assembles at the Army Service Corps School of Instruction, at 9 a.m., on Monday, 16th March, 1908.

Major A. S. T. C. Boscawen is at present on leave with permission to travel abroad until 20th April, 1908.

It has been decided that officers of the Speical Reserve Units cannot be considered for appointment to the West African Regiment, the West African Frontier Force, and the King's African Rifles.

It has been notified for information that for the present the Special Reserve may be reckoned as Militiamen for the purpose of assessing the number of officers to be called up for duty at the Depot with recruits.

Special Reservists drilling on enlistment are, in cases of drunkenness, subject to the scale of fines as laid down for the regular forces.

On the 5th March, 86 Special Reserves are carrying out the syllabus of training as laid down in Army Orders.

DEPOT NEWS.

Everyone connected with The Queen's Own will regret to hear that Sergt. Major J. H. Outten, of the Depot R.W. Kent Regiment, completes his 21 years' service in May next, and through the operation of an Army Order recently published, which states that a Warrant Officer, on completing 21 years' service, with five years in that rank, may be discharged, Sergt.-Major Outten has been informed by the authorities that owing to the large number of Warrant Officers supernumerary to establishments, it is regretted that his application to remain in the service after 21 years cannot be granted. Sergt.-Major Outten is at present on furlough, and we hope that he will shortly be successful in obtaining lucrative employment in the vicinity of Maidstone, where he has so many friends, both military and civilian.

DANCE.

The members of the Sergeants' Mess at the Depot are holding a dance on Friday, 20th inst., commencing at 8.30 p.m.

Lieutenant C. W. Case-Morris, takes over the combined duties of Adjutant 3rd Batt. R.W. Kent Regiment, Acting Adjutant Depot R.W. Kent Regiment, and Recruiting Officer, 50th Regimental District, vice Captain G. D. Lister, who proceeded to Aldershot for a course of instruction in the new Army system of physicial training on the 4th March, 1908.

At an examination held at Maidstone on 17th February, 1908, certificates of education were obtained as under:—2nd Class Certificates—8536, Lance-Corpl. W. Burr; 8873 Pte. A. Barnard; and 7306, Pte. F. Mills. 3rd Class Certificates—8827, Pte. J. Morrison; 8839, Pte. J. Potter; 8841, Pte. A. Stanton; 8842, Pte. H. Benham; 8851, Pte. A. Edgerton; 8866, Pte. H. Butler; 8887, Pte. S. Morgan; 8889, Pte. B. Walker; 8892, Pte. A. Steel; and 8911, Pte. W. Johnson.

No. 5830, Pte. J. West having been transferred to Army Reserve on the 29th February, 1908, and No. 5747, Pte. P. King on the 1st March, 1908, they are struck off the strength of the Depot.

The following N.C.O. and men have been granted G.C. Badges as follows:—4680, Pte. W. H. Bailey, 3rd G.C. Badge, 31st January, 1908; 6681, Pte. H. Denton, 2nd G.C. Badge, 6th February, 1906.

Lieut. H. A. Waring passed in subject (d) for promotion at the examination recently held at Dover.

Until further orders, all recruits raised for the R.W. Kent Regiment, including those who join from the 3rd Battalion (Militia) and Special Reserves, are to be one inch in excess of the standard of height as laid down in recruiting regulations, 1907. This order, however, is not applicable to special reservists until they have completed three months drill on enlistment.

The undermentioned N.C.O.s and men of the 2nd Battalion having joined the 1st Battalion from Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, during the month of February, 1908, are struck off the Depot strength:—4525, Corpl. D. Pelling; 5885, Corpl. H. Cousins; 7764, Dmr. H. Lythall; 6440, Pte. A. McKenzie; 8701, Pte. A. Manning; 8273, Pte. G. Sales; 6812, Pte. S. Arnold; 6225, Pte. E. Brown; 8085, Pte. R. Friar; 7565, Pte. R. Foreman; 6322, Pte. J. Ham, 7751, Pte. G. Marshall; 8022, Pte. J. Pettett; and 7926, Pte. H. Garvey.

Nos. 4575, Col.-Sergt. A. Chasteneuf; 4239. Sergt. W. Ellis; and 5940, Corpl. G. Brown, having arrived in England, on furlough, from the 2nd Battalion at Singapore, are attached to the Depot.

No. 4289, Lance-Sergt. Remond and wife, and a draft of 16 recruits proceeded to Dover to join the Home Battalion on 18th February.

Capt. C. Druce, 2nd R.W. Kent Regiment, having arrived from Singapore, has joined the Depot for a tour of duty from the 29th January.

No. 1820 Col.-Sergt. A. W. Silver having arrived from the 2nd Battalion for posting to the Auxiliary Forces, is taken on strength of the Depot. He is attached to the P.S. 2nd V.B. R.W. Kent Regiment pending instructions from the War Office.

Nos. 5805, Corpl. F. Kite; 5813, Pte. A. Farrell; 5796, Pte. J. Nash; 5801, Pte. H. Rimini; 5800, Pte. E. Leaman; 5810, Pte. W. Harris; 5818, Pte. W. E. Elliott; and 5820, Pte. C. Cooper, have been transferred to Army Reserve during the past month.

6180, Lance.-Sergt. W. N. Hake, has been permitted to extend his service to complete 12 years with the colours.

Lieut. A. M. Mackenzie-Penderel, is attached to the Depot for duty (par. 184 Military Regulations).

During the absence on leave of Major N. H. S. Lowe, Capt. C. Druce takes over command of the Depot.

Nos. 6511, Pte. R. Potter; 7198, Pte. J. Burns; and 8813 Pte. J. Smith, have embarked for England from Singapore, per H.M.S. Hawke.

BOXING TOURNAMENT AT MAIDSTONE.

Another successful tournament was held at Maidstone on the 26th February. Space forbids us to give full details, but among other features Lance-Corpl. Baker, of the 1st Batt., beat Sergt. Coles, of the West Yorks, the light-weight champion of the Army last year, and Parsons, of H M.S. President, put the redoubtable Latter, of Wateringbury, out in the 1st round. Further particulars will be given next month.

VOLUNTEER NEWS.

The following extract from the Orders for March, 1908, of the 2nd Vol. Batt. of the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment is published for information of our readers :—

SPECIAL MEMO *re* THE TERRITORIAL FORCE.

THE FOLLOWING IS NOTIFIED FOR THE INFORMATION OF ALL CLASSES.

(a). On the 31st inst. the 2nd Vol. Batt. The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) will cease to exist.

(b). The Head Quarter Companies, together with the Charlton and Goldsmiths' College Companies will be transferred to the LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, whilst the Detachments at Dartford, Bromley, and Beckenham, will be taken over by the KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(c). Holly Hedge House, Blackheath, is to be retained as the Head Quarters of the 20th Battalion of the 5th County of London Infantry Brigade. Colonel E. J. Moore, V.D., to command the Battalion, Colonel Cooper, M.VO., Irish Guards, to command the Brigade. The present 3rd Vol. Batt. Royal West Kent Kegiment (Woolwich) are to be amalgamated with the Head Quarter Companies, the whole forming the above Battalion.

(d). Those at present serving are invited to enlist for 1, 2, 3 or 4 years, and have up to the 30th June, 1908, to decide whether they will accept the new conditions of service. The C.O. earnestly hopes that every member now on the roll will join for at least 1 or 2 years, so as to give the new Territorial Scheme a fair trial.

(e). Colonel E. J. Heward greatly deplores that the authorities have not permitted the Battalion, now the strongest (1,027) in the County of Kent, to remain as a unit, and in sincerely thanking all Ranks for the never failing support extended to him during his tenure of office as Commanding Officer, trusts every member of the Right-half Battalion will make a special point of according Colonel Moore the same cordial assistance.

(f). At the Parade on Saturday, the 7th, the C.O. will address those present in regard to the new Territorial Scheme.

(g). At the last parade of the old Battalion, viz., Sunday, the 29th inst., Colonel Heward hopes that in addition to a full muster of the Head Quarter Companies, the outlying Detachments, *i.e.*, Dartford, Bromley, Beckenham, and Charlton will be well represented.

(h). Should the weather prove favourable it is intended to photograph the Battalion at Head Quarters on return from Divine Service.

PENSIONS.

The following pensions have been granted to men of the Regiment :—No. 2411 Pte. W. Martin, 11d. for life; No. 7582 Pte A. Smith, 8d., 12 months conditional; No. 8643 Pte. H. A. Blake, 8d., 12 months conditional; No. 1736 Pte. H. Smith, 1s. 1d. for life.

Hong Kong,
S. China,
January, 1908.

TO THE EDITOR "QUEEN'S OWN GAZETTE."

Sir,—It is with regret that I wish you to inform both Battalions of the death of Mr. Liddington, late 2nd Batt., who died in Matilda Hospital at Hong Kong on the night of the 7th of January, 1908, of abscess on the liver. With the special permission of Major-General Broadwood, C.B., he was granted a military funeral. The Middlesex Regiment furnished the band and firing party.

Members of the R.N.Y. Police and Hong Kong Police, late 2nd Batt., acted as pall bearers. The deceased was buried at 9.30 a.m. on the 9th of January, 1908.

It has been proposed that a headstone be erected by some of the members who left the 2nd Battalion, and are now residing at Hong Kong.

Trusting that we are successful, I will send you a photo of the stone, and shall be pleased if you will publish both items in the Gazette and forward a copy to those concerned, and oblige yours sincerely,

AN OLD COMRADE,
R.N. Yard Police.
Late 2nd R.W. Kent Regiment.

RUMOURED RE-CONSTRUCTION OF MAIDSTONE BARRACKS.

To the Editor of The Queen's Own Gazette.

DEAR SIR,

Having read the amusing letter of "A. Goth," under the above heading in "The Queen's Own Gazette" for February, I think perhaps it may be of interest to mention that the Barracks were occupied for the first time on Wednesday, the 7th March, 1798 by a troop of the 7th Light Dragoons and a detachment of the West Kent Militia, at that time embodied and with headquarters at Canterbury. The Barracks were considered very spacious, &c., for we read in the "Kentish Chronicle" of Friday, March 23rd, 1798, "The Barracks at Maidstone are allowed to be the most commodious of any in the kingdom; each room is large enough to contain 60 men." This would hardly be in accordance with the sanitary requirements of the present day!

At the date referred to, March, 1798, certain individuals, who had been arrested at Margate and were supposed to be spies in the pay of France, were awaiting trial in Maidstone Gaol, they were Arthur O'Connor *alias* Col. Morris, Quigley *alias* Capt. Jones, O'Coiley *alias* Fevé and three others. On April 16th, owing to attempts made by the State prisoners to escape, two more troops of the 7th Light Dragoons, and the Grenadier, Light Infantry, and one battalion company (three companies in all, numbering over 300 of all ranks) of the West Kent Militia arrived from Canterbury and were quartered in the "New Barracks." The guard round the gaol was augmented and all the troops were furnished with 20 rounds of ball cartridge.

Yours truly,

J. BONHOTE.

HISTORY OF THE WEST KENT MILITIA.

Gentlemen wishing to become subscribers to the fund for producing the above work (particulars of which appeared in our February number) will kindly forward their names and subscriptions to Lieut.-Colonel E. W. G. Bailey, Ightham Court, Kent, to whom cheques, &c. should be made payable.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Joseph Suffield, whose death we regret to announce in our pages this month, started for the Munchi expedition in Africa early in January, 1906, where he contracted the disease which caused his invaliding and subsequent decease. Sergt. Suffield left the 1st Battalion in Malta in October, 1902, and embarked from Liverpool for West Africa, where he joined the N. Nigerian Regiment, November 29th, 1902, and after 12 months' service there he came to England on leave, returning again to Africa. After another period of service in the same country, he again came on leave, returning to Africa, where he contracted the disease which was the cause of his death. Although Sergt. Suffield died at home, his name may be numbered among those of the Queen's Own, who have lost their lives in, or through, service in Africa.

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following subs to the *Q.O.G.* up to December, 1908:—Bde.-Surg. Owen Owen, Lt.-Col. Churchill, Mrs Donelly, Mr. Osman, Sergt. Ashby, Col. Luck, Col. C. R. King, C. B. Mitchell, Esq., £1 3s. for bound volume and postage, Maidstone Det., 1st V.B, up to December, 1907.

BIRTHS.

At Singapore on the 12th January, 1908, the wife of Sergt. A. Allwright, 2nd Batt., of a son, Henry.

At Shorncliffe on the 15th February, 1908, the wife of 5181 Pte. A. Thomas, 1st Batt., of a son, William.

At Hounslow on the 16th February, 1908, the wife of Mr. J. Bowman (late Sergt. 2nd Batt.), of a daughter, Ethel Jennie.

DEATHS.

Mr. Joseph Suffield, on the 13th January, 1908, late Sergt. of the 1st Batt., "The Queen's Own" and N. Nigerian Regiment (invalided), interred in Southall Cemetery.

No. 5058 Pte. W. Allard, (Army Reserve) on the 15th December, 1907, at Bansted (general paralysis).

No. 6720 Pte. F. Wilmshurst (Army Reserve), on the 4th January, 1908 (consumption).

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Major Rodney C. Style to be Lieut.-Colonel, vice Brevet-Colonel G. W. Maunsell, who retires on retired pay on completion of his period of service in command of the 1st Battalion, dated March 21st, 1908.

Captain Charles G. Pack-Beresford to be Major, vice R. C. Style, dated March 21st, 1908 (London Gazette, March 20th, 1908).

Captain Richard J. Woulfe Flanagan to be Major, March 4th, 1908, vice Major E. F. Venables, who retires on retired pay (London Gazette, March 3rd, 1908).

Supernumerary Capt. R. J. T. Hildyard to be Captain, vice R. J. Woulfe Flanagan, promoted, dated March 19th, 1908 (Gazette, March 24th, 1908.

Lieutenant C. R. Ingram to be Captain, vice J. C. Parker, seconded, dated March 25th, 1908 (Gazette, March 17th, 1908).

THIRD BATTALION.

To be Second-Lieutenants.—Evelyn Alexandra Freeman and Henry Nicholls Beaumont Walker, dated February 17th, 1908 (Gazette, March 13th, 1908).

FIRST BATTALION.

Promoted Sergeant and Appointed Pioneer-Sergeant.—No. 7258 Lance-Corpl. H. Young, dated January 22nd, 1908.

Privates Appointed Lance-Corporals.—No. 8575 Pte. E. Card, 8611 Pte. J. Stevens, 8551 Pte. A. Thomas, 8711 Pte. G. Davis, all dated March 6th, 1908; 8411 Pte. J. Wright, dated March 17th, 1908; 8578 Pte. A. Harrison, 8656 Pte. A. Lowry, dated March 24th, 1908.

Appointed Paid Lance-Corporals.—No. 8230 A. Ashdown, dated February 28th, 1908; 6003 Lance-Corpl. T. Hensley, dated March 5th, 1908; 5665 Lance-Corpl. E. Hatch, dated March 10th, 1908; 8701 Lance-Corpl. J. Wilton, dated March 19th, 1906.

Appointed Pioneer.—No. 5110 Pte. T. Phyall, dated March 3rd, 1908.

SECOND BATTALION.

Sergeant Promoted Colour-Sergeant.—No. 4744 Sergt. P. Kevan (vice Silver), dated February 1st, 1908.

Lance-Sergeant Promoted Sergeant.—No. 5883 Lance-Sergt. H. Stevens, dated February 1st, 1908.

No. 4863 Lance-Sergt. N. McNamara appointed Paid Lance-Sergt., vice Kimber, dated December 26th, 1907.

Corporal Appointed Lance-Sergeant.—No. 5872 Corpl. W. Hannan (vice Stevens), dated February 1st, 1908.

Lance-Corporals Promoted Corporals.—No. 5580 Lance-Corpl. L. Cozens, dated January 31st, 1908 and 7946 Lance-Corpl. E. Harvie, dated February 1st, 1908.

Appointed Lance-Corporals.—No. 7831 Pte. A. Royle, dated December 29th 1907; 6136 Pte. J. Cooper, dated January 14th, 1908; 6356 Drummer J. Pullen, dated January 4th, 1908.

The following Lance-Corporals receive pay of their rank:—No. 6629 Lance-Corpl. A. Ribbon, dated January 17th, 1908, and 7308 Lance-Corpl. G. Ives, dated February 1st, 1908.

Appointed Drummer.—No. 6463 Pte. W. Gammon, dated December 18th, 1907.

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The Officer Commanding the Depot acknowledges the receipt with thanks of the undermentioned annual subscriptions:—

	£	s.	d.
Col. E. T. Luck	2	2	0
Col. Hallett	1	0	0
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Major T. T. Burt	1	0	0
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Capt. H. D. Buchanan-Dunlop	0	10	0
Capt. H. W. Snow	0	10	0
Capt. J. W. O'Dowda...	1	0	0
Capt. G. H. F. Keenleyside	0	10	0
Capt. R. Lynch-White...	0	10	0
Capt. C. R. Ingram	0	10	0
Lieut. H. A. Waring	0	10	0
Lieut. F. B. Humphreys	0	10	0
Lieut. F. J. Hearle	0	10	0
Lieut. W. C. O. Phillips	0	10	0
Lieut. R. G. C. Brock...	0	10	0
Lieut. F. Fisher	0	10	0
Lieut. E. F. Moulton-Barrett...	0	5	0
	£17	19	0

Maidstone, 14th April, 1908.

WEST KENT MILITIA HISTORY FUND.

Subscriptions for this fund up-to-date have reached about £40. A list of subscribers will be published in the next issue. All those interested are requested to communicate with Lieut.-Col. Wyndham Bailey, Ightham Court, Kent, or send subscriptions direct to the Manager, London and County Bank, Maidstone.

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

Dover, 29th March.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.

I have written an account of the Regimental Point-to-Point meeting which took place on March 19th near Waldershare.

On the 20th March Colonel Maunsell left us, to the regret of all ranks, on completion of his four years in command.

On the same date we received the welcome tidings that Lieutenant-Colonel Style was appionted to the command.

On the 19th March Captain R. J. T. Hildyard arrived at Dover to do duty with the Battalion pending absorption.

On the 23rd March Lieutenant-Colonel Style presented the Inter-Company football shield to H Company. After congratulating the winners, he spoke of the encouragement the presence at football matches of all ranks gave in these, and also in Battalion, matches.

D, F, G, and H Companies, under the command of Major Martyn, proceeded by march route to Lydd on March 24th to perform the annual musketry course. These Companies arrive back in Dover on April 16th, when they complete the remaning three days of Company training

(Editor).—"We hope to publish Colonel Maunsell's photograph in our next issue."

REGIMENTAL POINT-TO-POINT RACES.

Stewards.—The Earl of Guilford, Colonel G. F. Riddell, 2nd Battalion Fifth Fusiliers, Colonel G. W. Maunsell, 1st Battalion the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), H. W. Selby-Lowndes, Esq., M.F.H., A. ffrench Blake, Esq., M.H.

The course was over 3½ miles of fair hunting country in the vicinity of Waldershare Park.

Of four races, the first was open to the Officers 2nd Batt. Fifth Fusiliers, the second to Officers 1st. Batt. the Queen's Own, the third to subscribers of the West Street Harriers, and the fourth was a farmers' race. Nothwithstandng heavy snow showers, there was a large attendance. The officers of the Battalion were "at home," and the Battalion Band performed during the afternoon. The details of the races are below. Unfortunately, Major Style's and Mr. Wingfield Stratford's entries were unable to run, having met with accidents in the hunting field

FIRST RACE.

Open to Officers 2nd Battalion Fifth Fusiliers. Twelve stone and upwards. Distance about 3½ miles.

Mr. Jackson's b.m. Zenda	Owner	1
Mr. Sydney's br.g. Atherstone	Owner	2
Colonel Wilkinson's b.g. El Bodon	Owner	3
Captain Archer's ch.g. Belfast	Owner	0
Captain Matthew's ch.g. Billy	Owner	0
Mr. Booth's br.m. Suzanne	Owner	0
Mr. Trenche's g.m. Susan	Owner	0
Mr. Cupman's b.g. The Shepherd	Owner	0
Captain Isaac's Silent Sympathy	Owner	0

The race.—Zenda was first to show in front, and passing the stands, held a lead of four lengths from Atherstone and El Bodon. Crossing the road for the first time the same order was maintained, Atherstone bringing up the rear. On jumping into the road the second time Atherstone had drawn up to Zenda, but the latter got the best of the finish and won by half a length. El Bodon, five lengths away, was placed third.

SECOND RACE.

Regimental race, 1st Battalion the Queen's Own. Catch weights. Distance about 3½ miles.

Capt. Snow's b.m. Susan	Owner	1
Major Buckle's ch.m. Kate	Owner	2
Mr. Vicat's b.m. Lady Vivien	Owner	3
Mr. Legard's b.g. Spider	Owner	0
Mr. Brock's b.g. Mr. Popple	Mr. Wingfield Stratford	0

Betting.—Evens Susan and Kate, 4—1 against Lady Vivien and Spider, 6—1 against Mr. Popple.

The race.—Susan and Kate showed the way from the start, Mr. Popple bringng up the rear. After one mile had been covered Mr. Popple fell. Crossing the road the second time, Kate and Susan were abreast, Lady Vivien lying next, and at the jump before the road Spider fell. From this point Susan went ahead, eventually winning somewhat easily by three lengths. Lady Vivien was a bad third, the re-mounted Spider finishing fourth.

THIRD RACE.

West Street Harriers' race. Open to subscribers to the Hunt. Catch weights over 13 stone. About 3½ miles.

Captain Hickman's b.g. Chieftian	Owner	1
Mr. A. ffrench Blake's b.g. The Admiral	Owner	2
Mr. Cathie's br.g. Cleve	Owner	3
Mrs. Monin's ch.g. Bendigo	Capt. Nunn	0
Mr. Crundall's ch.g. Waterford	Owner	0
Dr. Smith's b.m. Trilby	Owner	0

Betting.—6—4 on Chieftain, 6—4 against Cleve, 2—1 against The Admiral.

The race.—Chieftian and Bendigo held the field for the first mile. Passing the stands, Chieftain was in front, closely followed by Bendigo and Cleve, Waterford being whipper-in. Over the park railings Chieftain had increased his lead, Bendigo, The Admiral, and Cleve clearing the rails together. Crossing the road the first time, Cleve and The Admiral went in pursuit of Chieftian, who was leading by half a field. Bendigo and Waterford were seen to be in trouble. Three fences from home Waterford fell. After crossing the road The Admiral rapidly overtook Chieftian,

who had been eased. Nearing the winning post the Admiral had caught Chieftian, who just held his own and won by a head. Cleve was a poor third.

FOURTH RACE.

Open to farmers and members of the Dover and Walder-share Troops R.E.K.M.R. Catch weights over 12st. 7lbs. About 3½ miles.

Mr. T. Spanton's b.g. Slasher	Capt. Spanton	1
Sergt. F. Spanton's b.m. Bonny Doone . . .	Owner	2
Mr. A. Marchant's ch.m. Essex . . .	Mr. A. Blake	3
Mr. G. Buley's ch.m. Kitty	Owner	0
Mr. W. Downe's b.m. Angel	Owner	0
Mr. A. Spratt's r.m. Kitty	Owner	0
Sergt.-Major Wood's b.g. Springleaf	Owner	0
Trooper W. Eastes' b.m. Peggy	Owner	0

The race.—Passing the stands, Bonny Doone was leading, Slasher lying third. Eventually Slasher won comfortably by ten lengths, Essex being beaten for second place by two lengths.

The Earl of Guilford acted as starter, Colonel Maunsell and Mr. H. W. Selby Lowndes as judges.

FOOTBALL.

ROYAL WEST KENT BATTALION SHIELD.

The Competition for the shield which is annually played for by the eight Company teams of the Royal West Kent Regiment concluded on Monday afternoon on the Danes, the finalists being D and H Companies. The competition was fought on the cup-tie system, F Company, the holders, being knocked out in the first round. In the first round B Company beat E Company by one goal to nil after a close game. H Company beat A by two goals to nil, G were victorious over F by 2—1, and D beat C to the tune of 3—0. This left in the semi-final H, B, D and G Companies. B succumbed to H Company, who beat them by 4—0, and D scored nearly as decisive a victory over G, who only replied with one goal to their opponents' four. Much interest was taken in the final, the game being watched by a number of officers, n.c.o.'s and men. Sergt. Bellion was in charge of the game. Both teams included representatives of the regimental eleven; in D team the regimental backs appeared in the defence, and H Company had the services of the regimental custodian and three other members of the regular team.

The teams were:—H Company.—Butcher; Powell and Huggett; Byford, Verrall and Horn; Pease, Huggett, Mackenzie, Ireland, and White. D Company.—Judge; Lord and Thompson; Steel, Dorrell, and Gilbey; Herbert, Lowell, Lamb, Landon and Coe.

H Company in the first half had the benefit of the wind, which kept the ball in their opponents' half almost continuously. H Company pressed from the kick-off, and the game was only about five minutes' old when Huggett scored a neat goal from close range. The defence had plenty of work, but at length they succumbed to an attack by the right wing, and Byford put his team two up. H Company again swarmed round D's goal, and Powell, who was playing a very useful game, tried a long shot. The ball certainly had some pace on it, and the ground was treacherous, but Judge made his first and only mistake in letting the ball slip through his hands. H Company were thus three goals to the good. After this Powell's play was a noticeable feature of the game, and a neat pass from White enabled him to notch the fourth goal.

In the second half D Company did not play the game that their defence in the first moiety led one to expect. There was no combination in the front line, and the attack was easily broken up by the H defence. After about a quarter of an hour's play, devoid of incident, White took the ball down the wing, and after dribbling nicely, scored a pretty goal. It looked as if D would be goal-less till five minutes from time, when Herbert put the finishing touch to an attack by the right wing, scoring a nice goal, and H thus gained a very decisive 5—1 victory.

ROYAL WEST KENTS v ROYAL SCOTS.

These two teams met on the Danes on Wednesday in a Folkestone and District League fixture. In the first half the Scots had most of the play, attacking time after time, but in the second moiety the Kents, playing with the wind, improved a lot, and each goal was attacked in turn. Martin, the Scots' outside left-winger, was very dangerous with his centres, and the Kents' backs, Keeble and Powell, played a fine defensive game, especially the latter.

Mr. Casey, of Walmer, lined the teams up in the following order:—

Royal West Kents:—Kemp; Powell, and Keeble; Verrall, Mitchell, and Huggett; Hooper, White, Reynolds, Holding and Lieut. Phillips. Royal Scots:—Fletcher; Smith and Capt. Budge; Kennaway, Dunlop and Brennen; Fluke, Finlay, Tuffield, France, and Martin.

The Scots kicked off, and playing with the wind, immediately forced a corner on the left, which proved of no advantage. After a breakaway by the home team, France just missed by inches at the other end. Powell was again prominent in clearing an onslaught in the Kents' citadel. Following an attack by the Scotties, Powell made a fine save, getting his foot to the ball on the goal-line, saving a certain goal. Not to be denied, the visitors again attacked, and France shot, Kemp partly saving, the ball going over his head into the net, putting them one up, and half-time arrived with them leading 1—0.

On the re-start Kemp had to save from Brennen. The game was now more even, the home team having the advantage of the wind. Both goals were attacked in turn, and Kemp saved splendidly from Tuffield, doing ditto the next minute. The Kents were the next to attack, and were dangerous several times, but the needful goal was not forthcoming. Breaking away, the Scots bore down on the home citadel, a corner being the result. Kemp saved well, but could not get the ball away, and going to Finlay that player flashed the ball into the net, putting the Scots two up. No other scoring took place, the Royal Scots thus winning by 2—0.

v. MAIDSTONE CHURCH INSTITUTE (KENT LEAGUE).

This match was played at Maidstone on February 29th, and resulted in the defeat of the Battalion 2—0. Although the Battalion team was not up to full strength, they had a fair share of the game, but the forwards were unable to make the most of their opportunities. Corpl. Keeble played a very sound game at left back.

The team was as follows :—Butcher; Pte. Thompson and Corpl. Keeble; Pte. Verrall, Pte. Mitchell, and Lance-Corpl. Powell; Pte. Sparrow, Pte. White, Sergt. Redmond, Pte. Holding, and Sergt. Dorrell.

FOLKESTONE LEAGUE.

v. ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY (DOVER).

Played at Fort Burgoyne on the 4th March, and resulted in a victory for the Battalion 2—1. The ground was in a very bad state, in fact, there were pools of water in some places on the ground. The R.G.A. started with only nine men, and consequently were very hard pressed, during which time Sergt. Redmond scored. Soon after this the remainder of the Artillery team turned up, with the result that the scores were soon made level. The second half proved very exciting. Holding, scoring a beautiful goal, put the Battalion ahead. This reverse seemed to put new life in the Gunners, and for some time they pressed hard, but owing to some fine play by Sergt. Kemp, were unable to score.

The Battalion team :—Sergt. Kemp; Lance-Corpl Powell and Corpl. Keeble; Pte. Verrall, Pte. Mitchell, and Pte. Huggett; Pte. Hooper, Sergt. Reynolds, Sergt. Redmond, Pte. Holding and Pte. Sparrow.

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v 1st YORKSHIRE REGIMENT.

Played at Shorncliffe on the 11th March, resulting in the Battalion losing 2—1. Owing to the match for the Hallam-Parr Shield the next day, the Battalion only put a weak team in the field.

HALLAM-PARR SHIELD.

SEMI-FINAL.

v 2nd NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Played on the Danes ground on the 12th March. The Battalion lost the toss, and had to play against wind and sun. The Fusiliers took advantage of this, and pressed hard the whole time.

On changing ends the Battalion at once began to press, but they never really looked dangerous. The game ended as stated.

Our team was as follows :—Sergt. Kemp; Lance-Corpl Powell and Corpl. Keeble; Pte. Verrall, Pte. Mitchell and Pte. Huggett; Sergt. Reynolds, Pte. White, Sergt. Redmond, Pte. Holding, Pte. Hooper.

KENT LEAGUE.

v. NORTHFLEET UNITED.

Played at Northfleet on the 21st March, resulting in a win for Northfleet 5—0. Northfleet thoroughly deserved their win, playing superior football throughout. The Battalion forwards again missed plenty of good openings. Had these been taken advantage of, the score would have been far less one-sided.

Battalion team :—Sergt. Kemp; Lance-Corpl. Powell and Corpl. Keeble; Pte. Verrall, Pte. Mitchell, and Pte. Huggett; Sergt. Redmond, Pte. White, Sergt. Reynolds, Pte. Holding, and Pte. Hooper.

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v ASHFORD INVICTA.

Played on the Danes ground on 25th March. A very one-sided match, the Battalion winning easily 5—1. The ground was in a very bad state. The extra weight of the Battalion team soon asserted itself, and from start to finish Ashford did not have a look in.

As this goes to press, I hear the Battalion defeated Folkestone to the tune of 8—1, but hope to give a more detailed account for your next issue.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

Lieut. W. C. O. Phillips has been awarded an Instructor's certificate at the class which assembled at the School of Signalling, Aldershot, on the 6th January, 1908.

Nos. 8395, Lance-Corpl. C. Ransom, 8438, Lance-Corpl. F. Bovis, and 8046, Lance-Corpl. H. Wilson, have passed the final examination of the junior N.C.O.'s class, held at Gravesend on 28th February, 1908.

8210, Pte. C. Potter, and 1799, Pte. E. Sharman, have been discharged after completing 14 years' service with the colours. They have been awarded a pension of 8d. per diem for life.

No. 8942, Sergt. J. Mobberley, has been transferred from the 2nd Manchester Regiment, and is taken on the strength of the 1st. Battalion from 1st March, 1908. 8943, Corpl. F. Manning, has also joined the 1st Battalion on transfer from 2nd Northumberland Fusiliers. Corpl. Manning absorbs the vacancy caused by the reversion of Corpl. Newall.

6405, Pte. A. Newson, 7215, Pte. A. Webber, 6123, Pte. H. Flegg, 6612, Pte. E. Francis, 7411, Pte. F. Sharp, 7560, L. Waldron, have been taken on the strength from the 2nd Battalion.

The following have been discharged on termination of second period of engagement :—1813, Pte. T. Williams, 4th March, 1908.

No. 2972, Sergt. A. Brown, who qualified at Hythe School of Musketry, not only obtained a "distinguished," but was also first in order of merit of the whole class.

Good conduct badges have been granted to N.C.O.s and men as follows :—8262, Lance-Corpl. Beadle, 1 badge, 2nd March, 1908; 8263, Pte. T. Slater, 1 badge, 3rd March, 1908; 7214, Pte. C. Murphy, 2 badges, 6th March, 1908; 5376, Pte. W. Newell, resumes two badges, 6th March,

1908; 3591, Pte. E. Webb, restored 3 badges, 12th March, 1908; 7590, J. Keane, 1 badge, 19th March, 1908; 8275, Pte. W. Shipton, 1 badge, 22nd March, 1908; and 8273, Pte. C. Sale, 1 badge, 19th March, 1908.

Certificates of education have been granted as follows :— Second class, 8438, Corpl. F. Bovis.

3608, Sergt. F. Keyte, has been discharged free at his own request after 12 years' service, 28th March, 1908.

No. 5869, Pte. A. Haslewood, has been transferred to the Army Reserve, 28th March, 1908.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

ROLL OF OFFICERS OF ABOVE BATTALION, SHOWING STATIONS :—

Colonel H. G. Fitton, D.S.O., A.D.C., Singapore ; Major S. A. Pedley, Singapore ; Captain R. J. Woulfe-Flanagan, Singapore ; Captain C. E. Kitson, Singapore ; Captain F. J. Joslin, leave in England, leave expires December 26th, 1908 ; Captain R. M. G. Tulloch, Singapore ; Captain A. K. Grant, Singapore ; Captain J. W. Nelson, Singapore ; Capt. H. D. Belgrave, Singapore ; Lieut. A. H. Pullman, Singapore ; Lieut. M. J. Dinwiddy, leave in England, leave expires September 2nd, 1908 ; Lieut. A. S. Hewitt, Singapore ; Lieut. O. Y. Hibbert, Singapore ; Lieut. R. A. Paget, Singapore ; Lieut. F. B. Humphreys, Singapore ; Lieut. M. W. Graham, leave in England, leave expires September 26th, 1908 ; Second-Lieut. B. H. F. Leir, Singapore ; Second-Lieut. H J. Dresser, Singapore ; Second-Lieut. W. Wilberforce, Singapore ; Second-Lieut. W. G. Yates, Singapore ; Second-Lieut. W. S. C. Hamley, Singapore ; Second-Lieut. N. I. Whitty, Singapore ; Second-Lieut. R. B. L. Bazley-White, Singapore ; Second-Lieut. A. E. Hardy, Singapore ; Second-Lieut. A. E. Moulton-Barrett, Singapore ; Hon. Lieut. and Quarter-Master T. Sumner, leave in England, leave expires December 31st, 1908.

E COMPANY.

Tanglin Barracks,
Singapore.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I am now sending to you a short account of "E" Company's doings as I see that there has not much been heard of the Company lately. On the 3rd of December the draft from England arrived and we received 16 to our Company and Captain Nelson as well, who took over command of the Company from Second-Lieut. Graham, who has proceeded to England on leave. I am sorry to say that we have lost two of our best footballers, who have gone home time expired, but we have got two or three of the draft who are showing promise of being able to take their place in the Company's team. I am pleased to have to tell you that our 2nd eleven have reached the final of the 2nd Eleven Football Tournament after beating "C" Company 1—0 after a drawn game 1—1, and "G" Company by 1—0, and now we have to meet "H" Company on a date to be decided on later. I think the Company will have a fairly good team by the time the Football League starts which is on February the 3rd. We played the S.C C at football on the 23rd inst. and lost to them after a very interesting game by two goals to one, and for the losers Pte. Connor in goal played an excellent game. On the 29th inst. we played them at hockey and lost after a good game by 5—0. In March the Company start their annual course of company training and we are looking to a very interesting time, and then we start our annual course of musketry with the new rifle shortly afterwards, and we hope to do even better than we did last year with the old rifle. On the 20th inst. the Company's team proceeded to Normanton to compete for the Companies' Shield and after some very good shooting we lost to "G" Company by three points. On the 23rd inst. the shoot for the best shot of the Sergeants and Corporals and Privates came off, Lance-Sergeant Stevens, of "E" Company, proved himself the best shot of the Sergeants, and Lance-Corporal Ives, of "H" Company. was the best of the Corporals and Privates. In my next notes I hope to let you have a good account of our cricket team. I think this is all I can say this time.

"E" COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

SINGAPORE,
February, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.

In chronicling the news for February, we have the first match of the Inter-Company Football Shield for 1908, which took place at Tanglin on the 10th inst.

"A" v "G.".

The weather was anything but pleasant, raining from beginning to end.

A Company started off with the ball, but G soon got possession of it, and worked it up towards their opponents' goal, where it remained for the best part of the first half. Owing to the state of the ground, caused by the rain, some fine opportunities were missed, but G eventually managed to score the first goal with a very close shot by Pte. Thomas, and thus at half-time we were leading with one goal to nil.

The weather had hardly improved when the second half commenced, and for the first ten or fifteen minutes, the play was of a give and take nature, until a scrimmage took place in front of G's goal, and A managed to net the ball, thus making the score 1—1. The excitement was great, and G began to press once more, and Lance-Corpl. Smith had a nice run down the field, and beating the opponents' backs, had the goal at his mercy, but the ground being so slippery, he could not recover himself in time, and amidst the shouts of "goal" the ball rolled just outside the goal-post.

The ball in play again, G secured it, and after a fine bit of passing, and when near the goal, we claimed a penalty from one of the opposing backs for handling the ball. Pte. Waghorn took the penalty, and with a very close shot, managed to add another point to our score, which decided the game. The remainder of the time A tried hard to equalise, but to no avail, but on the whistle sounding we were the winners by two goals to one, thus obtaining the first two points in the Shield for 1908.

Team :—Watling, goal; Pte. Hyland and Pte. Waghorn, backs; Pte. Parr, Sergt. Stringer, and Pte. Dimsdale, half-backs; Lance-Corpl. Smith, Bloomfield, Thomas, Phillips, and Sergt. McNamara, forwards.

We played a friendly game of hockey with the S.R.C. in town, and after a rather fast game we beat them 3—2, thus maintaining our record at hockey the beginning of the New Year.

"G" COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

No. 4989 Sergt.-Drummer W. Sayer, re-engaged at Singapore, for the Royal West Kent Regiment, to complete 21 years service, dated 1st February, 1908.

No. 5579 Sergt. S. Mills, and 6464 Pte. J. Deacon have been invalided home from Singapore. They embarked on board the s.s. "Palawan," on the 18th February, 1908.

No. 4702 Pte. A. Day has been discharged on completion of his period of engagement.

No. 5806 Pte. T. Edgar has been transferred to the Army Reserve on the expiration of his period of army service, dated 21st February, 1902.

Fourteen Swimming Certificates have been granted during the month of February.

Good Conduct Badges have been granted to the undermentioned Non-Commissioned Officers and men as stated :—

Awarded 1st good conduct badge—Lance-Corporals—8258 C. Craddock, dated 19th February, 1908; 8266 E. Smith, 28th February, 1908; 8068 B. Smith, 27th, December, 1907. Privates—8260 W. Shaw, 21st February, 1908; 8200 A. Sage, 15th December, 1907; 8246 J. Holland, 31st January, 1908; 8259 C. Gardner, 19th February, 1908; 8008 H. Adams, 21st February, 1908; 8198 F. Collins, 11th December, 1907; 8247 J. Saker, 1st February, 1908; 8257 P. Rayfield, 16th February, 1908; 8249, H. Upfold, 2nd February, 1908; 8251 R. Startup, 15th February, 1908; 8148 J. Hayes, 19th October, 1907; 8176 C. Noble, 17th November, 1907; 8083 W. Hobbs, 27th December, 1907; 6600 P. Logan, 7th September, 1906; Drummer C. Guess, 11th January, 1908.

Awarded 2nd good conduct badge—Privates—7168 T. Barrett, 9th February, 1908; 7301 E. Blencowe, 5th January, 1908; 6581 E. Sharp, 24th February, 1908

Awarded 3rd good conduct badge—4701 Musician F. Elliott, 24th February, 1908; 4684 Private P. Smith, 11th February, 1908.

Good conduct badges restored, 1st—Privates—4969 C. Dudman, 5th February, 1908; 7385 A. Dryden, 29th May, 1907; 6804 T. Robinson, 1st January, 1908 Drummers—6305 A. Price, 31st January, 1908; 7147 J. Everett, 17th December, 1907.

A reader of the "Queen's Own Gazette" at Liverpool, informs us that he has met two old Bandsmen of the 2nd Battalion, viz. :—E. Wetton, at one time solo cornet player, and now performing the duties of School Board Officer at Everton, Liverpool, and H. Taylor (Charlo), the bassoon player, one of the famous football team. We are sure that many of these old soldiers' friends will be glad to know that they are getting on well.

TRANSFERS.

No 4730 Sergt.-Master-Tailor J. Mitchell who arrived home from the 2nd Battalion on 29th January, 1908, has been transferred to the East Yorkshire Regiment with effect from the 30th April, 1908.

Authority War Office Letter No. 49, Infantry, 747 (Q.M.G. 7), dated March 11th, 1908.

DEPOT NEWS.

Major N. H. S. Lowe on return from leave resumes the command of the Depot from Capt. C. Druce, who has been performing the duties of Commanding Officer during his period of leave.

Captain G. D. Lister, who has been at Aldershot for a course of the new system of physical training, resumes his duties as Adjutant and Recuiting Officer from 26th March.

Lieut. C. W. Case-Morris proceeds on leave from 10th April to the 10th May, 1908.

The following N.C.O.s and men of B Company have qualified as marksmen in the annual musketry course which has just been completed on the Boxley range :—3129, Q.M.S. Pye, 226 points; 3050, Col.-Sergt. H. Jury, 248 points; 4732, Corpl. H. Taylor, 233 points; 4618, Lance-Corpl. J. Smith, 224 pints; 8052, Lance-Corpl. G. Smith, 233 points; 2029, Pte. A. Chapman, 226 points; 6657, Pte. F. Simpson, 248 points; and 3003, Pte. E. Free, 233 points.

The following N.C.O.s and men have obtained second class certificates of education :—8356, Lance-Corpl. W. Burr; 8873, Pte. A. Barnard; 7306, Pte. F. Mills.

Third class dittos :—8827, J. Morrison; 8841, A. Stanton; 8851, A. Edgerton; 8867, S. Morgan; 8892, A. Steel; 8839, J. Potter; 8842, H. Benham; 8866, H. Butler; 8889, B. Walker; 8911, W. Johnson.

The following soldiers have been transferred to the Army Reserve :—5840, Pte. A. Cormack; 5843, Pte. T. Clements, 6th March, 1908; 5842, Pte. A. R. Long, 9th March, 1908; 5850, Pte. A. Norman; 5847, Pte. P. Vincent; 5844, Pte. F. Russell; 5854, Pte. F. Montague; 5855, Pte. W. Masters; 5845, Pte. A. Fry; 5857, Pte. W. Slyfield; 5858, Pte. H. Lynes; 5862, J. Gowlett; 5865, Pte. W. Barrey; 5867, G. Burkett.

FAREWELL SMOKING CONCERT AND PRESENTATION TO COL.-SERGT. BASS & SERGT. E. BRANSON.

On the 19th March the members of the Depot Sergeants' Mess held a smoking concert to bid farewell to the above Non-commissioned Officers, Sergt.-Major Outten occupying the chair. There was a full Mess, every member that could being present.

In the absence of Major Lowe, who was on leave abroad, Captain C. Druce, on behalf of the members of the Sergeants' Mess, presented Col.-Sergt. Bass and Sergt. Branson each with a handsome clock, and in addition Col.-Sergt. Bass was the recipient of a handsome silver rose bowl from the members of the Depot football team.

Captain Druce, in presenting the presents, stated how he had known both Col.-Sergt. Bass and Sergt. Branson since he had first joined the Regiment, and referring to Bass, mentioned the time when he and another member he saw there (Col.-Sergt Sharp) were undoubtedly two of the most brilliant Army players of their day; Sharp at centre-

forward, and Bass at back and half-back. He also mentioned how Col.-Sgt. Bass had been to the front in all other sports, and up to the last had played for the Depot and other teams.

Col.-Sergt. Bass responded, thanking the members of the Mess for the handsome clock. Sergt. Branson did likewise, with a rather humorous speech, mentioning how he had played cricket on the race course in South Africa, and lost his three stumps. He also referred to his abilities as a skittle player, and his experiences as a caterer, and informed those present that he had taken a tobacco and newspaper shop in the immediate vicinity of the Barracks, and hoped to see some of his friends as customers there.

Major Wood-Martyn, the Secretary of the Kent County Territorial Association, was present, and spoke a few words to the Sergeants, many of whom had served under him in past days. Lieutenants Waring, Liebenrood, and Mackenzie-Penderel were also present.

Programme :—The King; song, Col.-Sergt. Pond, "Who wants a husband?"; Sergt. T. Connor, "The bugle calls"; Q.M.Sergt. Bourne, "Father"; Col.-Sergt. Leaver, "The white squall"; recitation, Mr. Clarke (master tailor), "The dug-ups" (very amusing); Lance-Sergt. Hake, "My home is far away"; gramophone selections, Bk. Wdn. Rowlands; Col.-Sergt. Reeves, "Wedding Bells"; Col.-Sergt. Osborne, "The Dewdrop Inn"; C.S.I.M. Hyde, " "; Lieut. Mackenzie-Penderel, "Stop your tickling Jock"; toast, "Col.-Sergt. Bass and Branson, and S.M. Outten"; presentation, by Captain Druce; C.S. Wimhurst, "In the Sun"; toast, "Our Officers"; Lieut. Mackenzie-Penderel, "Dance me round again Willie"; Mr. Allen, "Shift a little bit further up"; Major Wood-Martyn, "Brandy and Soda Lao"; "Old acquaintance"; "God save the King."

Col.-Sergt. Bass learnt the Association game in the 2nd Battalion, and has played regularly with them from 1888 till 1901. He has helped the Battalion team to win the following cups, etc. : Dorset County Cup; Dorset (six a side) shield, two years, which became the property of the Battalion; Frisby Cup (Dorset), the Army Cup (also runners-up), Chatham and Rochester Charity Cup, the Leinster League Cup. He has also represented the Army against London and Middlesex, Kent County against Surrey and Sussex (reserve), Hampshire (last season), Dorset County against Somerset and Devon; has played for Maidstone United (right half and goal) for the last five seasons, and also for the Depot F.C. His medals (including a gold one for winning a five mile cycle race at Londonderry Garrison sports), number eleven with cap and badges.

EDITORIAL.

Several N.C.O.'s and men who are leaving, or have left, are just making a start, and we wish them every success. Clr.-Sergt Bass has joined the Commissionaires; Clr. Sergt. C. Osborne has a job at St. Paul's Schools, Maidstone ; Clr.-Sergt. Taylor has found employment in London ; Clr.-Sergt. Dugay we believe is taking over the Wet Canteen at Maidstone ; Sergt. Branson has opened up a business in Maidstone ; Private Butler is just leaving after over 24 years' service and has taken employment on the railway as a platelayer (he recently went through a course of plate-laying at Lydd), and Ex-Clr.-Sergt. G. Allen, who had the Canteen, we believe, is taking employment in London.

Several more are leaving shortly (or in a few months time) who have not yet got employment. They are :—Clr.-Sergt. Chiswell, Clr.-Sergt. Wilson, Clr.-Sergt. Wimhurst, Clr.-Sergt.-Inst.-Musketry Hyde, and Sergt. T. Connor. If any of our readers know of any nice billets which these pensioners might fit into the Editor "Queen's Own Gazette" would be grateful if they would communicate with him. Sergt.-Major J. H. Outten has not yet obtained a post but we hope he will have a good one before his time expires, viz., May 23rd, 1908.

SERGEANTS' DANCE AT THE DEPOT.

The members of the Sergeants' Mess held a dance in the Gymnasium, Maidstone, on Friday, March 19th. Sergt.-Major Rogers, Quartermaster-Sergt. Doe, and a good number of the 1st Battalion from Dover were present, they having played the Depot at football during the afternoon, having been victorious by not quite a dozen goals.

As usual our civilian friends turned up in force, also the Staff and Sergeants of our local Yeomanry and Volunteesr. The whole of the Gymnasium was used for dancing, a marquee having been erected outside for the usual arrangements. Captain Druce and the Officers of the Depot were present, and dancing was kept up with vigour till the small hours. Towards the close the company joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne," on account of it being the last dance Sergt.-Major Outten would be present at in his official capacity. The arrangements spoke well for the organising powers of the efficient committee, who deserve every thanks for the way everything went off. Sergt.-Drummer Gee arranged the band, while Mr. E. Martin, Maidstone, tastefully decorated the "Gym."

3RD BATTALION NEWS.

Lieut. J. K. Kay has been attached to the 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment at Dover, and has been granted the usual certificate A.F. E 535.

Lieut. F. H. Liebenrood, who till recently has been doing duty at the Depot, has joined the class that assembled at Hythe on the 3rd April. Lieut. Trousdell takes his place at the Depot for duty.

Recruits of the Special Reserve may attend school while serving at the Depot.

Nos. 5871 Sergt. H. Smith and 4666 Sergt. J. H. Teer, of the Permanent Staff, attended the Course of Instruction in Stripping Arms, etc., which assembled on the 23rd March.

No. 1139 Colour-Sergt. W. Bass, Permanent Staff, and No. 1835 Sergt. E. Branson, O.R.C., 3rd Battalion, have been discharged with a view to pension, after completing 21 years' service.

3299 Drummer G. Pullen is granted his fourth good conduct badge.

Sergt G. Harris is appointed 3rd Battalion Orderly Room Clerk, vice Branson to pension.

SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER.

The fifth annual Dinner of the Sergeants' Association Royal West Kent Regiment will take place in the Gymnasium at Maidstone Barracks, on Saturday, 2nd May, 1908, at 7.15 p.m.

H.M.S. "BIRKENHEAD."

Visitors to Chelsea Hospital will, perhaps, have noticed a simple memorial tablet, placed there by order of the late Queen Victoria, to record the heroic constancy and discipline of the officers and soldiers who lost their lives in the wreck of the transport "Birkenhead," off the Cape of Good Hope, on the 26th February, 1852. On the 7th January in that year, after embarking reinforcements amounting to 15 officers and 476 men for the troops engaged in the Kaffir war, the "Birkenhead" left Ireland for the Cape. On Board were also 166 women and children, the wives and families of soldiers. All went well till the transport reached Simon's Town, where 10 officers and 18 men were landed; the ship continued her course on the evening of the 25th February. But the captain, in his anxiety for a quick passage, unfortunately kept so close to the shore that during the night the ship got among the rocks which line the coast. About three miles off Danger Point, at two o'clock in the morning of the 26th, while all except those on watch were sleeping peacefully in their hammocks, the ship struck with a violent shock. The bulk of the men on board were young soldiers who had been but a short time in the Service; yet they behaved with as much coolness as though they were on their parade ground, and with as much courage as if in action in the field. The rush of water on the "Birkenhead" striking was so great that most of the soldiers on the lower troop deck were drowned in their hammocks. The remainder, with all the officers, appeared on deck, many only partly dressed, and fell in as orderly and as quietly as on the barrack square. Calling the officers round him, Lieutenant-Colonel Seton, of the 74th Highlanders, the senior officer on board, impressed on them the necessity for preserving order and silence among the men. The services of the next senior, Captain Wright, 91st Highlanders, were placed at the disposal of the commander of the ship to carry out whatever orders he might consider essential. Sixty men were put on the chain pumps on the lower after deck, and told off in three reliefs; sixty more were put on to the tackles of the paddle-box boats; and the remainder were brought on to the poop to ease the fore part of the ship, as she was rolling heavily. The commander next ordered the officers' chargers to be pitched out of the gangway. The plunging and terrified horses were got up and cast over, five of them managing to swim ashore. The cutter was then got ready for the women and children, who had been collected under the poop-awning; and they were passed in one by one. There being room in the boat for one or two more, the order was given for any trumpeter or bugler boys to be taken. A young drummer standing near was told by an officer to get into the boat, but, drawing himself up, he refused, exclaiming that he drew man's pay, and would stick by his comrades. The cutter then shoved off in charge of one of the ship's officers, and the women and children were safe.

No sooner was she clear than the entire bow of the vessel broke off at the foremast, the bowsprit going up in the air towards the fore-topmast; the funnel also went over the side, carrying away the starboard paddlebox and boat, and crushing the men on the tackles. The paddle-box boat capsized on being lowered, and the large boat in the centre of the ship could not be got up. The men were then ordered on to the poop, where they stood calmly awaiting their fate. Within a few minutes the vessel broke in two, cross-wise, just abaft the engine-room, and the stern began rapidly to fill. In this extremity the commander called out: "Those who can swim jump overboard and make for the boats"; but the officers begged the soldiers not to, as the boat with the women and children would be swamped. They were young men in the prime of life, with all before them, yet no one moved, nor did any sign of terror or fear escape them. Lower and lower sank the vessel into the deadly sea. The old transport shivered, gave a final plunge, and disappeared, carrying with her the band of heroes on deck and those working below at the pumps. Men of all ages and ranks they were—the colonel and the drummer-boy, officers of gentle birth, and men from the workshop, the plough, and the mine; but all animated with the same heroic resolution, fortitude, and chrivalry—as cool as though they had been on their parade ground, with as much courage as in action in the field. A few managed to cling to the rigging of the mainmast, part of which remained out of water, while others got hold of floating pieces of wood, and were eventually rescued; but of fourteen officers and four hundred and fifty-eight men no fewer than nine officers and three hundred and forty-nine men perished, many falling a prey to the attacks of the sharks which surrounded the ship in shoals, waiting for their victims. Every woman and child was saved.

It need hardly be said that the appalling extent of the misfortune cast a gloom over the whole community, a grief which was only lessened by admiration for the extraordinary discipline and fortitude displayed from the time the ship struck until she totally disappeared. There was not a murmur till she made her final plunge. The senior surviving officer likened the scene to an ordinary disembarkation, only a more orderly one than he ever remembered to have witnessed. The Duke of Wellington, as Commander-in-Chief, gave fitting expression to the feelings of the Army on the subject; but perhaps the greatest compliment ever paid to the memory of the brave was the order of the King of Prussia for the account of the wreck of the "Birkenhead" to be read on three successive parades at the head of every regiment in his Army; and it was spoken of in every school in Prussia and Germany.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE WRECK OF THE BRITISH SHIPS "BRITON" AND "RUNNYMEDE."

THE "RUNNYMEDE."

The barque "Runnymede," under the command of Captain Doughty, sailed from Gravesend on the 20th June, 1884, bound to Calcutta, with the following detachments under the command of Captain Stapleton, 50th Regiment:—10th Regiment, 37 privates, 2 women, and 1 child; 50th Regiment, Ensigns Venables, Du Vimal (?), and Purcell; 105 privates, 11 women, and 13 children; total, 4 officers, 143 privates, 13 women, and 14 children. Dr. Bell, the Surgeon of the vessel, was in medical charge.

The voyage had been throughout more than usually unfortunate, as they had met with nothing but light or contrary winds. The passage had been delayed so much beyond the average that many of the stores were expended, and the water and other stores running short it had been deemed advisable to bear for Penang, at which port the ship came to anchor on the 29th of October. Having filled up her water casks and taken in the necessary supplies, she stood to sea again on the 3rd November, the weather being fine and moderate, and continuing so until Friday, the 8th, when it assumed an unsettled appearance with heavy squalls.

On Saturday, the 9th of November, the wind was variable and squally. The fore topmast staysail split and they bent another; at 2.30 p.m. on the same day they reefed the mainsail; the second fore topmast split during the night owing to the heavy squalls.

On Sunday, the 10th of November, the barometer was falling, and they experienced a strong gale and heavy squalls. At 5 p.m. they took in the main and fore sails, and close reefed the topsails. The gear of the former sails gave way.

At 6 a.m. the wind was S.W. and blowing very heavily, so they took in the fore topsail and brought the ship to the wind under the closed reefed main topsail and main trysail.

At noon the sun was obscured; latitude by dead reckoning was 11·6 deg. N., Longitude 96·0 deg. E, Wind S.W., Barometer 29deg. and falling.

At 1 p.m. the fore and main sails were taken in, and the ship was under the trysail only.

At 2.30 p.m. the fore and main topgallant masts were blown away; the wind was south and blowing heavily. The main trysail was torn to atoms, and the ship was under bare poles laying beautifully to the wind with the helm amidships; the hurricane was increasing with much rain.

At 4 p.m. the wind came from the S.E. with terrific force. The hatches were battened down. The starboard quarter boat was washed away.

At 6 30 p.m. it fell nearly calm, the wind backing round to the S.W. and the sea going down. The barometer was 28·45 deg. They kept the ship away N. by E. and got the topsails resecured, parts of them having blown adrift.

At 8 p.m. hollow gusts of wind came and they brought the ship on the larboard tack.

At 8.15 p.m. the hurricane was blowing as heavily as before.

At 8.30 p.m. the larboard quarter boat was torn from the davits and blown across the poop carrying away the binnacle and hencoops.

At 9 p.m. the gale was, if possible, increasing. The foremast broke in three pieces carrying away with it the jibboom starboard cathead, main and mizen topmasts, and the main yard, leaving the main and mizen lower masts alone standing.

At 10 p.m. the wind and rain were so severe that the men could not hold on to the poop, they were, therefore, employed in bailing the water out from the "treen decks," having been forced down the hatches. The ship was still tight and proved herself an excellent sea boat. The pumps were attended to and drew out the water forced down the hatches.

Monday, 11th, the hurricane continued with equal severity. The wind being S.E., Barometer 28 deg. The gust was so terrific, mixed with the drift and rain, that no one could stand on deck to man the pumps or clear the wreck. The starboard bower anchor was hanging only by the shank painter, and as the iron work was knocking into the ship's side the chain was unshackled and the anchor cast adrift.

No. latitude by dead reckoning 12·6 deg. N., longitude 95·6 deg. N., longitude 95·20 deg. E.

No observations had been taken since the 7th. The barometer began to rise a little. The hurricane still raged in gusts and the ship was perfectly unmanageable from her crippled state, but rode like a bird over a confused sea running from every point of the compass.

A large barge barque with topmasts and main yard had drifted past and a brig totally dismasted was seen leeward.

At 4 p.m. the barometer had fallen to 27·70 deg., and the mineral sympiesometer left the index tube. The hurricane blew with terrific force. The front of the poop to leeward, the cabin door and skylights were blown away, and they expected every moment that the poop would be torn off. The severity of the wind was beyond description; there was nothing to which it could be compared, for, unless present, no one could conceive the destructive power and force of the wind, crushing everything before it as if it were a metallic body.

At 8 p.m. there was no abatement in its force. Everyone, soldier and sailor, did all in his power to keep the ship free of water.

It was impossible to stand at the pumps, and the water being principally in the "tween decks," it was bailed out by the soldiers as far as possible.

At midnight the hurricane raged with equal severity. The gusts were awful, and the rudder was carried away.

At 1.30 a.m. on the 12th, they felt the ship strike, and considered the destruction of the vessel and the loss of their lives certain, but it pleased Almighty God to decree otherwise, for although the ship filled up to her lower beams with water she was thrown so high on a reef that all the force of the water was brokened and smoothened, and the bolge pieces keeping her upright, she lay comparatively quiet.

Not knowing their position, the ship being bilged, and fearful of beating over the reef into deep water again, they let go the larboard-bower anchor, and the water shortly after leaving her, all hands fell asleep.

At daybreak the force of the hurricane had lessened, though there was much rain. The barometer rose slowly until it stood at 29·45 deg.

They saw the line of the shore at leeward, the ship being nearly dry aft.

With the increase in light they saw inside of them up among the trees, a large barque with troops on board. An officer and 12 men were sent over the stern to communicate with her.

At 7 a.m. the tide not serving, orders were given for the men to land at the next low water, and if possible to get something cooked, for as no fire could be kept alight during the hurricane, the sailors and troops had had merely a biscuit and a glass of rum each since its commencement.

At 3.30 p.m. the tide having fallen sufficiently for the men to wade ashore, the officer returned aboard and reported the vessel inside the reef to be the "Briton," from Sidney with soldiers of the 80th Regiment, under the command of Major Bunbury, bound for Calcutta, and short of everything.

All hands, soldiers, women, children, and crew, had left the wreck by evening. The barometer was falling slightly and the weather looked very threatening, so by great kindness on the part of the people there, the men from the "Runnymede" were accommodated on board the "Briton," and though they were in great misery themselves, the newcomers were received with every kindness and hospitality. They were much pleased to hear of there being a fair stock of provisions on the "Runnymede" (particularly of biscuits and flour), which, if the weather continued moderate, were to be landed for the benefit of both ships, Major Bunbury taking the command of all.

(To be continued).

DEATH OF THE REV. W. HARRIS.

ROMANTIC CAREER.

The death has just occurred at Farnham, Surrey, of the Rev. William Harris, aged 74, a former Presbyterian Minister of Maidstone, who has had a romantic career. Born in London in 1834, he joined the 97th Foot as a private, and served through the Crimean War, being present at the Siege of Sevastopol. He came under the influence of Captain Hedley Vicars, and at the close of the war he purchased his discharge, and studied for the ministry. When Captain Vicars fell mortally wounded, on March 22nd, 1855, in a sortie from Sevastopol, Mr. Harris was one of the men who carried him off the field. Capt. Hedley Vicars' influence over the young soldier proved lasting. He was trained principally at Cheshunt College, and was ordained in 1864. He was minister at Maidstone and Camberwell, and for eighteen years he was pastor of the church at Victoria Docks, retiring from that position some nine years ago.

Mr. Harris's first church was at Chatham, and included the duties of an Army Chaplain. To take up the lines of his work he strolled into the barracks one day, got into talk with the band sergeant, and was taken by him into the band-room. One instrument after another was given him, and Harris could play them all. The sergeant at last handed him a bugle, asking if he could play that. To his horror, Harris sounded the assembly, and the men came thronging into the square. Harris walked into their midst, told them that he, their new Presbyterian Chaplain, was one of themselves, having been a "ranker," and under fire, and so at once won the hearts of the men.—From *The Kent Times and Chronicle*, March 28th.

THE REAL TERRORS.

(A speaker at a public meeting held at the Maidstone Corn Exchange, on April 10th, said that the women might do their share in helping the Territorial Army scheme by inducing young men to join.)

I'm a chap what's fond of company ; I like to meet my pals
And enjoy my glass of bitters and a talk.
I'm not averse to women, and I know a lot of gals
Who'll often come and have a little walk.

But all the same I'm peaceful, and I hate to hear of war,
And I'd never think of joining in a fight.
I simply couldn't strike a man, and as for seeing gore
I should drop down like a dead'un at the sight.

Now a bloke has just suggested (and I like his blooming sauce !)
That the women ought to give a helping hand,
To find some more young fellows for the Territorial Force
And make the thing successful through the land.

I've told you that I'm peaceful and I ain't the kind of boy
To go and join this war-like sort of crowd ;
I might get shot and wounded, and eternally destroy
My looks, of which I've always been so proud.

And now as soon as work is done, if out I chance to go
And meet a girl and think I'm in for luck,
You can bet your bottom dollar that she'll shout out, "Bill, Hulloh !
Come and join the Territorials. There's a duck !"

I simply cannot stick it, and I curse my cruel fate
As I grow more sad and gloomy day by day ;
I start to work so early and I come back home so late
That I cannot meet a girl upon my way.

I'm told they call 'em "Terrors," but I think you'll all agree
That it isn't them what ought to have the name ;
It's the girls what go recruiting and upsets the likes of me ;
They're the most almighty "Terrors" at the game.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following subscriptions :—Mr. Ingham, for 1908 ; the Secretary, Recreation Room 2nd V.B., Beckenham, 1908 ; Mr. Thomas, 1908 ; Clr.-Sergt. Chastenuff, 1908 ; Mr. Doe, 1908 ; Band-Master T. Lewis, 1908 ; Sergt.-Major Light, 1909

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The widow of the late Mr. J. Suffield (who served in the Nigerian Regt. as a Colour-Sergeant and who was invalided and died from illness the result of active service with that Regiment) has been granted a pension under Art. 1165 Royal Warrant of 7s. 6d. per week and 2s. per week for her child, making a total of 9s. 6d. per week, from January 4th, 1908

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

BIRTHS.

At Maidstone on the 2nd January, 1908, the wife of 3913 Pte. W. Botten, of a daughter, Dorothy Jane.

At Maidstone on the 14th March, 1908, the wife of 3460 Sergt. J. Wren, Depôt, of a son, George Edward.

At Singapore on the 8th February, 1908, the wife of 3748 Sergt. R. Urquhart, 2nd Battalion, of a daughter, May Evelyn.

MARRIAGES.

Ada, the wife of 6078 Corpl. R. Darley, is taken on the strength of the married establishment of the 1st Battalion, on 15th March, 1908.

DEATHS.

At Dover on the 27th March, 1908, Edward, the son of 4981 Pte. B. Fish, of convulsions.

At Singapore on the 19th February, 1908, John Mitchell, infant son of 3488 Clr.-Sergt. W. Osborne, 2nd Battalion, of meningitis.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Lieutenant Arthur D'E. Knox to be Captain in succession to Major C. G. Pack-Beresford, who holds a Staff Appointment, dated 21st March, 1908 (Gazetted 3rd April, 1908).

Second-Lieutenants to be Lieutenants.—Baron H. F. Leir, vice C. R. Ingram promoted, dated 12th January, 1908; John C. Cooke, vice A. D'E. Knox promoted, dated 21st March, 1908; Harry J. Dresser, vice M. J. Dinwiddy promoted, dated 28th March, 1908.

Captain J. W. O'Dowda is seconded for service on the staff, dated 28th March, 1908.

Lieutenants to be Captains. — Bede Johnstone, vice Captain J. W. O'Dowda seconded, and Malcolm J. Dinwiddy, vice B. Johnstone, who is seconded for service under the Colonial Office.

1st BATTALION.

Lance-Corporals appointed Paid Lance-Corporals.—8551 A. Thomas, 13th April, 1908; 8575 E. Card, 16th April, 1908; 8611 J. Stevens, 23rd April, 1908.

Privates Appointed Lance-Corporals.—8503 R. Galloway, 24th March, 1908; 6327 J. Watts and 6621 J. Ridgers, 24th April, 1908; 8838 G. Redmond, 28th April, 1908.

2nd BATTALION.

