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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

1st BATTALION.

Privates appointed Lance-Corporals—No. 7548 J. Moseley, 4th December, 1906; No. 3681 W. Hide, 7th December, 1906; 7910 H. Fuller, 11th December, 2906; 6098 H. Chapman, 15th December, 1906.

3rd BATTALION.

Promoted Colour-Sergeant—No. 2048 Sergt. W. Dugay, dated 12th December, 1906.

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The Officer Commanding the Depot acknowledges with grateful thanks the receipt of the undermentioned donations:—

Captain J. Lees	1	0	0
Lieut. L. Ricketts	0	10	0
Major J. W. Jones	1	0	0
Captain J. H. Kennedy	1	1	0
Major-General E. Leach, C.B.	2	0	0
Colonel F. F. Johnson, C.B.	1	0	0
Captain T. P. C. Smith	0	10	0
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Captain E. L. H. James	0	10	0
Maj.-Gen. E. A. Alderson, C.B., A.D.C.	1	1	0
Colonel W. H. Bayley	1	0	0
Colonel T. H. Brock	2	2	0
Captain E. W. Brown	0	10	0
Lieut. P. A. Prescott-Roberts	0	10	0
Lieut. C. F. Adams	0	10	0
Colonel W. H. Wilson	1	0	0
Captain C. F. Hitchins	0	10	6
Major R. J. Roche	0	10	0
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Captain F. W. Burbury	1	0	0
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Lieut.-Col. J. P. Dalison	5	0	0
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We beg to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of copies of the following papers during the past year:—"The Army Service Corps Journal," "The Dragon," "St. George's Gazette," "Suffolk Regimental Gazette," "H.L.I. Chronicle," "Globe and Laurel," "Thin Red Line," "The Sapper," "The Green Tiger," "Kentish Mercury," "The Aldershot News," "Military Mail," "Kent Messenger," "3rd V.B. Northumberland Fusiliers' Magazine," Christmas number "Primrose League Gazette."

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

We are all very busy, as we embark to-morrow, The transport was to have been in at dawn to-day, but has not arrived yet. There is no news, I am afraid, this month. The Army v. Navy Boxing came off in the new Circus on the 13th. Three of our men represented the Army—Pte. Baker as light weight, Lce.-Corpl. Sheppard as middle weight, and Pte. Andrews as bantam weight. Andrews fought first, and won easily, his opponent not showing much knowledge of boxing. Sheppard fought Stoker Campbell, a well-known boxer here, but the fight was stopped in the 9th round, as the Referee was dissatisfied with the form shown. I believe Sheppard is to be given first prize, as he was not to blame, and was winning easily on points. Lce.-Corpl. Sherwood, of the Worcestershire Regiment, was again badly beaten by Q.S. Kilham, and would probably have been knocked out if Kilham had not sprained a finger. Rice, of the Rifle Brigade, won the heavy weights. Baker was beaten by A. B. Hunnings after a good fight. Baker, early in the fight sprained both his thumbs, and but for this the result might have been very different. But Hunnings fought very well, and won on points. We are looking forward to some good boxing when we get home.

INSPECTION BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

On Friday, the 14th, the Governor, General Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke inspected us on Floriana Parade Ground, and after having marched past, &c., we were formed up, and in saying good-bye he made the following very complimentary speech to the Battalion:—

"Colonel Maunsell, Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men of the Royal West Kent Regiment, I have come here to-day not to make a formal inspection, as that has already been done by the G.O.C. Infantry Brigade, but to say good-bye, and I will begin by telling you that I have nothing but good to say of the Regiment. I am very sorry you are leaving my command, as during your stay here you have all done your duty in a quiet and unostentatious manner. The N.C.O.'s and men when walking about the town have always been smart and respectful, and a credit to their Regiment. I knew the Regiment when it was in New Zealand, and before many of you were born, when there was only one Battalion (the 50th), it was a very smart old Regiment then, and although there have been great changes in the organisation of the army, and you now have several battalions, I can certainly see no change in you from those days. A small proof of this is that about a month ago over 200 men were sent to join your 2nd Battalion at Singapore. They all left the Station and went on board in the way that good soldiers should do. I am an

old Regimental Commander, and I know what it means to take away over 200 men from a Battalion. I wish you good-bye, a smooth passage, and a pleasant time in your new quarters in your own County."

Your 1st Battalion Correspondent.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

BILLIARDS.

As a result of the recent Billiard Match with the Petty Officers of H.M.S. Carnarvon, a match was arranged with the six members who represented the Sergeants' Mess on that occasion and the next six, with the result that the first six won by the comfortable margin of 62 points. Appended are the scores :—

First Six.		The Rest.	
Sergt. Hotson.....	100	Sergt. Page.....	69
Per.-Sergt. Smith.....	100	Clr.-Sgt. Mackintosh	82
Ar.-Staff-Sergt. Ashby	100	Sergt. Wren.....	67
Sergt. Murphy.....	99	Qr.-Mstr.-Sgt. Cover	100
Lce.-Sergt. Maslin...	61	Sergt. Collins.....	100
Clr.-Sergt. I.M. Dark	100	Clr.-Sergt. Davis	80
Total.....	560	Total..... ...	498

The outcome of the above was a challenge from Colour-Sergeant Instructor of Musketry Dark to play any member of the Mess 500 up, which challenge was at once accepted by Sergt. Hotson. The match took place on 28th November, and after a game which was full of interest and excitement up to the last moment, resulted in a win for Sergeant Hotson by the narrow margin of five points only.

Sergeants' Mess Correspondent.

FOOTBALL.

1st Royal West Kent v. H.M.S. Venerable.

There has only been one match this month, owing to our move, and that was against the H.M.S. Venerable, on Thursday, 6th December. The following team represented the Battalion. Goal, Dufoy ; Backs, Smith and Lance-Corporal Hayhurst ; Half-backs, Mills, Sherry, Green ; Forwards, Sparrow, Butcher, Goss, Green, Todd. The game started well, and it looked as if we were going to make a good fight of it, but on the Venerable scoring their first goal, about ten minutes before half-fime, the team seemed to fall to pieces, and we were eventually beaten by 5—0.

Dear Mr. Editor.

It is always pleasant to leave a good name behind one and the Battalion has undoubtedly done so in Malta. In fact, if we may judge by the very kind things that have been said and written to us by those best qualified to judge, it is not too much to say that the Regiment returns to its own County in a highly efficient state to commence service at home. His Excellency the Governor did us the unusual honour of inspecting us a few days before we left, and his remarks were most gratifying. He commented particularly on the quiet and unostentatious way in which the battalion had always done its duty, and he instanced the exemplary manner in which our draft of over 200 men had embarked for Singapore. This, he was good enough to say, reflected credit not only on the men who left us but also on all ranks of the battalion remaining behind.

Major-General Stokes, commanding the Infantry Brigade, came to say good-bye to us when we paraded for embarkation. He assured us he was very sorry to lose us and spoke as follows :—"Colonel Maunsell, Officers, N.C. Officers, and men of the Royal West Kent Regiment, in bidding good-bye to you to-day, I must congratulate you on the excellent report that has been made on the Regiment during its stay in Malta and the very creditable way in which all ranks have upheld the good name of the old 50th Regiment. You have been in one barracks for 2½ years, but I do not look on that as an altogether unmixed blessing. Most of the duties and fatigues of the garrison have fallen on you, but they have been done by you in a most cheerful and satisfactory manner and without any fuss. In addition to this, your barracks being so close to town, you have always been more or less under the eyes of those in authority over you, so that any little thing going wrong would have been noticed. When you get home, you will have a good many young soldiers join you. Now it will be your duty to impress upon these young soldiers what a high character the Regiment has, and you must see that they don't do anything to mar it. Colonel Maunsell and members of the Royal West Kent Regiment, I wish you good-bye and a safe and pleasant voyage."

The "Braemar Castle" was a day late, and when we did embark it was at very short notice. However, before dinner we were on board with rifles, helmets, and kits stowed, and everybody settled down. The baggage took a long time to get on board and the companies were relieving each other in the hold and in the lighters from 2 p.m. till past midnight. It was very cold and a heavy rain was falling, but the way in which the men worked may be judged by the following passage in a letter from a very senior officer in Malta :—"I was very much struck by the conduct of the men during a long and troublesome day's work. I did not hear a grumble. It was altogether one of the best things I have seen."

We found the "Braemar Castle" to be a comfortable and roomy transport. Our vogage was uneventful, but I enclose an account of a successful little concert, and the Warrant Officers had a pleasant little dance on Christmas eve. When off Ushant we ran into quite a heavy sea and for 24 hours it was distinctly rough. Luckily most of us had by then found our sea legs more or less and, the ship proving herself to be a remarkably good sea boat, comparatively few of us were knocked over, though all were glad when we found ourselves in "lee water."

We disembarked with snow on the ground and voted customs formalities to be a long and chilly business. General Alderson, Colonel Dalison, and Major Lowe were at Southampton to meet us. We reached Dover long after dark and were met on the platform by General Leach, who came to welcome the 1st Battalion of his Regiment back to their own county. On reaching barracks all our men were invited to an excellent and very acceptable tea which the 1st Battalion the Buffs had most kindly and thoughtfully provided, whilst General and Mrs. Leach provided tea for the married families, and this kind thought of our Colonel was, I need hardly add, very much appreciated.

We were all very pleased to see Captains Smith and Robinson back again as well as all those officers who had been away from the Regiment for shorter periods. More than half of the N.C.O.s and men who came from Malta are now on furlough and a good many officers are on leave.

It is nearly 60 years since the battalion was here last, it having left Dover in 1848. We shall like it as a station I think. The chief drawbacks that manifest themselves at present are—first, that there is a great difficulty in obtaining

ground to play games on and, secondly, that we are so far from a range. As regards musketry, we had an excellent report on our last annual course, both from the Governor of Malta and from the Infantry General. But it is realized that if we wish to be a first-class shooting regiment, we must get plenty of practice and that will be difficult here. Luckily there is a short range of 200 yards available which may or may not be the saving of us from a musketry point of view. We are just about to be armed with the short rifle and shall be very busy learning how to get the best results possible out of it. About 100 recruits go to Lydd in the middle of February.

Major-General Bradley, commanding the 9th Brigade, inspected us a few days ago. He first saw the battalion on parade and then visited the institutes and some of the barrack rooms.

I enclose two cuttings, one from the "Folkestone Herald," being an account of the death of Major Blackall, late of the 50th Regiment; the other from the "Daily Graphic," is an account of an old soldier who served with distinction in the 50th long before most of us were born,

Your 1st Battalion Correspondent.

1st BATTALION CONCERT.

A pleasant little concert took place on December 20th, during the voyage from Malta. All arrangements were in the hands of Bandmaster Davis, whose efforts to provide a little amusement for the troops, were much appreciated by all; so much so, that at a considerable time before the time advertised for commencing, i.e., 8 p.m., the after well deck was literally packed. The following is the programme :—

"The pick of the basket," Band of the 1st R.W.K.R.; song, selected, Bandsman Preston, Royal Berkshires; song, "Frae the Non," Pte. Westcott, Royal Berkshires; song, "Bombay," Sapper Doughty, R.E.; song, "This is how he laughs," Band-Corpl. Harris, 1st R.W.K.R.; song, "Rainbow," Drummer Gregg, 1st R.W.K.R.; dance, Lancashire step, Pte. McGovern, Lancashire Fusiliers; song, "The Volunteer Organist," Pte. Lake, A.O. Corps; duet, "And the blow almost killed father," Sappers Palmer and Johnson, R.E.; song, "Far Away," Sapper Hinton, R.E.; coon song, "The giggling nigger," Band-Corpl. Harris, 1st R.W.K.R.; song, "Sentenced to death," Pte. Lake, A.O. Corps; song, "Semaphore," Pte. Westcott, Royal Berkshires; Spanish March, "La Mattchishe," Band 1st R.W.K.R.; "God Save the King" pianist Sapper Willett, R.E.

15th December, 1906.

The Editor, *Queen's Own Gazette,* Maidstone.

Sir,

A few days since I showed a portrait of my uncle, Colonel J. B. Harrison, C.B., formerly in the 50th Regiment, to Colonel C. M. Churchill, who, on reading his services, suggested that I should send them to you, as they cannot fail to be of great interest to Officers of the 50th, past and present. These services were copied from a document written by my uncle, so there is no doubt of their authenticity. The portrait is in oils, quarter length, and is a capital likeness. I enclose a copy of his services, which you can publish in your paper.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

H. S. HARRISON

(Late Captain, The Royal Fusiliers).

P.S.—The Portrait is in Regimentals, but the head is uncovered.

A STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES OF LIEUT.-COL. JOHN BACON HARRISON, C.B., 50TH REGT.

Joined the 50th Regiment as Lieutenant in Corsica in 1795, served during the rebellion in that country, and was present in several skirmishes in that island in the neighbourhood of Ajaccio, and embarked with the regiment for Elba.

Embarked in 1797 and landed in Portugal. Was appointed to the command of a Company, and did duty with the regiment till it embarked for Minorca.

Embarked from Minorca for Egypt in September, 1800, and was present at the memorable battles of the 13th and 21st of March, 1801, in that country, and also at the taking of Copenhagen in 1807, afterwards embarked for Portugal, and was present at the battles of the 17th and 21st of August, 1808, near Bahia and Vimiera, then proceeded with the army under the command of the late Sir John Moore, and was present at the different skirmishes and the battle of Corunna, 16th January, 1809, landed in England in command of the regiment, and succeeded in February, 1809, to a Majority.

Embarked for Walcheren in July, 1809, and was present at the capture of that Island. Afterwards embarked for Portugal, and was present at the battle of Fuentes D'onor on the 5th May, 1811, and at the attack on the enemy at Arroza di Montino, 28th October, 1811, where the enemy were completely surprised, the military chest and the whole of their baggage taken, with upwards of 1,000 prisoners. Was also present at the storming of Fort Napoleon, near Almarez, in Spain, 19th May, 1812, and commanded the right wing of the regiment while escalding the fortress; was gazetted Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel in consequence of the recommendation of Lieutenant-General Lord Hill, on the 19th June, 1812.

Was present at the affair with the enemy at Albode Formes on the retreat of the army from Madrid, in November, 1812. Succeeded to the command of the regiment at Corca, in Spain, in consequence of the death of Lieutenant-Colonel Stewart. The regiment was detached with a battalion of Portuguese Cacadores to Behar, and under my command repulsed an attack of the enemy at that place under General Foy, who retired with loss. Was also present at the battle of Vittoria, 21st June, 1813, and at all the actions and skirmishes with the enemy on the Pyrenees, the 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st days of July, 1813. The command of the 50th regiment devolved upon me the 25th July, Colonel Hill being wounded, and latterly I commanded the Brigade. Was present in command of the Brigade at the battle of St. Pierre, near Bayonne, on the 13th December, 1813. On this occasion Lieutenant-General Lord Hill was pleased to express his approbation of the conduct of the 50th Regiment, and also of the other regiments composing the Brigade, and was in all the subsequent actions in France. At Aire, 2nd March, 1814, the 50th Regiment received the thanks of Lieutenant-General Sir William Stewart for their gallant conduct, together with the 92nd under the command of the late Colonel Cameron at Rothes, 27th February, at Toulouse, to 1814 the conclusion of the French War, was never absent from the Regiment during the operations of the Army in the Peninsula from sickness or any other cause.

Copied from a statement written by Lt.-Col. John Bacon Harrison, C.B.

Col. J. B. Harrison died at his residence, Clarence Square, Cheltenham, April 15th, 1863, aged 85.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

No. 3624 Sergeant W. Collins and No. 7281 Private A. Rogers have succeeded in obtaining First Class Certificates of Education, while 6207 Corporal E. Sawyer, 8168 Lance-Corporal H. Hylands, and 8155 Private H. Hoadley passed in Group I.

No. 7676 Lance-Corporal R. Banks, 7681 Lance-Corporal J. Hayhurst, and 8119 Private J. Burrows have been awarded Second Class Certificates, and 7548 Lance-Corporal J. Moseley, 8005 Private W. Loft, and 8093 Boy A. Reardon, "Thirds."

The following men have extended their services to complete seven years with the colours:—7630 J. Peters, 7493 S. Bowden, 7459 B. Randall, 7468 H. Homewood, 7487 R. Gutteridge, 7490 A. Price, 7915 F. Cannon, 7471 E. Mussell, 7629 W. Bull, 7543 F. Woodrow, 7753 W. Routledge, 7541 W. Jenner, 7619 J. Kersey, and 7492 G. Swift.

N.C.O.'s and men as follows have been awarded Certificates of Proficiency in Telephone duties:—No. 6638 Corporal A. Goss, and Privates 1813 T. Williams, 7557 F. Oswald, 7753 W. Routledge, 7487 R. Gutteridge, 7481 J. Tyler, 7653 A. Murrell, 4618 J. Smith, and 3150 A. Rock.

Good Conduct Badges have been granted as stated:—Three badges, 4345 Private W Castle and 4383 Private A. Laurence; one badge, 7459 Private B. Randall, 7980 Private S. Palmer, 8097 Private B. Pronger, 8001 Private G. Marsh; restored two badges, 3812 Private J. McCarthy.

2nd BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

HONG KONG,
November, 1906.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

It again behoves me to give you some account of the doings of the Battalion. The summer is now over, and we are all very glad of a short interlude of cool weather before we "toe the line" at Singapore. However, we have never met anyone who has lived there who did not like it, so perhaps the equator is not such a terrible animal as is generally supposed.

We have not seen an account of the last tournament for the Hong Kong Polo Cup in your pages, so it is possible that none has been sent. The Battalion was represented by the following team:—Back, Major S. H. Pedley, 3 Captain F. J. Joslin, 2 Lieut. H. D. Belgrave, 1 Captain C. E. Kitson. In the first round the Battalion team beat the Civilians, and the Hong Kong and Singapore Battalion R.G.A. beat a Club Team. In the final the Battalion beat the Gunners by four goals and one subsidiary to one goal and one subsidiary The team won almost entirely by its superior combination. As this was the third successive occasion the battalion had won the tournament, the cup became their property, and was presented them by H.E. the Governor. As we had won the cup outright, it was the privilege of the officers of the Battalion to give another to be played for under the same conditions. This was done in October. Major Pedley, in presenting the cup on behalf of the officers, thanked His Excellency, to whose care he entrusted it, for the interest he had always taken in the game, and expressed the hope that many strenuous games might be played for it before it should be won outright. H.E., in replying, said that the good wishes of the Hong Kong Polo Club would accompany the team in all their future matches, and he might add that the good wishes of the whole Colony of Hong Kong would accompany the Regiment wherever they were quartered, and in whatever service they might be engaged.

There have been several Regimental matches lately. In October we played Cricket against the Royal Garrison Artillery and won. Since the arrival of the 3rd D.C.O. Middlesex Regiment on October 30th, we have played them at Football, Hockey and Cricket. The football match was a draw, two goals all. Neither team were seen at their best, the Battalion team had only just started the season, and the Middlesex were hardly in the pink of condition after their long voyage from South Africa. The Hockey ended in our favour, three goals to two, and had more advantage been taken of our opportunities in front of goal, the margin would have been increased. The cricket match was an excellent game. The battalion went in first and were dismissed rather easily for 82, however, half way through the Middlesex innings, with the score 46-6-32, everything appeared in our favour. Then Mus. Barton took the score to 78 before the ninth man was dismissed, leaving five runs to get for a win. This he just managed to do, and with the score at 84 the last man was caught at the wicket.

In my next letter I shall be able to tell you of the arrival of the other half battalion from N. China, whither half the Middlesex went on November 3rd to relieve them, and of our journey to Singapore.

2nd Battalion Correspondent.

A COMPANY.

November 7th, 1906.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I am afraid that I have been rather remiss of late as Company Correspondent, but the fault has not been entirely mine; however, I promise to keep you more fully posted as to the doings of the Company in future. The weather has been very cold of late, and in consequence more sport has been indulged in. A Company played friendly matches with E and D during October, and succeeded in winning on each occasion. E Company were beaten by three goals to nil, although it must be admitted that they were not at full strength D Company were also accounted for in decisive fashion, the score being A 4, B 1. I cannot praise any individual member of the team, as all worked well and did their best.

The following represented the Company on each occasion: Sergt. Pace, Lce.-Corpl. Trevena, Ptes. Graham, Morris, Twine, Light, Cooper, Mussett, Christie, and Mus. Nash and Norton. In consequence of the Middlesex Regiment being encamped on the Battalion Parade Ground, and everyone preparing for Singapore, sport is almost at a standstill amongst the Companies, although the Regimental team has arranged a few friendly fixtures. A Company are arranging a match with A Company, Middlesex Regiment, shortly, and I will send you a full account of the game in my next letter. I am very sorry to say that we are losing several of our regular players this year, but hope to get some new blood from amongst the draft, who are expected to join us at Singapore. Captain Druce has taken over the Company, although whether he will retain it or not at Singapore is at present unknown.

Before laying aside my pen I give you the following account of a conversation said to have been overheard here:—Scene, G.P.O., Hong Kong—A gentleman who had ap-

parently been shopping, called in the Post Office for some stamps. After being served, he asked the clerk if he could oblige him with a piece of string to tie up his parcels. The clerk replied that the regulations did not permit of him doing so. "Then give me a piece of red tape," was the gentleman's sarcastic retort.

I think this is all I can tell you this time, although you may expect longer letters when the Battalion gets together at Singapore.

A COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

Hong Kong.

TANGLIN BARRACKS,
SINGAPORE,
Dec. 13th, 1906.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

We have now been in Singapore for a week or so, and are beginning to settle down in our new quarters. On our way down the elements proved very kind, and that and a comfortable ship with plenty of room made the voyage a pleasant one. We had the usual sports, with a sternly contested "tug of war." The best struggle was that between F and H Companies in the first round, although F, the ultimate winners, were obviously the better trained team. They did a good deal of pulling in the North, as all the Legation detachments were fond of the sport. F and D Companies were left in for the final, North v. South, and North proved the winners. A concert was also held, the turns of Privates James and Runnicles elicting the greatest applause. We landed in Singapore at 7 a.m., on December 5th, having spent the previous day alongside the wharf unloading the heavy baggage. Tanglin Barracks are over four miles from the landing place, but the way was made short by the enlivening strains of our own band and that of the 5th Russels' Infantry, which was very kindly sent to play us in. Halfway to barracks we met the 1st Battalion Sherwood Foresters on their way to embark for Madras en route for Bangalore, and the two battalions were halted alongside one another for a few minutes. We arrived in barracks about 9.30, and must have been hard to please if we did not like the look of them. The country is undulating and is covered with trees and shrubs, here and there the hills have been cleared and planted with pineapples, but the valleys are for the most part swamps. All is very beautiful to look at, though perhaps we shall be sorry that it is not more open. The ground belonging to the barracks is about one mile long by half a mile broad, and the institutes and messes are dotted at various intervals over the "demesne." Each company has its own bungalow surrounded by a garden, with a centre one which contains the guard room, orderly room, tailors' shop, etc. There is a gymnasium, with Sergt. Wright, who was for two years at our Depot, in charge; and two swimming baths, one for those who have mastered the art of swimming and the other for the learners. The water polo teams should certainly reach that pitch of excellence foreshadowed by G Company's Correspondent in your October issue. To the south of the bungalows is the military hospital, which we are glad to hear is never in danger of overcrowding, though there are only two wards; and to the west is the detention barracks, where we hope that fatigue parties will be necessary to keep its spacious yard weeded, from lack of other inhabitants. The Sergeants' mess lies to the north and looks comfortable, and the Officers' mess to the east about half a mile away, a "weary way" for both Officers and Orderly Corporals.

The parade ground is between the two messes mentioned, and is, we are constrained to believe, also used as a cricket ground, though its stony surface reminds us unpleasantly of that equally stony one at Verdala. The football ground is between that and the bungalows and is level and well turfed, though just now very wet. There is a very sporting nine hole golf links, run by a garrison club, round the Officers' mess, and there are also two lawn tennis courts and (whisper it) a croquet lawn.

The canteen and institutes are well provided for in the way of buildings and fittings, and the Corporals have a large room with a billiard table, etc In the library there is a well fitted up stage, and we hope to see the histrionic talent of the Battalion displayed there at an early date. The town of Singapore is three miles away and may be reached by ricksha in about half an hour. There is a rifle range in barracks but it may not be used at ranges longer than 300 yards. The range for company courses, etc., is at Alexandra, also about three miles away. So much for the land we live in.

We understand that the inhabitants are keen about games, there should be plenty of football and cricket and the polo is fair. There are numbers of wild pig in the island to try the sportsman's skill, and several couples of snipe have already been got within two hundred yards of the bungalows. The only thing we can grumble at is the weather, for it has rained ever since we arrived. We rise early in this country, reveille sounds at 5 a.m., and companies parade at 6.15 or 6.30. All active work in the sun is done, if possible, before 8 a.m., though there is no reason why the time should not be extended if we take care that helmets are kept in the right place, on our heads.

Though some of us, we believe, left China with regret, especially those from the North, yet there appears to be no reason why we should not pass two very pleasant years here, and the fact that the battalion is at last together again (we had a Battalion of eight companies on parade for an inspection by General Inigo-Jones last Saturday) is, in itself, enough to make us feel contented, even if we were at a very much worse station. The Sicilia arrived the day after we got here with the draft of about 250 men, Capt. Wolfe Flanagan, Lieut. and Mrs. Hewitt, and 2nd Lieuts Bazley-White and Hardy, and we were very pleased to see that they all looked very fit after their long voyage.

Judging from our send off we left many friends in China, both North and South. Colonel Darling, commanding troops South China, made us a highly complimentary speech, and Mr. McKelvey has cause to know how much the band was appreciated in Hong Kong, for he received three pieces of plate from different sections of the community on leaving. We congratulate him not only on the performance of the band which he has been chiefly concerned in bringing to a very high state of efficiency, but also on the fact that his services have been so handsomely recognised by those who, by so doing, have showed themselves excellent judges.

2nd Battalion Correspondent.

DEPOT FOOTBALL.

KENT AMATEUR CUP.

In the presence of a capital "gate" the Depot won the final of the Third Division of the Kent Amateur Cup on the Barrack Field on Saturday, by beating Tovil by a score of three goals (all to the credit of Moore) to one. After the first few minutes there was little doubt as to the ultimate result, and there was no question that the superior team won.

The Depot had, of course, an advantage in being the home eleven, the peculiarities of the ground being acknowledged, but they won out and out, and for the first quarter of an hour the visiting side scarcely had a look in. By this time Moore had scored the opening goal. The soldiers' great fault was bad shooting. Play was more even after this, and Broomfield equalised, the point being notched from close in, and giving Bass no chance. The score was still one-all at half-time. In the second half there was practically only one team in the field, and that was not Tovil. A splendid piece of work by Captain Elgood and Moore enabled the second point to be registered. The former, who had been playing a healthy, vigorous game throughout, obtained possession and ran slightly forward for position, passing to Moore at centre. Moore saw the opportunity and took advantage of it, with the result that Langley, in the Tovil goal, had no chance. Some time later Lieut. Phillips was fouled in the penalty area, and Moore made no mistake with the free kick in spite of Langley's commendable effort to save. Nothing of importance happened after this, and the game finished with the score as stated :—

Depot	3 goals
Tovil	1 goal

Beyond the above match nothing of importance in the football line has taken place during the past month. On Saturday, the 19th, a match was started at Wouldham, but owing to the dense fog had to be discontinued at half-time.

DANCE AT MAIDSTONE.

The Warrant Officers, Staff-Sergeants, and Sergeants of the Depot held a dance in the Gymnasium on Friday, 18th January. The arrangements made by the Committee were excellent, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by those present, who numbered somewhere about 250 Among these were the C.O., Major Lowe and Mrs. Lowe, Colonel and Mrs. Dixon, R.A.M.C., Captains W. H. Annesley and Elgood, Lieutenants Phillips, Mackenzie-Renderel, and Trousdell.

The building had been tastefully decorated by Mr. E. Martin, of Maidstone, and at one end was displayed the numerous trophies and cups belonging to the Sergeants' Mess. These attracted much attention from our visitors, who appeared to admire them muchly.

Several Sergeants of the 1st Battalion from Dover were present, also representatives of our local Volunteer Corps and the Chatham Garrison, ex-Sergeant-Majors Ball and Jackson and other Pensioners were present, while Pensioner Colour-Sergeant Wain, whose 77 years of age seem to sit very lightly on his shoulders, thoroughly enjoyed himself up to the small hours of the morning.

The music as usual, under the direction of Sergeant-Drummer Gee, was everything that could be desired, the dancing being kept up with great spirit till about 3.30 p.m. A dense fog prevailed all night, and some of the cab drivers seeking the Gymnasium nearly landed in the coal yard.

DEPOT NEWS.

FAREWELL SMOKING CONCERT.

Last month in the Sergeants' Mess the members met to bid farewell to No. 1378 Colour-Sergeant F. A. Neighbour, of the Permanent Staff 3rd Battalion, who has completed his term of engagement and has been discharged to pension after 21 years' service Between the usual instrumental and vocal efforts (which were much appreciated) Sergt.-Major Outten, in the name of the members of the Sergeants' Mess, presented Colour-Sergeant Neighbour with a handsome and massive marble timepiece suitably engraved. Our guest, in returning thanks, stated that although like many more he had often looked forward to earning his pension, now that the time had come to say good-bye to all he must say that he felt it very much indeed Anyhow, he hoped to frequently be able to pay his old comrades a visit. A pleasant evening was brought to a close by all joining hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne," afterwards followed by "The King."

DRAFT.

A draft, consisting of 6750 Private J. Smith, 7390 G. Hyland, 7385 Private W. Dryden, 8065 Boys E. Gallagher, 8218 L. Pringle, 8254 A. Friend, 8255 W. Gorman, 8256 B. James, 8339 F. W. Mann, 8364 J. Kent, 8439 C. R. Page, 8468 E. H. Rigby, and 13 recruits proceed to joined the Details Royal West Kent Regiment at Dover on 17th December, 1906

No. 8398 Recruit A. M. Cummock won the silver medal for being the best of the squad at gymnastics, and No. 8400 Recruit E. Briselden gained the medal in the Morris Tube competition.

DEPOT NOTES.

No. 4351 Lce.-Sergt. H. Kipps has been discharged at Gosport on completing his first period of service, 10th Dec., 1906.

No. 4423 Corpl. Minall has been discharged on completion of the first period of service, 3rd Jan., 1907.

The following men have rejoined the colours from the Army Reserve :—7385 Pte. A. Dryden, 7390 Pte. G. Hyland.

Certificates of Education have been awarded to N.C.O.'s and men of the Depot as under :—

Second Class—No. 6327 Lce.-Corpl. J. Watts, 3003 Pte. E. G. Free, and 8009 Pte. S. A. Oades.

Third Class—6301 Lce.-Corpl. W. Moore, 2431 Pte. T. Allen, 6746 Pte. E. Wright, 8398 A. Cumnock, 8411 J. Wright, 8405 W. A. Watts, 8431 A. Purkis, 8430 T. Steadman, 6418 R. W. Christian, 8415 E. O'Neil, 8440 T. Hicks, 8427 A. Hussey, 8449 F. Fridd, 8451 T. Naylor, 8468 Boys E. Rigby and 8439 C. R. Page.

Sergt.-Inst. W. Hayworth, Army Gymnastic Staff, proceeded to Aldershot for a special course of physical training at the Gymnasium, Queen's Avenue, on the 8th Jan., 1907.

Transferred to the Army Reserve :—7433 Pte. H. Manning, 7433 Pte. J. May, 7553 Pte. W. Hook, 7431 Pte. J. Johnson, 7440 Pte. J. Driver, 7439 W. H. Wilson, 7443 Pte. H. Lee, 7441 Pte. R. Ritchie, 7449 Pte. J. Murray, 7453 J. Harflett.

No. 2411 Pte. W. Martin has been granted a fourth G.C. Badge, 16th Nov., 1906.

A THRILLING INCIDENT AFTER THE MAIDSTONE ASSAULT-AT-ARMS.

The referee of the Maidstone Boxing Tournament, Mr. R. P. Watson, after being entertained right royally, left the interior of the barracks and proceeded along the square to the gates. Approaching the sentry box in the darkness of a cold, blustering rainy night, he fancied he heard the challenge "Who goes there?" Instinctively he called out "The referee."

At the same moment, realizing the danger of such an admission and the fear of being shot, he added "Friend!" There was no reply. Mr. Watson advanced cautiously, approached the sentry box, and discovered nothing and nobody. He searched the darkness. All was as silent as the grave. He tried to open the gates, and found they were locked. Was the soldier hiding and waiting the attack? Was there to be another Barrack Tragedy? All seemed strange.

The stillness of the night—"Not a drum was heard, not a funeral note"—oppressed the mind and encouraged it to wander to the dear old environments of Fleet Street, Home, Sweet Home, and contrition for past sins. Mr. Watson retraced his steps to the Sergeants' quarters, where profuse apologies were tendered. Among the many reforms, the soldier on night sentry has been abolished. He is comfortably quartered in the guardroom, and, when wanted, an electric bell is the summons for his immediate appearance.—(From "Apollo's Magazine," Jan., 1907, 148, Fleet Street, E.C.)

3RD BATTALION NEWS.

No. 3119 Sergt. H. Davis, P.S. 3rd Battalion, qualified at the School of Musketry, Hythe, dated November 30th, 1906.

8017 Boy J. Haynes, P.S., is appointed Drummer, dated December 1st, 1906.

No. 2847 Sergt. J. Merrick has arrived from the Details, and is posted to the Permanent Staff, December 18th, 1906 (I Company).

No. 2967 Sergt. W. Payne, having arrived at the Depot from the 1st Battalion, is posted to the Permanent Staff, dated 27th December, 1906 (C Company).

The Editor begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contributions to the *Queen's Own Gazette*.—Leiutenant-Colonel Wilson up to December, 1907; Miss Clarke up to December, 1907; E. J. Elgood, Esq., up to December, 1907; Lieutenant-Colonel C. R. Cross 1907, Col. Tweedie, D S.O., 1907, Sergt. Suffield 1907, Mr. Hannen 1907, Colonel F. F. Johnson 1907, Captain T. T. Burt 1907, Brigr.-General E. A. Grove, C.B., 1908, Col. H. D. Armstrong 1907, Captain A. Moore 1906, Major H. Neve 1906, Captain H. C. W. Beeching 1906, Major M. C. Matthews 1907, Mrs. Barker 1906, Captain J. Lees 1910, Sergeant-Major Cooke 1906, Mr. A. Reddersen 1907, Colonel Frigout up to December, 1906; A. C. Edwards, Esq., up to December, 1906; Randall Mercer, Esq., up to December, 1906; Mrs. Jameson, up to December, 1906; Colonel B. H. Latter 1907, Captain Pack-Beresford 1907, Q.M.-Sergeant Furey 1907, Sergeant-Major C. Guess 1906, Colonel Churchill 1907, Captain Buckle 1906, Captain E. L. Heygate 1907, Colonel Vandermulen 1907, Mr. C. Maynard 1907, Captain H. B. Long 1910, Captain Beeman 1906, Captain Hall 1906, S. L. Monckton, Esq., 1907, Clr.-Sergeant Inst. Callaghan 1906, Clr.-Sergt. S. Kill 1907, E. M. Battersby, Esq., 1906, E. Grey, Esq., 1907, Sergeants' Mess 3rd Vol. Batt. R.W.K. 1906, Sergeant McGregor 1907, Colonel Fanshawe 1907, Rev. Canon Grant up to 1906, Captain Laurie 1907, Mr. Marsh 1908, Major Roche 1907, Captain C. D. Barrow 1906, D. R. Pack-Beresford, Esq., 1906, Mrs. J. Jackson 1907, Mr. H. Dickens 1908, Mr. A. E. Ingham 1907, Mr. W. Locks 1907, Provisional Battalion, November, 1906, Sergt.-Inst. Burge 1906, and Major J. G. Smith to 1907.

A SURVIVOR OF ALIWAL.

There is still living a survivor of the battle of Aliwal in the person of Mr. John Howton, who is in his eighty-eighth year. He is one of the very few survivors, too—perhaps even the last—of the Gwalior Campaign, which took place so long ago as sixty-three years.

John Howton, who was born at Weston Turville, Buckinghamshire, on June 11th, 1819, joined the 50th Foot in December, 1839—nearly 70 years ago. In 1840, in celebration of the marriage of Queen Victoria, he fired a salute at Chatham, and the following year performed a like service



MR. JOHN HOWTON.

in honour of the birth of King Edward. There is probably no one living who has done the same—at all events in an official capacity. In 1841 his regiment was ordered to India, and while on the way there from Sydney, his ship—the Ferguson—was wrecked on the Horse Shoe Reef, Torres Straits, but was rescued, without much loss of life, by a small trading vessel.

On the conclusion of the Afghan question his regiment was ordered to Gwalior, where he was present at the battle of Punniar, December 29th, 1843, for which he received the bronze star. The Gwalior campaign—between the British and the Mahrattas—is probably unique, beginning and ending as it did, on the same day. Two battles were fought almost simultaneously—the first, under the command of Sir Hugh Gough, close to the small town of Maharajpore, the second, twelve miles distant, at Punniar, under Major-General John Gray. The British losses were heavy, but in each case the battle ended in complete victory. He then went through the Sutlej Campaign, or first Sikh War, 1845-46, and was present at the battles of Moodkee, Ferozeshah, Aliwal, and Sobraon.

He is entitled to wear, besides the Punniar star and the Sutlej medal with three clasps, the medal for long service and good conduct, which he had well earned, having served in the army with exemplary conduct for 21 years.

DEATH OF MAJOR BLACKALL.

We regret to record the death of an esteemed Folkestone resident, Major Robert Blackall, of 64, Bouverie Road West. This sad event took place on Monday, 17-12-06, the deceased gentleman being 72 years of age. He served with distinction in the 50th (Royal West Kent) Regiment, attaining the rank of Major. He had been retired for some years, and lived at one time in Clifton Gardens. He was a prominent member of the Radnor Club, and was also associated with the Folkestone Cricket Club.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, the service being conducted by the Rev. Canon Gardiner and the Rev. E. J. Hampson. Among the mourners were Mrs. Blackall, Captain Blackall, Mr. A. C. Edwards, Mr. Edmund Gardner, two officers and a sergeant of the Royal West Kent Regiment in uniform, representatives of the Radnor Club, and others. The body was in a massive unpolished oak coffin, with brass fittings and a brass cross. The coffin bore the following inscription: "Robert Blackall (Major), late 50th Regiment. Died 17th December, 1906, aged 72 years." The grave was lined with moss and flowers, including lilies, narcissi, and chrysanthemums. Four wreaths were buried with the coffin.

The floral tributes, which were very beautiful, were inscribed as follows:—

In ever affectionate remembrance, from Edmund Gardiner.

In affectionate remembrance of a good kind master, from Amy.

With Mrs. Miller Layton's deep and sincere-felt sympathy.

With Drs. Lewis and Sworder's sympathy.

With Miss Seymour's love.

With many memories—Mrs. Lloyd Verney.

With deepest sympathy, from T. C. and M. A. Henry.

With deep sympathy and regret from the Misses Gosling.

With loving sympathy, from Miss Edith Dicker.

With Captain and Lady Irene Tufton's deepest sympathy.

With love—Rev. and Mrs. Edmund J. Hampson.

With affectionate remembrance for dear Major Blackall, from Mrs. William A. Kennedy Gostling and Miss Ivy Gostling.

With sincere sympathy, from Colonel Sir Theodore Brinckman, Bart., and officers of the 3rd Batt., "The Buffs."

With love—Rev. Frederick O. T. Hawkes.

With sincere sympathy from Mrs. Eccles, Miss Eccles, and Miss Alice Eccles.

In remembrance, from Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mitchell.

With love and deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Corbett Edwards.

With my love and sympathy—Mrs. Napier Sturt.

As a mark of sympathy and respect from the Officers of the 50th Regiment.

With sincere regret, from members of the Radnor Club.

From Mr. W. J. Haughton.

With Captain and Mrs. Sepel Glan's deepest sympathy.

From Miss Miller and Miss Emily Miller.

BIRTHS.

At Maidstone, on the 30th December, 1906, the wife of No 1953 Col.-Sergt. F. Taylor, of a daughter, Edith.

MARRIAGES.

At St. Nicholas Church, Sandhurst, No. 2368 Sergt. H. Sweatman, P.S. 3rd Battalion, to Miss Emily Small, December 29th, 1906.

At Holy Trinity Church, Maidstone, No. 4981 Corpl. B. Fish, Depot, to Elizabeth Pryer, December 30th, 1906.

DEATHS.

At Maidstone, on 4th January, 1907, the wife of 3547 Col.-Sergt. B. Pond, P.S. 3rd Battalion.

At Dover, on 29th December, 1906, Frederick, son of No. 3,800 Sergt. F. Rogers 1st Batt. (capillary bronchitis).

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Lieut.-Col. H. G. Fitton, D.S.O. (commanding 2nd Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment), to be Brevet-Colonel and is appointed Aide-de-camp to His Majesty the King.—*London Gazette*, 15th February, 1907.

Major Percy Umfreville from half-pay to be Major to complete establishment, dated 29th January, 1907.

Capt. and Hon. Major C. R. Smith, V.D., 1st Vol. Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment to be Major, dated 20th December, 1906.

1st BATTALION.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS:—Nos. 7505 W. Dunning, 7752 T. Bishop, 4618 J. Smith and 7663 E. Catling.

2nd BATTALION.

LANCE-CORPORAL PROMOTED CORPORAL:—4518 Lance-Corpl E. Crock, 12th October, 1906.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS:—7807 J. Pilkington, 2nd October, 1906; 7984 P. Wilson, 8th October, 1906; 7344 A. Simmons, 2nd November, 1906; 7659 F. Vincent, 12th November, 1906; 5476 W. Gillespie, 6234 H. Christie and 7316 E. Allison.

3rd BATTALION.

John Gustavus Herring-Cooper, gentleman, to be Second-Lieutenant, dated 10th December, 1906.

PROMOTED COLOUR-SERGEANT:—2271 Sergt. J. Sharpe, 20th February, 1907, vice Palmer discharged to pension.

DEPOT.

RECEIVE PAY OF APPOINTMENT ON JOINING:—7357 Lance-Corpl. H. Nurden, 4618 Lance-Corpl. J. Smith and 7369 Lance-Corpl. D. Brown.

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The Officer Commanding the Depot acknowledges with grateful thanks the receipt of the undermentioned donations:—

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MAORI WAR MEMORIAL.

Major-General E. Leach, C.B. (Colonel of the Queen's Own), has received a letter from the Secretary stating that at a public meeting, held at New Plymouth, N.Z., on the 3rd December last, it was decided that a memorial should be erected at New Plymouth to those who fell in the Maori War. Subscriptions will be received by the Mayor, New Plymouth, or W. F. Gordon, Esq., of the same place.

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

After our experience of Malta, we have been undergoing rather a severe trial in alternate snow, frost, thaw and east winds and the local inhabitants look upon this as the coldest winter experienced since 1894.

The non-commissioned officers and men of the Battalion received a very cordial invitation to tea, given by Colonel Doran, in the Soldiers' Home, on Wednesday, January 9th. This kindness was very greatly appreciated, and about 200 men availed themselves of the hospitality. A most enjoyable evening was passed from 6 to 8.30 p.m., the tea being followed by an impromptu concert, consisting of songs, choruses, mandoline, etc., with the accompaniment of a piano.

A few of us, Major Style, Captains Robinson and Snow, and Lieut. Wingfield Stratford have managed to get a few days hunting with the East Kent Foxhounds and East Street Harriers, but the sport cannot be said to have been of a very high order, as the scent has been poor.

The band and drums, of whom nearly all have been away on furlough, have now returned, and have been practising hard to get together again, and their presence on route marches and guest nights has helped to enliven both considerably.

A party of musketry recruits, numbering 100, under Lieut. Adams, the assistant adjutant, proceeds to Lydd on the 15th, to fire their course. They will probably be away for about three weeks.

I am sending you accounts of two regimental football matches, but in neither of them were we successful, being greatly handicapped in having no ground of our own on which to play practice matches. The only one that is available is the Town Ground, at Crabble, for the use of which a charge is made which presses rather hardly on regimental funds.

Staff rides and regimental tours are now the order of the day, and officers can be seen riding about the country on heavy Government bicycles, on heavier roads, wet and shivering with cold in their endeavours to write appreciations (!) of the situation.

Forty men, under Lieut. Parker, were on duty on the pier, lining the gangway from the train to the streamer, on the occasion of the King's recent visit to France, on Feb. 2nd.

His Majesty desired Colonel Owen, commanding the troops in Dover, to make it known to the men that he was very pleased with their smart appearance, also that the Queen was much gratified at hearing that they belonged to the Queen's Own Regiment.

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

FOOTBALL.

1st ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT v. DOVER.

On Saturday, the 2nd February, we played our first match since we have been at Dover, and it was certainly cheering to see the large crowd of the men that came to support us.

The team that represented the battalion was as follows :— Pte. Scarborough, Lance-Corpl. Lord, Pte. Powell, Lance.-Corpl. Nicholson, Pte. Verrall, Pte. Green, Pte. Sparrow, Pte. Taylor, 2nd-Lieut. Wilberforce, Lance-Corpl. Hayhurst and Pte. Goss.

Considerable amusement was caused at the beginning of the match, on account of the slippery condition of the ground, many players getting covered from head to foot in mud, and marring their beauty for the rest of the match.

Dover commenced the attack, and continued to press for the first ten minutes without scoring. Shortly after Nicholson got hold of the ball, and passing out to Sparrow, a goal was netted in fine style. After this Dover continued pressing, and succeeded in scoring a lucky goal from a scrimmage in front. Dover still continued pressing up to half-time, but thanks to the backs, and the dashing way in which Scarborough kept goal, they failed to score.

On the commencement after half-time, Dover pressed again without avail. Our forwards then got hold of the ball, and running down, Lieut. Wilberforce converted a goal off a centre from the left wing. A penalty was then given against us, which was missed; but Dover, to make amends for this, shortly after equalised with a brilliant head into the net off a corner. Dover scored another goal off a long shot, which hit the cross-bar and bounced inside the line; and again scored after a good run down by their forwards, so on the whistle blowing the score stood : Dover 4, Royal West Kent Regiment 2.

1st ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT v. THE BUFFS.

A good game was witnessed on the Crabble Athletic Ground on Wednesday, 6th February, when we met the 1st Buffs in the first round of the Hallam Parr Shield. Both regiments were well supported by a large number of their men who came to watch the match.

The Buffs won the toss and kicked off, but we got hold of the ball immediately, and almost broke through. About five minutes after the start we broke away, and Taylor scored with a ground shot. The Buffs ran down from the kick-off and equalised immediately. The best of the play now came to us, and the forwards got away twice on the left, but the wind marred the effect of the shooting. Taylor then got clear again, but was fouled, whilst another shot sent in from the right was too high. Just before half-time we got away; Goss put in a pretty centre, but Taylor, who had not had much time to judge the kick, sent in a shot which hit the post. On half-time sounding the score stood at 1—1.

On commencing again, the Buffs got very close up and were fouled within the penalty area. The kick was taken, but was disallowed on account of some of the players being within the area. Another attempt failed, the goal-keeper catching the ball.

The Buffs now played better, and shortly after scored a goal. About a quarter of an hour before the end the Buffs scored another goal, thus establishing their position more firmly. A penalty was then awarded us, but was so badly taken that it went straight into the goal-keeper's hands. The Buffs, playing very strongly, scored again just before time, thus winning by 4 goals to 1.

The following team represented the battalion :—Pte. Smith, Lance-Corpl. Lord, Pte. Thompson, Pte. Powell, Pte. Verrall, Pte. Green, Pte. Sparrow, 2nd-Lieut. Wilberforce, Pte. Taylor, Lance-Corpl. Hayhurst, and Pte. Goss.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

No. 7469 Pte. W. Larkman and 7663 Pte. E. Catling have extended their service to complete seven years.

No. 4409 Lance-Corpl. C. Nicholson has re-engaged to complete 21 years service.

No. 5536 Pte. E. Green has extended to complete 12 years colour service.

The following have been granted Good Conduct Badges as stated:—Four badges: No. 2445 Pte. H. Ranger. Three badges: No. 4348 Pte. H. Hall. Two badges: No. 2029 Pte. A. Chapman and 4486 Drummer T. Brooks (restored). One badge: No. 7254 Ptes. A. Green, 8030 W. Carden, 8005 W. Loft, 6284 H. Harvey, 8006 Boy H. Fletcher, 7775 Pte. H. Martin, 6369 Drummer J. Knight (restored), 8009 Ptes. J. Adams, 8014 W. Watkins and 8011 C. Symms.

2nd BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

January 7th.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I enclose a small amount of copy for the Gazette. There has been very little of interest happening in the Battalion. The weather has been too bad for much football, hockey, &c., but some company may usually be seen each evening playing football half hidden in the mud. Last Friday we played hockey against the 95th Russells Infantry and drew with them two goals all, but that is about the only battalion game we have had. The weather has now cleared up so I hope to be able in my next letter to give you a little more.

2nd Battalion Correspondent.