Lance-Corporals Promoted Corporals.—8041 L. Johnson, dated 1st February, 1908; 6101 H. Styles, dated 31st January, 1908; 7879 J. Fathers, 21st February, 1908; 7544 A. Simmons, 29th February, 1908; 7575 F. Johnson, dated 1st February, 1908; 7659 F. Vincent, 20th March, 1908.

Privates Appointed Lance-Corporals.—5983 J. Blackal; 6661 H. Powers and 8220 J. Woodberry, all dated 4th January, 1908; 6728 A. Punyer, dated 17th February, 1908; 6154 G. Turrell, dated 9th March, 1908; 8190 C. Osborne, dated 9th March, 1908; 7479 J. Sheppard, dated 29th February, 1908; 8175 C. Laws, dated 9th March, 1908; 7563 J. Hyland, 13th March, 1908; 7234 A. Marks, 2nd January, 1907 (? 1908).

Appointed Drummer.—6528 Pte. C. Baker, dated 26th December, 1907.

DEPOT.

3948 Corporal T. Crockett is appointed Lance-Sergeant (with pay), dated 18th February, 1908.

THE REGIMENTAL DINNER.

Dear Mr. Editor,

May I once more crave space to remind Officers, past and present, that the Annual Regimental Dinner of the Line Battalions takes place at The Grand Hotel, London, on Tuesday, 16th June, at 8 p.m.? Officers whose names are appended have already notified their intention to be present, and I shall be glad to hear from any others who intend to dine at their early convenience

Yours truly,

J. H. KENNEDY,

Captain late R. W. Kent Regt.,

Hon. Sec. Dinner Club.

Attleborough Lodge,
Norfolk,
May 14th, 1908.

Maj.-Gen. Sir E. Leach, K.C.B.
Brig.-Gen. Grove, C.B.
Col. Armstrong.
Col. Brock.
Capt. Burbury.
Major Buckle, D.S.O.
Capt. Pack-Beresford.
Lieut. Brock.
Major Daniell.
Lieut.-Col. Dalison.
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Capt. Fiennes.
Lieut. Fisher.
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Major Roche.
Lieut.-Col. Style.
Major J. G. Smith.
Capt. Snow.
Capt. Stewart.
Col. Tweedie, D.S.O.
Col. Western, C.B.
Lieut. Waring
Lieut. R. L. White.
Lieut. Wingfield Stratford.
Capt. Joslin.
Lieut. and Q.M. Willis.

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The officer commanding the Depot acknowlenges with thanks the receipt of the following sum:—Captain J. Goss, £1 1s. 0d.

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

Dover,
28th April, 1908.

Dear Mr. Editor,

D, F, G and H Companies under Major Martyn, having completed the annual course of musketry, left Lydd on their return to Dover on April 15th, arriving at Dover April 16th.

These four Companies were seen at work on the ranges by the Director of Military Training on April 10th. The Director of Military Training was very complimentary in his remarks as to the work he saw carried out.

On April 21st and 22nd, Brigadier-General Bradley commanding the 12th Infantry Brigade, inspected these same four Companies in field training.

On April 23rd A, B, C and E Companies commenced field training.

Captains Knox and Hildyard have been posted to this Battalion and have taken over command of C and E Companies respectively.

Captain Ingram is posted to the 2nd Battalion, and leaves for Singapore by P and O "Mubia," on May 23rd.

I understand that the Battalion will go to Camberley on July 25th for brigade training; and on August 8th will go on to New Forest for divisional training. However, these dates are subject to alteration. "The Times" of the 27th inst. shows the period of divisional training to be August 22nd—September 21st.

The Battalion football team are to be congratulated on winning a Cup and taking a respectable position in the local league. The details see below.

SERGEANTS' MESS 1st BATTALION ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

Nothing of social importance has taken place in our own Mess during the past month.

On the 10th inst. the Sergeants of the Northumberland Fusiliers gave a practice dance in the Garrison Gymnasium, Western Heights. These dances, which are arranged alternately by the two regiments stationed on the Heights, form a pleasant break during the winter months and appear to be greatly appreciated by both military and civilian friends.

We are also indebted to them for an invitation to their St. George's Ball, which was held in the Town Hall on the 23rd April, and which was accepted by a good number of our Sergeants. The Ball Room presented a very festive appearance, the platform was particularly noticeable, the artistic arrangement of the plants and flowers, with the colours in the centre, made really a charming picture.

Dancing was kept up until daylight, and much credit is due the Committee, who so ably carried out the onerous duties which are necessarily entailed by a function of this sort.

We are all pleased to have Sergeant Burrows back in the Mess, looking so well after his travels abroad, and also congratulate Band Sergeant Ransome on his marriage, and trust that his future as a benedict will be a bright and happy one.

Major Hewett has kindly presented to the Mess a painting of the Old Colours which, needless to say, will always be considered as one of the treasures of the Mess.

BOXING.

Lance-Corpl. Baker, Pte. Sparrow and Pte. Smith respectively, entered for the Light, Feather, and Heavy-weight Competition between the Army and Navy, held at the National Sporting Club. Pte. Smith was beaten in the first round, and Pte. Sparrow was unable to compete owing to indisposition. Lance-Corpl. Baker, who the "Sportsman" quoted as being the likely winner of the Light-weights, fought his way into the semi-final, and was then just beaten on points.

1st BATTALION FOOTBALL.

I am glad to be able to say that the Battalion team has finished up the season in first rate style, losing only two matches out of the last nine played. Not only has the team won the Dover Charity Cup, but it has gained a much higher position in the Folkestone League.

During the season just closed we completed fifty matches: Played 50; won 25; Lost 23; Drawn 2; Goals for 99, against 86.

Of the 99 goals scored, the two players, who have operated at back during the latter half of the season, have between them scored more than a third of this number. This is striking testimony to their powers as marksmen, while operating in the van. The goal scorers are: Lance-Corpl. Powell 18, Corpl. Keeble 16, Sergt. Redmond and Pte. Holding 8 each, Sergt. Reynolds 7, Dr. Barrow, Ptes. Olgle and Barker 6 each, Pte. Hooper 5, Ptes. Thompson and White 4 each, Pte. Huggett 3, Pte. Mitchell 2, Ptes. Verrall, Elsey and Todd 1 each.

Appended are the two League Tables till 25th April inclusive. Owing to cup-ties and other reasons several clubs will be unable to finish their programme, and consequently the tables are in an uncompleted state.

Folkestone and District Senior League.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	GOALS F.	A.	PTS.
1st Leicester Regiment...	21	16	2	3	71	35	35
2nd Northumberl'd Fus.	21	11	6	4	61	38	26
1st Royal Scots	17	12	4	1	40	20	25
1st Royal West Kent.....	22	12	9	1	48	35	25
Ashford Railway Works	21	11	8	2	48	45	24
Folkestone Town	21	10	8	3	56	45	23
Royal Marines.....	19	5	9	5	29	41	15
Dover.....	19	7	8	4	49	41	14
1st East York Regiment	20	5	12	3	27	52	13
R.G.A. (Dover).....	18	5	11	2	31	42	12
Folkestone Excelsior.....	17	5	11	1	26	48	11
South Ashford Invicta...	15	2	12	1	18	65	5

Kent Senior League.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	GOALS. F.	A.	PTS.
Northfleet.....	16	14	1	1	54	13	29
1st Royal Scots	16	9	1	6	24	11	24
Sheppey United.....	16	7	6	3	34	26	17
Faversham	16	8	7	1	26	26	17
Maidstone C.I.	16	6	8	2	23	34	14
Dover.....	16	4	6	6	24	30	14
Gravesend*	15	5	9	1	19	27	11*
Royal Naval Depot	15	3	9	3	26	31	9
1st Royal West Kent* ...	16	4	11	1	14	35	9*

* Both games with Gravesend were scratched by the latter club and will probably be awarded to the Battalion, together with a goal for each match.

HOSPITAL CUP: SEMI-FINAL.
WEST KENT'S v. BUCKLAND MILL.

These two teams met in the semi-final of the above competition at the Danes, and resulted in the military men entering the final. The Mill were the first to score from a re-bound, but before the interval the Kent's had put on two. The Mill men played a lasting game, making the soldiers go all the way, and the last fifteen minutes the soldiers' defence had an anxious time, but Keeble and Powell were too good for the civilians, and kept them out. Wisdom, at centre-half for the mill, played a clinking game, working very hard. Referee Barret lined up the teams in the following order :—

Buckland Mill :—Barton ; W. Walsh, P. Walsh ; Marsh, Wisdom, Blizzard ; English, Frith, Lawrence, Petts, Cattermoll.

Royal W. Kent's: Kemp; Powell, Keeble; Huggett, Mitchell, Woodward ; Hooper, White, Reynolds, Redman, Holding.

HOSPITAL CHARITY CUP: FINAL.
ROYAL WEST KENT'S v. R.G.A.

Presentation by the Mayor.

A good crowd assembled at the Danes on Easter Monday afternoon, when the final for the Hospital Charity Cup was decided, the finalists being the Royal West Kent Regiment and the Royal Garrison Artillery. The game throughout proved very fast, the R.A.'s showing at times good combination, and it was thought they would be the victors, for at half time they held a lead of one goal. In the latter part of the second half the Kent's "bucked up," and drew the score level, and the game resulted in a draw of 1—1. As a result of this, extra time—30 minutes—had to be played. The Kent's, in this moiety, showed much better form, and in consequence of this they scored two more goals, and thus became the cup holders.

At the conclusion of the match the Mayor, who was accompanied by the Mayoress (Mrs. Emden) presented the cup to the captain of the winning team. In doing so Mr. Emden congratulated the winners on their well-earned victory, which, he said, was a brilliant one. They had played that afternoon in the cause of charity, and they had played fairly and with good spirit, and he was sure their opponents would not begrudge the victory. (Applause). Hearty cheers were raised for the Mayor and Mayoress, and for the victors and the losers.

ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT v. MAIDSTONE CHURCH INSTITUTE.

The above teams met on the Danes in a Kent League fixture, but in the second half the game was utterly spoilt by the heavy rain which fell throughout, the players slipping and sliding, it being a difficult thing for them to keep their feet. At half-time the game stood two all, and about fifteen minutes from the finish, through a mis-kick, the visiting forwards got through and managed to obtain the lead, maintaining it to the end.

Mr. Mills lined up the teams in the following order :—

Royal West Kent Regt.: Kemp; Powell, Keeble; Huggett, Mitchell, Woodward ; Hooper, White, Reynolds, Redman, Holding.

Maidstone Church Institute : Goodwin ; Oliver, Wynn ; Weedon, Attwood, Baker ; Taylor, Rattray, Perrin, Sampson, Atkins.

v. DOVER.

Dover turned out with a scratch team on the Danes, when they were engaged in a Folkestone and District League fixture with the Royal West Kent Regiment, and consequently lost by 4 goals to 2, although the team played up well, and worked hard for their two goals. Accurate football was out of the question, for there was a high wind blowing up the field, which carried the ball back to those who were kicking against it. The Kents' last goal came from a penalty, which the referee gave for Burville tripping, although it was evident that that player did not do it purposely, but it was more the fault of the player, who fell over his foot, for jumping.

The referee, Mr. G. Mills, of Ashford, lined the teams up as follows :—

Dover : Ware ; Burville, Haslam ; Newman, Cadman, Ross ; Dunn, Kennett, Empson, Durban, Lewis.

Royal West Kent Regiment : Kemp ; Powell, Keeble ; Huggett, Mitchell, Woodward ; Hooper, White, Reynolds, Redmond, Holding.

v. FOLKESTONE.

A very poor game was witnessed at the Danes when the above teams met in a Folkestone and District League fixture. The visitors were decidedly "off colour," and consequently lacked dash. The first half at once showed the superiority of the homesters, for at the end of that moiety they held a lead of three clear goals.

Mr. Beraet had charge of the game, and he lined the teams up in the following order :—

Folkestone : Finn ; Beavis, Champion ; Southern, Holloway, Diwell ; Waddell, Pippin, Vallentine, Dampt, Philpott.

Royal West Kent Regiment : Kemp ; Powell, Keeble ; Huggett, Mitchell, Woodward ; Redmond, Holding, Reynolds, White, Hooper.

v. SOUTH ASHFORD INVICTA.

On Wednesday, April 15th, the Royal West Rent Regiment were engaged in a Folkestone and District League match at the Danes, against South Ashford Invicta. The ground was in a very muddy state, good football being out of the question. The Kents had the advantage of the wind in the first half, and were two up before the game had been in progress five minutes, Redmond and Reynolds doing the needful. The homesters had the best of the exchanges, and two more goals were added before half-time by Keeble and Redman. In the second half the game was more even. Redman put on a fifth goal, but Skinner replied shortly after, and the game ended in a win for the soldiers by 5 goals to 1.

Sergt. Thompkins, of the R.G.A., was the referee, and he lined the teams up in the following manner :—

Royal West Kents : Kemp ; Powell, Keeble ; Haggett, Mitchell, Woodward ; Hooper, White, Reynolds, Redman, Holding.

Ashford Invicta : Elliott ; Waghorne, Grey ; H. Hobday, Law, R. Hobday ; Skinner, Mortimer, Hawes, Fordham, Weller.

1st BATTALION NEWS.

Major E. V. O. Hewett attends the Senior Officer Course, which assembled at the School of Musketry, Hythe, on the 14th May, 1908.

Sergt. T. Martle qualified at the 254th party at the School of Musketry, Hythe, dated March 31st, 1908. He also attended the Advanced Class and qualified to instruct in the maxim gun, on the 16th April, 1908.

No 7526 Corpl. Keeble has been selected to attend the four month Physical Training Course commencing at Aldershot on he 1st May, 1908.

No. 8942 Sergt. Mobberly and 4859 Lance-Corpl. A. Jones were awarded first class certificates of education, dated March 31st, 1908.

The following n.c.o.'s and men have passed in Mounted Infantry duties at Longmoor, dated March 31st, 1908:—3183 Sergt. W. Mnrphy, 5167 Sergt. B. Reynolds, 7909 Corpl. E. Brough, 7493 Lance-Corpl. Bowden, 7321 Corpl. Reeves, 8252 Lance.-Corpl. Haughey, Privates 7770 F. Andrews, 8234 S. Bishop, 8321 D. Bradford, 8400 E. Brisselden, 8362 A. Cole, 8282 H. Coveney, 3584 C. Cruse, 8088 J. Cumberland, 8232 J. Diplock, 8365 A. Hosken, 8111 J. Jeffreys, 8319 J. Jenner, 8370 A. Lucas, 7277 J. Mathers, 8350 J. McCarthy, 7320 S. Newson, 8353 J. Peckham, 8241 C. Price, 8025 G. Prime, 8375 C. Ruth, 8397 C. Silver, 8398 F. Walton, 8270 A. Warner and 8208 L. Harbach.

No. 2820 Sergt. G. Seaton absorbs the vacancy caused by the posting of Sergt. Harris to Depot, 18th March, 1908.

5014 Corpl. J. Markham has been granted a Certificate of Qualification in Cookery, dated Aldershot, 31st March, 1908, and 6722 Lce.-Corpl. J. Kirton has qualified as an Instructor in Physical Training, 17th March, 1908.

5492 Sergt. R. Harrison has re-engaged to complete a total of 21 years service, 21st April, 1908.

No. 6167 Corpl. A. Cordeux has been appointed Assistant Instructor in Signalling, vice Corpl. Raines, 27th April, 1908.

No. 2611 Sergt.-Major H. Rogers has been awarded the medal for long service and good conduct (without gratuity). Auty A.O. 77, of April, 1908.

No. 2672 Pte. F. Sullivan and 8185 Pte. A. Dowell have been awarded the medal for long service and good conduct (with gratuity).

No. 8944 Pte. A. Johnston has been allowed to reckon his former service of 12 years and 209 days as qualifying for pension and service under Article 1063 (b) and 1062 (b) Pay Warrant respectively.

The undermentioned have been transferred to the Army Reserve:—Nos. 5882 Privates H. Bonham, April 8th, 1908; 5889 A. Fouch and 5893 J. Brazier, April 17th, 1908; C. Palmer, April 19th, 1908; 5895 W. Gristwood, April 22nd, 1908; 5909 J. Macdonald, April 26th, 1908; 5903 W. Mussett, April 29th, 1908; 5907 A. Parker, May 2nd, 1908.

The following have been discharged for reasons stated:—No. 4728 Private F. Thompson, on termination of 1st period, April 19th, 1908, and 8116 Private R. Gurney by purchase, dated May 2nd, 1908.

CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION

have been awarded to N. C. O.'s and men as follows:—

SECOND CLASS.—8535 Lce.-Corpl. W. Traill, 8703 Lce.-Corpl. C. Harris, Ptes. 6310 E. Fitzgerald, 8749 E. Dolley, 8771 F. Stearn, 8455 A. Uden, 8734 T. Briant, 8472 A. Weaver, and 6088 J. Kerridge.

THIRD CLASS.—8097 Lce.-Corpl. D. Pronger, Ptes. 8759 W. Dyer, 8297 C. Dix, 8729 H. Allen, 8432 H. Dye, 8704 W. Setton, 4602 W. White, 8501 A. Stedman, 8443 T. Franklinde, 8434, W. Needham, 8591 Boy J. Ross and 8589 Boy A. Mott, all dated the 13th March, 1908.

The following N.C.O.'s and men have been granted G. C. Badges:—

8285 Pte. J. Wells granted 1 badge 5th April, 1908; 6486 Pte. H. Pickering granted 2 badges 14th Feb., 1908; 5967 5967 Pte. T. Merrick resumes 2 badges 9th April, 1908; 3486 Pte. G. Gradson restored 3 badges 6th April, 1908; 8282 Pte. H. Coveney 1 badge 3rd April, 1908; 7249 Pte. G. Golder 2 badges 18th April, 1908; 6104 Pte. H. Bennett, 7328 Pte. R. Gould 1 badge each 22nd April, 1908; 7281 Pte. A. Rogers restored 2 badges, 5606 Pte. S. Law restored 2 badges, dated 25th April, 1908; 8706 Lce.-Corpl. G. Franks 1 badge 30th April, 1908; 6424 Dmr. G. Coe 2 badges 17th January, 1908; 6020 Pte. F. Voller restored 2 badges 30th April, 1908.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

SINGAPORE, 24th March, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

On the proposal of Captain Grant the Officers challenged the Sergeants to contest seven events, which included shooting, cricket, hockey, football (Association and Rugby), bayonet fighting, and attack practice, to which were afterwards added tug-of war and a 1,000 yards relay race.

The Sergeants accepted eagerly, and, between ourselves, thought they had a fairly easy job, but up to the present have received some severe shocks, for the Officers, although they have only half as many to choose from, have beaten them in the first four events. Each has been well contested, but the results have been in favour of the officers for the principal reason that when they take a job on they do not go for it half-heartedly, and each does his share.

No doubt "Magpie" will refer to the shooting match, which ended in favour of the Officers by 18 points.

The result of the hockey was: Officers 2 goals, Sergeants 1. At cricket the Sergeants were defeated (but not disgraced) by eight runs; and at Association by one goal to nil.

The tug-of-war teams are working hard, and the contest should be most interesting. By next mail it is hoped that we may be able to record a little balancing of the account.

Appended is a list of the teams and scores:—

CRICKET.

OFFICERS.

Lieut. Hewitt, b Clr.-Sergt. Mills	20
2nd-Lieut. Hardy, b Clr.-Sergt. Alderman	43
Major Pedley, c Sergt. Mills	10
Lieut. Dresser, b Clr.-Sergt. Mills	12
Capt. Belgrave, run out	6
2nd-Lieut. Whitty, c Sergt. Stevens	5
Lieut. Hibbert, c S.-Sergt. Irwin	1
Capt. Grant, c Sergt.-Stringer	10
Capt. Nelson, not out	18
Lieut. Humphreys, b Clr.-Sergt. Mills	8
Lieut. Pullman, st. Clr.-Sergt. Saunders	0
Extras	10
	143

SERGEANTS.

Clr.-Sergt. Saunders, run out	33
Clr.-Sergt. Mills, b Lieut. Hewitt	2
Clr.-Sergt. Alderman, b Lieut. Hewitt	4
Sergt. Mills, b Lieut. Hewitt	22
Sergt. Freeman, c Capt. Nelson	9
Sergt. Stevens, b Major Pedley	6
S.-Sergt. Irwin, c Capt. Belgrave	5
Sergt. Stringer, c Lieut. Dresser	7
Sergt -Dr. Sayer, c and b Major Pedley	24
Sergt. McNamara, b Lieut. Hewitt	10
Sergt. Cockle, not out	1
Extras	12
	135

HOCKEY.

Officers' Team (two goals)—Forwards, Lieut. Hewitt, 2nd-Lieut. Hardy, Lieut. Humphreys, 2nd-Lieut. Moulton-Barrett, and 2nd-Lieut. Yates; half-backs, Capt. Grant, Lieut. Hibbert, and 2nd-Lieut. Whitty; backs, Capt. Nelson and 2nd-Lieut. Leir; goal, Lieut. Paget.

Sergeants' Team (one goal) — Forwards, Sergt. Iliffe, Sergt. Hannan, Sergt. Freeman, Sergt. Cockle, and Sergt. Mills. Half-backs, Sergt. Skeer, Sergt. Stringer, and Sergt. Mallon; backs, Sergt.-Dr. Sayer and Clr.-Sergt. Mills; goal, Clr.-Sergt. Saunders.

FOOTBALL.

Officers' Team (one goal)—Forwards, Capt. Grant, Lieut. Hewitt, Lieut. Wilberforce, Capt. Kitson, and Lieut. Pullman; half-backs, Major Pedley, Lieut. Hibbert, and 2nd-Lieut. Moulton-Barrett; backs, 2nd-Lieut. Hardy and 2nd-Lieut. Lier; goal, Lieut. Paget.

Sergeant's Team (no goals)—Forwards, Sergt. McNamara, Sergt. Hannan, Sergt. Freeman, Sergt. Cockle, and Sergt. Iliffe; half-backs, Sergt. Mallon, Clr.-Sergt. Mills, and Sergt. Stringer; backs, Sergt. Skeer and Sergt.-Dr. Sayer; goal, Sergt. Rowlands.

F.G.

SINGAPORE,
8th April, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Once again the officers have proved themselves superior to the Sergeants in the field of sport, having won three events in a most decisive manner.

At Bayonet Fighting each had nine competitors, and there were some really good displays. The Officers won five of the first eight, so Lieut. Pullman and Sergt. Turner, who are considered the best of their teams, gave an exhibition, which resulted in a win for the former by four hits to two.

The following shows the pairs as drawn, and numbers of hits, the best of seven :—

Major Pedley	4	beat Sergt. Stringer.....	1
Lieut. Leir	4	beat Sergt. Crisford	1
Capt. Grant	4	beat Sergt. Russell	0
Sergt. May	4	beat Capt. Kitson	3
Lieut. Wilberforce ..	4	beat Sergt. Mills	3
Capt. Belgrave	4	beat Clr.-Sergt. Osborne..	2
Sergt. King	4	beat Capt. Nelson	2
Sergt. Hannan.....	4	beat Lieut. Yates.....	3

The 1,000 Yards Relay Race was won by about 50 yards. The Sergeants were unfortunate in twice dropping the handkerchief when handing it from one to the other; but even without these accidents the Officers would have won. The teams were :—

OFFICERS.	SERGEANTS.
Captain Grant.	Colour-Sergeant Mills.
Captain Kitson.	Sergeant Russell.
Captain Nelson.	Sergeant Hannan.
Lieutenant Hewitt.	Sergeant Mills.
Lieutenant Pullman.	Sergeant-Dr. Sayer.
Lieutenant Paget.	Sergeant Rowland.
Lieutenant Yates.	Sergeant Skeer.
Lieutenant Whitty.	Sergeant Freeman.
Lieutenant Wilberforce.	Sergeant Crisford.
Lieutenant Humphreys.	Sergeant McNamara.

The Tug-of-War afforded great amusement for the spectators. The Sergeants had been placing great reliance in their weight, but when one came to look along the rope there was little to choose on that account. The condition of the Officers was far superior to that of the Sergeants, and this soon told. The first pull lasted about one minute, in which time the Bandmaster (who was the Sergeants' last hope) found himself gliding gently past the Colonel, who was judge. The second pull was —— well, really, the thoughts are too sad to be recalled. Every time I think of it a lump rises in my throat (not caused through straining), so please excuse me, Mr. Editor.

The order from front to rear of each side was as follows :—

OFFICERS.	SERGEANTS.
Major Pedley.	Sergeant Turner.
Lieutenant Whitty.	Sergeant-Major Grey.
Captain Kitson.	Colour-Sergeant Osborne.
Lieutenant Wilberforce.	Sergeant Hannan.
Lieutenant Yates	Colour-Sergeant Saunders.
Lieutenant Pullman.	Sergeant Urquhart.
Captain Belgrave.	Sergeant Allwright.
Lieutenant Hewitt.	Sergeant Cramp.
Lieutenant Leir.	Sergeant Barrett.
Lieutenant Paget.	Band-Master McKelvey.

F.G.

"A" COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENCE.

TANGLIN.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Having taken over the duties as Company Correspondent, I must first of all apologise for lack of news regarding A Company, but, although nothing of importance has taken place since the time of my taking over, I trust that I shall be able to render to you a pretty decent report next month.

On February the 10th we met G Company in the first Company League match of the season, but we had terrible hard luck. The opening of the day dawned upon us with heavy rain, but towards the afternoon it gave over, but our hopes of a dry game were soon shattered when, ere our game started, the rain came down in torrents, and the match was played from start to finish in one continuous downfall, which made it very inconvenient for both players and spectators. It would be impossible to name any particular player under the circumstances, as all did their best. Pte. Muggeridge, who scored our only goal, played a fine game, also Lance-Corpl. Cousins, who saved some fine shots in goal. The game finished up after a very hard hour's play with a win for G, 2—1. The following team represented the Company :—Lance-Corpl. Cousins, Ptes. Coulter and Atkins, Corpl. Smith, Lance-Corpl. Bradman, Lance-Corpl. Christie, Ptes. Batty, Pringle, Hill, Baker, Muggeridge.

We next met D Company in a cricket match (league). Again, I am sorry to say we lost. We were the first to bat, but did not get the chance to make what I call a respectable score, D getting us all out for 82. The second part of the game was somewhat spoilt with several sharp showers, which made it rather difficult for our men to field so well as they might have done, the ground being so slippery. The game ended in a win for D by two wickets eight runs.

On February 19th we gave the Warders of the Criminal Prison a game of football on their own ground. We kicked off in good style, and I expected to see a bit of good play, but towards the end the game got very wild and disinteresting. The game ended in a win for us, 4—3.

Lieut. O. Y. Hibberd has rejoined us from leave, and the following N.C.O's have, on promotion, been transferred to A Company—Sergt. Stevens, Corpl. Smith. We are at present at Normanton firing our annual course of musketry. We are having plenty of sport. which will enable me to furnish you with plenty of news next month.

"A" COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

"D" COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENCE.

TANGLIN,
MARCH 6th, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

News regarding "D" during the latter part of January would be much the same as December, viz : ordinary routine of work. But February, Heigho ! started us on our annual field training, and, up to the present have gone through, or nearly so, the whole of the book, so far as company work is concerned, as we possibly could do.

Having very nearly reached the end, so far as work on the island of Singapore is concerned, we, on March 9th, once more journey to Blakan-mati, where we stay for a week, going through, I suppose, a routine similar to last year.

On our return we are, I believe, for Normanton, there to undergo our annual course of musketry, and where we hope to improve on last year—at least, your humble does, as—but there, there are more than me concerned in it, so that will do for that.

In sport, both football and cricket, we have been fairly successful. At the beginning of February (I don't suppose dates will make much difference) we played "F" (shield holders), who beat us, after a rather tough game, by 2—0. (Beware, "F," I'm afraid you will have to look well after your laurels this year). We next played Band and Drums, and beat them to the tune of 4—0.

Our next match was a somewhat important one, *i.e.*, our first appearance in the League, 1908, when we met "E." I am sorry to say a much argued goal caused a little tiff, since blown over, "D" making a triumphal exit with a win of 1—0 to our credit.

We met "A" next (League), and what an eye-opener the result (no offence to our correspondent of "A"), beating them 4—0, Lieut. Hewitt, Ptes. Crawley, Game and Knight distinguishing themselves most beautifully, putting the ball into the net as though the goalkeeper and it were "cousins."

Our chances of winning the Cricket Shield for '07 are very bright indeed. The reason that it has not been played for before is that the ground has been under repair, and we have had to use the football ground as a last resource. However, we have played two League matches, and I am pleased to say, have won them both.

On the 13th February we played "A," and after a pretty well contested game beat them by 11 runs. Score, "D" 93, "A" 82.

Our next was on the 20th. when we met "H," beating them by 25 runs. Score, "D" 66, "H" 41

"D" COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

CORRESPONDENCE : Q.O.A.D.C.

TANGLIN,
MARCH 5TH, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

On the evening of February 21st another of our entertainments was given. The variety was in every way a success, two of our newest members making their first appearance, viz. :—Ptes. Dicker and Payne, and who I am pleased to say comported themselves very decently.

The hall was as usual crowded, and our audience most appreciative, with the exception of a few, I am sorry to say, who were at the back. Only three of the old hands took part in the sketch, the remaining characters being taken by entirely new hands. I would like to remind a few that anywhere in H.M. Dominions the only recognised finish to an entertainment is the playing or singing of the National Anthem, and I hope this will catch the eye of two or three who did not appear to know it on that occasion. The whole was managed most admirably by Corporal Carrington, who read us a most delightfully written letter from our late Sergt.-Major C. B. Mitchell, now at Amoy.

We arranged a cricket match with a second team of "C" Company and beat them by 36 runs. Not bad, well, I say so ; it was our first match, you "C."

The programme was as follows :—Overture, piano ; song (comic), "Yow ! Yow ! Yow !" Pte. Payne ; song (sentimental), "Auld Lang Syne," Pte. Blake ; song (comic), "He'll never see his mother any more," Pte. Stammers ; song (descriptive), "March ! March ! March !" Pte. Watson, R.A.M.C. ; song (comic), "If I was in the L.C.C.," Pte. Dicker ; song (sentimental), "The Mocking Birds were Singing in the Wildwood," Lce.-Corpl. Simmons ; song (comic), "Who wants a husband ?" Pte. Young ; song (sentimental), "When the fields are white with daisies," Pte. A. Jones ; song (comic), "Wire in, my lads," Pte. Martin, R.A.M.C. ; song (descriptive), "The Veteran," Pte. Watson, R.A.M.C. ; song (comic), "Chinee Sojer Man," Pte. Blake ; song (descriptive), "Church Parade (with chorus)," Ptes. Jones and Priddy ; song (comic), "The Bachelors," Pte. Doyle ; song (skit), "Soldiers Three," Ptes. Jones, Martin and Doyle ; song (sentimental), "Gates of the West," Pte. Readings ; song (comic), "She's proud and she's beautiful," Pte. Martin, R.A.M.C. ; wrestling (jiu-jitsu), Ptes. Barnes and Guy. Interval. Sketch, "Matrimonial Agency." Characters—Ponsonby Funkleton (nervous old gentleman), Pte. D. Priddy ; Harry Beecham (Lieut., R.N.), Pte. J. Readings ; Matthew Furze (a farmer), Pte. W. Hanson ; Augustus Plantagenet Splatchett (a masher), Pte. P. Watson, R.A.M.C. ; Miss Diana Poppincourt (a spinster), Pte. J. Doyle ; Miss Alice Arnold (her niece), Pte. A. Spalding ; Mrs. Burlingham (Alice's friend), Pte. R. Martin, R.A.M.C. ; Caroline (a maid), Pte. G. Blake. "God Save the King."

The sketch above has now been staged by us twice, thinking that a good sketch would always bear repetition was our idea in doing so. New next time.

NOSHAH.

F COMPANY, 2ND ROYAL WEST KENT REGT.

TANGLIN,
March 3rd, 1908.

FOOTBALL FRIENDLY.—2nd Teams, F v. B. F win 2—1. League Match, Company Team, A v. F. Win for F, 4 goals to 1. Hockey Friendly, F v. E. Win for F, 1—0.

F COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

BOXING AND BAYONET FIGHTING CONTEST.

2nd Battalion R.W.K. Regt. v. H.M.S. King Alfred.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Herewith the result of a Boxing and Bayonet fighting Contest which took place at Tanglin Barracks, Singapore, on the 13th February, 1908, between the above-named.

The contest was well attended by the Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Garrison, and a fairly good number of Officers, W.O., etc., and men of the Navy. The audience kept the very best of order, and readily applauded any good work done by the competitors. The whole was very ably carried out by the Boxing Committee. The following gentlemen kindly consented to act as Referee and Judges respectively : Referee, Mr. Beadsworth ; Judges, Lieut. Mathehon (Royal Navy) and Mr. Jennings. C.S.M. Guest, Army Gymnastic Staff, was M.C., and Sergt. Turner acted as Time-keeper.

1. The proceedings opened with a three-round Glove Contest between Pte. Bexon, C Company, and A.B. Gardener. Both fought well and were nicely matched, but owing to recent illness Bexon was not in his usual form, and was knocked out in the second round.

2. The next, Pte. Andrews, C Company, met A.B. Heath. Andrews being the better man, his opponent gave in in the third round.

3. A Bayonet Fighting Contest between Sergt. Turner and Gunner McFadden, R.M.A. (of Heavy-weight Boxing fame) was won by Sergt. Turner by 3 points to 1.

4. Pte. Sheppard, C Company, tried conclusions with Leading Seaman Alsbury. This fight only lasted a few seconds, as Sheppard knocked his man down twice in the first round, and put him out. In our opinion Sheppard is a promising fighter, and ought to do well in India.

5. Pte. Dickson, E Company, met Stoker Doughty. This bout was not so scientific, but Dickson, being the better stayer, gained the verdict.

6. Next came a Bayonet Fighting contest between Lce.-Corpl. Mitchell, C Company, and Seaman Lafferty, R.M.A., which was won by Lafferty by 3 points to 2.

7 Pte. Dowsett, G Company, and Pte. Duncan, R.M.L.I., next met with the gloves. Both improved after the early exchanges, and the sailor kept jabbing his man in the face, and lead on points in the three rounds. Towards the end Dowsett tried to force the fighting, but had to acknowledge defeat.

8. Next came another bayonet fight between Pte. Sheppard, C Company, and Corpl. Howell, R.M.L.I. This proved a very good contest, as Sheppard, acting well on the defence, beat his man by very smart parrying and quick return by 3 points to 2.

9. The last fight of the evening was between Pte. Reading and Signaller Payne of the Navy. Both were very careful at the start, and were well matched. At the completion the Judges disagreed, and an extra two-minute round was ordered by the Referee, Payne just gaining the verdict, which was very unpopular, as most of the audience thought Reading should have won, but both Reading and our men took the defeat in a sportsmanlike manner.

Results of both contests—Boxing, won 3, lost 3. Bayonet Fighting, won 2, lost 1.

Pte. Ryan, F Company, should have met A.B. Bodman, but owing to the latter not turning up, an extra bout was arranged between Pte. Marshall, A Company, and Private Brown, G Company, which proved to be a very good and even match, and in the opinion of the greater part of the audience was the best fight of the evening, an extra round having to be fought to decide the contest, Private Marshall just winning on points.

Major Pedley kindly consented to act as Judge for the Bayonet Fighting, and also presented the prizes to the successful competitors, and this brought a very pleasant evening's sport to a close.

E.T.

March 13th, 1908.

G COMPANY CORRESPONDENCE.

March, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

In jotting down the news of G Company for March, I have three League matches at football to relate.

On the 5th inst. we opposed C Company and after a very hard game we managed to emerge as winners by the narrow margin of 1—0.

In this match there was some hard pressing on both sides, and the goal-keeper of C was called upon several times, but he managed to clear each time, and when half-time sounded there was no score.

On changing over, Lance-Corpl. Smith went centre-forward, G began pressing very hard, and after a fine pass down the field the centre-forward managed to net the ball. During the remainder of play C tried hard to equalise, but failed, and on the whistle sounding we were left the winners with the above score.

G Company's team—Goal, Corpl. Watling; backs, Lance-Corpl. Hyland and Pte. Waghorn; half-backs, Pte. Parr, Sergt. Stringer and Pte. Dinsdale; forwards, Ptes. Haines, Phillips, Thomas, Bloomfield and Lance-Corpl. Smith.

On the 13th inst. we played E Company. G started off in grand style, and scored the first goal in the first few minutes of the game. Resuming play, our opponents managed to pull themselves together, and after some very fast play they equalised. At half-time the score was 1—1.

On changing over, E started off in grand style, but the backs managed to clear. Down came our opponents' forwards again, and, clearing the backs this time, they succeeded in scoring another point. G, being eager to equalise, got away with the ball, and after some splendid passing, scored just before the whistle sounded for time. The game, which was one of the fastest ever witnessed, ended in a draw of 2—2.

G Company's team—Goal, Corpl. Watling; backs, Lance-Corpl. Hyland and Pte. Waghorn; half-backs, Pte. Parr, Sergt. Stringer and Pte. Ott; forwards, Ptes. Haines, Phillips, Thomas, Bloomfield and Lance-Corpl. Smith.

On the 19th inst. we played H Company, which resulted in a draw of 1—1. G started off with the ball, and, getting it near H's goal, forced a corner, but nothing came of it. The ball in play again, H passed it down the field, and a corner was given to them, but they failed to net the ball. At half-time there was no score.

On resuming play H began to press, but the backs cleared, and for the next ten or fifteen minutes it was a game of kick and run, until one of the forwards of the opposing side got the ball, and eluding our backs, had a clean shot for goal, thus securing the first point. Ball in the field again, both teams began to press very hard, but G getting the ball in front of H's goal, managed to equalise in a scrimmage about five minutes before time. When time arrived, there being no further goals, the game ended with the above score.

G Company's team—Goal, Corpl. Watling; backs, Lance-Corpl. Hyland and Pte. Waghorn; half-backs, Pte. Parr, Sergt. Stringer and Pte. Ott; forwards, Ptes. Haines, Phillips, Thomas, Bloomfield and Lance-Corpl. Smith.

G COMPANY CORRESPONDENT.

2ND BATTALION NEWS.

Notification has been received from the War Office that the 2nd Battalion, on arrival in India, will be stationed at Lebong, near Darjeeling.

6389 Corporal G. Trevena has been permitted to extend his service to complete twelve years with the Colors. Dated 21st March, 1908.

The following N.C.O's and men have obtained Certificates of Education as follows, dated 28th February, 1908.

AWARDED 2ND CLASS CERTIFICATES.—5656 Corporal F. Vickery; Lance-Corporals 7845 R. Bishop, 8108 W. Page,

7558 W. Palmer, 8154 R. Roythorne, 7544 A. Simmons; Privates 7929 T. Goldspink, 8209 A. Barrett, 8543 W. Stewart; 8638 Boy W. Standen; 7601 Musician S. Sinnett.

AWARDED 3RD CLASS CERTIFICATES. — Lance-Corporals 6666 L. Martin, 6661 H. Powers, 6629 A. Ribbon, 6258 A. Rogers, 6101 H. Styles; Privates 8060 H. Bishopp, 5069 A. Dadson, 8247 J. Saker, 7442 E. Hunt, 8075 E. Munro, 8602 L. Wallace.

Good Conduct Badges have been granted and restored to N.C.O's and men of the Battalion as follows:—

6284 Pte. H. Harvey awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, dated 15th March, 1908; 7542 Pte. W. Langridge awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated 6th March, 1908; 7805 Pte. G. Westcott awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated 17th February, 1908; 7922 Pte. W. Kempson restored 1st G.C. Badge, dated 13th March, 1908; 7164 Pte. A. Daley restored 1st G.C. Badge, dated 16th March, 1908; 7474 Pte. R. Morton restored 1st G.C. Badge, dated 28th March, 1908: 8279 Pte. A. Harding awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated 29th March, 1908; 7664 Pte. L. May awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated 16th March, 1908; 8032 Pte. H. Noble awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated 2nd March, 1908; 5851 Pte. T. Sweetman restored 2nd G.C. Badge, dated 11th February, 1908; 7210 Lance-Corpl. C. Esplin awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, dated 3rd March, 1908; 8002 Pte. T. Sylvester restored 1st G.C. Badge, dated 19th March, 1908.

6334 Lce.-Corpl. W. Flinn has been discharged at his own request on payment of £25, under Art. 1058 (i) R. Wt., dated 11th April, 1908.

4884 Pte. F. Pearce has re-engaged at Singapore for the R. W. Kent Regiment to complete 21 years' service, dated 21st April, 1908.

Promotions have been antedated and pay of rank granted to the following N. C. O.'s as stated:—

8790 Lce.-Corpl. G. De La Mare appointed paid Lce.-Corpl., vice Harvie promoted, dated 31st January, 1908; 8041 Corpl. L. Johnson promotion to Corpl, antedated to 31st January, 1908, vice Lee to Army Reserve; 7308 Lce.-Corpl. G. Ives appointed paid Lce.-Corpl., antedated to 31st January, 1908, vice Johnson promoted; 7407 Lce.-Corpl. F. Godden appointed paid Lce.-Corpl., vice Styles promoted, dated 31st January, 1908; 8105 Lce.-Corpl. A. Mitchell appointed paid Lance.-Corpl., vice Johnson promoted, dated 1st February, 1908; 8258 Lce.-Corpl. C. Craddock appointed paid Lce.-Corpl., vice Hayes reverted, dated 18th February, 1908; 8383 Lce.-Corpl. J. Hutton appointed paid Lce.-Corpl., vice Fathers promoted, dated 21st February, 1908; 8069 Lce.-Corpl. H. Clark appointed paid Lce.-Corpl., vice Goldspink reverted, dated 27th February, 1908; 7335 Lce.-Corpl. F. Richards appointed paid Lce.-Corpl., vice Judge promoted, 27th February, 1908; 5531 Lce.-Corpl. H. Briginshaw appointed paid Lce.-Corpl., vice Simmons promoted, dated 29th February, 1908; 6651 Lce.-Corpl. B. Cook appointed paid Lce.-Corpl., vice Baker reverted, dated 16th March, 1908; 7937 Lce.-Corpl. H. Funnell appointed paid Lce.-Corpl., vice Vincent promoted, dated 20th March, 1908.

DEPOT NEWS.

General P.S. Lord Methuen, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., C.M.G., Scots Guards, having been appointed G.O.C. in Chief in South Africa, he relinquishes the Eastern Command, being relieved by Lieut.-Gen. Sir A. H. Paget, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., who took over the command on the 4th April.

1995 Col.-Sergt. C. Osborne, and 2602 Col.-Sergt. A. Tapp on Sunday, the 23rd May, were on Church Parade presented with medals for Long Service and Good Conduct (with gratuity) under A.O. No. 77, dated April, 1908.

No. 1006 Pte. H. Jones has been discharged on completion of the second period of engagement with a view to pension, dated 30th April, 1908.

No. 876 Pte. J. Butler has been discharged with a view to pension, after 21 years' service, having claimed after three months' notice, dated 25th April, 1908.

Discharges—8635 Boy W. A. Reeves, medically unfit for further service.

A draft of recruits left for the Home Battalion at Dover on 8th April.

Nos. 6612 Ptes. E. Francis, 6405 W. Newson, 7215 W. Webber, 6123 H. Flegg, 7411 F. Sharp, and 7560 L. Waldron have also joined the 1st Battalion.

The following N.C.O.'s and men of "A" Company having qualified during the Annual Course of Musketry are entitled to wear the marksman's badge:—4410 Col.-Sergt Reeves, 7587 Corpl. T. Wood, 7205 Corpl. A. Baker, 7455 Corpl. R. Driscoll, 7404 Lce.-Corpl. B. Claridge, 7676 Lce.-Corpl. R. Banks, 7493 Lce.-Corpl. S. Bowben, 7505 Lce.-Corpl. W. Dunning, 5373 Pte. W. Newell, 3460 Sergt. J. Wren, 7235 Lce.-Corpl. E. Sheppard, 3953 Pte. E. West. Corpl. Wood with 261 points was the best shot, and Corpl. Driscoll with 259 was the runner-up.

7493 Lce.-Corpl. S. Bowden has arrived at the Depot for a course of duty.

PENSIONS.

Pensions have been granted as follows:—No. 1833 Sergt. E. Branson, 1s. 6d. per diem for life; No. 1839 Col.-Sergt. W. Bass, 2s. 6d. per diem for life; No. 2502 Sergt. J. Lumsden, discharged from Section D, Army Reserve, 15th February, 1906, has been granted a pension of 2s. 6d. per diem for twelve months, conditional; No. 876 Pte. J. Butler, 1s. 2½d. per diem for life; No. 1006 Pte. H. Jones, 1s. 2d. per diem for life; 1st Battalion, No. 3668 Pte. J. Daniel, discharged 9th April, 1872, has been granted a Special Compassionate Campaign Pension of 1s. 0d. per diem for life from 9th March, 1908.

3RD BATTALION NEWS.

Lieutenant F. H. Liebenrood qualified at the examination of the 255th party held at the School of Musketry, Hythe, on the 25th April, 1908.

Second-Lieutenants A. R. Burness, E. A. Freeman, and H. N. B. Walker are attached to the Depot at Maidstone for the customary instruction on appointment, from the 1st May 1908.

There are at present about 190 recruits of the Special Reserve under training, the more advanced squads being encamped in the Barrack Field.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION.

The Fifth Annual Dinner of the Association of Sergeants, The Queen's Own, Royal West Kent Regiment, was held in the Gymnasium, on Saturday night at the Maidstone Barracks, when there was an attendance of about 100 officers and members. Brigadier-General E. A. W. S. Grove, C.B. (Plymouth), presided, and other officers present included :— Colonel Brock, late commanding 1st Batt. R.W.K R and 50th Regimental District ; Colonel W. G. B. Western, C.B., late commanding 2nd Batt. R.W.K.R ; Colonel Maunsell, late commanding 1st Batt. R.W.K.R. ; Colonel Rodney H. Style, commanding 1st Batt R.W.K.R. ; Major Wood-Martyn, Secretary Kent Territorial Association ; Major Lowe, commanding Depot ; Capt. C. Druce, Capt. and Adjutant H. W. Snow, Capt. J. T. Fiennes, Capt. and Q.M. Couch, and Lieut. and Q M. W. J. Willis. Among others attending were Sergt.-Majors (past and present) Locks, Brown, Ball, Noller, Rogers, Outten (who was in the chair), Grellier, Jackson, Light, Hollands, and many other non-commissioned officers of the Queen's Own, both Regulars and "Auxiliaries."

Brigadier-General Grove proposed the loyal toast, and having to leave early, took occasion to say how pleased he was to be there and to see them all again. He wished success to the Association, the interests of which he had deeply at heart. He hoped to be present among them on some future occasion (hear, hear).

Mr. Sillitoe, late Colour-Sergt. 1st Battalion, proposed the toast of "The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment," coupling with it the name of Colonel Brock, who, in reply, said on looking round he saw many old non-commissioned officers of the Regiment, mentioning, among others, Sergt.-Major Brown ; Sergt.-Major Locks and Sergt.-Major Ball, both of whom drilled him ; and Sergt.-Major Light, who was probably the oldest soldier in the room (applause), and who was present a few weeks ago at the dinner in the Albert Hall to Indian Mutiny veterans (applause). Although Sergt.-Major Light was not originally in this Regiment, they looked upon him as "one of us," and they welcomed him most heartily. Continuing, Colonel Brock said he had had an experience that very few had had, for he was for eleven years a commanding officer (six years commanding the 1st Battalion and five years commanding the 50th Regimental District), and therefore the number of men who had passed through his hands was very large. He always felt proud to have commanded one of the Battalions, and also the Depot ; and it was also a great pride to him to have a son in the Regiment (applause). When the Sergeants' Association was started, he (Colonel Brock) was in command of the Depot, and at the time he expressed the hope that it would be successful, and he was glad to see it had been so successful. The Association, he felt, fostered that esprit de corps and tone which it was so essential should exist between officers and non-commissioned officers of the Regiment. He had always insisted that the great thing in a Regiment was to keep the tone up, and that should be the aim of officers and non-commissioned officers (applause). Nothing could give the officers greater pleasure than to be present on this occasion (applause).

Sergt.-Major Outten, reporting on the progress of the Association, said the number of members when they started was 240 ; last year they had 371, and the membership this year was 370. He regretted to say they had lost one member through death—Mr. C. Donnelly.

Colonel Western proposed the toast of the Association of Sergeants, The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment. He said all who belonged to it, and had belonged to it, felt that there was no regiment better than their own (applause). In forming the Sergeants' Association they were one of the leaders of the Army, so to speak, and now other regiments were taking it up. Such an Association did an immense amount of good — possibly more good than they might realise or appreciate at the time. Our profession is one of self-denial and self-sacrifice, and there must be a high sense of duty. I am speaking to soldiers, and many of you know people who, having done well in military life, would, if they had not been bound by that high sense of duty and self-sacrifice, have done much better for themselves in civil life (applause). It is a high standard we have to live up to, a standard that would be impossible unless we lubricated our works, so to speak, by social gatherings of this nature (applause). Continuing, the speaker said they had some veterans there that night and they were an example to them. He would like to suggest that pensioners coming there should wear their medals. He knew, of course, the diffidence, the shyness of their race, but it would be an example to the younger members and help maintain the traditions of the regiment. Turning to Mr. Haldane's scheme, Colonel Western said : "I do hope that all of us who have been trained in the Service will, from a sense of duty and self-sacrifice, do whatever we can to make this Territorial Army a success. Brigadier-General Grove spoke about the wonderful tact of His Majesty the King and how he preserves the peace, but we never know when we may be called upon to defend our country, and it is only by encouragement and example given to those who will be in the Territorial Army that we can hope, if the time ever comes, to defend our couutry as we want to defend it. — I hope as many members as possible who were in the Volunteers will join the new force (applause). Concluding, Colonel Western again referred to the Sergeants' Association, wishing it a long life ; indeed, he expressed a hope that it would live as long as the Empire lasted.

Sergt.-Major Outten referred to the work which Sergt.-Major Grellier had performed for the past four years as hon. secretary of the Sergeants' Association, remarking that it was due to Sergt.-Major Grellier that the Association was in so satisfactory a state at the present time. The members felt that some mark of appreciation should be given, and he (Sergt.-Major Outten) had great pleasure in asking Colonel Brock to present to Sergt.-Major Grellier a gold albert in token of their gratitude.

The last toast of the evening, that of Our Absent Comrades, was given in sympathetic terms by Q.M.S. Smith, of the old 4th Vol. Batt. R.W.K.R.

A cordial letter was received from Major-General Sir Edmund Leach, K.C.B., President of the Association, who, owing to a family bereavement, was unable to be present. He enclosed a substantial cheque towards the expenses of the dinner. Others who regretted inability to attend were: Colonel C. E. Harrison, Colonel C. H. Farquharson, Colonel E. F. Heward, Colonel E. J. Moore, Captain G. Elgood, and Captain P. Hastings, Mr. H. Wain, Mr. Dawson, etc.

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The total received and promised to date amounts to over £68. All officers interested are requested to write to Lieut. Col. E. Wyndham Bailey, Ightham Court, Sevenoaks. As it is essential that intending subscribers should now come forward to enable the MSS. to be placed in the hands of the printers for early publication.

THE PATRIOTIC SOCIETY.

THE RIFLE SHOOTING EXHIBITION.

Under the direction of the Conncil of the Patriotic Society a Rifle Shooting Exhibition will be carried on at the Hall of the Royal Horticultural Society in Vincent Square, Westminster, from the 24th to the 27th of June, inclusive.

There will be separate competitions with single loading and with magazine rifles, special prominence being given to the last-named, and prizes will be given both for "expert" and for "inexpert" shots, an "inexpert" shot being a competitor who has never won anything with a rifle in an *open* competition.

There will also be a competition for boys, *i.e.*, for competitors under the age of 16.

Competitors in the five competitions above mentioned are restricted to members of Rifle Clubs, Schools, or Associations for Rifle Shooting that are not in receipt of any financial assistance for shooting from funds voted by Parliament.

Forty prizes of £5 each, and twenty prizes of £10 each, in addition to five challenge trophies, will be given to the Committee or Managers of the Clubs or Schools, &c., whose representatives appear in the prize lists, and those Committees can reward their own champions in any way they choose.

There will also be a competition of a novel character, namely, for excellence in shooting with automatic rifles, the arm of the near future. For this ten prizes of £10—a present from Lord Leconfield (the Chairman of the Council)—have been allotted, and these are open to all men belonging to the Territorial Forces, or to Rifle Clubs.

In every competition the prizes will be for combined excellence in rapid shooting at stationary, vanishing, and moving targets, and appropriate limits of time of loading, aiming and firing have been specified in each case.

In shooting at moving targets the position will be kneeling, and in other cases prone.

The competitors will shoot from behind and round cover, represented by boxes, against the side of which they will be allowed to rest the back of the hand.

The range will in all cases be 20 yards, and the card targets will be of a special pattern.

On the whole it promises to be far and away the most complete and up-to-date exposition of high-class work, as an introduction for further teaching with service rifles, that has yet been presented for the edification of the people of this country, and as it will take place at a very central site in the midst of the London season, an opportunity which should not be lost sight of will be afforded to many people to see how this important national business had best be carried on.

The use of miniature magazine and automatic rifles had better be well practised before the date of the Exhibition, the last week in June.

The official programmes, containing the details of the competitions, and the precise nature of the conditions attached to them, will be ready in the course of a few days, and can be obtained on application to the Secretary of the Exhibition, Mr. Clarence Moss, at 20, Bucklesbury, Queen Victoria St., E.C. Secretaries of Rifle Clubs and other Associations for Rifle Shooting, Adjutants of Territorial Forces, &c., &c., should apply accordingly at an early date.

The Chairman of the Exhibition Committee is Lord Arthur Hill, and the Chief Executive Officer is Major General C. E. Luard.

BIRTHS.

At Willesborough, Kent, on the 28th April, 1908, the wife of 3568 Cr.-Sergt. Charles Naylor, of a son, Charles William.

At Maidstone, on the 17th March, 1908, the wife of 4500 Private T. Legg, of a son, George Patrick Tom.

MARRIAGE.

At St. Martin's Church, Cheriton, on the 21st April, 1908, 4541 Band Sergeant F. R. Ransome to Margaret Emmaline O'Donnell.

DEATHS.

At Singapore, on the 8th March, 1908, May Evelyn, daughter of 3748 Sergt. R. Urquhart, of Enteritis.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Second Lieutenant A. S. Bredon from the 3rd Battalion Yorkshire Regiment in succession to Lieut. A. D'E Knox promoted (*London Gazette*, 26th May, 1908).

3rd BATTALION.

Lieutenant Fitz Hardinge H. Liebenrood to be Captain, dated 1st June, 1908.

Second Lieutenant A. J. Trousdell to be Lieutenant, dated 1st April, 1908.

1st BATTALION.

LANCE-SERGT. PROMOTED SERGEANT—7223 G. Golding, dated 25th April, 1908.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS—8674 W. File, dated 12th May, 1908; 7424 W. Bellfield, dated 3rd June, 1908; 8085 R. Friar, dated 13th June, 1908.

THE ANNUAL REGIMENTAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner of the Queen's Own took place on the 16th June, 1908, in the Walnut Rooms of The Grand Hotel, Trafalgar Square, Major-General Sir Edmund Leach, K.C.B., occupying the Chair. The following were present :—

Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B., Brigadier-General E. A. Grove, C.B., Colonel H. G. Fitton, D.S.O., A.D.C., Col. H. D. Armstrong, Colonel W. H. Bayley, Colonel T. H. Brock, Colonel C. M. Churchill, Colonel J. H. Vandermeulen, Colonel R. C. Style, Colonel W. G. Western, C.B., Colonel G. W. Maunsell, Colonel F. F. Johnson, C.B., Major N. H. S. Lowe, Major A. Martyn, Major Pack-Beresford, Major J. R. Roche, Major W. E. Rowe, Major J. C. Smith, Major H. Isacke, Major F. H. Hotham, Major E. V. O. Hewett, Major J. P. Dalison, Major O. J. Daniell, Major T. T. Burt, Major M. P. Buckle, D.S.O., Major Wood-Martyn, Captain H. Beeching, Captain Buchanan-Dunlop, Captain F. W. Burbury, Captain M. J. Didwiddy, Captain Cyril Druce, Captain G. Elgood, Captain F. B. Fanshaw, Captain J. T. Fiennes, Captain P. Hastings, Captain E. L. H Heygate, Captain R. J. T. Hildyard, Captain F. J. Joslin, Captain G. F. H. Keenlyside, Captain J. H. Kennedy, Captain J. Lees, Captain G. D. Lister, Captain W. H. B. Long, Captain Montgomery-Campbell, Captain H. L. C. Moody, Captain H. Norman, Captain T. H. C. Nunn, D.S.O., Captain J. W. O'Dowda, Captain H. Stewart, Captain R. L. White, Captain C. Bonham-Carter, Lieut. C. F. Adams, Lieut. R. Brock, Lieut J. C. Cooke, Lieut. T. Y. Dobson, Lieut. F. Fisher, Lieut. M. W. Graham, Lieut G. B. Legard, Lieut. Case-Morris, Lieut. Phillips, Lieut. H. J. Vicat, Lieut. H. A. Waring, Lieut. Wingfield-Stratford, Lieut. and Qr.-Mr. W. J. Willis, Messrs. C. J. Hudson, J Forestier Walker.

WEST KENT MILITIA HISTORY.

This fund is steadily growing and it is hoped by September to have sufficient to allow the book to go to press.

The following have kindly subscribed since last list :—

	£	s.	d.
Captain Annesley	2	2	0
2nd Batt. Q. O. R W. Kent Regt. per Capt Kitson	4	4	0
Capt. Liebenrood	2	2	0
Lieut. Case-Morris	2	2	0
E. Wylam, Esq.	2	2	0
G. Marsham, Esq.	2	2	0
Capt. Seccombe	2	2	0

The above brings the subscriptions to over £80, most of the Officers of the Regiment are waiting until training to put their names down. When these are completed a sufficient sum will be available

It may interest those who have already subscribed and those who intend to do so, that the MSS. has now been brought right up-to-date and includes all particulars of the late embodiment.

S. PAUL'S BOYS' SCHOOL ANNUAL DRILL AND INSPECTION.

On the 19th June, Major N. H. S. Lowe held the usual Annual Inspection of the Boys who attend the above School, among whom are the sons of soldiers of the troops stationed at Maidstone.

The day was a brilliant one and a large congregation of spectators and relatives of the 300 boys who were taking part were present. After the inspection the boys marched past in column and quarter-column like a Battalion of Guards, and then went through physical exercises and figure marching with clock-like precision. Great credit is due to the Head-Master (Mr. Groom), Teachers, and Instructors (Clr-Sergt. Pond and Sergt. Merrick), for the intelligent manner in which the boys worked entirely on the sound of the whistle without assistance from the Instructors or Teachers.

Singing and the presentation of medals and prizes closed the ceremony, and we think for all round smartness and drill the boys of S. Paul's Schools will take a lot of beating.

COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The Officer Commanding the Depot acknowledges the receipt, with thanks, of the following additional donation to the fund :—

Major-General E. A. H. Alderson, C.B., £5 0. 0.

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DOVER,
31st May, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

On May 25th the French President passed through Dover. The Battalion furnished a guard of honour at the Priory Station, under the command of Captain Nunn, Lieutenant Hearle carrying the King's Colour. The Battalion also assisted the Shorncliffe Brigade in lining the streets

The Channel Fleet and First Cruiser Squadron were present for the occasion of the visit, and were to have remained off Dover for five days, but owing to rough weather the greater part of the fleet had to seek refuge in the Downs for three out of the five days. The illumination at night of the ships and town was most effective. The way the ships lighted up was very elegant. A rocket was fired from the flag-ship, and immediately the whole of the ships, including the French ship "Leon Gambetta," were brilliantly illuminated by electricity. The whole of the main streets were illuminated with electric fairy lamps, arranged in the form of tri-colour.

On May 31st Lieut.-Colonel Style presented Good Conduct Medals to Sergt.-Major Rogers and Privates Dowell and Sullivan. The presentation was made on the Battalion Church Parade. Lieut.-Colonel Style spoke to the recipients, saying that Colonel Curteis, commanding troops, Dover, had written expressing his regret at being unable to be present to carry out the presentation, having a similar duty to perform at the Castle. Lieut.-Colonel Style, in congratulating the recipients, alluded to the fact that Sergt.-Major Rogers received commendation for his services with the Tochi Valley Field Force; that Private Dowell served two and a half years with the South African Field Force; and that Private Sullivan served in the Malakhand and Buner campaigns on the North-West Frontier of India.

Lieutenants Hearle and Legard have been selected to attend the course of Instruction which assembles at the School of Musketry, Hythe, on the 5th June.

On May 11th A, B, C and E Companies, under Major Buckle, proceeded to Lydd for musketry. These Companies arrive back at Dover on June 3rd.

I enclose a letter from the Sergeants' Mess, some rifle shooting, and cricket news.

SERGEANTS' MESS, 1st BATTALION ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

On Thursday, May 28th, the members of the Sergeants' Mess had the pleasure of entertaining to tea about thirty Warrant Officers, Chief and First Class Petty Officers from H.M.S. King Edward VII., the flagship of Lord Charles Beresford, commanding the Channel Fleet.

Our visitors arrived at the Mess shortly before 5 p.m., and after a general hand-shaking, were soon seated at the tables and partaking of the good things provided. After tea small parties were made up, and each conducted by one or more members of the Mess, were shown the many points of interest on the Western Heights, the view from which place being specially remarked upon by our visitors. Upon returning we all settled down to a social evening. Games, consisting of billiards, euchre, whist and cribbage, etc., were played, and several members and visitors contributed to the pleasure of all present by obliging with songs. During the evening representatives of H.M. ships Hibernia, Sapphire, and Swiftsure turned up, and were warmly welcomed, "the more the merrier" being the order of the evening.

Shortly before 11 p.m. one of our sailor friends made a short speech, thanking the members of the Mess for their kind hospitality, and called on all his comrades of the different ships to give three cheers for "The Queen's Own" Royal West Kent Regiment, followed by a request for three cheers for Lord Charles Beresford. Both were heartily responded to. Warrant Officer Wakeham (H.M.S. Hibernia) expressed his thanks on behalf of Warrant Officer Mundell and himself for a very pleasant evening. Sergt.-Major Rogers briefly responded, saying how pleased the members of the Sergeants' Mess were to have the opportunity of meeting comrades of the Royal Navy.

The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem concluded a most enjoyable evening.

The thanks of the members are due to the Mess Committee for providing so excellent a tea at such very short notice; also to Sergeant Crossley for his kindness in officiating at the piano.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

1st BATTALION ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT *v.* H.M.S. HIBERNIA.

A team furnished from the Companies stationed at head-quarters proceeded to Deal on the 27th May to take part in a shoot against a team from H.M.S. Hibernia. Our opponents were far too strong for us, they winning easily by 93 points. Unfortunately for us our best shots were at Lydd carrying out Field Practices, so that we were unable to furnish a representative team.

The following are the scores of the two teams:—

H.M.S. HIBERNIA.

Rank and Name.	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.
P.O. Flynn	30	35	34	99
Br. Bryant	31	35	32	98
Pte. Darch	32	33	27	92
P.O. Holding	25	32	31	88
Pte. Hawkins	28	32	27	87
Pte. Rapkin	32	28	27	87
W.O. Mundell	28	29	27	84
W.O. Wakeham	28	27	27	82
				717

1st BATTALION.

Rank and Name.	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.
Lance-Sergt. Redmond	24	30	31	85
Colour-Sergt. Croucher	26	31	27	84
Sergt.-Dr. Press	27	26	30	83
Lieut. Hearle	27	28	27	82
Corpl. Cordeaux	23	25	28	76
Corpl. Egglesden	25	24	25	74
Corpl. Gilbey	22	25	24	71
Colour-Sergt. Rigglesford	19	27	23	69
				624

EMPIRE DAY CHALLENGE CUP.

The Competition for this Cup took place at Lydd on Saturday, 23rd May. The marking and register keeping was carried out by N.C.O.'s of the 7th Dragoon Guards, while our own N.C.O.'s performed similar duties for the team of that Regiment.

The total points obtained were 3,141, giving an average to the team of 78.

The score of Colour-Sergt. Saunders was the only really good one on our side, although it will be noticed that several others came very close to making 90, which, considering they have had very little practice in team shooting, speaks very

well for their future, if they only take sufficient interest in shooting and attend all practice shoots.

Drummer Coe, who is quite a young soldier, takes great pains in shooting, and with careful tuition should in time become one of the best shots of the Battalion.

The following are the ten best scores of the team :—

Rank and Name.	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.
Colour-Sergt. Saunders	33	32	29	94
Corpl. Lander	31	28	30	89
Corpl. Pelling	30	27	30	87
Pte. Toms	30	31	26	87
Corpl. Faulkner	33	30	24	87
Dr. Coe	30	33	23	86
Captain Dunlop	23	30	32	85
Sergt.-Dr. Press	28	30	27	85
Lance-Sergt. Maslin	28	29	27	84
Major Buckle	30	27	27	84

1st BATTALION SPORTS NEWS.

Owing to the Battalion being split up for Musketry, very little in the way of sport has been practicable. The four companies at Lydd are in the middle of an inter section football competition, besides this cricket is indulged in every evening and a few company matches have been played. Our Tug-of-War team, I am sorry to say, was easily beaten in the first round at the Agricultural Hall. No regimental cricket matches have yet been played owing to the half battalion being at Lydd, but our season opens on the 4th June, v. The Leicesters at Crabble.

A Boxing Competition is going to be held at Lydd before the detachment leaves, but so far the date has not been fixed.

F COMPANY v. FOLKESTONE UNITED.

F COMPANY.

Barker, b Croucher	0
Saring, b Croucher	2
Kemp, c Cloak, b Summerfield	1
Kerridge, b Summerfield	0
Ballard, b Summerfield	5
Smith, b Croucher	19
Manning, run out	1
MacKintosh, b Hopkins	0
Cheeseman, b Croucher	0
Lance-Corpl. Redmond, not out	0
Latter, b Croucher	0
Extras	10
Total	38

FOLKESTONE.

Summerfield, b Ballard	5
Headfield, c Mackintosh, b Kerridge	1
Phillips, c and b Kerridge	3
Croucher, b Kerridge	9
Hopkins, b Barker	18
R. Cloak, c Redmond, b Barker	0
N. Cloak, c Saring, b Barker	0
Taylor, not out	0
Sergt. Redmond, b Barker	0
Jordan, c Smith, b Barker	6
Spicer, b Barker	2
Extras	4
Total	48

G COMPANY v. H COMPANY.

May 9th, 1908.

G COMPANY.

Pte. Turner	20
Pte. Edmit	0
Pte. Summerville	3
Sergt. Reynolds	3
Lieut. Johnson	2
Dr. Cleghorn	0
Lance-Corpl. Gallaway	0
Lance-Corpl. Wood	0
Pte. Proctor	8
Pte. Stevens	6
Pte. Egerton	3
Extras	5
Total	50

H COMPANY.

Pte. Kerridge	0
Pte. Saring	2
Pte. Barker	7
Pte. Green	1
Lance-Sergt. Redmond	1
Lance-Corpl. Redmond	4
Pte. Latter	0
Pte. Manning	4
Pte. Smith	8
Pte. Sparrow	3
Pte. Cheeseman	1
Extras	4
Total	39

G COMPANY v. F COMPANY.

May 16th, 1908.

G COMPANY.

Pte. Summerville	4
Pte. Todd	2
Dr. Proctor	9
Dr. Cleghorn	13
Dr. Stevens	15
Lance-Corpl. Gallaway	0
Corpl. Cordeaux	5
Pte. Colyer	0
Pte. Franklinde	1
Pte. Quinn	2
Pte. Wood, not out	0
Extras	20
Total	71

F COMPANY.

Pte. Saring	1
Pte. Barker	2
Pte. Kerridge	2
Pte. Smith	2
Pte. Cheeseman	4
Q M.S. Mackintosh	6
Sergt. Redmond	16
Lance-Corpl. Redmond	8
Pte. Hardwick	4
Pte. Manning	3
Dr. Merch	0
Extras	12
Total	60

The Band opened their Cricket season by playing the Royal Military Foot Police of Dover, on the Rope Walk. We were unable to put our full team in the field owing to several of them being at Lydd firing for the Empire Cup. Todd batted well for the Band and Cleghorn made quite a good performance with the ball, taking 6 wickets for four runs.

MILITARY FOOT POLICE.

Bird, b Todd	1
Hemsley, b Whitmore	3
Charlesworth, c Cleghorn, b Todd	5
Davis, b Cleghorn	19
Clinch, b Whitmore	2
Howland, b Cleghorn	9
Neville, b Cleghorn	1
Baverstock, c Claxton, b Cleghorn	0
Bensy, c Eldridge, b Cleghorn	1
Harrap, not out	1
Pile, b Cleghorn	0
Extras	8
Total	50

BAND.

Brown, b Howland	8
Holley, c Neville, b Howland	0
Todd, not out	17
Whitmore, b Hemsley	6
Bowell, b Howland	3
Cleghorn, b Davis	0
Hardwicke, lbw, b Davis	3
Ballard, b Howland	0
White, Eldridge, Claxton	Did not bat.
Extras	19
Total	56

H COMPANY v. SHEPHERDSWELL.

Played at Shepherdswell, on May 27th, 1908, and resulted in our defeat by 57 runs. Shepherdswell batted first scoring 71 runs, we replied with 34. On going in a second time Shepherdswell only managed to score 45, but we did even worse making the moderate total of 25. Pease was our most successful bowler taking in all 9 wickets for 29 runs. Scores:

SHEPHERDSWELL.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
H. Masters, b Pease	33	b Pease	0
F. Bunnage, b Pease	12	not out	10
W. Seath, b Butcher	17	c Stone, b Butcher	6
C. Benwell, b Butcher	0	b Butcher	9
H. Seath, b Butcher	1	b Pease	3
C. Fox, b Butcher	0	b Pease	0
E. Prior, not out	1	b Pease	3
H. Amos, b Pease	0	b Pease	1
R. Stone, c Butcher, b Pease	0	c and b Butcher	8
H. Hammond, b Butcher	1	c and b Butcher	0
H. Stone, c Kill, b Pease	1	run out	3
Extras	5	Extras	2
	71		45

N COMPANY, 1st R. W. KENT REGIMENT.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Pte. Kill, b Seath, W.	0	b Bunnage	2
Lce.-Corpl. Lowry, c Fox, b Bunnage	5	lbw, b Seath	0
Pte. Mepham, b Seath	0	b Bunnage	0
Pte. Wood, b Bunnage	0	b Seath	4
Pte. Butcher, b Bunnage	19	run out	5
Pte. Peace, b Bunnage	0	b Seath	8
Pte. Stone, b Bunnage	1	b Seath	0
Lce.-Corpl. Powell, c and b Bunnage	0	run out	3
Pte. Huggett, b Seath, W.	0	not out	0
Pte. McCaffrey, b Seath, W.	6	c Benwell, b Fox	0
Lce.-Corpl. Wilson, not out	0	b Bunnage	1
Extras	3	Extras	2
	34		25

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

Major A. Martyn passed in Part I., Tactical Fitness for Command, at the examination held March, 1908.

Lieut.-Col. R. C. Style is taking part in a Command Staff Tour, which takes place under the direction of the G.O.C. in Chief, in East Anglia during July.

Sergt. A. Brown attends the Advanced Course at the School of Musketry on July 4th.

No. 5885 Corporal H. Cousins absorbs the vacancy caused by the promotion of Sergt. G. Golding.

No. 3591 Private E. Webb has passed in Map Reading.

No. 8262 Lance-Corpl. F. Beadle has qualified as Instructor in the Army System of Physical Training.

No. 6668 Sergt. D. Burrows has extended his service to complete 12 years with the Colors.

No. 4716 Private A. Jones has been discharged on termination of first period of his engagement, May 18th, 1908.

No. 8667 Private A. Crayford has been transferred to the Mechanical Transport Section of the Army Service Corps, May 15th, 1908.

Private ———— swallowed a tooth plate on the 10th May, 1908; it is hoped that it will not interfere with his gastronomic organs.

The following have re-engaged to complete 21 years' service:—No. 4743 Private F. Bishop, May 27th, 1908.

No. 8987 Private F. Thompson has re-enlisted for the Royal West Kent Regiment, and his former service in the Royal West Kent Regiment of 11 years 304 days (under 1063 (b) P. Warrant for pension) and 12 years for service (under 1062 Pay Warrant) is allowed to reckon.

No. W.K. 8988 Private T. Nicholls having transferred from the 32nd Battalion R.F.A., is taken on the strength of the Battalion from 1st June, 1908.

The following N.C.O.'s and Men have been awarded Certificates of Education as follows:—

Second Class—6287 Bandsman F. Bankins, 8593 Lance-Corporal A. Wickenden, 8834 Private A. Swain, 8711 Lance-Corporal G. Davies, 8339 Boy F. Mann.

Third Class—8557 Lance-Corporal A. Mockford, 8823 Privates T. Baldock, 8764 G. Wood, 8670 G. Cheeseman, 8885 F. Parker and 8941 Boy F. Bubb.

Nos. 6506 Privates F. Moody, 8762 E. Turner and 7591 A. Stribling have passed a course of instruction in the art of Chiropody, dated 30th May, 1908. The first-named has also been posted to the Depot, where he has taken over the duties of Chiropidist to the troops at that station.

The following have been granted Certificates of proficiency as Telephone Operators, dated 1st June, 1908:—Privates 8473 F. Foale, 8632 A. Fishenden, 8431 A. Purkis, 4981 B. Fish and 8304 S. Woodward.

The following men have been transferred to the Army Reserve:—5926 Sergeant G. Pace, 25th May, 1908; 5911 Privates J. Graham, 3rd May, 1908; 5360 J. Lambert, 9th May, 1008; 5920 H. Hughesdon, 14th May, 1908; 5923 S. Yule, 16th May, 1908; 5934 W. Wash, 6th June, 1908.

Good Conduct Badges have been granted as follows:—7264 Privates A. Sweet, two badges, 7th May, 1908; 8289 P. Kenknight, one, 2nd May, 1908; 8789 R. Day, one, 8th May, 1908; 6638 A. Goss, resumes one, 16th April, 1908; 7267 P. Eldridge, two, 12th May, 1908; 6259 J. O'Shea, restored one, 13th May, 1908; 8297 C. Dix, one, 15th May, 1908; 8267 A. Pink, one, 5th March, 1908; 8296 W. Hampton, one, 17th May, 1908; 6440 A. McKenzie, one, 9th April, 1908; 5443 G. Russell, restored two, 28th May, 1908; 8838 Lance-Corporal J. Redmond, one, 31st May, 1908; 8302 Privates G. Richardson, one, 31st May, 1908; 5662 H. Wicks, restored one, 13th May, 1908; 6700 A. Dinwoody, restored one, 4th June, 1908; 6501 A. Hale, one, 7th June, 1908; 8987 F. Thompson, resumes two, 28th May, 1908; 8306 W. Saxby, one, 11th June, 1908; 6501 H. Hook, one, 13th June, 1908.

3306 Privates W. Wood and 8594 R. Stevens have been discharged as medically unfit for further service, dated 6th June, 1908.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The football season is now in full swing here, and the Company League just finished.

The Regimental team is now selected and have played four games. The first, early in April, was against the Y.M.C.A. (which, after reading the formidable names of our other Battalion's opponents, hardly seems worth printing). But as it happens they turned out a very fair team, and we only just got home with a 3-2 score with nine men.

The next match was a fortnight later, against the Gunners, that is to say the team of all the R.G.A. here combined. We played them at Tanglin, and some people say that is why we beat them by five goals to love. Our ground is a little small.

Our next match was against the S.C.C, who had a very weak team out, and, although not playing our proper eleven, we beat them 5—1.

The last match against the Club was, however, a very good exhibition on the part of the Regimental team. The Club had nearly their full team out barring, I believe, one back, and we beat them quite easily. I enclose some local praise.

Yesterday, the 21st, we played the Y.M.C.A. again, and beat them 4—0. We were without our centre-half, Brewer, but as we did not have much opposition his absence did not make the difference which it might have done.

The following usually represent the Battalion: — Pte. Wannell (F), Dr. Rapson, Lance-Corpl. Hylands, Sergt. Stringer, Pte. Brewer, Clr.-Sergt. Mills, Lance-Corpl. Smith, Pte. Butler, 2nd-Lieut. Wilberforce, Pte. Barry, and Corpl. Trevena.

COMPANY FOOTBALL LEAGUE, 1908.

Co.	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Points.	Position 1907.
F.....	7	6	1	0	13	... 1st
D.....	7	4	2	1	10	... 7th
B.....	7	2	5	1	9	... 4th
G.....	7	3	2	2	8	.. 3rd
E.....	7	3	1	3	7	... 6th
C.....	7	2	2	3	6	... 8th
A.....	7	0	1	6	1	... 5th
H.....	7	0	1	6	1	... 2nd

TANGLIN,
11th May, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I am forwarding herewith a few shooting notes for the last month or so. The match between the Officers and Sergeants was one of a series of games, and unfortunately in this, as in the others, the Sergeants came off second best. However, they have every hope of drawing level in the near future.

Two matches have been fired against the Civil Police, and although we did not put strong teams against them, we won easily. We have heard that they are in strict training, so hope to meet them again on more level terms.

For the first time for ten years the "Eccles Cup" has gone to the Officers' Mess, Captain Grant having made the respectable score of 96. Q.M.S. Wood followed him very closely with 95.

The Singapore Bisley has just finished, and it is pleasant to know that some of the prizes have been won by the Battalion. Dr. Moss is to be congratulated on winning the President's Prize, a handsome siver bowl; and 2nd prize in another competition.

Q.M.S. Wood who has just left us, to draw a well-earned pension, has been shooting in excellent form, and will be greatly missed. No doubt he will be a great acquisition to some Rifle Club in England.

"Magpie."

WINNERS OF OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' TROPHY.

February, 1908.			
2nd Lieut. Leir	94 and 10	104	Trophy.
Q.M.S. Wood	97	97	
2nd Lieut. Bazley White ...	82 and 15	97	
March, 1908.			
Colour-Sergeant Mills	90 and 10	100	
Q.M.S. Wood	94	94	
2nd Lieut. Hamley	73 and 21	94	
April, 1908.			
Sergeant Bris'on	87 and 12	99	Trophy.
Lieut. Hibbert	89 and 6	95	
Q.M.S. Wood	89	89	

SHOOTING MATCH, OFFICERS v. SERGEANTS.

Tanglin, 6th March, 1908.

Capt. Grant...	30	34	29	93	Q.M.S. Wood	29	32	33	94
Lieut. Hibbert.....	27	33	30	90	Col.-Sergt. Kevan	27	33	29	89
Capt. Nelson	29	30	28	87	Sergt. Stevens.....	27	32	25	84
Capt. Belgrave ...	26	26	34	86	Col.-Sergt. Smith	29	25	27	81
Lieut. Hewitt	25	31	29	85	Sergt Turner.....	25	27	25	77
Capt. Tulloch	27	31	22	80	Cl.-Sergt. Osborne	27	29	20	76
2nd Lieut. Leir ...	27	27	23	77	Sergt. Mills.....	31	16	28	75
Major Pedley	26	22	23	71	S.M. Grey	27	25	23	75
				669					651

Officers won by 18 points.

Tanglin, 26th March, 1908.

LONG CUP COMPETITION FOR 1907.

For members of Sergeants' Mess. Conditions—7 rounds at 300, 400 and 700 yards. Targets—3rd Class Figure at 300 yards, and 3rd Class Figure at 400 and 700 yards.

1st	Q.M.S. Wood ...	30	34	32	96	Cup and 4 50 dollars.
2nd	Sergt. Stevens ...	26	30	28	84	1 50 ,,
	Col.-Sergt. Mills ...	25	33	26	84	1 50 ,,
	Lce.-Sergt. Crisford	29	33	22	84	1 50 ,,

SHOOTING MATCH, BATTALION v. CIVIL POLICE.

Tanglin, 12th April, 1908.

Q.M.S. Wood	31	34	31	96
Corporal Williams...	29	29	31	89
Captain Grant	29	32	28	89
Captain Belgrave	29	30	28	87
2nd Lieut. Leir	26	28	29	83
Captain Kitson	31	26	24	81
Sergeant Fletcher	25	29	21	75
Lance-Corporal Lythall	24	23	23	70
				670

Score of Police Team, 539. Battalion Team won by 131 points.

SHOOTING MATCH, SERGEANTS v. CIVIL POLICE.

Tanglin, 19th April, 1908.

Colour-Sergeant Kevan	30	31	29	90
Sergeant Fletcher...	30	28	26	84
,, Gurr	24	24	27	75
,, Cramp	24	25	26	75
,, Soughton	25	25	21	71
,, Mallon	26	23	21	70
,, Johnson...	20	27	21	68
,, Elliott	24	24	16	64
				597

Score of Police Team 492. Sergeants' Team won by 105 points.

Tanglin, 15th February, 1908.

ECCLES CUP COMPETITION FOR 1907.

Conditions—7 rounds at 200, 500 and 600 yards.

	Score.	Dollars.
Captain Grant	96	Cup.
Q.M.S. Wood	95	5 00
2nd Lieut. Whitty... ...	93	
Sergt. Stevens	92	3 50
Col.-Sergt. Smith	91	2 50
Private Dickson	91	2 50
Lieut. Hewitt	90	
Lce.-Corpl. Beale	90	2 00
Private Pratt	90	2 00
Private Bloomfield... ...	89	1 50
Private Penn	88	1 25
Sergt. Fletcher	88	1 25
Corpl. Harvey	88	1 25
Sergt.-Major Grey	87	1 00
Pte. Cook	87	1 00
Captain Kitson	87	
2nd Lieut. Yates	87	

The number of Prize Winners at the various ranges is too numerous to publish.

ANNUAL MEETING SINGAPORE RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Balestier Range, 17th April, 1908.

The President's Prize.

7 rounds at 200, 500 and 600 yards. 1st, Dr. Moss. Score, 91 and 14 ... 105.
Silver Bowl.

Balestier Range, 18th April, 1908.

Wantage Snap-shooting Competition.
8 rou. ds at 200 yards at a disappearing target. 2nd Dr. Moss. Score 27.
Field Glasses.

Balestier Range, 26th April, 1908.

The "Roberts" Snap-shooting Competition.
1st—D Company, 5 00 dollars each N.C.O. or Man,
2nd—G Company, 2·50 „ „ „ „

"A" COMPANY.

SINGAPORE,
April, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Having failed to send a report for the month of March, I am sending a few notes for the two months, March and April respectively.

The musketry for the year has been completed. I don't think we did so badly, averaging just over first-class shot. The shield presented to the Company by Captain Tulloch, for the best shooting section, was won this year by No. 1 section, No. 4 section following very close, the holders of the shield last year being entirely out of the running. The skill-at-arms badge (Company shot) was well earned by Sergeant Stevens, Private Carden being second best shot. In all we have thirteen marksmen. One unfortunately failed in judging distance, whilst at Normanton it was one continued round of sport. On one patch of green the Company's pugilists could be seen at practice, and each evening half Company or Section would be out playing either football or hockey. One or two very good matches were played, but I should require too much room in your valuable paper to record each one.

A very interesting hockey match took place during our stay at Normanton. On this occasion we met a team of the 99th Deccan Infantry. Both teams were very equal, and after a good hour's play, ended with a draw, 1—1. The team representing the Company was as follows: Privates Austin, Coulter, Atkins, Pringle, Muggeridge; Lance-Corporals Christy, Braceman, Cousins; Private Wells; Sergeant Mallam and Lieutenant Humphries.

I am sorry to say that the football of the past two months has been anything but a success. Six matches in all have been played in the Company League, five of these we have lost, and badly at that. It is very seldom that the Company arrange for a friendly match, the consequence is they get no practice, and are absolutely unfit when they turn out for a league match. It is obvious, therefore, that practice is essential, at least with our team. The best game the Company have played this season was with B Company, which took place on the 10th. Rumour had it that B would beat us 4—1, but this was not so. They scored a goal in the first half, but thanks to our backs (Sergt. Skeer and Private Atkins), we prevented them from scoring again. Private Teague, who, on this occasion played centre forward, played splendidly, and scored a fine goal, about four minutes' before time, thus ending the game in a draw, 1—1. Muggeridge has been missed rather much in the last two or three matches, who, through a bad leg, has been unable to play. We should be glad to see him in his place in our forth-coming matches. Corporals Simmonds and Vincent have joined us on promotion. I hope they will get on alright in their new Company. I understand our tug-of-war team is in training, and hope they will do some good for themselves when the heats come off. I hope to give you a better report of our hockey next month, than I have of the football this.

"A" COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

D COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENCE.

TANGLIN,
May 6th, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

News regarding the doings of D during March and April, saw the annual training with its winding up, the week at Blakan-Mati, etc., where, on the night prior to our departure for Tanglin, a night attack was made by D and F, and a party of D gave our friends of the R.G.A. a little surprise, in that they got into Fort Connaught without being seen, the night being a moonlight one. So much for the final of our training.

Well, it being finished, we returned to Tanglin, and after a few days made a journey to Normanton, where the mosquitoe, elephantine in proportion to those at Tanglin, makes your acquaintance without an intro, and makes you something else.

Well, here we fired our annual course of musketry, and it will be rather interesting to know that we improved a good deal on last year, the Company average now being 202 with 24 marksmen, including Capt. Belgrave and 2nd-Lieut. Whitty, 44 firsts and only 14 seconds.

Last year it fell to No 2 as the best shooting section with an average of 196·2, but this year they have had to doff their topee to No. 4, who, without a doubt, have deservedly earned it with an average of 211, which is, perhaps, not exactly a record, but it is never-the-less a creditable performance for them at any rate, as they are mostly young bloods and most likely coming Wallingfords, one never knows.

No. 7705 Pte. Stone gets the skill at arms badge and belongs to the above section.

In competition firing we again held our own winning the snap shooting competition with a team of five at the Singapore Rifle Associations Meeting with 14 hits, 12 to count. Dr. Moss won the President's Prize, a silver bowl and cup (but as I have been told he is sending you the particulars himself I will say no more about it), but I should like to say that it was not a bad performance.

The competitions were fired on Balestier (The Volunteers) Range.

On promotion Corpl. Fathers joins us from G, and Corpl. Judge from B, D losing Corpl Johnson to F, and Corporals Vincent and Simmons to A. In sport we have done fairly well, played seven football matches (three of which were league), won four, drawn one, lost two.

On the 14th April we played the shield holders (league), F Company, who, after a rather hard and fast game, beat us 1—0. Although the shield, so far as we are concerned, is out of our reach, I may say that we have made a good bid for it this year, although handicapped by two of our players being incapacitated through injuries, and one of our best not being able to turn up, owing to an unforeseen event which prevented him. F were the heavier team, and, as I said, after a tough struggle on both sides we had to bow to the inevitable.

Our next was with H, whom we just got over with the score of 3—2, and a few days after made a draw of 1—1 with C.

The above are the three league matches.

We played a friendly against the Police (Singapore), who we beat 4—0, but when we met the Warders later on they beat us 5—3. Our 2nd XI. had a go at C and beat them 3—0, after which we met A and beat them 2—0.

At cricket we were decidedly off colour, played B and lost by 50 runs, we then tried conclusions with the S.R.C. who beat us by eight.

The Cricket Shield has not yet been played off, but with the luck, fortune, off song, or whatever you like to call it that attends cricket, it would be difficult to say who will be the winners. Who, now? We gave the 99th Deccan's N. 1. a game at Hockey, but they were too good, beating us by half the clock to one.

While at Normanton, football, cricket, hockey, and other sorts of games were indulged in ; half company, section, and squad matches, now and again have a rub with the butt-markers, who were of A, in fact anything just to while away the time, and I think the most of us were rather glad to return to Tanglin, where it is both healthier and livelier. With that Mr. Editor I conclude.

D COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

F COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENCE.

TANGLIN BARRACKS,
May 2nd, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Once again it has reached our turn for a full account of our doings. To begin with, Field Training finished up on the 7th March after a good six weeks' work, the last week being at Blakan Mati, where we had a rather exciting time. There was a general inspection of the Island, combined with gun-slinging, etc., the first four days, and on Friday we concluded by making a night attack on the eastern end of the island. Embarking in launches about 5 p.m., we put out to sea behind some small islands and waited for it to get dark, passing the time away by catching ton-can and sampans which broke loose from the tug. This was not quite so bad as Soher Island last year. We managed to get ashore quite safe and advance up towards the enemy's position. Here we all got a great surprise, for we only expected to find the Royal Garrison Artillery, but on reaching the first line of defence we had quite a lively time (in fact I believe some had it a bit too lively for their own liking), for who should be defending but the Hong-Kong-Singapore Battalion, whose average height is roughly 5ft. 11in. at least, but everything ended well so we could not grumble.

Now to sport. I am pleased to be able to inform you that our Company have managed to pull off the Football Shield for another season, and we don't have to hand it over, though it was prophesied in one of the previous numbers of the "Queen's Own Gazette" that G were determined to get it back this season. We have one more match to play, which we can afford to lose, but I think it will be a win or draw, for our goalie has played a very good game this year, and up to the present has only let two goals defeat him, whilst our team has managed to place the leather in the right place 13 times. We were sorry to lose our left back, Pte. Mulehay, through being invalided to England, but our Company is fairly well up for players, the last draft making a good addition. In regard to praise I think everyone of the team has done their very utmost to win, but as is always the case some are better players than others.

Just a few lines about Hockey. As there is a shield for hockey and cricket this year it will be more interesting than last year, as everyone knows that every Company is only too anxious to have their initials to show in years to come. As far as I can see we stand a fair chance with the other Companies we play. Our first League match is on the 20th May, so next time I hope to be able to send a good account of the above named sport to you. In any case our ground this year will be much better than last, because last year it was stone and now it is turf. There wont be so many accidents, we hope.

In regard to cricket I am afraid unless our Company pulls together and practice a lot we wont get very high in the League.

Our Company Officer has presented a shield to be competed for by Sections and there are ten items in the competition, viz., One Mile Across Country, Football, Hockey, Cricket, Shooting, Putting the Shot, Tug-of-War, Swimming, Jumping Up to date, No. 1 Section has won the One Mile and Shooting, the first man in the mile race getting in in eight minutes last nine, so it was a very close race.

With reference to the above shield it should be a great encouragement to sport in the Company. Let us hope that everyone will use their best abilities to win it.

Our Company has just concluded their annual course of musketry, and we are 23 points better than last year, so we have made a very good improvement ; in fact every Company is improving on last year's score, this being our first course with the new rifle. The wind-jammer (nick-name for W.G. and F.A.) is useful to some but a great failure to others who are so used to aiming to get bull's-eyes. Well, Mr. Editor, I must not take too much space, but with reference to a few lines in a previous number of the "Q.O.G." The Leach Scouting Competition was not competed for this year as was the case last year, *i.e.*, 1906 and 1907, but the money was divided amongst the 1st and 2nd class scouts, so that no Company really won the General Leach's Scouting Competition. Below I give table showing how we stand, and a football match by request.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Played 6, won 5, lost 0, drawn 1, points 11.

HOCKEY—FRIENDLY.

F v. B—Win for F by 3 goals to 2.
F v. R.A.T.A.—Win for F by 2 goals to 1.
Left-half v. Right-half Co.—Win for Right-half by 2 goals to 1.
F v. H—Win for H by 2 goals to 1.
F v. E—Draw. No score.
C v. F.—Draw. Three goals all.

CRICKET.

Right-half v. Left-half Co.—Win for Left-half by 13 runs.

FOOTBALL.

This match was played on the Tanglin Football Ground on Good Friday.

THE STRAIGHT WHITE WALLAHS.

Goal : *Peirce.
(You Can't Peirce).

The Snider Sargeant. — Wind Jammer Adams.

Defaulter Packman. — Inde Coope Brewer. — Master Taylor.

One Hole *Wannell. — Crunkey *Crole. — Dud-man. No-Good. — Ann-drews and Wins. — McCarthy Good Friday.

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Watts A Goal. — Wood Dead. — *Thompson Don't Believe You. — *Sweetman Sour Play. — Black Smith.

Barkers Rabies. — *What's Watts. — Din Smith.

Jack Don't Know the Knack. — Barry Won't Stop Harry.

*Sparshot Won't Stop a Shot.

Most prominent players marked thus * First man to touch the ball pays for One Gallon.
Reserve : Harris and his Sausages.

No. 1 BOOZING TABLE v. H. CO.'S TABLE. Result—No. 1 Table 3 goals for 2.
Referee : Nippy Norton.

The last match turned out an extremely fast one, Thompson (centre-forward) and Sparshot playing a very fast game,

also very tricky. Peter Peirce deserves great praise for his splendid play in goal, also Crole. Just these few mentioned prominent players made the game fast and worth watching. The gate takings were not so good as might have been expected. No doubt everyone knows our next station, Sebong. Let's hope it is not quite so warm up there as here. I must now finish as I think I have taken up quite sufficient space.

F Co.'s Correspondent.

G CO.'S CORRESPONDENCE.

Bayonet Fighting (6 a-side):—No. 1 Section beat No. 2 Section. No. 3 Section beat No. 4 Section. Final—No 1 Section beat No. 3 Section.

On the 1st May the Company commenced Field Training, which, in a place like Singapore, is always looked upon as a change in the daily routine of parades throughout the year; the time when we can adopt the rough and ready style for work in the attack and defence schemes, entrenchments and lectures, closing with a week at Blakan Mati surveying the forts, guns, etc., which are very interesting to the men who don't work on them every day.

G Co.'s Correspondent.

Scene—Barrack Room. Section Commander to Section: "What is the object of Double Sentries?"

One Private—"To place more confidence in one another."

S.C.—"Yes, that is one; any more?"

No answers.

S.C.—"Well, I will tell you. So that, 'If one goes to sleep the other can keep him awake.'"

(Collapse of Section).

2nd BATT. THE QUEEN'S OWN (ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT).

Roll of Officers of above Battalion, showing stations.

Colonel H. G. Fitton, D.S.O., A.D.C., leave in England, leave expires 1st November, 1908.
Major S. H. Pedley, Singapore.
Major R. J. Woulfe-Flanagan, Singapore.
Captain C. E. Kitson, Singapore.
Captain F. J. Joslin, leave in England, leave expires 26th Dec., 1908.
Captain R. M. G. Tulloch, Singapore.
Captain A. K. Grant, Singapore.
Captain J. W. Nelson, Singapore.
Captain H. D. Belgrave, Singapore.
Captain C. R. Ingram, posted, not joined.
Lieutenant A. H. Pullman, Singapore.
Lieutenant M. J. Dinwiddy, leave in England, leave expires 2nd Sept., 1908.
Lieutenant A. S. Hewitt, Singapore.
Lieutenant O. Y. Hibbert, Singapore.
Lieutenant R. A. Paget, Singapore.
Lieutenant F. B. Humphreys, Singapore.
Lieutenant M. W. Graham, leave in England, leave expires 26th Sept., 1908.
2nd-Lieutenant H. J. Dresser, Singapore.
2nd-Lieutenant W. Wilberforce, Singapore.
2nd-Lieutenant W. G. Yates, Singapore.
2nd-Lieutenant W. S. C. Hamley, Singapore.
2nd-Lieutenant N. I. Whitty, Singapore.
2nd-Lieutenant R. B. L. Bazley-White, Singapore.
2nd-Lieutenant A. E. Hardy, Singapore.
2nd-Lieutenant E. Moulton-Barrett, Singapore.
Hon. Lieutenant and Quarter-Master T. Sumner, leave in England, leave expires 31st December, 1908.

Singapore,
1st June, 1908.

DEPOT NEWS.

RETIREMENT OF SERGT.-MAJOR J. H. OUTTEN.

During the last few months those of us at the Depot have had the somewhat melancholy task of saying good-bye to several of our senior Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers who are retiring into private life; and unfortunately, there are still more to go. Of these probably none will be so much missed as Sergeant-Major Outten, who has just completed his twenty-one years. Coming here from the 2nd Battalion, after he had been incapacitated by an accident in South Africa, he at once set to work to use his great organizing powers and experience for the Depot. He has taken the greatest interest in all forms of sport, and has done wonders with the football team. To him it is almost entirely due that we, the only Depot, entered for the Army Cup, were able last February to make the holders, the R.E. at Chatham, play extra time in the third round. He has been the leading spirit in the Boxing Tournaments which have been so successful, and which, in addition to being of great financial assistance to our other sports, have been the means of interesting the people in the town in the doings of the Depot. He will be greatly missed by us and his many other friends in the place, and carries away with him the best wishes of all for the future.

Sergt.-Major Outten was born in March, 1869, and his services in the Ranks amounted to 15 years 183 days. He was promoted Warrant Officer (3rd Battalion) on the 22nd November, 1902, and was afterwards appointed to the 50th Regimental District on the 25th August, 1903. He served in Egypt and South Africa with the 2nd Battalion, retiring to pension on completing twenty-one years' service on the 22nd May, 1908, owing to the reduction of establishments throughout the Army.

Lieutenant F. H. H. Liebenrood, 3rd Battalion, having rejoined from the School of Musketry, Hythe, is attached to the Depot for duty. Second-Lieutenant A. J. Trousdell ceases to be attached.

6464 Private J. Deacon, having been discharged from the Royal Herbert Hospital, is struck off the strength of the Depot from 5th May, 1908.

At the recent examination for first class Certificates of Education, 3119 Sergt. H. Davis and 4010 Sergt. Kingham, P.S. 3rd Battalion, passed in map reading.

Certificates of Education have been obtained as under:—Second Class—7587 Corpl. T. Wood, 8052 Lce.-Corpl. E. Smith, and 8911 Pte. W. Johnston.

Third Class—8916 Pte. F. Kemp, 8918 Pte. A. Matthews, 8904 Pte. E. Broad, 8926 Pte. P. Broom, 8931 Pte. H. Kent, 7437 Pte. J. Hodge, 7447 Pte. H. Hooper, 7460 Pte. A. Groves, 7442 Pte. F. Turner, 7446 Pte. C. West, 7420 Pte. A. Bailey, 7473 Pte. W. Bex, 7452 Pte. W. Summers, 7476 Pte. J. Percival, 7458 Pte. H. Fowler, 7484 Pte. A. Caulder, 7463 Pte. R. Smith, 7459 Pte. W. McNulty, 7432 Pte. W. Hadrill, 7457 Pte M. McCarthy, 7485 Pte. A. Thomas, 7244 Pte. W. Langridge, 8920 Pte. W. French, 8924 Pte. F. Clarke.

The following N.C.O's and men having arrived at the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, by the s.s. *Promethus*, from Singapore, are taken on strength of the Depot from the

5th June, 1908 :—No, 1939 Q.M.S. J. Wood, 5996 Sergt. W. Cockle, 6059 Lce.-Corpl. F. Simmons, 6614 Ptes. C. Chatfield, 7259 B. Hawkins, 8225 R. Herbert, 6313 A. Holmes, 7749 T. Hutchings, 6761 G. May, 7646 C. Rose, 5472 W. Thomas, 6444 H. Best, 7652 W. Goodwin, 7899 W. Hay, 7962 A Higgins, 7726 F. Hornblow, 8569 J. King, 8540 E. Mulchay, 7958 W. Sansum, 6364 S. Taylor, and 6705 W. Hodgson.

On Sunday, 21st June, detachments of the local Territorial Forces attended divine service with the troops at the Depot.

ADVERTISEMENT BUREAU.

(As, from articles appearing recently in the Press, there seems to be an inclination among the general public to employ old soldiers in domestic situations, we have decided to give this excellent idea our support by instituting this column. This is oniy an experiment and it's appearance in future issues depends on the support it receives).

SITUATIONS VACANT AND WANTED.

EX-SOLDIER seeks situation in first-class London Hotel as chef. Has considerable experience, having been twice employed as assistant cook to his Company during the furlo season. Apply "Plum-Duff," c/o Editor, "Q.O.G."

OLD LADY, residing in quiet country district, would like to engage an old soldier with pugilistic tendencies as watch dog. Would be required to sing in the village choir. Apply "Q.O.G.," Box 235.

WANTED ! A man, preferable one who has just left the Army, as under-nurse. Will be required to wheel the perambulator in the Park and must be an expert at mending baby linen. Beer and washing found, wages good, evening out once a month, followers not allowed. Apply "Q.O.G.," Box 236.

WANTED ! Handy mam to do general house work, clean boots, brush the dog, do the flowers. Red-haired men need not apply as they would not match the wall paper. Apply "Q.O.G.," Box 237

WHAT'S ON ! Soldiers, wishing to obtain domestic employment on leaving the Army, should communicate with Madame Smith who gives instruction by correspondence in all kinds of needle-work. Remember, a stitch in time saves nine, and write, enclosing stamped envelope, to Madame Smith, Little Threadneedle Street, London.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ARABELLA.—No, do not employ the Sergeant-Major as kitchen man if your cook is a private soldier. It might cause friction.

BOADICEA.—I do not think that your scullery man was intentionally disrespectful in referring to your boudoir as the "bunk." I imagine that this is the room in which you interview your servants, and, as such, would occupy the same position in the man's mind as the office, or "bunk," in which an officer interviews his men.

HERO-WORSHIPPER.—I fear your parlour man is deceiving you. The medal you describe is not the Victoria Cross. It was presented to him for being a member of the Royal Army Temberance Association for six months.

SEVASTAPOL VILLA.—We have not inserted your advertisement as you are apparently labouring under a misconception of the term "Orderly Sergeant." This is merely a duty performed in the ordinary run of army life and does not imply that the man is exceptionally steady and reliable in his behaviour.

X.Y.Z —We cannot get a retired Major-General for you as cook-general. It is a pretty idea, but we have no connection with men of this class in our office. I doubt, should you hear of one, if he would have any experience in the kind of work that you would require him to do.

3RD BATTALION NEWS.

Captain J. S. Masterman completed a course of instruction in transport duties at the A.S.C. school of instruction at Aldershot, and has been granted a certificate accordingly.

Mr. E. Branson, late O.R.C. of the 3rd R.W.K. Militia, has been selected for the appointment of civilian O.R. clerk to the 3rd Battalion, R.W.K.R., his duties commencing at the close of the annual training on 9th August.

Lieutenant P. W. Bradley having been attached to the Chatham division of the R.M.L.I. from the 1st to 31st May is awarded the certificate on A.F. E535.

The Battalion goes into camp on St. Martin's Plain, Shorncliffe, on the 13th July, the recruits assembling for musketry on the 29th June. The Battalion completes its training on the 8th August. For the first time the Battalion will train as 8 companies instead of 12.

No. 1929 Clr.-Sergt. S. Chiswell and 1929 Clr.-Sergt. C. Wilson (Permanent Staff) were discharged to pension on the completion of 21 years' service on the 6th June, 1908 ; also No. 1935 Sergt. T. Connor on the 7th June.

2nd-Lieuts. A. R. Burness, E. A. Freeman and H. N. B. Walker having completed their period of Instruction on Appointment, cease to be attached to the Depot from 19th June.

Owing to nearly half a Battalion of Special Reserves (Recruits) being attached for the six months' drill on enlistment at the Depot, the more advanced squads have been placed under canvas in the Barrack Field. One has to be careful that they are not engulfed in some of the numerous entrenchments which have been excavated by the recruits for instructional purposes, and many are the Oral, Inspection, and standard tests they are subjected to monthly (seventeen tests is the number in the syllabus), each recruit's answers having to be recorded in many different books ; anyhow, we hope to turn out some good men for the Battalions.

The following special reserve recruits obtained 3rd class certificates of education at the examination on the 29th May, 1908 : 7422 A. Butler, 7408 C. Wood, 7426 J. Hilder, 7433 A. Lake, 7472 H. Mitchell, 7481 A. Smith, 7488 H. Muggleton, 7505 R. Fowler, 7512 E. Nugent, 7527 J. Greenslade, 7532 W. Reed, 7544 G. Brumming, 7559 F. Davis, 7492 A. Golding, 7455 A. Sheriff, 7474 H. Foard, 7483 A. Webb, 7501 A. Ludkin, 7509 R. Cooper, 7520 J. Toombs, 7531 R. Smith, 7535 L. Lemasonry, 7555 J. Bowler and 7568 G. Hancock.

About 35 n.c.o.'s of the 3rd Battalion joined the Depot at Maidstone on the 16th June, 1908, for instruction previous to the training.

Captain Masterman and Captain and Quartermaster J. Couch proceeded to St. Martin's Plain, Shorncliffe, on the 22nd June with the advance party, to prepare the camp for the recruits' musketry party, which assembles on the 29th June.

FAREWELLS IN THE SERGEANTS' MESS AT THE DEPOT.

Recently several Farewell Smoking Concerts have been held in the Sergeants' Mess at Maidstone to wish luck to departing comrades. On these occasions Major Lowe and Officers at the Depot have been present. Tokens of regard have been presented from the members of the Sergeants' Mess to Sergeant-Major Outten, Colour-Sergeants Chiswell, C. Wilson, F. Taylor, and Sergeant T. Connors, and many have been the good wishes and regrets expressed at parting with so many old comrades, whom it would have been hard to replace, even if others were succeeding them in the usual way. This, however, is not so with us at present, as we lose at least a third of the Sergeants at Maidstone, owing to the changes in establishments which are taking place. It is a case of vacant chairs with a vengeance.

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following subscriptions for 1908. Captain Malony, Mr. Franklin, Mr. J. H. Outten, Mr. F. Taylor, P.R.I., 2nd Battalion, for Bound Volume, £1 3s. 0d.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE WRECK OF THE BRITISH SHIPS "BRITON" AND "RUNNYMEDE."

CONTINUED.

"THE BRITON."

On the morning of the 12th August, 1844, Her Majesty's 80th Regiment, about 1000 strong, marched out of Sydney Barracks to embark for Calcutta in the following order:—

The Headquarters and Flank Companies, with Lieut.-Colonel Baker in command, embarked in the ship "Royal Saxon."

Nos. 1 and 4 Companies, with Major Naith in command, embarked in the ship "Lloyds."

Nos. 2, 3 and 6 Companies, with Major Bunbury in command, embarked in the ship "Briton."

Nos. 7 and 8 Companies, with Major Num in command, embarked in the ship "Enmore."

His Excellency, Sir M. C. O'Connell, K.C.B., the commander of the forces and Colonel of the Regiment, attended by his Staff, rode at the head of the Corps and accompanied it to the place of embarkation.

This having been completed, the several ships hauled out into stream, and on the morning of the 15th got under weigh together, and the Regiment bade adieu to the Colony where they had been stationed for over seven years.

After leaving Sydney Heads we had baffling winds and dirty weather, and did not make Torres Straits till the 25th August, the four ships rounding the Breaksea Spit within an hour of each other. The passage through the Straits, at all times tedious, occupied 18 days. On the 11th September we all lay off Booby Island, each ship sending a boat on shore to communicate with the Post Office. From the 13th we had light winds until the 28th, when we anchored in Kupang Roads, Timor Island, where we found the "Royal Saxon" and "Lloyds" which had arrived a few hours before us. H.M.'s sloop-of-war "Royalist" was also there. Having filled up with water and taken in fresh provisions, fruit, etc., we again stood to sea on the afternoon of the 2nd of October, in company with the "Royalist" and "Lloyds," the "Royal Saxon" having taken her departure the previous evening.

As the occurences now about to be related refer alone to the "Briton," I may here give some short account of that ship and the details of the troops on board. The "Briton" was a North American built Barque of 776 tons measurement, and registered A1 at Lloyds. She was on her second voyage, was commanded by Captain Bell, and had a crew of 34 men and boys. The troops on board consisted of three Companies of the 80th Regiment under the command of Major Bunbury, with Captains Bert, Sayers and Montgomery; Lieutenants Leslie and Freeman; Ensigns Hunter and Coleman; and Assistant-Surgeon Gammie: the total being 9 Officers, 12 Sergeants, 4 Drummers, 293 Rank and File, 35 Women and 43 Children. The vessel thus had on board a total of 431 souls.

The day after leaving Kupang we lost sight of the "Lloyds," the "Royalist" was still in company with us. On the 5th October, the season being so far advanced, the Master decided on taking the inner passage, and bore up for the Straits of Lombok, the "Royalist," which was proceeding to Singapore, agreeing to keep with us. In the Java Sea we had light winds and fine weather, and reached Singapore on the 22nd October, having parted company with the "Royalist" a few days before in the Carimata Passage.

After leaving Singapore we were wind-bound for several days before we got into the Straits of Malacca; here we had variable winds with occasional squalls, one of which sprang our main yard. The following day it was securely fished. Several vessels of different sizes were in company with us. On passing the town of Malacca a native boat came off with fruit, vegetables, jungle fowls, etc.

As we drew to the Northward, and got clear of the Straits, we naturally expected to fall in with the North-East Monsoon, but the winds kept variable and unsteady, not blowing for two days together from the same quarter.

On Friday, the 8th of November, the wind, which had been from the North-East, veered round to the W.S.W. We were then in North latitude, by observation 9 11'.

On Saturday, the 9th, the weather was cloudy with a threatening appearance, and we were unable to take an observation to ascertain our position. The wind remained W.S.W. in the afternoon, and the weather being still threatening we took in the royals, flying jib, and gaff topsail. At 5 p.m., on this date, the Sympiesometer commenced to fall, and we had small rain with heavy gusts of wind. The top gallants and spanker were furled, and we double reefed the fore top-sail, single reefed the main-top sail, and set the reefed mainsail.

At 10 p.m., the weather clearing a little, we again set the top gallants and spanker. At midnight, as it was cloudy and there were strong gusts of wind, accompanied by small rain, we took in the top gallant sail, the jib and the spanker.

At 1 a.m. on Sunday morning, the 10th, as the gale was increasing, we furled the main and fore-sails, and close reefed the top-sails. At 4 a.m. there were heavy squalls, and the spanker

and gaff top-sail blew out of their gaskets, nor were we able to secure them, so they were cut away to save the masts.

By daylight the squalls were terrific; the fore-sail blew out of its gaskets and was cut away; and the parrel of the main top-gallant yard broke and left the yard swinging by the haulyards. The ship was brought to the wind, with her head to the S.W., at 10 a.m. it was still blowing heavily, and we endeavoured to wear ship in order to get her on the opposite tack. The helm was put hard up, and all hands were sent forward into the weather fore rigging with a tarpaulin, at the same time an attempt was made to hoist the jib and foremast staysails, both of which were blown to pieces, the vessel refusing to pay off even a point.

By 11.30 the gale had increased to a hurricane. The Sympiesometer had fallen from 20 30' to 28 10'. The fore topmast was blown over the side and was shortly followed by the main and mizen foremast, which were snapped off close by the cap, the former taking with it the main yard broken in half in the slings. In less than 10 minutes we were a wreck fore and aft, the fore topmast striking heavily against the top-sides abreast of the fore rigging.

Shortly after 12 noon the squalls lulled almost to a calm, and we congratulated ourselves that the force of the gale was broken; all hands went to work to clear away the wreck, and we bent a new spanker and got up another foresail ready to bend. The loose spars, &c., were lashed to the ringbolts, and the Major's horsebox secured with extra lashings. The weather was still cloudy, the Thermometer being 84, the Sympiesometer 28 0', and it was close and sultry, with an occasional gleam of sunshine. An immense number of birds came on board spent by their struggles with the wind, and we caught several, amongst them being hawks, goat-suckers, golden kingfishers, &c.

It being found impossible to light a fire in either of the galleys the men were served with some biscuits and a glass of rum each, of which they stood much in need, every article of their clothing being thoroughly wet. Not a murmur was heard, and each man stood ready to give his assistance as required, whether in clearing the wreck or at the pumps. By 3 p.m. the gale increased to a hurricane; both the quarter boats, the cuddy skylight, meat safe, and hencoops were blown away. The sea was boiling up as high as the poop, and the general appearance of the ship in the storm was truly awful. We got a tarpaulin battened over the cuddy hatch to keep the wet out.

At 5 p.m, the ship rolling heavily, the Major's horse-box gave away, and the horse falling on the deck was thrown by the next lurch down the hatchway amongst the soldiers. The poor animals fore legs were broken, and finding it impossible to hoist upon deck, his throat was cut, and the carcase lashed to the leeward as securely as possible. Night came on and though the Sympiesometer was still falling and the squalls were terrific beyond description, yet we kept up our spirits in the hope that the gale would have blown itself out by the morning, when, with the whole day before us, we might get sufficent sail on the ship to keep her under command.

Day broke, Monday, the 11th of November, and brought disappointment to our hopes. The gale, which had blown violently during the night, had in no way abated. The ship continued to labour much, and rolled heavily. The tarpaulin was blown off the cuddy hatch; the spars broke adrift and carried with them the cooking coppers (which were broken to piece), the galleys, long boat, and the other horse-box; and as the ship rolled they, together with some thirty fathoms of chain cable belonging to the working anchor, which was on deck, were thrown from side to side with considerable violence. To move along the deck was impossible, but fortunately about 11 a.m. the gale partially lulled, and fearing that the long boat (which was stove in) would carry away the bulwarks, it was hoisted over the side and cut adrift. We next threw overboard the other horse, which had been crushed in its box by the long boat, all the loose spars, and as much lumber as possible from about the decks.

The soldiers assisted the crew and worked the pumps, where many of them got severely hurt, being jammed by the spars, etc., and one poor fellow had his leg broken.

At twelve noon the sun came out for a few miuutes, and the master endeavoured to get an observation, but the horizon was not visible. About half-mile to the eastward we saw a barque with only her bowsprit and main and mizen lower masts standing, and shortly after a brig was described, totally dismasted; both vessels appeared to be labouring severely, and the sea was breaking over them. Another tarpaulin was battened over the cuddy hatch and a door with some strong staves was nailed over it to keep it from being blown away again.

2 p.m. The gale had now continued with but two short lulls for 38 hours. The Sympiesometer was 37 30', and still falling. With the horrors of the past night in our minds we hoped for the best, yet feared a repetition of what we had already endured. Some biscuits and a glass of rum was again issued to each of the men, raw pork was offered to them and declined, as they thought they could manage without it.

3 p.m., the rain commenced falling, with thunder and lightning and heavy squalls, and by 4 p.m. the gale had again increased to a hurricane, the ship rolled heavily. At night the squalls were truly fearful with much thunder and lightning.

At 10 p.m. it lulled for a few minutes; the wind then veered round to the E.N.E. and blew with greater violence than ever. The Sympiesometer stood at 27 5', the thermometer at 84, and it was close and sultry. The ship being now on the opposite tack, the remaining spars, etc., which had been secured to leeward broke adrift, while between decks the dead horse was forced from his lashings and hurled from side to side, carrying away the armracks, lockers, etc., fore and aft, and creating the greatest confusion, the arms, accoutrements and knapsacks rolling about in every direction. Several of the men were hurt, and another man had his leg broken. After much exertion we succeeded in securing the horse to the mainmast, the ship at this time taking a good deal of water on board, which kept pouring down the hatchways.

At 11 30 p.m. the squalls were awful with thunder and lightning; part of the bulwarks were blown away, and the poop began to crack and the fore part to give way; the cuddy table and seats were wrenched from their fastenings in the decks and thrown to leeward. Few of us ever expected to see the morning. The ship trembled from stem to stern, her bell tolling mournfully with every gust, as if to warn us of our approaching destruction. In and around the hospital the married soldiers had assembled with their wives and families. One of the women read portions from the Bible aloud, after which they joined in prayer and sang a hymn.

Every moment the ship threatened to break up, the starboard topsides and covering boards were started, and the water poured in in great quantities. The men endeavoured to stop the leaks with their blankets, loose coats, and whatever else they could find. With each squall the poop seemed to give more and more. The master took his chronometer, sextant, and charts down the after hatch into the lower cabin, telling the officers in the cuddy to be prepared to go below, as he feared the poop was no longer safe.

Midnight. The hurricane still raged furiously, the ship making much water and labouring heavily. Squalls succeeded squalls almost without intermission, with thunder and lightning. The Sympiesometer was below 27, the oil occasionally leaving the tube altogether. The thermometer stood at 84, and it was extremely close.

About 12.30 the ship struck, and the sea breaking over her at the same moment threw her on her beam ends; the larboard poop after cabin was swamped and raised from the deck and the master's cabin was also floated. The cuddy door was jammed so that it could not be opened, and one of the windows and the steward's pantry were stove in. Both the mates were washed out

of their cabins, one scrambled into the cuddy through the broken window, while the other got down the steerage hatch. The spanker boom was broken in three pieces, one of which, striking the man at the leehelm, carried away several of the spokes and jammed the wheel. These were moments of awful suspense, the ship on her beam ends, and we clinging to whatever we could for support, expecting every moment that the next would dash her to atoms and seal our fate.

The boatswain cried for all hands to scramble up to windward, in order that perhaps she might right. Shortly after she appeared to be forced over into smooth water, when she righted. At this time the leak between decks had so much increased that one of the soldiers came to report that they feared the ship was breaking up; the water poured in so fast that it defied all their exertions to stop it. The master, with some of the Officers, went below, and the men, under their directions, collected blankets, loose coats, etc., and forced them in between the covering boards, whence the water was rushing in. The lower deck was flooded, the water washing from side to side. The master returned to the cuddy and informed the Commanding Officer that it was necessary that the pumps should be manned. One of the officers scrambled out on deck through the window, but was almost immediately obliged to return. The night was exceedingly dark and the deck so lumbered up it was quite impossible to find the pumps, but the attempt was made from between decks with better success, the party ascending the hatchway and contriving to reach them. After working for some time it was ascertained that the ship was ashore. The wind continued raging, and the sprays to break over her.

The night was so dark it was impossible to see a yard before us, except during the flashes of lightning, when trees could be easily discerned close on board the larboard side. By 1 a.m. the ship was perfectly steady, the wind still blowing violently with much rain, thunder and lightning. The Sympiesometer had risen to 27 20', and continued to rise rapidly; by 2 a.m. it was up to 27 60'

To describe this awful hurricane which had lasted some 50 hours so as to give the reader anything like an adequate idea of its fearful violence or the anxiety of our situation would be impossible. The ship was an utter wreck, crowded with upwards of 400 souls, and without a single boat on board. Such was our situation when it pleased God to come to our assistance.

From the commencement of the gale part of a cold fowl and some biscuits were all the officers had amongst them, so, after congratulating each other on a miraculous escape, and inwardly returning thanks to Heaven, we took some ale and wine and water before lying down, and so completely was nature exhausted that in less than half an hour every soul on board was fast asleep.

The next morning at daylight, to our great astonishment, we discovered we had been driven high on shore into the centre of a Mangrove swamp, where the ship had made a way for herself, and as we looked around and saw our position, a 750 ton ship in the centre of a wood, we could scarcely believe our senses.

On the shore, about a quarter of a mile outside of us, laid a barque we had seen the previous day. At low tide a party of soldiers were lowered from her poop and waded over to us. From the officer who accompanied them we ascertained our companion to be the barque "Runnymede, Captain Doughty, from Gravesend to Calcutta, with detachments of the 10th and 50th Regiment, under the command of Captain Stapleton, 50th Regiment.

Tuesday, the 12th of November, it rained incessantly. A topsail was spread over the quarterdeck for an awning, and the broken pieces of the coppers were collected to make a stove. After some contriving we succeeded in getting a kettle of water boiled for breakfast, and part of a broken boiler propped up to cook the meat for the men. About noon their dinner, of which they stood much in need, was served out; they had tasted nothing with the exception of a little biscuit for 72 hours. Our live stock was mustered and found to consist of a solitary pig. Everything else had either died during the gale, or been washed overboard. The debris from below was brought up and thrown over the side and the between decks were swabbed dry and clean. The second Officer reported that all the stores in the hold had been turned out of their places, a great portion of the bread, flour, sugar, etc., was found to be damaged, and many of the pork and beef casks stove in, sad news for us in our situation! In the evening Captains Stapleton and Doughty, with the troops and crew left the "Runnymede," and came on board the "Briton," it being feared that the former vessel might go to pieces during the night in the surf, as the gale was still blowing, there was a heavy sea on, and she was farther out on the edge of the reef than the "Briton."

I will now continue my account of our joint doings on the island.

Wednesday, 13th November, 1844. Fresh breezes with occasional showers. Captain Doughty, with a crew of both ships, returned to the "Runnymede" to endeavour to save as many stores as possible. Another sail was spread across the forepart of the "Briton" for an awning, as the ship was very much crowded with the addition of the 187 men from the "Runnymede." Two warps from the fore and main mastheads were made fast on shoreland, the foreyard was got over the starboard side to shore the vessel up, and to prevent her falling over.

By an observation this day we found the latitude to be 12 1' N. and the longitude 93 14' E., which proved (!) us to be one of the islands of the Andaman Archipellago. The wet clothing and blankets were brought up to dry and lines were rigged fore and aft to hang them on.

A fatigue party commenced making a causeway through the Mangrove swamp to the shore. The Commanding Officer issued a detachment order placing the crews of the wrecked ships on the same footing with the troops, and subjecting them to military law.

Thursday, 14th. Moderate wind with fine weather. All hands busily engaged in drying their clothes and getting up the damaged provisions from the hold. We found that most of the cabin stores were destroyed and our crockery and glass broken. Three carpenters went on board the "Runnymede" to put her longboat (the only boat remaining sound in the two ships) in a proper state to proceed to the nearest port to report our situation. The carpenter's mate was employed in cutting a large hole through the larboard side of the maindeck to admit air and act as a means of communication with the shore.

The bodies of two natives found on the beach were buried by our people, and above them in the bush lay part of the wreck of a country boat.

(To be continued).

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

1st BATTALION.

Second Lieutenant H. J. Vicat to be Lieutenant, vice B. H. F. Leir, deceased, dated 26th May, 1908.—"Gazette," 4th August, 1908.

Promoted Sergeant (O.R.C.), 7421 Lce -Sergt. R. Brown, 30th June, 1908 (Art. 800, Roy. Wt. for pay).

Appointed Lance-Corporals:—No. 6724 Pte. W. Farmer, dated 24th June, 1908; 8521 Pte. H. Doust, 27th June, 1908; 8509 Pte. W. Back, 6th July, 1908.

2nd BATTALION.

Promoted Sergeant:—4863 Lce.-Sergt. M. McNamara, dated 1st May, 1908.

Appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant:—3069 Corpl. R. Rouse, dated 1st May, 1908.

Promoted Corporals:—5476 Lce.-Corpl. W. Gillespie, dated 1st May, 1908; 6379 Lce.-Corpl. C. Willard, dated 9th April, 1908.

The undermentioned Lance-Corporals receive the pay of their rank:—8288 S. Whiteman, 6515 W. Wharfe, 6675 J. Erwin, 7219 A. Jude, 8094 W. Croucher, 7845 R. Bishop.

Privates Appointed Lance-Corporals:—8004 Pte. W. Brotherhood and 8227 Pte. C. Stammers, dated 8th April, 1908.

Appointed Pioneer:—6206 Pte. W. Tice.

DEPOT.

Promoted Sergeant (O.R.C.), 7674 Lce.-Sergt. C. L. Waern from 1st July, 1908.

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WEST KENT MILITIA HISTORY.

The fund which is being raised to produce the Regimental History has rapidly swelled since the last list published, and now amounts to £160 (£175 is the sum required). The new subscribers are:—E. Battersby, Esq., F. Monckton, Esq., Major T. T. Burt, Lieut. C. Tuff, Captain Burbury, Rev. E. Best-Dalison, Randall Mercer, Esq., Henry Lushington, Esq., Captain Beeman, Lieutenant Mills, Lieutenant Kay, Captain Allfrey, Captain Wilson, Captain Barrow, Major E. Fleming, Lieut. Bradley, Lieut. Bonham-Carter, Lieut. Mackenzie-Pendrell, Lieut. Jackson, Lieut. Burness, Lieut. Trousdell, Lieut. Freeman, Lieut. Walker, Captain Lister, Major Smith, Major Hewitt (for Library 1st Battalion Royal W.K. Regt., Dover), Officers' Mess 3rd Batt. Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regt. (donation £5 5s.), Officers' Mess 1st Batt. Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regt., Sergeants' Mess 1st Batt. Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, 3rd Batt. Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regt., Colonel Viscount Hardinge, Captain H. C. Nisbet, A. P. Stone, Esq., Major E. B. Cook, E. G. B. Meade-Waldo, Esq. (donation £5), Captain E. Wakefield, Captain C. Malony, Captain G. Alcock.

A photograph of the Officers now serving in the Battalion, also the N.C. Officers, has been taken for reproduction in the History. A photograph of the Regimental Plate and Colours was also taken. It is hoped that the work will go to Press by the first week in September, and be in the hands of the subscribers by the first week in December. When the Fund closes a complete list of all those who have so kindly assisted in what must be to all a most interesting production will be published. Any old officers of the Regiment who have not subscribed, and would like to do so, will get all information from Captain Hitchins, 25, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

During the last month, what with Battalion training and the wind up of Company training, we have had most of our time filled up. The Drill Shield was given to the best Company at field training. C and A Companies tied, both being equally good or bad, I don't know which These two Companies were then taken in parade work with the result that A Company won by one point.

The Inter-Company cricket afforded a certain amount of amusement and a little cricket, but the ground we had to play on was very much against the latter.

Captains Nunn and Hildyard are on leave preparatory to going up for the Staff College.

Before leaving Dover the Pageant Committee sent the Battalion about four hundred tickets for the first dress rehearsal. The Band are playing at the Pageant, and several of the members appear in the arena, some dressed as heralds and others disguised as angels.

On the 25th July, the Battalion, less fifty men of A Company who are on detachment at Gravesend, and the Band, came into camp at Barossa Camp, Camberley. Apparently the only thing to be done here is to see how much dust, and such dust, one can consume during the march. We remain

here till Tuesday next, and then march down to Ringwood, and I don't think anybody will be sorry to see the last of Aldershot.

BOXING NOTES.

A Garrison Boxing Tournament was held in the Garrison Gymnasium on the 28th and 29th June, 1908. Besides the four competitions there were three contests in which "The Queen's Own" was well represented.

SIX-ROUND CONTESTS.

Corpl. Darley, 1st R.W.K, Regiment, beat Pte. Sparrow, 1st R.W.K. Regiment, on points after a very hard fight.

Lance-Corpl. Sheppard, Depot, R.W.K. Regiment, beat Sergt. Thomas, Leicestershire Regiment. This was a very fierce fight throughout, Sheppard winning comfortably on points.

Pte. Clarkburn, 2nd Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, beat Pte. Hall, 1st Batt. R.W.K. Regiment. Clarkburn was too good for Hall, knocking the latter out in the Second Round.

Below will be found results of the four competitions.

BOYS' COMPETITION.

Prizes—First, £1 ; Second, 10/-.

FIRST ROUND :—Boy Winter, Northumberland Fusiliers, beat Boy Gallagher, R.W.K. Regiment. Boy Pringle, R.W.K. Regt., beat Boy King, Northumberland Fusiliers. Boy Whitehorn, attached R.W.K. Regt., beat Boy Mann, R.W.K. Regt. Boy Allen, Northumberland Fusiliers, beat Boy Pease, R.W.K. Regt. (w.o.).

SECOND ROUND :—Pringle beat Winter. Whitehorn beat Allen.

FINAL :—Whitehorn beat Pringle.

FEATHERWEIGHT COMPETITION.

Prizes—First, £2 ; Second, £1.

FIRST ROUND :—Pte. Beadon, R.W.K Regt., beat Corpl. Cordeaux, R.W.K. Regt. Gunner Bowen, R.G.A., beat Pte. Brisselden, R.W.K. Regt. Pte. Middleton, Northumberland Fusiliers, beat Driver Hastings, A.S.C. Pte. Dixon, R.W.K. Regt., (bye). Pte. Bradford, R.W.K. Regt., beat Pte. Burns, Northumberland Fusiliers. Pte. Traynor, Northumberland Fusiliers (bye).

SECOND ROUND ;—Gunner Bowen beat Pte. Beadon. Pte. Middleton beat Pte. Dixon. Pte. Bradford beat Pte. Traynor.

THIRD ROUND :—Pte. Middleton beat Gunner Bowen. Pte. Bradford (bye).

FINAL :—Middleton beat Bradford.

LIGHT-WEIGHT COMPETITION.

Prizes—First, £2 ; Second, £1.

FIRST ROUND :—Pte. Lewis, Northumberland Fusiliers, beat Pte. Slater, Northumberland Fusiliers. Gunner Benson, R.G.A., beat Pte. Webber, R.W.K. Regt. Pte. Richardson, Northumberland Fusiliers, beat Pte. Crouch, R.W.R. Regt. Pte. Boland, R.W.K. Regt., beat Pte. Brown, Northumberland Fusiliers. Pte. Holding, R.W.K. Regt., beat Pte. Bradford, R.A.M.C. Pte. Towler, Northumberland Fusiliers, beat Gunner Hughes, R.G.A. Pte. Topping, Northumberland Fusiliers, beat Pte. Hills, R.W.K. Regt.

SECOND ROUND :—Gunner Benson beat Pte. Lewis. Pte. Richardson (w.o.). Pte. Holding beat Pte. Boland. Pte. Topping beat Pte. Fowler.

THIRD ROUND :—Gunner Benson beat Pte. Richardson. Pte. Holding beat Pte. Topping.

FINAL :—Gunner Benson beat Pte. Holding.

MIDDLE-WEIGHT COMPETITION.

Prizes—First, £1/10/0 ; Second, 10/-.

FIRST ROUND :—Gunner Taylor, R.G.A., beat Pte. Lam, R.W.K. Regt. Corpl. Hammond, Northumberland Fusiliers, beat Bombdr. Keys, R.G.A. Corpl. Barden, R.W.K. Regt., beat Pte. Coleman, Northumberland Fusiliers.

SECOND ROUND :—Corpl. Hammond beat Gunner Taylor. Corpl. Barden (bye).

FINAL :—Corpl. Hammond beat Corpl. Barden.

A Regimental Boxing Display was got up in the Town Hall, on Monday, 6th July, during the Cricket Week. Some very good fights were seen. The civilian population turned up in very small numbers, so we were only just able to pay our way. This was naturally very disappointing to all those who had worked so hard to make the show a success.

The following are the results :—

10 STONE COMPETITION

(open to Dover, Canterbury, Shorncliffe and Walmer Garrisons).

FIRST ROUND :—Lce.-Corpl. Cunningham, Leicester Regt., beat Pte. Edwards, Leicester Regt. Pte. Middleton, 5th Fusiliers, beat Pte. Toppin, 5th Fusiliers. Pte. Richardson, 5th Fusiliers, beat Pte. Moore, Leicester Regiment. Gunner Benson, R.G.A., beat Pte. Towler, 5th Fusiliers. Br. Craig, R.F.A., and Pte. Harrison, R.M.L.I., box a bye.

SECOND ROUND :—Richardson beat Harrison. Cunningham beat Benson. Craig and Middleton box a bye.

SEMI-FINAL :—Br. Craig beat Lce.-Corpl. Cunningham. Pte. Middleton beat Richardson.

FINAL :—Br. Craig beat Pte. Middleton after an extra round

SIX ROUND CONTESTS.

Lce.-Corpl. Baker, 1st R. W. Kent Regt., beat Sergt. Thomas, Leicestershire Regiment.

Sergt. Thomas was a much heavier and bigger man than Baker and as plucky as a lion, but three rounds of Baker's special treatment was too much for him and he was obliged to give in.

Pte. Sparrow, 1st Batt. R. W. Kent Regt., beat Pte. Power, 1st Batt. Leicester Regiment.

While it lasted it was a splendid fight. Sparrow getting severely punished about the head. Sparrow, however, kept cool and with two hard punches over the heart put his man out in the fourth round.

Corpl. Darley, 1st R. W. Kent Regt., beat Pte. Walton, late Q. O. Regt.

This was, perhaps, the most exciting fight of the evening. For the first three rounds Walton was a long way ahead on points, but Darley pulled himself together and managed to catch up. A deciding round was ordered in which Darley won easily.

SERGEANTS MESS 1st BATT. R.W. KENT REGIMENT

The Members of the above, together with several friends, met in the Mess Room for a social evening on the 13th inst, the occasion being the presentation by the Commanding Officer, Lieut. Col. Style, of prizes won at the Rifle Meeting held at Hythe on the 3rd July.

Punctually at 8.30 p.m. the Chairman, (Sergeant Major Rogers) invited all present to join him in drinking the health of His Majesty The King; which toast was heartily responded to.

The proceedings were plentifully interspersed with songs. The singers were in good form, and their efforts to amuse the company were appreciated by all.

The following is the programme:—Song, "Down in the valley where the blue birds sing," Lce.-Sergt. Collins; song, "Stop your tickling Jock," Sergt. Murphy; song, "The pearl of Sweet Ceylon," Sergt. Ingram; song, "A jovial monk am I," Sergt Chills; song, "Rainbow," Sergt. Reynolds; selections on the gramophone, Sergt. Ashton; song, "Pat O'Hara," Schoolmaster O'Kelly; toast, The Officers, Chairman; song, "Troubles," Mr. Traynor, V.C.; presentation of Prizes, Lieut.-Col. Style; song, "In the Twilight," Sergt. Moore; song, "We had to part," Clr.-Sergt. Croucher; selections on the gramaphone, Sergt. Ashton; song, "Eileen Alannah," Schoolmaster McAlister; toast, The Visitors, Vice-Chairman.