News regarding the doings of D Company for the month of November is much the same as usual, with the exception of football, hockey, &c., which were at a standstill, owing to the preparations necessary for our move to Singapore, where, it is hoped, the company will be well to the fore in sport of all kinds. I have heard that coming out with the draft, there are a few good feet for football and a well-known cricketer, who will, no doubt, be missed from the 1st Battalion, but will be an acquisition to our team, which has been weakened greatly by the departure of the time expired. We much regret the loss sustained by the retirement into civil life of Col.-Sergt. Bullock, who both as a soldier and sportsman, had endeared himself to us all. We wish him the best of luck, both to himself and family in their new sphere. He remains in Hong Kong, where, no doubt, we will hear of him, at least, we hope so. I am writing from Singapore, where we arrived on the 2nd. The H.T. Soudan was all that could be desired, so far as accommodation was concerned, but it was one continuous round of duty for all from Orderly Officer downwards during the voyage. Before leaving Hong Kong A, D, E and G Companies with the band were formed up on the parade ground, Murray Barracks, where Col. Darling, the officer commanding troops, South China, made a speech regretting the leaving of the battalion from the command, and spoke very highly of its efficiency, smartness, sportsmanship and excellent band, reading also a farewell from His Excellency the Governor (Sir Matthew Nathan, K C.M.G.) It was a speech which was listened to with interest, and which, I am sure, will never be forgotten by those who heard it. The speech itself will, no doubt, be recorded by our Battalion Correspondent, to whose more able pen I will leave it. Hand-shaking and wishes for a pleasant journey, &c., made ones arm ache, but it nevertheless showed us the esteem in which we were held in Hong Kong, and which I hope will be repeated in Singapore. Bandmaster McKelvey was the recipient of a silver cup, presented by the Chief Justice of Hong Kong (Sir Francis Piggott) in token of the Colony's appreciation of the band, the Bandmaster replying favourably. Regret this will not be in time for Christmas edition, but wish you Mr. Editor and D Company 1st Battalion the "Compliments of the season," and apologise for lateness of news such as it is, but which I shall endeavour to avert in future. Being in the height of monsoon weather, football, or in fact, outdoor sport of any kind is out of the question, although we were given about two hours dry on the 19th, which was taken advantage of by giving C Company a game of football, and lost, I am sorry to say, to the tune of three goals to nil. Christmas Day turned out to be a very wet one, both in and out, the fare provided for us being all that could be desired. Sergts. Smith, Harrison, Bristow and Seal worked very hard, both in playing the waiter and endeavouring to make the day an enjoyable one in spite of the inclement weather, and I am very pleased to say that they succeeded. The Colonel and Officers made their usual visit and wished us a "Happy Xmas." Our health having been drunk, we returned the toast with cheers An impromptu concert took place after dinner, songs being given, interspersed with music by the following:—Lance-Corpls. Simmons and Lynes, Privates James, Hanson, Adams, Fletcher, Wood, Hughesdon and Bailey. It proved a most enjoyable afternoon, and most mysterious thing, the "disperse" was never heard, either by singers or audience. This is all I have to say at present. To attempt a description of either barracks or Singapore is well nigh impossible, but as soon as the weather settles and we settle, we might try to do so, so in conclusion, all I can do now is to wish all "A very happy New Year."

D Company Correspondent.

SINGAPORE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

As I have been asked to take over company correspondent to the "Queen's Own," I suppose I must make a start and do something, so here goes. We arrived here on the 5th of December and disembarked on the 6th at 6.30 a.m. We marched away about 7 o'clock, and we met the Notts and Derbys about half-way. Both battalions halted on each side of the road and the Commanding Officers had a short interview, and then we both marched our respective ways. The Derbys going on to the S.S. Soudan, and we came on to Tanglin, arriving here about 8 30 a.m. Our baggage, which came on the day before, was all stacked up under one of the verandas, so as soon as we had been told off for our respective bungalows and had our breakfast, we all started off to get our baggage. We had got about halfway through with the work when down came the rain which continued throughout the day, putting rather a damper on our feelings, but I think that everyone is used to that now, as it has rained every day since. On the 6th of December the draft from the 1st Battalion and the Provisional Battalion arrived,

so now the Battalion is nearly up to its full strength. There has been a football match every night since we have been here, The results I will leave to the other company correspondents, except for a match the sergeants played against the corporals, which ended in a draw one goal each. The sergeants had a fairly strong team and there is some talk of them putting in a team for the shield, as they have received a couple of decent players from the 1st Battalion. We should be able to put a very good regimental team in the field now that the battalion is altogether, the first time since leaving South Africa in 1902, so it seems a bit strange now. Capt. Druce took over the company from Lieut. Paget, who is proceeding home with the time expired on S.S. Sicilia. Well Mr. Editor, I think I have said as much as I want to, so I will finish up in wishing you a Happy New Year.

H Company Correspondent.

ROYAL ARMY TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

TANGLIN BARR,
SINGAPORE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

At last the Battalion has got together after being apart for over four years and we are all looking forward to some good sport, &c. We had our opening meeting and Lieut. Hibbert and our late Secretary from N. China opened the meeting. Corpl. Mills was appointed Secretary, and Private Drury, Barman. It was proposed and carried that we should get a billiard table. We are not very strong at present, but we hope to be much stronger when we get straight. It was also proposed and carried that we should have a tea and smoker, which we had and it was a great success. I will give you a few of the artistes names, &c. Lance-Corpl. Simmonds obliged and played the piano and also opened the concert with a song, entitled "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin," which was followed by:—Coster song, Lance-Corporal Pilkington; song, "Midnight mail," Pte. Waldron; recitation, Sergt Kalland; song, "Costermonger," Pte Bailey; song, "My Irish Molly," Pte. Sutton; song, "Don't you think you've had enough," Pte. Waldron; song, "The old apple tree," Pte. Connell; song, Pte. Mercer; song, "Gipsy's warning," Pte. Hunter; song, Pte. Cox; song, "Ting a ling a ting," much applauded, Lance-Corpl. Pilkington; song, "Work," Lance-Corpl. Hare; recitation, Pte. Waldron; song, Sergt. Kalland; song, "I'm tired," Pte. Waldron; song, Lance-Corpl. Simmonds; our Parson, Mr. Turner, gave us a some of on his experiences, and we finished up with a few words from Lance-Corpl. Hare, Then we sang "The King" and went home to our beds after spending a most enjoyable evening, and all concerned in the affair were worthy of great praise.

"Wadd Puncher."

Major S. H. Pedley, 2nd Battalion R. W. Kent Regiment, has been appointed Superintendant of the Detention Barracks, Singapore, vice Major O. C. Wooley-Dod, D.S.O., Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derbyshire Regiment).

2nd BATTALION NOTES.

No. 5485 Sergt. E. May, 5579 Lance-Sergt. S. Mills, 5649 Lance-Sergt. E. Seal, 5885 Corpl. H. Cousins, 5437 Pte. A. Smith and 5623 Pte. F. Kirby have extended their services to complete 12 years with the colours.

No. 4197 Pte. J. Liddington and 4344 Pte. F. Howard have been discharged in Hong Kong on the termination of their periods of engagement.

No. 4392 Ptes. W. Tyrrell, 5404 W. Miller and 7821 J. Rentford have been transferred to the 3rd Middlesex Regiment at Hong Kong, dated 28th November, 1906.

No. 6097 Lance-Corpl. F. Page has been discharged at his own request on payment of £25.

No. 4101 Lance-Corpl. W. Smith, 4094 Pte. P. Neville and 3975 Pte. T. Jeffreys have been discharged free after 12 years service.

No. 3050 Col.-Sergt. H. Jury has been posted to the 1st Battalion.

Musicians G. Sutton and G. Bonner have attained 18 years of age.

No. 5483 Pte. G. Brown passed a course of instruction in telephone duties.

DEPOT NOTES.

Lieut. E. W. Case-Morris has joined the Depôt from the 2nd Battalion for a tour of duty.

Pte. W. Selves has been transferred to the Royal West Kent Regiment from the 2nd Battalion Bedford Regiment to serve with an elder brother he is posted to the Depôt.

A draft of 28 recruits proceeded to join the Home Battalion at Dover on the 4th inst. No. 8405 Recruit Watts won the silver medal in the Gymnastic Competition, while 8431 Recruit Purkis was successful in the Morris Tube Competition, receiving the medal for same. An extra medal was granted to 8401 Pte. J. Clark, who although the best in the Gymnastic Competition, was not eligible, as he had been left behind from a previous draft.

No 4680 Pte. W. H. Bailey has been permitted to re-engage for the Royal West Kent Regiment for such term as shall complete 21 years' service.

No. 5794 Pte. G. Richards having joined the 1st Battalion from Netley and No. 7550 Pte. A. Clarke having been transferred to Army Reserve are struck off the strength of Depôt.

Depôt Qr.-Master-Sergt. W. R. Gilburd having claimed his discharge (three months' notice) will shortly be leaving us.

No. 5434 Pte M. Fletcher is tranferred to Army Reserve, 13th February, 1907.

No. 1198 Musician J. Ball has been discharged on completion of his second period of army service.

The undermented non-commissioned officers and men proceeded to join (or were posted to) the 1st Battalion at Dover, on the 4th inst.:—3695 Sergt. G. Selves, 5956

Sergt. O.R S. A. L. Bellion, 5461 Band-Sergt. C. Hindmarsh, 2862 Sergt. D. O'Connell, 5249 Corpl. H. Colyer, 6228 Corpl. H. Bishop, 3168 Lance-Corpl. H. Mockford, 6319 Lance-Corpl. J. Fedarb, 6476 Pte. L. Crisford, 5690 Drummer F. Wilson, 4743 Pte. T. Bishop, 6562 Pte. C. Rye, 6789 Pte. A. Taylor, 3913 Pte. W. Botten, 5348 Pte. A. Drage, 7355 Pte. G. Tweedale.

The following non-commissioned officers and men have arrived at the Depôt for a tour of duty in relief of those previously mentioned:—No. 4567 Sergt. E. Skiggs, 3971 Sergt. P. Balcombe, 3460 Sergt. J. Wren, 4618 Lance-Corpl. J. Smith, 4680 Pte. P. Bailey, 6540 Corpl. D. Morgan, 7205 Corpl. A. Baker, 6768 Drummer F. Brockett, 4063 Pte. W. Merrony, 5944 Pte. J. Morton, 3948 Corpl. T. Crockett, 6638 Corpl. A. Goss, 7357 Lance-Corpl. H. Murden, 7369 Lance-Corpl. D. Brown, 4500 Pte. T. Legg, 4962 Pte. C. Pilcher, 3424 Pte. W. Mockford.

Pte. J. Anthony has been transferred to the Royal West Kent Regiment from the Argyle and Southern Highlanders. No. 6450 Corpl. D. Morgan is appointed Assistant Instructor in the gymnasium.

ANOTHER BOXING TOURNAMENT AT THE BARRACKS, MAIDSTONE.

The Depot tournament on 13th March, 1907, will provide a grand wind-up for the season. Although Sergt.-Major Outten and several others are helping the 4th Vol. Batt. with their show, they are not forgetting their own. Engagements are being made wih Curly Watson, the Army and Navy champion; Frank Craig, the Coffee Cooler; Fred Latter, Wateringbury; Ted O'Niel, 1st R.W. Kent Regiment; Lance-Corpl. Baker, 1st R.W. Kent Regiment; Pte. Guv, Depot; Pte. Peck, Depot; and Lance-Corpl. Brown, 1st Battalion. The following competitions will be decided:—9st. 8lb., open to and including eight mile radius of Maidstone and the 1st Royal West Kent Regiment, Dover; the final of the Depot competition, under and over 10st. Sergt.-Major Betts, the champion swordsman of the British Army, and Coy. Sergt.-Major Dent, both from the head-quarters gymnasium at Aldershot, have been engaged, and will give a grand display of ju-jitsu, describing and showing all the locks, throws and falls, and winding up with a bout of loose play. These men are the best in the Army at the game, and have given a display in many large towns in England. The heats of the Depot competition will be boxed off on the night of the 12th. Ticket holders for the 13th will be admitted free.

We beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following contributions to the Queen's Own Gazette:—Capt. J. Kennedy, Lieut.-Colonel C. R. King, Col.-Sergt. A. G. Wood, Messrs. Collier, W. G. Osmar, T. A. Pearson, C. Donelly, Sillitoe, W. Barnes; H. Evans for 1907; Mrs. Jury 1907; and Mr. C. B. Mitchell up to 1908. Maidstone Detachment, 1st V.B. Royal West Kent Regiment, up to December, 1906.

DEPOT FOOTBALL.

KENT AMATEUR CUP.

1st ROUND PROPER, 9th FEBRUARY.

In the Preliminary Rounds of the above the Depot have been credited with some very smart performances, and were drawn against Dartford, on the Barracks Field. The ground was in a very deplorable condition, and as the game progressed the ground was turned into a veritable mud-pond, necessitating attention half-way through the game, with a coating of material, to give the players a better foothold. There was a fair number of spectators, considering the weather.

Dartford kicked off, but the ball was soon carried into the visitors' half, and Moore put in a fine shot, which caused the goalie to concede a corner in saving. The corner, however, was not converted. In the succeedng play, the Depot had the best of matters, and one grand shot was brought off by Keeble that was well saved by their goal-keeper tipping it over the bar; after the corner had been taken, Wright sent up to Sweeney, who opened the scoring amidst loud applause.

From the kick-off Dartford attacked, but were soon driven back, and Langridge, receiving the ball, raced down and centred to Redmond, who banged in a shot that would have beaten almost any goal-keeper, and the Depot were two up. Almost immediately afterwards the Depot scored again, this time through Moore. Play was then of a give and take order, until by some well combined play Dartford broke away and scored. This reverse put fresh life into the Depot, and Sweeney, by a nice individual effort, scored No. 4. Half-time:—

DEPOT	4
DARTFORD	1

The second half opened with fast play. The Depot attacked vigorously, and a shot from Langridge was well saved by the goal-keeper, who layed himself along the muddy ground and tipped the ball round the post. From the goal-kick Dartford took the ball to the Depot territory, but were not very successful and before long the vicinity of the Dartford goal was the scene of operation. Again, however, Dartford got away, and give and take play followed. Several times the visiting team made good combined runs, but were not up to the form of the Depot, who were well suited on the heavy ground.

Nothing of note occurred until about five minutes from time, when Redmond scored, and a minute later he scored yet another, thus putting a good finish to the triumph of the Depot:—

DEPOT	6
DARTFORD	1

On the Depot side comment is needless. Every man was in splendid form, and considering the state of the ground, played an exceedingly good game. Therefore, to beat Dartford, who hold a good position in the West Kent League, was a capital performance. In the second round we are at home to Dover Harbour, to be played on March 2nd. Team—Bass, Powell, Keeble, Verrall, Wright, Huggett, Capt. Elgood, Redmond, Sweeney, Moore and Langridge.

WEST KENT LEAGUE.

Records to end of January.

Club.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals. For.	Agst.	P
Metrogas	8	8	0	0	17	3	16
Dartford	10	7	2	1	28	14	15
Foots Cray	8	4	1	3	21	12	11
Northumberland Oddfellows	9	5	4	0	17	14	10
Northfleet	6	4	1	1	12	6	9
Eltham	8	3	4	1	19	14	7
Swanscombe	9	3	5	1	17	21	7
Cray Wanderers	9	2	4	3	10	14	7
Crayford	11	3	7	1	17	31	7
Calender's	9	1	5	3	4	12	5
Orpington	11	1	8	2	11	32	4

MAIDSTONE LEAGUE.

2nd February, v. AYLESFORD.

The Depot met the above at Aylesford, and a most exciting game resulting :—

DEPOT 3
AYLESFORD 1

16th February, v. TOVIL.

For the third time this season the teams have been opposed to each other; this time Tovil were at home, and with this advantage were hoping to revenge their defeat in the last encounter. The game was fast throughout, but the Depot were much superior in the second moiety, and won by 3—0.

3rd BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

Lieut. Edward Mortimer Allfrey, 3rd Battalion R.W. Kent Regiment, has been appointed 2nd Lieutenant (on augmentation) to the "Princess Charlotte of Wales" (Royal Berkshire Regiment.

During the month of January 114 Recruits joined at the Depot for drill on enlistment At the time of writing there are 134 Militia Recruits on the square.

Sergeant R. Daykin, P.S , proceeded to Hythe with a view to qualifying in Musketry at the course commencing on the 29th January, 1907.

Colour-Sergeant Instructor of Musketry Evenden and Colour-Sergeant H. Palmer, P.S., complete their 21 years' service shortly, and are taking their discharge to pension accordingly.

Sergeant F. Rogers, from the 1st Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment, is posted to the Permanent Staff.

No. 4809 Drummer C. Jeffery is posted to the Permanent Staff vice Drummer G. Leahy, discharged, dated 12th of February, 1907.

NEW RIFLE RANGE.

OPENED AT BLACKDOWN.

MRS. ALDERSON FIRES THE FIRST SHOT.

In the presence of a distinguished gathering Mrs. Alderson, wife of Major-General E. A. H. Alderson, C.B., A.D.C., Commanding 2nd Infantry Brigade, fired the first shot in the newly-constructed minature rifle range provided for the use of the troops quartered at Blackdown. This range, the most complete of its kind, and arranged on the most novel lines, is situated behind the Garrison Institute, of which it can almost be said to form a part. It is convenient and comfortable, and the object of its originators, to encourage the troops to take a keener interest in shooting, should be easily attained. It departs altogether from the beaten track, the targets being set amid scenery representing a jungle, soldiers on horseback, running deer, and celluloid balls dancing on a jet of water, giving quite a sporting character to the practice provided, and therein lies the hope that the range will prove attractive to the residents of the barracks. There are, besides the usual Bisley and regulation targets, moving, vanishing and stationary, so that all sorts of shooting can be indulged in at a nominal cost of five shots for a penny.

Everything is controlled from the firing point by ingenious arrangements, the speed of running deer and moving targets, the duration of exposure, etc. Splendid light is afforded by the top and side windows at the firing point and butts, and at night acetylene gas jets give even a brighter light, a capital gas installation being part of the building. The range is open nearly all day, and also on Sunday evenings, a concession that should prove a boon to the troops in that isolated garrison, whose means of recreation or amusement are very strictly limited in the long winter evenings. In fact, the range should prove quite a part of the garrison's recreation, and be of much practical benefit besides.

The opening ceremony, which was very simple, was attended, among others, by Major-General J. M. Grierson, C.V.O, C.B, Commanding 1st Division, Brigadier-General A. J. Murray, C.B., D.S.O., Chief of General Staff Headquarters, Lieutenant-Colonel H. A. Iggulden, D A.Q.M.G. 1st Division, Captain M. P. Buckle, D.S.O., Brigade-Major 2nd Brigade, Captain P. Balfour, Staff Officer for Musketry, Colonel F. A. Adam, Commanding 2nd South Lancashire Regiment, Colonel T. H. Stavert, Commanding 1st Leinster Regiment, and many other officers and ladies.

GENERAL ALDERSON'S EXPLANATION.

General Alderson first gave a brief outline of the objects of the range and its construction, from the stage of the Institute. They intended to open the range with a competition, and there would be no formalities, but before he asked Mrs. Alderson to fire the first shot, he wished to publicly thank those who had so kindly assisted in its construction. It was more than ever essential that our soldiers should shoot well, and a man could not be really good at anything without constant practice. In the case of the Infantry soldier it must be a case of shooting, shooting, and always shooting, in fact, enough shooting to give him the same feeling of confidence that he can hit anything with his rifle that a good game shot has with his gun. It was characteristic of human nature that to make a man do a thing well you must first make him like it and be keen about it. To make him like it you must make that thing attractive, and arrange so that he can do it in comfort. That was why they had tried to make the range both attractive and comfortable. All ranks could use the range without any more trouble than they had in getting a game of billiards in the messes or institutes. The cost of the range had been about £250, which had been raised partly by a donation from the Institute Fund, and partly by very handsome donations from the 2nd South Lancashire Regiment and the 1st Leinster Regiment, to whom all who come to Blackdown in the future should be very grateful. Of those individuals who have so kindly helped in various ways, he mentioned General Heath, Colonel Buston, Colonel Glubb, Colonel Gilpin, Lieutenant-Colonel Boyd, Mr. Pennington and Mr. Wenborn. The local committee had been Major Davidson, 1st Leinster Regt., and Captain Goren, 2nd South Lancashire Regiment, Captain Buckle and Lieutenant Morgan, and quite an army of kind helpers. But an army, however good, required a commander, and they were fortunate

in having such a good one in Captain Goren. His was the brain that had directed the work, and his the energetic spirit that had stimulated all. He had offered to arrange all details, and that afternoon they saw the result of giving him a free hand barely six weeks ago, and all joined with him in congratulating Captain Goren on his work (cheers). He had, too, a most willing staff, chief of whom was Quarter-master-Sergeant Griffin, R.E., whom they could not thank sufficiently for what he had done. They were indebted to him for many good and original ideas, much excellent workmanship, and for never having used the word "cannot" during the construction. Corporal Wallace and the Royal Engineer Staff had given kind assistance, and had worked well, as had Sergeant Roberts and the pioneers of the South Lancashire Regiment and Leinster Regiment. They were also much indebted to Mr. Wilks and Mr. Ferrier, who had done all the necessary work in connection with the gas and water fittings, and had worked all the previous Sunday to get the work done in time.

A LADY'S BULLS-EYE.

The General then asked Mrs. Alderson to fire the first shot, and the assemblage proceeded to the range. A rifle carefully sighted was fixed at the firing point, the butt tied with the General's colours, claret, blue and buff, and a bulls-eye was recorded, the target being run up to the firing point to show, as the General laughingly remarked, that "there was no deception," the target being presented to the lady as a memento of the occasion.

Then commenced a series of contests for a set of prizes offered, the first being a valuable silver cup given by General Alderson, the second a handsome leather writing case given by Captain Buckle, D.S.O., others being a silver cigarette case given by the officers of the 2nd South Lancashire Regiment, a silver match box, and a fine hunting knife, given by Lieutenant Morgan.

From Aldershot News,
February 22nd, 1907.

VOLUNTEER INTELLIGENCE.

A Detachment of the 1st V.B. Royal West Kent Regiment qualified in signalling during the past year, under Paragraph 565, Volunteer Regulations.

Lance-Corpl. S. E. Relf, 1st Volunteer Battalion, qualified at the Class recently held at the School of Signalling, Aldershot.

Supernumerary 2nd-Lieut. E. Lattimer, 1st V.B. Royal West Kent Regiment, has been promoted Captain, and is to remain supernumerary. Captain Lattimer is serving with the Transport Section of the Kent Volunteer Infantry Brigade.

A promenade concert was given on Saturday, 9th inst., in the Drill Hall, 2nd Vol. Batt. Royal West Kent Regiment, at Holly Hedge House, Blackheath, the music being supplied by the band of the battalion, under the direction of Mr. C. S. Birkhead. Notwithstanding the dense fog, there was a large company. The next band promenade concert will take place on Saturday, March 9th, at headquarters, Holly Hedge House, Blackheath, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

BOXING TOURNAMENT.

The 4th Vol. Batt. the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, Chatham, encouraged by the success of the boxing tournaments at the Depot, have decided to hold one in their spacious Drill Hall, Chatham, on March the 4th, and a splendid programme has been arranged. In addition to several competitions (one of which, a light-weight for civilians only, is open to Chatham and a nine mile radius), there will be three six-round contests, viz.: Fred Barkaway v. Private O'Niel; Young Josephs v. Private Delaney; Fred Latter v. Wally Keleher. Keleher, feeling he did not do himself justice at the last tournament, has challenged Latter to another six rounds. Any further information required can be obtained from Quartermaster-Sergeant Smith, Hon. Secretary, Drill Hall, Chatham.

WEST KENT VOLUNTEER INFANTRY BRIGADE.

EXTRACT FROM BRIGADE ORDERS.

By Colonel Commanding.

Bromley, Kent.

22nd December, 1906.

(98) The Colonel Commanding has received from Lieut.-Colonel R. W. Inglis, late London Irish, R.V.C., a present of a sum of money for the purchase of Trophies, to be held for the Volunteer year by the best all-round battalion in the Brigade.

The Trophies will consist of Cups for the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes, and a Staff to be carried during the year by the Sergeant-Drummer of the winning Battalion.

The Cups will be known as "The Brigade Cups" and the Staff as the "Inglis Staff." The Trophies are in process of manufacture, under the direction of the Colonel Commanding, assisted by Major W. L. Wyllie, A.R.A., 4th V.B. Royal West Kent Regiment.

In awarding these Trophies, the Colonel Commanding will take into condition:—

(1) Officers:—
Numbers; Command of Men; Military Education.

(2) N.C. Officers and Men:—
Numbers; Discipline; Recruits.

(3) Training throughout the year:—
Company Training; Musketry; Judging Distance; Machine Guns; Scouting; Signalling; Stretcher Bearers.

(4) Training in Camp:—
Attendance; Drill and Manœuvre; Marching.

The Colonel Commanding takes this opportunity of expressing to Lieut.-Colonel Inglis the thanks of the West Kent Brigade for his generous gift and his hope that a keen contest for the Trophies, in which all ranks can share, will conduce to the increased efficiency of the Brigade.

The Colonel Commanding has awarded the Trophies for the year 1906-7 to the 3rd V.B. Royal West Kent Regiment.

(Sgd.) A. WOOD-MARTYN,
Brigade Major.
West Kent Volunteer Infantry Brigade.

The Commanding Officer, 3rd V.B. Royal West Kent Regiment, thanks all ranks for their help in obtaining the "Inglis" Trophies for the year, and hopes that an even better effort will be made this year.

During the past month the Sergeants of the 3rd V.B. held a smoking concert at the Drill Hall, Woolwich, Sergt.-Major Audsley presiding, Col.-Sergt. Aston occupying the vice-chair. Among the visitors were a number of the Bexley Heath Rifle Club, who had been shooting a match with the Sergeants. A large number of ladies were also present. During the evening Sergt.-Major Audsley, in proposing the health of the visitors, particularly mentioned the Bexley Heath contingent. Dr. Hamilton suitably and ably responded. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the outside talent, for which Mr. G. Bayne replied. A concert was brought to a close at 11.40 by singing "The King" and "Auld Lang Syne." The following contributed to the musical programme:—Messrs. Tayle, Brown, Jackson, G. Bayne, Malyon, Whelan, Biston, W. O. Bishop, R.N., Col.-Sergts. Breeze and Mitchell, Staff-Sergts. Prattey and Witts, Sergts. Sutherland, Davis and Townsend. A word of praise is due to the committee for arranging and carrying out the concert so successfully.

A miniature rifle match took place between a team composed of Staff-Sergeants and Sergeants of the 3rd V.B. and a team of the Bexley Heath Rifle Club. After a spirited contest, the Volunteers were victorious by two points. The following are the scores:—

Bexley Heath—Mr. Hanley, 32; Dr. Hamilton, 31; Mr. Edwards, 30; Mr. Robart, 29; Mr. Jackson, 27; Mr. Stans, 25; Mr. Malyon, 24; Mr. Stace, 24; Mr. Fothergill, 23; Mr Clark, 22; total, 267 (one of 16 counted out).

Volunteers—Sergt. Paine, 30; Sergt. Philpot, 30; Staff-Sergt. Hessey, 30; Staff-Sergt. Barrett, 29; Staff-Sergt. Webb, 27; Staff-Sergt. Burbridge, 25; Sergt.-Major Audsley, 25; Colour-Sergt. Goodbody, 25; Sergt. Johnson, 25; Audsley, jun., 23; total, 269 (one of 23 counted out).

UNION JACK CLUB

There are now two bedrooms at the above Club ready for the use of Soldiers belonging to the Royal West Kent Regiment We hope any of the Regiment passing through London will avail themselves of this grand Institution.

The following letter and book has been received by the Edltor, Q.O.G. This book may be of use to some of our readers, especially as sanitation is much to the fore at present:—

DEAR SIR,

We have been instructed by Dr. McCabe, to hand you with his compliments, a copy of the new edition of his "War with Disease." We ask you to read the book, as we feel sure that if you do this you will take steps to have its contents made known to every officer, n.c.o. and man of your regiment. It will interest you to know that two out of the three regiments to which these lectures were first delivered have reported to the author an absolutely clean bill of health for the last six months of 1906, and the third regiment had far less sickness than they ever had before. You will see that the rules of health are very simple, and if men are taught the reasons for them they will not disobey them. You will notice that the book is dedicated by permission to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and that the introduction is written by General M. F. Rimington, commanding the 3rd Cavalry Brigade. The price is only 1s. It can be obtained through any bookseller.

Yours faithfully,

BAILLIERE, TINDALL, & COX.

8, Henrietta Street,
Covent Garden,
W.C.

BIRTH.

At Malta, on 24th December, 1906, the wife of 5606 Pte. H. Rawden of a son, "George."

MARRIAGE.

At St. Faith's, Maidstone, on the 19th January, 1907, No. 3695 Sergt. G. Selves, Depot, to Miss Nellie Worrell.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Supernumerary-Capt. T. P. Smith to be Captain vice Capt. P. Hastings, seconded October 27th, 1906.

3rd BATTALION.

THE UNDERMENTIONED GENTLEMEN TO BE SECOND-LIEUTENANTS :—Clarence Jackson and John Sydney Norman Snelgrove, dated February 22nd, 1907.

DEPOT.

TO BE QUARTERMASTER-SERGEANT —3129 Colour-Sergt. A. F. Pye, dated February 26th, 1907

APPOINTED LANCE-SERGEANT :—No. 7674 Corpl. (O.R.C.) C. L. Waern, dated March 2nd, 1907.

1st BATTALION.

No. 7181 Pte. A. Baker appointed Lance.-Corporal, 1st February, 1907.

2nd BATTALION.

PROMOTED COLOUR-SERGEANTS :—5162 Sergt. J. Mills, dated October 1st, 1906, and 4110 Sergt. J Smith, dated January 20th, 1907.

PROMOTED SERGEANTS :—No. 5649 Lance-Sergt. E. Seal, dated October 1st, 1906; 5619 Lance-Sergt. A. Elliott, dated January 20th, 1907; 5579 Lance-Sergt. S. Mills, dated January 20th, 1907; and 6001 Lance-Sergt. H. Russell, dated January 20th, 1907.

APPOINTED LANCE-SERGEANTS :—5752 Corpl. T. Fletcher, dated October 1st, 1906; 6083 Corpl. H. Gurr, dated November 28th, 1906; 6381 Corpl. W. Mills; 5905 Corpl. F. King, dated January 20th, 1907; and 6529 Corpl. M. Crisford, dated January 20th, 1907.

APPOINTED CORPORALS:—5186 Lance-Corpl W. Carrington, dated October 1st, 1906; 5967 Lance-Corpl. T. Merrick, dated November 5th, 1906; 4525 Lance-Corpl. D. Pelling, dated December 21st, 1906; 6014 Lance-Corpl. E. Jones, dated January 4th, 1907; 5858 Lance-Corpl H. Lynes, dated January 20th, 1907; 5438 Lance-Corpl J. Pierce, dated January 20th, 1907; 6017 Lance-Corpl. W. Pearce, dated January 20th, 1907; and 6246 Lance-Corpl R. Ashdown.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS :—No. 5623 F. Kirby, dated December 7th, 1906; 6238 G. Tyson, dated December 7th, 1906; 7494 J. Shipp, dated December 7th, 1906; 5426 A. Page, dated December 14th, 1906; 6191 A. Martin, dated December 14th, 1906; 7790 W. Rowland, dated December 14th, 1906; 7808 A. Clarke, dated December 14th, 1906; 5459 J. Old, dated December 18th, 1906; 6368 C. White, dated December 14th, 1906; and 6386 T. Williams, dated December 18th, 1906

3rd BATTALION.

PROMOTED COLOUR-SERGEANT.—2837 Sergt. D. Leaver, dated 26th February, 1907.

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March, 1907.

SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER.

The dinner of the above Association will be held at the Barracks, Maidstone, on the 20th April, there will also be a General Meeting of the members of the Sergeants' Association, held previous to the dinner. Members will receive notification in due course

ASSOCIATION OF SERGEANTS, ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at Maidstone, on the 15th March, 1907. Present, S.M. Grellier, S.M. Outten, C.S.I. Seager, Mr. Ball, Mr. Brown, S.M. Rogers, Mr. Locks, Q.M.S. Pye, C.S. Lockyer, Q.M.S. J. Smith, S.I.M. Pratley.

1.—Sergt.-Major J. Outten was elected to act as chairman of the Committee.

2.—The minutes of the last meeting having been read, it was proposed by Mr. Locks and seconded by S.I M Pratley, 3rd V.B. R.W. Kent, that the minutes of last meeting as read be confirmed. Carried unanimously.

3.—It was proposed by Q.M.S. Smith and seconded by Sergt.-Major Rogers, that the Auditors' Report be accepted and that the Accounts as read by the Hon. Treasurer be passed and that the Statement and Balance-Sheet of same be sent to each member of the Association. Carried unanimously.

4.—It was proposed by Mr. Brown and seconded by Q.M.S. Pye, that it be added to Rule 3, "that members be notified by the Hon. Secretary when their subscriptions are three months in arrears, and if not paid within one month they will cease to be a member, but may rejoin on payment of the entrance fee of 1/- and subscription." Carried unanimously.

5.—It was proposed by Mr. Brown and seconded by C.S.I. Seager, that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Sub-Committee, who carried out the arrangements of the last dinner, coupled with the names of Q.M.S. Smith and Mr. L. Carter. Carried unanimously.

6.—It was proposed by Sergt.-Major Rogers and seconded by C.S.I. Seager, that the annual dinner be held at Maidstone on 20th April, 1907, the arrangements to be left in the hands of a sub-committee to be formed at Maidstone. Carried unanimously.

7.—It was proposed by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Ball, that Major-General E. Leach, C.B., be approached with a view to inviting the Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Kent to the dinner. Carried unanimously.

8.—Proposed by Mr. Brown and seconded by C.S.I. Seager, that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer for the arduous work undertaken by them for the benefit of the members of the Association. Carried unanimously.

(Signed) B. H GRELLIER,
Sergeant-Major,
Hon. Sec. Sergeants' Association,
Maidstone, Royal West Kent Regiment.
15th March, 1907.

N.B.—The Balance Sheet of the Sergeants' Association will be published in next month's issue of the "Queen's Own Gazette."

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Having had the arduous duties of correspondent thrust upon me, here goes!

The usual climate of Dover appears to be one of fogs and chilly blasts, to the accompaniment of the boom of guns and the wail of fog horns warning the mariner of the dangers of the channel.

Happily we have at intervals a bright sunny day, when only a few goats and discordant church bells are needed, to waft our fond memories back to "merry" Malta, the "Pearl of the Mediterranean."

The numerous wrecks brought into Dover Harbour provide us with much of interest, and well repay a visit, although it entails the breathless ascent of the hated shaft—Oh! for a lift!

The social events include a visit from three of the old officers of the battalion, Col. Brock, Major Martyn, and Capt. Burt, who were accorded the heartiest welcome.

The members of the Sergeants' Mess have given two capital dances, which went with great spirit, and dancing was kept up till the early hours. Two of the visitors were present at the second dance, and were much pleased at the opportunity of renewing their acquaintance with old comrades. Other gaieties consist of rinking, tea fights and bridge parties.

The battalion has played several matches at football and hockey, detailed accounts of which follow. I will just mention that in the game of hockey with the Buffs, Capt. Grant got a nasty cut over the eye, which has prevented him taking part in this month's staff ride. The officers detailed for it are, Major Style (Assistant Director), and Captains Dunlop and Molony. The latter takes the place of Capt. Grant.

Company training being now in full swing, the chalky downs are the scene of mimic warfare, and all are benefitted by at last having ground to manœuvre on. How different to Malta, where with the exception of the roads or rocks, each footprint carried a penalty of 4s. 3d. to "Jose."

Sixty men, under Lieut. Knox, were on duty at the pier when the King left for the continent on 4th March. Owing to the cold, the party paraded in great coats. Their smart appearance was much marred by the police, who were placed, by order, at intervals in the ranks of our men.

I wish to state that, while having every admiration for the police as a body, I think it distinctly out of place that soldiers and police should be in the same ranks. It renders correct dressing impossible, the respective uniforms do not blend, and the difference in height and build is very marked. The only reason I can hear of for this strange and unique custom is—"It is always done in Dover."

Capt. Nunn has been for the last two months Acting A.A.G. and Q.M.Q. and holds the appointment till the new disposition of commands comes into force.

I much regret having to record that Capt. Snow has had a return of Malta fever, necessitating his removal to the Military Hospital, but we hope his illness will be very brief, as we hear that he is to shortly proceed on sick leave. Lieut Brock in the meanwhile is Acting Adjutant.

The party of musketry recruits at Lydd return on the 12th, being succeeded by A and D Companies, who are to start on the 16th.

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

FOOTBALL.

On 22nd February, the regimental team journeyed to Shorncliffe to try conclusions with the 20th Hussars in a friendly game. Losing the toss our men kicked off against a very strong wind, which quite marred their efforts to play a good passing game Quite early in the game Butcher gave evidence of his ability as a custodian by saving splendidly from a well placed corner kick, and from this clearance our centre, Second-Lieut. Wilberforce, obtained possession, taking the ball down the entire length of the field, from which movement a corner was obtained, which, however, proved abortive. Our goal was next visited, and from a flag kick the Hussars notched goal No. 1, putting the ball quite out of our goalie's reach. From the kick off our forwards immediately made tracks for their opponent's goal, the resultant corner being converted into a goal from the head of Taylor. As half-time sounded the Hussars scored again and thus led at the interval by the odd goal in three. Lance-Corpl. Nicholson and Private Taylor were conspicuous throughout the first half of the game.

On resuming, our men settled down to business in quick time and obtained two more goals, one from the foot of Taylor and the other from Goss, thus taking the lead for a time, but in return the cavalry attacked vigorously and equalised. Second-Lieut. Wilberforce was conspicuous in a brilliant run, and with the goal unguarded should have placed our side ahead, but passing to Sparrow, who was off side,

the chance went begging, and from the free kick the Hussars raced away and scored the winning goal. Result—

20th Hussars	4
Royal West Kent Regiment	3

The game was a most enjoyable one, a solitary foul being registered against our team, who were well pleased with having met such sportsmanlike opponents. The teams were afterwards entertained to tea in the Coffee Room at Somerset Barracks, this little civility being much appreciated.

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1ST ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT v. DEPOT ROYAL MARINES.

On Wednesday, 27th February, we met the Royal Marines in a friendly at Walmer. The following represented the battalion :— Butcher; Lord, Smith; Verrall, Miles, Green; Sparrow, Taylor, Lieut. Wilberforce, Hayhurst, Goss. The match proved a fast and very exciting game, resulting in a draw of two goals all. For the first fifteen minutes of the game things seemed pretty equal, but the Marines' centre-half shortly after getting the ball sent a long shot to Butcher which he failed to hold. The game then became very fast and several times the forwards got the ball but failed to convert. A splendid shot was also sent in by Lieut. Wilberforce, which hit the bar.

At half-time the score stood 1—0 in favour of the marines. During the latter part of the game we had the best of it, but shortly after the re-start the Marines secured another goal from a scrimmage in front. Within ten minutes of time the score stood 2 goals in favour of the Marines, but a hands being given just outside the penalty area, Lord neatly placed it into the net. The next goal was scored off a well placed corner by Sparrow, so on time sounding the score stood 2—2.

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The Sergeants of the Battalion played a football match on the Rope Walk on the 14th instant against the Sergeants of the Royal Scots, but after a hard game had to retire defeated. We afterwards entertained the "Scots" to tea, and a series of games took place, but although we won the billiards rather comfortably, had to admit defeat in the card games, chess, draughts, etc., by the odd game.

HOCKEY.

During the last fortnight our hockey team have shown considerable energy, having played no less than five matches in the course of ten days. On the 25th February we beat the Royal Scots, though the score hardly reached as high as our expectations.

Pressing hard up to half-time we had the game in our favour, the score standing at 3—0. Somewhat carried away by thoughts of an easy and brilliant success, goals did not flow as freely, though several times Lieut. Wilberforce looked like scoring. Their forwards, with an effort, equalised the score, but a few moments previous to the fatal whistle Lieut. Wilberforce scored the winning goal. Two days later we put a weak side against Dover College and suffered for our sanguineness. The boys, with their surpassing agility gained an easy victory with 4 goals to 1. Over the next contest it would be as well to draw a veil. At the outset Captain Grant was put *hors de combat*. leaving us too weak to dispute any further matters on the tapis. With an exceptionally strong team the Buffs beat us with a combination and brilliant shooting altogether beyond our capabilities of resistance. At "time" the score stood at 7—0, a disaster not to be dwelt upon. However, at the earliest opportunity, we beat the Gunners after a hard fought game by 2—1, our forwards showing more combination than heretofore. Full of hope we again essayed the prowess of Dover College. Though we had determined to put our best team into the field were unfortunate in losing one or two of our best players. From the start it was a fast game and just before half-time the College scored luckily. Meanwhile our forwards were trying hard but our shooting was poor except at the goalkeeper and the game was concluded again in favour of the College, 3—1.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

4755 Sergt. T. Dorrell has re-engaged to complete 21 years' service. No. 6789 Pte. A. Taylor and 7634 Pte. C. Barnes have been awarded 3rd class Certificates of Education.

7259 Pte. B. Hawkins and 6562 Pte. C. Rye have extended their services to seven and eight years respectively.

The following have been awarded G.C. Badges as stated :— No. 7780 Pte. Bashford, A, granted 1st G.C. Badge, dated February 22nd, 1907; No. 7558 Pte. Palmer, W, granted 1st, dated January 28th, 1907. 7619 Pte. Kersey, J, granted 1st, dated February 7th, 1907. 6423 Pte. Hooper, R, granted 2nd, dated February 12th, 1907. No. 8023 Pte. Hinton, W, granted 1st, dated February 14th, 1907. No. 7582 Pte. Smith, A, granted 1st, dated June 13th, 1906.

2nd BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

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February 7th.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Herewith 2nd Battalion correspondence for the month of January. Hockey and football you will see are in full swing. Cricket has hardly started yet, but next month you will probably hear more about it. I regret to say that the games of the Battalion are rather limited by want of proper grounds, but that there is no lack of enthusiasm you will recognise from the fact that yesterday afternoon your correspondent witnessed hockey, football, cricket, and tambourella, an Italian game played with a heavy tambourine and a tennis ball, all in full swing on the Barrack Square, at one and the same time. I enclose Company correspondence, which you will use or not as you consider best, though at the same time, Mr. Editor, I am sure you understand that we all sometimes like to see our effusions in print. We are very pleased to see the position taken by the Depot in the football world, and wish them the best of luck.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

FOOTBALL NOTES FROM SINGAPORE.

A match was arranged on Jan. 4th against the Singapore Cricket Club, but unfortunately did not come off owing to the ground being under water.

Our next attempt against the Cricket Club was more successful. We played them on Jan. 24th, and won by 3 goals to 1, the goals being scored by Dudman (2) and Barry (1). The following is the team, which is a strong one, requiring perhaps a little more dash from the forwards :— Lance-Corp. Watling in goal; Lieut. Dinwiddy and Sergt. Lambe, backs; Colour-Sergt. Mills, Ptes. Brewer and Bexon, halves; Ptes Eastgate, Dudman, Butler, Barry, and Lance-Corp. Travenna, forwards. The game was a very fast one and gave Lance-Corp. Watling several opportunities of showing his worth, which he did most successfully Pte.

Dudman's two shots at goal were very fine. Ptes Brewe and Bexon were, as usual, in good form.

We played H M.S. Astrea on Jan. 8th, and defeated them easily with an A t am by 9 goals to nil The game was too one-sided to enable any remarks being made about the individual players, who were :—Pte. Moss in goal; Pte. Parker and Sergt.-Drummer Sayer, backs; Colour-Sergt Mills, Ptes Bexon and O'Bee, halves; Ptes. Eastgate, Butler, Clements, Sergt Reynolds, and Lance-Corp. Travenna, forwards

On Jan. 11th a match was arranged against H M S. Diadem, our old opponents of Hong Kong, but unfortunately did not come off owing to some misunderstanding

We played the Australian Flagship, H.M S. Monmouth, on the following Saturday, but they could not, unfortunately, get a strong enough team to really try us, and the game ended in an easy victory for us of 5 goals to nil. Pte. Eastgate, just arrived from Malta, played an excellent game as outside right, centreing well, and not troubling too much about trying to shoot goals. The same team as on 24th.

Last, but not least, comes the Officers v. Sergeants, which ended in a win for the Sergeants by 2 to 1. The team for the Officers was :—Lieut. Belgrave in goal; Major Pedley and Lieut. Dinwiddy backs; Lieuts. Hibbert, Graham, and Dresser, half-backs; Capt. Druce, Lieuts. Hardy, Hamley, Whitty, and Bazley-White, forwards For the Sergeants :—Colour-Sergt. Croucher in goal; Sergts Lambe and Kemp, backs; Colour-Sergt. Mills and Sergts. Mullen and Stringer, half-backs; Sergt.-Drummer Sayer, and Sergts Reynolds, Pace, Stiffe, and Armourer-Sergt. Irwin, forwards. Much interest and, I am afraid, some amusement was afforded the onlookers by the aimless kicks at the ball given by members of both teams. It was a most enjoyable game all through, though undoubtedly both sides showed that they were not sorry for the sound of the whistle at "time."

"FOOTBALL"

HOCKEY.

The first hockey match played by the Battalion in Singapore took place just before Christmas. A team representing the Battalion played the Singapore Cricket Club (a Club which includes all other games besides cricket) on their ground Owing to the excessive rain it was like a marsh, and what we played could scarcely be called hockey. The result was a win for the Club. Score—2 love. Team :—

Goal—Pte. Peterson (G).

Backs—Lance-Corp. Miller (B), Pte. Turner (G).

Halves—Second-Lieut. Graham, Lieut. Hibbert, Corp. Bonfield (C).

Forwards—Capt. Joslin, Colour-Sergt. Chasteneuf (E), Lieut. Humphreys, Pte. Seares (B).

On the 5th January a Regimental team played the 95th Russells Infantry at Alexandra Barracks. It rained throughout the match, making the game more of a mud fight than hockey. The wet ground was undoubtedly to our advantage, and accounted for the even score of 2 goals all when time was called. Team :—

Goal—"A. N. Other."

Backs—Lance-Corp. Miller (B), Pte. Turner (G).

Halves—Second-Lieut. Graham, Lieut. Hibbert, Corp. Bonfield (C).

Forwards—Second-Lieut. Yates, Second-Lieut. Whitty, Colour-Sergt. Chasteneuf (E), Sergt. Mills (F), Lance-Corp. Trevena (A).

On the 8th January a Regimental team played the Singapore Cricket Club on their ground, which resulted in another win for the Club Score, 2—1 A very even game. Team :—

Goal—Pte. Peterson (E).

Backs—Pte. Turner (G), Lance-Corp. Miller (B).

Halves—Colour-Sergt. Mills (B), Lieut. Hibbert, Colour-Sergt. Chasteneuf (E).

Forwards—Capt. Joslin, Second-Lieut. Whitty, Lieut. Graham, Lieut. Hewitt, Lance-Corp. Trevena.

January 14th.—Regimental Team v. H.M S. King Alfred, at Singapore. After a good deal of hard hitting on both sides, some fast sprints on the part of the Navy, the game ended in a win for us, the score being 6 to 4. Team :—

Forwards—Capt. Joslin, Pte. Purchase (H), Second-Lieut. Graham, Second-Lieut. Whitty, Lance-Corp. Trevena (A).

Halves—Colour-Sergt. Mills, Lieut. Hibbert, Corp. Bonfield.

Backs—Pte. Packman, Pte. Turner.

Goal—Sergt. Kemp.

The following Officers played in a team representing the Garrison, against a team from the Fleet (ships of the Eastern Squadron at Singapore for the Admirals' Conference) on Saturday, the 19th, at Pulan Brani.

Forwards—Capt. Joslin, Second-Lieut. Whitty, Second-Lieut. Graham.

Halves—Lieut. Hibbert.

Backs—Capt. Druce

Goal—Lieut. Tulloh.

The Garrison beat the Fleet (after a strenuous game on an extra large ground) by 4 goals to 2.

N.B.—In the lists of teams the letters in brackets denote Companies; the positions on the field are as they are written down—that is to say, from left to right.

A. J. HIBBERT,
Lieutenant.

Singapore,
10th January, 1907.

During the month of January the routine was much the same, with the exception of one manœuvre and one tactical exercise with E. Company, the latter proving very interesting. Route marching has been one of the most important items in the scale of parades, the roads being in splendid condition for marching, now the dry weather has started For cycling their equal would be hard to find, even in England, and the scenery around is indeed very beautiful. Sergeants Harrison and Bristow, two very old and valued N.C O.'s, have been transferred to E and B Company respectively; we are sorry to lose them, but wish them the best of luck in their new companies, at the same time we welcome Lance-Sergt. Gurr, who has joined us from B. Regarding sport we have been most unfortunate, as, out of seven football matches played, I can only record two wins. The results are as follows :—January 1st we played the draft of our company and beat them 3—2; the players for the draft being—Pte Simmonds, goal; Obee and Archer, backs; Townsend, Pinder and Smith, half-backs; Reilly, Fletcher, Sansum, Knight, and Jones, forwards; the Company team being—Pte. Moss, goal; Fouch and Adams, backs; O'Brien, Vincent and Lance-Corpl. Williams, half-backs; Winter, Game, Corpl. Byford, Corpl. Mills, and Dr. Taylor, forwards. The game was a very well contested one. Ptes. Obee, Pinder and Knight turned out to be very good players. January 2nd saw us pitted against E, who beat us 1—0, so on the 9th we tried conclusions with the Signallers the match ending in a draw 1—1. Not to be

beaten we challenged G, on the 11th, and the result was another draw of 1—1. It really looked as though we were not destined to win a match at all, as, on the 15th we played C, who beat us 3—0. A letter from the Warders of the Singapore Convict Prison, asking us to play them, was hailed with delight, but I am sorry to say that the result was another draw of 4—4. Up to the 19th, six matches played, with only one win, led us to think that something was wrong in the team, but on survey we could find no fault whatever, as the team is about the best to be found in the Company. They are :—Pte. Moss, goal ; Adams and Obee, backs ; Pinder, Archer, and Vincent, half-backs ; Corpl. Mills, Dr. Taylor, Corporal Byford, Lance-Corporal Williams, and "Rattler" Morgan, forwards. We played E with the above team and managed to beat them 1—0. The above was all the football played, and it is hoped that next month's record will be a much better one. The right and left half-company indulged in a Hockey match, and a draw was the result of that, as, also, at the same game with C Company the inevitable again figured at 3—3, so you will see that our luck was dead out. The month has been a series of draws, not only for D but nearly every other Company in the Battalion. The Dramatic Club is now in full swing, and has already given two entertainments, and are busy rehearsing for the third. Second-Lieut. Graham is President, and the Rev. Mr. Hunter, our Chaplain, Vice. It is without doubt a welcome acquisition in the Barracks, as it helps to liven the monotony, the distance to town being so great, and the attraction there, practically nil. An entertainment in barracks, bucksheesh, is not to be laughed at.