In proposing the toast of The Officers, the Chairman expressed the thanks of the members to them for turning up in such good numbers, remarking that it was a proof of the good feeling which existed between Officers and Sergeants, in their social life as well as in their work, which must necessarily tend to the best interests of the Battalion generally, and concluded by asking the members and their friends to rise and drink the health of the Officers of the 1st Battalion, The Queen's Own, coupling with the toast the name of the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. Style.

Lieut.-Col. Style, who in rising to respond met with hearty applause, thanked the members on behalf of the Officers for the very kind way in which the toast had been received, and expressed the pleasure they all felt at being in company with the Sergeants on such an occasion. He referred to the recent inspection of the Battalion by the Colonel of the Regiment (Major-General Sir Edmund Leach, K.C.B.), at which inspection the Battalion, although composed of very young soldiers, had gained the approval of Sir Edmund Leach (himself an old Commanding Officer of the Battalion), for their steadiness on parade, and excellent handling of their arms. Colonel T. H. Brock (another old Commanding Officer, although of more recent years), was also present at this inspection. He expressed satisfaction at the way in which every movement on parade had been carried out. Lieut.-Col. Style concluded his remarks by asking the members of the mess to accept a framed photograph of the Colonel of the Regiment and the Officers of the Battalion.

Sergt.-Major Rogers, on behalf of the members, accepted, and thanked the Commanding Officer for his kindness in presenting them with such an interesting gift, one which would always be highly valued in the mess.

Quartermaster-Sergt. Doe, in proposing the toast of the Visitors, said how pleased the members all were to have their friends with them on occasions of this sort, and concluded by saying their presence there was a guarantee of their goodwill.

Schoolmaster O'Kelly, in responding, alluded to the time (before the majority of those present had enlisted) when the Battalion, then stationed in Gibralter, had gained a great name for themselves in the social life of the Garrison, principally owing to the efforts of the then Band Sergeant of the Battalion (Sergt. J. Regan), better known as Con Regan, their speciality being concerts and amateur theatricals. He concluded by asking the visitors to rise and drink the health of the Sergeants of the 1st Battalion "The Queen's Own."

The Chairman expressed the thanks of all to the Committee, presided over by Colour-Sergeant Murphy, for the very excellent way in which everything for their comfort had been carried out, also to Sergeant Crossley for his kindness in officiating at the piano. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem, brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

A letter was received from the President of the Sergeants' Mess, 3rd Battalion, expressing regret at the inability of any member to be present owing to their only arriving at Shorncliffe on the day fixed for the concert.

1st BATTALION SHOOTING.

The following competitions took place at Hythe on the 3rd July:—

1. Best shot of Sergeants and Lance-Sergeants, vide Musketry Regulations, para. 128 (c).
2. Best shot of Corporals and Privates, vide Musketry Regulations, para. 128 (d).
3. Colonel Harrison's Challenge Cup (Officers and Sergeants).
4. Major Rowe's Challenge Cup (Officers only).
5. Regimental Challenge Bowl (Marksmen of Battalion).

Sergeants and Lance-Sergeants to the number of 22 were eligible, and took part in the competition for the Sergeants' badge, while the Corporals and Privates mustered 18.

The Competition was very keenly contested, and at the conclusion of the firing resulted in Sergeant Martle (D Co.) leading with a score of 53, while Corporal Reeves (C Co.) was the best in the Corporals and Privates with a total of 40.

In the Judging Distance Test, which took place on the following day at Dover, Sergeant Martle maintained the lead of the Sergeants, receiving 21 points for his answers to the different distances, which made him an easy winner of the Sergeants' badge with the score of 74.

Colour-Sergeant Rigglesford took second place with the score of 68, whilst Colour-Sergeant Saunders and Sergeant Brown tied for third place with 56.

Corporal Reeves only managed 15 points in Judging Distance, which brought his total to 55, which did not give him a place in the first three.

Private Davies (D Co.), who left the range with a total of 37 to his credit, made the top score in Judging Distance, viz. 24, thereby winning the badge of the Corporals and Privates with the total of 61.

Corporal Nurden (G Co.) was second with 58, and Corporal Faulkner (F Co.) third with 56

The following is a detail of the Competition that took place:—

No.	Description.	Target.	Distance.	Rounds.	Position.	Marking.
1	Snap Shooting.	Figure No. 3 painted Khaki.	200 yards.	5	Standing.	Hit counts 4 points
2	Rapid.	3rd Class Figure.	300 yards.	10	Lying.	Regulation.
3	Slow.	2nd Class Figure.	500 yards	5	Lying.	Regulation.
4	Judging Distance Test.					

The competition for Colonel Harrison's Challenge Cup (Officers and Sergeants) and Major Rowe's Challenge Cup (Officers only) proved a very interesting event, fourteen Officers and forty-five Sergeants availing themselves of the opportunity of firing. On the conclusion of the firing at 300 yards the interest of all became centred on Sergeant Walker, who led with a score of 46, Sergeant Martle being second with 40, Lieut. Stevenson third with 37. The majority placed their faith in Sergeant Martle for the last practice, and his score of 15 proved they were not far out in doing so. Colour-

Sergeant I.M. Dark, whose score of 33 leaving 300 yards had hardly been considered, made the very respectable score of 16, which placed him an easy second. Not a bad place for the winner of the cup in 1906.

The following is a detail of the Competition fired :—

No.	Description.	Target.	Distance.	Rounds.	Position.	Marking.
1	Rapid Fire.	3rd Class Figure.	200 yards.	10	Lying.	Regulation
2	Snap.	Figure No. 3, painted Khaki.	300 yards.	5	Lying.	Hit counts 4 points.
3	Deliberate.	2nd Class Figure.	600 yards.	5	Lying.	Regulation

The entries for the competition for the Regimental Challenge Bowl (which is open to all marksmen of the Battalion) numbered 40. The shooting was carried out at 800 yards, at a bullseye target, the marking being regulation.

Lance-Sergeant Brown (E Co) was the winner with the score of 32 ; Sergeant Golding (A Co.) and Corporal Gilbey (D Co.) tied for second place with 31, whilst Colour-Sergeant Rigglesford (H Co.), Sergeant Wood (H Co.), Sergeant Martle (D Co.), Corporal Pelling (E Co.), and Private Sullivan (C Co.) each obtained the score of 30.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Held on the Glacis on the 30th June. The Sergeants of the Battalion were "At Home" to their friends in the Garrison, who turned up in splendid style, over 250 sitting down to tea ; and it testifies to the excellent way in which the Committee worked, that everything went off without a hitch. Some good finishes to the various races were seen and event followed event with hardly a pause and even then the racing went on until 7.30 p.m. Below will be found a list of winners, with Company to which they belong :—

Enlisted Boys' Race :—1 Pease (H), 2 Pringle (B), 3 Whitehorn (H).

Novices Bayonet Fighting :—1 Hampton (H), 2 Watts (C), 3 Woodward (E).

100 Yards Scratch Race :—1 Green (F), 2 Scott (D), 3 Sergeant Wood (H), 4 Bellingham (c).

Long Jump :—1 Lce.-Corpl. Kirton (A), 2 Pte. Thompson (D).

Tent Pitching Competition :—1 E2 team, 2 E1 team.

Quarter Mile Scratch Race :—1 Sergt. Redmond (F), 2 Pte. Hazlewood (D), 3 Sergt. Wood (H), Corpl. Fitzgerald (H).

Open Bayonet Fighting :—1 Docker (H), 2 Corpl. Mirden (G), 3 Garvey (B).

High Jump :—1 Dr. Barrow (B), 2 Howson (G).

Potato Race :—1 Scott (E), 2 Burton (A), 3 Colyer (G), 4 Clarry (G).

Sergeants' Race :—1 Sergt. Murphy (E), 2 Sergt. Brown (C), 3 Sergt. Redmond (F).

Veterans' Race :—1 Coch (G), 2 Sergt. Brown (c), 3 McCarthy (B).

Team Bayonet Fighting :—1 D Company, 2 H Company.

Obstacle Race :—1 Lce.-Corpl. Kirton (A), 2 Judd (A), 3 Gower (H), 4 Slater (B).

Band Three-Legged Race :—1 Donaldson and Ballard, 2 Towner and Brown, 3 Dod and Cleghorn.

Open Obstacle Race :—1 Standen (B), 2 Sergt. Wood (H)

Boys' Race :—1 Golding, 2 Golding, 3 Donovan, 4 B. Saunders

Girls' Race :—1 Benwell, 2 Murphy, 3 Dowell.

Egg and Spoon Race :—1 Sergt. Redmond (F), 2 Holmwood (D), 3 Donaldson (F).

Tug of War (for Shield) :—1 C Company, 2 G Company.

Bumping Contest :—1 H2 Team, 2 B4 Team.

Water Carrying Race :—1 Gregg (G), 2 Stevens (G), 3 Swan (A), 4 Hall (B).

Tug of War :—Officers v. Sergeants. Won by the Sergeants by two straight pulls.

FINAL OF COMPANY CRICKET SHIELD.

A COMPANY v. G COMPANY.

G Company.

Turner, b Lieutenant Fisher	0
Colyer, b Lieutenant Fisher	0
Sergt. Reynolds, c Judd, b Claridge	13
Capt. Norman, b Lieutenant Fisher	0
Drummer Proctor, b Lieutenant Fisher	0
Lieut. Johnson, c Davies b Lieutenant Fisher	6
Pte. Reynolds, c Lieut. Fisher, b Claridge	14
Pte. Edgerton, not out	14
Pte. Pilcher, b Lieut. Fisher	0
Pte. Franklands, c Drage, b Lieut. Phillips	12
Pte. Stevens, b Lieut. Fisher	21
Extras	14
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A Company.

Lieut. Phillips, c Colyer, b Proctor	29
Lieut. Fisher, retired	55
Pte. Hastings, c Sergt. Reynolds, b Proctor	5
Pte. Davis, b Proctor	0
Pte. Claridge, b Sergt. Reynolds	3
Dr. Knight, c Capt. Norman, b Sergt. Reynolds	4
Pte. Drage, run out	8
Pte. Burgess, b Sergt. Reynolds	2
Pte. Sheppard, c Sergt. Reynolds, b Proctor	0
Pte. Judd, c Edgerton, b Sergt. Reynolds	0
Pte. Blackbarrow, not out	0
Extras	24
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E COMPANY.

Dear Mr. Editor,

On the 30th June the Annual Athletic Sports of the Battalion took place, in which the Company did extremely well being second in the Battalion aggregate with a total of 62 points. In the team competitions we did fairly well, scoring a great success in the tent pitching, both our teams being 1st and 2nd, and the way they pitched them brought forth great praise from everybody ; it speaks well for No. 2 team when I tell you that none of them had over 1 year's service, and in winning 1st prize they deserve credit.

In the individual competitions Pte. Scott did exceptionally well and ran splendidly, he was second in the 100 yards, only being beaten by half a yard. The Potato Race he won easily, and no doubt he would have scored another success in the quarter mile only he slipped when leading in the last 25 yards.

Sergeant Murphy won the Sergeants' race rather easily, but no doubt we will have to put him in training so as to reduce some of his weight.

Pte. Sharp won the Greasy Pole, but I think he waited until most of the soap had been rubbed off.

Pte. Woodward was third in the Bayonet fighting, but I think he should have done better, but better luck next time. I hear he is training for a walking race, which I hope he may win.

Boxing has now struck our young fraternity, and I hope to see some of them doing something for the credit of the Company in forthcoming competitions, and by the numerous black-eyes knocking about, it is evident they enjoy the sport.

Below I give the names of the Tent Pitching Teams :—

No. 1 Team.	No. 2 Team.
Pte. Donovan.	Pte. Hull.
,, Carpenter.	,, Jones.
,, Hannant.	,, White.
,, Dinwoody.	,, Woodward.
,, Carden.	,, Scott.
,, Wellard.	,, Clarke.

E COMPANY CORRESPONDENT.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

Lieutenant G. B. Legard qualified at the examination of the 256th party at the School of Musketry, Hythe, on the 3rd July, 1908, obtaining a "Distinguished."

Lieutenant F. J. Hearle, Colour-Sergeant F. Croucher, and Sergeant R. Harrison, also qualified with the same party.

7540 Corporal Gilbey attends the preliminary Gymnastic Course, commencing at Shorncliffe on 27th July.

Major A. Martyn and Major M. P. Buckle, D.S.O., passed the examination in Part II. Tactical Fitness for Command, at Shorncliffe, in July, 1908.

9009 Pte. J. Reynolds, has been transferred to the 2nd Battalion Scottish Rifles.

9011 Boy E. Guess, whose father served in the 2nd Battalion as O.R. Sergeant, has been attested at Cork for "The Queen's Own," and has joined the Battalion at Dover.

No. 1939 Quarter-Master-Sergeant J. Wood, who recently arrived home from Singapore, has been discharged to pension after twenty-one years' service, 25th June, 1908. 4923 Pte. Outred has been discharged on termination of first period of engagement, 28th June, 1908.

The following N.C.O's. and men are taken on the strength of the Battalion on arrival from 2nd Battalion :—6059 Lance-Corpl. F. Simmons, 6614 Pte. C. Chatfield, 7749 Pte. T. Hutchings, 6761 Pte. G. May, 7958 Pte. W. Sansum, 6313 Pte. A. Holmes. 7646 C. Rose.

No. 1974 Pte. F. Long has been discharged with a view to pension, on completion of his second period of engagement, 3rd July, 1908.

No. 5956 Sergeant A. L. Bellion relinquishes the appointment of Orderly Room Clerk. No. 7421 Lance-Sergeant R. Brown succeeds him in that appointment. Dated 30th June, 1908.

Good Conduct Badges have been granted and restored as under :—7640 Pte. W. Smith, one badge, 16th June, 1908; 8328 Lance-Corpl. J. Powell, one badge, 21st June, 1908; 7302 C. Bailey, two badges, 21st June, 1908; 8319 Pte. J. Jenner, one badge, 19th May, 1908; 8312 Lance-Corpl. E. Sewell, and 8307 Pte. O. Clarry, one badge, 19th June, 1908; 6242 Pte. G. Harris, two badges, 27th June, 1908; 7508 Pte. T. Saring, one badge, 24th June, 1908; 8131 Pte. A. Hook and 9009 Pte. J. Reynolds, one badge, 4th July, 1908; 8336 Pte. H. Jeal, 1st June, 1908; 7320 Pte. S. Newson and 8337 Pte. C. Reeves, one badge, 12th July, 1908.

The following have been transferred to the Army Reserve : 5938 Pte. J. Seares, 17th June, 1908; 5939 Pte. A. Barker, 18th June, 1908; 5937 Pte. W. Green, 20th June, 1908; 5944 Pte. J. Morton, 21st June, 1908.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

TANGLIN BARRACKS,
SINGAPORE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

On 2nd May the members of the Sergeants' Mess assembled in order to bid farewell to Q.M.S. Wood, who, after an army career of 21 years, now retires to enjoy his pension. In order to celebrate the occasion a smoking concert was arranged, and this passed off very successfully. The proceedings commenced about 8.30 p.m., and after the loyal toasts had been duly honoured the harmony and speeches commenced. There was a very representative gathering of all the corps in the garrison, and several civilian friends attended and contributed items, which were duly appreciated.

In a neat speech Sergt.-Major Grey referred to Q.M.S. Wood's connection with the mess (extending over a period of 19 years) and also his willingness to assist in any matter for the furtherance of the interests of the mess. Thereupon, on behalf of the Sergeants, the Sergt.-Major took the opportunity of presenting Q.M.S. Wood with a handsome marble clock and pickle jar in order to show the esteem in which he was held. These presents were suitably inscribed, and the universal hope was that the recipient might long be spared to enjoy them.

Q.M.S. Wood, in response, expressed his regret at his departure, and the consequent severance of many old ties, but promised not to drop out of our ken entirely. Some comments of his relative to the recent sporting events between the Officers and Sergeants afforded food for reflection, and he expressed the hope that the Sergeants would come out top dog next time.

The opportunity was also taken to bid bon voyage to Sergeant Cockle, who is being invalided to England for change of climate. We trust to hear that he has fully recovered his health at home.

Musical items were rendered by many present, and the proceedings terminated at 12 p.m.

"BUSY BEE."

TANGLIN BARRACKS,
SINGAPORE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I will now endeavour, to the best of my ability, to give you an account of the Company's doings during the past two months.

FOOTBALL. The League matches for the year have been concluded, the Company's place being seventh on the list. The form shown by the team on each occasion they have played leaves much to be desired.

HOCKEY. The first league match is being played to-day when the Company will try conclusions with F Company, and as we are the holders of the Battalion Shield for the year 1907, the team should give a very good account of themselves.

A series of games between the left and right half Companies have just been concluded, with the following results :—

WATER POLO. Winners, Right-half Company, 4 goals to 1.

HOCKEY. Winners, Right-half Company, 3 goals to 2.

FOOTBALL. Draw, 1—1.

RELAY RACE. Winners, Righ-half Company.

TUG-OF-WAR. Winners, Right-half Company.

HANDBALL. Winners, Right-half Company.

QUOITS. Winners, Left-half Company.

SHOOTING. 200, 300, and 500 yards, 5 rounds at each distance. Winners, Left-half Company by 28 points.

H COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

May, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Herewith a few notes concerning the doings of the Company in the sporting world, during April and May, 1908.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE.—2nd April, v. F, lost 1—0. 4th May, v. B, won 3—0. 15th May, v. D, lost 1—0.

Now the Company Football League is finished, the above results brought us to 3rd place with eight points :—Played 7, won 3, drawn 2, lost 2, points 8.

FRIENDLY MATCHES.—G v. S.C.C., lost 1—0. G. v. Warders, won 4—0.

An inter-section Tournament of sports of every description has been started in the Company, and up to the time of writing the following are the results :—

SWIMMING (Relay Race).—Team 8 N.C.O.'s and men. No. 3 Section beat No. 4 Section ; No. 2 beat No. 1 ; Final, No. 3 beat No. 2.

GRACEFUL DIVING (6 a-side).—No. 3 Section first, No. 2 second, No. 1 third.

WATER POLO.—No. 3 Section beat No. 4 Section, No. 2 beat No. 1 ; Final, No. 3 beat No. 2.

FOOTBALL.—No. 3 Section beat No. 4 Section, 2—1.

HOCKEY.—No. 2 Section beat No. 4 Section, 3—0 ; No. 1 beat No. 3, 4—1.

F COMPANY SPORT.

TANGLIN, SINGAPORE,
May, 1908.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE.—H v. F, 4th April, win for F by 5 goals to nil. E v. F, 11th May, win for F by 2 goals to nil. This concluded the Company League, leaving us top with 13 points out of a possible 14.

Friendly Match, F v. C. Draw one goal each.

Friendly Hockey, F v. B, win for F 2—1. F v. C, win for F 5—0.

Section Sports.—Throwing Cricket Ball, No. 2 Section. Long Jump, No. 2 Section. Cross Country Race, 1 mile, No. 1 Section.

F Co.'s CORRESPONDENT.

Tanglin Barracks,
Singapore,
June 23rd, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I hope a few notes concerning the Sergeants will find a place in your columns. I have nothing exciting to record, but what there is may be of interest to some readers of the *Q.O.G.* During the past month cricket and football matches have been played. In the former we were beaten by the Singapore Police by the narrow margin of one run, whilst at the latter we were victorious over the Warders F.C. by five goals to three.

On the first Saturday in June a Tennis At Home was held, and our guests were the members of the Pulo Bradi Tennis Club. After some enjoyable games the Sergeants were returned winners by four sets to three A considerable number of ladies were present, and the affair proved a very enjoyable function.

Our monthly dances have been exceptionally well attended lately. At the last one we mustered nearly eighty strong.

We are shortly losing one or two familiar faces from the Mess. Sergeant Barrett has secured an appointment in Signapore, and our best wishes are extended to him for his future success. Sergeant Elliott has taken over the position of Canteen Manager, whilst Lance-Sergeant Rowland is being invalided to England for change of climate.

A lot of interest is being centered around our next station, Lebong. I had the opportunity of perusing a letter which arrived from there a few days ago, and from it I gathered that the climate is similar to that of an English spring, while the rainy season lasts from May to December! The Battalion is expected to stay in Calcutta for three months before going to Lebong. This period should be an interesting one. As we leave here in the middle of November, our stay in this station is drawing to a close. I think the change will prove acceptable to the majority of us, as Singapore is a very expensive place, and the climate is by no means an ideal one.

As the mail is leaving shortly, I will bring this to a conclusion, trusting you will be able to find space for its insertion.

SERGEANTS' MESS CORRESPONDENT.

F Company,
Tanglin Barracks,
23/6/08.

DEAR EDITOR,

Just a little more of the sport and Company's doings. Our Company's annual course of Musketry finished up fairly well, considering we had to finish in a certain time, although the weather favoured us very well—just one or two wet mornings —and I think our average is about 22 or 23 points better than last year. Now to sport, we have the pleasure of saying our Company came out of the Football League in flying colours, making only one draw with B Company early in the season. D Company appeared to be the favourite team on the commencement of the League, but they fell off, and on the finishing leaving us easy winners with 13 point out of a possible 14, we must give our team great praise for the determined way they stuck to the game throughout the League. The Hockey League has commenced on the new ground in full force—three matches a week—so by the time I send our next full account it will practically be decided who shall be first to have their Company on the new Hockey Shield. We are going fairly well. Our first and easiest match out of three we have played we could only make a

draw. We had two of our forward line away at the time, but as it was we should have won, considering the team out against us. I think we were a bit fortunate in beating C Company. In regard to the game itself, I don't think it requires much praise for either side. It was very rough, and at times it appeared as if our forwards were getting into dangerous play from the opponents' defence, but as long as we won we were satisfied. It is exactly the same as C beat us last year. Our next match being with E Company, who had not won a match, and we had a very good game. There being only two referees on the field, which always makes things far better, we managed to win by three goals to nil, which leaves us 5 points for 3 games out of 6, but we have B Company to meet on Thursday, 25th inst,, who are at the top at present, winning three matches running. We have had one or two friendly matches; one with the Royal Engineers at Palua Braril, winning by 4 goals to 3. In any case we hope to win on Thursday. Our goal keeper, Private Wannell, is sound, I think, the same as in football. He has been selected to play goal for the Regimental Team, who played their first match against the S.C.C. last Thursday, winning by 3 goals to love. An account in the "Singapore Free Press" highly praised Private Wannell on his good goal keeping. Below is a table of our matches for the last month. I have said all I can think of this time. Hope to have some good results on behalf of our Company in the Hockey League, and the Warren Shield which commences shortly.

Football League—F v. H. Win for F by 5 goals to nil. F v. E. Win for F by 3 goals to nil.

Friendly Matches—F v. C.—Win for F 1 goal to nil. F v. Attached. Win for F by 7 goals to nil.

Hockey League—F v. H.—Draw 2 goals each. F v. C.—Win for F 1 goal to nil. F v. E.—Win for F 3 goals to nil.

Friendly Match—F v R E—Win for F 4 goals to 3.

Our Football League finished up with 16 goals for, against 2.

F Company Correspondent,
Singapore.

P.S.—Below is the names of those who plaayed in the Company Football League:—

Goal, Private Wannell. Backs, Privates Minchay and Pay. Half-backs, Privates Boocher, Brewer, and Ambrose. Forwards, Private Page, Private Dudman, Sergt. Freeman, Privates Colvin and Butter. Reserves, Privates Craddock and McCarthy.

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Singapore,
June, 1908.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I am now sending to you, to the best of my advantage, a short account of the doings of A Company. The competition for the inter-company Football Shield has long since been concluded, and we were the successful winners of the wooden spoon, but I don't think we shall be so low down on the list in the competition for the Hockey Shield, which is at present being played for. We have started well, and I sincerely hope we shall at least get a place. Our first match was played with E Company, which resulted in a win for us by 4—2. It was glorious weather, and a large number turned up to see the first match of the season. Our team played so well together that individual praise would be quite unnecessary, but I venture to say that if the team play on as they did with E, we shall not have much to fear. The team represented the Company as follows:—Pte. Austin, Lance-Corpl. Bradman, Sergt. Skeer, Sergt. Mallan, Lieut. Hibbert, Ptes. Crisford, Atkins, Pringle, Lieut. Humphreys, Ptes. Evans and Perkins.

Our next match was played on June 10th, with D Company. This was a very fast game from beginning to end, both teams played well, and were fairly equal. Lieut. Humphreys played a fine game, as also did Lce.-Corpl. Bradman and Pte. Crisford. The game ended in a draw, 2—2. The team was as follows:—Pte. Austin, Lce.-Corpl. Bradman, Sergt. Skeer, Sergt. Mallan, Lieut. Hibbert, Ptes. Crisford, Atkins, Pringle, Lieut. Humphreys, Ptes. Wells and Perkins.

We next met H Company on June 20th, but I cannot say this was a good game, I think, if anything, we played too easy, our forwards did not make the most of their opportunities. H took advantage of this, and pressed hard the whole time, but, thanks to our goal keeper, Pte. Austin, the goals so hard tried for did not come off. The game ended in a win for H Company, 2—1. Team as follows: Pte. Austin, Lce.-Corpl. Bradman, Lce.-Corpl. Cozens, Sergt. Mallan, Lieut. Hibbert, Ptes. Crisford, Atkins, Pringle, Lieut. Humphreys, Ptes. Muggeridge and Wells.

Since the conclusion of the Football Shield Competition nothing has been heard of the Company, as far as football is concerned. No doubt a rest was required after the terrible strain of last season, but it was not so with Corpl. Smith, he has got an eleven together, and they look like beating all records, even G Company's record in Hockey. Up to the present they have played five matches, and have not yet been beaten. Corpl. Smith could not have picked a better goal keeper than Lce.-Corpl. Whiteman, who has only had two goals scored against him. Pte. Atkins and Marshall play well together as backs, whilst Lce.-Corpl. Clark and Pte. Baker are responsible for the wings. Pte. Teague, the dashing centre-forward of this team, is well worth speaking about. Out of the five matches played he has scored eleven goals, not a bad record. I have been asked not to mention too much about him, as it is feared by the Captain that one of our international teams might want him. Matches played are as follows:—with E Company, win 2—0; with D Company, 3—1; return match with E Company, 7—0; with B Company, win 1—0; with F Company, win 2—1.

Corpl. Smith's XI. — Lce.-Corpl. Whiteman, Atkins, Marshall, Pringle, Evans, Warner, Lce.-Corpl. Clark, Corpl. Smith, Ptes. Read, Baker and Teague.

A Company's Correspondent.

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Tanglin,
June 22nd, 1908.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Having only just taken over the duties of correspondent to the "Gazette," on behalf of C Company, you must excuse shortness of copy on this occasion, as I did not have a record of the doings of the Company of late by me. We have just returned from Normanton, on completion of our annual course of musketry, and although we did not succeed in beating D Company's average, improved considerably on last year. We have twenty-three marksmen, and average 198·8.

The football league having finished, hockey is in full swing. At present we have played two games in the Company League, our opponents being G and F Companies. The first match resulted in a win for us by two goals to one, the second, I am sorry to say, in our downfall by a goal to love, after a very strenuous and (on our part) unlucky game. The Company is, at present, busily engaged in an inter-section competition, comprising nearly all branches of sport, for a shield presented by Captain Grant. No. IV. Section is at

present leading, with No. III. a very good second. The success of the above-named sections is mainly due to their being lucky enough to possess nearly all of the "whippets" of the Company.

At the Boxing Club's last meeting, Lce.-Corpl. Shepherd, of C Company, gained the verdict over Lce.-Corpl. Kirby, of H, in an 8-rounds contest, after an extra round had been fought. Pte. Readings beat Pte. Guy of the draft, and Pte. Harris beat Pte. Ward, of H Company. Pte. Andrews, of C, had the best of an encounter with Pte. Baxter, of E (winner of the last novices' competition). Lce.-Corpl. Kirby, being dissatisfied with his defeat, issued a challenge, the outcome of which is that they are matched to go twenty rounds for a substantial purse at the next meeting, which takes place on Thursday, June 25th. Both men have been in strict training, and a keen contest is anticipated. Ptes. Harris, Andrews and Kemp, of C, are also engaged in contests, and will, I am sure, give a good account of themselves.

At Football the Battalion were drawn against the S.C.C. in the first round of the Singapore Cup, and disposed of them by three goals to none, but I shall not go into details of the game, as your Battalion Correspondent, will, I suppose, give an account of it. This is all I have to say at present, but will let you know the result of the Boxing Contests in my next copy.

Yours, etc.,
C.T.
C COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

The following N.C.O's. and men are granted Good Conduct Badges as follows :—

FIRST GOOD CONDUCT BADGE.—6387 Pte. H. Jones, 22nd March, 1908; 6103 Pte. A. Coulter, 9th April, 1908; 8284 Pte. P. Crouch, 5th April, 1908; 7131 Pte. C. Hendra, 9th April, 1908; 8265 Pte. J. Scott, 1st March, 1908; 8288 Lce.-Corpl. W. Whiteman, 23rd April, 1908; 7936 Pte. T. Muggeridge, 10th April, 1908; 8281 Pte. W. Hook, 5th April, 1908; 7600 Pte. G. Wicks, 11th April, 1908; 7963 Pte. H. Clift, 16th April, 1908; 7812 Pte. C. Dunn, 2nd April, 1908; 6630 Pte. L. Lewis, 9th April, 1908; 2157 Pte. M. Connor, 1st May, 1908; 7416 Pte. J. Williams, 15th April, 1908; 6494 Pte. G. Cork, 1st April, 1908; 7569 Pte. C. Wood, 1st April, 1908; 6373 Pte. A. Skilton, 15th May, 1908; 8224 Pte. E. Shovelar, 1st May, 1908; 7285 Pte. J. Packham, 6th May, 1908; 8295 Pte. C. Jones, 16th May, 1908; 6405 Pte. H. Atkinson, 1st May, 1908; 6067 Pte. N. Hollis, 21st May, 1908; 8292 Pioneer W. Jaikins, 7th May, 1908; 4914 Pte. L. Mason, 6th May, 1908; 5787 Pte. E. Nowlan, 21st May, 1908; 6109 Pte. P. Bexon, 30th May, 1908; 7381 Pte. W. Horsley, 21st May, 1908; 8299 Pte. E. Morley, 28th May, 1908; 7940 Pte. T. Colyer, 6th May, 1908; 7479 Lce.-Corpl. J. Sheppard, 27th May, 1908; 7923 Pte. C. Gausden, 14th May, 1908; 8298 Pte. C. Harrison, 18th May, 1908; 8083 Pte. W. Hobbs, 15th January, 1908; 2526 Pte. G. Klein, 13th May, 1908; 7965 Pte. A. Marshall, 19th May, 1908; 6276 Pte. F. Cartwright, 21st May, 1908; 7736 Pte. T. Alexander, 30th May, 1908; 8054 Pte. C. Datlen, 19th May, 1908; 8291 Pte. A. Benwell, 3rd May, 1908; 7895 Pte. W. Blunt, 13th May, 1908; 6158 Pte. W. Bottomley, 20th May, 1908; 6370 Pte. A. King, 27th May, 1908.

SECOND GOOD CONDUCT BADGE.—6132 Pte. H. Baldwin, 27th April, 1908; 7234 Lce.-Corpl. A. Marks, 1st April, 1908; 6519 Lce.-Corpl. W. Whittaker, 4th May, 1908; 6093 Pte. G. Russell, 6th May, 1908.

No. 4894 Pte. M. Fisher has re-engaged at Singapore for the Royal West Kent Regiment, to complete twenty-one years' service, dated 1st May, 1908.

Certificates of Education have been awarded to N.C.O's. and men as under :—

8288 Lce.-Corpl S. Whiteman, 6346 Lce.-Corpl. A. Bodkin, 7680 Pte. A. Clear, Second Class Certificates of Education, dated 5th March, 1908.

8175 Lce.-Corpl. C. Lawn, 7418 Pte. G. Champion, 7940 Pte. T. Collyer, 6281 Pte J. Cox, 6397 Pte. J. Lang, 6170 Pte. A. Leeson, 7474 Pte. R. Morton, 7376 Pte. E. Peacock, 6465 Pte. G. Reilly, 8063 Pte. R. White, 8238 Pte. J. Whitehead, 8098 Pte. H. Wood, 6447 Pte. T. Young, Third Class Certificates of Education. Dated 11th May, 1908.

DEPOT NEWS.

Major A. Martyn having arrived at the Depot from the 1st Battalion, on the 25th July, 1908, assumes command of the Depot, vice Major N. H. S. Lowe, whose tour of duty has expired.

Major Lowe joins the 1st Battalion for duty from the same date.

No. 7674 Lc.-Sergt. (O.R.C.) C. L. Wearn has been granted a further extension as O.C. Clerk to the Depot until 8th August, 1908.

A draft of 21 recruits joined the 1st Batt., at Dover, from the Depot, on the 21st July, 1908.

7330 Dr. A. Frances is granted 2nd G.C. Badge, 26th July, 1907.

Sergt. A. L. Bellion joins the Depot for duty from August 1st, 1908.

PENSIONS, ETC.

No. 6464 Pte. J. Deacon, 1/- per diem for 12 months conditional.

No. 1905 Sergt.-Major Outten, Depot, 3/6 per diem for life.

No. 1929 Col.-Sergt. C. F. Wilson, 3rd Batt., 2/6 per diem for life.

No. 1928 Col.-Sergt. S. L. Chiswell, 3rd Batt., 2/3 per diem for life.

No. 1935 Sergt. M. Connor, 3rd Batt., 1/7½ per diem for life.

No. 1953 Col.-Sergt. F. Taylor, 3rd Batt., 2/6 per diem for life.

No. 3306 Pte. W. Wood, Depot, 9d. per diem for life.

No. 4624 Pte. G. McKerrigher, late 50th Foot, 1/- per diem for life.

No. 1939 Q.M.-Sergt. J. R. Wood, 2nd Batt., 2/9 per diem for life.

DISCHARGES.

No. 951 Col.-Sergt. Instructor and Acting Sergt.-Major H. Cooke, late 2nd Vol. Batt., has been discharged to pension with effect from the 30th June, 1908.

The undermentioned N.C. Officers of the Permanent Staff of Volunteers are shortly taking their discharges with a view to pension.

No. 761 Col.-Sergt. Instructor and Acting Sergt.-Major M. R. Audsley, late 3rd Vol. Batt.

No. 904 Col.-Sergt. G. Burge, late 2nd Vol. Batt.
Late 4th Volunteer Battalion R.W. Kent Regiment.

No. 1507 Col.-Sergt. Instructor and Acting Sergt.-Major J. E. Holland.

No. 3755 Col.-Sergt. S. Kill.

No. 5932 Col.-Sergt. H. R. Byrne.

EMBARKATION.

Information has been received that the 2nd Batt. will embark for India about the 17th November next.

3RD BATTALION NEWS.

Captain and Adjutant G. D. Lister qualified at the recent examination in subject D for Promotion.

Captain G. A. C. Allcock and Captain C. V. Maloney, 3rd Battalion, have been attached to the Depot for duty with the Special Reserve Recruits since July 13th, 1908.

3rd BATTALION RIFLE MATCH,
Officers v. Sergeants.

On Saturday morning, July 25th, a Rifle Match was arranged between six officers and six N.C.O.'s at Hythe Ranges, commencing at 6 a.m. Bisley conditions, 7 rounds at 200, 500, and 600. The weather conditions were almost perfect, with the exception that for some time the light was rather dull. There was absolutely no wind. The Sergeants were successful in defeating the Officers by 13 points, but it is only fair to the Officers to say that it was not the strongest team that they could put on the range. Both teams went down on Motor Cars and Bicycles, and a most enjoyable morning was spent. The following are the scores :—

OFFICERS.

	200	500	600	Total.
Captain Hitchens	28	28	34	90
Captain Wilson	30	33	27	90
Captain Lister	26	30	29	85
Captain Allfrey	30	28	24	82
Captain Burbury	29	24	26	79
Lieutenant Mackenzie Pendrill	28	13	18	59
	171	156	158	485

N.C.O.'s.

	200	500	600	Total.
Sergeant Nicholson	31	30	29	90
Colour-Sergeant Pond	31	30	27	88
Sergeant-Major Grellier	28	31	22	81
Sergeant James	29	26	25	80
Sergeant Merrick	28	32	20	80
Sergeant Davis	28	24	26	78
	175	173	149	497

SECOND MATCH.

This took place at Hythe Ranges on Monday, August 3rd, commencing at 6 a.m. The party of Officers and N.C.O.'s went down on Cars and Bicycles. The shooting was Bisley conditions, 1908. 300, 500, and 600, 7 rounds at each, with one sighter. The weather conditions were not very favourable to good shooting, there was a bad glare and a changeable light. The Sergeants were successful again, beating the Officers by 18 points. Scores :—

Officers.		Sergeants.	
Captain Wilson	88	Colour-Sergeant Pond	91
Captain Lister	87	Sergeant Davis	91
2nd Lieutenant Burness	83	Sergeant Nicholson	88
Captain Burbury	80	Colour-Sergeant Tapp	82
Captain Hitchens	80	Sergeant Merrick	81
Captain Liebenrood	77	Sergeant-Major Grellier	80
	495		513

Two per side counted out.

BIRTHS.

At Strood, Kent, on 17th July, 1908, the wife of Captain G. Elgood, of a daughter.

Margaret, the daughter of 4348 Pte. H. Hall, is taken on the strength of the 1st Batt., 14th of June, 1908.

At Maidstone, on the 8th July, 1908, the wife of 3573 Sergt. W. Wood, of a son, William Frederick John.

At Singapore, on the 8th of April, 1908, the wife of 4774 Col.-Sergt. P. Kevan, of a daughter, Winifred Annie.

MARRIAGE.

At Folkestone, on the 25th of July, 1908, No. 4666 Sergt. J. Teer to Miss Alice Hart.

DEATHS.

At Singapore, on the 25th of May, 1908, Lieutenant B. H. F. Leir, of enteric fever.

At Maidstone, on the 4th April, 1908, Edith, the daughter of 3573 Sergt. W. Wood, of meningitis.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE WRECK OF THE BRITISH SHIPS "BRITON" AND "RUNNYMEDE."

CONTINUED.

Several of us, both officers and men, are laid up with swollen feet, the result, no doubt, of the constant exposure to wet. This afternoon the causeway through the swamp to the shore was made passable, and some excellent prawns were brought in, a most comfortable treat. Friday, the 15th, fatigue parties were employed in putting the holds to rights, drying the provisions, and cleaning down the decks, while others were sent on shore in search of water.

The destruction caused by this fearful hurricane appears to have extended all over the island; not a leaf was to be seen on the trees, nor was a tree unbroken; they lay about in all directions, some crushed down, others torn up by the roots, many of them of the largest size and probably 100 years old.

The bush was rendered almost impassable by canes and bamboos lying many feet deep, and it was only by walking along the fallen timber that one could get through at all. The detachments of the 10th and 50th Regiments were sent on shore this day, and formed an encampment for themselves on a rising ground facing the beach, it being feared that from the overcrowded state of the ship, some disease might break out. At low tide a fatigue party was employed in conveying stores from the "Runnymede" to the "Briton," and in the afternoon the cooks were sent on shore to erect the coppers saved from the "Runnymede" as we feared they might set the deck on fire if used on board, on account of our having no proper means of fixing them there. Some pigeons were shot, much resembling in appearance the English Brood bird. Saturday, 16th, all the married soldiers from the "Briton" were sent on shore to rig tents for themselves and their families, and air-ports were cut in the "tweendecks" to give as much ventilation as possible.

Fatigue parties were employed in bringing stores from the "Runnymede," clearing away the bush around the shore and searching for fresh water. Some of the officers went on an exploring party along the beach to the northward, and found fresh water and an oyster bed, and shot some more pigeons. Two of the sailors commenced making a canoe out of a log.

Sunday, 17th, divine service was held on board the "Briton" and we all returned thanks to Almighty God, and read the forms of prayer for the preservation of our lives.

Some natives made their appearance on the shore to the southward, and a few of them tried to surround two sailors who were collecting shellfish, but "Jack" was not to be done. An officer went after the savages with a small party, but as soon as they saw him coming they put off in their canoe. We found their fire, and close to it a piece of driftwood, and some fishbones.

Fatigue parties were employed in digging holes and cutting a communication between the ship and the shore.

The Commanding Officer issued a Detachment order complimenting both troops and crew on their cool and manly conduct during the gale, and noting his high approval of their exertions.

At night some natives attempted to approach the "Runnymede." A few shots were fired in their direction, when they took their canoe and themselves off at the same time.

Monday, 18th. This morning a detachment order was issued in which it was regretted that the natives should have been fired at on the previous night from the "Runnymede," and directing that every attempt should be made to conciliate them, in order to induce them to bring in provisions, etc., and forbidding the men to go too far from camp.

A detachment Court Martial assembled on board the "Briton" for the trial of some men charged with insubordination and pilfering from the cargo of the "Runnymede," a large portion of which consisted of bottled beer, etc.

The doctor having reported "that the position of the 'Briton' in a Mangrove swamp would prove injurious to the health of the troops if they continued to occupy it as a barrack or hospital," two Companies of the 80th Regiment were ordered on shore to clear a place and form an encampment; and the sick, under the charge of one of the surgeons, were transferred to the "Runnymede" which, having now become finally imbedded in the sand was converted into a hospital. Fatigue and working parties were employed in conveying stores from the "Runnymede," carrying water from the hills, and clearing the bush around the camp.

Tuesday, 19th. Fatigue and working parties were employed as usual. In the afternoon we had our first parade. Our appearance as well may be supposed was rather ludicrous, the greater portion of the men's necessaries and clothing having been either lost or destroyed during the gale. Four Court Martials were held, and as many men punished for insubordination, etc., an unpleasant but necessary duty.

Wednesday, 20th. Fatigue parties were employed in collecting and drying the stores, erecting tents, and clearing away the jungle around the encampment. Our pioneer's tools were found exceedingly useful, and we could never have managed without them. The rest of the troops left the "Briton" and joined the camp, the guard over the stores alone remaining on board. Myasma arising from the swamp at low tide being found disagreeable and unhealthy, most of the officers commenced erecting tents for themselves on shore.

Thursday, 21st. Fatigue and working parties were employed as usual, and all the stores were collected together on board the "Briton," preparatory to their being examined by a board of survey. Some of our men while searching for shellfish this afternoon on the beach opposite the camp were attacked by several natives, and four of them were wounded by their arrows, one rather seriously; the alarm was sounded, the men stood to their arms, and a party was despatched in pursuit of the savages, but without success, the black rascals escaping into the jungle, luckily for them, or they would certainly have got a Roland for their Oliver.

A guard was mounted in the evening on the beach below the camp to keep them at a respectable distance. The natives were perfectly naked, regular savages, in both appearance and habits, and no doubt cannibals; there is little prospect of our receiving any assistance from them. With the exception of wild pigs, several of which had been seen, the Island appears to be quite unproductive, neither fruit nor vegetables of any description having been as yet discovered.

Friday, 22nd. A board of survey assembled on board the "Briton" to examine into the state of the stores saved from the wrecks and to report on the most suitable scale of issue, calculating for 40 days from date. After taking an inventory of the provisions, etc., and ascertaining that 378 full rashions, allowing one half for the children, would be required daily, the court recommended the following scale for alternate days, which was approved of by the Commanding Officer:—First day, ½-lb. bread, ½-lb. beef, ½-gill of spirits, 1–12th oz. tea, and ½-oz. sugar. Second day, 1–3rd lb. flour, 1–3rd. lb. pork, ¼-pint peas, ½-oz. coffee, ½-oz. sugar, ½-gill of spirits. Even this reduced scale would only last for 36 days, till the 27th of December. On our first arrival on the Island we had occasional dishes of prawns, crabs, and other shellfish, but they soon disappeared from the number constantly searching for them. For two miles around the camp the coast was completely cleared of every description of shell fish, and to go further, or even so far without arms, was not safe on account of the natives.

A private of the 80th Regiment died in hospital of dysentery, a disease rather prevalent and most probably caused by the water which has a disagreeable vegetable flavour.

Saturday, 23rd. The "Runnymede's" longboat was nearly ready for sea, and the men were employed in collecting stores for her, and making preparations for sending her away.

Natives were seen on the opposite island with two large canoes.

To be continued.

The Editor much regrets that while the Editorial Staff were under Canvas at Shorncliffe, the following Correspondence was mislaid, and takes this opportunity of publishing the many items of interest contained therein. We tender our sincere apologies to those Correspondents who so kindly compiled this budget of news.

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DOVER,

DEAR MR. EDITOR, June 30th, 1908.

On the 23rd inst. Major-General Sir Edmund Leach, K.C.B., Colonel of The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), inspected the Battalion on parade. I enclose an account of the inspection.

On the 25th the Battalion formed a part of the troops who lined the streets on the occasion of the Installation of the Lord Warden.

The next day the Battalion were on The King's Birthday Parade. This Parade is held on the road along the sea front, a custom which I believe is peculiar to Dover.

We were much grieved to hear of the death of Lieutenant B. H. F. Leir, at Singapore. Lieutenant Leir left the Battalion quite recently on transfer to the 2nd Battalion.

It was decided that General Sandford's Drill Shield should this year be awarded to the Company adjudged to be the best trained Company at field training. At present Captain Buchanon-Dunlop's Company (A), and Captain Knox's Company (C), have dead-heated for first place.

Another Grand Boxing Entertainment has been fixed to take place in the Town Hall, Dover, on the 6th July, commencing at 8 30 p.m. A most attractive programme has been arranged.

His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey has awarded Major A. Martyn "The Gold Liakat" for service in Macedonia in the reorganization of the Gendarmerie.

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

INSPECTION of the 1st BATTALION THE QUEEN'S OWN (ROYAL WEST KENT REGT.) BY MAJOR-GENERAL SIR EDMUND LEACH, K.C.B., Colonel The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

On the 23rd June, Major-General Sir Edmund Leach, K.C.B., did the Battalion the honour of inspecting it on parade.

General Leach was met on arrival at Dover by Lieut.-Col. R. C. Style, Commanding the Battalion, Major A. Martyn, who acted as Aide-de-Camp to the General during his stay, and Lieutenant R. G. C. Brock were also at the station to meet the General.

Colonels Bayly, Brock, Harrison, and Maunsell were invited to be present to meet General Leach, but unfortunately only Colonel Brock was able to come.

Lieut.-Colonel Style and the Officers entertained General Leach and Colonel Brock at dinner on the 22nd.

The next morning the Battalion was formed for inspection at 11 a.m. General Leach, accompanied by Major Martyn, on arrival on parade was received by a "General Salute." After inspecting the Battalion in line, the General took up a position to view the March Past, which was performed first in Column and then in Quarter Column. The Battalion was then formed in Review Order, and General Leach spoke as follows :—

"Colonel Style, Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the 1st Battalion The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), it has given me great pleasure to come here to-day to see you as your Colonel. It is now 22 years since last I was on parade with the Regiment. Being on parade with you to-day brings back vividly to me the many happy days I spent with the Regiment. I should like to express my gratification with all I have seen. The handling of arms and bearing of the men is all that could be desired. What I have seen to-day shows me that the old Fiftieth is now, as it always was, one of the smartest Battalions in the Army. I wish you all every happiness for the future."

Lieut.-Colonel Style in reply said :—

"Major-General Sir Edmund Leach, on behalf of the Officers and all ranks of the 1st Battalion, The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), I thank you for the kind words you have addressed to us this morning. It has given us all the greatest pleasure to see you on parade to-day as Colonel of the Regiment, and we hope that this visit will be one of many you will make to us in the future."

After the parade was dismissed, General Leach was shown round the Barracks and Institutes.

Before leaving, General Leach and the Officers were photographed outside the Officers' Mess.

The numbers on parade were 20 Officers and 746 rank and file.

Lieutenants F. Fisher and J. C. Cook carried the Colours.

SERGEANTS' MESS, 1st BATTALION.

On Saturday, the 27th of June, the members of our Mess had the pleasure of entertaining the Sergeants of the 1st Battalion Leicestershire Regiment to a cricket match. Our invitation was thoroughly appreciated by them, no better proof of this being needed than the fact that every Sergeant who could get away was present, the majority of them being accompanied by their wives and children.

The match was played on the Garrison Cricket Ground, Western Heights, and resulted in a win for the Leicesters by 19 runs. Play commenced at 12.15 p.m. in dull weather. Batting first our Sergeants scored 73 runs, of which Sergeant Kemp was responsible for 29. Our "Jessops" did not shine, owing I guess to the pitch, which was one of matting, or perhaps the good bowling of our opponents upset their calculations. The Leicesters on batting compiled 92. The score no doubt would have been greater but for the bowling of Sergeant A. Reynolds and Lance-Sergeant Redmond, who captured four and three wickets respectively. On batting the second time we fared much better, scoring 69 runs for the loss of six wickets. Stumps were drawn at 6 p.m., the result of the match being decided on the first innings. The scoring was as follows :—

1st BATTALION THE QUEEN'S OWN.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Sergt B. Reynolds, b Wesson	2	lbw, b Fowler	15
Sergt. Kemp, b do...	29	b do	0
Lce.-Sergt. Redmond, b Green	3	b do	16
Sergr. A. Reynolds. run out	5	lbw, b do	14
Sergt. Walker, b Green	3	stumped b Wood ...	5
Clr.-Sergt. Saunders, run out	0	c Neal. b Fowler ...	3
Clr.-Sergt. Naylor, not out	15	not out...	1
Q.M.S. Doe, c Neal, b Green	2		
Q.M.S. Mackintosh, b Wesson	6		
Sergt. Brown, b Wesson	0		
Staff-Sergt. Benwell, b Green	2		
Extras	6	Extras ...	15
Total ...	73	Total ...	69

1ST LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT.

Sergt. Pugh, run out	29
Sergt.-Major Wood, b Reynolds	0
Sergt. Wesson, b do	4
Sergt. White, c Naylor b do	21
Sergt. Gandy, run out...	14
Sergt. Fowler, b Redmond	7
Sergt. Peckin, run out...	7
Sergt. Neal, b Redmond	1
Sergt. Armston, b Reynolds	0
Sergt. Emery, b Redmond	0
Sergt. Green, not out...	1
Extras	8
Total... ...	92

Lunch, which was laid in a large marquee, was partaken of at 2 p.m., after which the ladies and children were entertained with selections from a gramaphone, kindly lent for the occasion by Sergeant Golding. Unfortunately towards the end of the afternoon the weather turned very cold and damp, which made the shelter of the tent preferable to sitting outside.

After tea an adjournment was made to the Mess, where, punctually at 7 p.m., all had assembled to witness the presentation to our guests of a large polished oak escritoire. Sergeant-Major Rogers, in making the presentation, referred to the very kind way in which the Sergeants of the Battalion had always been received and entertained by the Sergeants of the Leicesters on their journeys to and from the Musketry Camp at Lydd, and expressed a hope that the present social event would still further cement the bond of friendship which already existed between the two Corps.

Sergeant-Major Wood, Leicestershire Regiment, in responding thanked the members for their kindness in making them the recipients of such a gift, one that would always be treasured in their Mess, adding that they had always had great pleasure in doing what they could for the Battalion when opportunity arose. In conclusion he called on the members of the Sergeants' Mess (Leicestershire Regiment) to drink the health of the Sergeants of The Queen's Own.

Thus ended a most enjoyable day, one which will always remain a pleasant memory to those who were fortunate enough to be present.

SPORTS NEWS.

We have at last been able to start Cricket in earnest, now that A, B, C and E Companies have returned to Dover. In our first match only one member of our team had touched a bat this season, with the inevitable result shown below. We appear to have a very poor side, as all the "shining lights" have departed, but we can but do our best. Below will be found the score in the various matches together with those played for in the Company Shield. Owing to the lack of time, this is being played on the knock out system. The draw for first round and results up to date are as follows :—

A beat B by 8 wickets. F beat C by innings and 60 runs.
E beat D by 10 runs. G beat H by 10 wickets.
2nd Round.—A beat F. G beat E.

1st BATTALION v. LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT.

Played at Crabble on 4th June, 1908.

LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT.

Capt. Challenor, c Hooper, b Sergt. Reynolds ...	3
Lce.-Corpl. Mott, not out	63
Lieut. Clarke, c and b Sergt. Reynolds	6
Sergt. Wesson, c Major Martyn, b Sergt. Reynolds	0
Capt. Brock, c and b Sergt. Reynolds	1
Lce.-Corpl. Pepper, h wkt., b Sergt. Reynolds ...	4
Major Blackader, c Capt. Dunlop, b Lieut. Fisher	1
Capt. Stone Smith, b Sergt. Reynolds	20
Lieut. Dyer Bennet, b Lieut. Legard	8
Sergt. Green, b Sergt. Reynolds	7
Pte. Butler, c Lieut. Vicat, b Lieut. Legard ...	1
Extras	1
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1ST BATT. R.W.K. REGIMENT.

Sergt. Reynolds, b Wesson	0
Capt. Norman, b Green	0
Major Buckle, D.S.O., b Green	0
Lieut. Legard, b Green	5
Major Martyn, c Pepper, b Wesson...	11
Lieut. Fisher, b Green	0
Lieut. Phillips, b Green	1
Capt. Dunlop, b Green	1
Pte. Hooper, b Green	0
Sergt. B. Reynolds, st. Green	2
Lieut. Vicat, not out	3
Extras	8
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1ST BATTALION THE QUEEN'S OWN v. DEPOT ROYAL MARINES.

Played at Walmer on 6th June, 1908.

THE QUEEN'S OWN.

Sergt. Reynolds, c Murphy, b Sergt. Sutcliffe ...	8
Lieut. Fisher, c Chaplin, b Sergt. Sutcliffe ...	67
Capt. Norman, b Sergt. Sutcliffe	2
Major Martyn, c Marwell, b Sergt. Sutcliffe ...	1
Lieut. Phillips, c Wray, b Frampton	14
Major Buckle, D.S.O., b Sergt. Sutcliffe	1
Lieut. Legard, b Sergt. Sutcliffe	2
Pte. Butcher, b Sergt. Sutcliffe	6
Pte. Hooper, b Frampton	0
Sergt. Reynolds, b Sergt. Sutcliffe	0
Lieut. Vicat, not out	0
Extras	15
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DEPOT ROYAL MARINES.

Major Godfrey, c Hooper, b Sergt. Reynolds ...	74
Pte. Williams, b Sergt. Reynolds	8
Sergt. Sutcliffe, c and b Sergt. Reynolds	2
Lieut. Maxwell, b Sergt. Reynolds...	2
Sergt. Murphy, b Sergt. Reynolds	6
Major Hutcheson, b Lieut. Fisher	5
Major Wray, b Butcher	16
Pte. Frampton, b Lieut. Fisher	7
Pte. Chaplin, c Major Buckle, b Sergt. Reynolds...	13
Rev. Sadlier, not out	4
Pte. Andrews, b Lieut. Fisher	0
Extras	4
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OFFICERS v. SERGEANTS.

Played at Crabble. The outstanding features of the game were the fine batting of Lieut. Fisher, Sergt. Reynolds and Sergt. Redmond. The officers had to play ten men, as no more were available. Score :—

OFFICERS.

Lieut. Phillips, c Sergt. Reynolds b C.S. Murphy	44
Lieut, Fisher, retired	104
Major Buckle, lbw b Sergt. Redmond	10
Lieut. Stevenson, b Sergt. Redmond	17
Lieut. Vicat, b Clr.-Sergt. Murphy...	0
Rev. Girdlestone, c and b Sergt. Redmond ...	5
Capt. Dunlop, b Sergt. Reynolds	12
2nd-Lt. Johnstone, c Sgt. Redmond b Sgt. Reynolds	0
Capt. Lynch-White not out	15
Lieut. Cooke, b Sergt. Reynolds	0
Extras...	10
	217

SERGEANTS.

Sergt. A. Reynolds, c Vicat b Buckle	86
Sergt. Redmond, c Fisher b Buckle...	55
Sergt. Bellion, b Stevenson	7
Q.M.S. McIntosh, b Vicat...	6
Clr.-Sergt. Saunders, run out	1
Sergt. B. Reynolds, lbw b Johnstone	7
Clr.-Sergt. Naylor, st Girdlestone b Fisher ...	2
Sergt. Kemp, not out	14
Clr.-Sergt. Murphy, c Dunlop b Fisher	0
Sergt. Brown, b Buckle	6
Sergt.-Drummer Press, b Fisher	4
Extras	7
	195

1st BATTALION, "THE QUEEN'S OWN," v. NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Played at Crabble on 23rd June.

THE "QUEEN'S OWN."

Sergt. Redmond, b Nicholls	25
Sergt. Reynolds, c Holderness b Batherst	3
Lieut. Phillips, b Nicholls	0
Lieut. Smithers, b Batherst	0
Lieut. Fisher, b Batherst	32
Capt. Norman, c Hammond b Batherst	14
Pte. Hooper, b Nicholls	1
Capt. Dunlop, b Nicholls	0
Lieut. Vicat, b Batherst	27
Lieut. Stratford, b Nicholls	20
Pte. Sommerville, not out	0
Extras	5
	127

5TH FUSILIERS.

Lieut. Gething, b Stratford	72
Lieut. Cogan, b Fisher	16
Lieut. Nicholls, b Redmond	23
Lieut. Hart, b Redmond	15
Lieut. Batherst, c Phillips b Redmond	81
Clr.-Sergt. Hollett, b Redmond	13
Corpl. Hammond, not out	8
Extras	16
Total (6 wkts.)	244

Capt. Archer, Lieut. Holderness, Pte. Coates, Pte. Taylor did not bat.

INTER-COMPANY SHIELD, D COMPANY v. E COMPANY.

E COMPANY.

Sergt. Brown, b Corpl. Lander	0
Pte. Carden, c Col.-Srgt. Naylor b Lce.-Corpl. Judge	7
Dr. Stroud, lbw, b Lce.-Corpl. Judge	1
Pte. Seal, c Bradford b Lander	4
Pte. Carpenter, b Sergt. Reynolds	0
Lce.-Corpl. Thomas, b Corpl. Lander	0
Pte. Doust, not out	14
Pte. Loader, b Corpl. Lander	0
Pte. Pichering, run out	0
Pte. Wright, c and b Col.-Sergt. Naylor	9
Pte. Dinwoody, b Corpl. Lander	0
Extras	8
	43

D COMPANY.

Dr. Lythell, b Doust	7
Dr. Coe, b Seal	8
Corpl. Lander, run out	1
Major Martyn b Doust	5
Lce.-Corpl. Judge, c Stroud b Seal	0
Sergt. Reynolds, c Wright b Seal	0
Col.-Sergt. Naylor, c Dinwoody b Loader	4
Q.M.S. Doe, c Wright b Seal	2
Lieut. Brock, not out	1
Pte. Bradford, run out	0
Pte. Scott, c Doust b Seal	0
Extras	5
	33

A COMPANY v. B COMPANY.

B COMPANY.

Major Buckle, b Todd	4	b Hooper	0
Pte. Wheeler, b Lieut. Fisher	0	b Todd	0
Dr. Barrow, b Lieut. Fisher	5	b Todd	1
Clr.-Sergt. Murphy, b Todd	1	c Lt. Fisher, b Hooper	10
Lieut. Adams, b Lieut. Fisher	0	b Todd	11
Pte. Garvis, c Todd b Lieut. Fisher	22	b Todd	3
Pte. Andrews, b Lieut. Fisher	0	b Todd	2
Pte. McCarthy, b Lieut. Fisher	4	b Todd	0
Pte. Holding, b Lieut. Fisher	9	run out	13
Pte. Elsey, run out	5	b Todd	2
Pte. Winstanley, not out	1	not out	4
Extras	13	Extras	10
	64		56

A COMPANY.

Pte. Todd, b Barrow	7	b Barrow	6
Lieut. Phillips, c Garvis b Barrow	8	c Major Buckle, b Andrews	1
Lieut. Fisher, not out	47	not out	10
Capt. Dunlop, st. Wheeler b Barrow	1	not out	14
Pte. Hooper, c Wheeler b Garvis	4		
Pte. Hastings, b Garvis	0		
Dr. Towner, run out	0		
Dr. Knight, b Garvis	1		
Pte. Mathers, c and b Andrews	0		
Lce.-Corpl. Kirton, b Andrews	0		
Pte. Vale, c McCarthy b Garvis	15		
Extras	9	Extras	4
	92		35

G COMPANY v. H. COMPANY.

H COMPANY.

Lce.-Corpl. Lowry, c Proctor b Cleghorn	2	c Capt Norman b Cleghorn	1
Pte. Kill, c and b Sergt. Reynolds	9	b Cleghorn	0
Pte. Butcher, c 2nd-Lt. Johnston b do	0	b Pte. Reynolds	1
Lce.-Corpl, Hylands, b do	7	b do.	0
Corpl. Byford, c Cleghorn b do	3	hit wicket b do	2
Lieut. Cooke, b Cleghorn	7	b do	3
Pte. Verrall, b do	2	not out	2
Pte. Huggett, run out	3	b Cleghorn	3
Dr. Pease, st Somerville b Sgt. Reynolds	3	c Somerville b Pte. Raynolds	3
Lce.-Corpl. Powell, not out	3	b do	3
Dr. McCaffery, b Cleghorn	1	b Cleghorn	5
Extras	4	Extras	6
Total	38	Total	34
H Company's total	72		

G COMPANY.

Pte. Turner, b Butcher	9	not out	0
Pte. Somerville, b do	0		
Lce.-Corpl. Wood, b do	10	not out	3
Sergt. Reynolds, run out	8		
2nd-Lieut. Johnston, c Pease b Butcher	3		
Pte. Stevens, b Hyland	5		
Capt. Norman, b Kill	6		
Dr. Proctor, b do	7		
Pte. Reynolds, b Butcher	0		
Pte. Cleghorn, b do	3		
Pte. Edmett, not out	0		
Extras	19	Extras	0
Total	70	Total	3
Finishing Score	73		

G COMPANY v. E COMPANY.

E COMPANY.

Sergt. Brown, c and b Sergt. Reynolds	12
Pte. Wright, c Lce.-Corpl. Wood b ditto	1
Pte. Carden, b ditto	0
Pte. Doust, c Lce.-Corpl. Wood b Pte. Reynolds	5
Pte. Loader, b Sergt. Reynolds	2
Pte. Seal, b ditto	0
Pte. Stroud, c Cleghorn b ditto	0
Pte. Scott, run out	1
Pte. Savage, b Cleghorn	1
Pte. Pickering, c Proctor b Sergt. Reynolds	0
Pte. Dinwoody, not out	0
Extras	2
	24

G COMPANY.

Pte. Cleghorn, c and b Doust	4
Lce.-Corpl. Wood, b Seal	0
Pte. Turner, b Doust	3
Sergt. Reynolds, c Loader b Savage	18
2nd-Lieut. Johnston, b Loader	6
Pte. Reynolds, b Doust	4
Pte. Edmett, b ditto	0
Extras	13
	*48

* Total for 6 wickets.

A COMPANY v. F COMPANY.

F COMPANY.

Sergt. Kemp, b Fisher	3	b Fisher	2
Pte. Kerridge, b Fisher..	10		
Lieut. Stratford, c Vale b Fisher ...	2	b Fisher	8
Pte. Barker, b Fisher	3	st. Knight b Todd ...	7
Sergt. Redmond, b Todd	23	not out	27
Pte. Saring, b Todd	1	not out	8
Pte. Smith, b Todd	0		
Sergt. Bellion, b Todd	1		
H.M.S. Mackintosh, b Fisher... ...	1		
Pte. Sparrow, b Todd	0		
Pte. Manning, not out	6		
Extras	12	Extras ...	12
	62		*64

*Innings declared closed.

A COMPANY.

Lieut. Fisher, b Saring	7	b Redmond	3
Pte. Hooper, b Saring	26	c Bellion, b Saring ..	1
Lieut. Phillips, b Saring	24	b Redmond	0
Pte. Todd, b Saring	1	not out	4
Capt. Dunlop, b Redmond	2	c Sparrow b Saring ...	8
Pte. Vale, b do.	4	b Saring	2
Pte. Hastings, c Bellion b Saring ...	0		
Dr. Towner, b Redmond	0		
Dr. Knight, not out	9		
Pte. Sheppard, c Kemp b Saring ...	2		
Lance-Corpl. Kirton, b Saring ...	1		
Extras	4	Extras ...	11
	80		29

A Company won on 1st innings.

F COMPANY v. C COMPANY.

F COMPANY.

Pte. Sparrow, c Nicholson b Brown	1
Pte. Barker, c Nicholson b Brown	11
Pte. Saring, run out	7
Lieut. Stratford, b Brown	0
Pte. Kerridge, b Brown	5
Lance-Sergt. Redmond, not out	40
Q.M.S. Mackintosh, b Reeves	1
Pte. Smith, b Reeves	2
Sergt. Kemp, b Brown	6
Sergt. Bellion, c Nicholson b Brown	10
Pte. Manning, c Palmer b Brown	0
Extras...	25
	108

One for 9, 2 for 24, 3 for 24, 4 for 25, 5 for 30, 6 for 35, 7 for 46, 8 for 62, 9 for 99, 10 for 108. Brown 7 for 30, Reeves 2 for 15.

C COMPANY.

	1st Innings.		2nd Innings.
Corpl. Reeves, c Kerridge b Redmond	4	c and b Saring	3
Pte. Brown, b Redmond	3	b Kerridge	0
Lieut. Vicat, c Kerridge b Redmond	6	b Saring	0
Pte. Johnson, b Redmond	2	b Saring	5
Corpl. Nicholson, c Barker b Redmond	0	c Smith b Saring ...	0
Pte. Hawkes, b Redmond	0	c and b Saring	2
Pte. Palmer, b Redmond	4	b Saring	0
Pte. Mitchell, b Redmond	4	not out	0
Pte. Smith, not out	4	b Kerridge	1
Pte. Uden, run out	0	run out	7
Pte. Westlake, b Redmond	0	c and b Saring	0
Extras	1	Extras... ...	2
	28		20

One for 7, 2 for 8, 3 for 11, 4 for 11, 5 for 11, 6 for 20, 7 for 22, 8 for 25, 9 for 25, 10 for 28. Redmond 9 for 15, including hat trick.

One for 0, 2 for 1, 3 for 9, 4 for 9, 5 for 10, 6 for 12, 7 for 12, 8 for 20, 9 for 20, 10 for 20. Saring 7 for 5, Kerridge 2 for 13.

BOXING.

While A, B, C and E Companies were down at Lydd, a small Boxing Show was got up.

NOVICES 10 STONE COMPETITION.

1st Round :--Briselden (A Company) beat Page (C Company). Bradford (B Company) and Carpenter (E Company) sparred a bye. Johnson (B Company) beat Lane (B Company).

2nd Round :—Carpenter beat Briselden. Bradford beat Johnson.

Final :—Bradford beat Carpenter.

9 STONE COMPETITION.

Briselden (B Company) beat Baldwin (H Company). Flynn beat Ward. Briselden beat Flynn.

FOUR ROUND CONTEST.

Pte. Grey beat Pte. Hall.

A good hard fight, Hall let Grey get too big a lead at the start and was not able to pick up, although there was practically only one man in it in the last round. Hall would probably have won with another round.

The Battalion is giving a Boxing Show in the Town Hall, on the 6th July, when Lce.-Corpl. Baker is billed to fight Sergt. Thomas (Leicestershire Regiment).

Corpl. Baker had bad luck in being beaten at Wonderland by Charlie Hickman. Baker had his eye very badly cut and the Referee stopped the fight in the third round.

E COMPANY CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

E Company had bad luck in all the Competitions which were open to Company Teams at the S.E. District Rifle Meeting this month, being just out of the prize list in each competition, but I am pleased to say we were adjudged second in the Company Aggregate Cup, only being beaten by two points.

I think great credit is due to the teams who, under Sergeant Murphy, represented the Company, and also am pleased to see the interest taken by the remainder of the Company in their doings—this is what we want, and I hope it will continue. I will now give a description of the various competitions and the result :—

GENERAL'S CUP.—In this competition the competitors had to march ten miles in three hours in marching order, then find 18 tiles at unknown range, knock these down, and when all were down open fire at Fig. 3 targets at unknown ranges. Rounds 25. Time, two minutes. In this competition we were fourth.

N CUP.—This practice was conducted on the knock-out principle. Two teams firing at tiles. Our Company team was very unlucky in tieing with another team for fourth prize, and being beaten on the fire off, were fifth.

CONTROL OF FIRE.—This Competition was conducted by the Squad Commander. The targets were at unknown ranges, and only visible to the Squad Commander through glasses. We were placed seventh.

FOLKESTONE BOROUGH CUP.—This practice was snapshooting at unknown ranges, the firer to fire and be completely under cover in 3 seconds. We filled the fifth place.

AGGREGATE CUP.—The Aggregate Cup was presented to the best Company aggregate in the aforementioned Competition, in which we ran second to the Leicesters, winning a prize of £5.

Teams.—Sergt. Murphy, Lce.-Corpl Dobson, Lce.-Corpl. Ridgers, Ptes. Dinwoody, Carpenter, White, Ward, Ford, Gadsdon, Arnott, Winnan, Goss, Whitehorn, Gray,

On the 19th inst. we played D Company in the Shield Competition for Cricket, presented by Col. Style, and to everybody's surprise (D Company included) we beat them by five runs. Ptes. Seal, Doust, Wright and Carden, played well for the winners.

E COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Supernumerary Captain C. H. Stigand, The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), to be Captain, on augmentation, dated 13th August, 1908.

Captain and Brevet-Major Hubert Isacke, The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), from a Staff-Captain to be a General Staff Officer, 3rd Grade, at Headquarters, vice Major F. G. Fuller, Royal Engineers, dated 16th August, 1908.

1st BATTALION.

CORPORAL PROMOTED LANCE-SERGEANT.—6167 Corporal A. Cordeaux, dated 20th July, 1908.

LANCE-CORPORALS PROMOTED CORPORALS.—6733 T. Dale, dated 30th June, 1908; 4199 J. Smith, 22nd July, 1908; 6230 J. Bostock, 23rd July, 1908; 8168 H. Hylands, 9th Aug. 1908; 6414 F. Coe, 9th Aug., 1908; 5301 W. Moore, 9th Aug, 1908; 7235 E. Sheppard, 9th Aug., 1908; 7910 H. Fuller, 9th Aug., 1908; 6098 E. Chapman, 9th Aug., 1908.

APPOINTED PAID LANCE-CORPORALS.—8838 Lance-Corpl. G. Redmond, dated 21st July, 1908; 6674 Lance-Corpl. W. File, 22nd July, 1908; 7424 Lance-Corpl. W. Bellfield, 8085 Lance-Corpl. R. Friar, 6724 Lance-Corpl. W. Fermor, and 8521 H. Doust, 9th August, 1908; 8509 Lance-Corpl. W. Back, 12th August, 1908; 6059 Lance-Corpl. F. Simmons, 30th June, 1908; 6637 Lance-Corpl. C. Judge, 26th June, 1908; 8703 Lance-Corpl. C. Harris, 29th June, 1908; 6621 Lance-Corpl. J. Ridgers, 30th June, 1908.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS.—8352 F. Lindsay, 7th July, 1908; 8608 E. Dyer and 7355 G. Tweedale, 17th July, 1908; 6694 M. Stroud, 8793 F. Wood, 8431 A. Purkis, 8659 H. Tozer, 8400 C. Briselden, 8526 W. Locke, 8730 T. Quinn, 8664 J. Strong, and 8851 A. Edgerton, dated 9th August, 1908.

PRIVATES APPOINTED BANDSMEN.—5295 A. Somerville, 6222 J. Gilbert, 6342 R. Bowell, and 5961 H. Lamb, dated 18th July, 1908; 7267 P. Eldridge, 20th July, 1908.

2nd BATTALION.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS.—7996 W. Upton, dated 1st June, 1908; 4914 L. Mason, 13th June, 1908; 7254 L. Green and 8080 H. Bishop, 17th June, 1908; 6093 G. Russell, 7298 A. Sargent, and 7939 H. Howell, 22nd June, 1908; 5033 W. Brown, 23rd June, 1908.

APPOINTED PIONEER.—6311 Pte. H. Fish, dated 28th July, 1908.

APPOINTED MUSICIAN.—5972 Pte. H. Ogle, dated 1st July, 1908.

APPOINTED DRUMMER.—7149 Pte. C. Watts, dated 23rd May, 1908.

3rd BATTALION.

5956 Sergeant A. L. Bellion appointed Orderly Room Sergeant, 3rd Battalion, and promoted Colour-Sergeant, 9th August, 1908 (Art. 797 R.W. Pay).

WEST KENT MILITIA HISTORY FUND.

The following have subscribed to this fund since last list: Col. Edward Satterthwaite, V.D., Major Brock Hollinshead, Major Griffith Boscawen (second subscription £2 2s. 0d.), Captain Masterman (second subscription £3 3s. 0d.), Col. Stanley Williams, Sir Robert Filmer, Bart., John Platt, Esq., Walter Fremlin, Esq., B. M. Woollan, Esq., Henry Hayne, Esq., Major E. Fleming.

A final list of subscribers will be published in the September *Gazette*.

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REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The Officer Commanding 3rd Royal West Kent Regiment begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donations to the Regimental Compassionate Fund:—

	£	s.	d.
Colonel W. G. B. Western, C.B... ...	1	0	0
Major W. E. Rowe	1	0	0
Captain H. L. Moody	1	0	0
Lieutenant A. H. Pullman	0	10	0
Lieutenant G. E Stevenson	0	5	0
Second-Lieutenant A. E. Hardy	0	5	0

1st BATTALION NOTES.

No. 4570 Colour-Sergt. F. Croucher and 5492 Sergt. R. Harrison qualified at the School of Musketry, on 3rd July, 1908.

A draft of 19 Recruits joined the Battalion, at Dover, from Maidstone, on the 21st July, 1908.

The following men have been taken on the strength of the Battalion from the 2nd Battalion at Singapore :—7652 Pte. W. Goodwin, 8540 Pte. W. Mulchay, 7899 Pte. W. Hay, No. 7726 Pte. F. Hornblow, No. 6364 Pte. S. Taylor, No. 7968 F. Holland, No. 7601 S. Sinnett.

No. 2972 Sergeant A. Brown has passed the advanced class for qualifications to Instruct in the Maxim Gun (Special Mention), Hythe School of Musketry, 21st July, 1908.

No. 4108 Pte. F. Marchant and No. 3953 Pte. E. West have joined at Dover on completion of tour of duty at the Depot and No. 5605 Pte. R. Rawdon and No. 8306 Pte. W. Saxby have proceeded to Maidstone to their relief.

No. 4409 Corpl. C. Nicholson, No. 4525 Corpl. E. Pelling, No. 5570 Corpl. T. Myner, No. 7232 Corpl. W. Faulkner, No. 7382 Corpl. F. Lander, 7628 Corpl. J. Fitzgerald, and 7909 Corpl. E. Bough have been posted to the 3rd Battalion, at Maidstone, for a tour of duty.

The following N.C.O.'s and men have been transferred to the Army Reserve :—No. 6008 Pte A. Toms, 16th July, 1908; No. 5957 Pte. M. Bearham, 23rd July, 1908 ; No. 5958 Pte. S. Goddin, 23rd July, 1908 ; No. 6014 Pte. E. Jones, July 29th, 1908 ; No. 6242 Pte. G. Harris, July 31st, 1908 ; No. 5963 Pte. T. Borton, August 5th, 1908 ; No. 5965 Lance-Corpl. E. Hatch, August 24th, 1908 ; No. 5966 Pte. W. Ryon, August 8th, 1908.

The undermentioned have been discharged for reasons stated :—No. 2031 Pte. F. Edmonds on completion of 21 years' service. No. 4752 Pte. F. Holley on completion of 12 years, August 14th, 1907.

No. 7674 Sergt. C. Waern, joined August 20th, 1908, on completion of his tour of duty at the Depot, and No. 4666 Sergt. J. Teer and Drummer C. Jeffrey have joined from the Permt. Staff of the 3rd Battalion on reduction of Establishment, August 15th, 1908.

G. C. Badges are granted and restored as follows :—No. 8943 Pte. F. Manning one badge, July 22nd, 1908 ; No. 8338 Pte. J. Field, one badge, July 16th, 1908 ; No. 8345 Pte. A. Doe, one badge, July 25th, 1908 ; No. 8353 Pte. J. Packham, one badge, August 3rd, 1908 ; No. 1376 Pte. S. Kill, one badge, August 17th, 1908 ; No. 8370 Pte. A. Lucas, one badge, August 16th. 1908 ; No. 6017 Pte. W. Pearce, two badges, July 31st, 1908 ; No. 8374 Pte. J. Scott, one badge, August 21st, 1908 ; No. 8385, Pte. A. Winnan, one badge, August 24th, 1908.

2nd BATTALION NOTES.

6472 Bandmaster T. McKelvey has been permitted to continue in the service for a further period of five years. Dated 27th March, 1908.

5251 Lce.-Corpl. J. Dormand and 6433 Pte. C. Butler have been awarded 1st class Certificates of Education. Dated 31st March, 1908

8162 Pte. A. Tapsell has been awarded Group I. of 1st class Certificates of Education, and 6395 Pte. W. White Group II. of 1st class Certificate of Education. Dated 31st March, 1908.

5969 Sergt. H. Iliffe passed in map reading. Dated 31st March, 1908.

7164 Pte. A. Daley embarked at Singapore for London in the s.s. "Sumatra" (invalided). Dated 10th June, 1908.

6158 Pte. W. Bottomley has been appointed Battalion Chiropodist, with additional pay at 6d. per diem. Dated 19th June, 1908.

The following N.C.O's. and men embarked at Singapore for London in the s.s. "Glaucus" (invalided). Dated 23rd June, 1908 :—5032 Lce.-Sergt. J. Rowland, 5580 Lce.-Corpl. L. Cozens, 7601 Pte. S. Sinnett, 8123 Pte. W. Bradley, 6388 Pte. G. Samuels, 5314 Pte. J. Murphy, 7968 Pte. F. Hollands, 7834 Pte. T. Lane, 6451 Pte. W. Patston.

The following N.C.O's and men have been awarded Good Conduct Badges as stated :—8316 Pte. R. Burgess, 1st, dated 19th June, 1908 ; 8308 Pte. E. Deering, 1st, 13th June, 1908 ; 7511 Pte. W. Reed, 2nd, 15th June, 1908 ; 8314 Pte. G. Reynolds, 1st, 19th June, 1908 ; 7865 Pte S. Marshall, 1st, 26th June, 1908 ; 7446 Pte. W. Carley, 1st, 12th June, 1908 ; 7304 Pte. W. Pearson, 2nd, 23rd June, 1908 ; 8332 Pte. C. Whinteringham, 1st, 21st June, 1908 ; 6661 Lce.-Corpl. H. Powers, 2nd, 25th June, 1908 ; 8098 Pte. H. Wood, 1st, 22nd May, 1908 ; 8331 Pte. W. Chuter, 1st, 27th June, 1908 ; 8300 Pte. J. Turner, 1st, 28th May, 1908 ; 8315 Pte. H. Freeman, 1st, 19th June, 1908 ; 5753 Pte. H. Freeman, 1st, 4th June, 1908.

Restored :—5278 Pte. J. Rodgers, 1st, 3rd June, 1908 ; 6292 Pte. W. Dawson, 2nd, 26th June, 1908 ; 7254 Lce.-Corpl. L. Green, 1st, 3rd June, 1908 ; 6267 Pte. H. Mitchell, 1st, 9th May, 1908 ; 6084 Pte. G. Drury, 2nd, 28th June, 1908 ; 7369 Pte. D. Brown, 1st, 15th April, 1908 ; 6574 Pte. T. Phillips, 1st, 20th April, 1908 ; 6321 Pte. S. Dominey, 1st, 24th June, 1908 ; 6629 Lce.-Corpl. A. Ribbon, 1st, 25th June, 1908 ; 6136 Lce.-Corpl. J. Cooper, 1st, 17th May, 1908.

It is expected that the 2nd Battalion will arrive at Calcutta on the 6th December, 1908, and not as previously stated. They will be stationed at the above place for three months before going to Lebong.

7308 Lance-Corpl. G. Ives, 7643 Pte. T. Stribling, 6043 Pte. J. Vincent, 8087 Pte. R. Barnes, and 8592 Boy O'Donohoe embarked at Singapore for England in the s.s. "Stentor," on the 2nd July, 1908 (invalided).

The following N.C.O.'s and men have been awarded Good Conduct Badges as follows :—Awarded—5960 Pte. J. Hill, 2nd, dated 8th July, 1908; 8341 Pte. H. Creighton, 1st, 17th July, 1908; 7247 Pte. A. Needham, 2nd, 9th July, 1908; 7335 Lance Corpl. F. Richards, 2nd, 24th July, 1908; 7326 Pte. G. Andrews, 2nd, 4th July, 1908; 6723 Pte. H. Tapp, 2nd, 30th July, 1908; 8347 Pte. J. Davidson, 1st, 28th July, 1908; 7342 Pte. W. Page, 2nd, 31st July, 1908; 7317 Pte. G. Haines, 2nd, 9th May, 1908; 7322 Pte. W. Glasson, 2nd, 4th July, 1908; 6429 Lance-Corpl. W. Elmer, 2nd, 18th July, 1908; 8349 Pte. L. Kemp, 1st, 25th July, 1908.

Restored—6144 Pte. H. Ville, 1st, 30th June, 1908; 7644 Pte. P. Barker, 1st, 9th July, 1908; 6394 Pte. J. Donoghue, 1st, 30th July, 1908; 6525 Pte. E. Griffiths, 1st, 5th June, 1908; 7649 Pte. F. Healy, 1st, 9th July, 1908; 6465 Pte. G. Reilly, 1st. 15th June, 1908; 6447 Pte. T. Young, 1st, 14th June, 1908; 4521 Pte. J. Tyrrell, 1st, 24th July, 1908; 7660 Pte. S. West, 1st, 12th July, 1908; 6092 Pte. W. Peterson, 1st, 22nd July, 1908; 7714 Pte. C. Wilkinson, 1st, 27th July, 1908; 8016 Pte. G. Harvey, 1st, 22nd July, 1908; 6571 Pte. J. Dinsdale, 1st, 23rd July, 1908.

2nd BATTALION THE QUEEN'S OWN (ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT).

Roll of Officers of above Battalion, showing stations.

Colonel H. G. Fitton, D.S.O., A.D.C., leave in England, leave expires 1s November, 1908.
Major S. H. Pedley, Singapore.
Major R. J. Woulfe-Flanagan, Singapore.
Captain C. E. Kitson, Singapore.
Captain F. J. Joslin, leave in England, leave expires 26th December, 1908.
Captain R. M. G. Tulloch, Singapore.
Captain A. K. Grant, Singapore.
Captain J. W. Nelson, Singapore.
Captain H. D. Belgrave, Singapore.
Captain C. R. Ingram, Singapore,
Captain M. J. Dinwiddy, leave in England, leave expires 2nd September, 1908.
Lieutenant A. H. Pullman, Singapore.
Lieutenant A. S. Hewitt, Singapore.
Lieutenant O. Y. Hibbert, Singapore.
Lieutenant R. A. Paget, Singapore.
Lieutenant F. B. Humphreys, Singapore.
Lieutenant M. W. Graham, leave in England, leave expires 26th, Sept, 1908.
Lieutenant H. J. Dresser, Singapore.
2nd-Lieutenant W. Wilberforce, Singapore.
2nd-Lieutenant W. G. Yates, Singapore.
2nd-Lieutenant W. S. C. Hamley, Singapore.
2nd-Lieutenant N. I. Whitty, Singapore.
2nd-Lieutenant R. B. L. Bazley-White, Singapore.
2nd-Lieutenant A. E. Hardy, Singapore.
2nd-Lieutenant E. Moulton-Barrett, Singapore.
2nd-Lieutenant A. S. Bredon, posted not joined.
Hon. Lieutenant and Quarter-Master T. Sumner, leave in England, leave expires 31st December, 1908.

Singapore,
1st August, 1908.

SHOOTING MATCH.

DEPOT v. SCHOOL OF MUSKETRY (3rd Team).

On the 1st August we again tried conclusions with our old friends and opponents the School of Musketry, and for the first time discarded the conventional Bisley Bull. The conditions of the shoot being five rounds at 300 yards at a head and shoulders target (figure 3) exposed for four seconds, five points being allowed for each hit on the figure, then as many as can be got off in 45 seconds at 500 yards (2nd class figure target), hits on which count 4, 3, 2 or 1, and seven shots deliberate at 600 yards. The Hythe team proved their superiority with the short rifle, each competitor getting off about fifteen rounds in the 45 seconds. Clr.-Sergt. Reeves, however, made nearly a record shoot with 78 points.

After the match the team was hospitably entertained in the Staff Mess, the usual warm welcome being given us by Sergt.-Major Lazell and other members of the staff. Scores :—

SCHOOL OF MUSKETRY.

	300 H.P.S. 25	500 H.P.S. unlmtd.	600 H.P.S. 28.	Total.
Sergt.-Inst. Tearidge	20	32	16	68
Clr.-Sergt.-Inst. Smith.....	20	22	23	65
,, James.....	10	32	22	64
Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. Henderson ..	15	28	16	59
,, Purdon.....	15	24	17	56
,, Cokayne	5	25	20	50
Sergt.-Inst. Raker.....	5	25	19	49
Clr.-Sergt.-Inst.	0	10	18	28
	90	198	151	439

DEPOT.

	300	500	600	Total.
Clr.-Sergt. Reeves.....	25	33	20	78
Lieut. Case-Morris	10	23	22	55
Clr.-Sergt. Pond.....	15	23	16	54
Sergt. Merrick	20	18	14	52
Clr.-Sergt. Dugay.....	5	14	18	37
Sergt.-Major Grellier	10	20	7	37
Clr.-Sergt. Tapp	0	17	15	32
Sergt. Nicholson	0	13	13	26
	85	161	125	371

3rd BATT. R.W. KENT REGT. v. BENENDEN (Weald of Kent Rifle Club).

On Saturday, the 22nd August, the Sergeants' Rifle Club of the 3rd Battalion paid their annual visit to Benenden by brake to try conclusions with the Rifle Club. Our conveyance was fortunately a covered one, for the showers were frequent and continued with intervals throughout the day, though once started, shooting only had to be stopped once.

Our opponents, some of whom are well-known at Bisley, managed to obtain a lead of 11 points at 200 yards, which they slightly increased at the 500 yards range, and managed to win by 18 points. The light and wind were not of the best, in fact, at the finish, at 600 yards the target was quite indistinct.

After the match both teams were hospitably entertained by Major Neve, at "Pullendon," which is close to the range, but the weather prevented us from dining on the lawn as was intended and shelter had to be obtained. After dinner, Lieut.

Case-Morris, who captained our team, proposed the health of the Benenden Rifle Club, and on behalf of the teams thanked our Host for the most enjoyable day he had been the means of providing. Major Neve spoke of the great interest he had always taken in the County and elsewhere in rifle shooting, and said he was glad to see some young blood coming into their team. After a most enjoyable time, it was nearly 10 o'clock before our party adjourned to their conveyance and started for the long ride back to Maidstone, the hour of midnight striking when we were in the vicinity of Linton Church. No spooks were, however, detected, and we arrived back to Barracks as the Barrack clock chimed the quarter to one, having had a most enjoyable day's outing. Only those who, on previous occasions, have enjoyed the hospitality of our worthy host and hostess know how much our annual visit to "Pullendon" is appreciated by those serving at Maidstone. Scores :—

BENENDEN RIFLE CLUB.

	200	500	600	Total.
Mr. Rofe	31	34	33	98
,, Miles	32	31	32	95
,, Hyland	30	35	30	95
,, Weston	29	28	29	86
Lieut. Appach	29	31	20	80
Mr. Popplewill	28	28	20	76
,, Boyt	24	24	24	72
,, Hughe	26	22	13	61
,, Crampton	22	22	14	58
	251	255	215	721

3rd R.W. KENT REGIMENT.

	200	500	600	Total.
Lieut. Case-Morris	30	31	32	93
Clr.-Sergt. Tapp	29	27	27	83
Sergt. Davis	22	31	29	82
Clr.-Sergt. Pond	31	29	22	82
Sergt.-Major Grellier	29	29	16	74
Sergt. Merrick	24	25	24	73
Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. Bourne	23	25	24	72
Clr.-Sergt. Reeves	26	23	23	72
,, Jury	26	29	19	72
	240	247	216	703

Benenden won by 18.

DEPOT CRICKET.

On the whole a fairly successful season has been had. Our team varied considerably in strength, according to the status of our opponents. Out of 21 matches played, 10 have been won, 10 lost, and one drawn.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Inns.	Total Runs.	Most in an Inns.	Times not out.	Aver.
Captain Liebenrood	6	212	81	0	35·2
Lieutenant Waring	14	176	32	1	13·7
Lieutenant Burness	5	67	36	0	13·2
Sergt. Merrick	14	163	42	1	12·7
Sergt. Wood	12	88	35	4	11·0
Sergt. Wren	18	157	28	1	9·4
Pte. Smith	9	58	21	2	8·2
Sergt. Balcombe	19	138	23	1	7·12
Pte. Brown	21	138	27	3	7·2
Clr.-Sergt. Reeves	16	83	25	2	5·13
Lieutenant Case-Morris	8	25	15	2	4·1
Corpl. Wood	6	22	5	0	3·4
Pte Ayres	18	48	15	3	3·3
Lieutenant Walker	7	19	7	0	2·5
Sergt.-Major Grellier	7	12	5	0	1·5

The following also batted, but are not included in above table :—

Major A. Martyn	1	86	86	0	86·
Sergt.-Dr. Gee	2	82	66	0	41·
Captain Druce	3	65	30	1	32·1
Captain Lister	3	65	38	1	32·1
Clr.-Sergt. Bellion	3	19	18	0	6·1

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Aver.
Captain Liebenrood	86	20	164	40	4·4
Clr.-Sergt. Reeves	12	0	28	5	5·3
Sergt.-Major Grellier	11	1	43	6	7·1
Sergt. Balcombe	86	14	185	26	7·3
Lieutenant Waring	22	0	81	11	7·4
Sergt. Merrick	82	12	239	30	7·29
Sergt. Wood	75	14	219	25	8·19
Pte. Ayres	192	31	532	54	9·46
Pte. Brown	26	5	85	5	17·

The following also bowled in less than 4 innings, and are not included in the above :—

Captain Druce	3	1	4	6	·4
Corpl. Lander	13	1	29	3	9·2
Lieutenant Case-Morris	11	2	40	3	13·1

3RD BATTALION FOOTBALL.

The football season having started the Committee are busy arranging fixtures and getting the team in going order. For Season 1908—09 the following competitions have been entered :—

Maidstone and District League (1st and 2nd Division).
Kent Amateur Cup.
Kent Junior Cup.
Maidstone Hospital Competition.
Medway Wednesday League.

A busy season is in store and we hope to bring one or more of the competitions to the Barracks. The first team have several of last years players, and with one or two recruits drafted into their ranks quite a useful team should be got together. At present two or three good recruits have been found.

The Reserves will be got together from Recruits, and all seem very keen on having a trial. Up to the present no Bloomers or Ashcrofts have been found.

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

The designation of the Depot and 3rd Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment, on amalgamation will be 3rd Battalion, The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). All documents, returns, etc., will be made out accordingly. (Extract from 3rd Battalion orders dated 10th August, 1908).

Colonel Lumley, C.B., commanding No. 10 District, inspected the 3rd Battalion at Maidstone on the 19th instant. Accompanied by Major Finch he inspected the squads at drill and physical training, and visited the Regimental Institutes, etc., where he appeared to be satisfied with the arrangements.

Captain F. H. H. Liebenrood has been called up for duty with the 3rd Battalion at Maidstone.

No. 3119 Sergt. H. Davis, P.S. 3rd Royal West Kent Regiment, having made the usual declaration, assumes his correct name, John Henry Copsey.

The establishment of Regulars of the 3rd Royal West Kent Regiment, which absorbs the old Militia and Depot at Maidstone, is as follows :—One Major, three Captains, two Lieutenants, one Adjutant, one Quartermaster, one Sergeant-Major, one Quarter-Master-Sergeant, one Orderly Room Sergeant, one civilian Orderly Room Clerk, one Sergeant-Cook, one Sergeant-Drummer, eight Colour-Sergeants, ten Sergeants, ten Drummers, sixteen Corporals, and forty Privates. All ranks, ninety-seven and one civilian.

This means roughly a gain on the establishment of two or three years ago of two Captains and six Corporals, and a decrease of one Sergeant-Major, one Quarter-Master-Sergeant, one Sergeant-Instructor of Musketry, eight Colour-Sergeants, four Sergeants, and four Drummers.

Including the musketry party now at Gravesend, the number of Special Reserve Recruits at Headquarters are 296, who do six months' training. There are also 46 Regular Recruits at Maidstone.

2112 Colour-Sergeant W. Wimhurst has been discharged on completion of 21 years service with a view to pension.

The following men obtained 3rd Class Certificates of Education, 8th July, 1908 :—8962 Pte. P. Barnett, 8963 Pte. S. Wilson, 8976 Pte. P. Poulter, 7511 Pte. W. Whittaker, 7521 Pte. E. Martin, 7566 Pte. A. Keeble, 7574 Pte. J. Hill, 7576 Pte. F. Luff, 7583 Pte. G. Holloway, 7597 Pte. A. Oldfield, 7615 Pte. J. Rosling, 7618 Pte. G. Sears, 7619 Pte. E. Scutchey.

4500 Pte. T. Legg has been granted his 3rd Good Conduct Badge, dated 10th August, 1908.

On the 21st August a Musketry Party of about 70 N.C.O.'s and men, under charge of Captain Alcock and Lieutenant Mackenzie Penderel, proceeded to Gravesend to fire the course of musketry as laid down in Army Orders for the Special Reserve during drill on enlistment. This party is expected back about the 9th September, when another party will take their place.

SPECIAL RESERVE.

During the annual training 466 N.C.O's. and men elected to join the Special Reserve ; 100 N.C.O's. and men elected to take a Free Discharge ; 36 N.C.O's. and men elected to remain Militiamen. The pay. etc., of the Special Reserve has been greatly improved. Special Reservists on attaining the age of 18 years are granted Messing Allowance, and Proficiency Pay, first or second class, is granted according to classification in musketry, but Special Reservists are not required to qualify educationally. Beside this, N.C.O's. who are married will also draw Separation Allowance during the annual trainings, which will be for twenty-one days instead of twenty-eight as was the case with the old Militia, Recruits having completed Recruits' musketry during their six months' drill on enlistment at the Depot. Recruits on completion of five or six months' drill on enlistment receive a bounty of £1 10s. 0d., and three non-training bounties of £1 each during the winter months.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

It may interest your readers to know that the last training of the old Militia, so far as the West Kent is concerned, has taken place. The 3rd Battalion marched into Maidstone Barracks on Saturday morning, 8th August, after a month at Shorncliffe, a month which was in every way successful. We had, with the exception of the first week, beautiful weather, and we were fairly strong in men and very much so in officers.

The Battalion assembled for training at Shorncliffe some 664 strong, with 32 officers. The musketry was good and the general instruction given to the men was also good, as testified by the excellent report given by the Inspecting Officer after the annual inspection, which by the way was of a very thorough character. The sports were favoured by a beautiful day, and a list of events and winners is published elsewhere. No one could have left Maidstone on Saturday, August 8th, without a sign of regret, be it officers or men. The old Militia was then dead, and on the eve of great changes, maybe for the best. Anyone who has given the new conditions a thought must come to the conclusion that Mr. Haldane has evolved a really efficient future for the Special Reserve. "The old order changeth," truely, but was it not time it was changed? We did want improvement and we have got it, and it is with those now serving to make it a success. Few possibly have realised the changes that have now come about. They are drastic. There appear to be two which stand out beyond the others. The first is that the old Depot, as we all knew it, is no more. It is still a Depot, but it will in future be known only as the 3rd Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment. All the officers doing the Depot work will be on the strength of the Special Reserve. Secondly, the Militia Battalion, with all its traditions, is no more. It has dated back and faithfully served the Sovereign from 1759. Its Colonel was then the Right Hon. Lord Romney, and its embodied service has been over 40 years, including the late South African War. Can anyone say that these changes are not drastic, but if they are surely they are right. The old Militia, as we knew it, was a considerable collection of men and officers with no proper organization, mostly supplied with out-of-date equipment, equipment which the Regular Army had no use for. Its recruits were the Cinderella of the various depots. It was no one's job to teach and make them men. So much for the old order. A word or two as to the new may not be out of place. The Reserve Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment will become for all purposes as a Line Battalion, officers and men serving in the Battalion are liable to go abroad on mobilization. Should the 1st and 2nd Battalion be at the seat of war, the 3rd Battalion would supply drafts as required to make up the wastage, and the organization would allow of the Battalion, if necessary, being sent out of England as a complete unit in every detail.

Something like 80 per cent. of the men on their old Militia engagement signed on at Shorncliffe for the Special Reserve, and all the officers.

All Recruits joining the Special Reserve will do six months instruction at the Depot. This course of instruction is most

thorough, and is capable of really training a man in the period. A very good class of recruit is coming forward, and if they continue, next year should see the Regiment well over its strength, and in all respects greatly improved. What is to happen to us as regards training is of course only a matter of conjecture. We shall, in all probability, only do 21 days. In some quarters it is believed that the Government will alter this, and revert back to the old period of 28 days. We all hope so.

SPECIAL RESERVE.

VIEWS ON THE ANNUAL TRAINING
(WITH APOLOGIES TO THE *PELICAN*).

That the weather favoured us with the exception of the first week.
That we had fine days for marching in and out.
That *only* our worthy Quartermaster knows what this means.
That the Band was A 1.
That the Drums were ditto.
That the Musketry was good.
That the Inspection was ditto.
That without letting out secrets we have an excellent report.
That the Sports were a great success.
That the Football Match fell through.
That the Subalterns beat the Captains at Tug of War.
That this means nothing. The Captains are still alive.
That the Cricket was a disappointment.
That everybody had so much to do that there was no time for anything.
That certain attaches were — OT.
That they could number themselves among the best.
That the sultry weather suited some of us.
That part of the Pageant was beyond expectations.
That Lady Godiva was a thing to be remembered.
That Salome was up to Maud Allen style.
That the piano was like a tin kettle.
That Part II of the Pageant never took place.
That those arriving to witness it found darkness.
That the cause was soon made known.
That there was discontent and certain fedups manouvered in the open.
That eventually stern orders came to go to bed.
That needless to say they were at once obeyed.
That the Regimental History Fund is now nearly complete.
That the idea is a good one and worthy of success.
That those officers who have helped need no thanks.
That the Regimental Garage did well.
That no fires took place.
That it was most inexpensive.
That next year it will come under the rule of the R.A.C.
That next year Automobile Drill will take place.
That the Colonel will command by the right.
That now he is an expert Chauffer.
That cars are supplied free for staff purposes.
That the pack of hounds will be going next year.
That they were energetic if varied.
That they occasionally caused trouble.
That it was a sad sight seeing the men in mufti again.
That about 80 per cent. took on the Special Reserve.
That they kicked at the Vaccination Clause.
That, however, at last they swore to this.
That the Officers went over en block.
That this speaks well for esperit de corps.
That we have never been beaten and never intend to be— at anything.
That the good old Depot ends.
That Maidstone Barracks is now the home of the Special Reserve.
That all serving there are on the strength of the Special Reserve.
That the Color-Sergeants wont forget the past training.
That they are now mostly on the sick list.
That their complaint is writer's cramp.
That they gave a very good Gaff.
That without them we should be lost.
That the Sergeant-Major worked hard.
That the Sergeant-Major's dog is still alive.
That its not one of the pack.
That its breed has not yet been discovered.
That the shooting matches were a success.
That the converted rifles are rot.

3RD BATTALION SPORTS.

At St. Martin's Plain on August Bank Holiday the Annual Sports of the Battalion took place. The arrangements were in the hands of an able committee of Officers and N.C.O.'s, and each event was contested with great spirit. The weather could not have been better and the sports were a great success. At the close the prize-winners received their prizes from Mrs. Farquharson, the wife of Col. Farquharson, for whom three hearty cheers were given before the meeting dispersed.

EARL OF SHAFTESBURY'S NEW CRICKET GROUND.

An event of great importance as affecting cricket in the county took place at St. Giles Park on Wednesday, when a new cricket ground was opened. The ground was formally opened on Wednesday by teams got together by his Lordship and Colonel C. M. Churchill, who takes the keenest interest in Dorset cricket, and has a pitch at his residence, Holmwood Park. It will be seen that the players included some cricketers who have figured prominently in first-class games, and of these Sir Timothy O'Brien, Lord F. Scott, Mr. C. P. Foley, and Captain Bush showed some of their old form with bat and ball, whilst the old Oxonian, Mr. N. R. Udal, was in good form with the ball. He took eight wickets for a small per centage in the first innings, and as there was no chance of completing the four innings, he was given a rest in the last innings. Scores :—

COLONEL CHURCHILL'S XI.

Capt. H. S. Bush (capt.) c Lambdon, b Napier	121	b Lord F. Scott	21
G. S. Churchill, c Lord Scott, b Napier	1	b Sir T. C. O'Brien	45
Rev. W. H. Arundell, b Lord F. Scott	52	c Napier, b Lord Scott	0
N. R. Udal, b do	37	b do	4
P. H. Jackson, c Holbeck, b do	11	not out	9
R. M. E. Reeves, c Napier, b do	11	b Banks	17
E. Fulcher, not out	36	c Ferguson, b Napier	25
Rev. C. E. Kindersley, c Banks, b Lord F. Scott	3	c Holbeck, b Banks	6
W. A. H. Chessall, b Banks	12	c Holbeck, b Napier	3
Rev. R. S. K. Blucke, c Holbeck, b Napier	11	c Sir T. C. O'Brien, b Lord Scott	28
Sir R. Baker, run out	5	c and b Banks	0
Extras	8	Extras	4
	308		162

EARL OF SHAFTESBURY'S XI.

C. P. Foley (capt.), c Arundell b Udal ..	21	b Bush	2
Lord F. Scott, c Chessall b Udal.. ..	23	c Blucke b Bush ..	4
W. Holbeck, c and b Udal	25	b Bush	1
Sir T. C. O'Brien, b Udal..	93	not out	94
H. A. Boys, b Udal	0		
G. G. Napier, b Udal	1	b Bush	18
C. F. R. Cowan, b Udal	2	not out	58
Bankes, c Churchill b Udal	3		
Hon. C. Lambton, run out	10		
N. Ferguson, c Udal b Bush	21		
Earl of Shaftesbury, not out	3		
Extras	15	Extras	6
	217		183

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

EARL OF SHAFTESBURY XI.

C. P. Foley, b Udal	1	c Dalmeny b Sturt ..	107
Lord Francis Scott, lbw, b Udal.. ..	14	c Churchill b Bush ..	25
W. Holbeck, b Udal	11	c Udal b Churchill ..	131
Sir. T. C. O'Brien, c Drummond b Udal	0	not out	70
C. F. R. Cowen, b Bush	16	b Dalmeny	12
G. G. Napier, c Bush b Udal	4	not out	19
Banks, c Blucke b Bush	8		
Hon. C. Lambton, c Maitland b Bush ..	9		
N. Ferguson, c and b Bush	3		
Hon. C. Mills, not out	15		
Earl of Shaftesbury. b Bush	3		
Extras	30	Extras	50
	114		404

LORD ALINGTON'S XI.

Captain H. S. Bush, c Napier b Banks	51
G. S. Churchill, b Napier	8
E. Fulcher, lbw b Mills	74
Lord Dalmeny, lbw b Bankes..	0
M. C. Maitland, b Scott	30
N. R. Udal. c Holbeck, b Scott	72
Rev. R. S. K. Blucke, b Lambton	0
G. Drummond, st. Fergusson b Lambton	29
Hon. G. Sturt, not out..	5
W. A. H. Chessall, b Scott	1
H. A. Boys, st. Ferguson b Cowen	16
Extras	22
	316

(Extract from *Dorset County Chronicle*).

OBITUARY.

It is with regret that we hear of the death of an old officer of "The Queen's Own" 50th Regiment, Captain Thomas Denote Lee, which recently occurred in New South Wales, Australia. Captain Lee joined the old 50th Regiment as an ensign in 1854, and at the conclusion of the war in New Zealand he retired from the active list, and settled in New South Wales. Colonel R. H. P. Doran, to whom we are indebted for this information, states: "Captain Lee was a gallant soldier, but far better, he was a soldier of Christ, and had no fear of death, and died in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to the life to come."

BIRTHS.

At Singapore, on the 14th July, 1908, the wife of 4629 Sergeant C. Stringer, 2nd Battalion, of a daughter, Ellen Dorothy.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE WRECK OF THE BRITISH SHIPS "BRITON" AND "RUNNYMEDE."

CONTINUED.

Sunday, 24th. Divine Service was held on board the "Briton." Natives came close to the ship collecting pieces of wreck, nails and iron hoops. Two of the men were sent towards them with an old jacket as present, to see if it would be possible to conciliate "Blackey." They placed it on a broken stump, and retired a short distance, making signs to the natives to take it. The black rascals immediately took the jacket down, trampled on it, and commenced an attack on our men in return for their kindness, but seeing some of their comrades who had been sent to watch their motions coming up with their arms, they made off, and took to the bush, leaving part of a bow and a bundle of arrows behind them. They seemed perfectly to understand the meaning of firearms, making off the moment they saw a person with them, while they are equally ready to attack those who chance to be unarmed. The coast is strewed in every direction with wreckage, and we found this evening part of a chest of drawers, and the top of a washing stand, belonging to some strange ship. I fear many others must have suffered besides ourselves. The longboat is finished, and is to be launched on to-morrow's flood tide.

Monday, 25th. The longboat was launched from the deck of the "Runnymede" at 12 o'clock this day. A gang was employed carrying stores and water off to her. At 5 p.m. Captain Hall and Lieutenant Leslie, of the 80th Regiment (the bearer of the dispatches), the boatswain, and five sailors embarked on board of her, and within an hour afterwards the "Hope" (an appropriate name for her), got under weigh amidst the cheers of hundreds, and took her departure from the island, accompanied with the best wishes and fervent prayers of all for her safety and success.

Tuesday, 26th. The "Hope" was not in sight at daylight. Three of the Officers, whilst strolling on the shore after dinner, sighted a wild hog. They contrived to get between him and the bush unperceived, but the moment he winded them away he went, a charge of shot and ball flying after him as he passed each in succession. One of the bullets lodged in his head, which bothered him a good deal, and sent him staggering among the logs. A small King Charles' spaniel, the favourite of the Regiment, who happened unfortunately to be one of the party, rushed amongst the logs and seized the hog by the ear, while one of the men ran up with a large stick to despatch him, and not observing the little dog in the dark, he accidently struck poor little Billy on the head, and killed him on the spot. The regret at poor Billy's fate was universal throughout the camp, and small as our rations were, we would sooner have lost a day's supply than our favourite dog. The hog, when brought home, weighed about 80 lbs., and had large tusks. The meat proved nearly as hard and tough as his hide, which was half-an-inch thick. However, tough as he was, we were right glad of such a valuable addition to our scanty rations. Some natives were encamped close to the spot where the hog was killed, and the moment the shots were fired they left their fire, set up a yell, and fled into the bush.

Wednesday, 27th. The carpenters came on shore from the "Runnymede," and commenced erecting a tent and workshed, and making the necessary preparations for laying down the keel of another boat. Working parties were employed in clearing around the encampment, and making a road to the ship.

Thursday, 28th. Fatigue and working parties were employed in clearing out and deepening the wells, which are beginning to fail. Several of the Officers left the ship, their tents on shore being completed, and the myasma arising from the mangrove swamp being very disagreeable at low water. Beautiful shells of various kinds are to be found on the beach, and we were a good deal amused at first to observe some of a similar description to those we had been accustomed to see quite ornamenting chimney-pieces at home, running about here in every direction.

Friday, 29th. Working parties were employed as on the previous day. The carpenters' tent and workshed were completed. In the afternoon the keel of the new boat was cut in the jungle.

Saturday, 30th. General Parade for muster. A fatigue party brought in the keel of the new boat from the bush. One carpenter, one master, four sawyers, and a blacksmith from the detachment of the 80th Regiment, were ordered to assist in building the new boat.

Sunday, 1st December, 1844. Divine Service was held on board the "Briton," as usual. The carpenters were employed in making moulds, and constructing a bellows for the forge, the frame being made of ½-inch plank, with the pioneer aprons for sides, and part of a gunbarrel for the nozzle.

The sawyers were sinking their pit. The blacksmiths were making a forge. Large fires were seen on the north island, and the natives seemed very numerous.

Monday, 2nd. Working parties were employed in clearing and deepening the wells and water holes. The bellows were finished. The sawyers were collecting spars and bringing them into their pit. The blacksmiths got the tiller of the "Briton's" rudder for an anvil, and the copper bolts out of her stern ports to make nails with, not having a dozen left.

The sailor's canoe, which was nearly finished, took fire in the night, and both her gunwhales were burnt down.

Tuesday, 3rd. Regular morning parade was held at 7 a.m., thus commencing the day, the guards mounting immediately afterwards. The wells and waterholes are failing fast. Two officers went in search of water and found a running stream under the hills about a mile from the camp, and very difficult of access owing to the denseness of the jungle. The bush was fired in several places to clear the scrub off. Two native canoes were fishing on the opposite island. The keel of the new boat was laid down 23 feet long. The sawyers and blacksmiths commenced work. The sailors cleared off the burnt part from their canoe, and set about planking her sides, as the only way to repair the damage. The fires blazing at night in front of the various camps and picquet tents gave the bay quite the appearance of a village.

Wednesday, 4th. Heavy rain fell during the night and filled the wells and waterholes. All the tents were leaking, being mostly made from old canvas. The short rations and heavy fatigues began to tell on the men. The shore is covered with them at each low tide searching for shellfish. A bag of black pepper landed from the "Runnymede" was most acceptable, the shellfish, in the men's weak state, disagreeing with many of them.

Thursday, 5th. All hands engaged in repairing and improving their tents after the rain. A general order appeared directing one bottle of beer per diem to be issued to each of the carpenters and other artificers employed in building the boat.

Friday, 6th. Several men were admitted into hospital with fever and affections of the head. A detachment order was issued "prohibiting the men from bathing in the heat of the day or otherwise exposing themselves in the sun." Some wicker work canoes covered with tarred canvas were made by the soldiers, who paddled about and fished in the bay in them.

Saturday, 7th. The sailors finished their canoe and launched it in the afternoon, finding it answer better than expected after having been so much damaged by the fire.

Sunday, 8th Divine service was held as usual. The canoe brought in a cargo of fine oysters from the bed to the northward. We observed a great many pig tracks in the sand. A soldier of the 80th died in hospital from brain fever.

Monday, 9th. The "Runnymede's" men got a spar over her quarter and lashed it to the mizen mast to shore her up. The heavy surf causes her to bump aft more than is agreeable. Quite a fleet of canoes are to be seen in the bay fishing and paddling about.

Tuesday, 10th. A large fish of about 20lbs. weight, resembling a snapper in appearance, was caught by one of the moskito fleet, and found to be both coarse and hard when cooked.

Wednesday, 11th. The encampment was quite gay, every tent being decorated with a numerical or distinguishing flag, and the effect was very good, the bay, from the "Runnymede," forming a very pretty view.

Thursday, 12th. The canoe was out fishing at the north island, but without success. The men saw two turtles on the water, and brought home a few large muscles and other shellfish.

Friday, 13th. We repaired and pitched the canoe, got a large sail made for her, and put on wash boards and a false keel and stern post, which improved her very much.

To be continued.

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F COMPANY.

Sergt. Kemp, b Fisher	3	b Fisher	2
Pte. Kerridge, b Fisher..	10		
Lieut. Stratford, c Vale b Fisher ...	2	b Fisher	8
Pte. Barker, b Fisher	3	st. Knight b Todd ...	7
Sergt. Redmond, b Todd	23	not out	27
Pte. Saring, b Todd	1	not out	8
Pte. Smith, b Todd	0		
Sergt. Bellion, b Todd	1		
H.M.S. Mackintosh, b Fisher... ...	1		
Pte. Sparrow, b Todd	0		
Pte. Manning, not out	6		
Extras	12	Extras ...	12
	62		*64

*Innings declared closed.

A COMPANY.

Lieut. Fisher, b Saring	7	b Redmond	3
Pte. Hooper, b Saring	26	c Bellion, b Saring ..	1
Lieut. Phillips, b Saring	24	b Redmond	0
Pte. Todd, b Saring	1	not out	4
Capt. Dunlop, b Redmond	2	c Sparrow b Saring ...	8
Pte. Vale, b do.	4	b Saring	2
Pte. Hastings, c Bellion b Saring ...	0		
Dr. Towner, b Redmond	0		
Dr. Knight, not out	9		
Pte. Sheppard, c Kemp b Saring ...	2		
Lance-Corpl. Kirton, b Saring ...	1		
Extras	4	Extras ...	11
	80		29

A Company won on 1st innings.

F COMPANY v. C COMPANY.

F COMPANY.

Pte. Sparrow, c Nicholson b Brown	1
Pte. Barker, c Nicholson b Brown	11
Pte. Saring, run out	7
Lieut. Stratford, b Brown	0
Pte. Kerridge, b Brown	5
Lance-Sergt. Redmond, not out	40
Q.M.S. Mackintosh, b Reeves	1
Pte. Smith, b Reeves	2
Sergt. Kemp, b Brown	6
Sergt. Bellion, c Nicholson b Brown	10
Pte. Manning, c Palmer b Brown	0
Extras...	25
	108

One for 9, 2 for 24, 3 for 24, 4 for 25, 5 for 30, 6 for 35, 7 for 46, 8 for 62, 9 for 99, 10 for 108. Brown 7 for 30, Reeves 2 for 15.

C COMPANY.

	1st Innings.		2nd Innings.
Corpl. Reeves, c Kerridge b Redmond	4	c and b Saring	3
Pte. Brown, b Redmond	3	b Kerridge	0
Lieut. Vicat, c Kerridge b Redmond	6	b Saring	0
Pte. Johnson, b Redmond	2	b Saring	5
Corpl. Nicholson, c Barker b Redmond	0	c Smith b Saring ...	0
Pte. Hawkes, b Redmond	0	c and b Saring	2
Pte. Palmer, b Redmond	4	b Saring	0
Pte. Mitchell, b Redmond	4	not out	0
Pte. Smith, not out	4	b Kerridge	1
Pte. Uden, run out	0	run out	7
Pte. Westlake, b Redmond	0	c and b Saring	0
Extras	1	Extras... ...	2
	28		20

One for 7, 2 for 8, 3 for 11, 4 for 11, 5 for 11, 6 for 20, 7 for 22, 8 for 25, 9 for 25, 10 for 28. Redmond 9 for 15, including hat trick.

One for 0, 2 for 1, 3 for 9, 4 for 9, 5 for 10, 6 for 12, 7 for 12, 8 for 20, 9 for 20, 10 for 20. Saring 7 for 5, Kerridge 2 for 13.

BOXING.

While A, B, C and E Companies were down at Lydd, a small Boxing Show was got up.

NOVICES 10 STONE COMPETITION.

1st Round :--Briselden (A Company) beat Page (C Company). Bradford (B Company) and Carpenter (E Company) sparred a bye. Johnson (B Company) beat Lane (B Company).

2nd Round :—Carpenter beat Briselden. Bradford beat Johnson.

Final :—Bradford beat Carpenter.

9 STONE COMPETITION.

Briselden (B Company) beat Baldwin (H Company). Flynn beat Ward. Briselden beat Flynn.

FOUR ROUND CONTEST.

Pte. Grey beat Pte. Hall.

A good hard fight, Hall let Grey get too big a lead at the start and was not able to pick up, although there was practically only one man in it in the last round. Hall would probably have won with another round.

The Battalion is giving a Boxing Show in the Town Hall, on the 6th July, when Lce.-Corpl. Baker is billed to fight Sergt. Thomas (Leicestershire Regiment).

Corpl. Baker had bad luck in being beaten at Wonderland by Charlie Hickman. Baker had his eye very badly cut and the Referee stopped the fight in the third round.

E COMPANY CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

E Company had bad luck in all the Competitions which were open to Company Teams at the S.E. District Rifle Meeting this month, being just out of the prize list in each competition, but I am pleased to say we were adjudged second in the Company Aggregate Cup, only being beaten by two points.

I think great credit is due to the teams who, under Sergeant Murphy, represented the Company, and also am pleased to see the interest taken by the remainder of the Company in their doings—this is what we want, and I hope it will continue. I will now give a description of the various competitions and the result :—

GENERAL'S CUP.—In this competition the competitors had to march ten miles in three hours in marching order, then find 18 tiles at unknown range, knock these down, and when all were down open fire at Fig. 3 targets at unknown ranges. Rounds 25. Time, two minutes. In this competition we were fourth.

N CUP.—This practice was conducted on the knock-out principle. Two teams firing at tiles. Our Company team was very unlucky in tieing with another team for fourth prize, and being beaten on the fire off, were fifth.

CONTROL OF FIRE.—This Competition was conducted by the Squad Commander. The targets were at unknown ranges, and only visible to the Squad Commander through glasses. We were placed seventh.

FOLKESTONE BOROUGH CUP.—This practice was snapshooting at unknown ranges, the firer to fire and be completely under cover in 3 seconds. We filled the fifth place.

AGGREGATE CUP.—The Aggregate Cup was presented to the best Company aggregate in the aforementioned Competition, in which we ran second to the Leicesters, winning a prize of £5.

Teams.—Sergt. Murphy, Lce.-Corpl Dobson, Lce.-Corpl. Ridgers, Ptes. Dinwoody, Carpenter, White, Ward, Ford, Gadsdon, Arnott, Winnan, Goss, Whitehorn, Gray,

On the 19th inst. we played D Company in the Shield Competition for Cricket, presented by Col. Style, and to everybody's surprise (D Company included) we beat them by five runs. Ptes. Seal, Doust, Wright and Carden, played well for the winners.

E COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet-Colonel Fitzgerald Wintour (late The Queen's Own Regiment), on the completion of his tour of command of a Battalion of the Norfolk Regiment, is placed on retired pay with the rank of Colonel (*London Gazette*, 1st September, 1908).

ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

Gentlemen Cadets William Victor Palmer and John Ballard Berkeley Ford, from the Royal Military College, to be Second-Lieutenants (*London Gazette*, 18th September, 1908).

1st BATTALION.

APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS.—6182 Pte. S. Arnold and 8609 Pte. C. Swinyard, 8th September, 1908; 6313 Pte. A. Holmes and 8583 Pte. T. Mannering, dated 9th September, 1908; 8872 Pte. W. Hodges, 11th September, 1908.

APPOINTED PAID LANCE-CORPORALS.—8352 Lance-Corpl. F. Lindsay, 17th August, 1908; 8608 Lance-Corpl. E. Dyer, 22nd August, 1908; 7355 Lance-Corpl. G. Tweedale, 25th August, 1908; 8431 Lance-Corpl. A. Purkis, 7th September, 1908; 8659 Lance-Corpl. H. Tozer, 8793 Lance-Corpl. F. Wood, 7th September, 1908; 6694 Lance-Corpl. M. Stroud, 31st August, 1908; 8526 Lance-Corpl. H. Locke, 7th September, 1908.

APPOINTED BANDSMAN.—8773 Pte. J. Wilkins, 3rd August, 1908.

2nd BATTALION.

4740 Quartermaster-Sergt. (O.R.S.) R. Thorne relinquishes the appointment of Orderly-Room Sergeant and continues as Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant, dated 26th June, 1908.

4747 Colour-Sergt. W. Alderman appointed Orderly-Room Sergeant and promoted Quartermaster-Sergeant (O.R.S.), dated 26th June, 1908.

PROMOTED SERGEANTS.—6529 Lance-Sergt. M. Crisford, dated 14th May, 1908; 8790 Lance-Sergt. G. De La Mare, and appointed Sergeant Master Tailor, 28th January, 1908.

CORPORALS APPOINTED PAID LANCE-SERGEANTS. — 5940 Corpl. G. Brown, dated 2nd May, 1908; 6204 Corpl. F. Ibbotson, 23rd June, 1908.

PROMOTED CORPORALS.—7292 Lance-Corpl. E. Bradman, dated 2nd May, 1908; 6234 Lance-Corpl. H. Christie, dated 14th May, 1908; 6238 Lance-Corpl. G. Tyson, 14th May, 1908; 5426 Lance-Corpl. R. Page, dated 25th May, 1908; 7780 Lance-Corpl. W. Rowland, dated 19th June, 1908.

APPOINTED PAID LANCE-CORPORALS.—8108 Lance-Corpl. W. Page, 2nd May, 1908; 6519 Lance-Corpl. W. Whittaker, 4th May, 1908; 8266 Lance-Corpl. E. Smith, 14th May, 1908; 6665 Lance-Corpl. R. Wakeman, 14th May, 1908; 6666 Lance-Corpl. L. Martin, 25th May, 1908; 8048 Lance-Corpl. F. Stace, 19th June, 1908; 6429 Lance-Corpl W. Elmer, 23rd June, 1908; 7831 Lance-Corpl. A. Royle, 24th June, 1908; 6356 Lance-Corpl. J. Pullen, 26th June, 1908; 6661 Lance-Corpl. H. Powers, 2nd July, 1908; 6136 Lance-Corpl. J. Cooper, 3rd July, 1908; 7479 Lance-Corpl. J. Sheppard, 6th July, 1908; 6154 Lance-Corpl. G. Turrell, 1st August, 1908.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS.—7344 A. Player, 3rd July, 1908; 8119 J. Burrows, 3rd July, 1908; 7501 W. Markham, 6th July, 1908; 6184 H. Pauls. 7th July, 1908; 8331 W. Chuter, 7th July, 1908; 7352 Pte. A. Waghorn, 22nd July, 1908.

3rd BATTALION.

SERGEANTS PROMOTED COLOUR-SERGEANTS.—2334 Sergeant G. Nicholson, dated 27th August, 1908; 2847 Sergeant J. Merrick, dated 30th September, 1908, vice Colour-Sergeant Tapp.

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1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

Dover, September 4th, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The following have been the movements of the Battalion since my last letter (which I see appears in the July number, although it was written at the end of July, for insertion in the August number).

August 4th.—Camberley to Rushmoor Camp, Aldershot, the same camping ground that the 2nd Battalion occupied, prior to proceeding to the Salisbury Plain manœuvres in 1898.

August 5th.—Rushmoor Camp to Alton.

August 6th.—Alton to Alresford.

August 7th.—Alresford to Winchester.

August 8th.—Winchester to Romsey.

August 10th. — Romsey to Rockford Common Camp (Ringwood).

September 3rd.—Rockford Common Camp to Dover.

Divisional training in the New Forest was brought to an abrupt conclusion, and the manœuvres to be held on Salisbury Plain were cancelled, owing to the tempestuous weather.

On August 28th, and again on September 1st, nearly every marquee in the camp at Rockford Common was blown down. Whereas last year the manœuvre area available for Divisional training was west of the river Avon, this year it was to the east of the same river. The ground available this year was that between Fordingbridge, Ringwood, Brockenhurst, and Lyndhurst. This area is that actually covered by the New Forest, and afforded the Division useful wood fighting.

Captain Norman's services have been accepted by the Colonial Office for service in Sierra Leone. He leaves in the course of a few weeks for West Africa.

An addition to the garrison of Dover will be made this month, when the 3rd Battalion of the Worcester Regiment arrives from South Africa for duty at this station.

1st BATTALION BOXING.

A Novices' Boxing Display was held at Rockford Common Camp on 27th August, 1908. Each event was keenly contested. The details were as follows :

Four-round Contests :—Pte. Carpenter, E, beat Pte. Bradford, D ; Pte. Briselden, B, beat Pte. Herbert, D ; Pte. Holding, B, beat Pte. Boland, H ; Pte. Webber, B, beat Pte. Holmes, A.

Competition under 10 stone :—Corpl. Groom, D, beat Pte. Ashdown, E ; Lce.-Corpl. Friar, B (w.o.) v. Pte. Scott ; Pte. Dade, B, beat Pte. Price, E ; Pte. Hill, E, beat Pte. Sharp, E. Lce.-Corpl. Friar beat Corpl. Groom ; Pte. Dade beat Pte. Hill. Pte. Dade beat Lce.-Corpl. Friar.

Competition under 9 stone :—Pte. Babbage, C, beat Pte. Ward, E ; Pte. Lewis, F, beat Pte. Reynolds, G ; Pte. Blesnaham, E, beat Pte. Howell, Band ; Pte. Way, bye. Pte. Babbage beat Pte. Lewis ; Pte. Bresnaham beat Pte. Way. Pte. Babbage beat Pte. Bresnaham.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

The following have been transferred to the Army Reserve : 5956 Pte. W. Ryon, 24th August, 1908 ; 5976 Pte. T. Merrick, 26th August, 1908 ; Pte. W. Wood, 31ft August, 1908 ; 5973 Pte. R. Parsons, 13th September, 1906 ; 5876 Pte. G. Peck, 25th September, 1908.

Sergt. A. Reynolds attends the School of Musketry, Hythe, for the course, commencing on the 25th Sept., 1908.

7546 Corpl. C. T. Gilbey has been selected to attend the four months' course of Physical Training at Aldershot, in September, 1908, and 8208 Pte. L. Harbach attends the Farriers' Class, which commences at Aldershot on the 1st of October, 1908.

The undermentioned N.C.O's and men are taken on the strength from the 2nd Battalion :—7968 Pte. F. Holland, 7601 Pte. Sinnett, 26/8/08, 5032 Lance-Sergt. J. Rowland, 8592 Boy M. O'Donohoe, 2/9/08 ; 8123 Pte. W. Bradley, 6451 Pte. W. Patson and 6388 Pte. G. Samuels, 8/9/09 ; 8087 Pte. R. Barnes 7834 Pte. J. Lane, 6043 Pte. J. Vincent, and 4348 Pte. H. Hall, 15/9/08 ; 5508 Lance-Corpl. L. Cozens, and 5225 Pte. R. Herbert, 22/9/08.

The undermentioned have been discharged for reasons stated :—4745 Pte. W. Burge and 4762 Pte. W. Wheeler, on completion of their term of engagement, 26/8/08 ; 4760 Lance-Corpl. R. Wood, 4761 Pte. H. Warner, ditto, 30/8/08. 4348 Pte. H. Hall discharged free after 12 years' service, 16/9/08. 2181 Pte. C. Collins on completion of 21 years' service, with a view to pension, 20/9/08. 2192 Sergt. H. Moore on completion of 21 years' service, with a view to pension, 26/9/08.

The following soldier has extended his service to complete 12 years' service with the colors:—6688 Pte. J. Kerridge.

On the 12th Sept., 1908, a draft, consisting of 4170 Sergt. G. Harris, 6230 Corpl. J. Bostock, 6301 Corpl. W. Moore, 7235 Corpl. E. Sheppard, 8052 Pte. G. Smith, and 22 recruits joined from the 3rd Battalion.

4866 Pte. G. Hollands has been permitted to re-engage for such period as shall complete 21 years' service, 15/9/08.

Owing to lack of accommodation at Maidstone Barracks a draft of 34 Line Recruits of various service joined from the 3rd Battalion.

Certificates of Education have been awarded to the N.C.O's and men as follows :—

2nd Class :—Lance-Corporals 7788 H. Lawrence, 8245 B. Findlay, 8664 F. Strong, and 8609 W. Swinyard, Privates 8931 H. Kent, 8926 P. Broom, and 8677 W. Arnott, 24/7/08.

3rd Class :—Privates 8946 Hunter, and 8985 W. Amess, 26/8/08 ; 8608 Lance-Corpl. T. Dyer and Privates 8812 J. Day, 8890 A. Banfield, 7770 F. Andrews, 4866 G. Hollands, 8450 G. Wall, 8954 A. Mantle, and 9011 E. Guess, 24/7/08.

Lieut. F. J. Hearle passed in subject (c) for promotion to the rank of Captain at the examination held at Chatham in August.

Good Conduct Badges have been granted or restored to the following N.C.O's and men :—8352 Lance-Corpl. F. Lindsay, one badge, 3/8/08 ; 8373 Pte. T. Rogers, one badge, 28/8/08 ; 7367 Pte. B. Miller, two badges, 31/8/08 ; 6625 Pte. J. Moss, two badges, 1/9/08 ; 6614 Pte. C. Chatfield, two badges, 26/6/08 ; 6313 Lance-Corpl. A. Holmes, two badges, 10/8/08 ; 8394 Pte. R. Cox, one badge, 10/9/08 ; 8396 Pte. C. Whitehead, one badge, 12/9/08 ; 8398 Pte. A. Cummock, one badge, 15/9/08 ; 8368 Pte. A. Hosker, one badge, 11/8/08 ; 3548 Pte. C. Cruse, one badge, 2/9/08 ; 6789 Pte. A. Taylor, two badges, 18/9/08 ; 8505 Pte. W. Watts, one badge, 21/9/08; 5500 Lance-Corpl. D. Cozens, one badge, 24/9/08.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

As you will see from the correspondence forwarded there was a good deal going on in July. The Battalion won the Singapore Football Cup after some good games. The Boxing Competitions held on a stage erected on the football ground were most successful, and we must congratulate all concerned on the way they were carried out.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

"A" COMPANY.

TANGLIN,
July, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

As the time arrives for some more news regarding A, I will try and make my few notes as interesting as poss'ble. We started our annual course of field training on the 16th of last month, and I am very glad to say that up to the present have gone through, or nearly so, the whole of the programme of work detailed.

Having nearly reached the end of this training, at least the hill-climbing part, we, on July 28th, proceed to Blakan Mati, where we stay for about one week.

I cannot describe any of the work done on this part of training, this being my first year on this island, but I hear the "old un's" say, "I suppose it will be the same as last year, gun bucking." What this is I don't know, but I expect I very soon will.

In sport I am sorry to say we have not been very successful. As of old the luck of the Company seems to be dead out, at least so far as hockey is concerned. We met C in a league match on July 1st, and after a very hard game lost to the tune of 2—0. But I think that the score hardly shows the relative merits of the two teams. The following represented the Company:—Pte. Faulkner, Pte. Austin, Lance-Corpl. Bradman, Pte. Crisford, Lieut. Hibbert, Sergt. Mallan, Pte. Atkins, Pte. Pringle, Lieut. Humphreys, Pte. Evans (50), and Pte. Perkins.

Our next match was with F (league), which was played on July 8th, and again we lost, this time by 1—0. Three new men were tried in this match, viz., Pte. Cook, Lance-Corpl. Clark, and Pte. Baker. The two latter men played very well indeed, and well deserve their place in the team. Pte. Cook was tried in goal, and, with practice, will no doubt make a good second At present, however, Austin cannot be beaten for goal. The game was well worth watching, and both teams worked very hard from start to finish. Almost on the point of time "F," through a scrimmage in the bully, managed to net the ball, the game thus ending in a win for F Company as stated above. I might mention that Lieut. Hibbert was rather badly hurt in a match played by the Battalion in town, and was therefore unable to play in this match, but we hope to see him in his place in our forthcoming engagements. The team was as follows:—Pte. Cook, Pte. Austin, Lance-Corpl. Bradman, Ptes. Evans (50), Crisford, Atkins, Baker, and Pringle, Lieutenant Humphreys, Pte. Perkins, and Lance-Corpl. Clark. So much for the hockey team.

Our football team are still going strong. As I mentioned before, they are still unbeaten. On July 20th a game was arranged and played at Tanglin against the R.A.M.C. The medical team is by no means a poor one, but we managed to leave the field with another victory to our list, beating the "doctors" 2—0. Ptes. Teague and Batty were responsible for the goals scored. The team was as follows:—Lance-Corpl. Whiteman, Ptes. Marshall, Atkins, Pringle, Evans (50), Read (59), Lance-Corpl. Clark, Ptes. Batty, Teague, Corpl. Smith and Pte. Baker.

I forgot to mention in the early part of my report that we met the S.C.C. in a friendly game at hockey on their ground, beating them by 2—1, Lieut. Humphreys scoring.

A COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

"E" COMPANY.

July 23rd, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I am sending you a short account of how we have been getting on lately. On June 17th we proceeded to Normanton for our annual course of musketry, and returned on the 13th inst. Out of eighty N.C.O.'s and men of the company twenty-two returned marksmen, and Pte. H. Harris proved himself the Company's best shot for this year. Since the hockey league has started we have met A, H, D, and B Companies, and the results are as follows: Lost to A, H, and B by 2—4, 2—3, 0—1, and drew with D, 1—1, so we must hope to fare a little better next year. On the 22nd inst. we played the Drums at Soccer, and won by one goal to nil. The Competition for the Warren Shield commences shortly, and I hope to be able to give you a good account of the Company's progress. On the 14th inst. the Battalion Football Team met the R.G.A. in the final for the Singapore Cup, and after a very good game the Battalion won by two goals to nil, which gives us the honour of holding the cup for two successive seasons. On the 8th inst. Colour-Sergeant Chasteneuf rejoined the Company from furlough in England. I think this is all at present, hoping to let you have a longer account of the Company's work next month.

E COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

TANGLIN BARRACKS.

SPORTING NOTES OF "F" COMPANY, for month ending 26th, July 1908.

FOOTBALL FRIENDLY:— F. v C. Company, Win for F. by three goals to nil. F. v E. Company, Draw of two goals all.

HOCKEY LEAGUE:—F. v B., Win for B. by one goal to nil. F. v A. Win for F. by two goals to nil. F. v G. Win for F. by two goals to one.

FRIENDLY MATCHES:—F. v R.E. at Palma Biani, Win for F. by three goals to two.

CRICKET:—nil.

F COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

"B" COMPANY.—HOCKEY LEAGUE.

June 22nd, 1908.

DEAR MR EDITOR,

I open the correspondence for B. Company, 2nd West Kent, after a long time. We played our first hockey match in the league against D. Company, which resulted in a win for B by 4—1, D scoring the first which I consider was a very lucky one, our team having the best of the game all through. Our centre forward, Lieut. Wilberforce, did not turn up till about five minutes before half time. The goals were due to Ptes. Rapson two, Tice one, and Lieut. Wilberforce one. The team was as under:—Goal, Baker; Backs, Bros. Griffiths, J. and E.; Half-Backs, Healy, Clr-Sgt. Mills, Barker; Forwards: Drm. Rapson, Crew, Lieut. Wilberforce, Tice, Button.

Our next match was with G. Company, on the 19th of June, and was a very hard contested game throughout, owing to us unfortunately having two of our best players on the sick list, viz., Clr-Sgt. Mills and Lieut. Wilberforce, so we had to play two of our reserves, who officiated very well considering the team we had to meet. The first half was very fast, both goalies being called upon to save in turn, the second being much the same. Eventually Rapson, who tried hard to score all through, got through and scored. This being the only goal we won by the narrow margin of one goal.

Our next event was with H Company. We had a much better team on this occasion, Lieut. Pullman, our new Company officer, taking the centre. We bullied off at 5 10, Lieuts. Yates and Humphreys refereeing Mr. Paget got away with the ball, and running in the bully tried a shot, which Baker saved. On bullying off we took the ball up the field again, but it was sent back, and Baker saved twice in quick succession, but from a rebound from his pads Lieut. Hardy scored for H. Play being resumed we got around their goal, and from a pass by Mr. Pullman to Tice we equalized. This put B on their mettle, and ten minutes after Lieutenant Pullman notched a second. No more being scored we won a good game by 2—1.

F Company were our next opponents in the League. This match was of a very exciting character throughout, both sides having as much of the game as each other. About ten minutes from the start Pte. Crew scored from a pass from Lieut. Pullman. No further goals being scored the match ended in a win for B by 1—0. I must mention Pte. Healy, whose tricky half back play was the attraction of the numerous spectators who witnessed this match.

The next match we played was looked forward to as the match of the season, but in my opinion those who hit hardest were the winners. Pte. Leeson took the stretcher on the scene for this occasion, but luckily this was not required. There was much exchange of play on both sides, and there was no difference in either side till Lieut. Wilberforce, who is now off the sick list, received a pass in the bully and scored brilliantly. Result: B 1, C 0.

The last match we played was wit E Company, and we walked off the field the shield holders. Everybody expected B to win, but it was no easy task. The ground was very greasy, and our players were slipping all over the place, but towards the end of the game Lieut. Pullman put on the only goal for B, the match ending thus: B 1, E 0.

As we have only one more match to play, below I give the League table up to date, of the various Companies' positions :—

	Pld.	Drn.	Won.	Lost.	For.	Agst.	Pts.
A Company.....	5	1	1	3	7	9	3
B Company.....	6	0	6	0	10	2	12
C Company.....	6	0	3	3	8	8	6
D Company.....	5	2	1	2	7	10	4
E Company.....	6	1	0	5	5	17	1
F Company.....	6	1	4	1	9	4	9
G Company.....	5	0	1	4	7	7	2
H Company.....	5	1	3	1	13	4	7

TOCK VICK, B COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

"C" COMPANY.

Tanglin,
August 20th, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Herewith an account of the doings of C Company of late. The open air boxing tournament, promoted by the club, proved a great success, and the arrangements made by Capt. Grant left nothing to be desired. The chief item was a twenty-round contest between Lance-Corpl. Shepperd, C Company, and Lance-Corpl. Kirby, H Company. After a very close and interesting fight Shepperd did just enough to gain the verdict. Pte. Andrews, C (draft), beat Pte. Kemp, also of C, in a six-round contest. There are many who did not agree with the referee's decision in this case, and a good fight would result, should they be induced to meet again.

In the Hockey League we have fared very badly indeed, and are now out of the running for the shield, which is now practically a certainty for B Company, who have a very well balanced team. We have beaten D Company by 2 goals to 1, A by 2—0, and lost to H 4—2, and B 1—0.

The Warren Cup Competition for football and tug-of-war commences shortly, and we are going to try and give a good account of ourselves. Lance-Corpls. Shepperd and Kirby are again matched, to finally decide who is the better man. Time they fight to a finish, which will take place at the end of this month on the football field. I hope to record another success for C Company when next I write.—Yours etc.,

C. T., C COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

Corporals' Club,
2nd R.W. Kent Regt.,
Tanglin Barracks,
30th August, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

After such a long time, no doubt you will be greatly surprised to hear of the doings of the Corporals' Club at Singapore.

Well, as regards sports, I must say things have greatly brightened up during the last six months, several matches of the various games having been played, and the players showed that with a little more training (and less embrocation) they will be strong enough to hold their own againt any team they may chance to meet when the Battalion arrives in India.

At Football five games have been played, only one of which ended in our favour; although we managed to check the Sergeants' winning career by drawing 1—1.

At Hockey we have played three matches; once again we managed to win against the Sergeants, but losing the other two games to Company teams.

On August 14th we once more met the Sergeants, this time in a Shooting Match, and I am pleased to say once again compelled them to take second place, the Corporals winning by 29 points. This is the second match we have had with the Sergeants in Singapore, the Corporals winning the first match by 28 points, although the Sergeants' team included five of the Battalion Victoria Cup Team.

The members of the Rifle Club have a practice shoot every fortnight, and several members avail themselves of this opportunity to improve their shooting. It is to this practice shooting that we can turn out such a fine shooting team. On the 15th of July we had a most enjoyable Smoking Concert, several old friends of the R.G.A. and other Corps of the Garrison turning up. Everything went off splendidly, which showed great credit on Corpl. Carrington and his hard working Committee, for their arrangements were everything that could be desired. Eleven o'clock brought the evening to a close, much to the regret of everyone present, although, I admit, some were looking rather tired.

The following contributed towards the programme :—Corpl. Simmons, song, "Sing me to sleep"; Lce.-Corpl. Connell, song, "Old Soldier and the Bird"; Corpl. Hare, song, "Fifty long years ago"; Corpl. Ryan (R.G.A.), song, "You better come down at once"; Br. Lambert (R.G.A.), song,

"The Inquest"; Corpl. Piper (R.G.A.), song, "A different Girl again"; Lce.-Corpl. Hunt, song, "The dear Old Mother Tongue"; 2nd Corpl. Edwards (R.E.), song, "Poppies"; 2nd Corpl. Wright (R.E.), song, "Sue, Sue, Sue"; Corpl. Williams, song, "Come back to Borneo"; Corpl. Williams also obliged with a step dance, which was greatly applauded. This reception of his abilities so overcame him, that great difficulty was experienced in getting him off the stage.

The following is a record of matches played during the month :—

	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.
Football	5	1	1	3
Hockey.....	3	1	—	2

SHOOTING MATCH. CORPORALS v. SERGEANTS.

Sergeants.		Corporals.	
Lce.-Sergt. Ibbotson.....	85	Corpl. Johnson.....	93
Clr.-Sergt. Kevan	83	Corpl. Williams	90
Sergt.-Major Grey.....	82	Lce.-Corpl. Beale.....	83
Sergt. Fletcher	81	Lce.-Corpl. Connell...	83
Clr.-Sergt. Chasteneuf...	76	Corpl. Hare	82
Sergt. Mills	75	Lce.-Corpl. Newbrook	77
Sergt. Stevens	68	Lce.-Corpl. Sheppard	71
	550		579

Well, Mr. Editor, I hope to send you a short account of our doings each month, which I hope you will find room for in the "Gazette."

From Corporals' Correspondent,
Tanglin, Singapore.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL AT SINGAPORE.

ROYAL WEST KENTS WIN THE CUP.

A very large gathering of Europeans and natives assembled on the S.C.C. end of the Esplanade last evening to witness the final game in the competition for the Association Football Cup between the Royal West Kent Regiment I team and the Royal Garrison Artillery. Major-General Perrott, officer commanding the troops, was an interested spectator. The Kents were expected to win, but they had a hard fight for the victory, and we have never seen the R.A. play so well as they did yesterday.

Mr. McCubbin acted as referee and gave general satisfaction. The Kents defended the Cathedral goal and the Royal Artillery kicked off from the sea end. There was scarcely any sun to trouble the gunners, but a fitful wind against them.

The teams lined up as follows :—

Royal West Kent.—Pte. Wannell ; Pte. Rapson and Lance-Corpl. Hyland ; Sergt. Stringer, Pte. Brewer and Clr.-Sergt. Mills ; Pte. Trevena, Pte. Barry, Lieut. Wilberforce, Pte. Butler and Lance-Corpl. Smith.

Royal Garrison Artillery.—Mawby ; Notthage and Bryson ; Jenkinson, Ferris and Chandler ; Leslie, Yates, Statham, Deering and Emsley.

From the start play was of a fast order, and both elevens were doing their best. The Regiment had a nice run down, and the ball was dropped in front of the goal. Barry had only the custodian to beat, and he put in a terrific shot from close quarters which whizzed into the net out of the reach of Mawby. The latter had very little chance of saving. Early in the game, the Regiment had thus scored the first point. Far from being discouraged, the Artillery played up, and tried hard to equalise. The Infantry backs were a strong pair and kicked hard. The R.A. got dangerous and made a most determined attack on goal, but found scoring too difficult. The Regiment came back again, and "offside" saved the Gunners from a difficult position. At half-time nothing further had been added to the score, which was :— R.W.K. one goal, R.G.A. nil.

On restarting the R.G.A. made straight for the Tanglin goal, and pressed hotly for some minutes. The Regiment relieved the pressure by a raid into their opponents' territory, and after some good play Smith banged the ball into the net from close quarters. The Regiment were now two goals to the good. Barry very nearly added another point to the score, but the R.A. keeper saved wonderfully. Wilberforce caught the rebound and sent the ball up into the trees. The Kents continued to have the best of the game and were pressing hard when the whistle sounded for time.

The final scores were : R.W.K. two goals, R.G.A. nil.

There is no doubt that the best team won and fully deserved their victory. We must congratulate the Gunners, however, on the excellent fight they put up against such a clever team. They played with dash and determination, especially in the second half of the game. Both elevens combined nicely, and the men appeared to be in the pink of condition.

In the first round the Regiment beat the S.C.C. by three goals to nil. Team—Trevena, Nolan, Barry, Butler, Smith ; Stringer, Brewer, Colour-Sergeant Mills ; Hyland, Rapson ; Wannell.

Semi-final, 2nd Royal West Kent, one goal, Y.M.C.A. nil. Team as for first round.

The second eleven also entered a team in the Competition, but were disposed of by the Y.M.C.A. by one goal to nil. Second Team — Forwards, Knight, Foreman, Green, Waghorne and Crawley ; Half-backs, Bradman, Rogers, Longford ; Backs, Yates, Pay ; Goal, Moss.

BOXING AT TANGLIN.

The "noble art" had a fair show in at Tanglin Barracks in July in the form of some pretty sparring, and in one serious match between two of the Regimental Cracks, Lance-Corpl. Sheppard and Corpl. Kirby. The West Kents have several times given boxing shows, but never in the style of this night, when their best men were seen as it were in a public light. At all events the contests took place on the football ground, which was specially lighted for the occasion, and the public were admitted to a limited reserve area. The Band of the Regiment played before the boxing and at intervals, and the music was much enjoyed.

The entire regiment turned out, and there was a fairly large gathering of civilians. Major Ford was referee and the judges were Mr. J. D. Saunders and Sergt.-Major Guest.

Proceedings commenced with a six-round contest between Pte. Hannaford (9st. 5lbs.) and Dr. Knight (9.6). Knight hit with the open glove, but was not checked. Both men went in for hard hitting on the face, with a few body blows. Knight was knocked out in the third round.

Pte. Hill (11.5) next met Pte. Dark (11.2). Both men had a somewhat weird style. Hill put his man out with a left stop on the jaw early in the first round.

Dr. Baker (weighing out at 8.3) and Pte. Harris (at 8.12), E Co., next took the ring. Harris was flipping and chopping. Baker hit clean. It was a good fight and all the six rounds were keenly contested. Baker won on points, style and lead. The judges disagreed, and the referee gave the fight to Harris.

CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT.

The fight for the championship of the Regiment was the next item on the programme, the competitors being Lance-Corpl. Sheppard (10.12) and Lance-Corpl Kirby (10.9). Mr. C. B. Whitehead, of the police, took the place of Sergt.-Major Guest as judge. Kirby had in his corner such old hands at the game as Pte. Reading and Corpls. Andrews and Cordaire.

At the commencement both men appeared to be feeling their way, the whole of this round being a matter of generalship, and there was nothing to count except footwork. Kirby did the leading.

Round 2 was very slow. Both men were afraid to open and the leading was done by Sheppard. The men clinched after the lead. Sheppard hit low once.

In the third round, Sheppard got his legs too widely separated. Both men sparred for an opening, which they did not find.

Round 4. Sheppard hit Kirby on the thigh, but this was apparently unnoticed. The round had nothing of interest till towards the end, when things brightened up a little. A few mild short leads were indulged in by both men.

There was nothing of note in the fifth round, but Kirby got in some body blows in a mill. Both men were taking it easy.

Round 6. Kirby adopted the American crouch and Sheppard jabbed with the left, but too low and caught his opponent on the thigh. Kirby cut Sheppard's right eye open with a left lead, and the string of one of his gloves was loose. Kirby had the advantage in this round.

Seventh round The interval was given as 1½ minutes, instead of one, and on resuming Sheppard opened with a left jab on the forehead, and followed it up with a left lead, also on the forehead. No damage was done. In this round he was a little more confident, but did not score anything.

Round 8. Kirby got in two useful rib-roasters. Sheppard's leads were tame and faulty, on shoulder and chest, when more vulnerable points might have been reached.

In the ninth round Sheppard led and received a left and right from Kirby which were short. In the mill, Kirby hit low accidentally. This round was a succession of mills.

Round 10. Sheppard opened again with a left lead on Kirby's chest. He did not appear to trust himself, and his left guard was much too low, occasionally tapping his thigh. Kirby made two futile attempts to get right swings over Sheppard's left shoulder, which was much too high to allow them to get in.

In the eleventh and twelfth rounds Kirby missed a nice kidney blow from one of Sheppard's swing leads. His eye was troubling him. He tried to reach Kirby's solar plexus with a left lead, but was short. However, he got in a left right left at the body, and fighting commenced in earnest. He repeated the dose as he followed up.

When round 13 had lasted fifteen seconds the men were ordered to their corners to allow Sheppard's glove to be tied securely. On resuming Kirby got a right in on the short ribs. Sheppard also woke up.

The fourteenth and fifteenth were marked by the high left shoulder of Sheppard to protect his jaw. Kirby did all the leading and worked for a knock-out. Sheppard was badly coloured from his cut eye, and the round finished with a rally following his lead.

Kirby rushed Sheppard on the ropes in the next round, and might have finished him had he not come away. Sheppard held after a lead at his short ribs, but broke away when ordered.

Round 17. Kirby showed increased confidence in this round, and Sheppard changed his tactics, getting in two body blows and a right on the jaw, but Kirby kept away and his foot work was neat.

In the eighteenth round Sheppard led with a left, but there was nothing behind it. He was leaning back too much, and there was too much of the push in his strokes. He stumbled and gave a good opening for an upper cut, but Kirby failed to take advantage of it. Kirby then hit his man over the heart, and attempted a swing for the jaw.

In the last round but one both men fought hard, and there were two clinches. Sheppard turned his back once. He got a nice left stop on Kirby's jaw, but there was no weight in it. Kirby hit low twice, and this passed without comment.

The final round brought in the real fight. Kirby stumbled once, and Sheppard stepped back in a very sportsmanlike manner. Kirby visited Sheppard's eye again, and it bled profusely. He came in and got away nicely.

Sheppard seemed to lack confidence and we have seen him shape better. Kirby had more science and ring-craft and was apparently more experienced. After a consultation between the referee and the judges, the fight was given to Sheppard.

The entertainment was brought to a conclusion by a six round contest between Andrews and Kemp.

A slogging match between Johnson and Ward resulted in the former getting knocked out in the first round, when he looked like winning.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

Captain G. Elgood was recently awarded an Instructor's (special) Certificate at the temporary School of Signalling, Bulford.

No. 8790 Sergeant De La Mare and 4914 Lance-Corpl. L. Mason have re-engaged at Singapore for the Royal West Kent Regiment to complete 21 years service

No. 6048 Sergeant A. Cox, 6052 Pte. E. Egglesden, and 6252 Pte. W. Cripps have extended their service to complete 12 years with the colours.

No. 5061 Sergeant C. Mears has been discharged at his own request on payment of £25, dated 31st August, 1908.

The following N.C.O.'s and men have been awarded Good Conduct Badges as under :—Awarded :—6214 Pte. J. Kemp, 1st, 7th August, 1908 ; 7316 Pte E. Allison, 2nd, 6th July, 1908 ; 7279 Pte. D. Emery, 2nd, 26thJuly, 1908 ; 6764 Pte. F. Diplock, 2nd, 14th August, 1908 ; 8371 Pte. W. Hall, 1st, 21st August, 1908 ; 6695 Pte. C. Penn, 2nd, 17th August, 1908 ; 7680 Pte. A. Clear, 1st, 29th August, 1908 ; 7352 Lance-Corpl. A. Waghorn, 2nd, 12th August, 1908.

Restored :—6143 Pte. J. Leary, 1st, 4th August, 1908 ; 6298 Pte. R. Brooks, 1st, 6th August, 1908 ; 7585 Pte. A. Cousins, 1st, 20th August, 1908 ; 6054 Pte. E. Egglesden, 1st, 6th August, 1908 ; 6560 Pte. A. Wykes, 1st, 9th July, 1908 ; 8212 Pte. H. Gully, 2nd, 31st August, 1908 ; 6189 Pte. H. Brooker, 2nd, 11th August, 1908 ; 7252 Pte. E. Riddiford, 1st, 26th August, 1908 ; 6261 Pte. S Singer, 1st, 12th August, 1908 ; 7848 Pte. W. Bridges, 1st, 15th July, 1908.

2ND BATTALION THE QUEEN'S OWN (ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT).

Roll of Officers of the above Battalion, shewing Stations.

Col. H. G. Fitton, D.S.O., A.D.C., leave in England, leave expires 1st November, 1908.
Major S. H. Pedley, Singapore.
Major R. J. Woulfe-Flanagan, Singapore.
Captain C. E. Kitson, Singapore.
Captain F. J. Joslin, leave in England, leave expires 26th December, 1908.
Captain R. M. G. Tulloch, leave in England.
Captain A. K. Grant, Singapore.
Captain J. W. Nelson, Singapore.
Captain H. D. Belgrave, Singapore.
Captain C. R. Ingram, Singapore.
Captain M. J. Dinwiddy, leave in England, leave expires 2nd September, 1908.
Lieutenant A. H. Pullman, Singapore.
Lieutenant A. S. Hewitt, Singapore.
Lieutenant O. Y. Hibbert, Singapore.
Lieutenant R. A. Paget, Singapore.
Lieutenant F. B. Humphreys, Singapore.
Lieutenant M. W. Graham, leave in England, leave expires 26th September, 1908.
Lieutenant H. J. Dresser, Singapore.
2nd-Lieutenant W. Wilberforce, Singapore.
2nd-Lieutenant W. G. Yates, Singapore.
2nd-Lieutenant W. S. C. Hamley, Singapore.
2nd-Lieutenant N. I. Whitty, Singapore.
2nd-Lieutenant R. B. L. Bazley-White, Singapore.
2nd-Lieutenant A. E Hardy, Singapore.
2nd-Lieutenant E. Moulton-Barrett, Singapore.
2nd-Lieutenant A. S. Bredon, posted, not joined.
Hon. Lieut. and Quarter Master T. Sumner, leave in England, leave expires 31st December, 1908.

Singapore,
1st September, 1908.

DEATH OF A 97TH VETERAN.

We regret to hear of the death of Corporal Crowe, who died at Adelaide on June 13th, 1908. The following extract is taken from an Australian contemporary, "Faulding's Medical and Home Journal," through whose effort Corporal Crowe was buried with military honours :—

"The late Corporal Crowe was born near Tipperary on July 19th, 1818, and enlisted in the 38th Foot (South Staffordshire Regiment) on July 21st, 1840, when the regiment was quartered at Limerick. He was subsequently drafted into the 97th Foot, the Queen Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), in which he saw 19 years' service, or a total service of 21 years. In November, 1854, he spent an arduous time, being engaged in the memorable Siege of Sebastopol. Mrs. Crowe, who survives him, was allowed to remain with her husband at the seat of war, and formed one of the heroic band of women who, led by Miss Florence Nightingale, nursed the sick during that terrible time, and soothed the dying hours of many a brave British soldier.

The Crimean War was hardly at an end when news reached England of the dreadful Mutiny that had broken out in India, and Corporal Crowe's regiment was despatched to the scene of the rebellion. On arrival in India the 97th was attached to Brigadier-General Fink's division, and set out to join Sir Colin Campbell. Before a junction could be effected, however, several severe engagements were fought, including the actions of Nusrutpore, Chanda, Hamirpore, and Sultanpore. As soon as Brigadier Franks reached Sir Colin a united attack was made upon Lucknow, which, following on the evacuation of the Residency, had been occupied by the Sepoys. The latter were driven out with severe loss, and the Union Jack once more floated proudly from "the topmost roof." Corporal Crowe passed scathless through this severe fighting, and on his return to England took his discharge at Colchester, July 27th, 1861. In addition to five good conduct badges, he was awarded four medals—Crimean, Turkish, Indian Mutiny, and long-service and good-conduct, together with a clasp for the Crimea, and another clasp for Lucknow.

"On retiring from active service Corporal Crowe came out to Western Australia in charge of convicts. After spending four and a half years at the Swan River Settlement, he came over to Adelaide, and was appointed a warder at Mount Gambier Gaol. After remaining there for a number of years, he eventually settled in Adelaide, and joined the Corps of Commissionaires. He was the oldest member of that body, having been connected with it for 17 years. He was married at St. Mary's Cathedral, Halifax, Nova Scotia, on November 3rd, 1852. He was a fine type of old soldier, possessing a most kindly disposition, which made him popular wherever he went. He lived to a ripe age, which was somewhat remarkable, considering the many severe hardships he had undergone. As before stated, he has left a widow and one son, Mr. G. Crowe.

3RD BATTALION NEWS.

SPECIAL RESERVE.

In accordance with the terms of the Order in Council, dated 9th August, 1908, the 3rd Battalion R.W. Kent Regt. having completed the prescribed period of Annual Training, are transferred as units of the Special Reserve, and the undermentioned Officers having assented to be transferred, are appointed Officers of the Special Reserve of Officers from 9th August, 1908, retaining the rank and seniority which they held while in the Militia.

Lieut.-Colonel C. H. Farquharson.

Majors :—A. S. T. Griffith-Boscawen and T. Burt.

Captains :—F. W. Burbury, Geo. Wilson, Chas. D. Barrow, A. C. Beeman, C. M. Allfrey, C. F. Hitchens, A. J. Bonsor, H. H. S. Hall, J. S. Masterman, G A. C. Alcock, C. V. Molony, F. H. H. Liebenrood.

Lieutenants :—B. W. Parker, C. T. Tuff, A. M. Mackenzie Penderel, Percy T. Mills, P. W. Bradley, A. J. Trousdell.

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3rd Battalion.		1st Battalion.	
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Clr.-Sergt. Tapp	89	Sergt. Selves	89
Corpl. Taylor	88	Sergt. Martel	88
Pte. Simpson	86	Clr.-Sergt. I.M. Dark	87
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TERRITORIAL NEWS.

5TH BATTALION ANNUAL PRIZE MEETING.

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	200	500	600	Total
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Sergt. Maynard	27	30	29	86
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Friday, 27th. All our schemes to catch fish having failed, as a last resourse we got a large wicker work pot to set outside in deep water, with a line and weight. The weather is very warm. A tablet was engraved on the rock near our burial ground, containing the names of some of the soldiers who died on the Island, etc. At night large fires were lit round the camp to burn off and smoke out the mosquitoes. A rocket was fired in the offing.

Saturday, 28th. At day-light a man-of-war brig and two small schooners were in sight. The brig stood on the southward; the schooners, rounding the reef, came to anchor in the bay, and the boat was sent off to them and returned with the news that they belonged to the Honourable Company's Marine. The schooners we found were two of the flotilla from Moulmein, and the brig-of-war the "Pilot," Captain Jervis. Mr. White gave us the welcome intelligence of the safe arrival of the rest of the Regiment at Calcutta, as also that transports from Moulmein were on their way to take us off the island. Our new boat was launched at 12 o'clock, and christened in due form "Andaman." She is 27 feet overall, 6 feet 6 inches beam, and pulls 6 oars. She went through the surf beautifully, and appears to be an excellent seaboat. The "Pilot," brig-of-war, came to anchor on the side of the island, and sent her cutter round to us with Lieutenant Leslie (who had gone away in the "Hope" with the despatches), with some fresh meat and vegetables. At night we lighted a large fire on the right of the encampment as a beacon for the transports, should they come in sight during the darkness.

Sunday, 29th. One of the schooners and the "Pilot's" cutter proceeded to the northward to join the brig. About noon the "Ayrshire" transport arrived from Moulmein and brought up in the bay. Captain Jervis and three of his officers came round in the gig and Pinnance, bringing all sorts of supplies. They dined with us, and it was quite a gay day, every one being in high spirits. We had, this evening, our first supper on the island in honour of our kind friends on the "Pilot."

Monday, 30th. A division of the 80th Regiment commenced embarking on board the "Ayrshire." Captain Jervis, with his gig, returned to the brig, leaving the Pinnance to assist in the embarkation A soldier of the 50th Regiment died to-day of fever. The transport, "Elizabeth Ainslie," from Moulmien, arrived this afternoon and came to anchor near the "Runnymede" Flies and mosquitoes are fearfully troublesome, there is no sleeping at night on account of them. It is quite time we were away from these barbarous shores.

To be continued.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

"CORRIGENDA."

The paragraph under this heading which appeared in our September number should have read as follows, and not as stated :—The Norfolk Regiment. Lieut.-Colonel and Brevet-Colonel Fitzgerald Wintour, on completion of his period of service in command of a Battalion is placed on half-pay. *London Gazette*, dated 1st September, 1908.

Brevet-Colonel Fitzgerald Wintour (half-pay) to be Colonel, dated 1st September, 1908.

Captain Edward H. Norman is seconded for service under the Colonial Office, dated 3rd October, 1908.

2ND BATTALION.

PROMOTED SERGEANTS.—6530 Lance-Sergeant W. Skeer, dated 22nd August, 1908; 6489 Lance-Sergeant E. Turner, 1st September, 1908.

APPOINTED LANCE-SERGEANTS (WITH PAY).—5186 Corporal W. Carrington, dated 28th August, 1908; 6216 Corporal F. Martin, 1st September, 1908.

LANCE-CORPORALS PROMOTED CORPORALS.—5706 E. Newbrook, dated 22nd August, 1908; 4471 R. Hunt, 1st September, 1908; 5730 G. Wright, dated 5th September, 1908.

LANCE-CORPORALS APPOINTED PAID LANCE-CORPORALS.—8175 C. Laws, dated 4th August, 1908; 8190 C. Osborne, 15th August, 1908; 7563 J. Hyland, 8004 W. Brotherhood, 22nd August, 1908; 8227 C. Stammers, 29th August, 1908; 8418 S. Randall, 1st September, 1908; 8449 F. Fridd, 5th September, 1908.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS.—6457 L. Pratt, 8161 W. White. 8307 W. Wellfare, dated 5th August, 1908; 8135 E. Tranter, dated 8th August, 1908.

APPOINTED DRUMMER.—7317 Pte. G. Haines, 26th June, 1908.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following subscriptions :—

Major F. Pine to December, 1908.

Miss Leckie to December, 1909.

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

Dover, October 24th, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

On September 11th Brigadier-General C. E. Bradley, C.B., commanding the Twelfth Infantry Brigade, made his annual inspection of the Battalion.

The furlough season has been divided into three portions—October, November and December.

The following leave has been granted to officers :—Lieut.-Colonel R. C. Style, September 23rd to December 2nd; Major M. P. Buckle, D.S.O., September 21st to November 30th; Captain R. L. White, September 16th to October 28th; Lieutenant R. G. C. Brock, September 24th to December 26th; Lieutenant F. Fisher, October 1st to December 14th; Lieutenant F. J. Hearle, October 1st to December 14th; Lieutenant C. F. Adams, October 23rd to January 5th; Captain R. J. T. Hildyard, November 7th to January 22nd; Captain A. D'E Knox, October 1st to December 14th; Lieutenant G. E. Stevenson, October 1st to Dec. 14th; Second-Lieutenant J. C. Cooke, October 1st to December 14th. The last four officers on the above list have permission to travel in France.

Lieutenant F. J. Hearle has passed in (c) for promotion to Captain.

Second-Lieut. A E. Freeman, 3rd Battalion of the Regiment, is attached to the Battalion from October 1st to November 30th.

"A" Company has rejoined headquarters from Gravesend, where they have been on detachment since July.

Owing to the arrival of the 3rd Battalion the Worcestershire Regiment, in augmentation of the Garrison, the South Front Barrack Rooms are no longer at our disposal, with the result that the Shaft Barracks are somewhat crowded.

1ST BATTALION BOXING.

The following is an account, taken from the "Sporting Life," of a contest between Lance-Corporal Baker and Young Joseph (Light Weight Champion of England). It took place at the National Sporting Club on October 19th.

Those who have a partiality for witnessing our lightweights engaged, would find in Young Joseph (Aldgate) and Lance-Corporal Baker (Royal West Kent Regiment) a pair equal to furnishing a rousing contest. Habitues of the Club know how the soldier sets about his work, with a desire to finish off his opponent in quick time. On three nights in the first six months of the present year he disposed of Jack Meekins (seven rounds), Charlie Hickman (one roud) and Fred Wood (one round) respectively, his telling body blows

being sufficient to bring about a finish. Joseph relies more on the scientific points of the game, and he is undoubtedly one of the cleverest lads at his weight. The manner in which he defeated Jack Goldswain on points in a 20 round contest in the first month of the year showed that when properly trained he is capable of rendering a good account of himself. Joseph was opposing Baker in a 15 round contest at 10st. 2lbs. for £325, and early in the day the East-ender was the favourite.

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After Stanley and Keller came Lance-Corporal Baker, the owner of a notorious punch, and Young Joseph—like Keller, a member of the Hebrew race. Both—with Joseph perhaps two inches the taller—looked as fit as hands could make them, but the contrast in the skins of the pair was most marked, Joseph's being as white as a baby's, while the corporal was as brown as the proverbial berry. Baker's fine pair of legs was especially noticeable, and altogether he looked about as tough a customer as could be found in a day's march. Here again it was science largely on the side of Joseph, against strength, but, unlike the previous contest, there was a pleasing freedom from getting into holds that made the bout one well worth witnessing. It was a wonderfully clean contest.

Neither of the men did anything even approaching doubtful work, and the referee's task was practically a sinecure. Joseph's two-handed work was especially well managed, and he wanted it all, too, against the Corporal's fast-driven punches, which, in spite of all the former could do, found Joseph's body to such effect now and again that angry marks made their appearance. Baker fought a great tenth round. At his man without intermission, the soldier made such play on his opponent that Joseph was very very glad when the gong gave him relief.

Another thirty seconds might very well have seen the Corporal the winner. Condition brought Joseph up to the mark pretty strong against a tremendously improved boxer, but the Aldgate lad was never so good afterwards. However, he kept going magnificently, and if many people thought that the soldier had won, few could cavil at the honours being awarded the Jew. He had had more than enough at the finish, but Baker was almost as lively as at the start.

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FIFTEEN ROUNDS CONTEST.

Young Joseph (Aldgate) beat Lance-Corporal Baker (Royal West Kent Regiment).

There was a stake of £100 a side and the club purse of £125 pending on this contest, in which Joseph was seconded by Bill Baxter, Russell, and Dai Dollings, and Baker's seconds were Jack Meekins and McCarthy.

Round 1—Little time was devoted to sparring, and it appeared evident that earnestness was to be the keynote. Usually a slow starter, Baker altered his tactics, only to find Joseph's defence too good for him.

Round 2—Joseph's feinting proved exceedingly clever, and he drew his man very smartly, but Baker was not to be caught. Once the latter tried the right, and received in exchange a swinging right on the head.

Round 3—Now the pace warmed up, and the contest proved a decided contrast to its predecessors. Whilst Joseph's footwork enabled him to get out of danger. Baker followed him up, and landed two heavy body blows, which drew a straight left on the face.

Round 4—Chancing his right repeatedly, the soldier left himself open in dangerous fashion, for Joseph generally put in one on the jaw in response to the rib troublers from a powerful right.

Round 5—Smart countering marked this round for whilst Baker twice swung his right heavily on the head, his opponent managed to respond in similar fashion. It was the best round so far, and as it finished Baker got in capitally on the body.

Round 6—Another good round, during which Baker again got home a powerful body punch, to experience right and left given in return. Then Joseph had to use the ring, for Baker's attention became very troublesome, and when they came together the referee's voice was heard for the first time.

Round 7—Neither found himself able to take a liberty, and only quick head work enabled Joseph to evade several swinging rights. However, presently Joseph brought both hands into play on the face.

Round 8—Baker again began to show the right, but his opponent was wary, and it found no resting place. Occasionally the defence of both was indeed good, whilst Joseph's style of drawing on his man was much admired.

Round 9—In good spirit the pair continued to furnish a contest well worth watching, though Baker's body punches appeared to be now having an effect on his opponent. Guarding himself better, Joseph also tried the effect of similar tactics, but could not do so well.

Round 10—Baker quickly had his opponent in trouble, and the latter was very tired. A good left of Baker's on the jaw, followed by one on the ribs from the other hand, caused Joseph to wince, and the round closed decidedly in favour of the soldier.

Round 11—Joseph recovered somewhat in the interval, and two straight lefts served him. Baker, however, never missed the opportunity of finding a billet, but Joseph may be said to have scored well this round.

Round 12—Baker now began to play the left, and head and body had to withstand the effects of its use. Weakness on the part of Joseph again became noticeable, for his occasional blows had nothing like the power of the soldier's.

Round 13—After a quiet start, Baker began to score rapidly, and try all he could Joseph could not prevent that powerful left coming against his face and body.

Round 14 — Decidedly the stronger, the soldier increased his efforts to make sure of a win, and never allowing a chance to go by, he again did well. Once Joseph retaliated with a left flush on the face, but it had no effect.

Round 15—Quickly setting to work again, Baker caused trouble, and once his man slipped down. Up again, the latter had to receive a nasty rib-bender, and when the gong sounded, to an accompaniment of loud applause, Joseph was declared to be the winner, his science being a great factor towards his victory.

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On Thursday and Friday, the 24th and 25th September, the Northumberland Fusiliers held a boxing show in the Garrison Gymnasium. Several of our men were fighting Pte. Babbage, of C Company, won the featherweight competition, his opponent in the final being disqualified for a foul.

Corpl. Darley, D Co., beat Pte. Richardson, 5th Fusiliers. Darley's man was a good deal stronger and heavier, but after the second round there was only one mar in it. Richardson being knocked out in the 4th round, after he had been very badly punished.

Pte. Holding beat Pte. Topping, 5th Fusiliers. This was a really splendid fight, both men hitting straight and hard.

Holding gained the verdict on points, which he thoroughly deserved.

Pte. Middleton, 5th Fusiliers, beat Pte. Sparrow, F Co. This was an extremely level fight, but Pte. Middleton just had the best of matters, winning on points. Sparrow was not fighting, however, quite up to his usual form.

EDITORIAL.—Just before going to press we hear, with much pleasure, of the double success of two N.C.O's of the 1st Battalion in the Army Boxing Championship at Aldershot, Lce.-Corpl. Baker winning the Light Weight and Lce-Corpl. Darley the Featherweight Championships. A full account will appear in our next issue.

1ST BATTALION FOOTBALL.

Football is in full swing. This year's team is full of promise. With strict attention to training, and if each player remembers he is part of a machine and must sacrifice his own chance of winning applause by individual brilliance, to perfecting the machine by his unselfish play with a view to making a team which eventually carries all before it by its perfect combination, the team this year is capable of great things.

I should like to point out, as anyone who has watched the matches closely this year must have seen, that on those occasions when the Battalion has turned out in large numbers to watch the matches, and not only to watch but also to shout, the play of the team has been fifty per cent. better.

Details of matches are given below :—

FRIENDLY—v. EAST YORKSHIRE REGT.

On the 24th September the Battalion team played the East Yorks a friendly match at Shorncliffe, and drew 3—3. Our team was as follows :—Goal, Pte Butcher ; backs, Lance-Corpl. Powell and Pte. Lord ; half-backs, Pte. Green, Dr. Mitchell, and Pte. Huggett ; forwards, Ptes. Hooper, Scott, Davis, Sergt. Reynolds, and Corpl. Moore.

During the month of October we have played several competition matches, and on the whole have rather the better of games as regards matches won. Altogether we have played five league matches, winning three and losing two. In the Kent League we have made an excellent start, having won both matches played with a goal average of nine to one. When one remembers that last season in 14 Kent League matches we could only muster 12 goals all told the excellence of the work is even more exemplified.

On Oct. 24th the first of our four local "Derby's" with Dover was played, and we were returned easy winners The corresponding match for last year was lost 2—3, so the result is a gain of two points and four goals.

In the Army Cup Competition we are drawn against the 2nd Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, and the game has been fixed for November 4th on the Crabble ground.

The Fusiliers are also our opponents in the Hallam Parr Shield Competition, but the date for the match has not yet been arranged

I enclose an account of matches played to date.

FOLKESTONE LEAGUE—v. 1ST LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT.

Played at Shorncliffe on October 7th, resulting in our defeat by three goals to one. The game on the whole was very even, but where the "Tiger's" shone was in their shooting. Had our team showed anything like form in this respect we should have taken at least one point away with us. Davis opened the scoring for us. but before the interval the Leicesters equalised through Benfield, and close on time took the lead. In the second half, although we had numerous openings they were not improved upon, and the Leicesters again scoring ran out winners as stated above.

Team—Goal, Butcher ; backs, Powell and Keeble ; half-backs, Huggett, Mitchell, and Green ; forwards, Hooper, Scott, Davis, Holding, and Moore

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FRIENDLY—v. 3rd WORCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT.

Played on the Crabble on October 10th, and after a more even game than the score would suggest, ended in our favour by six goals to love. The game opened in favour of the Worcesters, who proved to be a very fast team. They could not score, however, although a shot by the inside left deserved a better fate than to hit the post and rebound out of play. A visit to the other end saw Davis open the scoring, and a few minutes later Holding added another. The same player was again in evidence later, and a terrific shot hit the cross bar, to rebound to White, who promptly netted This was the state of the score sheet at half-time.

In the second half the game was largely in our favour, and three goals were added at intervals by White (2) and Holding. The Worcesters kept trying hard, but did not succeed in scoring, and the game ended as stated above

Team—Goal, Butcher ; backs, Thompson and Redmond ; half-backs, Verrall, Powell, and Green ; forwards, Pease, White, Davis, Holding, and Moore.

FOLKESTONE LEAGUE—v. 1st LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT.

Played on the Danes, October 14th, and resulting in our favour by 3—1. This is the first occasion on which we have defeated this Regiment in competition games.

The game opened very evenly, both defences being very sound. A run by Benfield spelt danger but Thompson pulled him up in fine style. An attack by our left followed, and Holding sending well forward to Reynolds, the latter nipped round the opposing back and quickly flashed the ball into the net. This point was quickly followed by another. Davis receiving in mid field tried a long shot which the keeper had great difficulty in clearing. This latter was rather weak and Holding drove the ball hard into the right-hand corner of the net. No more scoring took place in this half, although a shot by the Leicester inside left almost took Butcher by surprise.

The second half had only been in progress a few minutes when we scored our final point. Reynolds put in rather a weak shot which the left back screwed into the net, away from the keeper's outstretched hands. Our defence now eased up somewhat and taking advantatage of this the Leicesters netted their only point, Benfield scoring from a lovely centre from the right. This was the extent of the scoring and we won as stated. Team—Goal, Butcher ; backs, Thompson and Keeble ; halves, Huggett, Powell and Green ; forwards, Reynolds, White, Davis, Holding and Moore.

KENT LEAGUE—v. MAIDSTONE ATHLETIC.

Played on the Danes, October 17th, and ending in our favour by 3—0. Maidstone, who played Sillitoe in goal (lately picked to play for Kent v. London), were strongly represented. The ground, however, was very slippery and poor football was the outcome. At the interval the score

sheet was blank. On resuming play become brisker, and during an exciting ten minutes we netted our three goals. Holding opened the scoring from close in, and Davis scored a second a few minutes later. Following this, Holding, when going through was tripped into the fatal area, and Thompson netted the result and penalty. Play now slackened however. A pretty piece of work by Cousins was negatived by his shooting wide. Time was called with the Athletic attacking.

Team—Goal, Butcher; backs, Thompson and Redmond; halves, Huggett, Powell and Green; forwards, Pease, White, Davis, Holding and Moore.

FOLKESTONE LEAGUE—v. R.M.L.I. DEPOT, WALMER.

Played at Walmer in boisterous weather and resulted in our defeat by 1—3. This game calls for little description owing to each side in their turn doing almost all the attacking. With the wind in the first half we could do almost anything but score, and only one goal fell to our lot. This was a penalty netted by Thompson. During the second half the Marines were attacking, and netting on three occasions won as stated above.

Team—As Versus Maidstone Athletic.

KENT LEAGUE—v. DOVER.

Played on the Crabble, on October 24th, a very one-sided game ending in our favour by 6 goals to 1. Dover started with nine men but one more was quickly forthcoming. His appearance signalled the opening goal scored by Davis. The same may also be said of the second, White netting as the eleventh man put in an appearance. With a full side Dover attacked and Lewis scored a fine goal, Butcher being powerless to save. Before the interval Holding scored a third goal for us, and we crossed over two goals ahead.

The second half had only been in progress a few minutes when Holding further increased our lead, and following a raid on our goal, he also scored the fifth goal. An attack by Dover saw Butcher penalised for charging, but this was safely got away. Hands against Thompson shortly afterwards looked dangerous, but Keeble saved after Butcher had taken all the sting from the shot. An attack by the left saw Davis score the sixth goal by heeling into the net This completed the scoring and the game finished in semi-darkness.

Team—Goal, Butcher; backs, Thompson and Keeble; halves, Huggett, Powell and Green; forwards, Reynolds, White, Davis, Holding and Moore.

The following are the forthcoming matches:—

Oct. 28th—Oxford Light Infantry, Folkestone League.
,, 31st—Sheppey United, Kent League.
Nov. 4th—2nd Northumberland Fusiliers, Army Cup, 1st Round.
,, 7th—Gravesend United, Kent League.
,, 11th—R.M.L.I. Depot, Folkestone League.
,, 14th—3rd Worcestershire Regiment, Folkestone League.
,, 18th—21st Lancers, Folkestone League.
,, 21st—Folkestone Town, Folkestone League.
,, 25th—21st Lancers, Folkestone League.
,, 28th—Royal Naval Depot, Kent League.

The following is the Kent League table compiled to Oct. 24th inclusive:—

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Points
Northfleet United	4	4	0	0	17	3	8
Gravesend United	4	3	0	1	8	2	7
Sheppey United	4	2	1	1	12	5	5
1st R.W. Kent Regt.	2	2	0	0	9	1	4
Tun. Wells Rangers	3	2	0	1	10	2	4
Royal Naval Depot	2	1	1	0	5	8	5
Dover	5	1	4	0	4	18	2
Faversham	4	0	4	0	1	15	0
Maidstone Athletic	4	0	4	0	3	16	0

In the above League Tunbridge Wells Rangers have taken the place of the 1st Royal Scots, and Maidstone Athletic that of Maidstone Church Institute.

FOLKESTONE & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Points
Leicestershires	6	4	2	0	17	10	8
Royal Marines	5	3	2	0	11	10	6
Ashford Railway Works	2	1	0	1	6	2	3
21st Lancers	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Royal West Kents	3	1	2	0	5	7	2
Folkestone	3	1	2	0	6	6	2
Dover	3	1	2	0	5	9	2
Worcestershires	1	0	0	1	2	2	1
Northumberlands	2	0	2	0	2	9	0
Oxfordshire L.I.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

HALLAM-PARR FOOTBALL SHIELD.

The draw for the Hallam-Parr Football Shield Competition has resulted as follows:—

*R.F.A., Shorncliffe v. Worcestershire Regiment.
*Leicestershire Regiment v. North Staffordshire Regiment.
*Oxfordshire Light Infantry v. 11th Hussars.
*Royal West Kent Regiment v. 5th Fusiliers.

The team marked * have choice of ground in each instance. The first two rounds must be completed by December 15th and February 28th respectively. The final round will be played on the Le Quesne Ground, on March 24th, 1909.

"H" COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

At the present time the one item that puts all others in the shade is football. During the manœuvres a recreation meeting definitely decided to enter the Company team in the East Kent Thursday League. This entry was quickly followed by that of B Company, and at one time it was thought F Company would follow our example. During September only friendly matches have occupied our attention, and these I give in detail.

We opened the season on September 16th against the 18th Company R.A.M.C. The opposition was rather weak and we were never fully extended. During the opening half we netted through J. Huggett no less than four times, and led by that number to love at half-time. Early in the second half Lieut. J. C. Cooke scored a fifth, and then the Medicos, taking advantage of our defence playing rather slackly, netted on two occasions. Before the finish J. Huggett scored a sixth and his fifth during the match, and we won a fair game by 6—2.

On Saturday, 19th, we turned out a 2nd team against the Battalion Junior Cup team, and were defeated 2—3. McCaffrey scored both goals for the Company.

On Monday, 21st, we engaged F Company, and as we had been promised a thrashing we turned up with our strongest

team. The game opened with severe pressure by F, and during the first quarter of an hour we were kept busy defending. No score accrued, however, and we gradually wore our opponents down, and J. Huggett scored a brilliant goal, thus giving us the lead. A few minutes later McKenzie was going right through when he was brought down in the penalty area, and from this T. Huggett further increased our lead. Before half-time Davis added one for F, and we led by a goal at the interval. The concluding moiety was fairly even, and half-way through Murphy netted from a corner, and the game was practically won. Before the close, however, Davis scored again, and we won by 3—2.

On Thursday, 24th, we engaged Canterbury Post Office in a friendly. This is one of the teams whom we have to engage in the League, so we had an opportunity of determining their strength. As we were without our regular backs and goalkeeper (away playing for the Battalion) the result (2—2) speaks well for us. J. Huggett scored one and Recruit Higham the remaining goal. The latter player should make a valuable addition to our playing strength.

[Later].

Dear Mr. Editor,

The furlough season has this year been divided into three parts, and the first batch proceeded on October 1st.

In football matters the Company has been going very strong, and I append a list of matches played during October, and also the league table for that month. In the latter we head the list, having precedence over the R.M.L.I. Depot by a small fraction of goal average.

EAST KENT THURSDAY LEAGUE.

Results up to Oct, 22nd inclusive.

	Plyed.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Goals. F.	A.	Points.
H Co. 1st R.W.K.....	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
R.M.L.I. Depot.....	2	2	0	0	8	1	4
Deal Thursday	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
C'nt'rb'ry St. Gregory's*	1	0	1	0	1	6	0
B Co. 1st. R.W.K.* ...	2	0	2	0	0	4	0
Canterbury Post Office	2	0	2	0	0	4	0

*Exclusive of match, B Company 1, St. Gregory's 0, abandoned on October 22nd, owing to darkness.

Other results in this League :—R.M.L.I. 2, B Company 0 ; R.M.L.I. 6, St. Gregory's 1 ; Deal Thursday 1, Canterbury Post Office 0.

The following are the matches played during October :—

LEAGUE—v. CANTERBURY POST OFEICE UNITED.

Played at Canterbury on October 1st in summer-like weather and after an excellent game ended in our favour by three goals to love.

Losing the toss, we were set to face a brilliant sun, but despite this we were early in evidence. A smart attack on the left, followed by a pretty centre, saw Highams miss by inches. He was more fortunate a little later, scoring a good goal after about ten minutes' play. Shortly after Huggett (J.) netted again, but offside against Highams negatived the point. All this time the homesters were not idle, but our defence was equal to all demands, and Butcher was seldom troubled. A further piece of good work by Highams led up to our second goal. Receiving the ball about 20 yards out, he eluded the back and put in a terrific drive which brought the goalkeeper to his knees. Before he could recover McKenzie was on him, and the ball was forced through. Before half-time J. Huggett netted an offside goal, and we changed over two goals to the good.

Play was much more even during the second half, and the Post Office on several occasions looked like reducing the lead, but the defence prevailed. Our third and last goal was scored by McKenzie, he pouncing on a quick return and giving the keeper no chance with his final shot. The match thus resulted, H. Company 3, Post Office 0.

The following represented the Company : — Goal, J. Butcher ; backs, J. Powell and T. Huggett ; halves, R. C. Verrall, Captain T. H. C. Nunn, and A. Horne ; forwards, R. Pease, J. Huggett, H. Highams, A. McKenzie, and W. McCaffrey. Referee, Mr. Vinten (Faversham).

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LEAGUE - v. B COMPANY 1st R.W.K. REGT.

This League fixture was played at St. Martin's Playing Fields, Maxton, on October 8th, and resulted in our favour by 2—0. Owing to the slippery nature of the ground and a very thick fog very little good football was possible. H Co. won the toss, and kicking down the slope made the game safe in the first twenty minutes. Both goals were practically gifts, and in neither case was Barrow in goal to blame. To Boland belongs the honour of scoring the first goal. Receiving the ball on the left wing he put in a drooping centre. Friar, at back, in attempting to head away, turned the ball into the goal, Barrow being taken by surprise. The second point was scored by Verrall from a corner, one of the defenders stooping and allowing the ball to pass over his head into the net. This was the state of the game at half-time.

The second half calls for little or no description, the match resolving into a duel between B's forward line and the defence of H. The latter prevailed and we ran out winners as stated above.

The following team did duty : —Goal, J. Butcher ; backs, J. Powell, and T. Huggett ; halves, Captain T. H. C. Nunn, R. C. Verrall, and C. Boland ; forwards, R. Pease, W. White, H. Highams, C. McKenzie, and W. McCaffrey. Referee, Sergt. Casey, R.M.L.I.

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FRIENDLY—v. 40th COMPANY R.G.A.

This fixture was played on the 10th October on the Glacis, and after the R.G.A. had scored in the first few minutes we took charge of the game and won easily by 4—1.

Team—Goal, C. Milway ; backs, C. Boland and A. Horne ; halves, W. Kill, A. Miles, and C. Pryer ; forwards, J. Lowry, W. White, H. Highams, A. McKenzie, and W. McCaffrey. Referee, Pte. H. Wilson, R.W.K. Regiment.

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FRIENDLY — v. H CO. 2nd NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Played on the Glacis on October 19th, a fairly even game ending in a draw, each side netting once. Highams scored for H Co. 1st R.W.K.

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Forthcoming matches :—

Oct. 31st—40th Company R.G.A , Fort Burgoyne.
Nov. 4th—56th Company A.S.C., Glacis.
,, 12th—Deal Thursday Invicta, Glacis (League).
,, 18th—Dover Wednesday, Glacis.
,, 19th—Canterbury St. Gregory's, Glacis (League).
,, 26th—R.M.L.I. Depot Walmer (League).

H Co.'s Correspondent.

B COMPANY.

In the world of sport we, in common with other companies of the Battalion, have arranged a large number of fixtures for the present season, both in the East Kent Thursday League, the Company Challenge Shield, and friendlies. Up to the present date we have played two matches in the Thursday League, both of which we have lost in each case by 2—0, and five friendly matches all of which we have won. We are not upset very much by losing our two league matches because we fully realise that on occasion the best team may lose. Especially was this the case in second league match, played against H Company of ours when we were handicapped by the unavoidable absence of Corporals Keeble and Hylands, and Ptes. Goodwin and Crowhurst. Then again, our left back, Lce.-Corpl. Friar, in attemptiug to clear from an ugly rush by H Company's right wing, inadvertently headed through his own goal. We are anxiously waiting our return match when we feel confident we shall reverse the verdict. We by no means allow the regular eleven to monopolise all the matches, as we occasionally play a friendly match in which a large number of the second team take part, thus keeping up the interest of the whole Company in the popular winter sport. Such a match took place on October 20th, when we played the signallers, 3rd Worcester Regiment, whom we defeated by 3 goals to 2. In this match only five of the regular team were present and we filled up with six of the second eleven, and I think the Company deserve credit for the win especially as some of the second team had not played with us before, among them being one of our last joined recruits, Pte. Wall, whom we believe will turn out a useful player. If we are not trespassing on your space we would like you to publish the following table of our League and friendly matches as played, so that old members of the Company who have gone away, either to the 2nd Battalion or the reserve, may know what we are doing. I had hoped to have sent you an account of our third League match which we were to have played against Canterbury St. Gregory's on the 22nd Oct., but owing to their not turning up in time the match was postponed.

					Points		Goals	
Fixtures.	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	For.	Agst.	For.	Agst.
E.K.T. League	2	0	0	2	0	4	0	4
Friendlies	5	5	0	0	—	—	21	10

H.K., B Company's Correspondent.

SHOOTING.

SERGEANTS' MESS (1st BATT.) v. 3rd BATTALION.

On Friday, the 18th inst., a shooting team consisting of one officer and nine of our members proceeded to Maidstone to try conclusions with a team of the 3rd Battalion. On our arrival at the Barracks we were welcomed by our comrades there, and were soon seated at the table enjoying the meal so kindly prepared for us.

Brakes were in attendance, and we were soon on our way to Boxley Range. Arriving there, it was decided to fire at 300, 500, and 600 yards, seven rounds at each distance, using the regulation figure target. The interest in the shooting on both sides was very keen, the conclusion of the match showing the small margin of two points only in favour of the 3rd Battalion team.

On our return to Barracks we were entertained to tea, after which several of us paid a visit to Mr. J. Outten, who has taken over the proprietorship of the Roebuck Hotel. Meeting our old friend in such entirely fresh surroundings was a somewhat novel experience, but the pleasure afforded was mutual, and we heartily wish him, in his new undertaking, the success he so well deserves.

CORPORALS' SMOKING CONCERT.

A few weeks before we proceeded on manœuvres, we received an invitation from the 7th Dragoon Guards to a smoking concert at Canterbury, at which place they were then stationed, and, in return, we entertained them on Sept. 14th, which not only gave us the opportunity of welcoming them to our Mess, but also gave us a good chance to give them a real good send off to foreign service, as they left England for Egypt on the 16th September.

Our visitors arrived at Shaft Barracks at 5 p.m., at which time tea was partaken, to which good justice, I believe, was done. After tea our guests were shown round Barracks by members of our Mess, and then at 7 p.m. the concert commenced. I must not forget to mention that by kind permission of the Commanding Officer a spare barrack room was placed at our disposal in which to hold this concert. The room was very tastefully decorated by the Committee, to whom great praise is due for the arrangements that were made, and the admirable way they were carried out.

I must also mention that we were honoured by the presence of Sergeant-Major Rogers, who, during the evening, gave a speech, which was much appreciated by all present. The Sergeant-Major spoke of the excellent feeling which existed between "The Queen's Own" and the 7th Dragoon Guards, and mentioned that it was not the first occasion that he had had the pleasure of being in the company of the Corporals of the 7th Dragoon Guards, and that he was pleased to see that they were still the same as when he met them in India some 15 years back. He also gave some very useful advice to those going abroad, and I am sure it would be well for everyone who was present to remember just those few words the Sergeant-Major said.

A few words on behalf of the Corporals of the Battalion were spoken by Corporal Markham, and responded to by Corporal Oliver, 7th Dragoon Guards.

Below is the programme. For the Corporals of the Battalion Corporal Bostock sang exceedingly well, and for the 7th Dragoon Guards Corporals Oliver and Brice kept the company merry with their patter and laughable songs.

PROGRAMME—"When the fields are white with daisies," Corpl. Rush, R.W.K; "One touch of nature," Corpl. Ambrose, 7th D.G.; "Good-bye, Paddy," Corpl. Bostock, R.W.K; encores, "One of the best," "Sunshine or shadow"; "If I catch you bending," Corpl. Oliver, 7th D G; encores, "Put me amongst the girls," "Skipper of the Mercantile Marine"; "It didn't last very very long, Corpl. Kimber, R.W.K.; "Always," Corpl. Latchford, 7th D.G.; "May I come home again," Corpl. Barden, R.W.K.; recitation, Corpl. Madden, 7th D.G.; "I fell off the 'bus," Corpl. Nurden, R.W.K.; "Only a dream," Corpl. Morley, 7th D.G.; selected, Corpl. Bostock, R.W.K.; "Motherland," Corpl. Gaylard, 7th D.G.; "The Volunteer Organist," Corpl. Fenwick, R.W.K.; "Love me and the world is mine," Corpl. Brownley, 7th D.G.; selected, 1st C.P.O. Miller, R.N.R.; "It's the poor that helps the poor," Corpl. Dale, R.W.K.; "I'm full up now," Corpl. Brice, 7th D.G; "You can get a sweetheart,' Corpl. Powell, R.W.K.; "Mary of Argyle," Corpl. Penson, 7th D.G.; "Play us an old come all ye," Corpl. Kimber, R.W.K.; "Master and man," Corpl. Spincely, 7th D.G. "Auld Lang Syne," "God save the King."

J.H.F., Corpl.,
Corporals' Correspondont.

BOXING TOURNAMENT AT DEPOT.

A Boxing Tournament will take place in the Drill Shed on Wednesday, 18th November, commencing at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

Among others Corporal Sunshine, Meekins, P.C. Hall, Lce.-Corpl. Baker, Latter (of Wateringbury), and other exponents of the art will appear.

R.A.T.A. NEWS.

A large presentation of medals took place in the R.A.T.A. room on Friday, 18th September. Lieut.-Colonel Style very kindly presented the medals and a very arduous job it was, for there had not been a presentation for many months, consequently the recipients of honours were very numerous. After the presentation Mr. Clare White, the Secretary of the Army Temperance Association, and Mr. Girdlestone, our Chaplain, spoke a few words, and for the rest of the evening a sing-song was held. On Monday, 21st September, a concert was held in the Garrison Gymnasium, and thanks to the aid of some Dover talent combined with our own a capital programme was furnished, as may be seen from the following cutting out of a local paper :—

MILITARY CONCERT.

A capital military concert in aid of the Queen's Own Branch of the Royal Army Temperance Association was held in the Gymnasium at the Western Heights, on Monday evening, and attended with a great amount of success. The programme was an exceedingly lengthy one, and an appreciative audience spent a very enjoyable time.

The concert opened with a selection admirably played by members of the Royal West Kent regimental band, and they also gave another, with equal effect, later during the evening. Lce.-Corpl. Watts, Northumberland Fusiliers, capitally rendered "Bandolero" (Leslie Stewart), and was still better in "Asleep in the deep" (Petrie), for which he was loudly applauded. A favourite with the soldiers, Pte. O'Shea, was heartily received, and was encored for his song, "The Workhouse Gate." He also gave a number of amusing and original character impersonations. A very pleasing and enjoyable variation in the programme consisted of handbell selections given by the St. Mary's handbell ringers, under the able conductorship of Mr. B. Saunders. Another pleasing item was "The Drum Major," capably sung by the Rev. F. S. Girdlestone, with drum accompaniment. A stirring recitation, which drew enthusiastic applause from the audienee, was that given by Sergt. J. Mobberley, entitled "The Queen's Own"; and another recitation, "The Flag that never touched the ground," by Mr. E. England, was almost as effective. Private Littlewood, A.O.C., was extremely amusing in his comic songs, "Bertie in love" and "How dare you," and then, in response to the loud applause, he gave "Tommy's tube of stickatine." Miss Mackey sang in very pleasing style, and "Flight of Ages," received from the young lady a capital interpretation. Other excellent items were "I left the barrel," Mrs. Cook; "Laughing," Lance-Sergt. Harris; "On Sentry go," Pte. Stribbling; "Sea Shells," Mr. Keene; "We close at two on Thursdays," Mr. B. Saunders; "Has anyone seen a German band?" Mr. A. Hudson; and a recitation by Miss K. Chandler. The programme concluded with an amusing sketch entitled "Black Justice," every part being well sustained. Bandsman Phipps satifactorily carried out the duties of accompanist.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

Captain R. J. T. Hildyard was successful at the recent competitive examination for admission to the Staff College.

Capt. T. H. C. Nunn, D.S.O., qualified at the same examination and has since received a nomination.

No. 4558 Sergeant W. Penny absorbs the vacancy caused by the discharge of 2192 Sergeant H. Moore to pension, dated 26th September, 1908.

No. 3371 Pte. J. Turner has been discharged free after 12 years' service, and is struck off the strength of the Battalion, 30th September, 1908.

No. 8400 Pte. C. Cotterill has been transferred to the 126th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, to serve with an elder brother.

No. 2168 Pte. A. Cork has been discharged on the termination of his second period of engagement with a view to pension, and is struck off the strength of the Battalion, 3rd October, 1908.

No. 3458 Colour-Sergeant G. Rigglesford has been posted to the Permanent Staff of the 6th Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment (Territorial), from the 3rd October, 1908, authority officer in charge of Records, No. 10 District.

The wife of 3828 Pte. C. Musson is taken on the strength of the married establishment, 3rd October, 1908.

No. 8329 Pte. H. Taylor has qualified as an efficient shoeing smith, and is granted a gratuity of 10s. in accordance with Article 803 Royal Warrant (Auty. Cammandant Mounted Infantry, dated 10th October, 1908).

The following N.C.O's and men qualified in Mounted Infantry duties, dated 1st October, 1908:—6164 Lance-Sergt. A. Catt, 7401 Corporal W. Ney, 6207 Corporal E. Sawyer, 6724 Lance-Corporal W. Fermor, 8005 Lance-Corporal W. Loft, 8506 Lance-Corporal W. Selves, Privates 8729 H. Allen, 8672 J. Ashford, 8489 S. Brock, 8033 G. Brown, 8694 J. Collins, 6635 F. Cook, 7462 H. Crouch, 8706 G. Franks, 8748 L. Glover, 8707 A. Goodsell, 8587 A. Greenstreet, 8686 E. Hayward, 8491 B. Hicks, 8131 H. Hook, 8447 H. Martin, 8456 J. Mulligan, 8752 S. Newson, 7486 E. Pilfield, 8386 B. Slackford, 8771 F. Stearn, 8723 R. Steele, 8484 E. Ward, 8472 A. Weaver, 8740 T. White, and 8657 H. Wilkins.

7643 Pte. B. Stribling having arrived from the 2nd Battalion is taken on the strength from 20th October, 1908.

No. 6733 Corporal T. Dale has been selected to attend the class which assembles at the School of Signalling, Aldershot, on the 12th October, 1908, and Sergeant G. Selves attends the course assembling at the School of Musketry, Hythe, on the 27th October, 1908.

No. 7132 Corporal W. Keeble passed the qualifying examination in Physical Training and Swimming, and has been awarded a certificate by the Inspector of Gymnasium, dated 13th October, 1908. Corporal Keeble is attached to the 3rd Battalion for duty at Maidstone.

No. 3896 Colour-Sergeant W. Dark, who until recently was Colour-Sergeant Instructor of Musketry of the 1st Battalion has been posted to the Permanent Staff of the 20th Battalion County of London Regiment (Territorial) from the 30th October, 1908.

No. 7266 Corporal G. Fittall has been granted a certificate of qualification in "cookery," dated Aldershot, October 1st, 1908.

Good conduct badges have been granted or restored to the following n.c.o.'s and men: 7788 Lance-Corpl. H. Lawrence, one badge, 23/9/08; 8378 Pte. F. Walton, one badge, 24/8/08;

8397 Pte. R. Silver, one badge, 12/9/08; 8408 Pte. W. Mott, one badge, 24/9/08, 4743 Pte. F. Bishop, three badges, 25/8/08; 7947 Pte S. Major, one badge, 27/9/08; 5191 Pte. A. Thomas, two badges, 27/9/08; 3668 Pte H. Cook, two badges, 23/9/08; 8382 Pte. C. Lee, one badge, 31/8/08; 3867 Pte. E. T. Thornton, one badge, 15/8/08; 6625 Pte. J. Moss, 1/10/08; 6301 Pte. Moore resumes two badges, 6/10/08; 7968 Pte. F. Holland, one badge, 2/10/08; 8421 Pte. F. Smith, one badge. 10/10/08; 3953 Pte. E. West, two badges, 26/7/08; 5678 Pte. C. Bailey, two badges, 9/10/08.

The following have been transferred to the Army Reserve: 5978 Pte. H Burton, 8/10/08; 5979 Pte. C. Bailey, 17/10/08; 5981 Pte. D. McCarthy, 18/10/08; 5984 Pte J. Wannell, 19/10/08; 5982 Pte. J. Mebbrey, 19/10/08; 6002 Pte. H. Reed, 5998 Pte. D. Cummings, 5993 Pte. J. Woodhams, 5991 Pte. J. Banfield, 6003 Pte. G. Vale, 6009 Pte. J. Loader, 6003 Lance-Corpl. T. Hensley and 6606 Pte. E. Kirns, 23/10/08.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

8790 Sergt. G. De La Mare has been granted a certificate for Tailoring, dated August 21st, 1908.

Qr.-Mstr-Sergt. R. Thorne re-engaged at Signapore for the Royal West Kent Regiment to complete 21 years' service, dated September 23rd, 1908.