D Company's Correspondent.

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Dear Mr. Editor,

I am very much afraid I must commence my letter with another apology for my laziness during the past three months. My only excuse is dearth of news, but this won't wash because there has been bags of it, so I will chuck it and get on with this collection of rubbish before the tired feeling comes on again.

To begin with we have left Hong Kong and have been in Singapore over a month, and with what feeling did we sail out of the harbour.

Many of us had rather sorrowful feelings about leaving a place where we had spent two enjoyable years, soldiering, and others, the more frivolous, went out of the harbour saying nasty things about the hills that we have had such long and close acquaintance with.

I believe that the good people of Hong Kong were also rather sorry to part with us, at least it appeared so by the nice things that were published in the local papers anent the regiment.

Arriving at Singapore on December 3rd, after an uneventful voyage, we anchored in the roads for the night, where, from the ship, we had a beautiful view of the land that was to be our residence for the next two years. Indeed, at first sight, it is very like Colombo, very flat and heavily fringed with palms.

Really speaking, Singapore is the antipodes to Hong Kong as we left it, it then being hilly, cold and dry, while Singapore is flat, hot and wet, very wet. Ever since the regiment has been here we have had fine soft weather as they say in Dublin, with the exception that instead of raining in a reasonable manner it comes down in buckets full.

I have not got anything in the way of sport to report as the above-mentioned rain prohibits anything but indoor amusements, but I hope to be able to let you have some news in that line in my next letter as there are some good teams hereabouts who would like to try our mettle. All we want them to do is to roll up.

Christmas was spent in the usual good old style in G Company, everybody enjoying themselves as they should do at that season of the year, only more so. The only thing that cast a shadow on the proceedings was that a large number of our old chums T.X., who were going home on H.T. "Sicilia" were on the sea within Marconi range. We hoped they were enjoying themselves too. But still, we drank to them and no doubt they drank to us, providing the necessary liquid was forthcoming.

We have restarted the old "G" Variety Club, which was in abeyance during our stay in Hong Kong, owing to want of a suitable place to hold the concerts. But here we have a splendid theatre in barracks and all our regimental thespians have amalgamated and call themselves the "Queen's Own" Variety Club, giving a concert on Boxing Day that went off very well indeed.

Being one of the Club myself and bashful, I refrain from giving any description of this particular "Gaff," but will promise not to neglect it in future.

G Company's Correspondent.

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Singapore,

January 23rd, 1907.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Once again the time has come for me to take up my pen and let you know a few little things the Company has done since I sent you my last contribution. To begin with, up to now, we have been successful in every football match we have played, although at times it was more of a water polo match, and several people began to inquire if we all had our swimming certificates. I think by this time that everybody has settled down to soldiering in Singapore. Each Company has been allotted a garden, and there are to be prizes given every quarter for the best kept garden, and I think that H Company will take a lot of beating this quarter, as I think that the garden we took over had been well looked after by the Notts and Derbys. The Regimental Football Team have played a few matches since we have been here, and up to now they have not been beaten, but I will leave the Battalion correspondent to give you the full details of the games they have played. We start playing for the Company Football Shield on the 1st of February, so I expect that we shall be all writing about football next month, but that remains to be seen. We have had two very enjoyable entertainments, given to the Regiment by the Battalion Dramatic Club, and I believe there is to be an entertainment given by them every fortnight, which will, no doubt, relieve the monotony of the place, as there seems to be no place here where you could spend a quiet evening. There has been a Boxing Club started in the Regiment, so I expect that in a couple of months' time we shall see a few Jimmy Britts giving an exhibition of the hitting powers. Well, Mr. Editor, I think that my little book of notes has been used up, so I must now lay down my pen till the time for next month's contribution comes round.

H Company's Correspondent.

TANGLIN,
13th February, 1907.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I forward herewith the results of three shooting matches, which have taken place since our arrival at Singapore. Although up to the present our efforts have not been very successful, with the better facilities that exist for practice, no doubt before long we shall more than hold our own in shooting, as in football, hockey, &c. It is a very great boon to have a rifle range within a few yards of the cantonment. At most of our other stations the range has been some miles from barracks, necessitating a great amount of time, which is a serious item in this strenuous period.

Things, however, have now changed, and we can look forward to meeting the strongest team the Singapore Rifle Association can bring forward on equal terms.

In addition to the range at Tanglin, there is another within easy walk, at Normanton, where the companies carry out their annual course of musketry. Whilst undergoing their course they live in huts actually on the range, so that we are in a perfect paradise compared with Hong Kong, where we either had to climb a mountain four miles from barracks, or proceed six miles by launch and walk two miles through a filthy Chinese town (thereby losing all one's steadiness).

A few months since it was proposed that the Officers' and Sergeants' Rifle Club should hold a monthly competition (handicap); and it has met with a decided success. The prize consists of a small silver badge similar to the old round cap badge, with the rampant horse and crossed rifles in the centre. The winner's name and the month in which it was won is engraved on each badge.

Owing to the difficulties of handicapping, it has taken some time to level the handicaps down. It will be noticed that up to the present, in almost every case, the winner each month has received a very good start, and probably owing to that incentive, has piled up quite a respectable score.

I append a list of winners of the trophy each month, together with the runners up.

"MAGPIE."

RIFLE MATCHES.

SERGEANTS AND H.M.S. "MONMOUTH."

Tanglin Range, 19th January 1907.

SERGEANTS.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.
Sergt. Cockle	29	30	27	86
Col.-Sergt. Thorne	25	28	31	84
Sergt. Moir	26	30	26	82
Sergt. Ellis	26	29	23	78
Col.-Sergt. Chasteneuf	26	24	24	74
Col.-Sergt. Alderman	24	29	19	72
Col.-Sergt. Saunders	19	32	21	72
Grand Total				548

H.M.S. "MONMOUTH."

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.
Private Rose	28	28	23	79
,, Welkes	22	24	28	74
,, Sharp	25	22	24	71
,, Dingwell	27	22	21	70
,, Kennedy	26	22	18	66
Col.-Sergt. Pulham	22	20	23	65
Private Pomery	22	20	13	55
Grand Total				480

BATTALION AND SINGAPORE RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Balister Range, 27th January, 1907.

SINGAPORE RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total
Mr. Kemp	31	34	32	97
,, Murray	31	34	31	96
,, Elliott	28	35	30	93
,, Ong-Siang	28	32	32	92
,, Chater	28	30	29	87
,, Tongue	33	29	24	86
,, Fowler	26	30	29	85
,, Whorwell	27	29	29	85
,, Bolingbroke	28	29	24	81
,, Galistan	26	28	25	79
Grand Total				881

BATTALION.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.
Col.-Sergt. Thorne	29	30	31	90
Sergt. Cockle	28	28	30	86
Sergt. Ellis	27	29	30	86
Corpl. Crisford	25	27	30	82
Lance-Sergt. Mills	24	28	29	81
Lance-Corpl. Williams	27	27	27	81
Lieut. Hewitt	27	31	23	81
Capt. Kitson	28	29	21	78
Sergt. Moir	27	27	21	75
Col.-Sergt. Chasteneuf	23	23	25	71
Grand Total				811

RETURN MATCH—2ND BATTALION AND S.V.A.

Tanglin Range, 3rd February, 1907.

S.V.A

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.
Mr. Chater	31	32	34	97
,, Kemp	32	32	30	94
,, DeSilva	27	34	32	93
,, Murray	32	29	29	90
,, Phillips	31	33	26	90
,, Ong-Siang	28	33	22	83
Capt. Colebeck	21	25	23	69
Mr. Tongue	24	24	20	68
Grand Total				684

2ND BATTALION.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.
Corpl. Stevens	31	33	30	94
Capt. Kitson	31	32	25	88
Sergt. Cockle	29	27	27	83
Lieut. Hewitt	30	27	26	83
Col.-Sergt. Thorne	28	32	23	83
Sergt. Mills	24	27	28	79
Sergt. Ellis	26	27	23	76
Lance-Sergt. Crisford	26	30	19	75
Grand Total				661

RESULT OF MONTHLY HANDICAP OF OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' RIFLE CLUB.

June, 1906.		Hcp.	Total.	
*Second-Lieut. Hamley	71	25	96	1st
Colour Sergt. Barden	78	17	95	2nd
Colour-Sergt. Chasteneuf	82	9	91	3rd

July, 1906.

*Lance-Sergt. Pace	87	10 ...	97	1st
Armourer-Staff-Sergt. Irwin...	77	20 ...	97	2nd
Lance-Sergt. Stevens	85	9 ...	94	3rd

August, 1906.

*Sergt. Mallan	75	20 ...	95	1st
Armourer-Staff-Sergt. Irwin...	78	13 ...	91	2nd
Capt. Kitson	90	Scratch		3rd
Sergt. Cramp	75	15 ..	90	4th

September, 1906.

*Sergt. Cramp	81	15 ..	96	1st
Sergt. Moir	87	9 ...	96	2nd
Second-Lieut. Graham	73	20 ...	93	3rd
Lance-Sergt. Elliott	90	Scratch.		4th.

October, 1906.

*Sergt. Chawkley	84	14 ...	98	1st
Colour-Sergt. Thorne	96	Scratch.		2nd
Armourer-Staff-Sergt. Irwin...	83	13 ...	96	3rd
Colour-Sergt. Bullock	95	Scratch.		4th
Band-Sergt. Moss	70	25 ...	95	5th
Q.M.S. Wood	91	Scratch.		6th

November and December nil.

January, 1907.

*Sergt. Soughton	76	20 ...	96	1st
Lance-Sergt. Mills	86	8 ...	94	2nd
Lieut.-Col. Fitton	75	17 ...	92	3rd
Colour-Sergt. Chasteneuf	82	9 ...	91	4th
Lance-Sergt. Russell	71	20 ...	91	5th

* Winner of Trophy.

2nd BATTALION NOTES.

No. 4596 Sergt. E. Goulds and 5534 Sergt. E. Kallend have been transferred to the Colonial Government for employment as Volunteer Instructors to the Penang Volunteers and Malay Volunteer Rifle Corps respectively.

No. 3268 Colour-Sergt. E. Bullock has been discharged free in Hong Kong after 14 years' service, we hear he has secured an appointment as Secretary to a local railway.

5574 Pte. W. Ladd has been transferred to the Army Resesve on January 18th, 1907, he remains in Hong Kong.

126 Swimming Certificates have been awarded to Non-commissioned Officers and men of the Battalion during the month of January, 1907.

The undermentioned Non-commissioned Officers and men have been granted G.C. Badges, etc., as stated :—

No. 6389 Lance-Corp. C. Trevena, A, granted 2nd G.C. Badge, dated January 7th, 1907. No. 6402 Pte. Atkinson, B, restored 1st, dated January 2nd, 1907. No. 7219 Pte. A. Jude, B, granted 1st, dated January 24th, 1907. No. 6515 Pte. W. Wharfe, C, restored 1st, dated January 20th, 1907. No. 5958 Pte. S. Goddin, C, granted 2nd, dated December 6th, 1906. No. 6065 Pte. J. Falkner, C, granted 2nd, dated January 19th, 1907. No. 6411 Pte. J. Fletcher, D, granted 2nd, dated January 27th, 1907. No. 8015 Pte. T. Stedman, D, granted 1st, dated January 23rd, 1907. No. 7416 Pte. J. Williams, E, granted 1st, dated January 11th, 1907. No. 8002 Pte. T. Sylvester, E, granted 1st, dated January 3rd, 1907. No. 8018 Pte. A. Braithwaite, E, granted 1st, dated January 15th, 1907. No. 7953 Pte. J. Allen, F, granted 1st, dated November 14th, 1906. No. 6413 Lance-Corpl. J. Smith, F, granted 2nd, dated January 27th, 1907. No 7361 Pte. W. Wannell, F, restored 1st, dated January 15th, 1907. No. 7734 Dr. H. Palmer, G, restored 2nd, dated January 23rd, 1907. No. 8004 Pte. W. Brotherwood, G, granted 1st, dated January 5th, 1907. No. 8016 Pte. G. Harvey, G, granted 1st, dated January 26th, 1907. No. 7984 Lance-Corpl. P. Wilson, G, granted 1st, dated December 15th, 1906. No. 6728 Pte. A. Punyer, H, granted 1st, dated December 1st, 1906. No 6386 Lance-Corporal T. Williams, H, granted 2nd, dated January 3rd, 1907.

1ST BATTALION ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

Roll of Officers, with Stations :—

Lieutenant-Colonel Maunsell, G. W., Headquarters.
Major Style, R. C., Headquarters.
Major Hewett, E. V. O., Headquarters.
Captain Molony, C. V., Headquarters.
Captain Smith, T. P. C., Headquarters.
Captain Robinson, P. M., Headquarters.
Captain Nunn, T. H. C., Acting D.A.A. and Q.M.G., Dover.
Captain Dunlop, H. D. B., at Lydd 18th March to 16th April.
Captain Grant, A. K., at Lydd 18th March to 16th April.
Captain Norman, E. H., Headquarters.
Lieutenant Parker, J. C., Headquarters.
Lieutenant White, R. L, sick leave till 26th May.
Lieutenant Ingram, C. R., Headquarters.
Lieutenant Knox, A. d'E., Headquarters.
Lieutenant Waring, H. A., at Lydd 18th March to 16th April.
Lieutenant Brock, R. G. C., at Lydd 18th March to 16th April.
Lieutenant Adams, C. F., Headquarters.
Lieutenant Fisher, F., at Lydd 18th March to 16th April.
Lieutenant Hearle, F. J., at Lydd 18th March to 16th April.
Second-Lieutenant Searight, A. K., Headquarters.
Second-Lieutenant Leir, B. H. F., Headquarters.
Second-Lieutenant Cooke, J. C., Headquarters.
Second-Lieutenant Dobson, T. Y., Headquarters.
Second-Lieutenant Vicat, H. J., Headquarters.
Second-Lieutenant Wilberforce, W., Headquarters.
Captain and Adjutant Snow, H. W., Headquarters.
Lieutenant and Quartermaster Willis, W. J., Headquarters.

Attached to 1st Battalion pending posting.

Second-Lieutenant Wingfield-Stratford, G. W., Headquarters.
Second-Lieutenant Johnston, D. J., Headquarters.
Second-Lieutenant Moulton-Barret, E. F., Headquarters.

Dover,
March 12th, 1907.

2ND BATTALION ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

List of Officers of the above Corps, showing Station, &c.:—

Lieutenant-Colonel H. G. Fitton, D.S.O., A.D.C., Singapore.
Major W. E. Rowe, leave.
Major S. H. Pedley, Singapore.
Major E F. Venables, Singapore.
Captain H. L. Moody, leave, England.
Captain R. J. Woulfe Flanagan, Singapore.
Captain C. E. Kitson, Singapore.
Captain C. Druce, Singapore.
Captain and Adjutant F. J. Joslin, Singapore.
Captain G. D. Lister, en route to Singapore, March, 1907.
Captain R. M. Tulloch, leave, returning from England February 20th, 1907.
Lieutenant H. D. Belgrave, Singapore.
Lieutenant A. H. Pullman, leave, St. Helens, Hampton Wick.
Lieutenant J. H. Tulloch, Singapore.
Lieutenant M. J. Dinwiddy, Singapore.
Lieutenant A. S. Hewitt, Singapore.
Lieutenant O. Y. Hibbert, Singapore.
Lieutenant G. Stevenson, leave, Paris.
Lieutenant R. A. Paget, leave, England.
Lieutenant F. B. Humphreys, leave, England.
Second-Lieutenant M. W. Graham, Singapore.
Second-Lieutenant H. J. Dresser, Singapore.
Second-Lieutenant W. G. Yates, Singapore.
Second-Lieutenant W. S. Hamley, Singapore.
Second-Lieutenant N. I Whitty, Singapore.
Second-Lieutenant R. Bazley-White, Singapore.
Second-Lieutenant A. E. Hardy, Singapore.
Hon. Lieutenant and Quartermaster T. Sumner, Singapore.

Singapore,
1st February, 1907.

DEPOT NEWS.

About twenty members of the Sergeants' Mess from Maidstone proceeded to Dover on the 1st March, with a view to testing the abilities of their comrades of the 1st

Battalion at football. Our party was met at the station by Col.-Sergt. Saunders, who conducted us to the notorious "shaft." However, all arrived safety at the top, somewhat dazed by the sudden glare of the sun on arriving at the summit.

After partaking of luncheon in the Sergeants' Mess, knickers were donned and all journeyed to the football field. A fast and exciting game took place, the Depot sergeants obtaining the lead at the start and in spite of their opponent's efforts maintained their lead, the game finishing up Depot Sergeants, five goals; 1st Battalion Sergeants, three goals.

After the match we adjourned to the Sergeants' Mess, where every endeavour was made to do justice to the spread provided, the keen air and sunshine on the heights having sharpened appetites.

After tea there was much to talk about, and we were only too sorry to have to hurry away to catch our train, which left much too early in the evening.

A draft of 14 recruits and Sergt. Urquhart proceed to Dover of the 1st March to join the Home Battalion. 8463 Private Howson won the silver medal for best in the squad at gymnastics, and 8469 Private S. Ballard the medal for the Morris Tube Competition.

DANCE AT MAIDSTONE.

The members of the Sergeants' Mess gave a dance in the Gymnasium on the 15th inst., there being about 300 present, including a good muster of the 1st Battalion from Dover. Dancing was kept up till an early hour in the morning, no perceptible thinning out of the visitors taking place until "God Save the King" was played. Among those present were:—Capt. and Mrs. W. H. Annesley, Capt. Elgood, Lieuts. Case-Morris and Phillips, Second-Lieuts. Jackson, Herring-Cooper, Kay and Snellgrove, also Sergt.-Major Rogers, Pensioner Sergt.-Majors Ball, Brown, Locks, Jackson and Q.M.-Sergt. Maddocks, Col.-Sergts. Wain, Cousens &c., and many sergeants of our Volunteer Battalion and Volunteer Medical Staff Companies. Sergt-Drummer Gee provided an excellent band, and the committee responsible for the arrangements were:—Sergt-Majors Outten and Grellier, Col.-Sergts. Murphy, Tapp, Leaver and Dugay, Sergt. Kingham acted as M.C., while Sergt. W. Wood made an excellent caterer.

KENT AMATEUR CUP SEMI-FINAL.
v. DEPOT BATTALION R.E.

The above match was played at the Chatham Football Ground on the 16th inst., resulting in a win for the R.E. (who hold the Army Cup) by 5 goals to 2.

A strong wind across the ground spoilt the play, and although the Depot scored the first two goals, all that was scored in the first half, it was apparent to the onlookers that the second half would be against them, especially as Captain Elgood, who was playing on the right, sprained his leg early in the game, though he was able to play the game out. Anyhow, it must be acknowledged that the more experienced team won.

About 100 of the Depot and 1st Battalion witnessed the match, including most of the Officers at the Depot. By being in the semi-final the Depot, next year, will not have to compete in the qualifying rounds, but go straight into the competition proper. The teams were:—

Depot Batt. R.E.—Aston; Sec.-Lieut. Cave-Brown and Watson; Stanton, Keir, and Shallcross; Webber, Sec.-Lieut. Campbell, Broad, Shephard, and Jewell.

R.W.K. Depot.—Colour-Sergt. Bass; Powell and Keeble; Verrall, Wright, and Huggett; Capt. Elgood, Sergt. Redmond, Sweeney, Moore, and Langridge.

DEPOT SERGEANTS v. SERGEANTS 1st BATTALION.

On the 15th the above match was played on the Barrack Field, resulting in a draw 1—1. The Depot sergeants did not play the sergeants who were required to play in the Semi-Final of the Kent Amateur Cup with the Depot team on the following day against the Royal Engineers.

MAIDSTONE LEAGUE.
DEPOT v. ECCLES.

Played at Maidstone Barracks, the Depot proved themselves by far the superior team, the game resulting in a win for the Depot by 5—0.

DEPOT.

FAREWELL SMOKING CONCERT.

The members of the Sergeants' Mess at Maidstone assembled together on the 20th February to bid farewell to Quartermaster-Sergt. Gilburd, Colour-Sergt.-Inst.-Musketry Evenden, and Colour-Sergt. Palmer, who are leaving the service to take their pensions. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been duly honoured, the brilliant musical talent of our Mess endeavoured to cheer us up and make those present forget the object for which they had gathered together, for, as we all know, it is bad enough to say goodbye to one comrade, but when three of them pass out of our regimental life all about one time it brings home to many of us reminiscences of the past, and makes us think of the time when we hope ourselves to be the guests of the evening, though loath to sever our connection with our grand old Regiment.

We are glad to say that, although Q.M.S. Gilburd, C.S.I.M. Evenden, and Colour-Sergt. Palmer lay aside their harness in a military sense, they have all obtained good positions in civil life. The first mentioned N.C.O., we believe, has obtained employment at our Record Office at Hounslow, so that his occupation will be familiar to him; he has been for many years Orderly-Room-Sergeant of the Depot, passing through the different grades to the rank of Quartermaster-Sergeant (O.R.S.), and on the discharge of the late Q.M.S. D. Cross to pension, he was promoted to Regimental Q.M.S. of the Depot. Q.M.S. Gilburd has up to the last year or so been connected with the "Queen's Own Gazette" as Assistant Editor, and he has always taken great interest in both cricket and football, having acted on several occasions as Secretary to the Depot Club. We all wish him health and prosperity in his future career.

Colour-Sergt.-Instructor of Musketry Evenden has served with both 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Battalions of the Regiment, and has seen active service in India. He has taken up an appointment in the neighbourhood of Tunbridge Wells, and is doing well. He served on the Permanent Staff of the 3rd Battalion at Malta as Colour-Sergeant during the mobilization, and afterwards was appointed Sergeant-Instructor of Musketry about five years ago.

Colour-Sergt. Palmer was also serving on the Permanent Staff, having held that rank for seven years. He has taken up employment on the Commissionares, where he will find many of his comrades still serving.

During the evening Sergt.-Major Outten, with a suitable speech, presented (in the name of the members of the Sergeants' Mess) Q.M.S. Gilburd with a folding bookcase, C.S.I.M. Evenden with a gold watch, and Colour-Sergt. Palmer was the recipient of a handsome marble timepiece, all suitably inscribed.

The healths of the guests, their wives and families were drunk, both individually and collectively, with musical hononrs, hands being joined and "Auld Lang Syne" sang with great gusto. Sergt.-Major Grellier also said a few words, thanking Q.M.S. Gilburd for the assistance he had given not only himself, but others when they were young N.C.O.'s. He also thanked C.S.I.M. Evenden and Colour-Sergt. Palmer for the loyal support they had always given him both at the trainings and elsewhere, and stated how sorry he was to lose them.

BOXING TOURNAMENT AT THE DEPOT

A very successful Tournament took place in the Drill Hall on the 13th inst. We publish the account as reported by the sporting representative of the *Kent Messenger*:

LANCE-CORPORAL BAKER'S STUBBORN FIGHT.

THE REVERSE OF FRED LATTER.

GOES UNDER TO FRANK CRAIG IN TWO ROUNDS

No fewer than 1,500 persons were attracted to the Maidstone Barracks on Wednesday by the third boxing tournament. It was indubitably the best evening of the three, and once again are the promoters to be heartily congratulated on results achieved. To Sergt.-Major J. H. Outten, the hon. secretary, belong chief honours, but how well he was supported by the other officials he himself knows and cordially acknowledges. It is, as one remarks, a fine thing for the Army that such men ean be found to administer to the sporting proclivities of Tommy, and incidentally to provide entertainment for the sport-loving members of the community.

The manner in which the boxing competitions have been carried through calls for laudatory comment. The third was, in the order of things, the best. Accumulated experience told. Matters went with snap and swing, not a moment being lost. Indeed, one had scarcely digested, as it were, the last item, when the next was served. Yet the fare was distinctly eupeptic.

The programme submitted was unquestionably interesting. Its strongest feature was its variety. You saw the stubborn aggressiveness of the soldier-lads, the power and agility of the sailor-boys, the champion swordsman of the British Army exhibiting the marvels of Jui-Jitsu, and the finished excellence of the practised scientific boxer.

The opening item was the final of the Depot Competition (under 9 stone), with Brisselden and Page as protagonists. The first round may pass as read; the second round was noteworthy for hard-hitting and clever dodging on either side; the third was more or less interesting. Brisselden emerged the winner.

The final of the Depot Competition (over 9 stone) was soon over). Langridge and Brosimham were in the ring for a minute or so when Brosimham gave up.

Then came the heats of the 9st. 8lbs. open competition. Private Jacobs, 4th Vol. Batt., opposed Seaman Dunkley, H.M.S. Ocean, but had the verdict against him. Stoker Barker, H.M S. Haughty, got the better of Able Seaman Smith, H.M.S. Endymion; and C. Lowin, A.B., H.M.S. Endymion, proved the better man when opposed to Private Guy, Depot, R.W.K R., but not easily, for the soldier put up a determined fight. In the semi-final Lowin and Barker were opposed. Lowin shaped well from the first, but Barker proved a hard nut to crack. However, Lowin proved victorious. The final found Lowin facing Dunkley Quite a good fight, with hard slogging on either side. The third round saw Lowin failing, and Dunkley sent him round and round the ring. Duukley was adjudged the winner.

In the matter of general interest, probably the most important fixture of the evening was the meeting of **Fred** Latter, of Wateringbury (who has beaten Ginger Goodfellow, Wally Kelcher, and has generally a fine record), and Frank Craig ("The Coffee Cooler"), a man of colour and of mark, who has been in 600 contests Latter is a brave and clever fighter, of whom great things may be confidently expected, and it was greatly to the regret of his large following that on this occasion he met his Waterloo. One cannot but he'p admiring his courage in facing so doubty an antagonist as Craig. It must at once be admitted that Latter was defeated by a man who knows every move of the game—one who is a master of ring-craft, a boxer whose scientific attainments in the art are undeniable. The first round showed the "Coffee Cooler" clearly on the defensive. He had probably measured his man and knew his weakness Yet he took no advantage of that knowledge. Latter, on his part, fought pluckily. His well-developed muscles glowed and rippled in the light; he is a man of fine physique, and the sting in his blows must be enormous. In the second round Craig became aggressive and put Latter on the ground. The Man of Kent, however, quickly recovered himself, but went down soon afterwards, and it was seen that the end was at hand. He got to his feet and (quite legitimately) received the knock-out. Popular sympathy was with him, but the fact remains that the better man won. Latter will not be discouraged. Experience must be bought.

A great surprise was the excellent stand Lance-Corporal Baker, 1st Batt. R.W.K R. (runner-up in the Army and Navy meeting at Aldershot, 1905) made against Curly Watson (Army and Navy champion). Every inch of the way, so to speak, was hardly fought, and with thoroughly good sportsmanship, too. Watson has knowledge and power, but the soldier was not far behind, and took advantage of every opportunity. At the end of the six strenuous rounds Watson, as was generally seen, was declared the winner, but Baker came in for a tremendous ovation for the determined fight he had made to lower the champion's colours.

In another six-round contest, Private O'Neil, 1st R.W.K.R., gave Fred Barkaway (9st. 6lb. champion of Kent) his conge. These two men are well known to watchers of the ring. At one time it was a matter of great difficulty to decide who was the better man, but towards the end of the contest O'Neil "made good," and left the ring amid hearty applause. Once before O'Neil defeated Barkaway, and last week drew with him at Chatham.

The display of Jui-Jitsu was watched with the keenest interest and wonderment, the exponents being Sergt.-Major Betts, A.G.S., champion swordsman of the British Army, and Colour-Sergt.-Major Dent, A G S., both of the Headquarter Gymnasium, Aldershot. It is interesting to note that Sergt.-Major Betts has received his commission as Lieutenant and Master-at-Arms, and it is a fitting reward for the excellent work he has done as an instructor in physical training in the Army. The demonstration served to show that a man "armed at all points" with a knowledge of Jui-Jitsu, is more than a match for any assailant who can boast merely of brute strength. The science teaches you to use such strength to your own advantage, and in two two's you have your unskilled opponent bent up, crying for mercy. The fortunes of war may make a lethal weapon useless. Then comes the opportunity for Jui-Jitsu.

The officials at the tournament were:—Referee, Mr. Watson (Sporting Life); judges, Mr. T. Dadd, Maidstone, and Sergt.-Major Rowe; timekeeper, Sergt.-Major Pond; M.C., Sergt.-Inst. Hayworth, A.G.S. The band of the 3rd Battalion played during the evening.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

Depot Competition (under 9 stone).—Brisselden beat Page.

Depot Competition (over 9 stone).—Langridge beat Brosimham.

Open (9st 8lbs.).—First heat: Seaman Dunkley, H.M.S. Ocean, beat Private Jacobs, Chatham, 4th Vol. Batt.; Stoker Barker, H.M.S. Haughty, beat Able Seaman Smith, H.M S. Endymion; Able Seaman Lowin, H.M.S. Endymion, beat Private Guy, Depot R.W.K.R. Semi-final: Lowin beat Barker. Final: Dunkley beat Lowin.

Six Round Contest.—Private O'Neil, 1st R.W.K.R., beat Fred Barkaway, Rochester.

Six Round Contest—Curly Watson (Army and Navy Champion) beat Lance-Corporal Baker, 1st Batt., R.W.K.R.

Six Round Contest.—Fred Craig ("Coffee Cooler") beat Fred Latter Wateringbury.

3RD BATTALION NEWS.

The following officers names have been approved for the competitive examination of Militia candidates for commissions in the Regular forces to be held this month :—Lieut. A. W. G. Brooke, Lieut. A. D. Frazer, Lieut. H. A de F. Furber, Lieut. F. H. H. Liebenrood, Lieut. C. T. Tuff, and Second-Lieut. W. T. M. Buller.

Second-Lieuts J. C. Herring-Cooper, C. Jackson, J. S. N. Snelgrove, and J. R. Kay have joined the Depôt for a course of Instruction on appointment.

No. 1410 Colour-Sergeant H. Palmer and 1428 Colour-Sergt. Instructor Musketry W. T. Evenden have been discharged with a view to pension after 21 years' service.

Sergt. W. Jarrard proceeded to Hythe to attend the Musketry Course commencing on the 5th March.

No. 3800 Sergt. F. Rogers having been posted on the Permanent Staff joins F Company, dated February 21st, 1907.

No. 3129 Colour-Sergt. A. F. Pye has been re-posted to the Depot with a view to promotion to Depot Quartermaster-Sergt.

No. 4666 Sergt. J. Teer is posted to the 3rd Battalion from the 26th inst.; he joins E Company.

VOLUNTEER INTELLIGENCE.

The Sergeants of the 1st Volunteer Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment (Maidstone Detachment) held a most enjoyable Dance at the Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street, on Friday, March 8th. The hall and ante-room were handsomely decorated for the occasion by the able committee responsible for the arrangements. Many of the members of the Depot Sergeants' Mess were present and dancing was carried on with spirit to the early hours of the morning.

2nd VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

The first event in connection with the recently formed Corporals' Club took place on Saturday, March 1st. The Adjutant, Capt. J. T. W. Fiennes, having made the necessary arrangements, a visit was paid to Chatham, in the afternoon to the Royal Military School for Engineering, where, under the guidance of Quartermaster-Sergt. Baker, a most enjoyable and instructive time was spent in being shown the various methods of constructing field fortification, bridging, mines, etc., and in the evening to the headquarters of 4th Vol. Batt. The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), where the party were the guests of the corporals. Having done justice to a good tea, hosts and guests met in friendly rivalry at whist, cribbage and a Morris Tube shoot, the results being as follows :—Whist, win for the 2nd Batt. by 6 points; cribbage, draw; Morris Tube shoot, win for the 2nd Batt. by 16 points. A smoking concert brought to a close a thoroughly enjoyable day from all points of view. The scores in the Morris Tube shoot were as follows :—2nd Batt., 192; 4th Batt., 176.

Colour-Sergts. W. J. Mitchell, F. Jaffray and W. Bowen, Sergts. E. Congdon, H. Loney and E. Jarrett have been granted permission to retain their rank and wear the uniform of the Battalion with the letter "R" on the shoulder straps on their retirement. The G.O.C. eastern command having been unable to accommodate the Brigade in the Eastern Command Manœuvre Area this year has approved Broadwater, Worthing, as the site for the camp from August 4th to 11th.

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PENSIONS.

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7654 Pte. S. J. Killick has been granted 1s. per day for 12 months conditional.

BIRTH.

At Gorleston-on-Sea, on the 11th March, 1907, the wife of Hon. Major and Qr.-Master R J. Roche, late of the 50th Regimental District, of a son, Richard Martin James.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. Maunsell to be Brevet-Colonel (*Gazette*, March 21st, 1907).

Major W. E. Rowe is placed on retired pay (*Gazette*, March 12th).

Captain M. P. Buckle, D.S.O., to be Major, vice W. E. Rowe, retired.

The notifications regarding the placing on half-pay and restoration to full pay of Major Percy Umfreville, which appeared in the *Gazettes* dated January 22nd, 1907, and February 12th, 1907, respectively, are cancelled (*Gazette*, March 22nd, 1907).

Brevet-Major H. Isacke from supernumerary Captain to Captain, in succession to Major M. P. Buckle, D.S.O., who holds a Staff Appointment (*Gazette*, March 12th, 1907).

3rd BATTALION.

Jack Kilbourne Kay, gentleman, to be Second-Lieutenant, dated March 12th, 1907.

1st BATTALION.

No. 4409 Lance-Corporal C. Nicholson is promoted Corporal, dated February 4th, 1907.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS:—7558 W. Palmer and 8052 G. Smith, dated March 5th, 1907; 7471 E. Mussell and W. Goodrick, dated March 19th, 1907; 5035 J. Bellenger, dated March 27th, 1907; 8245 B. Findlay, dated March 27th, 1907; 6660 Dr. H. Lofthouse, dated March 30th, 1907.

No. 5602 Private W. Gregg appointed Drummer, March 2nd, 1907.

2nd BATTALION.

PROMOTED QUARTERMASTER-SERGEANT, 4740 Colour-Sergt. (O.R.S.) R. Thorne, February 8th, 1907.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS:—5706 Dr. E. Newbrook, dated December 31st, 1906; 5730 G. Wright, dated January 4th, 1907; 6022 W. McNamee, dated January 14th, 1907; 6292 W. Dawson, dated January 14th, 1907; 7939 H. Howell, dated January 14th, 1907; 6203 H. Maynard, dated December 29th, 1906; 7521 W. Stickings, dated January 5th, 1907.

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1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

"Tempus fugit," again I must endeavour to tell of the doings of the 1st Battalion.

To commence with, I must withdraw some of my aspersions upon the climate of Dover, made in my letter of last month, for the last three weeks have been bright and sunny, with scarcely a drop of rain.

This exceptional weather has greatly assisted the practical work of Company Training, while the companies at musketry have, although firing with the new rifle, and on an unknown range, succeeded in beating their record for 1906; their figure of merit being: A Company 194, and D Company 191, the latter having no 3rd class shots.

Easter with us was chiefly marked by the presence of the City of London Royal Garrison Artillery Volunteers, who came to Dover for their annual training. They mustererd about 480 strong, and were accommodated in the South front, and the rooms vacated by A and D Companies, who are at Lydd. The arrival of this distinguished corps was

announced at one on the morning of Good Friday, by the strains of its band, which played the men to bed, thus disturbing the well-earned slumbers of the Battalion, and was the cause of much picturesque language.

In the Sergeants' Mess, an Impromptu Concert was enjoyed between the Sergeants of the Volunteers and those of the Battalion, on Saturday, during which much talent was discovered, and the best of good friendship established between the two corps, for songs and jest kept the hours flying until after midnight.

On Saturday and Easter Monday our Band played in the Granville Gardens, which were illuminated for the occasion. The inhabitants of Dover were most appreciative, and the local Press, in reporting the event, said: "The very fine programme of music rendered by the splendid band of the Royal West Kent Regiment." It is to be hoped that this successful first appearance may lead to many engagements during the coming season.

A large number of the Battalion took advantage of the Easter holidays to go on furlough.

A and D Companies return from Lydd on the 15th, being succeeded by E and H, who are due to leave Dover on the 18th, the latter hoping to be equally fortunate in their weather when firing as their predecessors.

The left half Battalion complete their Company Training on the 16th, on which day they will be examined on the work done. A fitter body of men it would be difficult to find than these, after six weeks hard work in the open, during which many miles have been covered daily, and much earth excavated, in the form of field entrenchments, fire trenches, field kitchens, etc., while numerous night operations have brought home to all the difficulties of working by night. Apropos of the latter, the following story is vouched for: Out of the darkness an angry voice was heard. "What are you blessed fools all bunched in the open for, extend will you!" At this moment the moon broke from behind the clouds, and the offenders were discovered to be some sheep, peacefully grazing.

The new order, demanding singing on the march, is being strenuously carried out, one company indulging in a weekly practice, in the afternoon. Assisted by mouth-organs, the choruses of "My Irish Molly," "Marching through Georgia," "Seaweed," and many other well-known airs, awake the echos of the roads, greatly to the upsetting of the nerves of the numerous dogs within hearing.

A long list of Cricket Fixtures for the coming season has been published, and now football and hockey being over, the knights of the "willow" will be preparing to add fresh laurels to the record of the Battalion.

The recent fine weather has tempted several expeditions to Boulogne, but for some reason it has been impossible to obtain an account of adventures in "La Belle France"—perhaps as well.

All will be pleased to hear that Capt. Snow has recovered from the illness reported in my last letter, and again fit and well, has resumed his duties of Adjutant.

Owing to the stranding of the Duke of Edinbugh, Dover Harbour appears to be in bad favour with the Admiralty, for in spite of frequent notices in the local Press, saying that the "flotilla" is arriving at a certain date, time passes, and the one and only appearance of half a dozen destroyers has not up to date been repeated—the terror of the local tides is great. An Intelligence Class of eight officers, under Colonel Hunter Western, R.E., are living at the Mess during their three weeks' course at Dover.

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

SERGEANTS' MESS NEWS.

The Sergeants of the 1st Battalion gave their first Quadrille Party of the season on Friday, in the Garrison Gymnasium, at Dover.

Numerous invitations were issued and responded to, and many former friendships renewed.

The proceedings were timed to commence at 9 p.m., and punctually at that hour the business of the evening commenced.

By half-past, upwards of 200 guests were present, amongst those who honoured the event being Major Style and several other officers.

Owing to the lengthy programme, and the time limit, only very short intervals were possible between the items, and dance followed dance in rapid succession, until midnight, when a short halt was called, in order to replenish the inner man. On resuming, the same regular rapidity was observed, and so continued until at 3 a.m. the "King" terminated a most delightful evening, and he would be a glutton indeed who, after having waded through the entire programme of 20 dances, like our mutual friend, Oliver Twist, should be still unsatisfied and ask for more.

Sergt. Seaton performed the duties of M.C. in his usual masterly style, and he was ably assisted by an energetic Committee. The decorations, which were in the hands of Quartermaster-Sergt. Cover and Pioneer-Sergt. Smith, assisted by numerous volunteers, were very effective, the walls being tastefully draped with the regimental Colours, and numerous other emblems.

TERPSICHOREAN.

ROYAL ARMY TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

The first General Meeting was held on the 26th March, when Major Style was present, and kindly gave away the honours which were due.

Owing to lack of room in Barracks on arrival, we were not able to open our branch until the middle of March. The draft sent from Malta to the 2nd Battalion at Singapore in November last, sadly decreased our numbers, and we arrived home with only 78 members. Now we have 158, and hope for a steady increase in our numbers.

A bar and billiard table have been started, with which we soon hope to pay all our expenses. The following received honours at the last meeting:—

Lance.-Corpl. Shields, E Coy., 12 years' badge.

Sergt. Collins, E Coy., 10 years' badge.

Corpl. Harris, H Coy., 7 years' cross.

Dr. Greg, G Coy., 7 years' cross.

Sergt. Doe, F Coy., 5 years' star.

Lance-Corpl. Wood, F Coy.; Lance-Corpl. Wilson, H Coy.; Pte. Smith, B Coy., 2 years' silver bar.

Pte. Morris, F Coy., 1 year silver medal.

Several others had honours due to them, but were prevented from turning up at the meeting. We hope to be able to present them next time.

FOOTBALL.

A match was played at Dover, on the ground known as the "Rope Walk," just below South Front Barracks, between the Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion versus a detachment of the R.A.M.C. For the first quarter of an

hour or so the play seemed to be somewhat slow, then the Medicals scored the first goal, after which the game became a little more exciting. During a little scrimmage with the Medical's goalie, Dmr. Barrow scored the equalising goal. This was shortly afterwards followed by another one, scored by Barrow, from a penalty-kick. Just before half-time the Medicals scored a second goal, thus making it honours even when half-time was blown. On resuming the game, the play continued much the same as before. No further score being added on either side, the result was a draw, the score being two all. Throughout the game many good chances were missed, the shooting being rather erratic. Mitchell played a very good game at centre-half.

BAND CORRESPONDENT.

REGIMENTAL TEAM v. R.G.A.

Played on the 27th March, at Fort Burgoyne. As the ground was hard, and a high wind was blowing, it was difficult to control the ball, and consequently the football was poor. On the former occasion when we played the R.G.A., we won by 3—2, and again on this occasion we ran out winners by 1—0.

Play ruled fast during the opening exchanges, and it could be seen that we were slightly the better side, but it could also be noticed that our superiority lay in the defence, as our forwards were very ragged, and never got properly together. After about 35 minutes' play our outside-left got possession and centred nicely from near the corner flag ; the goalkeeper ran out, but misjudged the ball, and Taylor was left with an open goal, though he had to take the ball at a difficult angle, he was able to score, so we crossed over with the score 1—0 in our favour.

In the second half the gunners were slightly the better side, but our defence proved invincible, in spite of several determined attacks by our opponents' forwards, so as there was no addition to the score, we won by one goal to nil.

Our victory would probably have been more decisive if the wing forwards could be made to understand that it is their duty to take the ball down the touch line, and then centre, not to shoot themselves.

HOCKEY

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The hockey season has come to an end at last, but we finished with rather less success than we had hoped for. Since my last budget we have played three matches. A fourth had been arranged, but our opponents didn't turn up strong enough, and the match had to go. The first signs this season of our team playing a good hard game with a rather sounder combination appeared in the return match against the Buffs. After our rather severe beating the month before, the odds seemed entirely in their favour, but we made a hard fight of it. The Buffs scored first, and soon after we equalised. Up to half-time the game was hot, both sides seeming to be very evenly matched. Close up to time we had the lead of two goals to one, and things looked as well as they had ever done for a good win at last. Despite the heat of the play, we had no bad casualties, though Lieut. Leir sustained such injuries to his personal appearance that I fear will reckon against a so far unrivalled career among the tea-cups. As luck would have it, our opponents scored again just before the whistle sounded, and once again a narrow escape from victory was added to the annals of a gallant team. A week later we went over to Walmer and played the Marines on a good level ground, and though our side was somewhat weakened by several of its members having left for Lydd, and musketry. Again we played a close game, Lieut. Stratford scoring first. Our halves worked very hard, and deserved more from their forwards than they got. Capt. Norman showed great skill in the art of catching the ball on various parts of his anatomy, and nearly scored from a ricochet off his chest, though eventually, I am sorry to say, he got rather badly hurt.

On March 24th, the following Monday, we played the return match, and lost it by 6—1. Again, it was clear that we were greatly handicapped by the loss of Capt. Dunlop, as a third back and goal. I think no more need be said. It is to be regretted that we could not have ended up the season more successfully, and we must look forward to a run of better luck next winter.

SHOOTING.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I now take up the pen to give you a little account of a shooting match which took place at Lydd on the 4th April, between A and D Companies. Parts I and II. having been completed, and A Company being slightly in advance of D, I mean as regards shooting abilities, it was arranged to fire 20 a side, at 200, 500 and 600 yards; targets and marking, Bisley. The match resulted in an easy win for A Company by 107 points, the shooting on both sides was very good.

Scores at finish were :—

A Company	1,543 ...	average	77
D Company	1,436 ...	,,	71
	107		

Below are added the ten best scores on each side :—

A COMPANY.		D COMPANY.	
Pte. Lawrence	86	Capt A. K Grant	86
Lieut. H. A. Waring.....	84	Colour-Sergt. Naylor ...	85
Sergt. Kevan	84	Sergt. Martle	82
Capt. H. D. B. Dunlop...	83	Pte. Thompson	81
Sergt. Keen	83	Pte. Wright	76
Colour-Sergt. Davis	81	Colour-Sergt. Lander ...	75
Pte. Bayman	80	Pte. Smith	73
Lance-Corpl. Sheppard...	80	Pte. Stephens.....	72
Sergt. Walker	78	Pte. Perkins	71
Lance-Sergt. Maslin.....	78	Pte. Ketley.....	71
Total	817	Total	772

DEATH OF A 97TH CRIMEA AND MUTINY VETERAN.

Death has just taken away an old 97th man, in the person of Mr. B. Wolfe, who recently went to his rest at Edinburgh, in his 72nd year.

He served with the 97th Regiment in the Crimea, 1854-55. He was present at the storming of the Redan, and was beside Colonel Handcock when the latter fell, sabred by a Russian, Wolfe himself being badly wounded. He received the medal with clasps, and also the medal for the Indian Mutiny, in which he saw further service, his bravery in action earning him the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

(From the "Kent Messenger," April 13th, 1907.)

1st BATTALION NOTES.

5956 Sergt. A. Bellion has been granted a certificate for proficiency in the Remington typewriter.

Nos. 5149 Ptes. A. Ayres, 6110 E. McIntosh, 3591 E. Webb, 7487 R. Guttridge and 7636 J. McCarthy have qualified at a course of instruction in chiropody.

The following N.C.O.'s and men have been awarded certificates of education as stated:—Passed in group I for first class certificate of education, 4859 Pte. A. Jones. Awarded 2nd class:—8290 Pte. P. Coe, 8305 F. Cronk and 7910 Lance-Corporal H. Fuller. Awarded 3rd class:—8107 Lance-Corporal A. Sheppard, 7663 Lance-Corporal E. Catling, 8206 Pte. H. Gibson, 6625 Pte. J. Moss, 8545 Boy F. Guess, 7501 Pte. A. Markham, 7629 Pte. W. Bull, 8118 Ptes. H. Brushwood, 7647 S. Stone, 7905 W. Pearce, 8471 H. Elson, 8463 A. Howson, 8467 T. Smith and 8472 A. Weaver,

4736 Sergt. W. Tranter, 4497 Pte. H. Hastings and 4602 Pte. W. White have re-engaged to complete 21 years' service, while 7418 Pte. G. Champion has extended his service to complete 7 years with the colours.

The undermentioned have been awarded good conduct badges as follows:—Granted one badge—8025 Pte. G. Prime, 20/2/07; 7718 Pte. T. Smith, 2/1/07; 7743 Pte. J. Jeves, 13/3/07; 7760 Pte. A. Stuart, 17/3/07; 7834 Pte. T. Lane, 17/3/07; 7809 Pte. H. Thompson, 1/3/07; 8045 Dr. F. Coe, 17/3/07; 8046 Lce.-Corpl. H. Wilson, 18/3/07; 8021 Pte. H. Shrubsole, 8/3/07. Granted two badges—6414 Lce.-Corpl. F. Coe, 31/1/07; 6424 Dr. G. Coe, 17/2/07. Restored one badge—6700 Pte. A. Dinwoody, 30/1/07.

2nd BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

Singapore,
February 28th, 1907.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The most interesting event of the last month has been the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., K.T., K.P., etc., with H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught, and Princess Patricia. They arrived on the 1st in the English mail. A guard of honour from the Battalion received them on Johnstone's Pier, and the streets from there to the Victoria Hall, and thence to Government House, were decorated by the Municipalty, and lined by the troops of the Garrison.

The day was luckily a fairly cool one, and everything went off very well. The troops lining the route were at about eight paces interval, so that the saluting had to be done by sections. A spectator informs me that it was done very smartly. The Duke and his party left the same evening for Hong-Kong.

He returned on the 20th, this time as Inspector-General of the Forces. His time was well filled with the inspection of forts and troops. He visited us on Friday morning, arriving about 12.15, and after inspecting the Detention Barracks, Institutes, and one of the Company Bungalows, he walked round the ranks of the Battalion, drawn up in quarter-column on the football ground, and then had lunch in the Officers' Mess, leaving about 2.30 p.m. On Saturday afternoon, at 5 p.m., H.R.H. inspected the Brigade, on the Racecourse. Everything went off without a hitch, and the ground was cleared of troops by 6 o'clock. Four hundred and fifty Malays, under the Sultan of Johore, occupied the left of the line. They marched well, and looked smart, and H.R.H. was evidently pleased with their appearance. The Royal Party left on Sunday night, without any ceremony.