Captain T. P. C. Smith, Royal West Kent Regiment, at present attached to No. 9 Detachment, Canadian Ordnance Corps, Halifax, N.S., now holds a temporary commission in the Canadian Militia.

Corporals' Club,
Tanglin, Singapore,
September 25th, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Just a few more notes with reference to our doings during the last month. As regards sports, we have had several practice games with the various Company teams, but I am sorry to say that success has rarely been on our side. Owing to duty being so heavy just now, we can very rarely put a full team in the field, but we are looking forward to our arrival in India, where we hope to show our worth both in the football and hockey fields. At cricket we shall want a lot of practice before we can t oast of a good team.

Another eight weeks will see us on our way to India, and I do not think there are many members who will regret the move, although I am afraid we shall not get such a comfortable club room in India.

Promotion has robbed us of two of our most prominent members in the persons of Corporals Carrington and Martin, who have been passed into the Sergeants' Mess. They will take with them the best wishes of success from all the members of the club.

Corporal Williams has been invited to practice for the team to represent Singapore in the Interport Shooting Match. In the first practice he made 92, hardly up to the mark, as there were two scores of 99, and three of 97 in the same practice, but still, we hope he will find a place in the team when they come to shoot off.

Our Rifle Club has had two more practice shoots during the month, and some good scores have been made. One member apparently thought he had beaten all previous records when he made 84, but I have been told that the butt-markers belonged to his Company, perhaps that accounts for it.

Well, Mr. Editor, I must close, with a promise of more news next month.

From Corporals' Correspondent,
Tanglin.

The following men have been granted or restores Good Conduct Badges as follows:—

6432 Privates D. Rapson restored 1st G.C. Badge without pay, dated August 17th, 1908; 7347 H. Stevens, awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, dated August 5th, 1908; 8363 F. Bickle, awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated August 7th, 1908; 7920 J. Coles, restored 1st G.C. Badge, July 2nd, 1908; 8355 G. Langford, awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated August 1st, 1908; 6517 J. Moger, restored 1st G.C. Badge, dated September 4th, 1908; 8403 J. Potter, awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated September 17th, 1908; 6469 A. Dutfield, awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, August 2nd, 1908; 4983 W. Brewer, restored 1st G.C. Badge, dated July 22nd, 1908; 6311 H. Fish, restored 2nd G.C. Badge, dated April 11th, 1908; 3322 F. Hoare, restored 3rd G.C. Badge, dated August 17th, 1908; 6781 A. Barker, awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, dated August 2nd, 1908; 7658 G. Mitchell, restored 1st G.C. Badge, dated September 13th, 1908; 6507 G. Noble, awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, dated September 8th, 1908; 7819 P. Venables restored 1st G.C. Badge, dated August 5th, 1908; 7636 J. McCarthy, restored 1st G.C. Badge, dated July 2nd, 1908; 8141 W. Batty, awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, dated September 4th, 1908; 7824 J. Flowers, awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated September 29th, 1908

3RD BATTALION NEWS.

Second-Lieutenant B. H. Bonham-Carter resigns his commission, dated 16th September, 1908, he having passed into the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

On the 22nd October, Sergeant-Major B. H. Grellier was presented with the medal for long service and good conduct by Major A. Martyn, commanding the 3rd Battalion at Maidstone.

The following N.C.O.'s and men of the 3rd Battalion were awarded Certificates of Education as follows:—7305 Lance-Corporal W. Dunning, 7773 Pte. F. Palmer, 7733 Pte. H. Crickett, awarded 2nd Class Certificates, 14th October, 1908; Ptes. 7858 H. Rivers, 7851 F. Bond, 7810 A. Gregory, 7807 W. Smith, 7789 D. Welch, 7783 S. Curtis, 7777 F. Eustace, 7754 A. Ludlow, 7743 H. Crick, 7727 H. Bevan, 7721 T. Tyler, 7712 J. Loscombe, 7631 O. Stammers, 7628 J. Barnes, 7616 B. Sales, 7612 A. Jolly, 7600 J. Peacock, 7561 R. Gadd, 7553 F. Judge, 4063 W. Merrony, 7869 F. Harris, awarded 3rd Class Certificates, 14th October, 1908.

Granted Good Conduct Badge;—8356 Lance-Corporal W. Burr, one badge, 8th August, 1908.

A party of 31 Recruits proceeded to Lydd on the 26th Oct. for their course of musketry, under Lieutenant Mackenzie-Penderel.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

On Thursday, October 8th, at Boxley, the Sergeants of the Shooting Club had the annual competition for the Challenge Cups presented by Lieutenant-Colonel Style and Captain Knox. The light was on the dull side, so shooting commenced at the longer distances. Colour-Sergeant Pond was successful in winning Lieutenant-Colonel Style's Cup with a score of 58 points at 500 and 600 yards, while Sergeant-Major Grellier was on top for Captain Knox's Cup with a score of 32 points at 200 yards. At the same time Sergeant-Major Grellier also secured the Colyer Cup for best shoot at 200, 500, and 600 yards with 88 points, Colour-Sergeant Pond being close up with 87. The winners have their names and scores engraved on the cups, which remain in the Sergeants' Mess.

The cup for skirmishing up the range, presented by Captain W. H. Annesley, owing to lack of time could not be fired for on that date, but will be shot for on a future date.

R.A.T. ASSOCIATION.

The 3rd Battalion branch of the R.A.T.A. commenced the usual series of winter teas and concerts on Thursday, October 8th. Tea was provided in the Schoolroom, where some 230 members partook of the "goodies" provided. After tea the members withdrew to their room, where an excellent programme had been catered for by local talent. The chaplain, the Rev. Mr. E. H. Hardcastle, was present during the tea and concert, and during the latter addressed a few words of advice to the recruits present.

The branch at the time of submitting this is 253 strong, including those few who keep up their membership while away. The large room in the Institute has been placed at the disposal of the members, and everything is being done to make them comfortable. The thanks of the branch is due to those non-members who so willingly assisted in all the arrangements.

FOOTBALL.

KENT AMATEUR CUP.

Two interesting matches in the Kent Amateur Cup Competition took place on Saturday, October 3rd, in the Maidstone district. The Depot coolly dismissed the Church Institute from the competition by a 5—1 score, and Eccles were beaten by the Maidstone Athletic by 2—0.

The Depot v. Maidstone Church Institute match was played on Postley Fields, and the teams were :—M C.I.—Willis ; E. Wynn and E. Burgess ; E. Weeden, Pettitt, and Barden ; W. C Gray, A. E. Rowles, C. Richardson, J. Baker, and D. C. Harman. Depot—Banks ; Wright and Creamer ; Newell, Brown, and Nicholson ; Lloyd, Lane, Sweeney, Geary, and Langridge. It will be seen that neither team was at full strength, yet at the commencement the two seemed well matched. Gaining an advantage in the toss, the Institute played with the sun behind them, and immediately after the kick-off made the Depot defence look up. Throughout the half the sun, though strong, was of little assistance to them, and their attacks were unsuccessful. The Depot men, on the other hand, played well. After one or two mistakes in continuing to pass too long and thus missing opportunities of shooting, they began to gain material advantages. Shots from Sweeney, Geary, and Langridge produced goals, so that at half-time the score was 3—0 against the home team. After the interval the losers tried hard, but apparently suffered more from the heat than did the military. Rowles found the net after three minutes' play, but was ruled offside, and Banks was able to deal with all the other shots that came his way except one towards the end of the game. Meanwhile Sweeney had obtained two more for his side, the match finishing up Depot 5, M.C.I. 1.

MAIDSTONE & DISTRICT LEAGUE, DIVISION I.

v. SNODLAND INVICTA.

This match was played in the Barrack Field before a good number of spectators, who saw a fast game. The Invicta pressed early in the game, but Sillitoe kept the goal intact, and there was no score at half-time. Early in the second half Snodland scored a goal and Keeble, from a fine dribble, nearly scored for the Depot. Lloyd, however, scored the first goal for the Depot, and ten minutes before time Dr. Sweeney put them ahead with another goal This lead was soon lost, for Snodland, from a corner kick, equalized, and the game finished a draw : Depot 2, Snodland Invicta 2.

The teams were :—Depot : Sillitoe ; Wright and Keeble ; Brown, Ellen, and Nicholson ; Lloyd, Sweeney, Lane, Newell, and Langridge. Snodland Invicta : Sykes ; Herrington and Stone ; Efford, Clegg, and Glover ; Randall, Wingate, Wilford, Preston, and Spall. Referee, Mr. Langley.

MAIDSTONE LEAGUE (Div. I.)

3rd R.W. KENT v. SNODLAND.

This match was played on the Barrack Ground on October 24th. The teams were :—

R.W. Kent—Sillitoe ; Wright and Cremer ; Newell, Brown and Nicholson ; Lloyd, Lander, Sweeney, Geary and Langridge.

Snodland—Peters, Allerston and Broomfield ; Boyd, Myatt and Matthews ; Wells, Peck, Izzard, Finn and Skinner.

Dashing play characterised the opening, and dangerous attacks were made by both sides. The Battalion were first to draw blood, Geary ending a splendid run from mid-field with a shot which gave the visiting custodian no chance. It was now Snodland's turn, and Skinner experienced hard luck in not equalising, a teriffic shot of his going just a little bit wide. They continued to attack, and Peck, although hampered with the attentions of the home defence, put in an excellent shot. The ball was cleared, and at the other end Sweeney slipped when in an advantogeous position. Broomfield cleared well, and Skinner, obtaining the ball quickly, carried play to the other end. A melee ensued in front of goal, and the result was a corner, but nothing tangible resulted The next incident was a fine piece of manœuvring by the Depot left wing and Lloyd, successfully evading the defence, put in a good centre. His confreres, however, could not get to the ball, and thus a fine opportunity was lost. Sweeney then attacked, from which a corner ensued without result, and the ball was transferred to mid-field, where for a time play remained. Half-time arrived shortly after, with the score :—Depot 1, Snodland 0.

In the first few minutes of the second half everything pointed to Snodland obtaining an early equalizer, for shot after shot was rained in on the backs and goalkeeper and they had to use all their available skill to save the downfall of their goal, this they managed successfully, and a good clearance by Wright being snatched up by Lander who transferred to Langridge, that player made no mistake and placed the Depot two up after 20 minutes' play of the second half. Having thus secured a fair lead the soldiers eased up, and Peck, seizing on a momentary lapse of the

Depot defenders, raced away, and drawing Sillitoe from his goal, fired in a shot which hit the underpart of the bar and bounced into the net. Time soon after arrived after a well fought out game, with the score :—Depot 2, Snodland 1.

v. MAIDSTONE UNITED.

There was not a large attendance at the Athletic Ground on Wednesday afternoon, when Maidstone United entertained the Depot in a friendly. The match having been arranged with a view of giving some promising local amateurs a trial.

The teams lined up as follows :—

Maidstone United—Crane; Weedon and Latter; Baker, Ford and Brown; Banks, Preston, Gogle, L. Cossins and Allack.

Depot—Sillitoe; Keeble and Wright; Nicholson, Brown and Newell; Lloyd, Capt. Lister, Sweeney, Geary and Langridge.

Play opened in favour of the United, who in the first five minutes scored through Preston. The Depot, who during the first half an hour of this half were playing with ten men, Sweeney being absent, then made a spirited attack, but they were sadly in fault when near the goal, their shooting being very wide of the mark. The United continued to have the best of matters after this, but thanks to the magnificent display of the Depot defence, Keeble being particularly deserving of mention, the soldiers managed to keep the United quintette out until the first half well advanced, then from a grand centre from Allack, Preston secured the ball, and banged it into the net.

In the second half the game was much more evenly contested, and for the first half hour both sides, despite some dangerous attacks, managed to keep their goals intact. The United were first to score. Gogle netting from a grand centre from Allack. Some ten minutes later, the Depot, after a prolonged attack, obtained their first and only goal through Geary. There was no more scoring and the game ended in the United's favour with a score of thre goals to one.

KENT AMATEUR CUP.

The draw for the second round of this competition so far as this district is concerned is as follows :—3rd Royal West Kent Regiment v. Southborough, referee, J. Cuthbert; Roughway v. Snodland (P. D. Sanders); Snodland Invicta v. Tonbridge (W. E. Langley); Malling v. Maidstone Athletic (E. J. Cooke). To be played on November 21st at 2.30.

TERRITORIAL NOTES.

The King has been graciously pleased to confer the Volunteer Officer's Decoration upon Lieut -Colonel and Honorary Colonel (Honorary Captain in the Army) George Morphew, under the terms of the Royal Warrant dated 25th July, 1892.

5th Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment. — Sydney Leonard Spalding to be Second Lieutenant, dated 12th June, 1908. James Henry Cooke to be Quartermaster, with the honorary rank of Lieutenant, dated 1st July, 1908.

4th Battalion.—Lieut.-Colonel and Honorary Colonel C. S. Williams (retired V.) from the Honorary Colonelcy of the 1st Volunteer Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, is appointed to the Honorary Colonelcy of the 4th Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, with precedence as in the Volunteer Force, dated 1st April, 1908.

It has been decided to regard as eligible in the matter of the service qualification for the Volunteer Officers' Decoration, Officers of the Volunteer Force who have been unable to join the Territorial Force, and who had on the 31st March, 1908, completed not less than 16 years' service, reckoned in accordance with the terms of Para. 395 of the Volunteer Regulations as amended by Army Order 40 of 1905. (E.C. Orders 946).

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Signed for the Committee,

CHARLES F. HITCHINS, Capt.,

Hon. Sec. to the Fund.

HINTS TO SOLDIERS ON FURLOUGH.

The following instructions and comments were recently issued with Battalion Orders of a Battalion hailing from the northern portion of England :—

"Detention Barracks form a suitable residence after a furlough overstayed.

"EXTENSIONS.

"The number of parents who die or get dangerously ill, of sisters who get married, and of brothers who return from abroad during the furlough season is so great as to threaten the stability of the military world's centre of gravity.

"With a view to reducing these numbers any man who wants an extension may write for one, alleging no reason other than his own wishes.

"The envelope is to be addressed to

"O.C.,

(Man's Co.).....

(Regiment) .....

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"Should no reply be received by the man by the hour at which he should leave, so as to be present with his Battalion, before his furlough expires, the application for an extension will be held to have been refused, and the man must leave for the Battalion accordingly. . . . . etc., etc.

"(Signed).....

"Commanding.....Regt."

AN ACCOUNT OF THE WRECK OF THE BRITISH SHIPS "BRITON" AND "RUNNYMEDE."

CONTINUED.

Tuesday, 31st. H.M.S. Pilot came round from the northward and brought up in front of the encampment. We commenced embarking the heavy store on board the "Elizabeth Ainslie." At 4 p.m. the "Ayrshire" transport sailed with 1st Division of the 80th Regiment.

Wednesday, 1st January, 1845. New Year's day, and our 51st on the island. The 2nd Division of the 80th Regiment embarked on the "Elizabeth Ainslie." The officers dined with their kind friends on H.M.S "Pilot." Numerous native fires were seen on both islands, the black rascals eagerly looking out for our departure to pillage the wrecks.

Thursday, 2nd. At daylight the transport "Elizabeth Ainslie,' with the remainder of the 80th Regiment, sailed for Calcutta. Natives collected in great numbers on both islands. The schooner's gig, manned by lascars, while pulling along the reef, was pursued by five canoes. The "Pilot's" cutter went to her assistance, when the canoes pulled back to the reef and made off. The 50th detachment strengthened their camp guard and placed extra sentries.

Friday, 3rd. The transport "Agnes Lee" arrived from Moulmein. The sick soldiers, women, and heavy baggage, were embarked in the course of the day. At night the natives came round the camp in great numbers, and fires were seen in every direction. A picquet was sent out to drive them back, and fired on a party moving in rear of the tents, when they decamped and put out their fires in a most extraordinary manner, every trace but a few chance embers disappearing as if by magic. The "Pilot" despatched two boats to pull along the shore in front of the camp, and afterwards sent two shots and a shell flying amongst a large body of savages collected round a fire a short distance to the left of the "Briton." Finding the place too hot for him, "Blackey" showed his sense and took himself off, nor did he make his appearance again that night.

Saturday, 4th. The remainder of the detachment of the 50th Regiment embarked in the "Agnes Lee." At night the natives again assembled in and around the camp, the Marines of the "Pilot" being landed to protect the wrecks. Several shots were fired during the night.

Sunday, 5th. The last detachment of the wrecked troops, after a sojourn of 55 days on this most inhospitable island, sailed this day for Calcutta in the "Agnes Lee."

The voyage was most prosperous, the several ships reaching their destination within a few days of each other. The detachments of the 10th and 50th Regiments proceeded on to Chinsurah by steam, while the detachment of the 80th Regiment landed in Calcutta and took up their quarters at Fort William. Thus happily terminated one of the most trying and disastrous shipwrecks on record.

How apparent throughout were the kind and merciful acts of Providence. Two Transports from opposite quarters of the globe were lost on shore within a mile of each other, each possessed of stores, &c., which the other was deficient in, thus mutually affording that assistance which was most required. Had the vessels been separated or wrecked on different islands, in all probability how different would have been the results; how fearful the loss of life, had not the hand of God been mercifully extended towards us!

None would have been left to tell the tale of their comrades' fate and sufferings. Six hundred and twenty souls are cast on a most inhospitable and proverbially unhealthy island, short of every description of provision and comforts, exposed to heavy fatigues under a tropical sun, constantly wet for the first fortnight while landing stores through the surf from the "Runnymede" scantily clothed, badly fed, and pestered and annoyed by savages; yet wonderful to relate, during the 54 days they remained on the Island only 6 adults and a few children died, scarcely a common average! What may not indeed be accomplished by British soldiers and British discipline in times of trial and difficulties such as these?

(To be continued).

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PROMOTION AND APPOINTMENTS.

3RD BATTALION.

THE UNDERMENTIONED 2ND-LIEUTENANTS TO BE LIEUTENANTS:—J. G. Herring-Cooper and Clarence Jackson, dated 10th October, 1908.

1ST BATTALION.

SERGEANTS PROMOTED COLOR-SERGEANTS:—3914 Sergeants A. Francis (N. Nigerian Regiment) vice Color-Sergeant Rigglesford to P.S. 6 Royal West Kent Regiment (Territorial).

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS:—3486 G. Gadsdon and 8399 H. Elliott, dated 12th November, 1908.

2ND BATTALION.

APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS:—7371 Pte. G. Ellis, dated 6th September, 1908; 7704 Drm. A. Hannan, dated 22nd September, 1908; 7326 Pte. G. Andres, dated 25th September, 1908; 6781 Ptes. A. Barker, 7569 C. Wood, 7658 G. Mitchell, and 8349 L. Kemp, dated 28th September, 1908.

3RD BATTALION.

TO BE COLOUR-SERGEANT:—3119 Sergt. J. Copsey (P.S.) dated November 28th, 1908.

WEST KENT MILITIA HISTORY FUND.

The Officers of the Regiment and all Subscribers to the History Fund will be gratified to learn that the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment (Field Marshall H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught) has graciously granted permission for the work to be dedicated to him and further, a reproduction of the portrait of His Royal Highness by J. S. Sargent, R.A., which was hung in this year's Royal Academy, will be the frontispiece to the book.

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NOTE.—In the last list issued in the *Queen's Own Gazette* of October, J. Platt, Esq., should have been described as Major J. Platt, and Captain H. C. Nisbet as now set out. A Correspondent kindly draws our attention to these errors, which we are very glad to rectify.

CHARLES F. HITCHINS, Capt.,
Hon. Sec. to the Fund.

November 21st, 1908.

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The Officer Commanding Depot acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following amounts:—Major N. H. Lowe, £1 10s.; Captain P. Hastings, £3.

The Editor "Q.O.G." acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following subscriptions:—Colonel H. D. Armstrong and Mr. J. T. Hunt to December, 1909.

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

Dover, November 15th, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I enclose accounts of the boxing at Aldershot in which Corpl Darley and Lce.-Corpl. Baker were successful.

The Battalion has survived the first round of the Army Cup, beating the Northumberland Fusiliers on Nov. 4th, by five goals to one. On Thursday, Nov. 19th, the Northumberland Fusiliers are met again in the first round of the Hallam-Parr Shield.

The following leave has been granted to Officers:—Second-Lieut. G. E. Wingfield-Stratford, October 30th to December 27th; Second-Lieutenant A. S. Bredon, October 29th to November 30th; Lieutenant A. K. Searight is attached to the Battalion pending absorption. Second Lieutenant W. V. Palmer has joined the Battalion on first appointment.

1st BATTALION BOXING.

ARMY AND NAVY CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING.

By far the best form was seen in the men's light-weights, for the two beaten in the final—Lance-Corpl. Tavlin and Seaman Carpenter, the latter of whom is champion of the Channel Fleet—are capital boxers. They went under to Petty-Officer Dunne and Lance-Corpl. Baker, whose bout in the final was worth travelling a long distance to witness. Baker, whose ear had been badly damaged in one of the earlier contests, was by no means attractive to look upon at the finish of the first round, and he must have felt uncomfortable, but sticking to his man in the most determined manner and putting in some splendid straight left-hand work he was always doing slightly the better. Dunne was seen to advantage at the in-fighting, and at the close of a remarkable good bout was not very far behind on points. Corpl. Darley, the winner of the light-weights, is also a good-class boxer. He defeated Kilham in the semi-fiinal by hard left-hand hitting—he is a left-handed man—and then in the final made rings round Driver Windebank, who, notwithstanding his victory early in the afternoon over a past holder in Seaman McDonald, never had a look in. Darley's left was several times dashed on to his opponent's body, whereas Windebank rarely got home.

1ST SERIES.

Lce.-Corpl. Baker met Dvr. McKay.—These were a well matched pair, Baker having a very straight left, which won for him the fight in the third round.

2nd SERIES.

P. O. O'Neil met Lce.-Corpl. Baker.—The sailor was much the bigger man, but made a very poor show against his stocky opponent, the first blow from whom put him out.

3RD SERIES.

Rfn. McVeigh met Lce.-Corpl. Baker.—Baker forced the fighting in the first round, getting his swinging right on the Rifleman's ear. McVeigh steadied him with several straight hits, and was but little the worse for the gruelling bout. Baker, however, was the better man all through and won handsomely in the last round, McVeigh standing his punishment very gamely.

1ST SERIES.

Corpl. R. Darley (1st Royal West Kent Regiment) beat A.B. W. Barber (R.H.S. Hannibal).—The sailor had hard lines. The man from Kent put the left heavily on the jaw and floored his opponent in the first exchange. Barber was counted out and had to be assisted to his corner.

2ND SERIES.

Corpl. R. Darley knocked out 1st class P. O. Milligan, R.N., in the first round.

3RD SERIES.

Corpl. Darley met Stoker Stoodly.—This fight lasted but one round, Darley getting in a couple of hits on the jaw, the second knocking his opponent out completely.

SEMI-FINAL.

Corpl. R. Darley (st R.W. Kent Regt.) beat Signalman Kilham (H.M.S. Blemheim).—Darley, who has a curious style, and protects his body well, was taller and stronger, and after an even first round began to forge ahead, Kilham being sent down twice from heavy swung lefts on the body. Kilham boxed pluckily in the third round, and occasionally put in a good left, but generally he was short in his leads. Towards the close Darley put in some strong work, and sent his opponent all over the ring, and in the close won easily.

FINAL BOUT.

Darley beat Windebank.—Darley, who was the taller man, did best in the first round, for after the men had eyed each other for some seconds, he dashed in and brought Windebank to the boards. Afterwards he scored most of the points to the end of the round. Next time the men never once got to close quarters, all their efforts being concentrated upon wild blows. Windebank, who several times went in with his head down, was generally receiver, and in the last round napped several heavy lefts on the body that shook him severely. Try as he did, he could not avoid Darley's swinging left, and at the close was well beaten.

LIGHT-WEIGHTS (10st and under).

SEMI-FINALS.

Lance-Corpl. A. Baker (1st R. W. Kent Regt.) beat Lance-Corpl. Tavlin (2nd S. Lancs. Regt.).—The work in the first round was of a fast and interesting character, Baker, who used the left with good judgment, early took a lead, and towards the end of the round sent Tavlin to the boards. Next time he again scored best. Baker's efforts to get to close quarters and do work with the right being abortive. Tavlin forced matters in the last round, but this was to Baker's liking, and to the end it was a rousing bout. Baker boxed well on the defence, and, although "painted" at the finish, won well.

FINAL BOUT.

Baker beat Dunne.—Both are good boxers, and in the first round they did excellent work. Baker, whose ear had suffered in an earlier bout was at a disadvantage, but showed capital form, his straight and clean hitting with the left being admirable. Dunne also did well, but could not go the pace of his opponent, who was quite clever in avoiding. In the last round Dunne started well, but Baker joined in, and, after putting in several good hits with both hands, brought Dunne to the boards with a splendid left. It was always a good contest, for Baker improved as he went on, his fighting being quite good. Dunne twice tried to bring the right off towards the close, but failed.

1st BATTALION FOOTBALL.

Since my last letter the Battalion have played matches of which I enclose details. Our position in the Kent League is still an excellent one, and we have yet to lose in the competition. In the Folkestone League we do not occupy a very good position, and two successive defeats have not tended to improve it.

In the Army Cup we passed into the 2nd Round at the expense of the 2nd Northumberland Fusiliers, and we also meet the latter in the 1st Round Hallam Parr Shield to be played on Nov. 19th.

In the Army Trial Match down for decision at Shorncliffe on November 18th we are represented by Corpl. Keeble at right full back and Lance-Corpl. Powell at right half-back.

Forthcoming matches are :—

Nov. 19th.—2nd Northumberland Fusiliers, Hallam Parr Shield.
Nov. 21st.—Folkestone, Folkestone League.
Nov. 25th.—21st Lancers, Folkestone League.
Nov. 28th.—Royal Naval Depot, Kent League.
Dec. 5th —Tunbridge Wells Rangers, Kent League.
Dec. 12th.—Folkestone, Folkestone League.
Dec. 19th.—Faversham, Kent League.
Dec. 26th.—Dover, Folkestone League.

KENT LEAGUE to Nov. 14th inclusive.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Goals. F.	A.	Pts.
Gravesend United	6	4	0	2	13	5	10
Tunbridge Wells Rangers	5	4	1	0	18	4	8
Northfleet United.....	5	4	1	0	17	10	8
1st R.W.K.	4	3	0	1	12	3	7
Sheppey United.....	6	3	2	1	17	6	7
Royal Naval Depot	4	2	2	0	12	11	4
Dover	5	1	4	0	4	17	2
Maidstone Athletic	6	0	6	0	5	21	0
Faversham...	5	0	5	0	1	21	0

FOLKESTONE LEAGUE—

v. 2nd OXFORDSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY.

Played on the Danes on October 28th, and after a very hard game ended in our favour by 5 goals to 1.

The play, despite the score, was fairly even, but the Oxford's were lacking combination. The game opened with a run by our left, Moore put behind. From the goal kick the Oxford's got away, but our defence returned. The Oxford outside left was very fast, and being left unmarked on several occasions was often dangerous. An attack by our right saw the score opened by Davis. The latter actually netted the ball but the point was undoubtedly obtained by the fine work of White. A few minutes later the latter player crowned another piece of good work with a second goal. Before the interval Holding added a third and would probably have obtained another but for the excellent work of the opposing goalkeeper, who repeatedly saved brilliantly. The second half opened in favour of the Oxford's, who were bent on reducing our lead. For a full quarter-of-an-hour they sustained an attack, and at last were rewarded. Butcher in clearing, slipped, and could only push the ball slightly out of goal, from where it was quickly put into the net.

This reverse had the effect of putting fresh energy into the Blues, and Holding increased our score to 4 goals, with a beautiful shot.

Moore was the next, the last to find the net. Beating the opposing half and evading the right back, he gave the keeper no chance with his final effort. There was no more scoring and we won as stated.

Team—Goal, Butcher; backs, Thompson and Keeble; halves, Huggett, Powell and Green; forwards, Reynolds, White, Davis, Holding, and Moore. Referee, Sergt. Casey, R.M.L.I.

KENT LEAGUE—v. SHEPPEY UNITED.

Played on the Crabble on October 31st, a very close game ending in our favour by a goal to love.

Losing the toss we were set to face the sun, and until the latter dropped behind the adjacent hill, we were held at bay. During this period the United netted, but the point was disallowed for some infringement of the rules. As the game progressed we began to have more of the play, and towards the end of the half, set up a continual bombardment of the opposing side's goal.

Davis was fouled when a score seemed likely but the free kick was fruitless. Holding and White both narrowly missed scoring, whilst a terrific shot by Green hit the bar and rebounded into play. At the interval the score-sheet was blank. Good play by United marked the opening of the second half, but Butcher was in splendid form and saved repeatedly. An attack by the right saw Reynolds put in an excellent centre, which Holding breasted into the net amidst tremendous cheering.

Holding and Moore were now very dangerous but the United defence was very sound and no further score accrued. During a sharp attack Davis was brought down rather heavily and was so badly injured as to necessitate his removal from the field.

With ten minutes to go, things were none too rosy for the Blues, but playing only four forwards the defence held out, and when time came we were winners of a strenuous battle by 1 goal to 0.

Team—As v. Oxford Light Infantry.

ARMY CUP 1st ROUND—

v. 2nd NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

This match was played, November 4th, on the Crabble, in excellent weather, and before a crowd of quite 1,000 we passed into the next round by five goals to one.

The "Blues" were early in evidence and Holding quickly troubled the keeper. No score resulted, however, and a persistent attack for ten minutes was likewise unproductive. A the end of the period mentioned a breakaway by the Fusiliers saw Davis show excellent judgment with a pass to his partner, which enabled the latter to open the scoring from close in.

Encouraged by this success the "Fifth" set up a continual bombardment, and only Butcher's alertness, saved a further score. An attack by the "Blues" saw Holding neatly tip the ball over the keeper's head into the net, thus equalising the scores. A few minutes before the interval the same player scored again, and we crossed over a goal ahead.

The second half was productive of some good football, and only bad luck prevented the Fusiliers equalising. At the other end, a well placed shot by Green further increased our lead, and after White had netted from an offside position Moore scored twice in quick succession. This was the extent of the scoring and we won as stated above.

Team—Goal, Butcher; backs, Keeble and Thompson; halves, Huggett, Powell, and Green; forwards, Reynolds, White, Davis, Moore, Holding, Woodward. Referee, Sergt. Arnold, R.A.

KENT LEAGUE—v. GRAVESEND UNITED.

Played at Gravesend on November 7th, a hard game ending in a draw, each side scoring twice. This was the first point we had dropped in the Kent League, and also the first point the United had dropped at home. Winning the toss we kicked against the slop and wind, but with the sun at our backs. Gravesend attacked fiercely, but Butcher was not seriously troubled. A visit to the other end saw Holding beat three men in succession and then open the scoring with a lightning shot. A few minutes later the same player again went very close. Gravesend now attacked desperately, and forced a corner. This was splendidly taken, and the ball was headed past Butcher, thus equalising the scores. A few minutes later a misunderstanding between Butcher and Keeble led to the United taking the lead, the outside right scoring the easiest of goals. This was the state of the score sheet at the interval, and we entered on the second half with grim determination. Our repeated efforts were, however, cleverly frustrated by the opposing defence, whilst Gravesend were similarly treated at the other end. The second half was well advanced when the scores were equalised. In attempting to check Holding the right back of Gravesend flashed the ball into his own net, and we were level. This was the extent of the scoring, and we retired rather luckily with a division of the spoils. Team as v. Northumberland Fusiliers.

FOLKESTONE LEAGUE v. R.M.C.I. DEPOT.

Played on the Danes on Nov 11th when we avenged our defeat at Deal, by winning by three goals to love. Winning the toss we kicked down the slight slope, and were quickly attacking. However, we met a resolute defence, the goal-keeper in particular excelling. The game was 15 minutes old before Holding converted a perfect centre from Reynolds. Shortly after White netted a second. All the first half the Marines struggled hard to reduce the lead, but on no occasion was Butcher troubled At half time we led by two to love. The second half opened with a persistent attack by the "Blues," but weak shooting prevented a score. The Marines occasionally broke away, but on two occasions only was Butcher called upon to save. Towards the close a fine piece of work by Holding led to the score being increased. Tricking several opponents he put in a terrific shot, which the goal-keeper just managed to get at. The ball was undoubtedly over the line, but to make doubly sure White sent the rebound crashing into the net, thus putting us three up. No more scoring took place, and we won as stated. Team:—Butcher (goal); Thompson and Keeble (backs); Huggett, Powell and Green (halves); Reynolds, Scott, White, Holding and Moore.

FOLKESTONE LEAGUE—v. 21st LANCERS.

On the 12th November we journeyed to Canterbury, depleted of three regular players in Butcher, Powell and Huggett, all assisting their company in an East Kent Thursday League match. Although we had the major portion of the opening play, and actually led by one nil at half-time, we were eventually beaten by two one. Team:—Kemp (goal); Thompson and Keeble (backs); Mitchell, Woodward and Green (halves); Reynolds, Scott, White, Holding and Moore (forwards).

FOLKESTONE LEAGUE—v. 3rd WORCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT.

Played on the Crabble, the result of this match, a win for the Worcesters by 2—1 came as a great surprise to supporters of the Blues. The Worcesters were soon in evidence, and our defence was hard put to it to prevent a score. At the end of ten minutes play a beautiful centre by Greenaway was cleverly headed through by Pelly and we were a goal behind. Encouraged by this early success the Worcesters attacked persistently and almost scored again, the ball cannoning off a defender, when driven hard from close in. The Blues were scarcely ever in the picture, and on the few occasions they were at the other end they were seldom dangerous. Towards the interval a fine run and shot by Pelly saw the score increased, and at the interval the Worcesters were leading by 2—0. In the second half the Blues worked desperately to reduce the deficit against them, but the Worcester defenders always kicked out for safety, and few chances were presented. One terrific drive by Holding struck the bar, and Keeble brought the keeper to his knees with a beauty. With twenty minutes to go White opened our account, but try as they would no further success was forthcoming, and we were beaten as stated. Team:—Butcher (goal); Thompsom and Keeble (backs); Huggett, Powell and Green (halves); Reynolds, White, Hooper, Holding and Moore.

1ST BATTALION FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT.

B COMPANY.

Owing to our contribution being called for a little earlier than was anticipated our news for November must necessarily be rather limited. In my last letter I stated that our league match with Canterbury St. George's was postponed owing to their non-arrival. As a matter of fact they did turn-up—a good deal late—and the match was begun, but was abandoned owing to failing light. During the play we had scored one goal and I am convinced that the darkness robbed us of two points of which we stood badly in need. The match will be re-played later in the season. On the 2nd November we played a friendly with G, whom we defeated by four goals to two. We were to have played 56th Company A.S.C. on the 7th inst., but they scratched. I am glad to say that a man of the Company, Holding, scored the only goal in the match Battalion versus Sheppey United, and the same player scored two goals in the Battalion Army Cup match against the 5th Fusiliers. There are a number of events to take place in November, accounts of which we will send in our next letter. Among them are a visit of Pte. Webber of B to Walmer to try conclusions with one of the Royal Marines, boxing at 10 stone. Corpl. Sheppard goes to Maidstone to meet an old opponent in Latter. We journey to Canterbury on the 19th to play the Post Office in the Thursday Football League, and on the 21st and 28th insts. we meet the 40th Company R.G.A. and A.O. Corps respectively.

H.K., B Company's Correspondent.

H COMPANY.

At a Division IV. Referee's Examination Meeting, held at the Eagle Hotel, Dover, No. 7248 Pte. R. C. Verrall, H Company, passed the necessary test, and thus becomes of Class II. List of Referees.

Since last writing we have only played two matches, our opponents on three occasions scratching. The first was:—

v. A COY. 3rd WORCESTERSHIRE REGT.

This company, which possesses no fewer than eight regimental players, gave us a dressing down to the tune of four to none. We were minus the services of Butcher, Powell, aud Pease, all indisposed, otherwise we might have put up a better fight.

At half-time the score was 1—0 against us, but in the concluding moiety the Worcesters quickly put on three goals and won as stated.

Team—Goal, McCaffrey; backs, Boland and Huggett; halves, Verrall, Barry and Horne; forwards, Miles, White, Highams, McKenzie and Pryer.

EAST KENT THURSDAY LEAGUE—
v. DEAL THURSDAY INVICTA.

Played on the Glacis, the game terminating five minutes before time with the H Company leading by 6—0. Deal turned up at 3.20 p.m. with only nine men, and a start was made almost immediately. With only three forwards Deal were scarcely ever dangerous, and the game resolved into a duel between Deal's defence and H's vanguard. The latter was out of form and chances were missed from the easiest of positions McKenzie alone seemed to know what to do and before half-time he had netted on three occasions.

The second half was only a few minutes old when a long shot by White found the net. A spell of loose play now followed, and darkness was rapidly falling over the ground. With 15 minutes to go Highams scored a fifth goal, and a fine run and centre by White saw Highams net for the sixth and last occasion. It was now too dark to follow the flight of the ball, and with five minutes still to play the referee applied the closure. This will probably necessitate the whole of the match being re-played.

Team—Goal, Butcher; backs, Powell and Huggett; halves, Pryer, Capt. T. H. C. Nunn and Verrall; forwards, Pease, White, W. Highams, McKenzie and W. J. White.

H Company Correspondent.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

Second-Lieut. A. S. Bredon passed an examination in subjects (a) and (b) for promotion, at Dover on the 27th October.

Second-Lieut. Wilberforce resigns his commission, dated November 11th, 1908.

Draft for the 2nd Battalion in India : Sergts. H. Smith, A. Mobberley, E. Ashton, W. Tranter, L. Waern, and 250 men of the 1st Battalion from Dover, embarked for Calcutta on December 2nd, to join the 2nd Battalion at Lebong. Another draft of about 150 N.C.O.'s and men will sail in February next.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s and men have been granted certificates of education as follows :—

First Class.—7321 Corpl. G. Reeves and 8006 Pte. H. Fletcher, dated 27/10/08.

Second Class.—8521 Lance-Corpl. H. Doust, 8328 Lance-Corpl. J. Powell, 8674 Lance-Corpl. G. File, 8744 Pte J. Lakey, 8806 Pte. G. Butler, 8725 Pte. W. Bridger, 8734 Boy S. Kill, dated 22/10/08.

Third Class.—8503 Lance-Corpl. R. Galloway, 8793 Lance-Corpl. F. Wood, 9097 Pte. G. Setchell, 8872 Pte. W. Hodges, 9043 Pte. T. Jasper, 8751 Pte. W. S. Mashfold, dated 22/10/08.

No. 5345 Sergt. A. Reynolds qualified at the School of Musketry, Hythe, on October 23rd, 1908, obtaining a "Distinguished."

No. 9146 Pte. R. Sweet has been transferred from the 2nd Middlesex Regiment to the Royal West Kent, dated November 9th, 1908.

No. 7915 Pte. F. Cannon, 5227 Pte. J. Metcalfe, 3212 Pte. F. Baldock and 6327 Pte. J. Watts have been posted to the 3rd Battalion at Maidstone for a tour of duty.

No. 6020 Pte. F. Voller has been discharged as medically unfit for further service.

The following N.C.O.'s and men have been granted or restored good conduct badges :—8318 Drummer R. Pease, 13/9/08, 8426 Pte. T. Geraghty, 18/10/08, 8438 Lance-Corpl. F. Bovis, 2/11/08, 8440 Pte. T. Hicks, 1/11/08, 8432 Pte H. Dye, 22/10/08, 8445 Pte. E. Johnson, 8446 Pte. H. Hall, 8450 Pte. G. Wall, 6/11/08, 8437 Pte. W. Mummery, 29/10/08, 8431 Lance-Corpl. A. Purkis, 26/10/08, one badge ; 7424 Lance-Corpl. W. Bellfield, two badges ; 8455 Pte. A. Uden, one badge, 14/11/08 ; 7355 Lance-Corpl. G. Tweedale, two badges, 16/11/08 ; 8456 Pte. W. Mulligan, one badge, 17/11/08 ; 6734 Drummer W. Proctor, two badges, 17/11/08 ; 8416 Pte. W. Latter, one badge, 11/10/08 ; 7372 Pte. W. Glover, two badges, 14/9/08 ; 8459 Lance-Corpl. W. Mills, one badge, 14/11/08 ; 4866 Pte. G. Hollands, three badges, 19/11/08 ; 1465 Pte. W. Allen, one badge, 20/11/08 ; 8462 Pte. A. Howson, one badge, 20/11/08 ; 8468 Boy E. Rigby, 24/11/08 ; 8469 Pte. S. Ballard, one badge, 16/11/08.

The following have been transferred to the Army Reserve on the dates mentioned :—No. 5859 Pte. F. Ventham, 4/11/08 ; 6501 Pte. H. Hook, 6/11/08 ; 6017 Pte. W. Pearce, 12/11/08 ; 6015 Pte. Dicker, 14/11/08 ; 6019 Corpl. E. Byford, 18/11/08 ; 6025 Pte. F. Floyd, 21/11/08 ; 6031 Pte. H. Palmer, 26/11/08.

No 3846 Lance-Corpl. G. Gadsdon has been posted to the 3rd Battalion for a tour of duty, dated 23/11/08.

2nd BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

F COMPANY.

Tanglin Barracks.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Once again we are able to forward a little of our doings. We are at present mobilized, having just concluded the preliminary field operations. We have had some excellent training up to the present, but our greatest drawback being the heat of the sun, which prevents us a great deal in all the schemes. We have not had any cases of heat stroke this year yet in the Battalion as far as we know of, more fortunate than last year. Being the only European Infantry Battalion at this station, we have to work a great deal against black corps, who run away with the idea that blank ammunition doesn't count in field operations, so they need not take advantage of cover, but continue as if no one was against them. We had an outpost scheme from Ulu Pandu and Reformatory Junction Roads to Holland Road Station, our Company being allotted a section of the outpost, about half a mile in extent. Owing to the Company on our right being ordered to retire by the umpires, we met with rather a rough time of it, the enemy breaking through on our left, circling around us, and capturing about seven who were a bit too brave. Now the fun commenced, our opponents wanted our bolts, but we knew that they had the old rifle, so we said "take them," but they failed to find any means of removing it, the safety catch being too good for them, so they advanced and left us in the rear of the fighting line, and we just got to about 400 yards of our supports when "stand fast" sounded, so we were finished.

Now to sport. In regard to football very few Company matches have taken place, but some good games have been witnessed in the Battalion teams, our No. 1 team seeming to be the best at this station, our Company having three to represent F in No. 1 team, Privates Wanner (goal), Butler and Brewer, the former being a very good goal-keeper. In regard to hockey, the League is at a standstill, though far from being finished. The shield being won now by B Company, who have not lost a game yet, although I think it was very bad luck on our part we did not at least draw, B scoring early through our goal-keeper's pad being caught in the left upright, the ball passed inside of his foot, also our left wing not turning up we had to change one of our right over to the left, consequently making play quite different, although our substitute played a very good game Some of the spectators said it was the best league match witnessed during the season. Should we be fortunate in winning our last match, we get second place, so we must make a stronger pull next year. The Cricket Shield being next, we have to go strong at practice to make an improvement on last year's score. What we require bad is some good cricketers, for last year we were very low at cricket. We hope to improve if all goes well. Below is a table of the games played for the last month :

FOOTBALL (FRIENDLY).

F v. B—Win for F, 3 goals to 1.
F v. E—Draw, 2 goals each.
F v. Corporals—Draw, 1 goal each.
F v. G—Lost, 2 goals to 1.
F v. C—Won, 1 goal to nil.

HOCKEY (LEAGUE).

F v. A—Won 2 to nil.
F v. H—Draw, 2 for 2.
F v. E—Won, 4 to 1.
F v. G—Won, 2 nil.

CRICKET (PRACTICE).

R.A.M.C. v. F—Lost, 13 runs.
F v. B—Won, 136 runs.

F COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

Sentry on Officers' Mess Guard: "Captain of the Guard, give over your orders."

I.—Correct order: "Allow no rickshaws in Barracks below the rank of Sergeant."

Sentry (a bit mixed): "Allow no rickshaws in Barracks except pulled by Colour-Sergeant."

II.—"Allow no cattle in Barracks for grazing purposes except by permission of a pass."

Sentry answers: "Allow no cattle up the front steps of the Officers' Mess except in possession of a pass."

Note.—This caused the Captain to completely collapse, his temperature being so high that I believe he was seen with a wet bandage round his head,

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E COMPANY.

September 8th, 1908.
Singapore.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The following is as much as I can muster for the following month. The first match for the Warren Football Shield was played this evening, the opposing teams were C and E Companies. The game was a fast one from start to finish, and resulted in a win for E Company by 3—1. In the first half the teams appeared to be well balanced and some real good combination was witnessed. The first goal was pegged by the Canaries (E Company) after 20 minutes play. But who scored it is a? everybody who could find a place in the goal-mouth did so. Five minutes after the interval Harvie unfortunately placed a goal against his own side. Then followed the fastest play of the evening and soon E were on the lead, Ogle doing the needful. Within the last few minutes the same player was again very much in evidence, who notched number three after some very neat combination by the whole of the forward line. C Company's goalie saved some very diffcult shots and promises well, I believe he is quite a young hand. We meet the winners of G and H Companies—date unknown—hopes are high.

28th.—We are drawn against H Company in the 2nd Round of the Warren Shield. I must admit very poor sportsmanship in having scratched to B Company in the Warren Tug of War Shield. But there is no doubt we were hard pushed for a team.

24th.—Lieut. Graham rejoined us to-day after being away in England on leave since last December. We were all very pleased to see him back again.

28th.—Private Kersey rendered a very good account of himself in winning the final of the Novices' Boxing Competition which was recently concluded here, the weights being nine stone and under. So I must now conclude with this brief account, hoping to send you a better one next month.

I remain,
E Company's Correspondent.

D COMPANY.

Tanglin, October 15th, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Correspondence regarding the doings of D has been somewhat slack of late I admit, and, as it was really no fault of yours truly, an apology is never-the-less necessary, which Mr. Editor, I hope you will accept. Nothing happened in June or July calling for any special mention, just the ordinary run of work.

August turned out to be a rather busy month in the way of manœuvres and the annual mobilization, our post this year being Fort Canning instead of Pulan Brani, an appreciable change without a doubt, and one which was welcomed.

September did not turn out to be an exciting month, with the exception of G.O.C's. annual inspection, which took place on the 16th and 17th. The G.O.C. saw the Company in gymnastics and Swedish drill. He was so impressed with it that he came again on the Saturday to see the special class, by way, I suppose, of comparison, which eventually did not alter his good opinion of the previous Thursday. I would like to say that the Instructor himself gives D the palm for gymnastics, &c. What do you say G coming to sport, the Company have not indulged in a friendly of either hockey, cricket or football, at least not to any great extent, considering this covers, or is supposed to do, a period of over three months (rather regrettable isn't, Mr. Editor). Well, hockey has been more or less at a standstill, cricket has been in abeyance as it were, and football has really had the most influence over us all, in that we have played six games and won four. The following are the results:—Played Warders and beat them 3—2. Played Corporals and see them off 3—1. Played C and beat them 2—1. Played Corporals a second time and beat them 3—0. Our next was with the Singapore Recreation Club, who (through a misunderstanding) we played with only ten men, Corpl Vickery not having been notified, and, in consequence had to retire beaten 3—1. In the draw for Warren Shield we drew a bye, and eventually met B, who beat us 2—0, rather a pity. In the tug-of-war (Warren Shield) we met F, who pulled us over, the weather and ground being desultory and wet, which consequently put us right out of the Warren Shield Competitions.

On the 23rd, 25th and 28th September a Novices' Boxing Competition was held under the auspices of the Queen's Own Boxing Club, in which seven of D took part, which was rather pleasing, as, if we don't exactly win we have a good try (bravo). The following were the competitors:—Pte. Winter, who lost in the semi-final after a plucky stand. Pte. Obee, who also had to retire, and Pte. Hinton. In the finals Ptes. Montgomery and Goldspink were beaten, but Ptes. Noble and Cosby shewed up splendidly and won their bouts in an easy going style, particularly Noble, who was as the song says, "All over the shop," anyhow they both shewed extraordinary good form. We wish both the winners and losers the best of luck, and may they turn out to be as brilliant lights in the boxing world as our friend Baker at home. So much for boxing, the Cricket League for 1907, which had been in abeyance for some months, owing to grounds undergoing repair, &c., has again come up to be played for with B, C and D, 10 points each. Well, we met B and beat them by 16 runs, meeting C on the 15th October, who beat us by two runs and six (sick) wickets, rather hard lines for us, who had to play on a wet pitch. Don't you "C" it wasn't in our favour. So much for that, the question now at stake is: Who will eventually win the shield? Echo answers, WHO?

Time is drawing near for our departure from Singapore, and although it has some good points about it, it also has some bad ones, at all events, we will not be sorry when we bid it "good bye." Lebong, our coming station, is the topic of conversation now, with Calcutta, of course, coming in for a bit, and it is wondered whether next year's training will be a harder one or not, as rumour has it, that an attack on Mount Everest might be the finishing up, but we in the know, you know, are inclined to doubt it.

Of time-expired men, change of climate, &c., we are losing about eleven, majority going to other Battalions. This is all I have to say Mr. Editor, as I go too, and my successor, I hope, will be able to keep you enlighted with the doings of the old troop, which will be read with interest, not only by many, but by yours respectfully,

D COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

F COMPANY.

Tanglin.

September 27th, 1908.

Once again we are pleased to be able to forward you a few more notes of our doings for the month of September. After getting over mobilisation, and an inspection by the General Officer commanding, we have had some useful battalion schemes. We are now begining to prepare for our new station in Lebong, where we shall soon have to commence learning the local geography of India. Now to sport Our company is going fairly well, having a few practice matches at football, cricket, and hockey; we are just getting in full swing for the Warren Shield, football and tug-of-war. We met the Royal Engineers in the first round of football and beat them, getting three goals to their two, a very narrow escape, especially as our team was weak at the time through losing Pte. Mulchay and Lce. Sergt. Freeman in Hospital with fever, two good men out of our original team with which we pulled off the Company League; anyway, we must go at it vigorously, especially as we met the holders on September 28th, the 78th Company Royal Garrison Artillery. We all hope to bring the shield over to the Regiment this year. In hockey we have only had a few practice matches. We are longing to finish off the Company League and try to get second place, B. Company having won the Shield without losing a point out of six matches. We expect the Cricket League to start shortly, our stay in Singapore drawing near, we won't have much time. The Battalion Boxing Club is going strong, our Company having one representative in the middle-weights (Pte. Pay), who has got into the final and fought on September 28th We have some very good men to go to India, where no doubt we shall get plenty of it. I expect you will hear from the Battalion Correspondent more on this subject, so I must not go too far. Pte. Page, F Company, fought a six round contest with Pte. Dowsell, G Company, but owing to being in a very bad condition through meeting with an accident in the football match against the Royal Engineers, he had to refrain from training; also he lost ten pounds. Therefore he could hardly be expected to be able to win, but he made a good struggle for it. We hope to see him show up better later on. Our Company drew a bye in the first round of the tug-of-war in the Warren Shield, and drew against D Company in the second round, beating them by the first two pulls. We are looking forward to some new football players to come out by this draft, as we are losing four of our Company's team, two of them very old players. We wish them all good luck and hope they will get on all right at home, especially Ptes. Brewer and Dudman, who have played for the Company for quite 13 or 14 years, with the exception of while the South African War was on, when all sport naturally had to be dispensed with. Well, Mr. Editor, I must not take to much space, as every Company wants a little. Below I give just a few of our games and results:—

Football.—Warren Shield, F v R.E; win for F by 3 goals to 2. Friendly, F v D; win for F by 3 goals to 2. Friendly, F v Drums; Draw, no goals. Friendly, F v G; win for F by 2 goals to 1.

Hockey.—Friendly, F v R.E, at Pulan Biani, win for F by 5 goals to 1. Friendly, F v C; draw 2 goals each.

N.B.—Result of football match, Warren Shield: Company R.G.A. and our Company. Draw, no goals being scored.

F COMPANY, CORRESPODNENT.

Tanglin, Signapore,
September 3rd, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I must apologise for being unable to send you any news concerning the mess last month, but hope that this contribution will atone for my neglect. Three or four sporting events have taken place lately, and I am forwarding particulars in case you can find room for their insertion.

A cricket match between the Sergeants and Signallers ended in favour of the latter after a closely fought and interesting game. The Sergeants scores were as follows:—

Col.-Sergt. Mills, b Butler	11
Sergt. Mills, c Butcher b do	26
Col.-Sergt. Saunders, c Waghorn b do	1
Q.M.S. Alderman, b Colvin	7
Lce.-Sergt. Brown, st Reilly b Gammon	6
Sergt. McNamara, b do	20
Lce.-Sergt. Freeman, b do	3
Sergt. Stevens, b do	2
Lce.-Sergt. Ibbotson, b Butcher	3
A.S. Sergt. Irwin, b do	1
Sergt. Crisford, not out	0
Extras	6
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The Signallers responded with the score of 89 for 9 wickets. Pte. Colvin made a very useful contribution of 32, which was a material adventage to his side.

The other events were football, hockey and shooting matches against the Corporals. The football match ended in a draw of one goal each, after a stubborn struggle. The Sergeants team was:—Johnson; Skeer, Stringer; Brown, J. Mills, Ibbotson; McNamara, Chateneuf, Rouse, Freeman, Iliffe.

The hockey match was played in very damp weather, and teams left the field drenched to the skin. The Corporals won this event by two goals to one, the winning point being scored late in the second half. Sergeants' Team:—Johnson; Skeer, Stringer; Brown, Ibbotson, Turner; Stace, Chasteneuf, Freeman, W. Mills, Iliffe.

In the shooting match the Corporals were victorious by 29 points. Appended are the scores:—

CORPORALS.

	yds 200	yds. 500	yds. 600	Total.
Corpl. Johnson	31	31	31	93
Corpl. Williams	31	30	29	90
Lance-Corpl. Beale	29	29	25	83
Lance-Corpl. Connell.....	29	28	26	83
Corpl. Harl	26	28	28	82
Lance-Corpl. Newbrook ...	27	25	25	77
Lance-Corpl. Sheppard.....	27	19	25	71
				579

SERGEANTS.

	yds. 200	yds. 500	yds. 600	Total.
Lance-Sergt. Ibbotson	29	26	30	85
Colour-Sergt. Kevan.....	26	25	32	83
Sergt.-Major Grey	27	31	24	82
Sergt. Fletcher	24	30	27	81
Colour-Sergt. Chasteneuf...	28	27	21	76
Sergt. Mills.....	20	33	22	75
Sergt. Stevens.....	25	22	21	68
				550

Fired on Tanglin Range.

With the exception of these events there has been little to record as things have been at a standstill, owing to the annual mobilisation. The Malay States Guides were camped in barracks for a fortnight. They were brought down from Taiping to take part in the manœuvres.

Our new station is beginning to be the universal subject for conservation and many are the speculations concerning it. Apparently everyone is ready to welcome a colder climate.

Our dances are going on as well as ever and each one sees an increased attendance. The only drawback (from a visitors' point of view) is the long journey from town or the neighbouring islands.

I have nothing further of interest to add, and as the mail departs shortly, will bring this to a termination.

Sergeants' Mess Correspondent.

Singapore,
October, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

As things have been rather quiet for the last few months, with the exception of Company football and hockey matches which take place every evening, and are too numerous to render in detail, there has been nothing doing in reality, until September arrived, which brought us the competition for the Warren Shield in football and tug of war. In football G was drawn against H, which took place on the 11th Septemher, and after a very keen struggle, resulted in a win for the latter by 2—1. In the tug of war we were drawn against B, who also beat us, therefore the shield was finished for G. His Majesty's ship "Astrea" having arrived here early in the month, a Boxing Competition was arranged between the Regiment and Navy, which took place on the 6th inst., and a capital programme was arranged. G was represented by Privates Brown and Dowsett, the former, after putting up with a fine fight, drew with Private Duncan, R.M.L.I., and the latter kocking out A.B. Pearson in the second round. I must not dwell too much on this, as no doubt our Battalion Correspondent will chronicle the doings of the competition in his budget.

G COMPANY CORRESPONDENT.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

The 2nd Battalion are due to arrive at Lebong, in Calcutta, early in December.

The following N.C.O.'s and Men have extended to complete twelve years with the colours :—6184 Lce.-Corpl. H. Paul, October 28th, 1908; 7148 Drummers C. Watts, October 3rd, 1908; 7317 G. Haines, October 3rd, 1908; 8112 R. Barber, October 3rd, 1908; 6221 Privates J. Dibben, October 2nd, 1908; 6275 J. King, October 8th, 1908; 6138 J. Homewood, October 13th, 1908; 6276 F. Cartwright, October 14th, 1908; 6085 J. Glare, October 24th, 1908; 6258 A. Rogers, October 28th, 1908.

6231 Private H. Simmonds has been transferred to the Army Reserve with his own consent on conversion of his Army Service, dated October 21st, 1908.

The following N.C.O.'s and men have been awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education, dated September 14th, 1908: 8449 Lance-Corporals F. Fridd, 8130 J. Hawkes, 7219 A. Jude, 6154 G. Turrell, 7569 C. Wood, 8141 Privates W. Batty, 6103 A. Coulter, 7997 E Steele.

Awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education, dated September 14th, 1908:—7957 Privates A. Ambrose, 8315 H. Freeman, 7881 E. Finch, 8298 C. Harrison, 7435 H. Herbert, 6143 J. Leary, 7285 A. Packham, 7304 W. Pearson, 7972 J. Townsend, 8567 Boy C. Morgan.

TITLES OF THE REGIMENT.

The following short account of the origin of the variou official titles the regiment has borne may be of interest to ou readers :—

TITLE OF WEST KENT REGIMENT.

Extract from letter addressed to Major-General Sir T. Spencer Wilson, Bart., &c., &c., &c., Colonel of the 50th Regiment, then encamped at Rame, near Plymouth, bearing date—

"London, 31st August, 1782.

"His Majesty having been pleased to order that the 50th Regiment of Foot, which you command should take the county name of the 'The 50th or West Kent Regiment,' and be looked upon as attached to that division of the county.

"I am to acquaint you that it is His Majesty's further pleasure that you should, in all things, conform to that idea, and endeavour by all means in your power to cultivate and improve that connection, so as to create a mutual attachment between the county and the Regiment."

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TITLE OF "DUKE OF CLARENCE'S."

On the 1st October, 1827, the following letter was received by the Officer Commanding the 50th Regiment at Portsmouth :—

"Horse Guards,
"25th September, 1827.

"SIR,—I have the honour to acquaint you that His Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve of the 50th Regiment being hereafter called the 50th or the 'Duke of Clarence's

Regiment, in place of the 'West Kent,' in commemoration of the distinction lately conferred upon the Regiment by His Royal Highness in person having presented the Regiment with its colours.

I have &c.,
JOHN MACDONALD,
D.A.G."

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TITLE OF "THE QUEEN'S OWN."

The following letter was addressed to the Officer Commanding 50th Regiment, then at Templemore, bearing date—

"Horse Guards,
"22nd January, 1831.

"SIR,—I have the honour to acquaint you by direction of the General Commanding in Chief that His Majesty has been pleased to command that the 50th Regiment shall be in future be styled the 50th or 'The Queen's Own' instead of the 'Duke of Clarence's' Regiment, and that the facings of the Regiment be according changed from black to blue.

I have, &c.,
JOHN MACDONALD,
A.G."

GENERAL ORDER.

IN G.O. 41, 1881.—ARMY ORGANIZATION.

"I.—The following changes in the organization, titles, and uniform of the Regiments of Infantry of the Line and Militia having been approved, are promulgated for general information. When not otherwise stated, they will come into effect on 1st July, 1881."

"II.—ORGANIZATION.—The Infantry of the Line and Militia will in future be organized in Territorial Regiments, each of four Battalions for England, Scotland and Wales and of five Battalion for Ireland; the 1st and 2nd Battalions of these being Line Battalions and the remainder Militia. These Regiments will bear a territorial designation corresponding to the localaties with which they are connected; and the word 'Regimental District' will in future be used in place of 'Sub District' hitherto employed."

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"THE ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT."

(QUEEN'S OWN).

1st Batt.	.. ..	50th Foot.
2nd ,,	.. ..	97th ,,
3rd ,,	.. ..	West Kent Militia.
4th ,,	.. ..	West Kent Militia.

The following extracts are taken from Regimental Orders:—

"In accordance with G.O. of 30th June, 1881, the designation of the Regiment from this date will be 1st Battalion The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent) Regiment, and the Regimental District is No. 50; Headquarters, Maidstone."

"Under instructions contained in G.O. 86 of 5th inst.,

"The Battalion will in future be designated in official correspondence—

1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment.

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The above extracts are taken from THE "Queen's Own Gazettes," 1875 to 1881. The title of the Regiment at the present date as in the Official Army List is, The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).—[EDITOR].

3rd BATTALION NEWS.

BOXING TOURNAMENT AT MAIDSTONE.

On the 19th November the Drill Shed at Maidstone was crowded to excess, about 1,400 people witnessing one of the best programmes ever presented. The Committee under Lieut. Waring and the N.C.O.'s who assisted to make the show so successful are to be congratulated, while special mention must be made of the way in which Company Sergt-Major Hayworth (A.G.S.) carried out his duties as Hon Sec. and Ring Master. The outstanding features were the meetings of Corporal Baker, light-weight Army and Navy Champion, 1908, and Jack Meekins; and Corporal Sunshine, Army and Navy heavy-weight champion of England, 1903-07. against ex-P.C. Hall, City Police, ex-amateur champion of England. The first was a most intesting contest, arousing the greatest excitement. In the purely local events the victory of Young Allack (Maidstone United Football Club) over Private Wright (Depot Football Club) was a very popular one, whilst many sympathised with Fred Latter, who, in a six-round contest, succumbed to Corpl. Shepherd, R.W.K R., in the second round. Details:—

10st. 4lbs. Competition, open to Army and Navy in Kent —First heat: P. O. Russell (Royal Navy) beat Stoker Barker (Royal Navy); Private Langridge (Depot R.W.K.R) beat Driver Shaw (R.F.A.); Bomb Craig (R.F.A.) beat Corpl. Driscall (Depot R.W.K.R). Second heat: Russell beat Langride, who gave up at the end of the first round. Final: Craig beat Russell, after one of the best fights of the evening.

Signalman Kilham (feather-weight champion of the Navy) beat Alf Phillips (Tottenham) in a six-round contest. An interesting meeting, both men showing at their best. Honours were fairly divided until the fifth round, when Kilham seemed to force the pace, and the lead he secured was well maintained in the last round. The judges disagreed, and the referee decided in favour of Kilham.

Young Allack (Maidstone Football Club) beat Private Wright (Depot Football Club) in a six-round contest. Allack, with considerable knowledge of ringcraft stopped many dangerous rushes by Wright in the opening stages. In the second round Wright went down, but rose to receive a nasty tap on the side of the face. In the fourth, Wright had to receive bad punishment, but he did better in the last but one, and made desperate endeavours in the final, getting home some telling blows. Allack, however, proved the cleverer fighter, yet Wright was not an adversary unworthy of his steel.

Corporal Baker (light-weight Army and Navy Champion, 1908) beat Jack Meekins in a special six-round contest. At a previous tournament here, Meekins defeated Baker on points, but subsequently Baker retaliated. Further, having regard to the prominence Baker has recently achieved in fistic circles, very great interest was aroused by the present meeting. An extremely lively display was witnessed, each having, in turn, to receive some terrible blows. Throughout, there was little to choose between the combants, who appeared to be spendidly matched. The judges disagreed as to the respective merits of the men, and the referee found for Baker.

Corporal Sunshine beat ex-P.C. Hall in a six-round contest. Sunshine was obviously out of condition, whilst Hall had to be frequently told by the referee to "break away."

The decision of the judges, supported by the referee, found a mixed reception.

Corporal Shepherd (R.W.K.R.) beat Fred Latter (Maidstone) in a six-round contest. In the first round Latter went to the boards, but rose before the fateful "ten" was reached, and then, perhaps happily for him, time was sounded. In the second round he received the "knock-out."

At the close two little youngsters, Boy Pond (son of Col.-Sergt. Pond) and Boy Davidson (son of Sergt. Davidson) gave a pleasing exhibition three rounds, and were heartily applauded.

The officials were: Referee, Mr. Watson (Sporting Life); judges, Mr. T. W. Dadd and ex-Sergt.-Major Outten; M.C., Sergt.-Inst. Hayworth; timekeeper, Col.-Sergt. Bellion.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

The members of the Sergeants' Mess at Maidstone are holding a social evening every Thursday in the Sergeant's Mess Room. These evenings appear to be popular with the members and their wives, as evinced by the fact that none living in barracks were absent from the last meeting. Dancing, songs and other forms of entertainment soon cause the hour of 11 p.m. to arrive, at which time we finish up.

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During November recruiting for the regulars has been pretty brisk, about 60 line recruits having been posted to the Home Battalion at Dover.

R.A.T. ASSOCIATION.

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The Depot Branch of the R.A.T.A. held their monthly tea and concert in the Gymnasium on Thursday, 12th ult. Tea and the usual "goodies" were provided in plenty, and the members did their part of the contract in clearing the tables, as only recruits can. During the evening, Mr. W. Bishop and his company of entertainers provided an excellent programme of songs and music, including a gramophone selection, which was well received. Bonny Francis was one of the favourites of the evening. Owing to the space of the gymnasium it was found that room could be made for the married families, who turned up in large numbers, as did the Officers of the Depot, including the C.O., Major Martyn. The Acting Chaplain, the Rev. E. H. Hardcastle, was also present, and addressed a few words of advice to all present. The number on the books at Maidstone at present is about 200.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

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Football is in full swing again at Maidstone, their supporters being well catered for in the way of matches.

During November a number of matches were got through in the various leagues and competitions. The first team are performing as well as ever, but the juniors display is not very promising owing to some of the older hands not playing as often as they might. We should like to see a few more N.C.O.'s playing in the company matches as this will encourage those with football in them and the best results will be obtained.

The first team played five matches, winning three, drawing one and losing one.

In the Maidstone League we beat Wouldham and Maidstone Church Institute, lost to Wednesday Wanderers in the Wednesday League, beat Wednesday Albions and drew with Wanderers. We are only allowed to play five Saturday players in the Wednesday League, so I think that is our only excuse for losing.

Our juniors have had a very quiet month, only one league match being played. Short time was played, so up to the time of writing the League Secretary had not decided if the match is to count.