With regard to the doings of the Battalion, I have not much to say.

G Company finished their musketry course at the beginning of the month, and were relieved at Normanton Baracks by F Company, who return shortly.

A and B Companies commenced their Field Training on March 1st.

There have been very few battalion matches, but inter-company games have been much in evidence, and our chief regret is that we have so little ground to play them on.

Next month we start the various company leagues. One football, one cricket, and one hockey match is to be played every week, and I will leave it to your readers to work out the number of matches and the length of time required.

I enclose some company correspondence.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

D COMPANY.

February, 1907.

February opened up with a visit of their Royal Highnesses the Duke, Duchess, and Princess Patricia of Connaugh, the Battalion finding the Guard of Honour, and, assisted with the remainder of Garrison in lining the streets, which looked their best, the decorations in many cases (coupled with a fine day) being very beautiful indeed. On our return we played a cricket match with H Company, and came out victorious, Major Pedley, Lieut. Belgrave, and Pte. Pinder being in the team, but, owing to the "scoring book" being conspicuous by its absence, the score had to be made out on an ordinary sheet, and was unfortunately lost. Up to about the 20th, it proved a rather busy month for us all, as H.R.H. again visited us in his official capacity as Inspector-General of the Forces, and his visit here, as such, lasted three days, during which time everyone made themselves extra busy, cleaning barracks, both in and out, and giving everything, including themselves, as smart an appearance as it was possible to do. An "appreciation" appeared in Battalion orders, extracted, of course, from Garrison, showing that our exertions had not been in vain, and that H.R.H. was greatly pleased with all he saw, the whole culminating in a grand "ceremonial" parade on the Racecourse, where everything went off without a hitch, and where we had an excellent opportunity of seeing what the Garrison of Singapore looked like "en masse," and which proved, perhaps, a grand, but awe-inspiring spectacle to those of our native element who have little idea of the greatness of the British Empire, and, of which Singapore is a small but very important part. 4,110, Sergt. Smith, has been promoted Color-Sergeant, and we heartily congratulate him on his rise, and hope that there is a future before him, which will still further elevate him, taking it for granted that the Field Marshall's baton is in every soldier's haversack.

We have had three night marches, two of which were route marches, one in marching order, starting at 10 p.m., and the third was a manœuvre with E Company, so simply record the fact that we had them.

We played three football matches, beating E by 1—0; C beating us by 4—2; we then had a half company match, in which, it is assumed, the right-half came out victorious, but some say the left, but as it is likely to be commented on, I

will put the score down as 4—1, and should the right be left with the one, perhaps that will make the left right.

We played two games of Hockey, winning one, by beating B 2—1, losing to C 3—0. On the 28th we played B Company cricket, and lost by a rather large margin, in which B scored 130, against our 72.

The Dramatic Club is going great guns, and the fortnightly concerts, so kindly given, are eagerly looked forward to, town attractions being so far away. The renowned "Gibbo" has become a member, and some good things have been promised us in the near future. Our Chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Hunter, has been giving us a series of lantern lectures, particularly of places where he has travelled and laboured, and they have proved most interesting and instructive, and we thank him very much, so with that, Mr. Editor, my news for February is concluded.

D COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

2nd BATTALION NOTES.

The following N.C.O.'s and men have passed in Group I. for a 1st Class Certificate of Education :—

7568 Pte. F. Coomber, 5885 Corpl. H. Cousins, 5555 Corpl. C. Hurley, 6433 Pte. C. Butler, 6184 Pte. H. Paul, 7984 Lance-Corpl. P. Wilson, and 5955 Pte. W. Divers.

Thirty-one Swimming Certificates have been granted to N.C.O.'s and men during the month of February.

7692 Pte. R. Pringle has been awarded a 3rd Class Certificate of Education.

Good Conduct Badges have been granted as under :—

7865 Pte. S. Marshall, 1st, Jan. 25th, 1907 ; 8022 Pte. A. Pettett, 1st, Feb. 2nd, 1907 ; 6396 Pte. T. Jordan, 2nd, Feb. 24th, 1907 ; 7708 Pte. P. Oliver, 1st, Feb. 21st, 1907 ; 8024 Lance-Corpl. A. Hutchings, 1st, Feb. 15th, 1907 ; 6425 Pte. W. Beer, 2nd, Feb. 17th, 1907 ; 6433 Pte. C. Butler, 2nd, Feb. 24th, 1907. Restored—6460 Pte. J. Edwards, 1st, Feb. 19th, 1907 ; 6580 Pte. E. Streeter, Feb. 6th, 1907 ; 6204 Pte. H. Harris, Feb. 13th, 1907.

DEATH OF MAJOR WILLIAM MURRAY.

A TRAGEDY RECALLED.

The remains of the late Major William Murray, of Ossemley Manor, Milton, near Lymington, were cremated at Woking recently. He was 87 years of age, and formerly belonged to the 97th Regiment, and after that to the 10th Hussars. His death recalls the Great Northumberland Street tragedy of July, 1861, which has been described as "the bloodiest hand-to-hand fight on record." Major Murray was inveigled into the office of a mad moneylender, who shot him twice, after which a terrific combat ensued. With the aid of a pair of tongs and a large bottle, the Major felled his would-be assassin, and with the help of some passing workmen, contrived to escape through the window. He was conveyed to Charing Cross Hospital, whither the police soon brought his dying assailant. At the inquest, a verdict of justifiable homicide was returned.

1ST BATTALION ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

ROLL OF OFFICERS, Dover, 31st March, 1907 :—

RANK AND NAME.	STATION.	REMARKS.
Colonel Maunsell, G. W.	Dover	Commanding Battalion
Major Style, R. C.	Dover	
Major Hewett, E. V. O.	Dover	
Captain Molony, C. V.	Dover	
Captain Smith, T. P. C.	Dover	
Captain Robinson, P. M.	Dover	
Captain Nunn, T. H. C.	Dover	a/D.A.A. and Q.M.G.
Captain Dunlop, H. D. B.	Lydd	At Musketry
Captain Grant, A. K., at	Lydd	At Musketry
Captain Norman, E. H.	Dover	
Lieutenant Parker, J. C.		Leave, M.C. to 29-3-07.
Lieutenant White, R. L.		,, ,, 26-5-07.
Lieutenant Ingram, C. R.	Dover	
Lieutenant Knox, A'D. E.	Dover	
Lieutenant Waring, H. A.	Lydd	At Musketry
Lieutenant Brock, R. G. C.	Lydd	At Musketry
Lieutenant Adams, C. F.	Dover	
Lieutenant Fisher, F.	Lydd	At Musketry
Lieutenant Hearle, F. J.	Lydd	At Musketry
Second-Lieut. Searight, A. K.	Dover	
Second-Lieut. Leir, B. H. F.	Dover	
Second-Lieut. Cooke, J. C.	Dover	
Second-Lieut. Dobson, T. Y.	Dover	
Second-Lieut. Vicat, H. J.	Dover	Attached to 1st Battalion
Second-Lieut. Wilberforce, W.	Dover	
Second-Lieut. Stratford, G.E.W.	Dover	
Second-Lieut. Johnston, D. J.	Dover	
Second-Lieut. Barratt, E. F.M.	Dover	
Capt. and Adjt. Snow, H. W.	Dover	Adjutant
Lieut. and Q.M. Willis, W. J.	Dover	Quartermaster

Dover, 31st Mareh, 1907.

2ND BATTALION "THE QUEEN'S OWN" (ROYAL WEST REGIMENT).

LIST OF OFFICERS OF ABOVE CORPS, SHOWING STATIONS.

RANK AND NAME.	STATION, &c.	REMARKS.
Lieut.-Col. H. G. Fitton, D.S.O.	Singapore	
Major S. H. Pedley	Leave, England	Via San Francisco, will arrive England beginning of June
Major E F. Venables	Singapore	
Capt. H. L. C. Moody	Leave, England	
Capt. R. J. Woulfe-Flanagan	Singapore	
Capt. C. E. Kitson	Singapore	
Capt. C. Druce	Singapore	
Capt. F. J. Joslin	Singapore	
Capt. G. D. Lister	Singapore	
Capt. R. M. G. Tulloch	Singapore	
Lieut. H. D. Belgrave	Singapore	
Lieut. J. F. S. Tulloh	Singapore	
Lieut. M. J. Dinwiddy	Singapore	
Lieut. A. S. Hewitt	Singapore	
Lieut. O. Y. Hibbert	Singapore	
Lieut. G. Stevenson	Leave, England	Leave expires 3-6-07.
Lieut. R. A. Paget,	Leave, England	,, ,, 30-9-07.
Lieut. F. B. Humphreys	Leave, England	,, ,, 26-8-07.
Send.-Lieut. M.W. Graham	Singapore	
Send-Lieut. H. J. Dresser	Singapore	
Send-Lieut. W. G. Yates	Singapore	
Send.-Lieut. W.S.C. Hamley	Singapore	
Send.-Lieut. N. I Whitty	Singapore	
Hon. Lieut. and Q.M. T. Sumner	Singapore	

Singapore, 28th February, 1907.

The Editor begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the Annual Report and Year Book for 1906 of the Royal Society of St. George, 241, Shaftesbury Avenue (Bloomsbury), London.

DEPOT NOTES.

8,051, Pte. W. G. Witten; 7,633, Drummer W. Elliot; 6,664, Pte. G. Lamb; and 8,025, Pte. G. F. Broad have been discharged at Netley as medically unfit.

The following N.C.O.'s and men of A Company Depot qualified to wear the Marksman's Badge for the ensuing 12 months: 3,129, Q.M.S. A. Pye; 3,971, Sergt. P. Balcombe; 7,674, Lance-Sergt. C. L. Waern; and 2,431, Pte. T. Allen.

While B Company's marksmen were: 3,050, Col.-Sergt. Jury; 3,460, Sergt. Wren; 4,745, Corpl. Burge; 4,618, Lance-Corpl. J. Smith; 3,194, Pte. G. Finnis; 6,657, Pte. F. Simpson; 1,833, Sergt. E. Branson; 3,573, Sergt. W. Wood; 6,450, Corpl. W. D. Morgan; 6,549, Lance-Corpl. W. Weston; 6,247, Pte. W. Gower; 4,981, Corpl. B. Fish; 3,948, Corpl. T. Crockett; 7,869, Pte D. Brown; 4,680, Pte. W. Bailey; 6,681, Pte. H. Denton; 1,736, Pte. H. Smith; 7,132, Corpl. W. Keeble; 6,633, Corpl. J. Davis; 6,301, Lance-Corpl. J. Moor; and 3,424, Pte. W. Mockford.

No. 7,454, Corpl. R. Driscoll; 6,756, Corpl. J. Glover; and 7,401, Lance-Corpl. W. Ney have arrived at the Depot for a tour of duty.

A draft consisting of Lance-Sergt. McNamara, Corpl. Burge and Corpl. Goss, Pte. E. Brown and 26 recruits, joined the 1st Battalion at Dover, from the Depot, on the 24th April.

Recruit Page won the medal for best at gymnastics in his squad, while Recruit Millway won the Morris Tube medal.

In the second squad, Recruit Guy was successful in both competitions.

DEPOT FOOTBALL.

MAIDSTONE LEAGUE—FIVE VICTORIES.

DEPOT v. AYLESFORD.

The Depot entertained Aylesford, and treated their visitors to a first-class licking. The teams took the field thus:—Depot—Bass, Wright, Keeble, Brown, Sweeney, Lieut. Phillips, McNamara, Davis, Moore, Langridge, and Jarrad. Aylesford—Burren, Walker, Cripps, Bradley, Baker, Wyllie, Jones, Walmsley, Wilson, Johnson, and Lambert. The Depot won the toss and took advantage of the strong wind. Aylesford were "in the soup" all through the first half, and never looked dangerous. Langridge scored for the Depot soon after the start, Moore put up the second, and a third goal came before the interval. Even after the change of ends, and with the wind in their favour, Aylesford did not do well. They opened in a promising manner, but could not keep up with us. At the end of the game the Depot score had reached six goals. Wyllie accidentally scored the fourth, and Moore and Langridge each scored one. Result:—

DEPOT	6 goals
AYLESFORD	nil

M.C.I. v. DEPOT.

The Depot defeated the M.C.I. on Monday afternoon (again in the Maidstone League) at the Barracks. The teams were:—Depot—Murphy, Wright, Keeble, Brown, Sweeney, Redmond, McNamara, Lieut. Kay, Davis, Moore, and Langridge. Maidstone C.I.—Willis, Way, Oliver, Atkins, Baker, Weedon, Harman, Goodwin, Brown, Rowles and Cloke. After their good performance at Aylesford on Saturday, the play of the Institute team was rather disappointing. They did not seem to get going at all well, while on the other hand, the Depot played excellently. Murphy did not have many difficult shots to save, but Willis had some very stiff spells. He, however, acquitted himself satisfactorily. Just after the interval Davis scored for the Depot, and later in the half Lieut. Kay dittoed. Ten minutes before the end, however, the Institute made a good combined attack, and Rowles scored one, thus making the result:—

DEPOT	2 goals
CHURCH INSTITUTE	1 goal

DEPOT v. MALLING.

Saturday's match was played on the Depot Ground, the teams being as follows:—Depot—Murphy, Redmond, Keeble, Brown, Sweeney, Lloyd, McNamara, Davies, Moore, Langridge, and Phillips. Malling—Mills, W. Phillips, Jorden, Chittenden, Harris, Driver, Rayfield, Abery, Broad, Hodges and H. Humphrey. The first half was rather slow, and only one goal was registered, Moore notching this; but after half-time the proceedings were more interesting. Moore scored twice and Davis, McNamara, and Langridge on each. The result being:—

DEPOT	6 goals
MALLING	nil

DEPOT v. WOULDHAM.

On Monday, 18th inst., there was less scoring, but the Depot had most of the play. The team was the same that beat Malling, and the opposing team was that which won the Hospital Charity Cup final on Saturday. Langridge scored one goal in the first half from a good pass by Davis, and after half-time Moore obtained another, receiving a pass from Davis. Murphy had very little work to do, but once the ball entered the net, being shot by Stevens, who was playing in the forward line because one of the Wouldham attackers had been injured. This goal, however, was disallowed under the offside rule. The game was played in a most sportsmanlike manner, and the result was:—

DEPOT	2 goals
WOULDHAM	nil

M.C.I. v. DEPOT.

Played at Postley Fields on Saturday, April 27th. Davis and Langridge scored for the Depot, who led 2—0 at half-time. Nothing further was scored in the second half, and the game ended:

DEPOT	2 goals
CHURCH INSTITUTE	nil

The Depot have lost no chances in the contest for the championship of the Maidstone League, and by their win on Saturday drew level with Snodland for first place. Snodland and Depot play off on April 30th.

Colonel F. F. Johnson, C.B., Assistant Quartermaster-General, Eastern Command, on completion of his period of service on the staff, is placed on half-pay, from 1st April, 1907.

SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION.

THE QUEEN'S OWN ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

The 4th (and as every one present agreed the most successful) Annual Dinner of the above was held in the Gymnasium at Maidstone Barracks on the 20th of April, Major-General E. A. H. Alderson, C.B. (who in 1892 was Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment), presiding at the dinner, Colonel G. Maunsell (Commanding 1st Royal West Kent Regiment), Major N. Lowe (Commanding the Depot), Captains Hasting, W. H. Annesley, H. W. Snow, G. Elgood, and J. Couch also were present.

The Gymnasium, which had been prettily decorated for the occasion, looked at its best, while an excellent dinner was punctually and well served by Mr. C. F. Bow, of Maidstone. A string band, under Sergt.-Drummer Gee, played during dinner, after which Sergt.-Major H. Rogers, 1st Royal West Kent, occupied the chair. The loyal and patriotic toasts having been duly honoured, Mr. H. Dann, Mr. L. Binskin, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Barton, etc., obliged with vocal music between the toasts. Quartermaster-Sergt. Smith, 4th V.B., R.W. Kent Regiment, in well-chosen words, proposed the toast of "The Queen's Own and Officers of the Regiment," coupled with the name of Major-General Alderson, who, in response, spoke of many of the traditions of the Queen's Own, and stated how glad he was to be among so many old comrades. He happily recalled incidents connected with the faces he saw around him, and described how Mr. W. Brown had drilled him as a recruit officer; how another one he saw there had tried to teach him to use a certain range-finder in Beggars Bush; and how his first pair of book-jacks, which by the bye he still used, were made by another he saw there (then the Pioneer-Sergeant of the Battalion); he recalled his old Color-Sergeant, and many others that he recognised there, and said that though he had so to speak, moved from one nest to another, the nest he always liked to return to was the Regiment, which he first had served in, and that he hoped to meet the members of the Association on some future occasion. He also complimented the Committee on the decorations and dinner that had been provided.

Colonel G. Maunsell afterwards proposed the toast: "The Sergeants' Association," mentioning how he admired the aims of that institution, the success of which spoke for itself. When he first heard of the Association, it numbered about 70 members; the numbers now were 402. It gave him great pleasure to be with so many he knew.

Sergt.-Major Rogers suitably replied for the Association, stating that Colonel Maunsell had left him little to say. He read telegrams from Major-General Leach, the 2nd Battalion in Singapore, also regret and best wishes from Brigadier-General Grove, Colonels Brock, Western, Harrison, Satterthwaite, Wyndham Bailey, Farquharson, Simpson, Heward, G.S.M. Guess, Q.M.S. Tow, and many others.

Quartermaster-Sergt. Cover, 1st Battalion, then proposed the toast of "Our Old Comrades, and those serving beyond the seas," saying that he himself expected to be one of the former before long, and he should look forward to these gatherings on future occasions. He called on Mr. W. Brown to respond.—Mr. Brown, replying, said how to many of those who had left the regiment, this was the one night of the year they specially looked forward to. He was sorry that more pensioners had not turned up at the dinner.

Quartermaster Dawson then proposed the health of the "President of the Association," the Hon. Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General E. Leach, C.B., who was unable to be present, being in Paris. The toast was drunk with musical honours.

The hands of the clock warned us that all good things must come to an end, as it was getting close to Sunday morning. The proceedings closed with "God Save the King"; those who lived in the neighbourhood going to their homes, while those whose trains had gone were provided with shake downs in Barracks, meeting again in the Mess the following morning, when many battles and experiences were fought over again.

Sergt.-Majors Outten and Grellier, Color-Sergts. Osborne, Murphy, Pond, and Sergt. Jarrad were the Sub-Committee responsible for the arrangements.

Those present were: Pensioners, Messrs. W. Locks, W. Brown, W. Ball, Noller, J. Jackson, Dawson, Barnes, Wain, Maddocks, Sillitoe, Parish, J. Hunt, sen., J. Hunt, jun., G. Allen, Reddersen, Howland, Beckhuson, Wise and Dadd. Serving, Sergt.-Major Rogers, Sergt.-Major Outten, Sergt.-Major Grellier, Sergt.-Major Holland, Q.M.S. Cover, Q.M.S. Pye, C.S. Instructors Evans, Callaghan, Kill, Crouch, Ailwood, Evans, Color-Sergts. Wimhurst, Pond, W. F. Murphy, W. E. Bass, C. Osborne, Chiswell, Outred, C. S. I. Hyde, C. S. Dugay, F. Taylor, C. Wilson, Sharp, Jury, Tapp, Leaver, Sergts. Kingham, H. Smith, Wren, Daykin, Merrick, W. Wood, McNamara, Teer, F. Rogers, R. Brown, Press, Doe, Ball, Collins, Ashby, Ransone, Nicholson, P. Walker, W. Murphy, O'Connell, H. Moor, S. Skiggs, R. Harrison, E. Branson, Sergt.-Dr. Gee, Sergt. Jarrad, etc. Volunteers, Mr. J. Brown, Mr. W. Cogger, Mr. A. Lockyer, Mr. J. Ralphs, Color-Sergts. G. E. Hughes, C. Nicholl, H. Lockyer, Staff-Sergt. Pratley, Sergts. E. Marshall, W. H. Brown, C. Brown, E. Smith, C. Merrells, Bottle, H. Cogger, Q.M.S. McCoan, Sergts. Coppard, Cox, Q.M.S. F. Smith, Sergts. Hilborn, Epps, and Boyes.

"THE QUEEN'S OWN" SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION

(R. W. KENT REGIMENT).

PRESIDENT :—MAJOR-GENERAL E. LEACH, C.B., COLONEL OF "THE QUEEN'S OWN."

Statement of Accounts from 14th May, 1905, to 31st December, 1906.

DATE.	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
14th May, 1905, to 31st December, 1906.	Balance, May, 1905				21	14	8
	By Entrance Fees	1	19	0			
	,, Subs., year ending 31st March, 1906	5	6	0			
	,, ,, ,, ,, 31st March, 1907	9	4	0			
	,, ,, paid in advance	0	2	0			
					16	11	0
	Interest, 1904–5	0	9	4	0	9	4
	Received for Tickets at Annual Dinner, 86 at 3/6	15	1	0			
	Donation by Maj.-Gen. E. Leach, C.B.	2	0	0			
					17	1	0
		£34	1	4	£55	16	0

DATE.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
14th May, 1905, to 31st December, 1906.	Rwy. Fares of Committee, two meetings	1	3	7	1	3	7
	Grants to Widows of Members 1904-5-06	7	0	0	7	0	0
	Gratuity for Band, etc., 1905 Dinner ...	1	4	6	1	4	6
	"Kent Messenger" for Printing ...	1	8	6	1	8	6
	Hon. Secretary's Railway Fares ...	0	10	0			
	Postage and Stationery	2	4	10½			
					2	14	10½
	"Queen's Own Gazette" to Members...	0	15	0	0	15	0
	Annual Dinner, 1906, Trocader Cafe ...	15	0	0			
	,, ,, Paid to Lawrence, for Plants and Flowers ...	0	15	0			
	,, ,, Paid to Waiters ...	1	10	0			
	,, ,, Band and Pianist ...	1	10	6			
	,, ,, Liquors...	1	1	9			
	,, ,, Lane for Stoves ...	0	5	0			
	,, ,, Carter, Decorations, etc.	1	0	0			
					21	2	3
	Balance Cr., 31st December, 1906 ...				20	7	3½
		£35	8	8½	£55	16	0

BALANCE SHEET.

ASSETS.	£	s.	d.
Cash in Bank 31st December, 1906	17	14	4
Cash with Hon. Treasurer 31st December, 1906	2	12	2
Hon. Secretary's Petty Cash	0	3	10
By Subscriptions due for year ending 31st March, 1906 ...	1	15	0
,, ,, ,, ,, 31st March, 1907 ...	9	11	0
	£31	16	4

Audited and to the best of my belief found to be correct,
A. F. PYE, Q.M.S., Depot R.W.K. Regiment.

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.
By Subscriptions paid in advance	0	10	0
Assets of Association not including interest for 1906	31	6	4
	£31	16	4

B. H. GRELLIER, Sergt.-Major,
Hon. Sec.

3rd BATTALION NEWS.

Lieut. C. D. Young attended the course at the School of Musketry, Hythe, which assembled on the 5th April.

Sergt. W. Jarrad and Sergt. R. Daykin, P.S., qualified at the School of Musketry, Hythe, at a recent course held at that place.

A party of 17 N.C.O.'s of the 3rd Battalion joined the Depot on the 10th April for the usual 61 days' instruction, previous to the annual training.

VOLUNTEER INTELLIGENCE.

4th VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

On Thursday, the 11th inst., a convivial was held at the Headquarters of the 4th V.B. R.W. Kent Regiment, Chatham. During the evening a presentation of a handsome tantalus was made to Band-Sergt. R. E. Lane, who for nearly five years has acted as Treasurer to the Mess, and who at present holds the office of Treasurer and Financial Secretary. Sergt.-Major J. E. Holland handed over the gift on behalf of the Mess members, and in doing so alluded in terms of high appreciation to the many services Band-Sergt. Lane had so willingly volunteered. Q.M.S. Smith added his tribute, and Band-Sergt. Lane made a suitable acknowledgment of the gift, which bore the following inscription :— "Presented to Band-Sergt. R. E. Lane by the Sergeants of the 4th V.B. (The Queen's Own) Royal West Kent Regiment, in recognition of his many acts of kindness rendered." During the evening, songs were rendered by Col.-Sergt. Anderson, Bandmaster Garvey, Col.-Sergt. Boys, Sergt. J. Court, Band-Sergt. Lane, and Q.M.S. Smith. The last-named also contributed some pleasing violin solos, and a cornet solo was played by Sergt. Gay.

2nd VOL. BATT. R.W. KENT REGIMENT.

On Tuesdays, the 16th and 23rd April, Lectures were given in the Drill Hall, Headquarters, Blackheath, by Col. W. G. B. Western, C.B., on the first Battle of Bull Run (American Civil War, 1861) illustrated by lantern slides. The lectures were open to all ranks.

With reference to Sketches sent in by members of the Battalion, the work of the following Officer and N.C.O.'s was forwarded by the Colonel Commanding the Brigade to the G.O.C., Thames and Medway Defences, for his inspections :—

Lieut.-Colonel G. Morphew,
Sergt. T. Jarvis, C Company,
Corpl. W. Couchman, C Company.

who remarks : "These are satisfactory reports, and evidently much care has been bestowed on their preparation."

The C.O. was pleased to notice the increased number of Sketches sent in, and hopes that a still larger number will be submitted in the future, particularly by the senior N.C.O.'s

FOOTBALL.

THE ARMY CUP FINAL.

This much coveted trophy has again been won by the Depot Battalion of the Royal Engineers, who beat the 2nd Bedfordshire Regiment by 3—0. Most of our readers have, or course, read about the game before seeing this, but the following particulars may be interesting to many :—

HOW THE TEAMS REACHED THE FINAL.

DEPOT BATT., ROYAL ENGINEERS.

1st Rd., beat DEPOT, R.W. Kent Regt., 2—1.
2nd Rd., beat 1st A. and S. Higlanders, 4—2.
3rd Rd., beat A.O.C. (Woolwich), 6—0.
4th Rd., beat Royal Scots, 2—0.
5th Rd., beat 4th K.R.R., 3—1, after 2—2.
Semi-final, beat 2nd Lancashire Fusiliers, 2—1.
Goal record—21 against 7.

2ND BEDFORDSHIRE RECIMENT.

1st Rd., beat 2nd Lincoln Regt., 1—0.
2nd Rd., beat R.F.A. (Bulford), 4—1.
3rd round, a bye.
4th Rd., beat 16th Co., R.G.A. (Portsmouth), 3—2.
5th Rd., beat 1st Cheshire Regt., 4—1.
Semi-final, beat 2nd Royal Irish Rifles, 1—0.
Goal record—13 against 4.

PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE CUP.

1888-89.—2nd A. and S. Highlanders beat 2nd S. Stafford Regt. ..... 2—0
1889-90.—2nd Black Watch beat 2nd Scots Guards ... 3—1
1890-91.—2nd Scots Guards beat 2nd A. and S. Highlanders... ..... 2—0
1891-92.—2nd Scots Guards beat 1st Scots Guards ... 2—1
1892-93.—2nd Royal West Kent Regt. beat 1st Sher. Foresters ..... 1—0
1893-94.—2nd Black Watch beat Royal Artillery, Gosport... ..... 7—2
1894-95.—Royal Artillery, Portsmouth, beat 2nd Black Watch ..... 2—0
1895-96.—1st Royal Scots beat 2nd Royal West Kent Regt. ..... 3—1
1896-97.—Royal Artillery, Portsmouth, beat 1st Lancashire Fusiliers ..... 1—0
1897-98.—2nd Gordon Highlanders beat Royal Artillery, Portsmouth, ... 2—0
1898-99.—1st. S. Lancashire Regt. beat A.S.C., Aldershot ..... 3—0
1899-00.—No competition, owing to South African War.
1900-01.—2nd Highland Light Infantry beat 3rd Coldstream Guards..... ..... 1—0
1901-02.—Details Black Watch beat 4th Lancashire Fusiliers ..... 1—0
1902-03.—Depot Batt. R.E., Chatham, beat 2nd North Staffordshire Regt. (after a draw) ..... 2—0
1904-05.—2nd Grenadier Guards beat Service Batt. R.E. Chatham..... 2—1
1905-06.—Depot and District Batts. R.E. (Chatham) beat 1st Cheshire Regt ..... 1—0
1906-07.—Depot Batt. R.E., Chatham, beat 2nd Bedford Regt... ..... 3—0

The number of entries for the competition have continually increased, the first year of the trophy's existence 44 teams entered, and this season the number was 81, the highest on record. Last season there were 78 teams entered, and 77 the year before.

PENSIONS.

Pensions have been awarded to N.C.O.'s and men of the Regiment as follows: No. 7,582, Pte. A. Smith, 8d., twelve months conditional; No. 3,350, Pte. H. Buckland, 1s. 6d., twelve months (conditional); No. 6,446, Pte. F. Dear, 7d., fifteen months (final); No. 1,428, Color.-Sergt.-Instructor-Musk. W. T. Evenden, 2s. 6d., for life; No. 7,423, Boy W. Pouget, 6d., twelve months (final); No. 7,291, Pte. A. McAllister, 1s., twelve months (conditional); No. 7,602, Boy A. Hancock, 1s., twelve months (conditional); No. 6,229, Pte. G. Lewis, 8d., twelve months (conditional); No. 1,388, Q.M.S. W. R. Gilburd, 2s. 9d., for life; No. 5,864, Pte. F. Brown, 8d., eighteen months (conditional).

GENERAL'S INSPECTION AT THE DEPOT.

Brigadier-General Donald, C.B., Commanding Home Counties Grouped Regimental District, made his Annual Inspection of the Depot on the 19th inst., and seemed satisfied with what there was to be seen. In his letter to the Officer Commanding the Depot he states:—

"The Brigadier-General Commanding was thoroughly pleased with his inspection of the Depot under your command on the 19th inst. The turn-out of the men was particularly satisfactory and most creditable to all concerned. The barrack rooms and institutes were clean and evidently well looked after. The feeding arrangements were satisfactory. The books seemed to be well kept, and the interior economy was thoroughly satisfactory.

Lord Methuen inspects the Depot:—The General Officer Commander-in-Chief of the Eastern Command also inspected the Depot on the 23rd inst. He remarked on the healthy appearance of the recruits which he attributed to the amount of sport provided for them and congratulated Major Lowe on the football team which was the only Depot that entered for the Army Cup, and said they were not disgraced by being beaten by the Royal Engineers in the first round who were the holders of last season and also the winners this year. After parade had been dismissed some time he called the Bugler and sounded the Fire Alarm. We are glad to say that the fire engine appeared on the scene almost as soon as the Bugler had finished sounding, and water was playing on the supposed scene of the fire in under two minutes.

The Editor Q.O.G. begs to acknowledge with thanks the following subscriptions:—Captain Hildyard for 1905-06; first-class Staff-Sergeant-Major J. Dempster, 1908; Mr. W. Dawson, 1907; Mr. C. Bourne, 1907; Mr. F. Coe, 1906-07; Mr. W. Dadd, 1907-08; Mr. Heath, 1908; Mr. Baker, 1906-07; Sergeant-Instructor Parry, 1906-07.

BIRTHS.

At Maidstone, on the 23rd March, 1907, the wife of 3,003, Pte. Free, of a son, Sidney Noel.

At Singapore, on the 19th February, 1907, the wife of 4,629, Sergt. C. Stringer, of a daughter, Ella Frances.

MARRIAGES.

At St. Paul's, Maidstone, on 1st April, 1907, 4,289, Sergt. J. Redmond, to Mary Jane Hurley, daughter of Pensioner S.I.M. C. Hurley (late of the 3rd R.W. Kent Regiment).

DEATH.

Pensioner-Sergt. W. Woolmer, in 1906.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

1st BATTALION.

LANCE-CORPORALS PROMOTED CORPORALS. — 5586 G. Woodward, dated 2nd April, 1907; 7249 G. Golder, 6th April, 1907; and 5295 A. Somerville (band), 17th April, 1907.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS.—7658 G. Mitchell, 17th April, 1907; 8258 G. Craddock, 17th April, 1907; 4859 A. Jones, 18th April, 1907; 8333 S. Wright, 18th April, 1907; 7642 H. Crouch, 20th April, 1907; 8240 C. Price, 20th April, 1907; 8304 F. Woodward, 20th April, 1907.

2nd BATTALION.

LANCE-SERGEANTS PROMOTED SERGEANTS.—No. 6048 A. Cox, dated 1st February, 1907; 6566 F. Cripps, 11th February, 1907; and 6381 W. Mills, 26th February, 1907.

LANCE-CORPORALS PROMOTED CORPORALS. — 4986 H. Christie, dated 29th January, 1907; 4690 H. Watling, 29th January, 1907; 6216 F. Martin, 1st February, 1907; 8024 A. Hutchings, 11th February, 1907; 6513 G. Homan, 26th February, 1907; and 6389 G. Trevena, 20th March, 1907.

CORPORALS TO BE PAID LANCE-SERGEANTS. — 5032 J. Rowland, dated 1st February, 1907; 5975 H. Lee, 11th February, 1907; and 5883 H. Stevens, 26th March, 1907.

The following Privates have been appointed Lance-Corporals:—8130 J. Johnson, dated 6th February, 1907; 6051 J. Lythall and 6346 A. Bodkin, 2nd February, 1907; 6214 J. Kemp and 8178 R. Spencer, 13th February, 1907; 7145 W. Geddes, 6258 A. Rogers, and 7999 W. Morrish, 2nd February, 1907; 7666 T. Jones, 6059 F. Simmons, and 5105 J. Beale, 22nd February, 1907.

APPOINTED MUSICIANS.—5782 Pte. J. Gabriel and 7606 Boy S. Wickham, 26th November, 1906; 5817 Pte. J. Irvine, 29th November, 1906.

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I am rather hard put to it to find copy for you this month. Football is finished and cricket has not yet begun, so the sources from which I can glean news are somewhat diminished.

E and H Companies have now completed their classification practices at Musketry. E Company have done extremely well, and with a figure of merit of 199, has succeeded in beating both A and D Companies. H Company's figure of merit is 179. Perhaps the most satisfactory thing in connection with this is that neither Company has a third class shot.

We have been lately considering which of the various A.R.A. competitions we shall patronise, and teams are being entered for the Victoria, Hopton, Young Soldiers' and Officers' Cups, and the inter-company competition. It is the first time we have had a team for the Officers' Cup. There are also several candidates for the Army Sixty. One more shooting item, a match against the Depot, will be found reported elsewhere.

E and H Companies returned to Headquarters on the 14th, and B, C, F, G and the Band start on their two days' march to Lydd the same day. This, except for recruits, will complete the Musketry of the Battalion. A and D Companies are now at Company Training. They were to have been inspected by General Lord Methuen on the 18th, but his visit has been cancelled.

On the 6th the inhabitants of Dover were greatly excited by the arrival of His Imperial Highness Prince Fushimi of Japan. Two battleships, the "Hindustan" and "Britannia" came into the harbour for the occasion, and fired a salute on his arrival. He was met at the pier by General Lord Methuen, Commanding-in-Chief Eastern Command, the Lord Lieut. of Kent, the Mayor and Corporation of Dover, and other celebrities, and was given an enthusiastic reception by a large crowd that had assembled to greet him. The Battalion

furnished a Guard of Honour under Captain Robinson, the other officers being Lieutenants Waring and Adams, and also a piquet of 50 men under Lieutenant Brock. Our band entertained the crowd by performing a selection of music during the somewhat lengthy wait before His Imperial Highness landed, and played the Japanese National Anthem while he was coming ashore. He inspected the Guard of Honour before he left for London, and its smartness was remarked on by both Lord Methuen and Sir T. Kelly-Kenny. The former caused a letter to be written to the Commanding Officer the following day, congratulating the Regiment on the very smart appearance of the guard they had furnished, which reflected great credit on all concerned.

Lance-Corporal Baker recently met "Curly" Watson again in the ring. The fight took place at Wonderland, and resulted in a draw. Baker has, unfortunately, been in hospital since with a fractured rib as a result, but is now nearly all right again. We all hope yet that Baker before long will lower Watson's colours.

I enclose accounts of two football matches played by the band and drums.

1st Battalion Correspondent.

May 10th, 1907.

MUSKETRY.

On Saturday, 11th inst., we had a shoot against the Officers and Sergeants of the R.M.L.I. Depot at Walmer. We took over three teams, one to represent the Battalion (composed of two officers and eight sergeants), one of ten sergeants, and one of nine officers.

At 200 yards the first team shot very well, our first six averaging 30·1, the team average being 29·6, only one point behind our opponents. At 500 yards and also at 600 yards we went to pieces, however. Our good shots did not come oft and the eleven officers, all that could get away, only made 25 points less than the eleven best sergeants, who are looked upon as experts. One of them was heard to remark that the officers shot so well because they did not know their rifles and it was therefore all luck. An expert is apparently one who fires with extreme and distressing slowness, has many aids in the way of books, glasses, paint, etc., and who, in the event of a bad score has most reasons to account for it, such as wind, light, ammunition, etc., but never bad shooting.

A great fault I think with us is our slowness in firing. At 500 yards our opponents fired twice as quick as we did, and averaged three points a man more, and sarcastic remarks about our slowness are not pleasant to listen to, though one has to bear them with a smiling countenance. I think before we can hope for any success as a team, every member should do his best to help the others by advice and not work entirely for his own score, and keep his elevation, wind, etc., to himself, mutual support being a necessity for a good shooting team. At present also we are in great need of a good coach.

Regimental Team.		Officers' Team.	
Capt. Dunlop	81	Capt. Molony	81
Capt. Grant	80	Capt. Smith	79
Colour-Sergt. Reeves	89	Lieutenant Parker	88
Colour-Sergt. Saunders	87	Lieutenant Knox	75
Sergt. Kevan	88	Lieutenant Waring	71
Colour-Sergt. Wood	79	Lieutenant Adams	89
Sergt. Brown	68	Lieutenant Fisher	73
Sergt. Keen	75	Lieutenant Hearle	80
Lance-Sergt. Maslin	81	2nd-Lieutenant W. Stratford	80
Pte. Knight	88	Q.M.-Sergt. Cover	44
Total	816	Total	760

E AND H COMPANIES.

Dear. Mr. Editor,

The responsibility of writing the account of our doings, both at field trajning and at musketry, which we have been carrying out during the last two months, has fallen on me.

We commenced field training in March, and throughout the whole time we could not have had better weather, there only being one really bad day.

About the earlier part of the training I have nothing much to say, except that if we don't know where St. Radigund's Abbey, West Hougham, and Church Hougham are, may we never have the pleasure (?) of going there again.

The latter part of the training was the most interesting, in which we met on three occasions in mortal combat, once by day and twice by night, as they say in the Guard Report. H Company were successful on two occasions, and E Company once, but it is hoped that there will be another chance of meeting again, as unfortunately we were unable to carry out our fourth scheme, as it happened to be fixed on the only wet day of the training.

On Monday, 15th April, General Bradley inspected us at field training, the scheme ending up with a grand combined attack on St. Radigund's Abbey, in conjunction with G and F Companies.

On Wednesday, 17th April, we left Dover for Lydd, halting for the night at Shorncliffe, and on Friday commenced our musketry, completing the classification practices with the following result :—

Co.	Marksmen.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Average.
E	29	20	17	—	199
H	7	39	39	—	179

Lydd is quite an interesting little place, and amongst the places worth visiting, are, Dungeness Lighthouse, Rye, Winchelsea, and New Romney.

Football has finished at last, and we are all starting cricket in earnest, and it looks as if there will be a keen tussle for the coveted shield, which Major Style presented last year.

On the 6th March we commenced our field training, and during the beginning we got to learn the country well around Dover, including St. Radigund's Abbey, West Hougham, and Fort Burgoyne. About the early part of the training I have nothing of interest to tell you, so I will skip that and get on to the time when the two companies met in mortal combat.

Unfortunately, on account of the weather, we were only able to meet one another on three occasions. The first was a night attack by E on H, in which the former Company succeeded in gaining their objective without the latter being any the wiser. Many were the amusing tales told the next morning, of various captures, but I think this tale which I repeat here, is the most amusing:—"A certain n.c.o. of the attacking party was captured by a detached post, and, seeing it was useless to go on any further, he attempted to light his pipe. A soldier of the detached post, thinking that he was making a signal back, went and blew his match out. It is not recordable what the n.c.o. said when the match was blown out." The next operation was by day, and on this occasion H Company had their revenge, for they fairly scuppered up E Company. The last operation was by night. Unfortunately it rained very hard the whole time, but H Company, who formed the attacking party, broke through the line and gained the objective.

On Monday, 15th April, we completed our training with an inspection by General Bradley, which finished up with a combined attack on St. Radigund's Abbey. On Wednesday, 17th, we left for Lydd, halting for the night at Shorncliffe, and commenced our musketry on the following Friday. With the exception of the commencement of the course and the last fortnight the weather could not have been better.

Lydd proved to be quite a nice spot, except when the weather was bad, for when it starts to blow there we all expect our tin huts to be carried away. The result of the musketry was E Company averaged 198 and H 179. We also fired the competition for the Inter-Company shield E getting 145 hits and H 128 hits.

During the time that we were down there we started our cricket, and, although on account of the weather, we were unable to arrange any matches, a good lot of practice was got.

The surroundings of Lydd are quite good, the places of interest worth going to being:—Rye, Winchelsea, Dungeness, and New Romney.

Having completed our musketry we left Lydd on the 13th May, arriving at Dover on the 14th, after the usual halt at Shorncliffe.

WHAT FOLKS ARE SAYING.

(With apologies to the Pelican).

Where was he when the light went out?
Who was the soldier who blue out his match?
Was he trying to light his pipe or signal for reinforcements?
Is singing on the march condusive to drinking?
What company struck up "Glorious Beer" whilst passing the Plough Inn on the Folkestone Road?
And who passed the remark when a rifle went off in the ranks by accident "Don't mind him, he's one of those silly fools who is only good at shooting his own men?"

A LISTENER.

E and H Company's Correspondent.

FOOTBALL.

A match was played at Dover recently between the Band and Drums and H Company, the Band winning by 2 goals to 1. The result was a great surprise to both teams, as well as the spectators, especially as H Company has several regimental players in their team, and they expected to win easily. During the first half the Band played against the wind, although this did not seem to have much effect upon their play, as they managed to put two goals into the net before the whisle was blown for half time. Both goals were scored by Dr. Barrow, one being the result of a penalty awarded against H for handling in the penalty area. During the second half of the game the Band seemed to slacken down a little, and Powell managed to slip a goal into the net for H Company. It was almost a case of a draw when H Company were awarded a penalty kick, but this was avoided by Brown, the band goalie, amid much excited clamour. Barrow and Mitchell played well for the Band, and Verrall and Morris made a very good show for H Company.

A match was played at Dover on April 22nd between the Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion versus the Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion The Buffs. It was an exciting game on the whole. Todd, with a little skilful manœuvring scored a goal inside the first five minutes. The West Kent's had the best of the game throughout, and another goal was added to the score by Ogle before the whistle was blown for half time. During the second half the play was somewhat rough, and the Buffs managed to score after several hard tries. Brown, the West Kent's goalie, played very well, and saved several times when a goal seemed imminent. Corpl. Somerville played a nice cool game at back, and Todd played very well on the left. Mitchell, in spite of several hard

knocks, still managed to keep up his good reputation. The game was stopped ten minutes before time owing to the rough play, the West Kent's winning by two goals to one.

Band Correspondent.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

Singapore,
April, 1907.

DEAR MR EDITOR,

March was a month of almost perfect weather; very little rain and the sun tempered by a cool breeze.

The company leagues, football, cricket, and hockey, are now in full swing. One match in each league is played every week, so that the competition will continue practically throughout the year. A very varying amount of interest is shown in these games. Football always draws a large audience, while cricket and hockey, although they are played with great keenness, do not rouse much enthusiasm in the lookers on. We are not certainly at present very great exponents of either of the two latter games from a company point of view, and we hope that, as the players improve, the games will become better worth watching. So far the Companies seem to be wonderfully well matched, and we have had some well contested games. The cricket, although the scoring has been low, has produced some very close finishes, and 3 to 0 has been the biggest goal margin in the other matches.

On March 19th, H.M.S. "Kent" paid us a visit, and brought both a cricket and shooting team up to barracks. We managed to defeat them in both matches, in the former by 31 runs, after an excellent game, and in the latter also by a handsome margin.

The Eccles Cup was fixed for the 27th and 28th, and resulted in a win for Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) R. Thorne. After making 26 at 200 he put on a 33 and a 29, and just managed to beat Q.M.S. Wood, whose scores were 32, 32, and 24. Q.M.S. Wood is to be congratulated also on winning the General's Cup at the Singapore Rifle Association Meeting on the 30th. Corpl. Stevens was second in this, and won a snap-shooting competition.

I enclose the League table up to date, *i.e.*, the end of March, some belated hockey notes and the cricket scores *v.* H.M.S. "Kent," and the result of the "Eccles Cup Shoot."

2nd Battalion Correspondent.

LEAGUE TABLE.

Points scored—2 for a win, 1 for a draw.

Football.	Criket.	Hockey.
D 2.	C 2.	H 2.
		C 2.

HOCKEY.

BATTALION v. ROYAL ENGINEERS.

At the Battalion Parade Ground at Tanglin, Wednesday, February 6th. The Battalion team, not quite up to full strength, were not strong in their shooting at goal, but, after a hard game, eventually won by 3 goals to 1.

Team:—*Forwards:* Capt. Joslin, Lieut. Whitty, Lieut. Graham, Lieut. Hardy, Sergt. Stringer (G). *Halves*: Pte. Taylor (C), Lieut. Hibbert, Corpl. Bonfield (C). *Backs*: Pte. Packman (H), and Pte. Turner (G). *Goal*: Pte. Peterson (G).

OFFICERS & SERGEANTS v. CORPORALS, on Feb, 8th. This ended in an easy win for the former.

BATTALION SECOND XI. v. ROYAL ENGINEERS, at Pulan Bvani, Tuesday, February 26th.

A good game in which the Second XI. were defeated by 2 to 1.

Team:—*Goal*: Pte. Irvin (C). *Backs*: Lce.-Corpl. Miller (B), Pte. Packman (H). *Halves*: Pte. Taylor (C), Lieut. Hibbert, Pte. Mebbrey (B), 2nd Lieut. Yates. *Forwards*: Pte. Dickinson (E), Colour-Sergeant Chasteneuf (E), 2nd Lieut. Bazley White, Pte. Purchase (H).

CRICKET.

2ND ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT *v.* H.M.S. "KENT."

Below are the scores in the above match, which was played at Singapore on the 19th March, 1907:

2ND ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

Major S. H. Pedley, b Hunton	19
Lieut. A. S. Hewitt, c and b Dadgson	3
Lieut. H. J. Dresser, c Mamire, b Hunton ...	13
Capt. C. Druce, c Fleming, b Hunton	29
Lieut. M. W. Graham, b Hunton	0
Lieut. N. I. Whitty, b Hunton	8
Lieut. A. E. Hardy, b Hunton	20
Lieut. M. J. Dinwiddy, c and b Mamire	5
Lieut. W. G. Yates, not out...	5
Lieut. H. D. Belgrave, b Hunton	3
Extras...	9
Total ...	114

H.M.S. "KENT."

Hunton, b Whitty	13
Buckle, c Dresser, b Pedley	0
Moore, b Whitty	15
Dadgson, st. Druce, b Pedley	0
Turner, b Dresser	25
Helmsley, st. Druce, b Pedley	4
Fleming, c Hamley, b Whitty	17
Tribe, c Hewitt, b Pedley	3
Simpson, b Dresser	3
Rev. Bridge, c Druce, b Pedley	3
Lloyd, not out	0
Extras	1
Total ...	83

Major Pedley captured 5 wickets for 53 runs, 2nd-Lieut. Whitty 3 wickets for 26 runs, and 2nd-Lieut. Dresser 2 wickets for 3 runs.

ISSUED WITH BATT. ORDERS APRIL 3RD, 1907.

The following is a list of Prize Winners in the Eccles Competition:—

1st Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) R. Thorne, 88, Cup and 10 dollars; 2nd Q.M.S. J. R. Wood, 88, 6 dollars; 3rd Corpl. Stevens, 87, 5 dollars; 4th Lce.-Corpl. Williams, 85, 4 dollars; 5th Captain C. E. Kitson, 85; 6th Sergt. Pace, 84, 3 dollars; 7th Sergt. Cockle, 84, 3 dollars; 8th Lce.-Sergt. Crisford, 83, 2 dollars; 9th Corpl. Turner, 81, 1 dollar.

RANGE PRIZES, 200 Yards.

1st Captain C. E. Kitson, 33; 2nd Lce.-Corpl. Williams, 32, 3 dollars; 3rd Q.M.S. J. R. Wood, 32, 3 dollars; 4th Lce.-Sergt. Crisford, 31, 2 dollars; 5th Corpl. Stevens, 31, 2 dollars; 6th Lieut. A. S. Hewitt, 30; 7th Capt. R. M. G. Tulloch, 30; 8th Lce.-Corpl. Martin, 29 1 dollar.

500 Yards.

1st Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) R. Thorne, 33, 2 dollars (2nd prize); 2nd Q.M.S. J. R. Wood, 32, 2 dollars (3rd prize); 3rd Corpl. Turner, 32, 3 dollars (1st prize); 4th Sergt. Pace, 31, 1 dollar; 5th Corpl. Ibbotson, 31, 1 dollar; 6th Lce.-Corpl. Flinn, 31, 1 dollar; 7th Sergt. Cockle, 31, 1 dollar.

600 Yards.

1st Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) R. Thorne, 29, 1 dollar (3rd prize); 2nd Bnds. Sullivan, 28, 3 dollars (1st prize); 3rd Corpl. Stevens, 28, 2 dollars (2nd prize); 4th Lce.-Sergt. Fletcher, 26, 1 dollar; 5th Lce.-Sergt. Crisford, 26, 1 dollar.

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C Company, 2nd R. W. Kent Regiment,

Singapore.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I am writing you a few lines about C Company's doings this last month (about the work of the Company I will say nothing), but up to the present we do very little in the sun, next month we expect to go on field training, the surrounding country being all that could be desired for it, as it affords plenty of cover and the hills are not too high.

The Battalion being together again, we can all enter for the various Cups and Shields. On March the 11th C and F played the first game of Cricket in the Regimental League for the Cricket Shield. C Company went to bat first and made a very bad start, the best men coming out with very low scores. The fourth wicket fell with the score at 21, and if it had not been for the splendid batting of Lce.-Corpl. Maynard, Pte. Irvin and Dmr. Marra, C Company would have lost the match. However, when F went in to bat, C score stood at 82. I will not say anything about F Company's scoring. The fielding of C Company was excellent. Sergt. Reyonalds and Pte. Sellings made short work of their batsmen by taking five wickets each, and the game finished in a victory for C, beating F by 51 runs. Hoping you will find space for this my first attempt as a correspondent.

I remain, yours,

C Troop.

The following is the score :—

C COMPANY.

Pte. Bexon, c and b Corpl. Freeman	9
Pte. Sergeant, b Dmr. Gammon	8
Pte. Faulkner, lbw, b Corpl. Freeman	0
Sergt. Reynolds, b Dmr. Gammon	5
Pte. Ridley, b Corpl. Freeman	2
Lieut. Yates, b Pte. Butler	5
Lce.-Corpl. Maynard, c and b Pte. Butler	10
Dmr. Marra, b Corpl. Freeman	12
Pte. Irvin, lbw, b do.	11
Pte. Sellings, c and b Pte. Pay	4
Pte. Best, not out	9
Extras	7
Total ...	82

F COMPANY.

Pte. Montague, b Pte. Sellings	6
Pte. Pay, c Dmr. Marra, b Sergt. Reynolds ...	6
Pte. Gammon, b Pte. Sellings	4
Pte. Brewer, c Pte. Sergeant, b Sergt. Reynolds ...	1
Clr.-Sergt. Saunders, b Pte. Sellings	2
Pte. Butler, st Pte. Best, b Sergt. Reynolds ...	4
Corpl. Freeman, b Sergt. Reynolds	0
Pte. Patching, b ditto...	0
Pte. Wannell, not out	4
Pte. Page, b Pte. Sellings	0
Pte. Crouch, b ditto	0
Extras	4
Total ...	31

DEPOT NEWS.

RIFLE MATCH WITH 1st BATTALION.

On the 4th inst the Sergeants' Shooting Club of the 1st Battalion paid us a visit with a view of testing our skill on the range at Boxley. Arriving at Maidstone about 10 a.m. the teams drove to the range, and found a very interesting wind blowing of the "fish-tail" description, that now and then caused some of our local "dead-eyes" to miss the target at 600 yards, as well as some of our visitors. The score of Sergeant Brown, of the 1st Battalion (91), was most creditable, and can only be fully appreciated by those who know the range at Boxley and its vagaries at times. Anyhow, the Battalion romped home winners by 38 points, the Depot tail being very weak. Scores :—

1st Battalion.	200	500	600	Tl.	Depot.	200	500	600	Tl.
Capt. Moloney ...	26	29	14	69	Sgt.-Mj. Outten	29	28	23	80
Sergt. Keen	29	28	22	79	Sgt.-Mj. Grellier	27	25	24	76
Sergt. A. Brown	32	31	28	91	Cl.-Sgt. Osborne	29	24	23	76
Cl.-Sgt. Saunders	27	30	28	85	Cl.-Sgt. Murphy	28	28	29	85
Sergt. Kevan.....	29	25	25	79	Cl.-Sergt. Jury	30	21	22	73
Cl.-Sgt. Reeves...	28	28	27	83	Cl.-Sergt. Pond	28	29	20	77
Cl.-Sergt. Naylor	26	24	24	74	Cl.-Sergt. Dugay	28	26	25	79
Ar. S.-Sgt. Ashby	31	28	17	76	Sergt. Wood ...	23	24	5	52
Sergt. Martle ...	23	30	25	78	Sergt. Redmond	29	28	23	80
Sergt. Maslin ...	31	28	20	79	Sergt. Merrick...	23	31	21	75
Lieut. Adams ...	28	22	28	78	Sergt. Wren.....	28	28	26	82
Cl.-Sgt. A. Wood	25	29	26	80	Lt. Case-Morris	28	29	21	78
	335	332	284	951		330	321	262	913

N.B.—12 a side, all to count.

The Editor begs to acknowledge with thanks the following contributions to the *Q.O.G.* :—

Colonel J. E. Kitson for 1907 and 1908.
Mrs. Bridges-Nunn, 1906 and 1907.
R. L. Hoare, Esq., December, 1907.
Mr. W. Cotton, December, 1907.
Mr. J. Hunt, up to December, 1907.

SOLDIERS' BALANCES UNCLAIMED.

According to List cccciv., of the names of deceased soldiers whose personal estate is held for distribution amongst the next of kin or others entitled (1906–07), the relatives of the late Pte. W. Pickering, 2nd Batt. R. W. Kent Regt., are entitled to the sum of £4 8s. 4d.

DEPOT NOTES.

Nos. 8051 Pte. W. G. Witten and 7633 Drmr. W. Elliott and 7765 Boy H. Fozard have been discharged at Netley as medically unfit for further service.

No. 2967 Sergt. W. L. Payne, P.S., has been re-posted to the 1st Battalion.

No. 6327 Lce.-Corpl. J. Watts is granted service pay, Class I, at 7d. per diem, from 5th July, 1906.

A draft, consisting of Corpl. Keeble and 13 recruits, proceeded to Dover on the 1st inst. to join the Home Battalion.

No. 6358 Pte. W. Willson, 8208 Pte. L. Harbach, and and 8171 Pte. G. Mortimer, of the 2nd Battalion, having been invalided from Singapore, have embarked on the s.s. "Calchas." They are posted to the Depot accordingly.

Some alterations are at last being made to the Depot Sergeants' Mess, which it is hoped will allow a little more much needed space, to that institution. The members in the meantime take up their quarters in a marquee.

FOOTBALL.

MAIDSTONE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.—FINAL.

The Depot having tied in points with Snodland for premier honours in the above, had to play a deciding match. It was played before a good number of spectators, in wet weather, at Aylesford. The Depot lost the toss, and Snodland decided to have the wind in their favour. After about five minutes' play, Snodland started the scoring with a beautiful goal that gave Bass no chance. From the kick-off Snodland were soon in the Depot territory, and quickly added to their score from a corner. This put life into the Depot, and Davis, by a fine individual effort, opened the Depot score, and shortly after added yet another. Snodland were then awarded a free kick, and everyone thonght it was going by the goal line, but to their surprise it was stopped on the line by the long grass, and Snodland's wing forward securing, scored with an open goal. Half-time score :—Snodland 3, Depot 2. The second half of the game soon saw the Depot in Snodland half, and but for very poor shooting must have scored several times. Snodland now broke away, and from a corner scored No. 4. From now to the finish the Depot pressed, but could not score, the final whistle leaving Snodland victorious. This is the third successive year the Depot have been runners up in this League.

Result—Snodland 4, Depot 2.

3RD BATTALION NEWS.

The following officers have obtained a satisfactory report on completion of a course of instruction at the Depot R.W. Kent Regiment :—

Second-Lieut. J. G. Herring-Cooper, 2nd-Lieut. C. Jackson, 2nd-Lieut. J. K. Kay and 2nd-Lieut. J. S. N. Snelgrove.

Lieut. C. D. Young has obtained a satisfactory report on completion of the usual course of instruction at the School of Musketry, Hythe.

On the 13th instant 15 Sergeants and 19 Corporals arrived at the Depot at Maidstone for 28 days' instruction, previous to the annual training of the Battalion at St. Martin's Plain, Shorncliffe. The recruits for musketry arrive on the 27th May, while the trained men assemble on the 10th June.

Lieuts. A. D. Frazer, A. W. G. Brooke, and H. A. de F. Furber have been successful in passing the competitive examination for commissions in His Majesty's regular forces.

No. 4751 Drummer H. Askew and 8117 Drummer C. Cahill, permanent staff, are granted proficiency pay, Class I, from 1/10/06, under authority of War Office letter.

VOLUNTEER INTELLIGENCE.

Color-Sergt. Instructor A. Wood, 1st V.B. Royal West Regt., and Color-Sergt. Instructor T. Drew, 3rd V.B., attend the refresher course, which takes place this month at the the School of Musketry, Hythe.

War Office Authority has been granted for the establishment of a night school in connection with the West Kent Volunteer Infantry Brigade for the instruction of Infantry Volunteer officers at the headquarters of the 2nd V.B. R.W. Kent Regt., Holly Hedge, Blackheath. The period of Instruction is for four days a week, 24 daysi n all, taking place between the 6th May and the 15th June. Capt. J. T. W. Fiennes, Adjutant 2nd V.B. R.W.K. Regt., is appointed the Commandant and Adjutant of the School.

4th VOL. BATT. R. W. KENT REGIMENT.

A Boxing Tournament took place at the Drill Hall, Chatham, on Monday, May 4th, many well-known men taking part in the competitions among other events.

Barkaway, of the 4th V. B. R. W. Kent met O'Neill, of the 1st Batt. R. W. Kent Regt., for the 3rd time, and after a very close contest gained the verdict from the Referee, the Judges disagreeing. The first time these opponents met

O'Neill won easily, and the next time a draw was the result, Barkaway had improved in condition and style, and the way he used his left won for him the verdict.

In the 9 stone competition Pte. Guy, Depot, R. W. Kent, won his first heat, but in the final he was knocked out by Seaman Kilham in the first round, this being rather a surprise as Guy has a reputation for taking punishment. Other competitions also took place.

Q.-M.-Sergt. J. Smith was secretary of the meeting, Sergt.-Major Outten, of the Depot R. W. Kent, acted as M.C., while Sergt.-Inst. Hayworth, A.G.S., at Maidstone, was one of the Judges.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

No. 5478 Pioneer Sergt. E. Smith has been discharged with a view to pension on completing 21 years' service.

Good conduct badges as stated below have been granted or restored to the following N.C.O.'s and men :—Granted one good conduct badge—7417 Pte. T. Smith, 20th February, 1907 ; 8019 Pte. A. Seagraves, 20th March, 1907 ; 7721 Pte. G. Tranter, 2nd April, 1907 ; 8020 Lance-Corpl. S. Glazebrook, 30th January, 1907 ; 6259 Pte. J. O'Shea, 8th April, 1907 ; 8052 Lance-Corpl. G. Smith, 18th April, 1906 ; 8053 Pte. H. Hibbett, 27th April, 1907 ; 8055 Pte. T. Batchelor, 27th April, 1907 ; 8064 Pte. H. Bellfield, 24th April, 1907. Granted two good conduct badges – 6476 Pte. L. Crisford, 3rd April, 1907 ; 7241 Pte. H. Dark, 2nd April, 1907 ; 5144 Pte. T. Johnson, 7th April, 1904. Granted three good conduct badges – 4497 Pte. H. Hastings, 17th April, 1907. Restored one good conduct badge—4505 Pte. E. Roberts, 15th January, 1907.

Lance-Corporal J. Hayhurst has been transferred to the Army Reserve.

No. 3591 Pte. E. Webb and 8234 Pte. S. Bishop have obtained first class certificates of education.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

Captain C. Bonham-Carter, P.S.C., who served with the Mounted Infantry as Lieutenant, and was promoted Captain in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, has been appointed Brigade Major of the Infantry Brigade at Gibraltar.

No. 2486 Sergt. H. Chawkley has been discharged at his own request after 18 years' service, with a view to pension under the pay warrant.

No. 5789 Private E. Clarke transferred to Army Reserve at his own request.

No. 5470 Private A. Marks transferred to Section B, Army Reserve.

No. 4690 Lce.-Corpl. H. Watling has re-engaged at Singapore for the R.W.K. Regiment to complete 21 years' service.

No. 1820 Colour-Sergeant R. Silver has been permitted to continue in the service beyond 21 years.

Good Conduct Badges as under have been granted and restored as hereunder stated :—

7292 Lance-Corporals E. Bradman awarded 1st G.C. Badge, March 15th, 1907 ; 8041 L. Johnson awarded 1st G.C. Badge, March 13th, 1907 ; 8047 W. Colebrooke awarded 1st G.C. Badge, March 5th, 1907 ; 8048 Privates F. Stace awarded 1st G.C. Badge March 25th, 1907 ; 6456 H. Dryden awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, March 7th, 1907 ; 6462 W. May awarded 2nd G C. Badge, March 12th, 1907 ; 6405 A. Newson awarded 1st G.C. Badge, February 17th, 1907 ; 6199 W. Yates awarded 1st G.C. Badge, March 19th, 1907 ; 6464 J. Deacon awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, March 15th, 1907 ; 4554 A. Johnston restored 1st G.C. Badge, March 20th, 1907 ; 6457 L. Pratt awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, March 5th, 1907 ; 7807 G. Pilkington awarded 1st G.C. Badge, March 24th, 1907 ; 6463 W. Gammon awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, March 10th, 1907 ; 6458 H. Hillyard awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, March 8th, 1907 ; 8037 A. Moody awarded 1st G.C. Badge, March 6th, 1907 ; 6574 T. Phillips restored 1st G.C. Badge, November 12th, 1906 ; 8063 R. White awarded 1st G.C. Badge, November 12th, 1907 ; 6120 J. Gradwell awarded 1st G.C. Badge, February 6th, 1907 ; 7895 W. Blunt awarded 1st G.C. Badge, March 13th, 1907 ; 7518 W. Lewis awarded 1st G.C. Badge, March 10th, 1907 ; 6213 E. Packham restored 1st G.C. Badge, March 19th, 1907 ; 6108 F. Ayres awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, March 1st, 1907.

The following N.C.O.'s and Men have been awarded Certificates of Education as stated :—

2nd Class Certificates of Education dated 1st March, 1907.

6185 Lance-Corporals S. Keen, 7946 E. Harvie, 6042 N. Loft, Privates 6202 D. Tucker, 7585 A. Cousins, 8162 A. Tapsell.

Awarded 3rd Class Certificates dated 1st March, 1907.

7409 Lance-Corporals J. Hayes, 6292 W. Dawson, 6220 J. Kemp, 7544 A. Simmons, 7521 W. Stickings, 7808 A. Clarke, 7652 W. Goodwin, 6368 C. White, 6386 T. Williams, Privates 8048 F. Stace, 7649 F. Healey, 7651 J. Gurney, 6388 G. Samuels, 7489 W. Puxty, 7643 B. Stribling, 8083 W. Hobbs, 6244 F. Roots.

THE LATE PENSIONER SERGT. WOOLMER.

The late Pensioner Sergeant William James Woolmer, whose decease we announced in our last issue, was born in the parish of Bishopgate, Middlesex, on the 4th May, 1862, he enlisted for General Service Infantry, at Greenhithe, on the 4th December, 1883, and was posted to the Royal West Kent Regiment, and joined the Depot at Maidstone, on the 6th December, 1883. He joined the 1st Battalion in Egypt with a draft on the 29th September, 1884, and took part in the Nile Expedition of 1884 and 1885, for which he was granted the Egyptian medal and clasp for the Nile and Khedive's Star. He also took part in the operations of the Frontier Field Force and was present at the action of Ginniss in 1885. He served at Gibraltar and Malta with the Battalion and proceeded to India with them in January, 1892, where he took part in the Malakand and Buner expeditions of 1897 and 1898, being granted the India Medal of 1895, with clasp Punjab Frontier 1897 and 1898. He was appointed Lance-Corporal on the 27th Dec., 1885, promoted Corporal on the 6th March, 1887, appointed Lance-Sergeant on the 14th May, 1889, and promoted Sergeant on the 28th of Oct., 1891, and was discharged to pension on the 3rd Dec., 1904, on termination of 2nd period of engagement. He served abroad for 18 years 238 days during his engagement.

PENSIONS.

The undermentioned pensions have been granted to N.C. officers and men of the Regiment :—

A special compassionate campaign pension of one shilling per diem for life to 465 Pte. Henry Leahair who was discharged from the 50th Foot on the 15th October, 1878. This pension is in lieu of 10½d. ; 2486 Sergt. Chawkley, 10½d. per diem for life ; 8026 Pte. Broad, 8d. for 12 months conditional ; 7519 Pte. Hulburt, 8d. for 12 months conditional ; 7633 Dr. Elliott, 7d. for 12 months final ; 7765 Pte. Fozard, 9d. for 12 months conditional.

BIRTH.

At Singapore, on the 5th March, 1907, the wife of 4198 Sergt. W. Moir of a son, Roy Louis.

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MARRIAGE.

At Maidstone, on the 2nd May, 1907, No 8359 Drummer G. T. Robertson, P.S., 3rd Batt. R.W. Kent Regt., to Miss Edith Thrift.

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DEATHS.

At Singapore, on the 21st March, 1907, No. 6811 Pte. A. O'Brien, 2nd Batt. R.W. Kent Regt., of appendicitis.

At Dover, on the 30th April, Percival Sidney, the son of Sergt. E. Firman, 1st R.W. Kent Regt., of bronchitis, aged 10 months.

At Maidstone, on the 29th April, 1907, Alice Maud, the daughter of No. 4181, Drummer Fenney, P.S., 3rd Batt. R. W. Kent Regt., aged 6 months 3 weeks.

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THE REGIMENTAL DINNER

HAS BEEN FIXED
TO TAKE PLACE AT

The Grand Hotel, London,

On TUESDAY, JUNE 18th

(Tuesday in Ascot week), at 8 p.m.

The following Officers (past and present) have notified their intention to attend :—

Major-General Alderson, C.B.
Lieutenant-Colonel Armstrong.
Captain Annesley.
Lieutenant Adams.
Captain M. P. Buckle, D.S.O.
Captain Pack-Beresford.
Captain Buchanan-Dunlop.
Lieutenant Brock.
Lieutenant Belcher.
Lieutenant Lowry-Corry.
Lieutenant J. C. Cooke.
Lieutenant-Colonel Dalison.
Lieutenant Dobson.
Captain Elgood.
Captain Fiennes.
Lieutenant Fisher.
Brigd.-General Grove, C.B.
Captain A. R. Grove.
Major F. H. Hotham.
Colonel E. G. Harrison.
Captain Hildyard.
Mr. E. J. Hudson.
Major Isacke.
Lieutenant Ingram.
Lieutenant D. J. Johnston.
Captain Kennedy.
Captain Keenlyside.
Major Lowe.
Lieutenant Legard.
Lieutenant Leir.
Lieutenant Case-Morris.
Major A. W. Martyn.
Colonel G. W. Maunsell.
Captain Molony.
Lieutenant Moulton Barrett.
Captain Nunn.
Captain Norman.
Lieutenant Phillips.
Lieutenant Parker.
Captain Robinson.
Major Roche.
Major Style.
Major J. G. Smith.
Captain H. W. Snow.
Lieutenant Searight.
Colonel J. L. Tweedie,
Major Umfreville.
Lieutenant Waring.
Lieutenant Wilberforce.
Lieutenant Wingfield Stratford.
Quarter-Master Willis.

It is hoped that Officers entitled to do so will wear Miniature Medals.

Should any Officers who intend dining not find their names among those mentioned, they are requested to write to CAPTAIN J. H. KENNEDY, WHITWELL HALL, NORFOLK, without delay, and should any Officer, who notify their intention to dine, desire to communicate with Captain Kennedy after June 15th, they are asked to address their letters to the GRAND HOTEL.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

2ND BATTALION.

Schoolmistress E. Ingram promoted 2nd class Schoolmistress.

PROMOTED CORPORAL.—4986 Lance-Corporal G. Hatton, 29th January, 1807.

APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS.—7929 Privates T. Goldspink and 7941 G. Connell, 1st March, 1907; 8154 Private R. Roythorne, 2nd March, 1907; 6776 Private H. Pearce, 25th February, 1907, and Private C. Esplin, 28th March, 1907.

"THE QUEEN'S OWN" REGIMENTAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner of the Officers of "The Queen's Own" took place at the Grand Hotel, on the 18th June. This function proved a great success, the attendance being a record one, the number present exceeding by 20 that of any previous occasion. Major General E. Leach, C.B., the Colonel of the Regiment, presided. The names of those dining were:—Major-General Alderson, C.B., Major Annesley, D.S.O., Captain W. H. Annesley, Lieutenant-Colonel Armstrong, Captain Beeching, Captain Pack-Beresford. Colonel T. H. Brock, Lieut. R. G. C. Brock, Major L. Brock-Hollinshead, Captain Buchanan-Dunlop, Major M. P. Buckle, D.S.O., Captain F. W. Burbury, Major T. T. Burt, Captain H. S. Bush, Captain A. Montgomery-Campbell, Lieut. J. C. Cooke, Lieut. A. Lowry-Corry, Lieut.-Col. J. P. Dalison, Lieut. T. Y. Dobson, Captain G. Elgood, Capt. Fanshawe, Captain J. T. Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, Lieut. F. Fisher, Lieut. D. Forestier-Walker, Captain A. K. Grant, Bgdr.-General E. A. Grove, C.B., Colonel C. E. Harrison, Major E. V. O. Hewett, Captain R. J. T. Hildyard, Mr. E. J. Hudson, Lieut. F. B. Humphreys, Lieut C. R. Ingram, Major H. Isacke, Colonel F. F. Johnson, C.B., Captain Kennedy, Captain G. F. H. Keenlyside, Colonel C. R. King, Lieut. A. D'E. Knox, Major-General E. Leach, C.B., Captain J. Lees, Lieut. G. B. Legard, Lieut. B. H. F. Leir, Captain H. B. Long, Major N H. S. Lowe, Major A. Martyn, Major A. W. Martyn, Colonel G. W. Maunsell, Captain C. V. Molony, Captain H. Moody, Major A. T. Morse, Lieut. C. W. Case-Morris, Captain E. H. Norman, Captain T. H. C. Nunn, D.S.O., Captain J. W. O'Dowda, Lieut. R. A. Paget, Lieut. J. C. Parker, Major S. H. Pedley, Lieut. W. C. O. Phillips, Major Roche, Major Rowe, Lieut. A. K. Searight, Major J. C. Smith, Captain H. W. Snow, Lieut. G. E. de St. C. Stevenson, Major R. Style, Lieut H. A. Waring, Colonel Western, C.B., Lieut. W. Wilberforce, Lieut. W. J. Willis, Lieut. Wingfield-Stratford.

MARSHLAND HILL, N.Z., MEMORIAL.

At the meeting of the Monument Committee, on Wednesday evening, the secretary gave a statement of what he had done in the matter during his recent visits to Wellington, Christchurch, and Wanganui, having collected several subscriptions, and lists were left with the town clerks of the two latter places, who kindly offered to receive any donations on behalf of the movement. Several subscriptions have come to hand from outside New Zealand since last meeting, and a letter was read from Colonel C. M. Churchill, late 50th Regiment, who is quite in sympathy with the undertaking, and has forwarded a donation. He says: If I were younger I would come to the opening ceremony," and to assist in the matter the circular will be inserted in the "Queen's Own Gazette" (the Regimental paper), so that all old officers of the 50th will know about it. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, the 17th inst., when the chairman wishes a full attendance of the committee as there is important business to transact.

The *Taranaki Herald* for Friday, April 12th, has been forwarded to us. In it is published the list, as hereunder, of the amounts received for the erection of the memorial to the troops who fell in the Maori War.

The following additional subscriptions have been received by his Worship the Mayor (Mr. E. Dockrill):—

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	99	12	6
Collected by W. F. Gordon—			
W. Hazard, Peria, North Auckland		10	0
Geo. Thomas, jun., Ororu, North Auckland		10	0
Archibald Hood, New Plymouth		10	0
Lord Macnaghten, England	10	0	0
Capt. C. Richardson and Officers 2nd Battalion Manchester Regiment (96th), Guernsey	5	5	0
General Sir F. Colvile, K.C.B. (late 43rd Regt.), England	5	0	0
General E. Leach, C.B., late 50th Regt., England	5	0	0
Col. C. M. Churchill, late 50th Regiment, England	3	0	0
Col. W. H. Mulloy, late R.E., England	2	2	0
General W. H. Ralston, C.B., late 70th Regiment, France	3	3	0
Colonel E. Gorton, late 57th Regiment, Bulls	2	2	0
Colonel R. J. Collins, Wellington	1	1	0
Thomas Humphries, Wellington	1	1	0
P. Sheridan, Wellington	1	1	0

	£	s.	d.
Sir John Hall, Christchurch	1	0	0
W. R. Bock, Wellington		10	6
Captain A. W. Acheson, late 65th Regt., Ireland		10	0
J. J. Sullivan		10	0
Edward W. Garner		10	0
Jas. Wade		10	0
F.W.		10	0
J. Evans, late Von Tempsky's Forces, Wakefield, F.C., W.J.C., G.H., H. W. Climie, T. G. Sole, H. M. Bannister, W. G. Harding, G. W. Palmer, John Cook, G. T. Murray, each 5s.	2	15	0
S. Jackson, P. S. Lawson, L. L. Smith, J. Barron, G. H. Bullard, E. F. Luks, H. J. Moverley, jun., P.T.L., T.W.F., W. Gaukrodger, A Friend, W. H. Fletcher, A. C. Laurey, A.H.H., A. Lealand, S. T. Crocker, P. Lealand, J.A., each 2s. 6d.	2	5	0
J. Clark and J.B.J, each 2s.		4	0
	£149	2	0

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

There has been very little doing this month. Half the Battalion (B, C, F and G Companies) has been away at Lydd for musketry, and A and D Companies, at Headquarters, have been hard at work field training. The former return to Headquarters on the 7th, and the latter finish field training on the 6th, when they were to have been inspected by General Bradley.

We have not been able to play any cricket matches yet owing to the Battalion being split up, and have unfortunately had to scratch two matches. We are still at a great disadvantage for want of a ground to practice on, as the new garrison ground, which was only made last year, is not yet fit for use.

There have been several practice shoots on the Royal Marines' range at Deal. This range is a very tricky one. It is right under the cliff, and the wind plays many queer tricks. In fact, when there is a right wind according to the flags, one generally has to put left wind on the wind gauge.

There is a good list of entries from the Battalion for the Lydd Rifle Meeting, which takes place this month, and I hope we shall be able to give a good account ef ourselves.

The competition to decide the winner of the Tug-of-War Shield for last year, is to take place on the 10th, 11th, and 12th insts, The shield was presented by Lieutenant Riddell in the year 1893. It has now been won three times running by C Company, who have certainly deserved to win, if only on account of the way they have always turned out to practice. Last year we postponed it at Malta until we arrived home, but, owing to furloughs and the Battalion being split up for musketry, an opportunity has not occurred before. In my opinion it will take a very good team to beat C Company as they still have several of their old hands.

The Battalion has done well at musketry this year, the figure of merit being 188, E Company heads the list with an average of 198 (this is not counting the Band which went 202). I think everyone likes the new short rifle, this being the first course in which the Battalion has used it.

The following Officers were presented to His Majesty the King at the Levee held at St, James' Palace on June 3rd :— Colonel Maunsell, Major Style, Major Lowe, Major Hewett, Captain Robinson, Captain Grant, Captain Norman, Lieut. Parker, Lieut. Ingram, Lieut. Knox, Lieut. Adams, Lieut. Fisher, 2nd-Lieut. Searight, 2nd-Lieut. Leir. They were presented by General Leach, the Colonel of the Regiment.

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

RIFLE COMPETITIONS.

A very pleasant outing took place on Saturday, 11th May, at Deal, the occasion being a series of three Rifle Competitions between Officers and Sergeants of the Royal Marines, and Officers and Sergeants of the Battalion. Teams of ten aside were arranged, the shooting being done at 200, 500, and 600 yards, with Bisley targets and marking. Two brakes, each accommodating 24 persons, were waiting at 12.30 p.m. at the foot of the Shaft steps to convey our party consisting of nine officers and 30 sergeants to Deal. The weather was perfect, and the lovely scenery between Dover Castle and Walmer was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We arrived on the range at 2 p.m. Our comrades of the Royal Marines had very thoughtfully provided a little light refreshment, which was much appreciated by all the sergeants after their ride.

The shooting at 200 yards by the two first teams was closely contested, there being only a difference of one point on the conclusion of the firing. At 500 and 600 yards the shooting of several on our side left much to be desired. We were at a great disadvantage owing to the range being strange to us, but from what our opponents told us a good deal of practice is required before it is thoroughly understood. On completing the shoot at 600 yards the scores of the respective teams stood as follows :—

No. 1 Team,	1st Batt. The Queen's Own...	816		Royal Marines...	882
No. 2	,,	,,	,, ...	760	,,	,, ...	842
No. 3	,,	,,	,, ...	735	,,	,, ...	783

The scores at each distance of the first teams are appended below.

After the shooting was over the Sergeants of the Battalion, in company with their comrades of the Royal Marines, proceeded in brakes to the Barracks at Deal, where, in the Sergeant's Mess, a very nice tea had been arranged, to which we all did full justice. Tea being over, little parties were formed, and under the guidance of our hosts we were conducted over the barracks, visits being paid to the Drill Sheds, Reading, and Recreation Rooms, the size and comfort of the latter being particularly noticeable.

Shortly after 8.30 p.m. found a large gathering of both Corps seated around three tables, which stretched the length of the Mess Room. The chair was taken by Sergt.-Major J. House, of the Royal Marines, who was ably assisted by Sergt.-Major McCrae. A string band composed of Royal Marines was in attendance, and during the evening discoursed lively music. Singing and reciting were kept up until 11 p.m., when all present rose, and after singing "Auld Lang Syne" the evening's entertainment was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

The return to Dover was accomplished in safety. Bicycles were not in request, their owners apparently preferring a seat in the brake. We arrived at the Shaft Steps at about 1 a.m., tired, but thoroughly satisfied with our outing. Our first visit to Deal and our introduction to the Sergeants of the Royal Marines will always be remembered with great pleasure.

ROYAL MARINES.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.
Captain Mullins	28	34	30	92
Sergt. Watkins	30	32	30	92
Sergt. Liston	31	29	31	91
Sergt. Staughton	31	30	30	91
Lance-Sergt. Wareham	31	33	27	91
Sergt. White	30	29	30	89
W. O. & S. Master Bailey	28	31	29	88
Clr.-Sergt. Elliott	27	34	25	86
Sergt. Bramfield	32	23	30	85
Sergt. Iles	29	26	22	77
	297	301	284	882

1ST BATTALION R.W.K. REGIMENT.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.
Clr.-Sergt. S. Reeves	30	28	31	89
Sergt. A. Kevan	31	30	27	88
Pte. W. Knight	27	28	33	88
Clr.-Sergt. W. Saunders	29	31	27	87
Captain H. Dunlop	29	24	28	81
Lance-Sergt. H. Maslin	31	29	21	81
Captain A. Grant	31	30	19	80
Clr.-Sergt. A. Wood	31	23	25	79
Sergt. A. Keen	28	28	19	75
Sergt. A. Brown	29	21	18	68
	296	272	248	816

DETACHMENT, SERGEANTS' MESS, 1st BATTALION ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT, LYDD.

A Cricket Match between the Sergeants of the above Detachment and those of the Cavalry (7th Dragoon Guards and 20th Hussars) stationed here, was commenced on the afternoon of the 31st May, but had to be abandoned owing to a heavy downpour of rain, which occurred after six of the team of the Sergeants of the Detachment had taken their innings and knocked up a score of sixty.

The Smoking Concert which followed commenced at 8.30 p.m., and in every respect was a most successful and pleasant affair. The Chair was taken by the Acting Sergeant-Major (Colour-Sergeant Wood), who initiated the proceedings by proposing the toast of "The King." Singing and reciting alternated throughout the evening, our comrades of the Cavalry and R.G.A., with a few civilian friends, ably assisting us in making the programme a success. During the evening the Chairman proposed the toast "Our Guests of the Cavalry," coupling with the same those friends of the R.G.A. and Leicester Regiment who were present, and expressed the pleasure it gave to the Sergeants of "The Queen's Own" in having the opportunity of entertaining them.

Squadron-Sergeant-Major Viney, 20th Hussars, suitably responded on behalf of the visitors, and the company broke up at 11.55 p.m., having spent a most enjoyable evening. The thanks of the members present were expressed to Sergt. Mills for the excellent arrangements that had been made by him for their comfort.

PENSIONS.

Pensions have been granted to the following N.C.O's and men:—No. 3903 Pte. F. Knight, 8d. per diem for life; No. 5478 Sergt. Smith, 2s. 3d. per diem for life; No. 1130 Pte. McGowan 8d. per diem for life; No. 679 Pte. Oliver 8d per diem for life; No. 8211 Pte. Hodgkinson, 8d. per diem for life.

ORDERLY ROOM FIFTY YEARS HENCE.

SCENE: The Orderly Room of an Infantry Regiment. The Colonel, Adjutant, and other officers are assembled.

C.O.: Are there any soldiers in arrest?

Adjutant: "Soldiers under suspicion" is the correct term now, sir. Yes, sir, one.

C.O.: Ah, yes, of course. Bring him in.

(He is marched in).

Adjutant (reading charge): No. 1162 Pte. J. Murphy. Singing out of tune on the line of march. Col.-Sergt. Black.

Col.-Sergt. Black: Sir, about 11.45 a.m. on the 5th inst., the Company was on the line of march and singing a part song. The suspect is one of the tenors, and he was singing out of tune. I warned him twice, but he still went on, so I put him on a "crime"—I beg pardon, sir, "a misdemeanour sheet." He was causing the other men great discomfort, and several had to fall out.

C.O.: What have you got to say?

Pte. Murphy: I'm very sorry, sir, but I enlisted as a baritone, but have to sing tenor because we are short of them in our section. I hope, sir, you will overlook it this time.

C.O.: This is the sort of thing I mean to put a stop to. Get drunk or be insubordinate, and there may be some excuse, but I cannot let this pass. Will you take my award?

Pte. Murphy: Yes, sir.

C.O.: 168 hours Detenti—

Adjutant: Restraint, sir.

C.O.: Ah, yes. 168 hours Restraint. (Pte. Murphy is marched out). I cannot remember these new things. Are all the Officers present?

Adjutant: Yes, sir.

C.O.: I see your Company, Captain Jones, averages 20 points over marksman this year. Rather extraordinary, isn't it?

Capt. Jones: Well, sir, it does seem rather good?

C.O.: But how did you manage it?

Capt. Jones: Well, sir, I don't quite know; you see, sir, owing to this committee on teaching men trades before they leave the Army, I don't see much of my Company.

C.O.: Of course not; but your subaltern was there?

Capt. Jones: No, sir. He is away at Aldershot doing a six months' cooking course.

C.O.: Ah, yes. And your Colour-Sergeant?

Capt. Jones: He is for discharge next April year, and is learning a trade—the manufacture of motor-perambulators.

C.O.: But who was with the Company?

Capt. Jones: Well, sir, all my section commanders were away—two at the Royal Academy of Music, as they are singing solos at the next General's inspection, and two attending lectures at the National Gallery on "The Artistic Decoration of the Barrack Room." Lance-Corporal Atkins was in command of the Company.

C.O.: Send for him, please.

(Enter Lance-Corporal Atkins).

C.O.: I hear you were in command of your Company at Musketry this year. I want to hear something about it; you did so well. How many men had you?

Lce.-Corpl. Atkins: We started with sixty, sir; but thirty had got weak hearts at Company training, or said that the noise of the firing got on their nerves and they couldn't sleep at nights, and they got excused by the Medical Officer. Twenty had to go through courses; company dentists and learning to be waiters for the Company restaurant at the

Ritz Hotel, London, and things like that. Nine were taken to train their voices in the village choir, and I was left by myself.

C.O. : So you were by yourself. And how is it you have not been trying to better yourself?

Lce.-Corpl. Atkins : I'm an old soldier, sir, with eighteen years' service, and I can't quite bring myself into these new-fangled ways, sir.

C.O. : Well, the fact that you shot well alone saves you from receiving a severe reprimand from me. You must get into line with things as they are now. Hitting bulls-eyes won't help you in civil life.

(Exit Lance-Corporal Atkins).

C.O. : And now, gentlemen, we must be going. It is ten o'clock, and in half-an-hour the General promises us a most interesting lecture in the lounge of the Recreation Room on "The relative value of the Rifle and Mouth-Organ in the British Army."

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

Singapore,
April 30th, 1907.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

When the measure of the months is the date for forwarding Q.O.G. Correspondence, they seem indeed to pass quickly. There is plenty to chronicle, and the only difficulty is to know where to begin and how to finish.

You will receive this month, for the first time, correspondence from two new institutions, "The Queen's Own Boxing Club" and "The Queen's Own Amateur Dramatic Club." Both of them are in a flourishing condition, and the aim of both, besides giving the opportunity for practicing the respective arts they represent, is to afford amusement and interest at "isolated Tanglin."

The Boxing Club held its first competitions on April 9th and 15th, and a very successful entertainment was the result.

The Dramatic Club offers attractive programmes about once a fortnight, and the attendance at the performances, which started well, and are improving, shows that they are appreciated.

Football, Cricket, Hockey, and Shooting are all flourishing.

The League tables are enclosed. In the competition for the Warren Football Shield, F Company beat the 41st Company R.E., by 5 goals to 1; C company defeated E Company after a good game by 1 goal to nil; and A Company were beaten by H Company by 4 goals to 1. The next round is to be played by May 18th.

In the Warren Tug-of-War Competition, the 78th Company R.G.A. beat A Company, pulling them over fairly easily. F Company defeated G after a better fight, and D Company beat E. The conditions are that the best two of three "all over" pulls count a win, so that it is a great test of endurance. In the heat between D and E Companies, the first pull lasted 13½ minutes, and was won by E, who pulled their opponents over after being within three men of the line themselves. One of their team was so exhausted by this that he was unable to "come up to scratch" for the second time, so that D Company had things all their own way, and E Company scratched to them before the third pull.

Captain Lister arrived from the Depot on the 14th, and took over command of E Company, which he found at musketry.

A Cyclist Section is being started in the Battalion, and a consignment of new bicycles arrived from England at the end of the month.

The Long Cup was shot for at the beginning of the month, and was won by Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Thorne, with Lance-Sergt. Crisford second.

2nd Battalion Correspondent.

THE "QUEEN'S OWN" DRAMATIC CLUB.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Perhaps a word or two about an altogether new organisation (at least, with us in Singapore), named "The Queen's Own Amateur Dramatic Club" would not be amiss, especially as their entertainments have helped to vary and enliven the monotony of isolated Tanglin.

Well, an entertainment was given by them on Monday evening, April 1st, in the Regimental Theatre, under the able managership of Sergt. Stringer. The club is, to an extent, self-supporting, and more or less in its infancy, so great things are hardly to be expected of it as yet, although its development is very marked, and the confidence necessary for would-be performers is gradually becoming noticeable in its members. Their first entertainment was given on the evening of Boxing Day, and, up-to-date, their concerts have been very pleasing, and are eagerly looked forward to. Of course, there are some well-known and very old hands in the club, and they, no doubt, give the stimulus to the younger members whose ambition it is to shine before the regimental footlights. The President is Second-Lieut. Graham, with the Rev. Mr. Hunter as vice, and, next in order, comes the manager, Sergt. Stringer, who is a most zealous worker, in his endeavours to make the club a complete success in its endeavours to please. Terpsichore, is, up-to-date, the only muse conspicuous by its absence, but it is hoped that one or two will be found in the Battalion to do her homage. Of the vocal element, some of the best known are, perhaps, Pte. Reading, James, Runnicles, Needham, Graham, Donoghue, Corpl. Hatton, Lance-Corpl. Christie, with Vile, and Sergt. Childs as instrumentalists, not forgetting our friend, Padorowski II., Pte. Blake. These are only a few, but as the club has about 25 on its roll, you will see we have a "Stringer" talent, we "Needham," and would "Gibbo" lot to see some more come forward, especially one or two dancers, but up-to-date we "Donoghue" will, but should this meet the eye of lovers of the terpsichorean art, we hope they will enroll themselves, and prove the Q.O.G. as good an advertising medium as the "Era" or "Stage." The programme of Monday's entertainment was as follows : Lance.-Corpl. Sharpe, song, sentimental, "Love or Gold"; Pte. Donoghue, coon song, "I want to go away back home"; Pte. Needham, laughing song, "Bekase I'm always like it"; Pte. Reading, descriptive song, "Is London like it used to be"; Pte. Reading, sentimental song, "If the bird is as good as its cage"; Ptes. Blake, Runnicles and Vile, farce, "The London Buskers"; Pte. Graham, serio-comic, "The Registrar"; Pte. James, serio-comic, "That Cat"; Pte. James, serio-comic, "Gallant Deeds"; Pte. Priddy, Japanese song, "My Cherry Blossom"; Pte. Reading and Corpl. Hatton, gymnastic absurdity; Pte. James, parody, "Mr. Brown"; Pte. Needham, comic, "Oh ! Oh ! Oh !" Then after an interval of ten minutes the sketch "Justice at Last," was enacted : Judge, Corpl. Hatton; Hon. Bolinbroke (son of Lord Bolingbroke), Pte. Vile; Lady Bolingbroke, Lance.-Corpl. Sharpe; Sydney Ferrors, Pte. Graham; Victor Bellion (friend of family), Pte. Reading; Poacher Dick, Pte. Blake; Poacher Tom, Pte. Cripps; Counsel for Defence, Pte. Donoghue; Counsel for Prosecution, Pte. Cummings; Gamekeeper, Pte. Brown; P.C. Brown, Pte. Ryan; Butler to Lord Bolingbroke, Pte. Needham. The whole turning out a great success.

On the 26th another entertainment was given, and it really went down very well indeed, as the programme below will amply verify. Pte. Needham was at his best, and the same can conscientiously be said of the remainder. The sketch was without a doubt the best staged by the club. Sergt. Childs acted as manager for Sergt. Stringer, who, unfortunately, met with an accident on the football field. He carried out the duties very creditably. The following is the programme: Comic song, "He put the idea in my head," Pte. Needham; sentimental song, "Nancy," Lance.-Corpl. Tyson; comic song, "To-night's the night," Pte. Graham; sentimental song, "Colombo," Pte. Runnicles; serio-comic song, "My Aerophone," Pte. Ryan; farce, "A rough house," Corpl. Hatton and Pte. Reading; comic song, "There's always room for a girl," Pte. Donoghue; sentimental song, "While I am with you," Pte. Reading; comic song, "That's where I come in," Pte. Needham; descriptive song, "Where the sunset turns the ocean blue to gold," Lance.-Corpl. Tyson; knockabout turn, "The Two C's," Cripps and Christie. After the interval the following is the caste of the sketch, "Demon of the Cellar," which went down very great indeed:—Jasper Skinner (miser), Pte. Needham; Jack (his brother), Corpl. Hatton; Mary (housemaid), Pte. Blake; Tommy (a soldier), Pte. Runnicles; Dusty (local dustman), Pte. Cripps; Bobby (policeman), Pte. Vile; Professor Bunkum (scientist), Pte. Brown. Scene: A Room in Jasper's House. The whole terminated about 11 p.m. with the National Anthem. Several extras and encores were given, but it would be encroaching on too much space to give them in detail.

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"THE QUEENS OWN" BOXING CLUB.

An enjoyable Boxing Entertainment took place at Tanglin Barracks. The competitors were all men who had not put in an appearance in the ring. The greatest keenness was shown throughout, and the boxing was closely followed by a large number of spectators, both winners and losers being heartily applauded after each bout. All the arrangements were excellent, and considerable promise was shown by several of the competitors, chiefly by Ptes. Bexon and Baker, who put up some very pretty sparring, and who, with practice, should turn out first-rate exponents of "the noble art." The competition was divided into four classes, feather-weight, light-weight, middle and heavy.

Event 1. Pte Baker and Edwards. The former led all through, and won fairly easily on points.

Event 2. Ptes. Ott and Pierce. This was very quickly finished, Ott bringing in some heavy body blows, and knocking his man out in the first round with one on the mark.

Event 3. Young and Winter. This was evenly contested, the latter winning by a small margin in the 3rd round.

Event 4. Barrett and Herbert. This was quickly over, Herbert accounting for his man in the first round.

Event 5. Bexon and Robinson. A very good bout, the former showing superior science, but his opponent stuck to him gamely throughout. Bexon has a very good style, and goes in for body blows, far more effective than hitting at the head, which is the fault of most novices, being possibly more showy.

Event 6. Miller and Hill. Some hard hitting was shown in this bout, Hill getting the better of the first round. In rounds two and three, however, Miller showed skill in evading Hill's blows, and won on points. Hill must get rid of his "windmill" hitting if he is to make a good boxer; he leaves himself open all the time.

Event 7. Simmons and Purchase. A very evenly contested bout. Purchase showed superior skill in the last two rounds, and won on points.

Event 8. A bye between Lance.-Corpl. Kirby and Pay. Lance.-Corpl. Kirby was giving an exhibition, and won easily. He, of course, is no novice, and in fact should prove a tough customer to tackle, his footwork being very neat.

Event 9. Knight and Arms. A very good bout, and very evenly contested, but Arms was able to make use of his superior reach, and obtained the verdict on the third round.

Event 10. Herbert and Bexon. What promised to be an interesting bout was marred by the foul hitting of Herbert, who was several times cautioned for hitting too low, and finally Bexon was declared the winner, being badly fouled by Herbert. Bexon is far the better of the two, but Herbert should make a good boxer if he will hit higher.

Event 11. Purchase and Baker. This was quickly finished, Baker proving too good for his man. Baker should make a very pretty light-weight boxer.

Event 12. An amusing "exhibition" (sic), between Kemp and Rennick, though if taken seriously both evidently know quite a bit about the game.

The finals were unable to take place, owing to lack of time, and were postponed.

The finals of the Novices' Competitions took place on the 15th April. The boxing was of a good class, and the various bouts caused much enthusiasm in the crowded house. Pte. Bexon was without doubt the hero of the hour. He won both the light and middle-weight competitions, and also shared with Pte. Arms the prize for the best bout during the contest. Most of the fights were extraordinary close. In two cases, Lance-Corpl. Miller v. Pte. Robinson and Dr. Knight v. Pte. Kemp, an extra round had to be fought before the judges could pick out the winners. The contest between Lance-Corpl. Simmons and Pte. Young was also a very close thing, many of the audience thinking that Pte. Young would get the verdict. The winner of the feather-weights, Pte. Baker, showed exceptional promise. These few notes would not be complete without a word of thanks to C.M.S. Wright, A.G.S., for his splendid display of Indian club swinging.

The following were the officials:—

Referee, Mr. C. Hill.
Judges, Captain Lister Mr. A. G. Bolingbroke, and Mr A. Beadsworth.
Timekeeper, Sergeant. Childs.
M.C., C.M.S. L. Wright, A.G.S.

F COMPANY.

March, 1907.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Just a few lines of correspondence which will come as a great surprise to you, I expect you are forgetting that there is a F Company in the 2nd Battalion. Anyhow, if you overlook it this time we will promise you plenty in future, also now the Battalion has got together we have got plenty of news, especially now the different Leagues are about to start. We are at present just on the beginning of the Football, Hockey, and Cricket, we also have a Tug-of-War contest amongst the Garrison. The Royal Garrison Artillery has the reputation of having a good team, but I hope to see the Royal West Kents break the record here, and let it be an Infantry Team bring it away for once, I am sorry to say at the present time the training arrangements are very poor, we have not sufficient ropes, and this seems a difficult place to get one. Referrring to Cricket again, our Company played C Company, and we are very sorry to own up we were very sadly

defeated a large margin of 51. C Company elected to bat first, and our Company managed to get them out for 82 runs, we were all greatly disappointed to see our team all out for 31, for we really expected to see a good score, but I must say it appeared as if our luck was fairly out, for even our last player did not stand very long, but we don't say die yet, for we have a long time to go yet. Of course we lost a very good sportsman by Sergt. Mills being transferred to B Company, on promotion to Colour-Sergeant, for everyone knows how keen a sportsman he always was, and ever willing to play, or encourage sport of any kind. We have had the pleasure of playing the Royal Garrison Artillery and the Royal Engineers at Blaki Mati, a small island just off the east coast, both of these teams hold a very good reputation for football, especially the former, who beat us by 2 goals to 1, a very hard game indeed, but the Gunners were slightly too good for our team. In any case practice makes perfect, and our old and new players who have arrived by the draft, have to get a little used to each other's play, we should have a very good team with a little good training, and we hope to be able to forward to you some very good accounts by our next month's correspondence. Musketry has started, commencing by G Company, 16 men and 2 N.C.O.'s of our Company doing butt marking for them. After G Company finished, F relieved them, and the same number of N.C.O.'s and men of G marking for F Company; the course finshed up fairly well, I believe. We were all very pleased to hear of the good name of our 1st Battalion on leaving for home. We played a friendly game of football with the Y.M.C.A., at Singapore, and were successful in beating them by 2 goals to 1, but our team was rather weak, as two of our forward line were under medical treatment for a short while, but we hope to see them back here again in a few days. We are far more satisfied with this country than North China, for about this time last year we were passing our spare time away with skating, not so here, for we are very near the equator, so, naturally, the sun is much hotter. We hear that we are going to receive the new rifles and equipment shortly, and that most of the Battalion will fire with them this year. Everyone is anxious to see them, and to be measured for the butts, anyhow the Derbys, who have fired with them, give them a very good name, they say they are more accurate than the Lee-Enfield; if so, we should pull up a great deal in musketry this year. There is nothing to say against the range, but the peculiar light sometimes affects the firing, it is very hard to see, as was the case in a good many instances where one hit; in fact, one point, would have saved service or proficiency pay. I give an account of a football match which I was requested to forward to your, played at Alexandra Range between our butt markers attached to G Company versus G Company, the teams were called Bulls-eyes versus Upper Bands. We do not wish to impress upon our readers that this is all Tommy Rot, as a few enjoyable and friendly matches like these are few and far between, and they are something out of the common; just a change to have one of these once now and then, just to while away a few fleeting moments. We have ordered our Bull Eye Rovers (i.e., butt-markers), to unpack their portmanteaus and bring out their old caps, which have been stored away in some secret recess, and just show the (Upper Band Snatchers) G Company their abilities with regard to football. In consequence of a deficiency of space, the teams elected to play on the Rifle Range. Appended is the result of the match, which was witnessed by a great many spectators from all parts of the town of Alexandra, including the Company's Club. On the teams meeting, the captain won the toss in favour of the Bull's Eye Rovers. On the whistle sounding, the ball was soon close to the goal of the Upper Band Snatchers, but was cleared by May. Presently a hard shot was rebounding when it was met by Lesman, who scored a well deserved goal for the visitors. Resuming play, the U.B.S. were again attacked, but no further score was made when half-time came. Resuming play, the home team endeavoured to equalise, and after some cross play Homewood succeeded in doing so. No more goals were added, the game resulting in a draw. The teams were as follows:—Bull's Eye Rovers: Pte. Patching, Pte. Taylor, Pte. Leaman, Pte. Arms, Pte. Adams, Pte. Purnell, Pte. Dutfield, Pte. Cox, Pte. Page, Pte. Montague, and Pte. Blackall; Upper Band Snatchers: Pte. May, Pte. Alexandria, Pte. Prince, Pte. Burch, Pte. Spencer, Pte. Harvey, Lance.-Corpl. Wilton, Corpl. White, Pte. Glare, Pte. Saker, and Pte. Homewood.