On Saturday, November 28th, the recruits met Halling Institute in the Kent Junior Cup and lost 9—0. This could not be helped as all who played had to be three months in the Regiment to be eligible. This rule being overlooked we only had a few to pick from, but those who turned out did their best against their more experienced opponents.

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MAIDSTONE AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Division I.

Table up to and including November 28th, 1908.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Goals. F.	Goals. A.	Pts.
Wouldham	6	5	1	0	15	4	10
Depot R.W.K.	5	4	0	1	10	5	*9
Eccles	4	3	1	0	12	7	6
Malling	7	3	4	0	14	19	6
Snodland	4	2	1	1	15	7	5
Burham Invicta	7	2	4	1	18	29	5
Snodland Invicta	6	1	3	2	14	17	4
Maidstone Central	5	1	3	1	13	17	3
Church Institute	6	1	5	0	15	22	2

* Includes Depot beat Eccles 2—1 on Dec. 5th.

Division II.

Aylesford	9	6	1	2	26	9	14
Bearsted	8	5	2	1	28	18	11
Snodland A.	7	4	1	2	22	11	10
Central A.	8	4	2	2	16	13	10
Loose United	9	2	2	5	15	14	9
Ditton United	7	3	2	2	12	16	8
Depot R.W.K (A.)	5	3	2	0	14	10	6
Church Institute A.	8	2	4	2	14	16	6
Albion	4	2	1	1	10	4	5
South End	8	1	5	2	11	25	4
Wateringbury	9	1	7	1	11	28	3
East Malling	6	1	5	0	6	21	2

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

Captain H. L. Buchanan-Dunlop, 1st Battalion R.W.K.R., has been posted for tour of duty with the 3rd Battalion, from December 5th, 1908.

No. 3299 Drummer G. Pullen, P.S., 3rd Battalion, has been awarded a first class certificate of education, dated 27/10/08.

The A. A. General for recruiting inspected the recruits at Maidstone Barracks on the 25th November, and appeared well pleased with their appearance and intelligence. He also expressed his satisfaction with the feeding arrangements for the men.

The Battalion being nearly 300 over establishment, recruiting for the Special Reserve, 3rd R.W.K.R., has been entirely stopped at all recruiting stations, including Maidstone.

Lieut. Waring went up for examination in subject "C," at Chatham, on November 30th.

Sergt.-Major B. Grellier, 3rd Battalion, attended the Adjutants' and Sergt.-Majors' course of physical training, at Aldershot, between the 5th and 25th November.

The following men have been re-posted to the 1st Battalion on completion of their tour of duty at Maidstone :—No. 3627 Pte. H. Smith, 4500 Pte. T. Legg, 4680 Pte. W. Bailey, 6247 Pte. W. Gower, and 7504 Pte. B. Claridge.

No. 3486 Lance-Corpl. G. Gadsdon, 1st Battalion, has joined for a tour of duty with the 3rd Battalion.

No. 1820 Clr.-Sergt. Silver, who has been attached to the Battalion while on furlough, is discharged on termination of his second period of engagement, with a view to pension, dated 18/11/08.

No. 7667 Pte. R. Bristow and 7615 Pte. J. Rosling have been awarded second class certificates of education.

Third Class Certificates :—7615 Pte. Rosling, E Company ; 7617 A. Wooding, A ; 7786 W. Williamson, B ; 7601 F. Cousins, B ; 7761 J. Burch, C ; 7865 W. Seale, E ; 7898 T. Phillips, E ; 7674 F. Stephens, E ; 7663 D. Pickering, H ; 7840 J. Moss, H.

No. 2271 Clr.-Sergt. J. Sharp, P.S. 3rd Battalion, has been discharged with a view to pension on the completion of 21 years' service, November 28th, 1908. It will be remembered by many that Clr.-Sergt. Sharp in his time was one of the finest centre-forwards in the Army. He was one of the celebrated team who won the Army Football Cup for the Regiment in 1893, and continued playing for the 2nd Battalion until he was incapacitated (during the 2nd Battalion's stay in Dublin), owing to an injured shoulder.

PENSIONS.

The following pensions have been awarded to N.C. officers and men discharged from the regiment :—

No. 951 Col.-Sergt. J. H. Cooke (A.S.M.), 2nd Vol. Batt., 3/- per diem for life.

No. 1995 Col.-Sergt. C. Osborne, 3rd Batt., 2/6 per diem

No. 1974 Pte. F. G. Long, 1st Batt., 1/1 per diem.

No. 2951 Pte. J. Brett, granted 1/- per diem, late 50th Foot.

No. 2039 Col.-Sergt. J. Hyde, granted 2/- per diem, 3rd. Batt.

No. 2048 Col.-Sergt. W. Dugay, granted 2/6 per diem, 3rd Batt.

No. 2031 Pte. F. Edmonds, granted 1/1 per diem, 1st Batt.

No. 761 Col.-Sergt. M. Audsley (A.S.M.), granted 3/- per diem, 3rd Vol. Batt.

No. 748 Pte. W. Ketley, granted 9d. per diem, late 50th Foot.

No. 2112 Col.-Sergt. W. Wimhurst, granted 2/6 per diem, 3rd Batt.

No. 904 Col.-Sergt. G. Burge, granted 2/9 per diem, 2nd Vol. Batt.

No. 7164 Pte. A. C. Daley, granted 7d. per diem for 15 months, 2nd Batt.

No. 7259 Pte. B. Hawkins, granted 7d. per diem, for 12 months, 2nd Batt.

No. 5472 Pte. W. Thomas, granted 1/- per diem for 12 months, 2nd Batt.

No. 2181 Pte. C. Collins, granted 1/7 per diem for life (includes 6d. for D.C. medal), 1st Batt.

No. 2192 Sergt. H. Moore, granted 1/8 per diem for life, 1st Batt.

No. 2209 Col.-Sergt. S. Drew, granted 2/6 per diem for life, 20th Batt. Co. of London.

No. 3755 Col.-Sergt. S. J. Kill, granted 3/- per diem for life, 4th Vol. Batt.

No. 1507 Col.-Sergt. J. E. Holland (A.S.M.), granted 2/10 per diem for for life, 4th Vol. Batt.

No. 5579 Sergt. S. Mills, granted 10d. per diem for 27 months, 2nd Batt.

No. 2168 Pte. A. J. Cork, granted 1/1 per diem for life, 1st Batt.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE WRECK OF THE BRITISH SHIPS "BRITON" AND "RUNNYMEDE."

CONCLUDED.

In that short space of time a considerable portion of the dense jungle was cleared from round the encampment, wells were sunk, a workshed, sawpit, and forge were erected, and a boat, capable of carrying 25 persons, completed. Also those who may hereafter visit the spot will find a tablet in a rock at the head of the bay, on which is engraved the names of four Brishish soldiers of the detachment of the 50th and 80th Regiments who died on the island and were buried near this shore, where they were shipwrecked on the 12th November, 1844. The tablet was erected by their comrades in January, 1845.

These Islands appear to be but little known and very incorrectly surveyed. Holding out no inducement to trade they are seldom visited by shipping. Fruit and vegetables are not to be found. The water is in general bad and difficult to procure. The soil, however, is remarkably fine, and no

doubt, if cultivated, tropical fruits and vegetables might be produced in abundance.

The rocks bordering the island are of a soft description of sandstone, while the beach and west rocks are coral formations.

Before taking our departure we christened it "Briton" Island, and the anchorage "Runnymede" Bay. Latitude 12 4deg. N. Longitude 95 14deg. E. by observation.

Calcutta, January 18th, 1845.

NOTE.

As will be seen from the above, the "Runnymede" was driven on shore about a quarter of a mile from and to the Southward of the "Briton." She was driven on the reef stern foremost, and was not carried over it as the "Briton" was. Consequently nothing is now, after a lapse of 50 years, to be seen of her remains.

The reef extends over an eighth of a mile from the rocky shore, and is dry at low water. It appears now to be bare, with three tiny islets of sandstone rock covered with trees standing on it, but this bareness is probably owing to the fact that the wrecked people cleared away the mangrove swamp then existing.

The remains of the "Briton" are now lying on the reef, at the mouth of a creek and mangrove swamp, and small mangrove trees have sprung up on and around them, but there is no doubt, from the description, that when the ship was cast on shore, a large mangrove swamp existed, into which she was tossed by the cyclone waves.

The ships were really wrecked on John Lawrence Island, but at that time, and indeed until 1880, Kwang Tung Straits were unknown, and John and Henry Lawrence Islands were believed to be one island, joined near the narrow strait at Garen-Lebar.

The description given of the state of the jungle after the cyclone will remind those who were in Port Blair in November, 1891, of the state of the jungle round the settlement then. The "Panther" seen by the officers was probably a specimen of Paradoxurus Andamanensis.

No trace of the tablet mentioned in the above account can be found, though the steps cut in the rock, leading up to where the encampment of the Detachment of the 10th and 50th Regiments was, are still visible.

The Andanamese state that the jungle was extensively cleared, but it has now entirely covered the land again, and no specimens of the fruit trees and vegetables planted by the people have been seen.

The Andanamese, in their stories of the wreck, assert in their usual boasting way that they were continually fighting with the soldiers, and that they killed very many of them. They also state that as soon as the ships were cast on shore they went on board and fought the soldiers, driving them back and taking everything they wanted.

Theycertainly looted the wrecks after the parties had gone, taking the iron but leaving the brass, and all that is now left is three anchors, some twisted ribs, pieces of the keel, numbers of brass bolts, and the ship's ballast, which appears as a mere heap of stones rising slightly above the level of the swamp.

M. V. PORTMAN,
Officer in Charge of The Adamanese.

BIRTHS.

At Gorleston, on the 11th November, the wife of Major and Quarter-Master R. J. Roche (retired pay), of a son, Martin Richard George.

At Dover, on the 6th October, 1908, the wife of No. 2611 Sergt.-Major H. Rogers (1st Batt.), of a daughter, Ada May.

At Maidstone, on the 10th October, 1908, the wife of 4345 Pte. W. Castle, of a son, Cecil.

At Singapore, on the 14th September, 1908, the wife of 3627 Corpl. T. Dixon, of daughters, Lilian and Dorothy.

At Singapore, on the 21st September, 1908, the wife of 4119 Sergt. C. Stace, of a son, Charles John.

At Singapore, on the 26th September, 1908, the wife of 4863 Sergt. McNamara, of a daughter, Doris May Cecilia.

At Singapore, on the 14th October, 1908, the wife of 5614 Sergt. J. Hayley, of a son, Alfred James.

At Maidstone, on the 29th October, 1908, the wife of 6240 Drm. W. Connor (P.S.), of a son and daughter, Thomas and Ivy.

DEATHS.

At Dover, on the 19th November, 1908, No. 8887 Pte. S. Morgan (meningitis).

At Dartford, on the 18th November, 1908, 3810 Pte. A. Firman (S.R.), of tetanus.

At Maidstone, on the 2nd November, 1908, No. 1935 Sergt. T. Connor (Pensioner), late P.S. 3rd Batt.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

SPECIAL RESERVE.

The undermentioned officer to be **Honorary Colonel** from the date specified below :—3rd Batt. the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), **Field Marshal His Royal Highness, Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathern,** K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., Honorary Colonel, late 3rd Battalion, the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), dated 9th August, 1908. (London Gazette, December, 1908).

Second-Lieut. Jack Kilbourne Kay, from the 3rd Battalion, to be 2nd-Lieut. (vice 2nd-Lieut. W. Wilberforce, resigned), dated December 16th, 1908.

FIRST BATTALION.

PROMOTED COLOUR-SERGEANTS.—No. 4949 Sergt. W. Wood, dated 4/10/08; and 2972 Sergt. A. Brown, 23/10/08 (vice Francis, supernumerary to Establishment, and Clr.-Sergt. Dark, to Volunteers respectively).

CORPORALS PROMOTED SERGEANTS.—No. 5014 Corpl. J. Markham, dated 1/8/08, and appointed Sergt.-Master-Cook.

SECOND BATTALION.

PROMOTED COLOUR-SERGEANT. — No. 4782 Sergt. H. Bristow, dated 26/6/08.

PROMOTED SERGEANT. — No. 5905 Lance.-Sergt. F. King, dated 1/9/08.

APPOINTED LANCE-SERGEANTS. — No. 6513 Corpl. G. Homan, dated 22/10/08, 5997 Corpl. F. Hare, dated 11/11/08, 7720 Corpl. W. Bishop, dated 11/11/08, 8024 Corpl. A. Hutchings, dated 1/9/08.

PROMOTED CORPORAL. — No. 7521 Lance-Corpl. W. Stickings, dated 5/9/08.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS. — No. 6096 T. Wick and 6264 H. Harris, dated 2/11/08, 6146 G. Baker, dated 4/11/08, 6402 H. Atkinson, dated 13/10/08, 7755 J. Nixon, dated 13/10/08, 7390 W. Colebrook, dated 6/10/08.

THIRD BATTALION.

LANCE-CORPORAL PROMOTED CORPORAL. — No. 7676 R. Banks (regular establishment), dated 19/11/08.

MEMOIRS OF THE HALF-HUNDREDTH.

The nickname of the Regiment (the Dirty Half Hundredth) affords a subject of great interest, and there are many great and memorable stories about how it was acquired The gallant 50th derives its sobriquet, however, more from an accident in dress than from any of its numerous exploits. It was called the Dirty Half Hundredth in the Peninsular from the sombre black collars and cuffs of the Regimentals, the black dye of which was badly fixed, and when wetted ran over the red of the coatees

The Regiment, after the return from Abercrombie's expedition to Egypt, was called the "Blind Half-Hundredth," as nearly all the men suffered from ophthalmia, and this is, even now, rather a sore subject with many members of this famous corps.

The services of the 50th in Egypt, and against Junot at Vimiera, we have no room here to re-capitulate at present, but we will start from Corunna, where they covered themselves with glory. Lord W. Bentinck's Brigade (4th, 50th, and 42nd) on the right of the British line, fell in on the morning of January 16th, 1809. Just before the advance the wife of an Irish soldier of the 50th, with a baby in her arms, who had been taken prisoner by the French a short time before, was sent in y Marshal Soult. The Marshal sent his compliments by her and said that he should soon wait on the 50th. The Ensigns of the 50th, Moore and Stewart, unfurled the colours by order of Major Napier, who, in allusion to Soult's message, said, with generous enthusiasm, "Open the colours that they may see the 50th," and the men remained with ordered arms, loaded, as quietly as in a barrack square, awaiting the attack. One shot from the French Battery entered the ground at the very toes of the Right Centre Company. The men drew back in a semi-circle. The Captain called out "Dress," and the men dressed up to the yet twirling shot. At this moment the French skirmishers approached quickly and wounded some of the 50th who were standing like a wall. The whole Brigade then received the word "Forward," and advanced firing, and charged with the bayonet. The 50th pursued the French skirmishers until meeting a heavy column of Infantry, in the village of Elvina, which stood in the valley between the two armies. A severe struggle took place, the dead and wounded of the English and French falling on each other, so close was the fighting. Here Major Stanhope of the 50th fell dead, and Ensigns Moore and Stewart, who carried the colours, were mortally wounded, and also Lieutenant Wilson.

(Reprint from "Q.O.G.," of 1875).

(To be Continued).

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DOVER,
December 15th, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

On December 2nd a draft for the 2nd Battalion left us under the command of Captain Thomson, Seaforth Highlanders, and 2nd-Lieutenant A. S. Bredin.

On December 14th a draft arrived from the 2nd Battalion This draft was commanded by Captain Belgrave.

Captain G. Elgood has become attached to the Battalion pending absorption, and has taken over command of G Company.

Captain H. D. Buchanan-Dunlop has been posted to the Depot, and proceeded to Maidstone to-day.

Lieutenant A. K Searight, who lately qualified as Interpreter in the Russian Language, has been posted to the 2nd Battalion on absorption.

Leave of absence as follows has been granted to Officers :

Major E. V. O. Hewett, 15th December to 27th February.
Captain T. H. C. Nunn, D.S.O., 15th December to 22nd January.
Lieutenant G. B. Legard, 15th December to 27th February.
Second-Lieutenant D. J. Johnston, 15th December to 27th February.
Major N. H. S. Lowe, 12th December to 27th February.
Lieutenant H. J. Vicat, 15th December to 27th February.

The two last-named officers have permission to travel abroad.

1st BATTALION FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENCE.

Since the last correspondence sent we have had our record spoilt somewhat by the Royal Naval Depot, this team inflicting our first defeat in the Kent League. We have also dropped a point at home, but as this was to the formidable Tunbridge Wells Rangers the result was really a point gained compared to what might have been expected. In the Folkestone League we go from bad to worse, for after allowing Folkestone to capture both points on our own ground the climax was reached when the Worcestershire Regiment actually defeated us by 6—1.

In the Hallam Parr Shield we were to have played the 11th Hussars at Shorncliffe on December 10th, but owing to the weather the match was postponed. In the 3rd Round of the Army Cup we shall have to play the 1st Leicestershire Regiment in the District Final, but the draw has yet to be made for choice of ground.

In the 5th Round of the Kent Junior Cup we have choice of ground against the Deal Cinque Ports Reserves, whom we play on January 16th.

I append a list of all matches played, together with the League Tables compiled to December 12th inclusive.

1st Batt. Football Correspondent.

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v. 21st EMPRESS OF INDIA LANCERS.

Played on the Crabble, on Nov. 25th, a close game resulting in our favour by the odd goal in three. Winning the toss we enjoyed the benefit of a brisk breeze in the opening half, and were soon attacking, without any tangible result, however. An attack by the Lancers' right was frustrated by Keeble, and a spell of even play followed. Holding forced a corner, and this Moore placed beautifully, but none of the inside men were near enough in to take advantage. The defence, however, conceded a corner on the other side, and this Reynolds placed in the net, the goalkeeper playing the ball instead of allowing it to go in untouched. Stung by this reverse the Lancers attacked vigorously, but although they hovered around the home goal Butcher was not seriously troubled. A run and shot by Reynolds saw Holding fasten on the rebound and score the second goal with a good shot. The Lancers continued to struggle hard against the wind, but half-time came with the score unaltered.

The second half was largely in favour of the Lancers who enjoyed quite two-thirds of the play. They met a resolute defence, however, and their shooting was not up to the mark, otherwise they must have reduced our lead. Their only goal was scored with about fifteen minutes to go. Butcher had left his goal for the ball, but a visiting forward got first to the ball and shot into goal before the keeper could return. With two minutes to go the visiting centre broke away. Butcher, however, came out about 30 yards and neatly robbed him, thus saving an almost certain equaliser. Time came with the score 2—1 in our favour. Team—Goal, Butcher ; backs, Thompson, Keeble ; halves, Verrall, Huggett, Green ; forwards, Reynolds, Davis, Powell, Holding, Moore.

KENT LEAGUE.

v ROYAL NAVAL DEPOT.

Played at Chatham on November 28th, and resulted in our defeat by the odd goal in three.

This was our first defeat in this competition, having dropped only one point previously out of a possible eight.

Winning the toss, we had the advantage of the breeze in the opening half, but the Navy were the more prominent at the opening. A corner kick to them, however, proved abortive, and a spell of even play followed. An attack by Powell saw Holding miss an open goal by putting over the bar. An attack and centre by the Navy left saw the inside man unmarked three yards from goal, and the Navy took the lead.

They did not enjoy it long, however, Holding equalising from a scrimmage in front of goal.

This was the state of the score at half-time. With the wind in the second half the Navy quickly took the lead, the inside left being again left unmarked well within the penalty area.

End to end play now followed, without any material advantage to either side, although the Depot netted from an offside position.

The closing few minutes were marked by a determined attack by the "Blues," Holding striking the upright, and two other shots cannoning off defenders, without either scoring. We were thus beaten as stated above.

Team : (Goal), Butcher; (backs), Thompson and Keeble; (halves), Verrall, Huggett, Green; (forwards), Reynolds, White, Powell, Holding, Moore.

ARMY CUP (2nd ROUND).

v 2nd OXFORDSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY.

Played at Shorncliffe on December 2nd, and a slow game resulted in our favour by one goal to love. The game was very evenly contested, and although chances were missed by both teams, the game was fairly interesting. At half-time the score was blank. The second half was much the same as the opening period, the only goal being headed in by Reynolds from a centre by Holding midway through the half. No more goals accrued, and we passed into round three with the score as above.

Team : (Goal), Butcher; (backs), Keeble, Thompson; (halves), Huggett, Powell, Green; (forwards), Reynolds, White, Davis, Holding, Moore.

KENT LEAGUE.

v TUNBRIDGE WELLS RANGERS.

The leaders of the League visited Dover on December 5th, bringing with them a record of 26 goals scored in their three previous engagements. The result (a nil-nil draw) was more than our most sanguine supporter could hope for. The match could ably be described as dash versus science.

Winning the toss, the "Blues" took advantage of the slope and slight breeze in the opening half. The Rangers attacked at once, but Leach headed over. From the goal-kick the "Blues" attacked, but the keeper was not seriously troubled. Powell was sticking to Leach like a leech (excuse the pun), and that burly player had few opportunities of distinguishing himself. Thair proved a dangerous man, however, and once hit the side net; he followed this by just grazing the cross-bar. At the other end three shots were charged down, and White gave the keeper trouble with a good one. A few minutes after Reynolds put in a terrific shot from close range, which the keeper was glad to tip over the bar. The resultant corner proved abortive. Half-time arrived with no score. At the commencement of the second half the Rangers put up a sustained attack, and Butcher was frequently called upon. He proved equal to all emergencies, however, and at the end of ten minutes play the siege was raised. An attack by the right nearly resulted in a goal, White heading against the bar, the defence clearing the rebound. With the game wearing on, we eventually found the net, and after having a goal awarded, it was eventually disallowed. The goalkeeper was penalised for carrying, and from the resultant kick Huggett put into the net. The referee promptly pointed to the centre, but on appeal from Lambe, the Rangers' captain, he rescinded his decision and awarded a goal-kick. Providing the ball in transit did not touch another player, this latter decision was the correct one, as a goal cannot be scored from a goal-keeper carrying without being played by a second player.

Excitement continued towards the end, and either team might have scored, but the defence was excellent.

The game ended without a legitimate goal being scored, which was a fitting result to one of the finest games played in Dover this season.

Team: (Goal), Butcher; (backs), Thompson, Keeble; (halves), Huggett, Powell, Green; (forwards), Reynolds, White, Davis, Holding, Moore.

FOLKESTONE LEAGUE.

v 3rd WORCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT.

This League fixture was decided on the Danes, December 12th and resulted in a crushing defeat for the "Blues" by no less than 6 goals to 1.

A cross-wind spoilt matters somewhat, but as both teams were affected by it, no material advantage was gained by either.

The game opened very evenly. A run by Davis looked dangerous to the "Greens," but the slippery nature of the ground was against good shooting, and the ball was cleared.

An attack at the other end ended in the Worcesters taking the lead. Butcher only partially cleared a ground shot, and the outside-right dashing up, gave Butcher no chance. Before the interval the "Blues" lost several chances of equalising but at half-time the score was still 1—0 in favour of the "Greens."

The second half resolved itself into fitful attacks by the "Blues," followed by determined attacks and goals by the "Greens."

Before the half was ten minutes old the outside-right had further increased the lead, and a few minutes later a third was added.

The "Blues" now woke up somewhat, and Davis scored their solitary point. This was immediately negatived by a fourth by the "Greens," and before the close two more goals were added, and we retired beaten as stated.

Team: (Goal), Butcher; (backs), Thompson and Keeble; (halves), Huggett, Powell, Green; (forwards), Reynolds, White, Davis, Holding, Moore.

LEAGUE TABLES.

Compiled to December 12th, inclusive.

KENT LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
Tun. Wells Rangers	8	6	1	1	39	5	13
Gravesend United	6	4	0	2	13	5	10
Northfleet United	6	5	1	0	19	11	10
1st. R.W.K.R.	6	3	1	2	13	5	8
Sheppey United	8	3	4	1	17	17	7
Royal Naval Depot	6	3	3	0	14	16	6
Dover	7	2	5	0	8	28	4
Maidstone Athletic	6	0	6	0	5	21	0
'Faversham	5	0	5	0	1	21	0

FOLKESTONE LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
1st Leicestershire Regt	11	9	2	0	45	14	18
Ashford Railway Wks.	8	5	1	2	26	8	12
1st R.W.K.R.	10	4	6	0	18	20	8
Royal Marine L.I.	7	3	3	1	13	15	7
21st Lancers	5	2	1	2	8	7	6
Folkestone	6	3	3	0	10	10	6
3rd Worcestershire Rgt	5	2	2	1	11	18	5
2nd Oxfordshire L.I.	6	2	4	0	9	22	4
Dover	7	1	5	1	5	22	3
2nd North'd. Fusiliers	5	0	4	1	3	12	1

RESERVES' MATCH.

v FOLKESTONE WEDNESDAY.

In order to give the Junior Cup team some practice a match was played on Dec. 9th against the above team.

Included in the team were two who were not juniors, viz., Sergt. Harris and Lance-Corpl. Cousins.

The match, which was played at Folkestone, was a well fought one and eventually ended in a draw of three goals each.

Pte. Highams, who equalised almost on time, also scored the remaining two goals.

Team: (Goal), Lance.-Corpl. Cousins; (backs), Harris, Woodward; (halves), Beech, Steel, Todd; (forwards), Huggett, Johnston, Highams, James, Scott.

"H" CO. CORRESPONDENCE.

I have little worthy of note to report this month, even football matches being very scarce. In the East Kent Thursday League we received our first defeat, at the feet of the Depot R.M.L.I. A report of this match is appended. On Wednesday, December 16th, we sent a pure 2nd team to play the County School on the Danes. Although several of the team had never played in a match before they gained a victory by no fewer than seven goals to two. This team consisted of: (Goal), Pte. Hampton; (backs), Ptes. Dix and Cox; (halves), Ptes. Chorley, Creighton and Wilson; (forwards), Ptes. Burt, Palston, White, Lance-Corpl. Lowry, and Pte. Pryer.

I append the East Kent Thursday League Table, compiled up to December 10th, inclusive.

EAST KENT THURSDAY LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	A.	Pts.
Depot R.M.L.I. . .	3	3	0	0	10	2	6
"H" Co. 1st R.W.K.	3	2	1	0	6	2	4
Deal Invicta . . .	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
"B" Co. 1st R.W.K.	3	1	2	0	3	5	2
Canterbury Post Office	3	0	3	0	1	7	0
Canterb'y St Gregory's	1	0	1	0	1	6	0

Exclusive of unfinished matches, "B" Company 1, St. Gregory's 0; "H" Company 6, Deal Invicta 0.

FRIENDLY v G COMPANY.

Being disappointed in Dover Wednesday scratching on November 18th, we engaged "G" Company in a friendly. Neither side were at full strength, and the result, a draw of two goals each, was a fairly representative one.

The game was fairly fast, and "G" soon took the lead, the centre turning the ball through from a quick return. This lead was not enjoyed long, McKenzie fairly rushing the ball through, Smith being helpless. No more scoring occurred in this half, but "G" scored again immediately on resuming, the centre again scoring. "G" enjoyed this lead until within five minutes of time, when Highams, who had previously missed a penalty, scored with a very hot shot. No more scoring took place, and a interesting game was left drawn.

"H" Company team: (Goal), McCaffrey; (backs), Boland and Horne; (halves), Pryer, Verrall, and Murphy; (forwards), Pease, Barry, Highams, White, and McKenzie.

EAST KENT THURSDAY LEAGUE.

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v R.M.L.I. DEPOT.

After playing three matches without having a goal scored against us, we were forced to bow the knee to the Marines at Walmer, the score in their favour being 2 goals to 1.

As the Marines played their full Regimental team, with one exception, the result reflects great credit upon our team.

With the wind, we had our share of the game, but did not manage to find the net, although McKenzie put in a hot shot, which was smartly saved by the keeper.

The Marines, however, managed to net on one occasion, and they crossed over with this lead. With the wind in the second half they set up a hot attack, and the defence was taxed to its utmost. A second goal was scored in ten minutes, Butcher being beaten by a hard shot. The Marines continued to enjoy all the play, but beyond corners, which proved abortive, they met with no further success. "H" now improved, and several flying visits were paid to the other end. From one of these excursions we scored our only point. From a throw-in, the ball was centred well across the goal, and was headed to the feet of Captain Nunn, who promptly placed it in the net. This was our only success, however, and we lost our first points as stated above.

Team: (Goal), Butcher; (backs), Powell and Huggett; (halves), Verrall, Captain T. H. C. Nunn, and Horne; (forwards), Pease, Pryer, Highams, McKenzie, and White.

Referee, Mr. Hemmings, Margate.

SERGEANTS' MESS, 1st BATTALION R.W. KENT REGIMENT.

The second quadrille party of the season took place in the Garrison Gymnasium on Friday night, the 20th November, and, judging from the comments of our friends, both civilian and military, was a decided success.

The Gymnasium was tastefully decorated with flags and bunting, and the floor was in excellent condition.

The onerous duties of M.C. were carried out by Colour-Sergeant Murphy, and dancing, which commenced at 9 p.m., was kept up until 3 a.m., when the singing of the National Anthem brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

Several officers of the Battalion dropped in during the evening, the compliment being much appreciated by the members of the Mess.

Colour-Sergeant Murphy, our worthy President of the Recreation Club, was responsible for the whole of the arrangements, and was assisted by an energetic committee, formed by Band-Sergeant Ransome, Pioneer-Sergeant Young, Sergeants Keen, Kemp, and Lance-Sergeant Redmond, to whom much credit is due for the very able manner in which everything was carried out.

SMOKING CONCERT.

A most enjoyable smoking concert was held in the Mess Room on the night of the 30th November, when we took the opportunity of bidding "good-bye" to six of our comrades who had been selected for service with the 2nd Battalion in India.

Punctually at 8 p.m. the Chairman (S.M. Rogers) initiated proceedings by proposing the health of His Majesty the King, which toast was loyally received and heartily responded to.

During the evening Major Buckle, D.S.O., and several other officers of the Battalion attended. We also had the pleasure of the company of our chaplain, the Rev. F. S. Girdlestone, who, during the evening, favoured us with a very humorous speech. The thanks of the members were accorded to Colour-Sergeant Murphy and a committee, formed by Col.-Sergeant Saunders, Sergeant Pr. Press, Sergeant Brown, Lance-Sergeant Catt, who carried out all the arrangements in a most satisfactory manner, also to Colour-Sergeant Croucher, Sergeant Crossley and Lance-Sergeant Collins for their valuable help at the piano.

The concert was brought to a close at midnight by the singing of Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

The following is the programme carried out:—Toast, The King, Chairman; song, "Auld Lang Syne," Sergt. Walker; song, "The Tavern in the Town," Sergt. Childs; song, "Love me and the world is mine," Lt. Humphrey; song, "This is how he laughs," Lt. Harris; song, "In the valley where the blue birds sing," Lance-Sergt. Collins; song, "McAnulty's Garden Party," Sch.-Mr. O. Kelly, encore, "Teaching McFadden to Waltz," Sch.-Mr. O. Kelly; toast, Our Departing Comrades, Chairman, response, Second-Lt. Bredon, Sgt. Tranter; song, "Sing me to sleep," Sergt. B. Reynolds; song, "If the man in the moon was a coon," 2nd-Lieut. Palmer, encore, "The Deathless Army"; toast, The Officers of the Queen's Own, Chairman, response, Major Buckle, D.S.O.; song, "Eileen Alannah," Sch-Mr. McAlister; cornet solo, "Alpine Echo," Lance-Sergt. Rowlands, encore, "Broken Melody"; song, "Rainbow," Pr.-Sergt. Young; recitation, "The Queen's Own," Sergt. Mobberley; song, "Soldier's farewell to his mother-in-law," Mr. Traynor, V.C.; toast, The Visitors, Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. Doe, response, Sch.-Mr. O. Kelly; song, "A jovial Monk am I," Sergt. A. Reynolds; song, "Pat Mulligan," Sch.-Mr. O. Kelly; song, "If those lips could only speak," Pr. Sergt. Young; the National Anthem.

FOOTBALL MATCH.

On Saturday, December 12th, a party of our Sergeants journeyed to Deal to try conclusions at football against a team of Sergeants of the Royal Marines.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, our team was unable to turn up in full strength, so our opponents kindly placed three of their members at our disposal, who played the game well for our side.

The play on our side could hardly be called brilliant; the forwards were fairly safe, but once the ball got through their line it was nearly always a certainty for a goal being scored.

Colour-Sergt. Naylor, as left back, and Sergt. Hotson, in goal, showed great promise for their future at the game.

The game resulted in a loss for our side by 5 goal to 2.

On conclusion of the match our kind hosts conducted us to their Mess Room, where a substantial meal was prepared, to which full justice was done.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to indoor games, the merits of both corps being tried at billiards, euchre, cribbage, whist, American bowls, etc., the conclusion of which found our Sergeants very much behind.

Just before 10 p.m. Sergt.-Major C. Leetham, Royal Marines, in a few well chosen words, expressed the pleasure it gave himself and comrades to entertain our Sergeants, saying he trusted that the occasion would not be the last on which they would have the opportunity of doing so. He concluded by calling for three cheers for the Sergeants of the Queen's Own.

Sergt. Major Rogers thanked their hosts for the very kind way they had been entertained, also wished them a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, and concluded by calling on his comrades to give three cheers for the Sergeants of the Royal Marines.

BOXING COMPETITIONS.

DISPLAY BY 5th FUSILIERS.

The Sports Club of the Northumberland Fusiliers held a boxing display at the Gymnasium at the Heights on Thursday evening, when some very good bouts were seen.

The following were some of the reults :—

Featherweights.—1st round : Pte. Freestone (5th Fusiliers) beat Pte. Polley (11th Hussars); Lance-Corpl. Norton (Oxford L.I.) beat Pte. Power (Leicesters); Pte. Judd (R.W. Kent) beat Pte. Coles (Leicesters); 2nd round.—Judd beat Pte. Samuels (West Kent); Lance-Corpl. Millgate (Oxford L.I.) beat Pte. Edwards (Leicesters).

Lightweights.—1st round—Pte. Reilly (11th Hussars) beat Pte. Morgan (5th Fusiliers); Pte. Moore (Leicesters) beat Pte. Brooks (11th Hussars); Pte. Webber (1st West Kents) beat Pte. Hall (3rd Worcesters); Pte. Bennett (Leicesters) beat Pte. Towler (5th Fusiliers); Pte. Clarkburn (5th Fusiliers) beat Pte. Brayson (5th Fusiliers); Pte. Rose (West Kents) beat Pte. Fisher (Leicesters); 2nd round—Pte. Webber (West Kents) beat Pte. Bennett (Leicesters).

Contests (8 rounds).—Pte. Richardson (5th Fusiliers) beat Pte. Sparrow (West Kents); Pte. Smith (West Kents) beat Corpl. Sheppard (West Kents).

SECOND NIGHT.

An excellent evening's sport was given at the Gymnasium, at the Heights, on Friday evening, at the second night's exhibition of boxing in connection with the 5th Fusiliers. The results were as follow :—

Recruits' competition : Semi-final.—Smith beat Naylor; Kitchen beat Loder. Final.—Smith a bye.

Featherweights.—2nd round.—Lance-Corpl. Norton (Oxford Light Infantry) beat Pte. Freestone (5th Fusiliers). Semi-final.—Pte. Bell (11th Hussars) beat Pte. Judd (West Kents). Final.—Lance-Corpl. Millgate (Oxford L.I.) beat Pte. Bell.

Lightweights.—Final.—Pte. Clarkburn (5th Fusiliers) beat Pte. Webber (West Kents).

Contests (8 rounds).—Lance-Corpl. Baker (West Kents) beat Corpl. Coles (West Yorkshire Regiment); Pte. Berry (11th Hussars) beat Pte. Middleton (5th Fusiliers). 6 rounds.—Pte. Brisselden (West Kents) beat Pte. Beadon (West Kents).

The prizes were afterwards presented by Major Crispin.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

Sergt. G. Selves, 1st Battalion, qualified at the examination of the 260th Party, held at the School of Musketry, Hythe, on the 24th November; he obtained a Distinguished, coming out 5th in the class.

Corpl. T. Dale, who has just re-joined the Battalion, obtained a certificate at the School of Signalling, Aldershot, as "assistant instructor," dated 10th December, 1908.

5014, Corpl. J. Markham, has been awarded a certificate of qualification as Sergt. Master Cook, dated Aldershot, 10th December, 1908; and 8234, Pte. S. Bishop, has been awarded an acting schoolmasters's certificate, dated W.O., October, 1908.

4981 Pte. B. Fish has re-engaged for the R.W. Kent Regiment for such period as shall complete 21 years' service.

The following N.C.O's and men have been transferred to the Army Reserve :—6033 Pte. T. Pavitt, 30th November, 1908; 6034 Pte. A. Hale, 30th November, 1908; 6043 Pte. J. Vincent, 18th December, 1908; 5538 Pte. G. Davis, 22nd December, 1908.

4158 Lance-Sergt. H. Maslin, and Privates 8278 C. Minchington, 8765 G. Jaggs, 8293 R. Golding, 8665 J. Norman, 9009 J. Reynolds, and 8817 J. Huggett, passed a course of instruction in transport duties.

The undermentioned N.C.O's and men are awarded certificates of education as follows :—

Second class.—8411 Lance-Corpl. J. Wright. 8043 Lance-Corpl. T. Cook, 7355 Lance-Corpl. G. Tweedale, 9004 Pte. W. Yeatman, and 9042 Pte. W. McNulty.

Third class.—Ptes. 9088 A. Nightingale, 9060 W. Higgins, 9116 W. Creighton, 9065 W. Longhurst, 980[illegible] W. Bugden, 9086 T. Morley, 9084 J. Tanner, and 901[illegible] Boy W. Overy; all dated 30th November, 1908.

The following N.C.O's. and men have been granted G.C Badges as stated :—

2330 Pte. R. Osmond 4, dated 27th November 1908; 8443 Pte. T. Franklinde 1, 5th November, 1908; 8466 Pte. C. Akehurst 1, 20th November, 1908; 8480 Pte. T. Huggett 1, 29th November, 1908; 8476 Pte. T. Pay 1, 30th November, 1908; 8043 Lance-Corpl. W. Cook 1, 5th December, 1908; 6322 Pte. J. Ham, 2 badges, 26th June, 1908; 8498 Pte. F. Edmett 1, 12th December, 1908; 8503 Lance-Corpl. R. Galloway 1, 17th December, 1908; 3678 Pte. C. Valder 4, 15th December, 1908; 8505 Pte. B. Davis, and 8506 Pte. W. Lawrance 1, dated 21st December, 1908.

No. 4666 Sergt. J. Teer, 4170 Sergt. G. Harris, and 5996 Sergt. D. Cockle absorb the vacancies caused by the embarkation of Sergts. Ashton, Tranter and Childs for the 2nd Battalion in India; and 5899 Sergt. C. Kemp, 5649 Sergt. E. Seal absorb vacancies caused by the promotion of Sergts. Wood and Brown, promoted. Lance-Sergt. Ibbotson absorbs the vacancy of Corpl. Markham, promoted.

8234 Pte. S. Bishop passed in geography and map reading, 27th October, 1908.

No. 4809 Drummer C. Jeffrey has been discharged on the termination of his first period of engagement, 7th December, 1908.

The following N.C.O's. and men having arrived from the 2nd Battalion are taken on the strength of the Battalion, 14th December, 1908:—3287 Sergt. A. Allwright, 4150 Sergt. Cramp, 6530 Sergt. W. Skeer, 2005 Sergt. W. Mallan, 3359 Sergt. A. Moss, 5485 Sergt. E. May, 6204 Lance-Sergt. Ibbotson, 8024 Lance-Sergt. A. Hutchings, 6181 Corpl. H. Styles, 6238 Corpl. F. Tyson, 6095 Corpl. W. Harman, 6246 Corpl. R. Ashdown, 6136 Lance-Corpl. T. Cooper, 6154 Lance-Corpl. E. Turrell, 6736 Drmr. W. Moss, 8638 Boy W. Standen, and about 95 men.

3748 Sergt. R. Urquhart, 6675 Lance-Corpl. T. Ervin, 7145 Lance-Corpl. W. Geddes, 7208 Lance-Corpl. A. Sargent, and Ptes. G. Crole, A. Dadson, T. O'Brien, W. Dawson, G. Ely, A. Reid, A. Sage, G. Craddock, C. Stevens, and W. Ballard, having arived at Netley, are taken on the strength of the Battalion from 15th December, 1908.

Sergt Urquhart, Ptes. O'Brien, Ely and Sage, mentioned above, joined the Battalion at Dover, 22nd December, 1908.

6070 Pte. W. Lord and 6082 Pte. W. Bellingham have extended to complete 12 years with the colours, dated 15th December, 1908, and 23rd December, 1908, respectively.

GARRISON CHANGES.

ROYAL WEST KENTS LEAVE FOR INDIA.

ARRIVAL OF THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S OWN.

"Pom-pom" is the pet dog of the 3rd Middlesex Regiment, and it strutted along boldly by the side of the Battalion, on Saturday afternoon, as they marched from Tanjong Pagar to Tanglin Barracks. There are other pets, but this was the most noticeable, as it was dressed in a neat little coat with accoutrements and knapsack complete

It caught the eye of the West Kents when they were drawn up at the juncture of Irwell Bank and Grange Road, and afforded much amusement to the outgoing Regiment.

When the two battalions met, the commanding officers, Colonel H G. Fitton, of the West Kents, and Lieut.-Colone R. F. B. Glover, of the Middlesex battalion, exchanged greetings, while the band of the 99th Deccans struck up "Auld Lang Syne," and, swinging round, played the newcomers into barracks, led by Major-General T. Perrott, C.B. The West Kents marched away to the transport "Dufferin," and by 6.30 p.m. were all aboard. On Sunday they sailed for Calcutta, being given a warm send off by a collection of friends assembled on the wharf.

A POPULAR BATTALION.

Prior to coming here the West Kents were stationed partly in Hong Kong and partly in North China, having done duty for two years in Ceylon, whither they were sent after being on active service in South Africa. In Hong Kong the West Kents were recognised as being an exceptionally fine body of men, who proved that their reputation on the field of play was quite as good as that on the field of battle. Before leaving for Singapore they won the Polo Cup, and ran out winners of two Association football shields—that of the Army and the one open for competition to all the clubs in Hong Kong. It was found that they could put a good cricket XI. in the field, and that the ranks possessed several boxers capable of giving a creditable display with the gloves. Since their stay in Singapore the Battalion has added to its laurels in many directions. On the football ground they have achieved remarkable success. Last year their second team won the Football Association Cup, and this year their first team secured that trophy after beating the R.G.A. in the final match. Quite recently, after three attempts, the West Kents I. beat the S,C.C. in the final for the Singapore Association Football Shield. The final for the Warren Shield Football Competition, which is confined to military teams, was played at Tanglin the other day. The F and the A Companies of the Battalion met, and F Company won a fine match by two goals to nil. In other spheres of sport the Battalion has acquitted itself well, and has more than borne out the reputation earned in Hong Kong.

As sportsmen, they have been greatly appreciated in Singapore, while their band has been looked upon as one of the best the Colony has ever had. Thanks to the careful tuition and keen interest of Bandmaster T. McKelvey, the musicians under his baton have enabled many people to enjoy evening concerts and other functions in which success depended much upon the proficiency of the musicians.

Since the Battalion first arrived in the Colony, quite a number of changes have occurred among the officers and men. A few months ago a new draft came out from home, with the result that time-expired men proceeded to England to report at the regimental district of Maidstone. Only the other day, a draft of 150 officers and men embarked on the transport "Soudan" for England, and was given a most hearty send off. Everyone in the battalion has contributed a share towards upholding the reputation of the Regiment, and it will be the hope of those who have appreciated their presence in Singapore that their stay in India will be as enjoyable as it was in the Straits.

[Extract from *The Straits Times*, Singapore, 3rd Dec., 1908].

PENSIONS GRANTED.

No. 7308 Pte. G. Ives, 2nd Battalion, 8d per diem for 15 months; No. 8607 Pte. R Sherwood, 6d. per diem for 12 months, conditional; No. 1820 Colour-Sergt S. Silver, 2nd Battalion, 2/3 for life; No. 2271 Colour-Sergt. J. Sharp, 3rd Battalion, 2/- for life; No. 6020 Pte. F. Voller, 8d. per diem for two years final; No. 590 Qr-Master Sergt. G Bourne, 3rd Battalion, 3/2 for life.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

A COMPANY.

TANGLIN,
November 23rd, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

News regarding the doings of A during September and October saw the winding up of the annual field training, with the usual week at Blakan Mati, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and we have now settled down to the usual Company and squad drill, gymnasiums, etc. With regard to sport the Company have not done at all badly, especially in the contest for the Warren Football Shield. I am sorry to say that we did not enter a tug-of-war team, which was, I think, entirely due to a slight misunderstanding as to who should train them. A team was got well into practice under Lance-Corporal Esplin, and I feel certain the team would have made a good show had he taken them through. But this did not suit a few and the team suddenly fell through.

The football team has done excellently in the competition for the above shield. Since the conclusion of the Company League, of which, it will be remembered, we were the winners of the wooden spoon, the Company team has been looked upon as the worst eleven in the Battalion. But I am glad to say things have changed wonderfully since then. Our first match for the Shield was played on October 5th, 1908. Our opponents on this occasion were the 80th Company R.G.A. In size and weight the Gunners were much superior to our team, and it was expected they would beat us rather badly. However, we won the toss, and elected to defend the town end goal. Play commenced punctually at five o'clock, and from start to finish the game was a very fast one. A fine individual effort was made by Teague, who scored within ten minutes of play. This came as a shock to

RUNNERS UP FOR THE WARREN CHALLENGE SHIELD, 1908. *Singapore.*
(WON BY F COMPANY, 2ND R. W. KENT REGIMENT).

the Gunners. They knew it was A Company on the field and were naturally under the impression that it was an easy thing for them (and others thought the same). The Gunners tried hard to equalize, and on several occasions were rather dangerous, but our backs were there, and the ball very soon travelled to the other end of the field. Muggeridge played well, and although he had several good shots failed to score. Baker played in his usual good form, and scored a fine goal just before the interval. The above-named player has played in some good matches in Singapore, and has played several good games in the Regimental team. The game during the second half was fairly equal, both goals being visited in turn. It was in this half that Read, our goalkeeper, proved himself to be sound, and he saved some very funny and awkward shots. The game ended in a win for A by 2—0.

Our next match was with B Company, which was played at Tanglin on October 31st, 1908. Again we left the field winners with a score of 3—0 to our credit. Everyone who saw this match agrees with me that the old wooden spoon eleven shaped like champions. While I admit that one goal out of the three was somewhat of a gift, I am ready to concede that the victory went to the smarter all-round collection. A succeeded because they were admirably served in all departments, and because the pace of the advance guard was too much for the defenders of B. The forward play of Baker, Teague, and Muggeridge was excellent, while Lance-Corpl. Clark and Evans did surprisingly well. The half-backs were in good form. Corporal Smith displayed his old form in the position to which he is well suited Both Pringle and Evans exercised good judgment in tackling, and were a constant source of trouble to B Company's forwards. Batty and Atkins were always safe and sure in the defence. The latter is an ideal captain and played well for his team, whilst Read kept goal in a masterly style. The goal scorers were Teague, Corporal Smith, and Baker.

The final match for the Warren Shield was played at Tanglin on Saturday, November 7th, 1908. Teams A versus F. This, I think, was the most interesting match played. It was quite amusing to listen to the various opinions on the probable result. Without exception the whole of the critics had a fancy for F, but were afraid to predict them to win on account of A's exceptional performance with B the week before. F Company has, without doubt, the finest Company team one could wish to see, and it was quite out of our expectations to win, but we gave them a good and clean game, and we congratulate F on their splendid run through for the Shield. From start to finish it was obvious that F were the superior team, and the best team won, but I think one or two of the better team thought they were on the war path instead of on the football field. But although they beat us 2 —0 the loss was no discredit to the team Atkins at back played an excellent game, as also did Batty. It was their efforts alone that kept the score down. The half-backs played well, Pringle being at his best. Baker played his usual good game at outside-left, but on the whole I don't think the forwards played as well as they might have done. The combination was not at all good. I know that a little difference took place on the afternoon of the match, and I am afraid a little animosity existed on the field, which might have been the cause of the rather selfish play Our goalkeeper is worthy of a few words of praise. Read has worked very well for the team, and is one of those that has helped to fetch the team so well to the front. We hope he will do as much for us in the Company League next year. A Company's eleven is as follows :—Privates Read (59); Batty and Atkins; Evans (50), Corporal Smith, and Pringle; Lance-Corporal Clark, Muggeridge, Teague, Evans (39), and Baker.

The Hockey Shield has this year been won by B Company. We have not done so well as I expected, having only one win and two draws to our credit But it is not so bad seeing that we have had no settled team. We played the last match on Saturday, November 14th, 1908, meeting B. Everybody had practically forgotten this match had to be played The Captain had sudden orders to turn out his team on this particular day to play B Company hockey. Some of the team were out, others were asleep (I don't mean during the match). However, a team was got together, turned out, played the game, lost same 3—1. Good luck to B Company.

Well, Mr. Editor, we haven't won the Warren Shield, didn't expect to. We couldn't win the Hockey Shield, expectations worse than above. But we have won the Shooting Shield We handed this over to G last year, but found it necessary to take it back this. Shot for? Yes, I believe it was, and well at that. F Company ran very close I think, only being a few points behind us.

Sergeant Hannan has, on promotion, joined us from G Company. Privates Charman, Sage, Croll, and Muggeridge have left us for England for change of climate. The latter we hope to see back in the football team very shortly. I have enclosed a photo of the Company's team, with hopes that should there be room it might be reprinted in the Gazette.

A Company's Correspondent.

[N.B.—The Editor would like a photo of the winners if possible]

2nd BATTALION NEWS.

On arrival in India, we hear that G Company has gone to Barrackpore, E Company to Lebong (with all married families except those of G Company), and the remainder of the Battalion to Fort William, Calcutta.

The following have been awarded or restored good conduct badges :—Awarded — No. 8485 Pte. W. Purvis, dated 30/11/08, 8449 Lance-Corpl F. Fridd, 8/11/08, 7957 Pte. A. Ambrose, 12/11/08, 8439 Boy C. Page, 2/11/08, 8478 Pte. P. Barton, dated 29/11/08, first badges; 7371 Lance-Corpl. G. Ellis, 22/10/08, 7413 Pte. C. Mercer, 24/11/08, 7418 Pte G. Champion, 30/11/08, 7414 Pte. J. Dauncey, 27/11/08, 7407 Lance-Corpl. F. Godden, 2/11/08, second badges. Restored—7673 Pte. A. Turner, 12/11/08, 6363 Pte. T. Welsh, 4/11/08, 6610 Pte. J. Will, 25/11/08 7849 Pte. S. Barker, 8/10/08, 6184 Lance-Corpl. H. Paul, 13/11/08, first badges; 6417 Pte. A. Cook, 6/11/08, second badge.

No. 7390 Pte. G. Hylands has been discharged at his own request upon payment of £25.

No. 4722 Clr.-Sergt. H. Bristow re-engaged at Singapore on November 14th, 1908, to complete 21 years' service.

The following Lance-Corporals receive the pay of their rank :—No. 6093 G. Russell, 5033 W. Brown, 7344 A. Player, 8119 J. Burrows, 7501 W. Markham, 6185 H. Paul, 8331 W. Chuter. all dated 11/11/08; 8060 H. Bishop, dated 2/11/08, 8155 H. Hoadley, 5/9/08, 7996 W. Upton, 5/10/08, 4914 L. Mason, 16/10/06, and 7254 L. Green, 19/10/08.

The following Promotions and Appointments have been ante-dated, as here mentioned:—No. 6530 Sergt. W. Skeer, Lance-Sergt. W. Carrington and 5706 Corpl. E. Newbrook, all dated 26/6/08; 6489 Sergt. E. Turner, 6216 Lance-Sergt. F. Martin, 4471 Corpl. R. Hunt, all dated 22/8/08; 5730 Corpl. G. Wright, dated 1/9/08.

No. 4596 Sergt. E. Goulds (supernumerary) absorbs the vacancy caused by the discharge of Sergt. Mills, who was recently invalided out of the Service. Sergt. Goulds is employed under the Colonial Office.

No. 5543 Sergt. E. Kallend, who is also employed under the Colonial Office, absorbs a vacancy in the Battalion caused by reduction.

The following N.C.O.'s and men have extended to complete 12 years with the colours: — No. 6216 Lance-Sergt. F. Martin, 6096 Pte. T. Wick, 6264 Pte. H. Harris and 6146 Pte. G. Baker.

2ND BATTALION THE QUEEN'S OWN (ROYAL WEST KENT (REGIMENT).

Roll of Officers of the above Battalion, showing Stations.

Colonel H. G. Fitton, D.S.O., A.D.C., Calcutta.
Major S. H. Pedley, Calcutta.
Major R. J. Woulfe-Flanagan, Calcutta.
Captain C. E. Kitson, Barrackpore.
Captain F. J. Joslin, leave in England, leave expires 26th Dec., 1908.
Captain R. M. G. Tulloch, sick leave in England, leave expires 1st March, 1909.
Captain A. K. Grant, sick leave in England, leave expires 13th April, 1909.
Captain J. W. Nelson, leave in India, leave expires 6th December, 1908, Lebong.
Captain H. D. Belgrave, on duty with draft to England.
Captain C. R. Ingram, Calcutta.
Captain M. J. Dinwiddy, Aldershot, England (course of Gymnastics).
Lieutenant A. H. Pullman, Calcutta.
Lieutenant A. S. Hewitt, Calcutta.
Lieutenant O. Y. Hibbert, Calcutta.
Lieutenant R. A. Paget, Calcutta.
Lieutenant F. B. Humphreys, Calcutta.
Lieutenant M. W. Graham, Lebong.
Lieutenant H. J. Dresser, Barrackpore.
2nd-Lieutenant W. G. Yates, Calcutta.
2nd-Lieutenant W. S. C. Hamley, Lebong.
2nd-Lieutenant N. I. Whitty, Calcutta.
2nd-Lieutenant R. B. L. Bazley-White, Calcutta.
2nd-Lieutenant A. E. Hardy, on duty with draft to England (at Depot).
2nd-Lieutenant E. F. Moulton-Barrett, Calcutta.
2nd-Lieutenant A. S. Bredon, posted not joined
2nd-Lieutenant J. B. B. Ford, posted not joined.
Hon. Lieutenant and Quarter-Master T. Sumner, leave in England, leave expires 31st December, 1908, Calcutta.

WEST KENT MILITIA HISTORY FUND.

Owing to the vast amount of work in connection with the production of the Historical Records of the Regiment it has been found quite impossible, as hoped, to have the book in the hands of subscribers by Christmas. It will be readily understood what the work has entailed when it is stated that there will be over 400 pages of printed matter, and some 60 illustrations, the majority of which are full page, and in some cases permission has had to be obtained before records could be reproduced, as for instance the case of a most interesting and valuable document referring to the Militia in Kent and their disposal, dated 26th January, 1587, and now among the State papers at the Record Office, London. Reproductions of various portraits have had to be made, the two principal ones being Lord Romney (1759) and the Duke of Dorset (1778) both of whom commanded the Regiment. Colonel Bonhote has spared no time, trouble, or expense, to make his M.S.S. exact as to details, and at the same time of great interest to the reader. The book will be a Historical Regimental Record which very few Regiments in the service, who have produced their histories will be able to equal. The whole of the illustrations are being produced on a specially made linen art paper which will stand the decay of time. The letterpress will be printed on a highly-finished "antique" paper, the type having been chosen so as to read clearly, and at the same time allow of the very extensive M.S.S. being brought within the limits of the book. The binding will be in half-red Morrocco, the title in gold letters on the back, and the crest of the Regiment in gold on the front cover. As before stated the book will be dedicated to the Regiment's Honorary Colonel, Field Marshal His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught and Strathearne, K.G., and a full-page signed picture of the Duke will appear as a frontispiece. At the back of the book a complete list of all subscribers will be included. After due consideration it was decided to entrust the work to Messrs. Hudson & Kearn's, Ltd., the well-known printing firm of Hatfield Street Works, London. It may be mentioned that this firm every week produce for the proprietors, "Country Life." the excellence of this paper which everyone knows is a guarantee of good work. In connection with the History, Mr. W. Hudson, the head of the firm, in writing acknowledging the order, says, "You may rely that we shall spare no trouble or expense in making the book as perfect as it could be."

Since the closing of the fund on November 21st last. Several more applications have been received for copies. These will be dealt with if possible. In the meantime the subscriptions will be held at the Bank pending the issue of the book, which will be during February, 1909. The total amount raised for the fund now amounts to £300.

3RD BATTALION NEWS.

Captain George Seccombe, 3rd Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment (Militia), who is at present serving under the Colonial Office in Northern Nigeria, having assented to his transfer, is appointed an officer of the Special Reserve of Officers from August 9th, 1908, retaining the rank and seniority he held in the Militia (London Gazette, 8/12/08).

Captain and Adjutant G. D. Lister has been selected to attend a course of instruction in the supervision of soldiers' messing arrangements, commencing at the Army School of Cookery, Aldershot, on February 15th, 1909.

On December 11th Lieut.-Colonel C. H. Farquharson (commanding the 3rd Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment), made an inspection of the Special Reserve Recruits drilling at Maidstone.

Second Lieut. A. R. Burness has been attached to the 2nd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders from October 1st to November 30th, 1908, and was awarded a certificate on A.F.E. 535.

Lieutenant Waring passed in subject (c) for promotion to the rank of Captain, at the examination held at Chatham during December. He obtained a "distinguished."

No. 5985 Lance-Sergt. Freeman, 2nd Battalion, is attached while on furlough from India from December 14th, 1908.

Sergeant Sweatman has taken over the duties of Recruiting Sergeant at Maidstone from January 1st, 1909.

Until further orders recruits raised for the Royal West Kent Regiment (Regulars), including those who join from the Special Reserve, are to be one inch in excess of the standard height laid down in the recruiting regulations.

No. 8097 Lance-Corpl. B. Pronger and 3419 Pte. W. Faulkner joined from the 1st Battalion at Dover for a tour of duty on the regular establishment of the 3rd Battalion.

No. 2029 Pte. A. Chapman (Regular Establishment) has been discharged to pension on completion of 21 years' service.

It has been notified that a soldier on furlough who requires medical aid should apply to the O.C. the nearest military station. When this is impossible he may apply to a civilian doctor, show him his furlough paper, and he will be allowed to charge for attendance at the rate laid down on A Form, O 1667 (provided that the case is immediately reported by the soldier to the O.C the nearest military station.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

FAREWELL TO QUARTER-MASTER-SERGEANT BOURNE.

The Members of the Sergeant's Mess of the 3rd Battalion assembled together on the 9th December for the purpose of bidding good-bye to No. 590 Quarter-Master Sergeant G. Bourne, who has now been serving with the Regiment for some 26 years. Major Arundel Martyn (commanding the Depot) and the Officers honouring us with their presence.

Sergt.-Major Grellier occupied the chair, and had no difficulty in finding efficient and willing contributors to the programme, which consisted of songs, recitations, etc. On rising to propose the health of Q.M.S. Bourne he mentioned the fact that during his stay at the Depot their departing comrade had always been in the front rank at cricket, football, billiards, and all other sports and games which had taken place. He pointed out that this was another of the many cases which had lately occurred where no one followed to step into the place of their departing comrade (the combined duties of Quarter-Master Sergeant of the Depot and 3rd Battalion now being performed by Quarter-Master Sergeant Pye).

Major Martyn then, on behalf of the members of the Sergeant's mess, presented Quarter-Master Sergeant Bourne with a gold watch suitably inscribed, and stated how the recipient had at many times rendered him valuable service not only during the mobilization and de-mobilization of the Militia during the late war but on other strenuous occasions which had cropped up when he was adjutant of the 3rd Battalion, and pointed out to those present his many sterling qualities. He wished him every success for his future in civilian life.

Quarter-Master Sergeant Bourne served in the Egyptian war in 1884–5, and is in possession of the medal and star for that campaign, and also the medal for long service and good conduct.

NEW YEAR'S DANCE AT MAIDSTONE BARRACKS.

On Friday, the 1st January, 1909, the members of the Sergeants' Mess at Maidstone held a dance in the Gymnasium. About 300 were present, including Major A. Martyn, Captains Druce and Lister, Lieutenants Waring and Trousdell, representatives of the 1st Battalion from Dover, Royal Artillery, A.S.C., R.A.M.C., and the Territorial Battalions of the County. Dancing commenced at 8.30 p.m. and continued with spirit till 3.30. The room was artistically decorated by Mr. E. Martin. Colour-Sergeant Leaver was president of an efficient committee, who are to be congratulated on the complete success of their efforts. Everyone seemed delighted, and many were the laudatory remarks passed by our visitors. The music was provided by Sergeant-Drummer Gee, while Sergeant Jarrad was responsible for the Refreshments.

SERGEANTS' MESS CORRESPONDENT.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

The football team went to Eccles on Saturday, 28th Nov., and returned home successful. Over 100 supporters accompanied the team by brakes. A good game was witnessed, first one side showing to advantage, then the other, the Depot eventually being returned winners by two goals to one. Our team I think were rather lucky to win, as our opponents showed better combination, and gave our defence a warm 90 minutes. But as I have said, goals win matches, and as we won I must give credit to the winners, not forgetting the losers, who put up a good game, and looked winners up till the last minute. Our our side Sillitoe in goal played his usual safe game. I might mention he is the son of a late Colour-Serg. of that name and is an excellent goalkeeper. The backs were slow at the start, but played much better as the game went on. The half backs were safe and worked hard, Corporal Nicholson being the pick. Of the forwards Langridge was the pick, but he is inclined to try too many individual efforts which left the remaining forwards idle. Sweeney is a great loss to our football, and all will be pleased to see him out again. He is nursing his ankle at present, and hopes to be fit for the New Year.

On Saturday, December 5th, we were at home to Burham in the Maidstone League, winning by 3 goals to 2. In this game our Team started off in very promising fashion, scoring two goals in about as many minutes, Pte. Owens and Pte. Lane finding the net from close range. We were preparing ourselves to see a record put up, when the old evil got hold of our forwards, each trying to score by individual efforts, and so the game proceeded. We were hard pressed at the finish, Burham scoring twice in the second half. One of their backs, heading through his own goal, gave us a couple of points.

We have now closed the first half of the season with an unbeaten certificate in the Maidstone and District League, Division I.

The Juniors went to Loose in search of League II. points, and returned empty handed, losing by two to one. We are performing very badly in this League, but as the First Team has drawn very heavily from their ranks this season, and recruiting is stopped for the Special Reserve, their excuse must be laid down to this. In this match we tried a recruit named Ackhurst, and we hope to hear of him getting a place in the Battalion team. He has the makings of a good half-back.

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT.

TERRITORIAL NEWS.

Ernest Sumley Hammick has been gazetted as 2nd-Lieut. in the 4th Volunteer Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, dated June 12th, 1908.

In the Kent Brigade Companies Home Counties Divisional Transport and Supply Column, Ernest Warton Streatfield and George Norman Bunyard are gazetted 2nd-Lieuts. dated November 1st, 1908.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

An engagement is announced between Captain H. S. H. Richmond, R.M.L.I., elder son of the late Colonel R. Richmond, and Emelyne, third daughter of the late Colonel A. W. Baird, C.S.I., F.R.S., R.E., and Mrs. Baird, of Palmer's Cross, Elgin.—(From the Globe and Laurel).

PERIODICALS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 1908.

The Editor begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following Regimental and other Newspapers during the past year, copies of "The Queen's Own Gazette" have been dispatched in return, which we trust have reached their destination safely :—

"The Dragon."
"The Sapper."
"The St. George's Gazette."
"The Globe and Laurel."
"The Suffolk Regimental Gazette."
"The Highland Light Infantry Chronicle."
"The Green Tiger."
"The Army Service Corps' Journal."
"The Thin Red Line."
"The 3rd Vol. Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers' Magazine."
"The Kentish Mercury."
"The Military Mail."
"The Aldershot News."
"The Kent Messenger."
"The Irish Military Gazette."

OBITUARY.

The late 1935 Sergeant Thomas Connor, whose death was announced in our November number, and who was buried by the troops at Maidstone with military honours, was attested for the Royal West Kent Regiment and posted to 2nd Battalion at Chatham on 8th June, 1887, at the age of 14 years 11 months. He was born at Curragh Camp, Kildare, Ireland. He was appointed Drummer in the 2nd Battalion on 2nd July, 1888 ; appointed Lance-Corporal 4th July, 1896 ; promoted Corporal 1st June, 1899 ; appointed Lance-Sergeant 3rd May, 1901 : promoted Sergeant 16th January, 1903. He embarked for Egypt with the 2nd Battalion on the 13th September, 1899, and served in that country until 4th March, 1900. He proceeded to South Africa with the Battalion on 16th March, 1900, and took part in the various operations in which the Battalion was engaged, being granted the Queen's South African Medal with clasps for Cape Colony, Wittebergen, and Transvaal, and the King's Medal with clasps, South Africa, 1901–1902. He proceeded to Ceylon with the Battalion on 23rd November, 1902 ; returned to South Africa on 17th December, 1902 ; and embarked for home on 19th February, 1903 ; and on arrival in England was posted for duty with the permanent staff of the 3rd Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, and he did duty with that Battalion until he was discharged on completion of second period of engagement on 7th June, 1908, being granted a pension of 1/7½ per diem for life.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following subscriptions up to December, 1909 :—Lieut.-Col. Vandermeulen, Colonel W. H. Wilson, C.B., Col. Churchill, Mr. F. Grey and Clr.-Sergt.-Inst. Callaghan, Brigade-Surgeon Owen-Owen, Miss Clark (of Acharèidh), Quarter-Master-Sergeant Baker, Staff-Sergeant H. Mason, Mr. J. R. Wood, Mr. H. Wain, Mr. J. Hunt, Mr. W. McGregor, Mr. E. Sillitoe, Mr. Geo. Barnes, Mr. C. Collins, Mr. J. F. Grellier, Sergt.-Major Light and Mr. J. Kill.

MARRIAGES.

At Maidstone on December 19th, 1908, 4108 Pte. H. Marchant (1st Battalion) to Miss Annie Amelia Harrison.

DEATHS.

At Woolwich on December 8th, 1908, 6077 Pte. C. E. Cornish (A. Reserve R.W.K.R.) by drowning.

At Maidstone, on January 7th, 1909, Mr. J. T. Botting (Pensioner, Colour-Sergeant), of Phthisis.

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