F Company Correspondent.

Tanglin Barracks,
Singapore,
May 2nd, 1907.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I now send these few lines to you, hoping that they will interest the readers of the Gazette. A Company have just finished their annual course of field training, which passed off very well, considering. We expect to start musketry about the 28th of May. Captain Tulloch is giving a shield for the best section, and I daresay there will be plenty of excitement over it. The Company played H Company in the League, and after a very good game drew with them. In the Warren Shield we were not so fortunate, as we got beaten by the same Company by 5 goals to 1. We played B Company at cricket in the League, and fared very badly, B Company beating us by 120 runs. Their Company played the Warders a friendly at football, beating them by 2 goal 1. We have not played hockey in the League yet, but I think the Company should give a fair account of themselves. This is about all this time, but I will let you have more the next time. I now draw this epistle to a close by remaining, yours truly,

H Company's Correspondent.

H COMPANY.

Singapore,
May 1st, 1907.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I am afraid that I have been rather slack lately in sending you my contributions of the Company's doings, so I will try and give you all details of the Company's doings since February. We played the Y.M.C.A. at cricket on the 4th of February, and lost by 21 runs. On the 15th we played them a return match on their ground. Winning the toss, we decided to put them in first, and after them making 79 for five wickets, they declared their innings closed. No doubt they thought that our team was asleep, and that we would only be able to get about 25—judging us on our first match; but I am afraid that they caught a cold, as our team went in and made 89 for 5 wickets, declaring on account of darkness coming on. The Leagues are now in full swing, Cricket, Hockey and Football nearly every night, besides playing off for the Warren Shield, which is being run on the cup-tie system. Our first league match was with D Company, at hockey, resulting in a win for us by 3—0. Our next league match was with A Company, at football, resulting in a draw of one goal each, after a well contested game. Our next league match was with F Company, at cricket, and I don't think that anybody was more surprised than our Company's team, when the match was over. Winning the

toss, we put F Company in to bat. We managed to get them all out for 49, and then we thought that the match was as good as won, because we were relying on several of our team to make a decent score. Capt. Druce, going in first with Lieut. Hardy, two of the best bats in the regiment, so you can imagine our feelings when Capt. Druce got dismissed for seven and Lieut Hardy for three, and the remainder of the team getting nothing, our grand total, 10 for 10. Rather a nasty defeat, still we cannot expect to win every match there is to play, so we must be contented to win one occasionally. Our next match was with A Company, at football, in the Warren Shield, resulting in a win for us by 5—1, but the score does not represent that we had everything our own way; far from it, as A Company played well, but could not shoot when in front of goal. Sergt.-Drummer Sayer put in two lovely shots, both scoring, and putting us two goals up before the game was 15 minutes' old, the remaining goals coming as the game progressed. A Company scored their goal from a penalty, for a foul in the penalty area, by one of our half-backs. Our next match was with F Company, in the Company Football Shield, resulting in a pointless draw. The feature of this game was the splendid way in which Sergt.-Drummer Sayer played back, always being there when wanted, and clearing splendidly. The Company is now at musketry, we being the first Company to fire with the new short rifle, everybody's eyes are on us to see if we are going to do some good shooting with it. Well, Mr. Editor, I think that this has just about run me out of all the news that I had, so I must now wait till I get a bit of stock in hand before I write again.

H Company's Correspondent.

2ND BATT. "THE QUEEN'S OWN" v. SINGAPORE CRICKET CLUB.

The above match was played on Saturday, April 13th, on the Singapore Club Ground. Below is the score, which shows that the match ended in a draw in our favour. Considering that we have no cricket ground of our own, and are obliged to play a sort of a kind of a game on our parade ground, the result may be considered very satisfactory. Winning the toss we batted first, and thanks to a good innings by Mr. Graham, and a fine stand by Col.-Sergt. Mills and Corpl. Browne, who added over 50 for the 5th wicket, we were able to declare with the score at 158 for 5. The Club had about 80 minutes' batting, during which we secured 6 of their wickets. Pte. Gammon bowled very steadily, and should be of great use to us in future matches. I must mention that the fielding was really quite good. Score :—

2nd Batt, The Queen's Own.	
Capt. C. Druce, c Bain, b Nesbit	6
Lieut. A. S. Hewitt, b Nicholas	6
Lieut. H. J. Dresser, b Davidson	13
Lieut. M. W. Graham, b Nesbit	36
Corpl. Browne, not out	31
Capt. F. J. Joslin, b Nesbit	0
Color-Sergeant Mills, not out	10
Lieut. N. I. Whilty, Pte. Faulkner, Pte. Sellings, Pte. Gammon, } did not bat.	
Extras	54
	158*

Singapore Cricket Club.	
Capt. Stanborough, c and b Gammon	3
Dr. Nicholas, not out	31
A. S. Bailey, c Graham, b Gammon	13
E. S. Nesbit, run out	3
Lieut. Clarke, b Joslin	6
H. Davidson, b Joslin	0
E. N. Hawley, b Gammon	2
P. Costigan, not out	1
N. K. Bain, R. D. Joynson, C. E. Cautrill, } did not bat.	
Extras	5
	64

*Innings declared closed.

Tanglin,
13th May, 1907

Dear Mr. Editor,

I forward herewith a few notes on the Musketry doings of the Battalion for the last month or so. Owing to the Battalion being split up, no Musketry Competition for the Battalion Cups, &c., was held for 1906. It was decided, however, to shoot for them after our arrival here, so the various competitions are being held as opportunity offers. I believe the Battalion Correspondent has forwarded the result of the "Eccles Cup." It is therefore unnecessary for me to repeat it.

The Musketry Meeting for 1907, will, in all probability, take place in the autumn. The prizes for this meeting are, therefore, comparatively small, no money being added to the entrance fees. Notwithstanding this, great interest has been shown, the entries for the "Eccles Cup" numbering 300. This being the case, a limit had to be fixed, and N.C.O.'s and men making under 25 at 200 yards, could not continue the competition.

We were fortunate enough to secure several of the Prizes at the Annual Meeting of the Singapore Rifle Association, to which a number of the Officers, N.C.O.'s and men belong, Q.M.S. Wood especially is to be congratulated on winning a very handsome silver cup. It is hoped that more members will join this association, as practice can be carried out on the Balestier Range at any time, up to 1,000 yards. An opportunity such as this should not be missed by budding "Wallingfords," and every advantage ought to be taken of it. In addition to the Annual Meeting a monthly Handicap Competition is held, with a silver cup as a prize.

The Battalion has just been armed with the short rifle, and we are looking forward to great results in the forthcoming Company Annual Musketry Courses.

It was found impossible to compete for the Officers' and Sergeants' Trophy for the month of March, 1907, owing to the range being under repair.

The results of the various matches, &c., are enclosed.

"MAGPIE."

Tanglin Range,
3rd May, 1907.

WESTERN CUP.

Open to ranks under that of Lance-Sergeant. Seven rounds at Practice 19, Ta le B, Musketry Regulations. The four Competitors who tied in the first practice, fired seven shots at Practice 20, Table B, Musketry Regulations.

	Practice 19. Score.	Practice 20. Score.	D.	C.
Pte. Wannell, F Co	24	10	Cup and 5	30
Lce.-Corpl. Howell, C Co	24	8	2	50
Pte. Turner, G Co	24	7	2	50
Pte. Friar, D Co	24	7	2	50
Corporal Pelling, B Co	23		1	50
Pte. Gorman, B Co	23		1	50
Pte. Toms, B Co	23		1	50
Pte. Bexon, C Co	22			75
Pte. King, F Co	22			75
Lce.-Corpl. Bishopp, D Co	22			75
,, Clarke, F Co	22			75

Tanglin Range,
3rd May, 1907.

MAUNSELL CUP.

Open to all members of the Sergeants' Mess, seven rounds at Practice 19, Table B, Musketry Regulations.

1 Colour-Sergeant Chasteneuf, E Company, 24, Cup and 5 dlrs. 00 cents.
2 Sergeant Mills, F Company, 22, 2 dlrs. 20 cents.

Tanglin Range,
5th April, 1907.

LONG CUP.

Seven rounds at 300, 400 and 700 yards (300 and 400 yards 3rd Class Figure, Bisley Rings, and 700 yards 2nd Class Bisley Target).

		Total.	D.	C.
1	Q.M.S. Thorne	82	Cup and	3 60
2	Lance-Sergeant Crisford	81	1	75
3	Colour-Sergeant Croucher	80	1	25
4	Q M.S. Wood	75		75
5	Lance-Sergeant Mills	75		75
6	Sergeant Moir	75		75
7	Sergeant Pace	75		75

RESULT OF MONTHLY HANDICAP OF OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' RIFLE CLUB.

FEBRUARY, 1907.				APRIL, 1907.			
Sergt. Russell.....	78	20	98	Sergt. Iliffe.....	71	25	96
Sergt. Seal.....	84	12	96	Lieut. Belgrave..	85	4	89
2nd-Lieut. Graham	71	16	87	Sergt. Seal	79	8	87
Q.M S. Thorne....	86 Scratch.			Sergt. Pace.....	83	3	86

MARCH—No Shooting.

THE WANTAGE RAPID FIRING COMPETITION.

Balestier Range, March 30th, 1907.

Distance 200 yards, 8 shots fired from magazine, 3 seconds allowed for each shot. Target, khaki, disc 18in. diameter, bullseye 7in., inner 12in.—invisible. Lance-Sergt. Stevens, silver cup. Score 22 H.P.S. 35.

THE GENERAL'S CUP.

Distance, 200, 500 and 600 yards. Targets "Bisley." Seven rounds each distance. First prize, Q.M.S. Wood, silver cup. Score 96. Second prize, Lance-Sergt. Stevens, silver cup. Score 93.

RUNNING MAN COMPETITION.

Distance 150 yards; target, khaki crouching figure. Third prize, Lance-Sergt. Stevens. Score 16 H.P.S. 25.

THE ROBERTS SNAPSHOOTING COMPETITION.

Balestier R nge, April 7th, 1907.

Open to Company teams of 5 N.C.O.'s and men. Distance 200 yards, 8 shots per man from magazine. Targets, khaki head and shoulders. The target appeared for 3 seconds at uncertain intervals and places. The whole of the team fired at the same target each time it appeared. First, G Company, 21 hits; one deducted for undue exposure, total 20—5 00 dlrs. each man Second, F Company, 20 hits; one deducted for undue exposure, total 19—2.50 dlrs. each man.

BATTALION AND ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY.

BATTALION.		R.G.A.	
Lieut. Hewitt.....	78	C.S M. Whelan	81
Lieut. Belgrave.....	72	Sergt. Arthur.....	75
Q.M.S. Wood	78	Col. Wright	73
Sergt. Elliott	72	Major Stansfield	70
Sergt. Seal.....	71	Sergt. Stacey	70
Lance-Sergt. King	69	Sergt. Rumsey	61
Clr. Sergt. Smith	63	Mr -Gr. Parsons.....	60
Clr.-Sergt. Mills	63	Lieut. Campbell.....	57
Grand total	566	Grand total	547

BATTALION AND SINGAPORE VOLUNTEERS, R.E.

Balestier Range, February 23rd, 1907.

BATTALION.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.
Corpl. Stevens	32	31	31	94
Lce.-Corpl. Williams	26	29	32	87
Capt. Kitson	32	27	26	85
Lieut. Hewitt.....	27	26	31	84
Lce.-Sergt. Crisford..	27	26	30	83
Q M.S Thorne.....	28	25	27	80
Q M.S Wood	30	27	23	80
Sergt. Cockle.....	26	25	25	76
			Grand total.....	669

SINGAPORE VOLUNTEERS, R.E.

Mr. Kemp.....	32	31	28	91
Mr. Murray	33	25	25	84
Mr. Chater.....	28	29	24	81
Mr. Thompson	18	28	28	74
Mr. Whorwell	24	26	25	73
Mr. Coveney.....	24	23	22	69
Mr. Cuscaden	24	27	16	67
Mr. Hall	21	24	20	65
			Grand total.....	604

BATTALION AND H.M.S. "KENT."

Tanglin Range, March 19th, 1907.

BATTALION.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.
Corpl. Stevens	27	33	28	88
Lance-Sergt. Elliott..	24	29	33	86
Lance-Sergt. Crisford	28	29	29	86
Capt. Kitson	31	26	29	86
Corpl. Turner	30	29	27	86
Lance-Corpl. Williams	29	30	26	85
Sergt. Cockle.....	27	27	30	84
Lance-Corpl. Johnson	29	26	29	84
			Grand total.....	685

H.M.S. "KENT."

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.
Lieut. Lloyd	29	29	29	87
P.O. O'Neil	29	30	25	84
C.P.O. Thompson ..	23	29	29	81
Corpl. Richardson....	28	32	21	81
P.O. Nash.....	29	32	19	80
P.O. Dunn.....	26	27	21	74
A.B. Campling.....	25	26	22	73
C.P.O. Bearham	20	27	25	72
			Grand total.....	632

LEAGUE TABLE (CRICKET).

Company.	Matches.	Points.
D	2	4
B	2	2
C	2	2
G	2	2
H	1	2
A	1	0
E	1	0
F	1	0

FOOTBALL.

Singapore,
9th, May. 1907.

Dear Mr. Editor,

On the 18th April we played a regimental football match against the S.C.C. The match was not a very good one, resulting in our scoring one goal and our opponents nil. We had been playing for nearly twenty minutes before our

forwards discovered that the Cricket Club, being one man short, were playing only one back, consequently they were always being given off-side. Sergeant Stringer, just before half-time, had to leave, being rather badly cut across his eye. Sergeant Lambe hit him quite hard with his hand, quite accidentally. For our side Corporal Travena showed up well, as did Corporal Watling and Private Beyon. Team :— Corporal Watling, goal ; Lieut. Dinwiddy and Sergt. Lambe, backs ; Col.-Sergt. Mills, Sergt. Stringer and Pte. Beyon, half-backs ; Corporal Travena, Ptes. Eastgate, Muggridge, Clements and Butler, forwards.

Yours faithfully,

"Football."

CRICKET.

E Company, 1st R.W.K. Regt. v. 40th Company, R.G.A.

This match, the opening of our season, was played on the "Danes" ground, on the 8th inst., and resulted in a win for the Artillery by 20 runs. Our defeat was mainly due to the very poor fielding on our side, the catches that were dropped being innumerable. Scores :—

40th Company, R.G.A.		E Company, R.W.K. Regiment.	
Gare, b Long	10	Crisford, b Down	2
Winkrook, b Legh	21	Woolley, c Winkrook b Stevens	4
Taylor, b do	7	Legh, c Stevens b Grover	9
Spackman, b do	6	Long, c and b Winkrook	35
Grover, c Sharp b Long	2	Doust, b do	13
Down, c Long b Crisford	22	Dinwiddy, b do	
Stevens, b Doust	16	Friedleben, c Stevens b do	3
Lynch, b Crisford	7	Sharp, c Gare b Taylor	3
Samson, b Doust	7	Evans, run out	0
Spraine, b Crisford	2	Ash, b Winkrook	1
Wheeler, not out	3	Ryan, not out	7
Extras	4	Extras	10
	107		87

MUSKETRY.

E Company have been given the Musketry Shield for the season, proving themselves the best shooting company in the Battalion. No 3 Section proved themselves the best section in the company, with an average of 206·3.

HOCKEY.

April 16th.—2nd Battalion v. Singapore Cricket Club, at Singapore. After a none too gentle game this ended in a draw, the Battalion team playing very well. Pte. Collins (in goal) especially distinguished himself.

May 7th.—Battalion v. Singapore Cricket Club, at Singapore. An extract from a local paper adequately describes, what, to the players, was a most strenuous game, and one which, had full time been played, might very possibly have ended in our favour. Thus the *Singapore Free Press* :—

"Yesterday evening on the Esplanade, the West Kents met the Club XI. at hockey, and an interesting game was witnessed. In the first half the Club team pressed and put in two goals, The military were by no means disheartened by this double reverse, and in the second portion of the game put in one goal, and then another which equalised the scores. Time went with no further scoring by either side, and the result of the game was a draw of two goals each."

Dear Mr. Editor,

Many of your readers, who have served as members of the 2nd Battalion Sergeants' Mess, will remember that a Record of Sergeants since 1824 has been kept. Many entries in this old book are "discharged to pension,"—a reader often wonders where they are and what they are doing.

It has been suggested that a small record of the civil career of members who have left the service would be of great interest to many, both now and in the future, and I shall be pleased to receive information from any old members of the above mess, acknowledging the receipt, with your permission, Mr. Editor, through the columns of the *Q.O.G.*

Yours sincerely,

F. GREY, Sergt.-Major,

2nd R.W.K. Regiment.

Singapore,
24th April, 1907.

D COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

There is little to chronicle of the work of D Company, at least out of the original routine for March and April, the work has been much the same as usual. On the 19th April we started our annual course of field training, and will be hard at it now for about six weeks. Sergeant Cox has joined us on promotion, and is posted to No. 2 Section.

Of sport, we had plenty, including boxing, in which two of the Company, viz., 7544 Lce.-Corpl. Simmons and 7912 Pte. Winter took part, the latter losing to Drummer Baker, and Simmons beating Young. Both showed good spirit in their endeavour to win, and Winter may have better luck next time.

On March 13th, D Company opened the Inter-League Competition with a brilliant win of 3—1 against B Company. The company team was as follows :—Goal, Moss ; Backs, Adams and Obee ; Half-backs, Corporal Byford, Private Pinder, and Private O'Brien (now deceased) ; Forwards, Crawley, Game, Band-Sergeant Moss, Knight and Dr. Taylor. B Company's team was :—Goal, Lance-Corporal Watling ; Backs, Repson and Jude ; Halves, Butcher, Mebrey and Miller ; Forwards, Norton, Brandon, Nowlon, Colour-Sergeant Mills and Eastgate. Outside the Company the favourites were undoubtedly B, and the result came as a surprise to a good many of the sporting element in the Battalion. Praise is due to both teams, as both were strenuous in their endeavour to win, D being successful. The play on the part of D was without a doubt splendid, and from start to finish the combination kept was all that could be desired. Corporal Byford, Taylor, Knight, Crawley and Adams worked very hard, and Moss's goalkeeping was excellent. Our next league match was with G, who beat us after a well-contested game by 1—0. In hockey we lost to H, 3—0, and G beat us 3—0, we drew 1—1 with C, and played an away with the Singapore C.C., returning victors by 4—1. We journeyed to Blackanmati to play the R.G.A. football, but the weather stopped us, and we arranged for one with C, which was started, and after scoring the first goal had to retire as the weather became to tempestuous, making it altogether impossible for play. We beat G Co. at cricket by 8 runs. We have been most unfortunate at

hockey, especially league matches, but it is hoped our luck will change. We have ample time to yet figure well in the football and cricket table, but our hockey is rather poor, and requires a little more practice.

D Company's Correspondent.

F COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENCE.

On the 26th March, 1907, we turned out a second eleven to play a friendly game of "socker" with E Company's second eleven. Our side, winning the toss, elected to defend the north goal. Some very good play was witnessed for young beginners. Practice makes perfect; therefore to train some to take the places of the first team, the second eleven must practice. Our team managed to win by two goals to one. On the 29th instant our first team turned out to play a friendly against Singapore. This really seem to put our team on its mettle, for our team drew with Singapore, and in previous matches it had mostly been opposite. We won a friendly against D Company by three to one.

We played a very exciting game of hockey against C Company. This was a league match, and play was very fast indeed. No doubt the referee had rather a trying time in this game, to satisfy both teams. To make matters worse, the ground could do with some good rolling, for the stones lying about cause the ball to curve and jump all over the place. Of course it is as fair for one as it is for another, but I firmly believe better games would be witnessed if the ground was a little smoother. We played a game of "socker" against the R.G.A., and had the satisfaction of beating them by three to one. This team as I said before, has a very good record here for all kinds of sport. We next played a match against the 41st Royal Engineers in the first round for the Warren Shield. (This is a garrison shield). We won by 4 to 1. The one scored by the R.E. was from a penalty. On the following Monday our team met H Company for the Company Shield. We managed to hold our own in this, no goals being scored on either side. We also made another draw against the S.V.C. at Singapore. I must say our team has just thought about pulling together. Of course when sending last month's doings, we had hardly got settled down to life here. A surprising and lucky game of cricket was played against H Company for the Company Shield, and though we only raised 49 runs, H Company could only knock up 10 runs, although H Company had some well-known players amongst their team. We must give our bowlers a word of praise. Musn. Orchard performed the hat trick, and Col.-Sergt. Saunders as wicket-keeper managed to prevent any byes in the whole innings, so we stand now for Regimental Shield as follows:—

CRICKET.—Played 2, lost 1, points 2.

HOCKEY.—Played 1, lost 1, points nil.

FOOTBALL.—Played 1, drawn 1, points 2.

WARREN SHIELDS.

FOOTBALL.—Played 1, won 1, points 1.

TUG-OF-WAR.

Our Dramatic Club gives us a very good turn once a fortnight, and we get some conjuring tricks and boxing in between. There has been a Queen's Own Boxing Club started, but I hope you will hear the results and doings from the Battalion Correspondent. Well, dear Mr. Editor, I hope to be able to give some good account of the above leagues next time, when they will be further advanced. We were all pleased to see one of our old sporting officers (playing for E Company), back amongst us, especially after such a good name from Colombo for rugby and football. We have the new equipment and rifles here now, and the Companies who have had some practise with it, appear to have a good opinion of it, so I must close once more.

F COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

Tanglin Barracks,

Singapore,

May 1st, 1907.

Dear Mr. Editor,

As writing time comes round again, I suppose I must contribute my mighty atom to the "Q.O.G." I'm afraid my letter this month will contain chiefly notes on Footer, but as sport is a wholesome subject I suppose it will please rather than offend. On March 28th there was a match played on the Regimental Football Ground, C v. D Cos., in our Batt. Football League Being on duty prevented me from seeing the match, but from what I've heard it was a good one. Soon after the kick-off Private A. Reed scored for C with a well-directed long shot. As usual the scoring of a goal by either team put more zest into the game, and both sides pressed hard, though it could be seen from the commencement that C's play was superior to that of the opposing eleven. However, G Company's goalkeeper managed to ward off the enemy until the whistle blew half-time. In the second half, play opened vigourously, and C Company's side showed themselves at their best. About half-way through this half C scored again from a corner, Private Thompson carrying the ball through on his head. Our men worked hard, and it should be mentioned that Private Ridley played even better than usual. There was no further scoring, and when the whistle sounded at "time" C Company retired the winners by two goals to nil.

C Company's team:—Goal, Private Sargent; backs, Lieut. Dinwiddy, and Private Yates; half-backs, Private H. Reed, Corpl. Newell, and Private Frankson: forwards, Barnes, A. Reed, Sellings, Ridley, and Thompson.

Our Company played a hockey match against F Company on April 3rd, also in the league. The game was a very hard one—plenty of hard hitting. The teams were both about equally matched, and it was a toss up who would eventually gain the victory. The general view of affairs changed, however, when Ridley managed to break away, and running up the field shot the ball between the opposite posts. As in the case with the football match this was the only goal in the first half. In the second half C's goal keeper (Private Collins) was called on time after time to defend, which he did in good style, and at the wind-up the game stood C one goal, F nil.

I must ask you to excuse this short letter, as we are on Field Training, and I don't feel up to writing after big day.

C Company's Correspondent.

RESULT OF CRICKET MATCH.

C Company.

Pte. Bexon, c and b Freeman....	9
Pte. Sargent, b Gammon.....	8
Bdsman. Faulkner, lbw b Freeman	0
Sergt. Reynolds, b Gammon....	5
Pte. Redley, b Freeman.....	2
Lieut. Yates, b Butler.....	5
Lce.-Corpl. Maynard, c and b Butler	10
Dr. Marra, b Freeman.....	12
Pte. Ervine, lbw, b Freeman....	11
Pte. Best, not out.....	9
Pte. Sellings, c Pay, b Freeman..	4
Extras.....	7
	82

F Company.

Pte. Montague, b Sellings.....	6
Pte. Pay, c Marra, b Reynolds..	6
Dr. Gammon, b Sellings.....	4
Pte. Brewer, c Sargent, b Reynolds	1
Col.-Sergt. Saunders, b Sellings..	2
Pte. Butler, st Best, b Reynolds..	4
Corpl. Freeman, b do.....	0
Pte. Patching, b do.....	0
Pte. Wannell, not out.....	4
Pte. Page, b Sellings.....	0
Pte. Crouch, b Sellings.....	0
Extras.....	4
	31

C Company's Analysis of Bowling.

	O	M	R	W
Pte. Sellings...	5·5	0	10	5
Sgt. Reynolds..	5	0	21	5

F Company's Analysis of Bowling.

	O	M	R	W
Corpl. Freeman	10	0	49	6
Dr. Gammon..	6	1	23	2
Pte. Butler....	3·5	0	11	2

F Company's Correspondent.

The Editor, *Q.O.G.*

Sir,

The subject of our Regimental Title often comes before us because it is so often wrongly described. Quite a common error is to put "The Queen's Own" between inverted commas, and often the Territorial name is not in parenthesis For the benefit of the uninitiated, and those who have not an Army List for reference, I would mention that the official title of the Regiment is :—

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

Now to turn to our mode of address. How often do we hear the term "West Kent's," and accept it as our general name? Would "The Buffs" be content to be called "East Kents," or the "Royal Scots" the "Lothians" Numerous instances can be brought forward of Regiments being addressed correctly. "The Queen's," "The Sherwood Foresters," "The King's," &c. ; and all these set the example themselves. Some may think that for the Regiment to be referred to as "The Queen's Own" would lead to a confusion with The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, but I would point out that their correct title is as quoted, without any parenthesis.

As a general rule all official correspondence is addressed to Corps by their Territorial names, but for other purposes there is no reason why we should not enforce the use of the honourable distinction which has been conferred on the Regiment.

Yours faithfully,

F. G.

Singapore,
21st May, 1907.

DEPOT NEWS.

Two squads of recruits proceeded to join the Home Battalion at Dover last month. The usual competitions for the silver medals for gymnastics and Morris tube took place, 8551 A. Thomas and 8561 H. Woodhams winning the shooting, while 8565 W. Burr and 8580 C. Pangbourne were best of their respective squads at gymnastics.

Owing to want of space at the Depot, a number of men are at present under canvas in the Barrack Field.

Lieut. Case-Morris is away at Shorncliffe with the 3rd Battalion, doing the duties of quarter-master, Capt. Couch being on the sick list.

Clr.-Sergt. S. Reeves has joined the Depot for duty, and Clr.- Sergt. Murphy has re-joined the 1st Battalion at Dover.

2nd BATTALION "THE QUEEN'S OWN" (ROYAL WEST KENT) REGIMENT.

Roll of Officers of the above Battalion, shewing stations :—

Colonel H. G. Fitton, D.S.O., A.D.C., Singapore.
Major S. H. Pedley, leave in England (leave expires November 29th, 1907).
Major E. F. Venables, Singapore.
Captain H. L. C. Moody, leave in England (leave expires August 26th, 1907).
Captain R. J. Woulfe-Flanagan, Singapore.
Captain C. E. Kitson, Singapore.
Captain C. Druce, Singapore.
Captain F. J. Joslin, Singapore.
Captain G. D. Lister, Singapore.
Captain R. M. G. Tulloch, Singapore.
Captain G. Elgood, Depot.
Lieutenant H. D. Belgrave, Singapore.
Lieutenant A. H. Pullman, leave in England (leave expires April 22nd, 1907).
Lieutenant J. F. S. Tulloh, Singapore.
Lieutenant M. J. Dinwiddy, Singapore.
Lieutenant A. S Hewitt, Singapore.
Lieutenant C. W. Case-Morris, Depot.
Lieutenant O. Y. Hibbert, Singapore.
Lieutenant G. de St. C. Stevenson, leave in England (leave expires July 7th, 1907).
Lieutenant R. A. Paget, leave in England (leave expires August 26th, 1907).
Lieutenant F. B. Humphreys, leave in England (leave expires August 26th, 1907).
Second-Lieutenant M. W. Graham, Singapore.
Second-Lieutenant H. J. Dresser, Singapore.
Second-Lieutenant W. G. Yates, Singapore.
Second-Lieutenant W. S. C. Hamley, Singapore.
Second-Lieutenant N. I. Whitty, Singapore.
Second-Lieutenant R. B. L. Bazley-White, Singapore.
Second-Lieutenant A. E. Hardy, Singapore.
Hon. Lieutenant and Quartermaster T. Sumner, Singapore.

Singapore,
1st May, 1907.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

7666 Lce.-Crpl. A. Jones has been awarded a signalling certificate.

No. 6566 Sergt. F. Cripps has passed a class of instruction in cooking.

4957 Sergt. H. Childs has re-engaged at Singapore for "The Queen's Own" to complete 21 years' service.

6602 Pte. R. Hill, 6358 Pte. W. Wilson, and 8171 Pte. G. Mortimer embarked at Singapore for London in the s.s. *Chalchas* on the 18th April, 1907, having been invalided home.

The following N.C.O's and men have passed a class of instruction in "Sanitation" :—3608 Pioneer-Sergt. J. Keyte, 7316 Lce.-Crpl. E. Allison, 8113 Pte. G. Croft, 8115 Pte. T. Perkins, 5278 Pte. J. Rodgers 3974 Pte. F. Roberts, 6009 Pte. H. Loader, 4430 Pte. E. Gowers, 3957 Pte. M. Bearham, 6390 Pte. C. Taylor, 3593 Pte. W. Hanson, 6414 Pte. J. Luckhurst, 8047 Lce.-Corpl. W. Colebrooke, 6481 Pte. T. Barnett, 8018 Pte. A. Braithwaite, 6101 Lce.-Corpl. H. Styles,

4983 Pte. W. Brewer, 5531 Pte. H. Briginshaw, 6263 Pte. W. Diplock, 6136 Pte. J. Cooper, 5472 Pte. W. Thomas, 7304 Pte. W. Pearson.

The undermentioned N.C.O's and men have been grantey Good Conduct Badges as stated:—7486 Pte. W. Puxtd awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated 14/3/07; 5842 Pte. A. Long restored 2nd G.C. Badge, dated 2/4/07; 6602 Pte. R. Hill granted 1st G.C. Badge, dated 19/3/07; 6254 Pte. J. Priddy restored 1st. G.C. Badge, dated 19/3/07; 7919 Pte. A Heath awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated 13/4/07; 6801 Pte. J. Cox awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated 7 4/07; 4471 Lce.-Corpl. R. Hunt restored 1st G.C. Badge, dated 26/4/07; 7927 Pte. C. May awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated 10/4/07; 7996 Pte. W. Upton awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated 26/4/07; Pte. J. Bloomfield restored 1st G.C. Badge, dated 5/4/07; 4894 Pte. M. Fisher restored 2nd G.C. Badge, dated 2/4/07.

3RD BATTALION NEWS.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

On the 27th May the recruits assembled at Maidstone for musketry, and proceeded to St. Martin's Plain. The weather was bad throughout the fortnight, especially while the recruits were firing at the longer distances, but the results —though not so good as last year—were satisfactory.

On the 10th June the remainder of the Battalion, under the command of Colonel Farquharson, assembled at Maidstone, proceeded by special train to Shorncliffe, and on arrival were met by the Drums of the 3rd Battalion, "The Buffs," who are doing their training on St. Martin's Plain. Soon after reveille the following day the Companies commenced their preliminary musketry, Morris Tube, etc. This was temporarily interrupted by a sudden visit from the G.O.C. in Chief, Lord Methuen, on the 13th, who inspected half the Battalion at musketry, and then saw the remainder at Company Training, afterwards visiting the Lines and Regimental Institutes.

Our friends, the 3rd Buffs, left the Camp on the 17th June for a week's march through Kent, before they are dismissed on completion of their training.

Firing is now going on at the Hythe Ranges. This week our reveille goes at 3.30 a.m. daily, the dinner hour varying from 10.30 a.m. to about 6 p.m. The men seem to enjoy their daily March to Hythe, and are very keen on their marksmanship.

As regards officers, we are two Captains below our establishment, their places being filled by attached officers, our strength on the Plain being over 700, while about 130 recruits are at the Depot. This, taking into consideration the fact that we supply about 400 men to the Regular Army every year, is not bad; a notable feature of this year's training is the number of 12 years' men who have re-enlisted into the Militia, many of whom have served in the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Regiment.

3rd Battalion Correspondent.

Lieut. A. M. Mackenzie Penderel has been appointed Musketry Instructor, vice Captain C. M. Allfrey.

Captain J. S. Masterman has obtained a satisfactory report after attending a School of Instruction at Chelsea.

RIFLE MATCH.

On the 13th the 1st Batt. "The Queen's Own" and the 3rd Battalion met on the Rifle Range at Hythe. The latter, who were slightly handicapped by all having fresh rifles, lost by 57 points.

1st Battalion.		3rd Battalion.	
Sergeant Kevan	92	Color-Sergeant Pond	91
Lieutenant Adams	91	,, Osborne	87
Sergeant Selves	87	,, Wimhurst	87
Lance-Sergeant Brown	87	,, Dugay	85
Color-Sergeant Saunders	85	,, Hyde	84
Armour-Sergeant Ashby	83	Sergt.-Major Grellier	82
Lance-Sergeant Maslin	83	Sergeant Nicholson	77
Captain Grant	81	Color-Sergeant Bass	74
Color-Sergt. Dark	78	Q.M.S. Bourne	62
Sergeant Brown	77	Captain Masterman	58
	844		787

VOLUNTEER PERMANENT STAFF.

Colour-Sergeant R. W. Silver, 2nd Battalion, has been selected to fill a vacancy on the Permanent Staff of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion "The Queen's Own."

Colour-Sergeant A. E. Wood, 1st Battalion, has been posted to the Permanent Staff of the 1st Volunteer Battalion.

Colour-Sergeant H. Parry, Permanent Staff 1st. Volunteer Battalion, has been discharged to pension after 23 years' service.

BIRTH.

At 61, Church Road, Gorleston-on-sea, on the 14th June, 1907, the wife of Capt. and Quarter-master E. W. Brown of a son, John Weyer.

DEATH.

No. 8274 Pte. G. Kemp, died at Singapore, 13th May 1907, heat stroke.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood.—Major-General E. Leach, C.B., the Colonel of The Queen's Own Regiment, to be Ordinary Member of the Military Division of the Second Class, or Knight Commander the most Honorable Order of the Bath. (Supplement to the *London Gazette*, 25th June, 1907.

Captain and Brevet Major Hubert Isacke, The Queen's Own, is seconded for service on the Staff. Dated 1st June, 1907.

Capt. John W Nelson, from the Northumberland Fusiliers, to be Captain supernumary to Establishment. 3rd July, 1907.

2ND BATTALION.

APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORAL.—No. 8105 Pte. A. Mitchell, dated 17th April, 1907.

APPOINTED DRUMMERS.—5965 Pte. E. Hatch and 7764 Pte. Pte. H. Lythall, dated 1st April. 1907; 8240 Boy C. Guess, and 5490 Pte. J. Marra, dated 15th May, 1907.

DEPOT.

PROMOTED CORPORAL.—No. 6549 Lce.-Corpl. W. Western, dated 11th June, 1907.

APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORAL.—No. 5944 Pte. J. Moreton, dated 1st June, 1907.

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The Officer commanding the Depot acknowledges with grateful thanks the receipt of the undermentioned donations to the above fund :—

Major W. E. Rowe	1	0	0
Colonel W. G. Western, C.B.	1	0	0
Captain H. L. Moody	1	0	0
Lieutenant G. E. St. C. Stevenson	0	5	0

The Editor begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contributions to *The Queen's Own Gazette* :—

Major Griffiths-Boscawen, Captain Burbury, Captain Hitchens, Brigade-Surgeon Owen-Owen, Captain Lattimer, Mr. J. Knight, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Parry, Mr. J. Redmond and Major Pine, all up to 31st December, 1907.

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

We are now in the midst of Battalion training, and are therefore having a very busy time.

As I anticipated in my last letter, C Company were easy winners of the Tug-of-War Shield, E Company were runners up, and D Company turned out a good team.

We have plenty to get through in July, before going on manœuvres. On the 17th we are going to hold athletic sports in a small way. This will be the first time for many years that the Battalion has had sports, and so we are only venturing on a few events this time. We hope, however, that if they are a success, we shall be able to return to having annual sports on a larger scale in future years. We are also starting the cricket competition for Major Style's shield. Owing to the garrison ground not having been ready for play before, the competition this year has got to be decided on the "knock-out" system, instead of on the league system, as was done last year. Last year this competition was an immense success, and the companies took a great interest in it right up to the last match. It is a pity it cannot be played off in the same way again. However, I think it will be very evenly contested, as all the companies appear to be more or less equal.

The competition to decide the winner of Colonel Harrison's Shooting Cup is also to be held this month. The Sergeants are beginning to look upon the cup as their own property, but the Officers intend to make them fight, or rather shoot, for it this year. There are many good shots in the Battalion now, and all ranks are very keen on shooting, so that whoever wins the cup, will have to do something out of the ordinary.

At the Lydd rifle meeting last month, the Battalion came out well in the individual competitions. Clr.-Sergt. Saunders, I believe, did best, winning quite a large sum of money in prizes.

On the King's birthday the Battalion took part in the parade on the sea front, where a feu-de-joie was fired, and afterwards the troops marched past in column of half companies. In the afternoon the annual outing for the women and children took place, an account of which I enclose.

At cricket we have not been very successful as the Battalion team is decidedly weak. We have played three matches, two of which we have lost, and the third somewhat ingloriously drawn. On June 14th against Dover, we made 102 (Capt. Norman 24, Lieut. Ingram 23, Pte. Butcher 20), and our opponents then made 191 for 8 wickets. On the 26th we went to Canterbury to play St. Lawrence, who had a strong team. They made 327 for 6, declared and got us

out for 84 (Lieut. Waring 21, Pte. Barrow 12). On the 29th we played the Buffs, and just succeeded in saving the match by playing out time. I enclose the full score. Since writing the above, two more matches have been played. On July 5th, Officers v. Sergeants, which resulted in an easy win for the Officers, and of which I enclose the full score. On July 6th, v. St. Lawrence, Canterbury, we had some terrible leather-hunting, one of our opponents scoring 213 not out. Thanks, however, to a good innings by Pte. Butcher, we again just managed to play out time. Our chief scorers were Pte. Butcher (54 not out), and Lieut. Waring (28).

1st BATT. R.W.K.R. v. 1st BATT. THE BUFFS.

Played at Dover on June 29th. Score :—

The Buffs—Lieut. L. Howard Smith, st Butcher b Barrow 103; Capt. Williams, b Legard 14; Lieut. G. Lee, b Fisher 4; Pte. Templeton, b Legard 30; Pte. Lowe, c Fisher b Legard 8; Pte. Hills, c Smith b Legard 8; Lieut. R. S. Friend, c Butcher b Barrow 37; Lieut. H. S. Hardy, c Whitmore b Legard 22; Lieut. P. S. B. Hall, not out 0; Extras 6; total (innings declared closed), 232. Corpl. Blackman and Dr. Pollard did not bat.

Royal West Kent Regt—Lieut. F. Fisher, b Templeton 21; Lieut. H. A. Waring, not out 56; Lieut. G. B. Legard, b Templeton 4; Corpl. Somerville, b Templeton 0; Capt. T. P. C. Smith, c Hardy b Williams 18; Capt. E. H. Norman, b Lowe 2; Pte. Butcher, c sub b Templeton 2; Lieut. C. R. Ingram, c sub b Templeton 2; Lieut. H. J. Vicat, c Lowe b Howard Smith 3; Pte. Barrow, b Templeton 9; Pte. Whitmore, not out 5; Extras 12; Total 134.

OFFICERS v. SERGEANTS 1st R.W.K.R.

Played at Dover on July 5th.

The Officers—Lieut. F. Fisher, c Walker b Reynolds 2; Capt. P. M. Robinson, retired 151; Lieut. H. A. Waring, b McNamara 36; Capt. H. D. B. Dunlop, c Doe b McNamara 5; Capt. T. P. C. Smith, c McNamara b Bellion 32; Lieut. G. B. Legard, not out 47; Lieut. C. R. Ingram, not out 44; extras, 17; total (innings declared closed) 334. Capt. E. H. Norman, Lieut. F. J. Hearle, Capt. H. W. Snow, and Lieut. J. C. Parker did not bat.

The Sergeants—Sergt. Reynolds, b Ingram 60; Sergt. McNamara, b Robinson 1; Sergt. Bellion, b Fisher 13; Col.-Sergt. Murphy, b Legard 1; Qr.-Master-Sergt. Cover, b Fisher 0; Sergt. McVicar, b Fisher 0; Sergt. Williams, b Robinson 32; Col.-Sergt. Mackintosh, run out 2; Sergt. Doe, b Robinson 9; Sergt. Harris, b Hearle 0; Sergt Walker, not out 2; extras 21; total 141.

ROYAL W.K.R. v. LINTON PARK.

This annual match was played at Linton Park on July 2nd. At the outset our chances of winning did not seem very great as several of our best players were unable to get away, but, after an excellent game, we managed to win by three wickets. Rain twice stopped play, and at 6.30, when stumps were drawn, we still wanted some half-a-dozen runs to win. Mr. Cornwallis, however, sportingly allowed us to finish the match. Score :—

Linton Park—C. Murdoch, lbw b Pedley 65; C. H. B. Marsham, b Legard 12; Rev. F. Leveson-Gower, b Liebenrood 22; Rev. H. R. N. Ellison, c and b Lienbenrood 77: E. Fulcher, c Liebenrood b Pedley 14; G. H. Drummond, b Liebenrood 0; C. Severne, lbw b Liebenrood 8; G. G. Waterhouse, c Barrow b Pedley 6; A. W. Cornwallis, b Liebenrood 4; C. Edwards, b Liebenrood 0; F. S. W. Cornwallis, not out 8; extras 13; total 229.

R.W.K.R.—Capt. Keenlyside, c Ellison b Severne 7; Capt. Robinson, c Fulcher b Drummond 28; H. A. Waring, c Marsham b Waterhouse 57; F. Liebenrood, c Leveson-Gower b Ellison 10; Major Pedley not out 33; Captain Barrow, c F. S. W. Cornwallis b Waterhouse 16; Capt. Smith, c Marsham b Ellison 33; F. Fisher, c and b Ellison 7; G. B. Legard, not out 13; extras 26; total 230. Capt. Norman and Capt. Elgood did not bat.

CRICKET.

INTER-COMPANY SHIELD COMPETITION.

FIRST ROUND.—E COMPANY v. G COMPANY.

This match resulted in a win for E Company by 14 runs. Score :—

E Company.—Legh, b Wood 2; Whitmore, c Somerville b Wood 13; Long, c sub. b Somerville 2; Dinwoody, c Hutton b Somerville 10; Sergt. Brown, b Somerville 7; Carpenter, c Jones b Somerville 3; Stroud, b Somerville 2; Conden, run out 8; Sharp, b Wood 0; Sergt. Williams, run out 1; Lce.-Corpl. Woodward, not out 0; Extras 16. Total 64.

G Company.—Corpl. Somerville, b Whitmore 20; Lce.-Corpl. Wood, c Stroud b Long 7; Jones, c Stroud b Long 10; Hutton, b Long 0; Sergt. McVicar, b Whitmore 4; Cleghorn, b Long 1; Teague, b Long 0; Biggs, b Long 3; Iveagh, b Long 4; Page, b Whitmore 0; Miller, not out 0; Extra 1. Total 50.

E COMPANY v. WEST HOUGHAM.

This match was played on June 29th, on the Danes Ground, and resulted in a win for the Company by 55 runs. Score :—

West Hougham.—C. Roust, b Long 1; A. Cocks, b Legh 9; S. Pilcher, run out 2; Burren, c Stroud b Long 3; Dennett b Long 7; Bromley, b Legh 0; Smith b Long 4; H. Pilcher, run out 0; S. Cocks, b Long 2; H. Roust, c and b Legh 7; Tanter, not out 4; Extras 9. Total 48.

E Company.—Legh, b Dennett 10; Dinwoody, c Cocks b Pilcher 18; Crisford, c Cox b Burren 1; Long, b Burren 0; Stroud, run out 9; Sergt. Williams, b Tanter 15; Carden, c Smith b Pilcher 0; Sharp, c Bromley b Burren 7; Ash, c Bromley b Pilcher 2; Carpenter, not out 11; Haigh, b Dennett 13; Extras 17. Total 103.

E COMPANY, R.W.K. v. ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS.

This match was played on the Maxton Cricket Ground on the 22nd June, and resulted in a win for the company by 42 runs. Score :—

A.O.C.—Jacomb, b Long 0; Jaggers, c Haigh b Legh 1; Bardell, b Long 1; Chapman, b Legh 10; Preston, b Legh 3; Fallowfield, b Legh 2; Watson, b Legh 0; Morrison, c Haigh b Legh 5; Hale, b Legh 5; Elliott, b Long 3; Graves, not out 2; Extras, 10. Total 42.

E Company, R.W.K.—Crisford, c Jaggers b Chapman 8; Thomas, b Chapman 2; Legh, c Elliott b Chapman 15; Doust, c Hale b Jaggers 9; Haigh, c Jacomb b Jaggers 0; Long, c Elliott b Jaggers 30; Stroud, b Chapman 2; Sharp, run out 1; Ash, b Jaggers 2; Carden, not out 5; Dinwoody, b Jaggers 2; Extras, 8. Total 84.

C COMPANY, R.W.K. v. THE COUNTY SCHOOL.

This match, which was played on the Danes Cricket Ground on the 26th of June, resulted in a win for the School. Score :—

E Company.—Legh, c Jones b Dinham 37 ; Judge, run out 1 ; Crisford, c Burrows b Dinham 0 ; Long, c Jones b Dinham 0 ; Carden, st. Goodbun b Pritchard 2 ; Woodward, st. Goodbun b Pritchard 7 ; Dinwoody, not out 13 ; Sharpe, c Burrows b Dinham 8 ; Ash, c and b Pritchard 4 ; Walker, b Dinham 0 ; Bradfield, b Pritchard 3 ; Extras 5. Total 80.

The County School.—Dinham, c Crisford b Long 50 ; Pritchard, b Long 32 ; Goodbun, c and b Long 6 ; Jones, c Woodward b Long 11 ; Hall, not out 18 ; Extras 12. Total for 4 wickets 129 (innings declared closed). Burrows, Grant, Green, Gillman, Gann and Newing did not bat.

EXCURSION TO SANDWICH BAY.

The married families of the Battalion had a very enjoyable excursion on the 28th June (King's Birthday), and the following account given by one of them speaks for itself as to its success.

The news having gone round that we were to assemble at the foot of the Shaft Steps at 2 p.m. sharp caused great excitement in the "Patcheri," and much rummaging out of summer costumes and conjectures as to whether the day would prove fine ensued. However, the fates were good to us for once, and when we arrived we found an imposing array of Charabancs assembled to convey us to our destination, and getting all aboard we started at 2 30 p.m , the delay being caused by the Battalion taking part in the celebration of H.M. birthday parade. The Commanding Officer and Officers having very kindly given us a portion of the band under Band-Sergt. Ransome, and the owners of the charsabanc having provided a couple of post horns, we went off in great style, making the welkin (Snargate Street) ring.

A delightful drive of about 13 miles through some of the prettiest bits of our own county and some very old-fashioned villages brought us near our destination (Sandwich Bay), but owing to the fact that our drivers struck the wrong road we had to walk across the Deal golf links, which gave us an opportunity to stretch our legs and enjoy the keen bracing air.

Tea being quite ready, we all sat down and did justice to a good tea catered for by Dickeson and Co., and after everyone had satisfied the inner man, sports became the order of the day, and soon we were in the middle of rounders, skipping, tug of war, etc., etc., and a band of niggers under Corporal Harris provided us with plenty of laughter. Much amusement and fun (especially to the youngsters) was caused by the appearance of "Aunt Sally," Pte. Mockford, and their efforts to obtain a bullseye says much for its popularity and for his presence of mind.

Racing on the sands was then indulged in by all the children in turn, and as each one was made happy by being the recipient of a small prize nothing but smiling faces were seen when we once again assembled for our return journey. It was an ideal spot for a picnic, and we were visited by our genial Commanding Officer (Colonel Maunsell) and Captain Snow, who came while the tea was in progress.

Our return home was commenced at 7.30, and with the exception of an exchange of horses at one of the villages nothing happened to mar its success the ride was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, and we reached home about eleven p.m. all tired and happy.

The arrangements were carried out by a committee consisting of Sergt.-Major Rogers, Sergts. Brown and Allwright, Corpls. Harris and Harden, Ptes. Dufoy and Mockford, who all worked well and to whose efforts were attributable one of the most pleasant outings that has taken place in the 1st Queen's Own.

"GRENADIER."

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Having been deputed to take up the cudgel—or rather the pen—on behalf of F Company, I now endeavour to let you know a little of the doings of our Company.

On 11th May the Company proceeded by route march to Shorncliffe, en route for Lydd, for the annual course of musketry, arriving at the latter place on the 12th. After the tedious hill climbing one gets at Dover, the change to the comparative level of Lydd and the surrounding country was very welcome, but after a while the monotony of the place gradually grew upon one, and I think I am correct in saying that the majority of the Company were glad to get back to Headquarters.

Well, of our doings at Lydd there is little to record. Our shooting was only fair, and as we have to make some excuse for this, I must blame it on to the weather—or should I say the man behind the gun (?)—which was not so good as the weather in May and June generally is.

The only diversion from the usual groove of matters was a couple of impromptu cricket matches with G Company. The first was spoilt by rain after half an hour's play, G Company having made 35 for five wickets. The other ended in our defeat by fourteen runs. I am unable to give you the correct detail of the scores. analysis, etc., as the scoring book has not yet been unearthed from the debris collected after the march in.

Oh, by the way, Mr. Editor, have you ever practised an attack over about a mile or so of shingle, if not, take my tip, DON'T (capitals please, Mr. Printer), it is a most enjoyable (?) experience, but at the same time a very instructive one. The lively time comes when you advance under a covering fire, and the bullets start ricocheting all over the shop, and then when you have finished the advance and blazed your ammunition off to get superiority of fire, someone says "Charge," and off you go like a deer for about ten yards, and then you suddenly become aware that you are not running on terra firma but on shingle, and by the time you have done eighty yards you have had quite enough of the "Charge," at least that is how your correspondent felt.

One little incident has come to my notice since the arrival of the wind guage on the rifle.

Scene : Glacis, Dover.

N.C.O. in charge : "At the steamer in the harbour at 2,000, fire ! Later remarks, "Right wind blowing, three divisions of right wind."

Query by the men : "How can we get three divisions of right wind on the *aperture sight*, Sergeant ?"

Collapse of the N.C.O. in charge.

F COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

NOTE.—The Editor would suggest that by using the Radial Sight, as a special case, the collapse of the N.C.O. might be avoided.

1st BATTALION "THE QUEEN'S OWN" (ROYAL WEST KENT) REGIMENT.

Roll of Officers of the above Battalion, shewing stations :—
Colonel G. W. Maunsell, Dover.
Major R. C. Style, Dover.
Major E. V. O. Hewett, Dover.
Captain C. V. Molony, Dover.
Captain T. P. C. Smith, Dover.
Captain P. M. Robinson, Dover.
Captain T. H. C. Nunn, Dover.
Captain H. D. B. Dunlop, Dover.
Captain A. K. Grant, Longmoor, 3rd July, 1907 (M.I.)
Captain E. H. Norman, Dover.
Lieutenant J. C. Parker, Dover.
Lieutenant R. L. White, Shorncliffe (Musketry).
Lieutenant C. R. Ingram, Dover.
Lieutenant A. D'E. Knox, Aldershot (Sanitation course).
Lieutenant H. A. Waring, Dover.
Lieutenant R. G. C. Brock, Longmoor, 3rd July, 1907 (M.I.).
Lieutenant C. F. Adams, Shorncliffe (Musketry).
Lieutenant F. Fisher, Dover.
Lieutenant F. J. Earle, Dover.
2nd-Lieutenant A. K. Searight, Dover.
2nd-Lieutenant G. B. Legard, Dover.
2nd-Lieutenant B. H. F. Leir, Dover.
2nd-Lieutenant J. C. Cooke, Dover.
2nd-Lieutenant H. J. Vicat, Dover.
2nd-Lieutenant W. Wilberforce, Shorncliffe (Musketry).
2nd-Lieutenant G. E. W. Stratford, Shorncliffe (Musketry).
2nd-Lieutenant D. J. Johnston, Shorncliffe (Musketry).
2nd-Lieutenant E. F. M. Barrett, Shorncliffe (Musketry).
Captain and Adjutant H. W. Snow, Dover.
Lieutenant and Quartermaster W. J. Willis, Dover.
Dover, 1st July, 1907.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

June, 1907.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I am sending herewith Company Correspondence for May. As you will see a good many inter-Company matches at football, cricket, and hockey have been played.

H Company finished their musketry at Alexandra at the end of the month, and were succeeded by A.

C and D Companies ended up their field training with a week in camp at Blakang Mati, one of the islands defending the harbour, and were followed at field training by E and F. F Company pull the 78th Company R.G.A. in the semi-final for the Warren Tug-of-war Shield, and, should they win, will meet either B or D Companies in the final, but we fear that the Gunners have the better team. In the football B Company plays 80th Company R.G.A., and H plays the 78th Company R.G.A., and we wish both of them the best of luck.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I now send you a few lines referring to A Company's doings of the past month. To commence, the Company played E Company at cricket, and after a very good game by both sides, we lost by twenty-seven runs, E Company making 128, "A" following closely by a score of 101. Sergt. Lambe and Corpl. Cozens played well, being credited with 63 runs between them. The next match was one of hockey, played against C Company, which ended in a draw of two goals each. Of the game I cannot say anything as I was not a spectator, being, as I was, roaming for twenty-four hours. I think that is all I can tell you of league matches. The Company played a team of Warders, ending in a win for us by four goals to three, and after a very enjoyable game we returned to our respective hives and started to contemplate what would be our chances against the "Arsenal." Next month, June, the Company starts its annual course of musketry, and as we have got the new rifle, I expect to be nothing less than Walingford or a third class shot. I now bring this short epistle to a close by remaining,

Yours truly,

A COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

REGIMENTAL LEAGUE MATCHES.

FOOTBALL.—C v. F, 8th inst. A good exciting game from start to finish. C scored one goal in first half. Score at half-time, C 1, F 0. Play started briskly in second half, but F pressed hard, and our goal-keeper failing to defend too stiff shots, the result at time was F two, C one. Bexon, as usual, played a good game.

HOCKEY.—Our Company met A in the Hockey League on Tuesday, 21st inst. At first it looked an easy thing for our opponents, five of our team (including the goal-keeper) being absent, but as things turned out the unexpected happened as usual. A Company rushed our goal at the outset, and managed to score two goals before half time. In the second half our team showed better form, and in the first five minutes after re-starting made the score two all, and this was the ultimate result of a good game.

C COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

D COMPANY'S ITEMS FOR MAY.

May 1st we met F Company at hockey for the League, and after a rather one-sided game, beat them 4—0.

On the 2nd our tug-of-war team pulled E for the Warren Shield, the first pull lasting seven and a half minutes. On the second pull their heaviest man fell out, and the victory was, as a result, ours.

On the 5th we played C's second eleven at hockey, and drew 1—1.

7th we played C at football and beat them 3—2.

8th, we met E at cricket for inter-Company League, and play was, without a doubt, of a brilliant order, beating them by 111 runs. Pte. Pinder made 101 and gracefully retired, the next in order being Lieut. Belgrave, ending with the score D 168—E 57.

17th, we played H football for the Warren Shield, and lost 3—0. Defeat seemed inevitable, H's team being much heavier than ours.

Our hockey team was in rather bad form when B beat them by 5—0 on the 20th.

On the 21st the right and left half company played football, the left winning by 1—0.

On the 23rd we journeyed to Blakang Mati, played 78th Company R.G.A. football, and lost after a fine game, by 1—0.

D COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

CRICKET LEAGUE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Herewith results of cricket matches played between E and D, and E and A, played on Tanglin Barracks Parade Ground. The toss being won by D Company, took to the wickets, E Company doing the leather hunt, as it is termed. D Company were the stronger and better of the two, although E Company did their best to put on the runs, but

were unsuccessful. D Company have to thank Pte. Pinder, he being their mainstay, making his score total to 101. The match ended in a win for D by 111. E Company's Score :—

Pte. Dickenson, lbw b Pinder 0 ; Pte. Austin, b Pinder 5 ; Capt. Lister, b Pinder 8 ; Lieut. Graham, b Lieut. Whitty 31; Lce.-Corpl. Spencer, b Lieut. Whitty 1 ; Lce.-Corpl. Martin, c Brown b Pinder 1 ; Sergt. Fulshaw, st b Pinder 0 ; Pte. Hunmore, b Pinder 4 ; Pte. Sumey, b Pinder 5 ; Pte. Wyatt, b Pinder 0 ; Pte. Connor, not out 0 ; Extras 2. Total 57.

E COMPANY v. A COMPANY.

This match was more exciting than the previous, as our team went out with the intention of giving A Company their coffee, but we were mistaken. A Company was as good as we were, and have to thank Sergt. Lambe for the greater part of their score. Sorry to say that A Company was deficient of Lieut. Hewitt, who is practically the mainstay of their team, at the same time we were without Lieut. Graham, who was greatly missed. The match resulted in a win for E Co. by 26 runs. E Company's score :—

Pte. Dickenson, c and b Pte. Masters 10 ; Corpl. Ibbotson, c Lce.-Corpl. Johnson b Sergt. Lambe 10 ; Lce.-Sergt. Stevens, c Pringle b Masters 12 ; Lce.-Corpl. Martin b Sergt. Lambe 0 ; Pte. Spencer, b Pte. Masters 12 ; Captain Lister, b Sergt. Lambe 22 ; Sergt. Mills, b Lieut. Graham 13; Musician Earl, b Sergt. Lambe 1 ; Pte. Samey, b Sergt. Lambe 0 ; Pte. Hanmore, b Sergt. Lambe 16 ; Lce.-Corpl. Page, not out 2 ; Extras 29. Total 127.

E COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

Diary of Matches played by F Company, from April 25th to May 25th, 1907.

Hockey—F v. D Company, result, F won by 4 goals to 0.

F v. C (Friendly), result, C won by 4 goals to 2.

Football (League Matches), Company Shield. F v. B. Company, result, goaless draw.

F v C Company, result, F won by 2 goals to 1.

2nd Team F v. 2nd Team D Company, result F won by 2 goals to nil.

F v. Corporals of the Battalion, result, F won by 2 goals to 1.

WARREN SHIELD.

Tug-of-War, first round. F v G Company, best 2 pulls out of 3, teams, weight of 10 men 110 stone, result, F won, first 2 pulls.

2nd Round, F drew against C Company, but C scratched, giving us two points.

Football.—Warren Shield. F v. 78th Company R.G.A., result, R.G.A. won by 1 goal to nil.

F COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

Singapore.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I now take up my pen to scratch and let you know of our doings out here, so I will begin by telling you the result of our first cricket match versus the Band, which ended in our favour by 85 runs. Drummer Earle made a fine score, obtaining 82 runs, and Pte. Gammon was successful in obtaining eight wickets for 29 runs. In our next match we played the Band a return, which ended by them turning the tables on us, the Band winning by 12 runs. Pte. Gammon obtaining six wickets for 43 runs. The Drummers' team were represented by the following :—Sergt.-Drummer Sayer, Cpl. Newell, Lce.-Corpl. Newbrook, Lce.-Corpl. Maynard, Pte. Gammon, Drummers Earl, Marra, Knight, Hatch, Lythall, and Hannan.

We have also played the Band at football, resulting in a draw, 1—1. Pte. Rapson and Sergt.-Drummer Sayer playing a very nice game at back. The football team being represented by the following : Goal, Pte. Gammon ; backs, Pte. Rapson and Sergt.-Drummer Sayer ; halves, Drummers Knight, Pullen and Corpl. Newbrook ; forwards, Lce.-Corpl. Maynard, Drummers Earl, Barker, Marra and Lythall.

So you see, Mr. Editor, we have not been lazy as regards sport, but we have been very backward in letting you know how we fared out here. Well, I think I will leave off scratching as my book of notes are all used up, so I will lay my pen down to have a bucksheesh (rest). Waiting till I find a few more notes flying about to send.

DRUMMERS' CORRESPONDENT.

SINGAPORE,
May 25th, 1907.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Once again the time has come for me to take up my pen and let you know how the Company has progressed since the Battalion has been together again.

I will try to tell you how we have been getting on in the Leagues. Our first match was hockey, on March 15th, with E Company, and resulted in a win for G Company by four goals to two. We next met C Company, on March 28th, at football, and after a good game we lost by two goals to nil. On April 6th we met D Company in a cricket match, and after a good game we lost by the narrow margin of eight runs, the scores being D Company 62, G Company 54. On the 8th of April we avenged our cricket defeat with D Company by beating them at football by 1 goal to love, after a well contested game. On the 15th of April we again played our old opponents, D Company, at hockey, and were again victorious, the scores being G Company 3 goals, D Company nil. On the 29th of April we tried our luck at cricket with B Company, and after a good afternoon's sport, won by 35 runs. Scores : G 116 runs, B 81. Second-Lieut. Dresser and Pte. Turner were in good form with the bat, their scores being 36 and 28 runs respectively.

We entered a team for the Roberts Snapshooting Competition, which was shot for on 16th April, in which our team proved successful. Score, 21 points. Team—Sergt. Cockle, Corpl. Turner, Lce.-Corpl. Flinn, Pte. Walsh and Pte. Dimsdale. Coach, Col.-Sergt. Croucher.

We also entered a team for the Warren Shield Tug-of-War Competition, and were drawn against F Company, who were a better trained team and won easily.

On the 18th May we again played B in the Warren Shield at football, and after a hard fought game B were successful by two goals to one.

Well, Mr. Editor, I think I have told you all of our doings for the present, hoping to send more next month.

G COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

The following N.C.O.'s and Men have been awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education, dated May 22nd, 1907 :—

7292 Lce.-Corpls. E. Bradman, 7555 H. Beaumont, 7666 A. Jones, 5737 F. Bond, 8259 Pte. C. Gardiner.

Awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education, dated May 22nd, 1907 :—

8041 Lce.-Corpls. L. Johnson. 6413 J. Smith, 7879 J. Fathers, 8103 Ptes. R. Hickmott, 7964 T. Pryer, 7645 E. Adams, 5904 R. Gregory, 5278 J. Rodgers, 5918 H. Bullard, 5654 J. Ficking, 6005 G. Vale, 7961 S. Game, 3593 W. Hanson, 7919 A. Heath, 7705 J. Stone, 6648 S. Tusting, 6361 Cox, 6278 Reid, 6321 S. Dominey, 5645 A. Fry, 7700 J. Hoad, 8186 R. Smith, 6153 D. Sullivan, 8056 E. Thomas, 6365 H. Watts.

The following N.C.O.'s and Men have been awarded G.C. Badges as stated :

7929 Lce.-Corpls. T. Goldspink awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated May 16th, 1907 ; 7879 J. Fathers awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated May 19th, 1907 ; 6528 Ptes. C. Baker awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, dated May 12th, 1907 ; 6441 S. Barnes awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, dated May 2nd, 1907 ; 6289 J. Brooks awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated May 15th, 1907 ; 8060 H. Bishopp awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated May 17th, 1907 ; 6189 H. Brooker awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, dated May 30th, 1907 ; 5976 G. Peck awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated May 24th, 1907 ; 8056 E. Thomas awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated April 19th, 1907 ; 7848 W. Bridges awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated March 17th, 1907 ; 7946 Lce. Corpl. E. Harvie awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated May 13th, 1907.

5921 Lce.-Corpl. C. Stevens transferred to the Army Reserve with his own consent, before the expiration of his period of Army Reserve, dated May 16th, 1907.

DEPOT NEWS.

DEPOT RIFLE MATCHES.

DEPOT v. SCHOOL OF MUSKETRY, HYTHE (3RD TEAM).

The Depot Sergeants' Rifle Club tried conclusions once more with their old friends and opponents at the Ranges at Hythe. The match was very close and interesting, the Queen's Own leading by two points at two hundred yards, and eight points at five hundred, but on coming to the six hundred yards firing point, the wind, which had hitherto been fairly strong, though steady, took a fit of the jumps, which made it extremely difficult to score, in fact, our redoubtable opponents missed the target on several occasions, but eventually won by ten points. The fourth team of the school who were firing on the same range, succeeded in scoring one point more than our opponents. After the match our team was hospitably entertained by the Staff, and a most enjoyable time was spent by all. Scores :

SCHOOL OF MUSKETRY, HYTHE.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.		Total.
Q.M.S. Fox	32	32	30	...	94
S.I. Jackson	32	32	27	...	91
C.S.M.I. Smith	28	29	26	...	83
Q.M.S. Turner	28	27	27	...	82
Q.M.S. Cockayne	30	26	25	...	81
Sergt.-Major Lazell	27	27	25	...	79
Q.M.S. Williams	28	29	22	...	79
C.S.M.I. Purdon	30	26	21	...	77
	235	228	203		666

DEPOT.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.		Total.
Sergt.-Major Outten	29	27	27	...	83
Clr.-Sergt. Dugay	28	30	25	...	83
Clr.-Sergt. Pond	29	32	22	...	83
Lce.- Sergt. Redmond	29	32	22	...	83
Sergt.-Major Grellier	32	30	20	...	82
Clr.-Sergt. Osborne	29	27	25	...	81
Clr.-Sergt. Reeves	30	27	24	...	81
Sergt. Davis	31	29	20	...	80
	237	234	185		656

On the 18th July the same team came to Maidstone for the return match, being again successful, winning by thirty-three points. After the match the teams had a pleasant little drive round the adjacent country, which now that summer appears to be drawing near is looking charming. Scores :

SCHOOL OF MUSKETRY.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.		Total.
S.I. Williams	31	31	31	...	93
S.I. Raker	29	32	30	...	91
S.I. Coffee	30	31	30	...	91
Q.M.S. Cockayne	34	27	27	...	88
C.S.M.I. Halsey	31	27	26	...	84
Sergt.-Major Lazell	29	28	23	...	80
S.I. Price	30	29	21	...	80
C.S.M.I. Henderson	28	26	23	...	77
	242	231	211		614

DEPOT.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.		Total.
S.M. Outten	31	29	29	...	89
C.S. Pond	32	28	29	...	89
C.S. Osborne	31	25	28	...	84
C.S. Dugay	28	27	28	...	83
C.S.I.M. Hyde	27	21	30	...	78
C.S. Reeves	29	26	22	...	77
Sergt. Branson	28	27	21	...	76
Sergt.-Major Grellier	29	28	18	...	75
	235	211	205		651

Certificates of Education have been granted as follows:— Second Class, 7401 Lce. Corpl. W. Ney ; Third Class, Ptes. 8578 A. Harrison, 8597 C. Johnson, 8577 J. Tuppen, 8566 W. Selves, 8628 H. Pickering, 8581 F. Bolton, 8583 T. Mannerings, 8562 A. Fenton, 8609 W. Swinyard, 8598 J. Payne, 8593 A. Wickenden, 8560 H. Barnard, 8600 H. Harris, 8579 T. Nember, 8595 H. Portwain, 8561 H. Woodhams, and 8543 W. Stewart.

No. 8599 Pte. R. Page has purchased his discharge on payment of £10.

No. 6230 Lce.-Corpl. J. Bostock and 6301 Lce.-Corpl. W. Moore have been granted service pay at the rate of 7d. per diem.

No. 7471 Lce-Corpl. E. Mussell on joining the Depot for duty receives the pay of his appointment from 13th June, 1907.

No. 6062 Pte. J. Gusson embarked for home on 9th May, 1907, and is taken on strength of Depot.

No. 1610 Sergt. C. Coppin, who joined from the Royal Garrison Regiment, has been discharged with a view to pension after 14 years' colour service.

No. 7674 Lce.-Sergt. C. L. Wearn, Orderly Room Clerk at the Depot, has been granted an extension of one year in his appointment.

No. 7498 Pte. W. Leppard has been transferred to the Army Reserve from 13th June, 1907, and No. 3424 Pte. W. Mockford has taken his discharge at his own request after 14 years' colour service.

A draft consisting of 6549 Corpl. J. Weston and 13 recruits proceeded to join the Home Battalion at Dover on the 25th June, 1907.

No. 7235 Lce.-Corpl. E. Sheppard is allowed to count one year 189 days' service in the Imperial Yeomanry as qualifying service for pension under article 1146 (b) Royal Warrant for pay, etc. He is also granted service pay at 7d. per diem and two good conduct badges from 24th September, 1906.

4783 Sergt. M. Hamilton was discharged as a special case on the 10th July, 1907, on payment of £25 under para. 1805 (xiv.) K.R.

The following men being en route from 2nd Battalion, are taken on the strength of the Depot:—5815 T. Buckley, 5077 T. Frankson, 8124 A. Akerman, and 6473 A. Banks

No. 8502 Lce.-Corpl. Smith, 2029 Pte. Chapman, and 7752 Pte. Routledge having joined from the Home Battalion, are taken on the strength, 13th July, 1907.

3RD BATTALION NEWS.

On the 27th June, 1907, the members of the Sergeants Mess held a smoking concert in their mess tent, about 80 being present. Sergt.-Major Grellier, who occupied the chair, had an easy time of it, and it is surprising where the talent came from. Among our visitors were Major Boscawen and many other officers of the Battalion, the Sergeants of the Musketry Detachment of the 1st Battalion, and representatives of some of the different corps in the Garrison. Capt. Sebastian Smith, with "Hah-Hah-Hah" and "Can you shoot?" brought his audience to the verge of "Hysteria," and many were the buttons picked np the next day. Among others who contributed were Sergt. Rose, Sergt Seaton, Clr,-Sergt. Pond, Sergt. Keen, Clr.-Sergt. Wimhurst, Sergt. Haley, Mr. Holman, Clr--Sergt. Wilson, Sergt. Cull, Mr. Evans, Sergt. Connors, Capt. Beeman, Lieut. Mackenzie-Penderel, Sergt. Rogers, Q.M.S Bourne, etc. The customary toasts having been duly observed (being under canvas), a grand evening had to be brought to a close at 11 p.m.

ANNUAL SPORTS.

On the 29th June, at 2 p.m., the Battalion held their annual sports on St. Martin's Plain, and were fortunate in having "one" of the fine afternoons during the training, at their disposal. The fifteen events on the programme were keenly contested, over 600 competing, and the fact that everything, including the presentation of prizes, was over before 7 p.m., speaks well for the energetic committee, who, under the Adjutant, Capt. W. H. Annesley, rattled off the different heats and events in business-like style. Results:—

1 100 yards flat, 1 Patrick, 2 Anderson, 3 Lucy.
2 Throwing cricket ball, 1 Adams, 2 Eades, 3 Cooper.
3 220 yards, 1 Patrick, 2 Eades, 3 Lucy
4 Perm. Staff Race, 1 S.I.M. Hyde, 2 Clr.-Sergt. Tapp.
5 Quarter Mile, 1 Bird, 2 Patrick, 3 Bigginton.
6 Sack Race, 1 Loft, 2 Cooper, 3 Mannering.
7 Half Mile, open, 1 Corpl. Godden, East Surrey Regt., 2 Pte. Bird, 3rd R.W.K. Regt., 3 Pte. Rickworth, 1st Buffs.
8 Company Tug-of-War, 1 H Company, 2 G Company.
9 One Mile, 1 Duncan, 2 Simonds, 3 Bigginton.
10 Three-legged race, 1 Mills and Allen, 2 Liddfield and Dale, 3 Addington and Brissenden.
11 Affinity Race, 1 Jacobs and Cowden, 2 Lyons and Cross, 3 Scollard and Boniface.
12 Boot Race, 1 Browning, 2 Mutton, 3 Brossenham.
13 Bucket of Water Race, 1 Duncan, 2 St. John, 3 Hardesty.
14 Band Race, 1 Boy Cahill, 2 Dr. Davis.
15 Militia N.C.O.'s, 1 Pitman, 2 Tilson, 3 Worsfold.

In conclusion the winners were drawn up and received their prizes from the hands of Mrs. Farquaharson.

The Officers of the Battalion were "At Home" during the afternoon, and several past officers, including Colonel W. Bailey and Major Neve, visited the camp.

During the Training a Theatrical Company visited the Camp. Bioscope, Magic Lantern, Boxing, and other forms of amusement were provided for the men.

VOLUNTEER NEWS.

The 2nd Volunteer Battalion of the Queen's Own hold their annual prize meeting on the Rifle Ranges at Milton on Saturday, the 31st August, when the various cups and trophies and other prizes, to the value of about £70, will be competed for.

During the recent meeting at Bisley several members of this Battalion succeeded in entering the "King's" 300, while Colour-Sergeant Martin was placed in the final 100.

The West Kent Volunteer Brigade camps this year at Broadwater, Worthing, from Sunday 4th, to Sunday 11th August, 1907, the Battalion taking part therewith. Camp orders have been issued by the Commandant with Battalion orders for August, 1907. The advance party leaves Blackheath on the 31st July.

Clr.-Sergt.-Instructor A. Lee, 3rd. Vol, Batt. has been permitted to continue in the service beyond 21 years.

1ST VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

The Sergeants of the Maidstone Detachment held a smoking concert at the Victoria Hotel, Maidstone, to bid farewell to several N.C.O.'s who are retiring from the Battalion, Sergt. Davis presiding. Major C. R. Smith, Captains Garrad, Cohen, and Lattimer were present.

During the evening, Major Smith, with an appropriate speech, presented Col.-Sergts. Upton and Nickells, Sergts. Merralls and Andrews, who were retiring, with handsome walking sticks and their discharges, suitably framed.

The presentations having been made, Col.-Sergt. Nickells replied, saying he had put in a number of years' service. He started between 14 and 15 years of age in the drum and fife band. Then, when the band broke up, he joined the Rifles. Then he became a soldier. Soldiering was different at that time. The soldiers got 6d. a day, and were paid each day at noon. He served, however, for four years, and after his

discharge joined the Maidstone Companies in 1877. He had made many friends, and did not believe he had one enemy. He had been through all the grades up to Colour-Sergeant, and he was sorry his time had arrived at last (hear, hear). He hoped he would not lose sight of his old friends, and that very day, as he wanted a walk, he went round the range (laughter). He knew he was leaving some good friends in the Corps, several of whom he had brought up, and they were no disgrace to him either (laughter).

Col.-Sergt. Upton also replied, saying he had spent 27 years in the Volunteers, and had only been absent four times (applause).

Sergt. Merralls also briefly replied.

Col.-Sergt. Lockyer, in a brief but happy speech, gave the toast of the officers, and expressed the thanks of the Mess for their presence.

The toast was enthusiastically received, ex-Col.-Sergeant Cogger giving the time for "Kentish Fire."

The retiring N.C.O.'s are of course well known to many N.C.O.'s of the Regular Battalions, who will miss them on the Rifle Range and other places, but look forward to seeing their faces at social functions on future occasions.

PENSIONS.

Pensions have been granted to N.C.O.'s and men of the Regiment as follows :—

No. 964 Clr.-Sergt H. Parry, 1/9½ per diem ; 2252 Sergt. Firman, 1/6 for life ; 1496 Corpl. Wall, 1/1 for life ; 1504 Pte. G. Humphreys, 1/1 for life ; 1610 Sergt Coppin, 1/6 for life ; Corpl. Palmer, 1/3 for life ; 1143 Sergt. Griffin, 2/4 for life ; 1334 Pte. F. Hystead, who was discharged on 15th August, 1902, has been granted a pension of 8d. per diem for 12 months from 26th April, 1907.

No. 747 Pte. H. Horn, who was discharged on the 1st November, 1870, has been granted a special compassionate campaign pension of 9d. per diem from June 18th, 1907.

GARDEN NOTES.

N.C.O.'s who are contemplating employing their leisure hours in gardening, will be interested to know on the authority of a correspondent to the "Bucks Advertiser," that "a farmer has found out that by planting onions and potatoes in the same field in alternate rows, the onions become so strong that they bring tears to the eyes of the potatoes in such quantities that the roots are kept moist, and a large crop is raised in spite of drought." This discovery will doubtless be applicable to allotments, and will, of course, save much labour.

EPISODES OF WAR.

In the midst of war there are episodes which illustrate only too clearly the real feelings of two combatants, who may be thrown at one another's throats by the order of their respective governments, and yet, whilst doing their duty like human machines, at the beck and call of their general, are for the most part capable of rendering far greater acts of sympathetic generosity towards their enemies, than the ordinary civilian would be called upon to do to his neighbour in the piping times of peace. A soldier's heart is tuned to a finer pitch, no matter of what nationality he may be, and taking the average right through the armies of the world. The religious emotions in the heart of the civilian may only be temporary, but there is in times of danger that which burns true and immortal in the soul of a warrior. Apropos of this, a notable illustration of the Japanese soldiers' chivalry occurred in the trenches before Port Arthur. A Japanese private was sitting eating his rice ration under the shade of Nirusan, when suddenly a small piece of rock struck his boot. He noticed that an envelope was attached to the rock with some Russian writing on it. He took it to the sergeant on duty, who sent it off to headquarters, where it was translated. The contents of the missive proved to be the last wishes of a Russian Officer, requesting the Japanese authorities to cable to his mother in Russia. The note read something like this :—

"I know that before many hours are over our fort will be taken by you, our indomitable foe. Tell my mother that I intend to die fighting in defence of this fort with my brave comrades. I bid my mother farewell. I enclose some rouble notes to defray the expense of the cablegram."

General Nogi sent this officer's message off to Russia immediately. It was found, however, that there was a deficiency of fifteen roubles (£1 11s. 9d.) When this was made known to the regiment under the slopes of Nirusan, into whose ranks the Russian's note had fallen, each soldier made a contribution out of his deferred pay, so that their enemy above them, hidden behind his walls of masonry and sand bags, bristling with guns, should be able to bid farewell to his poor mother. The Japanese tied a note in reply to a fragment of a shell, and hurled it over the parapets into Nirusan. When the Russian Officer found that the wire had gone, and that it had cost more than he expected, he threw back a message of thanks, together with some rouble notes. He died a few days later when Nirusan was lifted skywards by a Japanese earth-mine.

(From Mr. Glossop's *Sunshine and Battlesmoke*).

MARRIAGES.

FRANCIS—GRINSELL.—At St. Cuthbert's Episcopal Church, Port Elizabeth, South Africa, on the 6th inst.. by the Rev. F. Sinden, John Llewelyn, second son of John Francis, of Nythva, Wrexhpm, Wales, to Lilian, fourth daughter of the late Major S. D. N. Grinsell, 50th ("The Queen's Own") Regiment.

At St. Luke's, Victoria Docks, on June 8th, 1907, No. 4500 Pte. T. Legg to Miss Charlotte Bigg.

DEATHS.

At Singapore No. 5555 Corpl. C. Hurley, on the 14th May, 1907. "Multiple injury." "Homicidal."

At Maidstone, Frederick James, son of No. 3627 Pte. H. Smith, aged two months.

At Maidstone, Lance-Sergt. P. Sanger (A. Res), on 17th July, 1907, of consumption.

At the Seaman Hospital, Canning Town, on 13th July, 1907, No. 6779 Pte. W. E. Newnham (A. Res.) fractured skull.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

2ND BATTALION.

PRIVATES PROMOTED LANCE-CORPORALS. — Nos. 6629 A. Ribbon, 7308 G. Ives, 7407 F. Godden, dated 9th April, 1907; and 5227 Pte. J. Metcalfe, dated 27th April, 1907.

APPOINTED PIONEERS.—No. 7301 E. Blencowe and 7331 Pte. L. Jones, dated 12th June, 1907.

DEPOT.

PROMOTED CORPORAL.—6553 Lance-Corporal F. Mears, dated 23rd July, 1907.

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Our time has been fully occupied this last month with Battalion training, cricket matches, sports, etc. The chief excitement in Dover during the month has been the county cricket match between Kent and Gloucestershire. The officers of the Battalion joined with the officers of the Buffs in providing a tent on the ground, and, judging from the numbers who availed themselves of it, it was evidently most popular, in fact, I believe that something like 600 people had tea in it on one day of the match.

The cricket competition for Major Style's shield has been decided during the month. The following is the result, from which you will see that A Company is the winner :—

First Round—A beat F, E beat G, D beat H, B beat C.

Semi-Final—A beat E, D beat B.

Final—A beat D.

I enclose the scores in the different matches.

I also enclose an account of some small sports which were held on the Glacis on the 17th, and some which took place at Shorncliffe for the recruits, who were there at the time for musketry and so unable to enter for any of the events at Dover.

I am also sending accounts of the annual shoot for the best shot of the Sergeants, the best shot of the Corporals and Privates, and the competitions for Colonel Harrison's Cup, Major Rowe's Cup, and the Regimental Bowl. As you will see, the Sergeants still retain Colonel Harrison's Cup, though Lieutenant Adams very nearly caused its removal from their mess.

The Sergeants held their usual smoking concert and distribution of prizes on the 26th, a description of which is given elsewhere.

The Battalion team has now finished its cricket season, and three more matches have taken place since my last letter. On the 16th we were beaten by the Buffs. We made 164 (Lieut. Fisher 63, Captain Robinson 35, Lieut. Ingram 30), and got six of their wickets for 100, but then our bowling was collared and they hit up a large score. On the 17th we drew with the Dover Wednesday C.C. Captain Robinson made 115, and the next best score was 20 by Captain Smith. On the 20th we played the East Yorkshire Regiment at Shorncliffe, and, thanks to good hitting by Pte. Hooper and good bowling by Lieut. Fisher (7 for 31), we won easily. As it is our only victory I think it deserves to be recorded in full.

My letter this month is short owing to my being supplied with such full and fluent accounts of the various events which have taken place, that I am left with nothing more to say about them.

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

1st BATT. R.W.K.R. v. 1st BATT. E. YORK. REGT.

Played at Shorncliffe on July 20th and won by the R. West Kent Regt. on the first innings. Score (both innings) :—

1st Batt. East Yorkshire Regiment—Lieut. Crauford, b Fisher 0, b Whitmore 45; Pte. Downing, c Robinson b Fisher 12, c Robinson b Macnamara 22; Lieut. Wallace, b Fisher 0, not out 57; Lieut. Cowper, c Hooper b Legard 4, not out 35; Capt. Tawney, c Hooper b Fisher 0; Lieut. Wailes, c Robinson b Fisher 7; Major St. Clair-Ford, b Fisher 13; Lieut. Sasse, c sub. b Robinson 3; Lieut. Woodmass, run out 7; Corpl. Fillis, b Fisher 0; Sergt. Aoudsley, not out 9; extras 5 and 17; totals 60 and 176 (2 wickets).

1st Batt. R. West Kent Regiment—Capt. P. M. Robinson, c Wailes b Aoudsley 10; Lieut. H. A. Waring, b Wailes 21; Lieut. F. Fisher, b Fillis 8; Pte. Butcher, lbw b Fillis 9; Lieut. C. R. Ingram, b Wailes 12; Capt. T. P. C. Smith, absent 0; Lieut. G. B. Legard, c Cowper b Aoudsley 34; Pte. Hooper, b Sasse 96; Capt. E. H. Norman, b Wailes 17; Sergt. Macnamara, b Sasse 6; Pte. Whitmore, not out 0; extras 19; total 232.

FIRST ROUND COMPANY CRICKET.

B Co. v. C Co.

C Co.—Pte. Hazlewood, st. Maskell b Barrow 2; Pte. Jarnton, b O'Connor 1; Reeves, c Elsey b Barrow 11; Clr.-Sergt. Saunders, c Murphy b Barrow 0; Sergt. Brown b Barrow 3; Pte. Skinner, b Barrow 3; Pte. Mitchell, b O'Connor 1; Pte. O'Shea, c Murphy b Barrow 2; Corpl. Crouch, b Barrow 0; Pte. Johnson, st. Maskell, b Barrow 0; Pte. Lowe, not out 3; extras 0; total 26.

B Co.—Pte. Wheeler, b Skinner 5; Pte. Elsey, c Jarnton b Skinner 4; Dr. Barrow, c Jarnton b Reeves 5; Pte. O'Connor, c Skinner b Reeves 9; Clr.-Sergt. Murphy, c and

b Reeves 22 ; Pte. Maskell, c Johnson b Mitchell 9 ; Lc.-Corpl. Whiteman, not out 4 ; Pte. McCarthy, c Hazlewood b Johnson 9 ; Pte. Howell, c and b Jonnson 8 ; Pte. Urquhart, c Reeves b Saunders 1 ; Pte. Holmes, c Johnson b Saunders 0 ; extras 1 ; total 77.

D Co. v. H Co.

D Co.—Pte. Ogle, c Hyland b Atkins 59 ; Bn. Cridland, b Ford 7 ; Bn. Doree, b Hyland 2 ; Lce.-Sergt. Macnamara, b Kill 69 ; Sergt. Reynolds, lbw b Ford 0 ; Pte. Ketley, b Ford 2 ; Pte. Perkins c Kersey b Kill 0 ; Pte. Davis, not out 5 ; Pte. Adams c Kersey, b Page 1 ; extras 5 ; total 150 (innings declared). Ptes. Scott and Ransom did not bat.

H Co.—Pte. Powell, c Cridland b Reynolds 2 ; Pte. White, b Ogle 10 ; Pte. Atkins, c Perkins b Reynolds 12 ; Pte. Kersey, b Ogle 0 ; Pte. Page, b Ogle 21 ; Pte. Kill, run out 1 ; Pte. Hyland, not out 10 ; Pte. Horne, c Cridland b Ogle 0 ; Pte. Boland, b Reynolds 4 ; Pte. Ford, b Reynolds 2 ; Pte. Huggett, c Perkins b Reynolds 5 ; extras 15 ; total 82.

A Co. v. F. Co.

This match was played on Tuesday, July 23rd, on the Glacis Cricket Ground. Below is the score which shows that A Co. won by a small margin of 5 runs.

A Co.—Pte. Jefferys, b Colvin 8 ; Pte. Mathers, c Wood b Colvin 0 ; Pte. Tood, c Saring b Barker 5 ; Pte. Hastings, c Saring b Bellett 5 ; Lce.-Corpl. Kirton, c and b Colvin 13 ; Pte. Clarridge, c Gray b Saring 0, Pte. Greig, c Barker b Saring 3 ; Pte. Towner, b Bellett 0 ; Pte. Hooper c and b Bellett 14 ; Pte. Munro, lbw b Bellett 5 ; Pte. Drage, not out 0 ; extras 3 ; total 56.

F Co.—Gray, c Munro b Hooper 1 ; Barker, c Hooper, b Tood 3 ; Saring, c and b Tood 3 ; Kerridge, not out 22 ; Colvin b Hooper 0 ; Sergt. Bellion b Hooper 2 ; Bellett, c Hooper b Mathers 3 ; Wood, c Hastings b Mathers 5 ; Smith c Clarridge b Hooper 9 ; Cable, c Hooper b Tood 0 ; Wood, c Hooper b Tood 1 ; extras 3 ; total 51.

SEMI-FINAL.

D Co. v. B Co.

D Company—Pte. Ogle, b O'Connor, 0 ; Sergt. Reynolds, b Burrows, 7 ; Pte. Cridland, b O'Connor, 0 ; Lce.-Sergt. MacNamara, b Burrows, 12 ; Pte. Davis, b O'Connor, 0 ; Pte. Ketley, b O'Connor, 0 ; Pte. Perkins, not out 30 ; Pte. Bowell, c O'Connor, b Burrows, 2 ; Pte. Adams, c Maskell, b Whitman, 5 ; Pte. Ransom, b O'Connor, 1 ; Pte. Scott, c Urquhart, b Whitman, 1 ; extras 1 ; total 59.

B Company—Wheeler, run out, 18 ; ———, c Davis, b Reynolds, 3 ; Burrows, c Davis, b Reynolds, 2 ; Pte. O'Connor, c Scott, b Ogle, 5 ; Clr.-Sergt. Murphy, b Reynolds, 9 ; Pte. McCarthy, b MacNamara, 4 ; Pte. Maskell, b MacNamara, 3 ; Howell, not out, 2 ; Whitman, c Perkins, b Reynolds, 2 ; Urquhart, run out, 0 ; Winstanley, b Reynolds, 1 ; extras 6 ; total 55.

SEMI-FINAL, played August 3rd, 1907.

A Co. v. E Co.

A Company—Pte. Hastings, b Whitmore, 3 ; Pte. Greig, run out, 3 ; Pte. Hooper, b Whitmore, 21 ; Pte. Todd, b Whitmore, 1 ; Pte. Jeffreys, b Long, 3 ; Pte. Towner, run out, 14 ; Pte. Munro, not out, 3 ; Pte. Mathers, run out, 0 ; Pte. Burgess, b Whitmore, 0 ; Pte. Hibbett, c Legh, b Long, 4 ; Pte. Drage, c Brown, b Long, 1 ; extras 10 ; total 63.

E Company—Pte. Legh, c Mathers, b Hooper, 3 ; Pte. Whitmore, b Mathers, 13 ; Pte. Holley, c Todd, b Hooper, 5 ; Sergt. Brown, c Munro, b Hooper, 3 ; Pte. Long, b Mathers, 0 ; Pte. Haigh, lbw, b Mathers, 0 ; Pte. Dinwoody, run out, 2 ; Pte. Carden, c Todd, b Hooper, 0 ; Lce.-Sergt. Benwall, c Todd, b Hooper, 1 ; Lce.-Lorpl. Ash, not out, 1 ; Pte. Carpenter, b Hooper, 0 ; extras 1 ; total 29.

1st BATTALION ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT. RIFLE COMPETITIONS.

A Series of Competitions took place at Hythe on Thursday, the 18th July, for the purpose of deciding the winners of the following competitions for the year 1907.

No. 1—Best Shot of Sergeants and Lance-Sergeants.
No. 2—Best Shot of Corporals and Privates.
No. 3—Colonel Harrison's Challenge Cup.
No. 4—Major Rowe's Challenge Cup.
No. 5—Regimental Challenge Bowl.

The shooting for the first two practices commenced on D Range at 9 a.m., and finished at 11 a.m. No. 3695 Sergeant G. Selves, C Company, winning the Sergeants' Badge, and No. 8168 Lance-Corporal H. Hyland, H Company, being successful in obtaining that of the Corporals and Privates.

The following was the Competition fired :—

Practice.	No. of Rounds	Distance	Target.	Position.	Marking.
1	5	200	Figure No. 3, with a 6 inch Bull.	Kneeling.	Bull 5. Remainder of Target 4. 4 seconds exposure. 4 seconds interval.
2	5	400	3rd Class Figure Target	Lying in the open.	Regulation. 35 secs. exposure.
3	10	500	3 Iron Plates, and No. 5 Fig. Target.	Lying behind cover.	60 secs. allowed. No hits to count on target unless tiles are all knocked over.

Shortly after 11 a.m. the Competition for Colonel Harrison's and Major Rowe's Cups commenced, but by 1.15 p.m. only two of the practices having been completed, it was decided to adjourn for lunch.

Punctually at 2.15 p.m. the shooting was resumed, the interest of all being centered on Lieut Adams, Col.-Sergt. Murphy and Sergt. Moore, all of B Company, whose scores already obtained stood at 23, 24, and 24 respectively. Col.-Sergt. Murphy succeeded in putting on 15 in the 3rd Practice, which brought his total to 39. Sergt. Moore and Lieut. Adams came in second and third with scores of 38 and 37 respectively.

Nineteen Officers and forty-four Sergeants took part in the above Competitions, and every effort was made by the former to land the Cup in the Officers' Mess this year, and as the scores above prove, they were nearly successful, the final being a very close thing. Lieut. Adams, by being top score of the Officers, won Major Rowe's Challenge Cup for the second time in succession.

The following is the competition fired :—

No. of Pract.	Distance.	Position.	Rnds.	Target.	Time.	Marking.
1	200	Lying in the open.	7	N.R.A. Wantage.	4 secs. expos. 4 secs int.	4 for each hit.
2	Double from 500 to 400	Any.	10	4 tiles.	2 min.	4 for every round remaining. 1 for each tile down.
3	700	Lying.	5	2nd Class Bulls-eye		Regulation.

The Competition for the Regimental Challenge Bowl, which was open to all marksmen of the Battalion, consisted of firing ten shots at 800 yards, the targets and marking being regulation. Fifty-four N.C.O.'s and Men availed themselves of the opportunity of firing, and after a very close shoot it resolved itself into a tie between Sergeant Selves, C Company, and Private Spaul, G Company, who each obtained the score of 34. This necessitated firing three shots to decide the winner. Private Spaul succeeded in finding the bulls-eye three times, whilst the first shot of Sergeant Selves was an outer, thus Private Spaul became the winner of the Bowl for the year 1907. This is the third time a private soldier has won this trophy ; on the two other occasions it has been competed for Sergeants have been the winners.

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

The annual smoking concert and presentation of prizes in connection with the officers' and sergeants' rifle club annual shoot, took place in the sergeants' mess room on Friday evening, 26th July. The proceedings opened at 8.30 p.m., when all the members and a considerable number of visitors had turned up to take part.

After the toast to His Majesty the King had been drunk with due honours, singing commenced in earnest. Sergt. Maslin gave a good rendering of "Only an album," and after the concert had been in progress for about half an hour, quite a large number of officers enlivened the company with their presence. Sergt. Murphy, who by the way claims the Isle of Erin as his birthplace, quite amused the audience with "Stop your tickling, Jock," all present joining lustily in the chorus. Mr. Trayner, V.C., was deservedly encored for "A soldier's dying words to his mother-in-law," and responded with "A chapter of accidents."

At this period, our chairman, Sergt.-Major Rogers, took the opportunity of thanking our commanding officer, Colonel Maunsell, on behalf of the members of the mess, for the handsome portrait of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, which he had presented to the mess a short time previously. After several more songs had been got through, the commanding officer very kindly presented the prizes to all who had taken part in the rifle competition the previous week. These prizes consisted of a variety of useful articles, purchased by a chosen committee, and selected by the members according to their position of merit. Clr.-Sergt Murphy was a most popular winner of Colonel Harrison's Challenge Cup (which up to date has not found its way to the officers' mess). With this cup goes a present to the value of £5, and being of an unselfish nature, Clr.-Sergt. Murphy chose a silver watch for himself, and a gold one for his better half. Pioneer-Sergt. Fetherstone, who, by the way, will shortly be leaving us to take up his appointment as Pioneer-Sergt. in the 2nd Batt., was the unenviable winner of the wooden spoon, but the commanding officer consoled him with the fact that he had received two prizes instead of one.

The presentation over, harmony re-commenced, and was kept up merrily until midnight. Among the best items of the evening was Schoolmaster O'Kelly's Hibernian rendering of "How he taught McFadden to waltz," which was accordingly encored ; "The County of Kildare," causing roars of laughter. Sergt. Urquhart displayed his talent as a comic singer with "Its a good job I had my mother with me," and encore "Duckweed," while a very popular item was Sergt. Rose with "You'd better come down at once," and "They were very very good to me."

In responding to the toast of "Our visitors," Schoolmaster O'Kelly spoke feelingly of the good fellowship which existed between our officers and sergeants.

The National Anthen at midnight concluded one of the most enjoyable smoking concerts in connection with the officers' and sergeants' rifle club meeting which I have had the pleasure of attending.

SERGEANTS' MESS CORRESPONDENT.

Dover, July 29th, 1907.

CRICKET.

O Wednesday, the 24th July, the members of the Mess journeyed to Shorncliffe to oppose the members of the Sergeants' Mess, 1st Royal Scots, at Cricket.

Winning the toss we took first knock on a wicket which could hardly be called first class, but as we are not all Haywards or Jessops the condition of the ground was not taken into consideration. We did not start any too well as with only 10 runs on the board our first wicket fell, and after that they fell at pretty regular intervals our total only amounting to 53. Lce.-Sergt. Collins making top score with 11.

On going in to bat our opponents started hitting in vigorous style and put on 19 runs for the first wicket, but after that a startling change came over the game, as with only six runs added, five wickets went down at the same total, two men being caught off the bowling of Sergt. Bellion, and Sergt. Reynolds bowling the next three in four balls ; the game then went on with varying changes until the last man arrived and eight runs were required to give our opponents the game, two twos and a three brought the scores level, and then Reynolds sent down a tempter, Sergt. Thompson, 1st Scots, made a terrible lash to drive it into the sea, but skied it, and the game had ended in an exciting tie. In order to make sure of the catch, no less than three of our fielders rushed forward, but in this case, for once, "Too many cooks did NOT spoil the broth."

I append the scores below :—

1st Innings R.W.K.

Sergt. Reynolds, b Rae, 8 ; Sergt. Bellion, run out, 3 ; Clr.-Sergt. Murphy, b Rae, 7 ; Clr.-Sergt. Saunders, b Stibbings, 5 ; Lce.-Sergt. Brown, run out, 6 ; Sergt. Dr. Press, b Rae, 1 ; Sergt. Murphy, b Rae, 1 ; Sergt. Moore, c and b Stibbings, 2 ; Lce.-Sergt. Collins, not out, 11 ; Sergt. Hotson, st Bignall, b Stibbings, 0 ; Sergt. Nash, b Stibbings, 1 ; extras 8 ; total 53.

1st Innings Royal Scots.

Sergt. Bignall, c Reynolds, b Bellion, 19 ; Sergt. Stibbings, c Murphy, b Bellion, 2 ; Sergt. MacGill, c Sergt. Murphy, b Reynolds, 0 ; Sergt. Rae, b Reynolds, 0 ; Sergt. Murphy, b Reynolds, 0 ; Sergt. Malcolm, b Clr.-Sergt. Murphy, 11 ;

Sergt. Dixon, b Clr.-Sergt. Murphy, 0; Sergt. Edwards, b Lce.-Sergt. Brown, 7; Sergt. Daley, c and b Lce.-Sergt. Brown, 5; Sergt. Thompson, c Press, b Reynolds, 1; Sergt. Scott, not out, 4; extras 4; total 53.

In the second innings we did much better obtaining 49 for six wickets, Clr.-Sergt. Murphy, not out, 15, Sergt. Murphy, not out, 8, being the two not outs at close of play.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

July, 1907.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

We are sorry to see in the last number of your esteemed paper to arrive that the Depot were beaten in the Maidstone and District League, but we congratulate them on making such a good fight for it, and on again being the runners up. It is a pity that we have so little opportunity out here of playing Regimental matches; the trouble is that there are very few opposing teams and that matches continually played against the same combinations lose much of their interest. The Singapore Cup is now being played for. We have two teams entered, an A team and a B team. The B team meets the Officers of the Garrison early next month, and a good game should be the result.

The Warren Shield Tug-of-War competition was won by the 78th Company R.G.A., who had little difficulty in pulling over B Company. They seemed to keep their weight more evenly on the rope, and their slow steady strain, with most of the work coming from the small of the back and thigh, was very effective.

In the Warren Shield Football Competition, H Company still remains as our representative; they played the 78th Company in the semi-final and drew with them after a good game. We hope to record their success next month.

We had a most successful Rifle Meeting commencing on the 19th. The shooting showed a good all-round standard, and the Company Shield was very keenly competed for. It was not till the last scores were in that the winner was by any means certain, though the steady shooting of A Company was noticeable all the way through. As will be seen they averaged 40 out of 50, which, with Bisley rings on the regulation figure targets cannot be called bad.

The evening entertainments during the month included, besides some enjoyable meetings of the Q.O.A.D.C., a boxing competition, an account of which by one of the judges will be forwarded.

2nd BATT. CORRESPONDENT.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

May saw the end of Field Training, so far as D Co. was concerned, and we have now settled down to our ordinary routine. We had a week at Blakan Mati with the R.G.A., and the work done there as the final to our training was of such a character as made it interesting. The walk round the Forts, and inspection and history of the guns and their uses, a circuit of the islands of Blakan Mati and Pulan Brani by launch, camp life, etc., was all very well, but would without doubt have been better had the weather been less hot, although our work was done in the morning and the cool of the evening. While there we played the R.E. a game of hocky and, with our usual luck, lost to the tune of 5—0, and in conjunction with C Company played 78th Company, R.G.A., hockey, losing by 1—0; so you see, luck, so far as sport was concerned, did not favour us much. During May we played several games hockey against F, losing 4—0 (league); football against H, losing 3—0 (Warren Shield). In the friendlies we met B at hockey and lost 5—0; met 78th Co. at football and lost 1—0; right and left half company football, left winning 1—0 We met E at cricket and the play was of a brilliant order. We beat them by 111 runs, Pinder making 101 and retiring, Lieut. Belgrave being next with 24. Our score was 168, and E 57. The above concludes the news for May.

There is nothing new to report regarding the routine for June, but I am sorry to say the usual luck with regard to sport stuck to us. We met H in the Football League, and, after a good game and splendid football, we were beaten by, I must say, a very doubtful goal. We had a rifle match with E on Tanglin range and were victors by about nine points. The scores not being to hand I am unable to record them. We had another rifle match with No. 2 Company S.V.I. on Balestier Range, and the following is the score culled from the local paper:—

No. 2 Co. S.V.I.		D Co., R.W.K.	
Clr.-Sergt. Tan Soo Bin	89	Q.M.S. Wood	86
Pte. Tan Piah Eng	89	Corpl. Bowers	86
Pte. Seow Cheng Liew	89	Lce.-Corpl. Williams	86
2nd-Lieut. Song Ong Siang	87	Lce.-Corpl. Johnson	86
Lce.-Corpl. Teow Keong He	87	Lce.-Corpl. Beale	83
Lce.-Corpl. Chua Lip Kee	81	Sergt. Elliott	82
Corpl. Tan Cho Kim	79	Clr.-Sergt. Smith	81
Lce.-Corpl. Song Chin Eng	78	Lieut. Belgrave	81
Q.M.S. Lim Chin Hin	77	Lce.-Corpl. Stickings	71
Pte. Chan Tiang Seng	70	Lce.-Corpl. Simmons	65
	826		807

By the above we were beaten by 19, but should we meet them on Tanglin Range perhaps the score will be different, Balestier being the Volunteer Range and strange to us. We played the R.E. cricket on the 29th, and were beaten by about 30 runs.

In the Battalion Rifle Meeting, held in the middle of the month, D Company were fairly successful. We took 19 prizes out of 96, and were third for the Company Shield with a score of 391.

D Co. CORRESPONDENT.

F Company,
2nd R.W.K. Kent Regt.,
Tanglin,
25th June, 1907.

DEAR MR. EDITOE,

I am sorry to tell you this time that our Company lost against the 78th Company, R.G.A., in the semi-final at Tug-of-War for the Warren Shield, our opponents are now the winners for eight years. We were rather unlucky in drawing against them in the semi-final, for we had great hopes of getting into the final. Our Company is going fairly well in other sport, football, hockey, and cricket, but we must own up we are not quite up-to-date; our regimental hockey ground is not a very good one as there are so many stones. The Company that has fired their new course with the new rifle has made a great improvement, the average is far above the old. Well, Mr. Editor, we are just now in full swing with our annual field training, we get plenty of cover from wind here (pine apples), but I am sorry to say we are not allowed to touch any, though it does seem tempting, lying down with pine apples close round you and can't touch any. We have just got to the end of a shooting competition, it included eight events altogether. The Company Shield was

won by A Company who were on the range doing their course We can't grumble much now as we get a very good amount of pastime, boxing, concerts, shooting, all combined. At the last competition Pte. Page, of our Company, won a six round contest, but Ptes. Arms and Montague lost. Pte. Arms showed a very good form, and some were rather surprised at the verdict. I think I have said all I can think about this time.

F COMPANY CORRESPONDENT.

Tanglin,
8th July, 1907.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I forward herewith a little musketry news of the 2nd Battalion. A very successful musketry meeting was held on 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd June, the first day at Tanglin, and the remaining days at Normanton, the musketry camp.

A feature of the meeting was the really good shooting by "A" Company's team in the tile competition. The elevation of the rifles was almost perfect, and the time excellent. No doubt the Company being at musketry had something to do with it. This, however, should only serve to point out to those who do not believe in much practice, that practice will make perfect. "A" Company winning the Company Shield only emphasises this fact.

The scoring in the Long Range Handicap was very poor, due primarily to the very difficult wind and to the want of practice at these ranges. Owing to the want of time a Rapid Firing and a Consolation Handicap Competition had to be abandoned.

The book of the Army Rifle Association, 1906, having been received, it may possibly be of interest to readers of the *Gazette* to know, that with a total score of 696, being only six points below a prize winning team in 1905, we were at the top of the non-prize winners. This year we have great hopes of being a little higher up the roll.

The names of winners of the Officers and Sergeants' Trophy for May and June, with those who made the next best scores, are enclosed.

"MAGPIE."

Result of the Musketry Meeting, held on 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd June, 1907, at Tanglin and Normanton Ranges, Singapore,

1st Event.—200 Yards Handicap. Kneeling or sitting in the open, five rounds, no sighter, 3rd class Regulation Targets, Bisley rings. Scores and amounts :—Pte. Sullivan 24, 15 dlrs. ; Lce.-Corpl. Simmonds 23, 10 dlrs. ; Lce.-Corpl. Colebrooke 22, 7·50 dlrs. ; Sergt. May 22, 5 dlrs. ; Pte. Gore 22, 2·50 dlrs. ; Pte. Friar 22, 2·50 dlrs. ; Lce.-Corpl. Lythall 22, 2·50 dlrs. ; 2nd-Lieut. Bazeley-White 22 ; Pte. Purchase 22, 2·50 dlrs ; Clr.-Sergt. Smith 22, 2·50 dlrs ; Lce.-Corpl. Harvie 22, 2 50 dlrs. ; Sergt. Ellis 22, 2·50 ; Lce.-Crpl. Beale 21, 1·50 dlrs. ; Pte. Vincent 21, 1·50 dlrs. ; Pte. Tusting 21, 1·50 dlrs. ; Pte. Birch 21, 1·50 dlrs. ; Corpl. Pierce 21, 1·50 dlrs. ; Pte. Faulkner 21, 1·50 dlrs. ; Corpl. Martin 21, 1·50 dlrs. ; Pte. Cole 21, 1·50 dlrs.

2nd Event.—Figure shooting, 150 yards and upwards, disappearing figure target, three seconds exposure, first miss to disqualify :—Pte. Toms, wrist watch and 7·50 dlrs. ; Clr.-Sergt. Croucher 10 dlrs. ; Lce -Corpl. Harvie 9 dlrs. ; Sergt. Moir 4 dlrs. ; Lce.-Corpl. Hunt 4 dlrs. ; Pte Urry 4 dlrs.

3rd Event.—Odd Range Handicap, 250 and 350 yards, 2nd and 3rd Class Regulation Targets, Bisley Rings, 5 rounds each distance:—Clr.-Sergt. Croucher 45, 15 dlrs ; Clr.-Sergt Smith 45, 14 dlrs. ; Lance-Corpl. Page 45, 13 dlrs. ; Lance-Corpl. Lythall 43, 5 dlrs. ; Clr.-Sergt. Saunders 43, 4 dlrs. ; Lance-Corpl. Stickings 43, 4 dlrs. ; Clr.-Sergt. Mills 42, 2 dlrs. ; Pte. Robinson 42, 2 dlrs. ; Pte. Griffiths 42, 2 dlrs. ; Sergt.-Major Grey 42, 2 dlrs. ; Pte. Crouch 41, 1·50 dlrs. ; Lance-Corpl. Clarke 41, 1·50 dlrs. ; Pte. Spencer 41, 1·50 dlrs. ; Pte. Batty 41, 1·50 dlrs. ; Pte. Sullivan 41, 1·50 dlrs. ; Pte. Sullivan 41, 1·50 dlrs. ; Pte. Dibben 41, 1·50 dlrs. ; Pte. Sarney 41, 1·50 dlrs. ; Pte. Thomas 41, 1·50 dlrs.

4th Event.—Snap Shooting Competition, 250 and 350 yards, 3rd Class Regulation Targets, Bisley marking, 4 seconds exposure. A hit outside magpie ring counts a miss. Scores and amounts:—Lce.-Sgt. Stevens 39, 15 dlrs. ; Cpl. Turner 32, 10 dlrs. ; Pte. Griffiths 31, 7·50 dlrs. ; Lce.-Corpl. Lythall 31, 6·50 dlrs. ; Corpl. Martin 30, 4 dlrs. ; Pte. Allen 30, 4 dlrs. ; Capt. Lister 29 ; Clr. Sergt. Smith 29, 3 dlrs. ; Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Thorne 27, 2 dlrs ; Lance-Corpl. Simmonds 27, 2 dlrs. ; Lance.Corpl. Williams 26, 1·50 dlrs. ; Pte. Birch 26, 1.50 dlrs. ; Pte. Urry 26, 1·50 dlrs. ; Pte. Connor 26, 1.50 dlrs. ; Corpl. King 26, 1·50 dlrs. ; Lance-Corpl. Hare 26, 1·50 dlrs. ; Dr. Moss 26, 1·50 dlrs.

5th Event.—Long Range Handicap, 800 and 1,000 yards, 7 rounds each distance, 1st Class Bullseye Targets Scores and amounts :—Corpl. Bonfield 52, 15 dlrs. ; Lance-Corpl. Locks 49, 12·50 dlrs. ; Corpl. Ibbotson 48, 10 dlrs. ; Lance-Sergt. Crisford 47, 7·50 dlrs. ; Pte. Smith 43, 5 dlrs. ; Pte. Purchase 43, 5 dlrs. ; Pte. Bloomfield 43, 5 dlrs. ; Lance-Corpl. Williams 42, 4 dlrs. ; Sergt. Major Grey 42, 4 dlrs. ; Pte. Langridge 41, 3 dlrs. ; Corpl. Turner 41, 3 dlrs. ; Sergt. Harrison 41, 3 dlrs. ; Sergt Mills 40, 1·50 dlrs. ; Pte. Briginshaw 40, 1·50 dlrs. ; Sergt. Barrett 40, 1·50 dlrs. ; Sergt. Moir 40, 1·50 dlrs. ; Pte. Gore 40, 1·50 dlrs.

7th Event.—Tile Shooting Competitions, 300 yards, team of 5 privates of the same company, 5 rounds per man, time 1 minute. Scores and amounts :—A Company, 9 hits and 7 dlrs. each ; Pte. Cummings, Pte. Bonham, Pte. Pryer, Pte. Mussett, Pte Cooper ; B Company, 6 hits and 3·50 dlrs. each ; Pte. Toms, Pte. Palmer, Pte. Griffiths, Pte. Williams, Pte. Seares ; E Company (2 teams), C and H Companies, 5 hits and 5 dlrs. each team.

8th Event. COMPANY SHIELD COMPETITION for 1906.

200 and 500 yards. 2nd and 3rd class Regulation Targets. Bisley marking. Five rounds each distance. Teams of ten (all ranks).

A Company 402, Company Shield and 8 dollars each N.C.O. and man:—Capt. Tulloch, Lieut. Hewitt, Sergt. Pace, Lce.-Corpl. Johnson, Ptes. Bonham, Pryer, Perkins, Mussett, Chilcot, and Cummings.

G Company 396, and 4 dollars each N.C.O. and man.—Lieut. Dresser, Clr.-Sergt. Croucher, Sergts. Moir and Cockle, Corpls. Turner and Martin, Lce.-Corpl. Flinn, Ptes. Turner, Robinson, and Dimsdale.

10th Event. Open Competition. 200, 500 and 600 yards. Bisley Targets. Open to all European troops of the Singapore Garrison. Scores and amount :—Sergt. Arthur, R.G.A., 94, 30 dlrs.; Lce.-Corpl. Williams 92, 20 dlrs.; Dr. Moss 88, 7·50 dlrs.; Lieut. Dresser 88, 7.50 dlrs.; Pte. Eliott 87, 5 dlrs.; Lce.-Sergt. Stevens 87, 5 dlrs.; Lce.-Corpl. Lythall 87, 5 dlrs.; Lce.-Corpl. Johnson 86, 4 dlrs.; Clr.-Sergt. Croucher 86, 4 dlrs.; Corpl. Ibbotson 86, 4 dlrs.; Q.-M.-S. Wood 86, 4 dlrs. ; Lieut. Tulloh 85, 3 dlrs. ; Sergt. Mills 85, 3 dlrs. ; Lieut. Belgrave 85, 3 dlrs. ; Lieut. Hewitt 84, 2 dlrs.; Lce.-Corpl. Harvie 84, 2 dlrs. ; Pte. Pratt 84, 2 dlrs. ; Corpl. Martin 84, 2 dlrs.

WINNERS OF TROPHY.

May, 1907.

Sergt. W. Mills.....	90	15	105	Trophy.
Sergt.-Major Grey.....			89	
Sergt. Harrison			89	

June, 1907.

Col. H. G. Fitton, D.S.O., A.D.C.	89	17	106	Trophy.
Col.-Sergt. Saunders.....			97	
Sergt. Barrett.....			97	

Singapore,
July, 1907.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

After another month's sleep I wake to find that I must let you know a little of our doings. We have done a bit more than last month, so I will begin by telling you that the Drummers gave a very successful concert in the Library during June, Lance-Corpl. Maynard being the hero of the evening with his piccolo solo "Czarina." Drummer Hatch caused much laughter by singing "Buttercup Joe." With the assistance of the drummer's dog (Robbo) the evening was brought to a close with a march and cake walk played by all the Drums, followed by "God save the King."

The following was the programme of the Drums' concert, which took place at Tanglin Barracks Theatre, on June 8th: Selection from "The Bohemian Girl," the Drums; song, "The village blacksmith," Dr. Phillips; song, "They do like their little bit of red," Dr. Bishop; song, "Only once more," Sergt.-Dr. Sayer; flute solo, "L'oiseau du Bois," the Drums; song, "Drinking," Dr. Lythall: flute quartette, "The Cossacks' March," four members; song, "Buttercup Joe," Dr. Hatch; song "Selected," Dr. A. N. Other; solo and quartette, "Massa's in the cold, cold ground," four members; waltz, "Flowers of the forest," the Drums; song, "Topical," Sergt.-Dr. Sayer; piccolo solo, "Czarina," Lance-Corparal Maynard; song, "Northampton Laddies," Dr. Hatch; flute trio, "Trio No. 1," three members; song, "Selected," Dr. Moss; song, "Selected," Dr. Barker; flute quartette, "Campaigne," four members; solo and quartette, "Beautiful Isle of the sea," four members; march and cake walk, "Semper Fidelis and Kunnin Kaffirs," the Drums; "God save the King."

Our next item was a football match between the Drums and F Company, resulting in a win for F Company by 4—1. On June 13th the Band and Drums played the Sergeants a cricket match, which resulted in the Band and Drums winning by 78 runs, Adams and Pinder making 87 between them. We also gave the Sergeants and Corporals a game of cricket, but I must not say too much about it, as we lost by 113 runs, Sergt. Mills playing a fine game for 49.

I must tell you, Mr. Editor, that the Band gave a concert in the Library, Sergts. Moss and Rowlands giving two solos, which were much appreciated. Adams also gave a nice solo, which nearly brought down the house, the player was encored but could not oblige as it was getting too late. Much credit is due to Sergt.-Instructor Wright and the men under him for the gymnastic display they gave, each man working very hard. Programme of concert given by the Band. Part I.—Selection "All the winners," the Band; song "First in the field," Band-Sergt. Moss; clarionet solo "Esperance," Musician Adams; song "As the boys go marching by," Lce.-Corpl. Cozens; caprice "The whistler and his dog," Band; song "Land of hope and glory," Mr. Brown; cornet solo "Auf den Alpen," Lce.-Sergt. Rowland; part song, "Come away," Band Glee Singers; "The farewell symphony," Band. Part II.—Parallel Bar Display, C.S.M. Wright, A.G.S., Corpl. Turner, and Ptes. Murphy, Baker, Marshall, Orchard, Hamilton, Earl, Christie, Taylor and Harvey; song "Oh, Mister Moon," Masters J. and K. McKelvey; song "Sons of Motherland," Q.M.S. Wood; oboe solo "Andante and Polonaise," Band-Sergt. Moss; quartette "Sweet and low," Masters J. and K McKelvey, Bandmaster McKelvey, and Schoolmaster Hurstwaite; song "What's the matter with Elam?" Sergeant-Major Grey; exhibition club swinging, C.S.M. Wright, A.G.S.; song "Commissionaire," Mr. Brown; humorous piece, "The jolly cobblers," Band; "God save the King."

I will now lay down my pen as my little book of notes is all used up.

BAND AND DRUMS CORRESPONDENT.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

4570 Clr.-Sergt. F. Croucher re-engaged on the 24th June, 1907, at Singapore, to complete 21 years' service, and 5969 Sergt. H. Iliffe has extended his service to complete 12 years with the colours.

4747 Clr.-Sergt. W. Alderman, 3359 Band Sergt. A. Moss, 5883 Lce.-Sergt. H. Stevens, 6191 Lce.-Corpl. A. Martin, and 5955 Pte. W. Divers have been successful in obtaining first class certificates of education, while 6201 Lce.-Corpl. A. Gallant passed in Group II.

4989 Sergt. Dr. W. Sayer, 6297 Sergt. G. Lambe, and 5969 Sergt. H. Iliffe have passed in composition.

6481 Pte. T. Barnett has been discharged at his own request on payment of £25.

7301 Pte. E. Blencowe passed through a class of instruction in signwriting, and 7331 Pte. E. Jones passed in carpentering.

5815 Pte. T. Buckley, 8124 Pte. A. Akerman, 5077 T. Frankson, and 6473 Pte. A. Banks embarked at Singapore on the 13th June, 1907, on the S.S. "Nore," invalided home. Mrs. Mitchell and two children also embarked on the same boat.

DEPOT NEWS.

MAIDSTONE CRICKET WEEK.

We have just been in the throes of a Cricket Week, and our town has risen for the occasion, decoration and other committees galore having been formed with good results, and generally speaking, Maidstone has done herself proud on this auspicious occasion.

Of course, the Cricket naturally came first, but of that our readers have already heard. Among those who had marquees on the cricket ground were the Officers of the Depot, who were "At Home" on two afternoons during each match, and among some of the past and present Officers of the Regiment

who visited were Major-General E. Leach, K.C.B., Colonel of The Queen's Own, General Chads, Colonel Tweedie, D.S.O., Colonel Maunsell, Colonel T. H. Brock, Colonel C. E. Harrison, Major Brock-Hollinshead, Major Daniell, Major Style, Major Burt, Major Wood Martyn, Captain Beeching, Captain J. Lees, &c., &c. The Band of the 3rd Battalion played during the matches.

During the evenings plenty of amusement was provided for everyone, the town being decorated with bunting, electric lanterns, &c. On the first night a Venetian Fete took place on the river Medway, prizes being awarded for the best decorated craft. This was followed by a Pastoral Play held in the Museum Gardens on Friday night, while Saturday saw the Athletic Ground *en fete*. On Monday, at least, in our opinion, and we think others will agree with us, the event of the week came off at the Athletic Ground, viz., a grand Military Torchlight Tattoo, and judging from the receipts (which are mentioned below) and the enthusiastic reception of the troops, both during the performance and the march to and from the grounds. The Tattoo was preceded by a Gymnastic Display by men of the Depot and the Maidstone Church Institute Club under Sergt. Inst. Hayworth, A. G. Staff.

The direction of the Tattoo was in the hands of Sergt.-Major Outten, while the bands of the 3rd Battalion and 1st Volunteer Battalion (Maidstone Detachment) and the drums of the R.A.M.C. (Maidstone Companies) provided the music.

The Tattoo was in every way a success and great credit is due to those responsible, also the N.C.O's and men who gave up many evenings to get the practice that makes such events perfect. On arrival at the Barracks the men were provided with a substantial supper by the Committee.

Concerts, sacred and otherwise, at the Town Hall, were also held, and never before have we seen our county town so lively. The following are the receipts during Cricket Week, so far as they are available at present:—The Leicestershire Match, £168 15s; the Derbyshire Match, £148 10s. 6d.; the pastoral play, £77 17s.; fireworks and promenade concert, £78 3s. 5d.; sacred concert, £23 11s. 11d.; military tattoo, £134 3s. 9d.; cafe chantant, £16. Owing to the heavy expenditure, however, it is not expected that there will be a large profit on the undertaking.

NOTE.—To those interested in the County Town and its doings the Editor "Q. O. G." recommends "The Kent Messenger Cricket Week Souvenir," which can be obtained from the Offices of that Paper, in Week Street, Maidstone, price 2d., post free 3d., on Art Paper. The blocks for the insets in this month's Gazette were kindly lent to us by that firm.

SMOKING CONCERT AND PRESENTATION OF FOOTBALL MEDALS.

On Thursday, 1st August, the members of the Sergeant's Mess entertained the Depot Football Team who did so well during the past season. In the absence of Major Lowe. Captain Elgood presented the medals which were for the runners-up in the Maidstone League, in which, it will be remembered, they tied for premier position with Snodland, losing on the re-play. Captain Elgood, in presenting the medals, stated that the C.O., Major Lowe, much regretted being unable to be present, but an engagement connected with the Jubilee of the Mote Cricket Club kept him away. He spoke feelingly about the sportsmanlike spirit that prevailed in the Depot, and pointed out to those present the debt of gratitude that they all owed to the Hon. Sec. of the Club, Sergt.-Major J. H. Outten, for the work he had done, and that where all the players had done so well it would be invidious to mention individuals. He also stated that the Depot Football Team were entering the United Service League, which embraces the Service clubs within a radius of ten miles of Chatham, so it was to be expected they would meet some hot stuff. Some of the teams eligible for this League are:—Navy: R.N. Barracks, H.M. ships "Wildfire," "Acheron," "Blake." and Tenders. Marines: R.M.L.I. at headquarters. Army: R.E. Depot Battalion, R.E. Training Battalion, Remainder of Royal Engineers, Royal Artillery in the Area, A. & S. Highlanders, Depot The Queen's Own, and A.S. Corp in the area. He also pointed out that for a team to improve it was necessary that they should try fresh fields, and endeavour not to remain in one certain groove. He hoped that all ranks would give the same loyal support to the team as hitherto.

LEAGUE TABLE, 1906–07..

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Total Pts.
Depot	16	11	3	2	47	11	24
Snodland	16	9	1	6	42	13	24
Church Institute	16	8	2	6	30	19	22
Tovil	16	7	5	4	33	23	18
Wouldham	16	5	4	7	19	13	17
Eccles	16	4	6	6	31	32	14
Malling	15	3	9	3	20	37	9
Aylesford	16	2	10	4	19	56	8
Maidstone Albion	15	2	11	2	12	49	6

Test Match: Snodland, 4 goals; Depot, 2. April 30th.

The Editor begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following subscription to the "Queen's Own Gazette":—
Mr. W. Turner to December, 1906.

RIFLE MATCH.

Depot v. 1st Battalion the "Queen's Own."

On the 20th July the team of the 1st Battalion journeyed to Maidstone to try conclusions with the Sergeants, after a close and exciting match the Depot proved themselves the winners by the narrow majority of 6 points. Conditions "Bisley." Teams 12 a side, all count.

Depot.	Scores	1st Battalion.	Scores
Clr.-Sergt. Reeves.....	90	Lce.-Sergt. Brown	88
Sergt.-Major Outten ...	87	Sergt. Selves	88
Clr.-Sergt. Osborne ..	87	Clr.-Sergt. Saunders ...	87
Clr.-Sergt. Dugay	86	Sergt. Maslin	86
Clr.-Sergt. Pond	85	Capt. Molony	85
Sergt. Branson	84	Sergt. Brown	81
Clr.-Sergt. Wimhurst...	81	Sergt. Moore	80
Clr.-Sergt. Hyde..... ..	80	C.-S. I.-M. Dark.....	79
Sergt.-Major Grellier...	79	Sergt. Dr. Press	79
Sergt Redmond	79	Clr.-Sergt. Naylor	75
Sergt. Merrick...	76	Lieut. Adams	73
Sergt. Davis.....	65	Sergt. Kevan	72
Total	979	Total	973

On August Bank Holiday some sports were held at the Maidstone Recreation Ground, and four teams of recruits from the Depot entered for the Bumping Melee, Pte. Bishop's team took 1st prize and Pte. Bolan's the 2nd prize.

In the "Tilting the Bucket," open to the County, Ptes Stevens and Hayes were placed second, while Ptes. Hazlewood and Unsworth took 3rd prize. Pte. Wright was second in the Obstscle Race in which thirty competed.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL.

DRILL AND PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

On the 19th July the above school (which is the authorised infants' school for the troops at Maidstone), held their drill in the Barrack Field. Tbe boys, who performed their drill and exercises under Mr. J. B. Groom, assisted by Sergt.-Major Outten, worked with their customary precision and smartness. After Major N. H. S. Lowe had made his inspection, he addressed the lads, congratulating them on their smart appearance, mentioning the fact that Master Dugay (son of Clr.-Sergt. Dugay), had a few days ago put on the creditable score of 34 out of a possible 35 points at the Morris Tube range at the Depot, which is lent to the Senior Boys for the purpose of practice. In conclusion the Mayoress of Maidstone presented the various prizes and medals to the successful boys.

There were at least two thousand spectators in the back field which presented an animated appearance, and no doubt some of the past and present N.C.O's and men of the "Queen's Own" will remember the time they, themselves, drilled with the St. Paul's Boys' School at Maidstone.

BIRTH.

At Maidstone on the 2nd August, 1907, the wife of No. 4567 Sergt. E. Skiggs of a son, William Tom.

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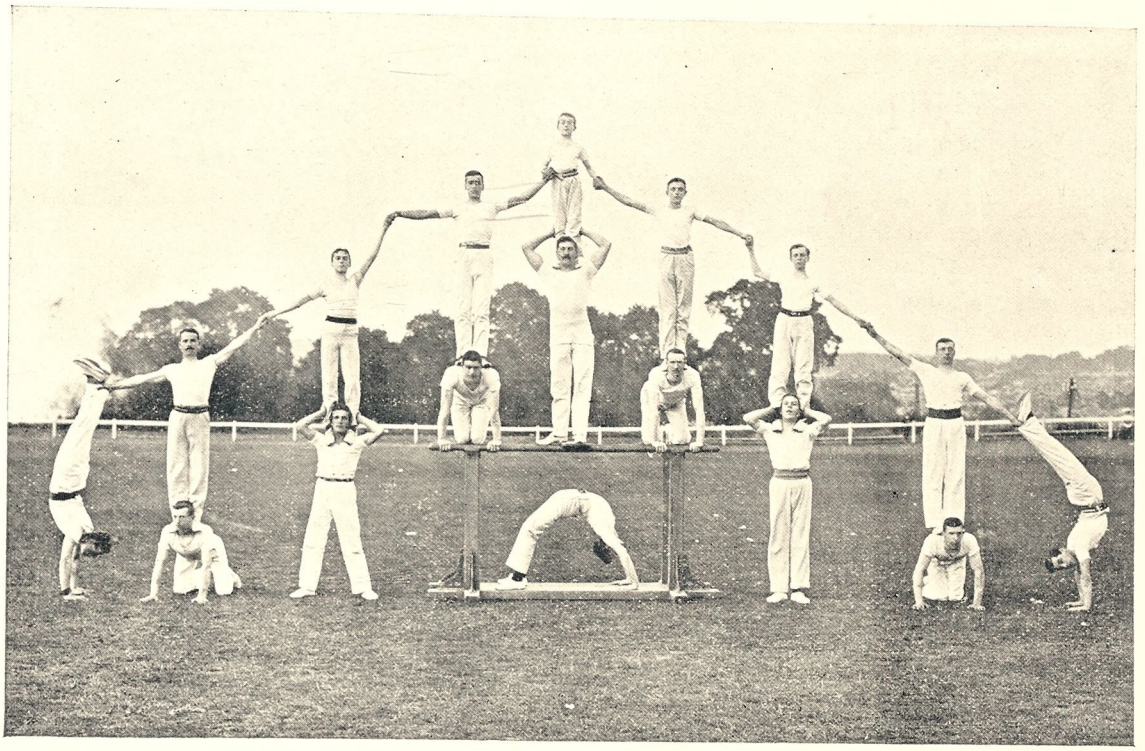
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SERGT.-INST. HAYWORTH AND HIS GYMNASTS. [*Photo by De'Ath & Dunk.*



THE ILLUMINATIONS IN HIGH STREET. [*Photo by De'Ath & Dunk.*

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

1st BATTALION.

PROMOTED COLOUR-SERGEANT. — Sergt. D. O'Connell, dated 7th June, 1907.

PROMOTED QUARTER-MASTER-SERGEANT.—3958 Clr.-Sergt. O.R.S. J. Mackintosh (after three years in the rank of Clr.-Sergt.), dated 29th August, 1907.

LANCE-CORPORALS PROMOTED CORPORALS.—7909 Lance-Corpl. E. Bough, dated 18th June, 1907; 6167 Lance-Corpl. A. Cordeaux, 23rd June, 1907.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS.—8288 Pte. S. Whiteman, dated 4th July, 1907; 6082 Pte. W. Bellingham, and 8438 Pte. F. Bovis, 29th July, 1907; Lance-Corpl. E. Allwright on transfer from 1st Batt. the Buffs, 7th August, 1907.

2ND BATTALION.

PROMOTION TO SERGEANT.—6381 Sergt. W. Mills, ante-dated from 26th March, 1907 to 26th February, 1907, vice Teer, to 3rd Batt.

APPOINTED PAID LANCE-CORPORALS. — 6191 Lance-Corpl. A. Martin, ante-dated from 19th March, 1907, to 26th February, 1907, vice Homan, promoted; 7790 Lance-Corpl. W. Rowland, ante-dated from 20th March, 1907, to 19th March, 1907, vice Kemp, reverted; 6368 Lance-Corpl. C. White, ante-dated from 26th March, 1907, to 20th March, 1907, vice Trevena, promoted; 6203 Lance-Corpl. H. Maynard, vice Fish, reverted, 11th April, 1907; 5706 Lance-Corpl. E. Newbrook, vice Russell, reverted, 6th May, 1907; 4471 Lance-Corpl. R. Hunt, vice Gallant, promoted, 15th May, 1907; 7234 Lance-Corpl. A. Marks, vice Hare, promoted, 17th May, 1907; 8114 Lance-Corpl. C. Stevens, vice Allison, reverted, 12th June, 1907; 5730 Lance-Corpl. G. Wright, vice Goodwin, reverted, 3rd July, 1907; 7521 Lance-Corpl. W. Stickings, vice Wilson, discharged, 18th July, 1907.

PROMOTED CORPORALS.—6513 Corpl. G. Homan, ante-dated from 20th March, 1907 to 26th February, 1907, vice Mills, promoted; 6389 Corpl. C. Trevena, ante-dated from 26th March, 1907, to 20th March, 1907, vice White, reverted; 6201 Lance-Corpl. A. Gallant, vice Hurley, deceased, 15th May, 1907; 5997 Lance-Corpl. F. Hare, vice Stevens, to Army Reserve, 17th May, 1907.

APPOINTED PAID LANCE-SERGEANTS. — 5883 Lance-Sergt. H. Stevens, ante-dated from 26th March, 1907 to 26th February, 1907, vice Mills, promoted; 6530 Corpl. W. Skeer, vice Stevens, to Army Reserve, 17th May, 1907; 5309 Corpl. H. Kimber, vice King, reverted, 10th June, 1907.

Supernumerary Pioneer-Sergt. W. T. Fetherston is absorbed into the establishment of Battalion, vice Lambe, discharged, 4th July, 1907.

APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORAL.—8069 Pte. H. Clarke, 15th June, 1907.

2ND VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

TO BE SERGEANT.—4203 Corporal H. Rose, dated August 4th, 1907.

PRESENTATION OF COLOURS.

WIMBORNE,
27th August, 1907.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I hear from Gen. Sir E. Leach that Her Majesty the Queen has signified her intention of presenting new colours to the 1st Battalion at an early date, under these circumstances I think the account I enclose (from the "Melbourne Argus") relating to the presentation of the present colours may be of interest to your readers. I would mention that I, as one of the two Senior Ensigns, had the honour of receiving the colours on the occasion of their presentation on board the troopship "Himalaya" in Melbourne harbour.

Yours truly,
C. M. CHURCHILL,
Lieut.-Colonel.

FROM THE "MELBOURNE ARGUS."

PRESENTATION OF COLOURS TO HER MAJESTY'S 50th REGIMENT.

A presentation of Colours to Her Majesty's 50th Regiment, the fighting 50th, was made yesterday. The event was rendered doubly interesting by the circumstances that it occurred on board the troopship "Himalaya," on which the Regiment is embarked en route for active service in New Zealand, and that the day was the ninth anniversary of the battle of Inkerman, in which the Corps so highly distinguished itself. Its previous colours had been borne by the 50th Regiment throughout the Crimean campaign and scarce a shred was left to flutter from the pole. It received its new colours a few days before leaving Colombo, and a resolution was then come to to defer the presentation until Melbourne was reached. This was done because, singularly enough, the 50th has more ties with this colony than with Ceylon. Lieut.-Colonel Anderson, one of our oldest residents, commanded the Regiment, and Colonel Adand Anderson, the head of our Volunteer force, Mr. U. H. Wright, secretary to the Railway department, and Inspector Hill of the Police, all held commissions in the Corps. Visitors not being admitted to the ship in consequence of the preparations for immediate

departure there were but few present at the ceremony. To those who were on board however the scene was more than a spectacle. Thackery in his happiest vein relates how he knew a lady of ancient years, and how when he took hold of his kind old friend's hand he could travel back to the brilliant Court days of the Georges, and so in company with the veterans of the 50th, the visitors were carried back to the scenes in which the Regiment played a prominent part to stubborn battles in the Peninsula and in India, and to the blood-red fields of the Crimea. The latter are recalled the more vividly, for upon them the 50th, under the command of its present gallant Colonel, did more than its share. It was with the army at the landing on the coast, it was present at the Alma, it covered itself with glory on the heights of Inkerman, and it lost many of its bravest and best in the trenches before Sebastopol. Its men, too, were the last of the English army in the Crimea, the Russians resuming possession as they embarked. After these services the Regiment was only allowed a respite of eleven months at Dublin, when it was ordered to Colombo, it arrived there on the 10th October, 1857, and left on the 10th October, 1863, having been in Ceylon exactly six years.

The presentation of the Colours was made at 3 o'clock by Mrs. Waddy, the wife of the Colonel of the Regiment. By this time the men had been drawn up aft in two lines, the officers' ladies had been provided with seats in a convenient position and the fore part of the vessel was thronged with the soldiers' families, all eager to witness a scene in which they were so much interested. Among the visitors present were Colonel Anderson, Major Hall, and Captain Ince, Volunteer Staff, and Major Verdon, Captain Sir Francis Murphy, Captain Stewart, Volunteer Officers. The morning had been sombre, but in the afternoon the weather cleared up and in the bright sunshine the crowded deck presented a striking appearance.

Mrs. Waddy addressed the Regiment as follows : Colonel Waddy, Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Privates of the Queen's Own, you have conferred upon me a very great compliment, in having requested me to present to you these new colours and believe me sincere when I tell you this is one of the proudest days of my life and that nothing could afford me a greater gratification than in thus being honoured by the Officers and Men of a Regiment which has been commanded by my husband for nearly ten years, and with which I have been connected for nearly 24 years.

It is an additional pleasure to me and I feel sure you will all participate in it, that this ceremony should take place not only in the presence of the whole service companies of the Regiment, but on board this noble ship which has conveyed to different parts of the world many thousauds of Her Majesty's troops with rapidity, safety, and comfort. The gallant deeds of the 50th Regiment are too well known to require from me any eulogy on this occasion, I need only point to the seventeen badges on the Regimental Colours which have been conferred by the Sovereigns of our Country in commemoration of the distinguished conduct of the Regiment in many hard fought fields. This is the ninth anniversary of one of them, and not the least glorious one, and I am happy to know that many officers and men who fought on the heights of Inkerman are still serving with the Regiment, and I feel a just pride in telling the young soldiers that my husband was your leader in that action, let me express my fervent hope that the young officers and men will ever act with the same gallantry in fight and royalty to their Sovereign which has hitherto distinguished the Regiment in war as well as in peace, and in handing over these Colours to your safe keeping, which I now do, I feel perfectly confident that they will always be conspicuous in action, that so long as a man is left standing they will never be without a defender, and that you will continue to uphold and deserve the name of "The fighting 50th."

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I have been racking my brain how to find copy for you now that we are in camp, as there is naturally somewhat of a sameness about each day's manœuvres. However, I have been saved trouble by a diary that has been handed to me. I may say, as it is not clearly explained in the diary, that we are in camp on St. Leonard's Common, Ringwood, not very far from Bournemouth. Here it is :—

BIVOUAC-CUM-BOG.

August 9th.—I am feeling a little jaded and tired. Rather a long day. The "rouse" went at 1.30 a.m., and I then spent two hours losing things in the dark, and having to find them again. I got thrown into the train about four o'clock—all except my cap, which is still absent—and there succeeded in getting a little rest, till we got to Ringwood about noon. Three and a half miles on the road and we reached camp. Such a nice place—all mud and heather, and the tents sticking up through the heather like a lot of little spikes. Spent the early part of the afternoon bird-nesting round the bottom of my tent, but I was told it was too late for eggs, so went and watched people fall into the bog. There is quite a large one close to camp, and people are always falling in, it's quite funny.

August 10th.—The strenuous life begins. We had a preliminary canter without any enemy. Captured a hill in great form, much to the delight of the natives gathered on it, they'll soon get used to us. Met a bog and lost my boots in it—bogs aren't so funny as I thought they were.

August 11th.—Sunday is called the day of rest, a little word, the meaning of which I don't think people quite understand, but I do, and I do not intend to violate it by writing any more.

August 12th.—Another Battalion day. No enemy except the weather, which is continually "raining" a heavy fire on us. Please note—this is a joke.

August 13th.—First Brigade day. Splendid spectacular effect and several new bogs found. Result : Magnificent victory for both sides. There has been a break in the weather. The sun has been seen for quite ten minutes, which gives the lie to the report that it has been abolished to save the expense of buying us a suitable head-dress.

August 14th.—Another Battalion day. An epoch-marking event has happened. All the Companies have been issued with little flags to carry into battle. The idea is three-fold : First, to show the C.O. where his men are ; second, to foster a spirit of heroic emulation (*a la* Japanese) ; and third—well, I forget, but I think it is to give people the opportunity to write patriotic songs and Limericks about them. The second is, of course, the great reason, and it is already easy to see that the old deeds of valour at Sobraon and Vittoria will be as flea-bites to the heroic bravery of the future. Banzai ! likewise Pip-pip ! Those of us to whom these emblems of our Company's glory are entrusted, when we reach our silvered old age, will, as we sit by the fire-side in the evening, recount with a tremour in our voice the soul-inspiring story of —— Feet inspection. I must go.

August 15th.—Brigade night march. Chiefly remarkable for the tasty costumes of the officer leading the Battalion, and the left guides who decorated their backs with towels, and, of course, other things, even "La Milo" would find furze bushes and bogs a bad place for playing at "Godiva" this chilly weather. The Battalion made its way to the Brigade position of assembly at a place called Gibbet Ties, a nasty name at any time, but horrible at night. Was getting quite nervous, when suddenly I saw a ghastly white spectre, nearly fainted and sat on a furze bush, but my conscience was pricked, and I quickly got up to find that it was only the Brigade-Major in an even more beautiful towel than the rest. The Battalions were then tied together, to the awful discomfort of the aforesaid "comic towel horses," who were tied to the rope and had to take the strain when the front Battalion went on and the rear ones didn't. None of us knew where we were going, but we got there alright, and home about 1 a.m.

August 16th.—Battalion day, which was quite spoilt by an ugly incident. A message suddenly came: "Machine gun is enflating us from the right flank." Immediate and awful panic, but just as ambulances began to dash up from all sides another message came, "For 'enflate' read 'enfilade.'" Confidence, thus rudely shaken, was restored and the advance resumed.

August 17th.—A combined day with the Norfolks and Field Artillery. Our part of the affair was a fascinating advance over some miles of banks, bumps, and bogs. Result: Awful defeat of both sides. The whole Battalion was nearly plunged into mourning to-day. "Marmaduke," the machine gun mule, an intelligent beast and delightful companion, fell into a bog, and was saved with the greatest difficulty as he was about to sink for the third time. The scene, as he was brought safely to land, was most affecting, and he was the recipient of many congratulations on his narrow escape.

August 18th.—Dreamt last night that I had swum the Channel. Was just splashing ashore amidst the plaudits of a huge crowd, when someone rushed at me and threw me down. Woke up and found I was being rudely shaken; raining like the devil; tent leaking like a sieve, and a young Niagara coming in at the door. The "plaudits of the crowd" turned out to be my companion discussing the situation. The range of his vocabulary would have brought tears of envy to the eyes of Shakespeare himself. Spent the rest of the day getting dry and trying to remember the new swear-words I had heard in the morning.

August 19th.—A combined day with Norfolks, Wilts, and R.F.A. Owing to the recent rain, bogs kept appearing in all sorts of unexpected places—as also did Generals. Result: No race. Commanders of both sides disqualified for "boring." Sha'nt write any more, as I am going to walk out to-night for the first time since I have been here.

August 20th.—Walked out last night; tried a short cut home; fell into a bog; swallowed half of it and lost my other pair of boots, and am now in hospital with "Foot and mouth disease." "I."

F COMPANY'S NOTES.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Very little importance has occurred during the past month to record, and consequently my notes are few and far between. We have been fairly busy during the month with Battalion training, and the exercises set us have been very instructive and at the same time pretty arduous. On the other hand we have been able to indulge in a little sport this month, as on the 23rd July we played A Company in the first round of the cricket competition for Major Style's shield, on the Glacis. We won the toss and put A Company in to bat, and they compiled the fairly respectable score of 56 runs, their chief contributors being Privates Hooper and Kirton. With this score to face we went in fairly confident that we should manage to win, but things went wrong from the commencement, the bowling of Hooper, Todd, and Mathers being too good, and when our last man came in we still wanted 11 to win. After making a few runs, however, he at length skied a ball to Hooper, who make no mistake, and A Company had won a very exciting match by five runs. Since writing these notes I have learned that A Company have managed to secure the shield. "Good luck to 'em."

On the 3rd of August we jurneyed to Shorncliffe to try conclusions with F Company of the 1st Batt. Royal Scots, and after a very enjoyahle game we won by 19 runs. At one time, however, the outlook for us was not very hopeful, as we had 6 wickets down for 5 runs, but, thanks to Barker, Kerridge, Lance-Corpl. Wood, and Warner, we managed to score the respectable total of 52 runs, our opponents replying with 33, Saring being responsible for 8 of our opponents' wickets for 13 runs. Appended below is the detail of the scores of both matches:—

A Company.—Jeffrey, b Colvin 8; Mathers, c Wood b Barker 0; Todd, c Saring b Colvin 5; Hooper, c Saring b Bellett 14; Hastings, c and b Colvin 5; Kirton, c Grey b Saring 13; Claridge, c Barker b Saring 0; Greig, b Bellett 3; Towner b Bellett 0; Munro, lbw b Bellett 5; Drage, not out 0; extras 3; total 56.

F COMPANY.

Gray, c Munro b Hooper 1; Barker c Hooper b Todd 2; Saring, 0 and b Todd 5; Kerridge, not out 22; Colvin, b Hooper 0; Sergt. Bellion, b Hooper 2; Bellett, c Hooper b Mathers 3; Wood, c Hastings b Mathers 5; Smith, c Claridge b Mathers 9; Cable, c Hooper b Todd 0; Lance-Corpl. Wood c Hooper b Todd 1; extras 3; total 51.

Colvin 3 wickets for 21 runs.	Hooper took 3 wickets.
Barker 1 wicket for 6 runs.	Todd took 4 wickets.
Bellett 4 wickets for 7 runs.	Mathers took 3 wickets.
Saring 2 wickets for 9 runs.	

F COMPANY 1st BATT. THE ROYAL SCOTS.

Colvin, c and b Long 2; Saring, run out 1; Bellett, b Long 0; Kerridge b Mahoney 10; Sergt. Bellion b Mahoney 1; Wood, c Bill b Mahoney 0; Smith, c Sergt. Hooper b Mahoney 0; Barker, b Mahoney 12; Lance-Corpl. Wood b Haigh 10; Warner, b Mahoney 13; Burns, not out 0; extras 3; total 52.

F COMPANY 1st BATT. THE ROYAL SCOTS.

Ross, c Smith b Saring 2; Tinley c Colvin b Saring 15; Smith b Saring 0; Haigh c Bellett b Saring 5; Sergt. Hooper c and b Kerridge 2; Col.-Sergt. Hooper, b Saring 1; McCallum, c Kerridge b Saring 2; Mahoney, c L.-C. Wood b Saring; Long, c L.-C. Wood b Saring 1; Ireland. not out 0; Bill, b Kerridge 3; extras 0; total 33.

Mahoney 7 wickets for 16.	Saring 8 wickets for 13.
Long 2 wickets for 15.	Kerridge 2 wickets for 7.
Haigh 1 wicket for 17.	

At present we are very busy preparing for manœuvres, and as we proceed on the 9th to Ringwood my notes this month will not include anything about the pleasures (?) of entraining, the journey to Ringwood, detraining, and the march to camp.

Our hearty congratulations to "Miffy" on his successfully tying the nuptial knot, may he enjoy many years of double harness (without the whip) is the wish of

F COMPANY CORRESPONDENT.

1st BATTALION FOOTBALL CLUB.

Dear Mr. Editor,

By the time these notes are public property, King Football will be holding full sway. As we have plenty of material, we hope to have a very successful season, and have accordingly entered for the Army Cup, Kent League, Folkestone and District Senior League, The Hallam Parr Shield, and the Kent Amateur Cup. The two leagues will furnish us with thirty-eight matches, and if we have any luck in the Cup Ties, we shall probably total "A Blind Half Hundred" (50). At the football meeting it was decided to endeavour to play off for the Regimental Shield while we are on manœuvres, but owing to the absence of a suitable ground this idea will probably have to be abandoned. This will no doubt necessitate the shield being played for on the knock-out system, as a league would be a great strain on the Regimental players, in view of the large fixture list to be played.

With a view to keeping up the standard of our material, we are running two teams, so that there will be no dearth of players for the Regimental Team. Up-to-date, the second team have not entered for any league, but it will probably compete in the 2nd Division of the Folkestone League.

With regard to players, we still retain Butcher, last year's keeper, and two other probables are in evidence. Backs are very conspicuous, as besides last season's pair, Thompson and Lord, the Depot backs are now in the Battalion, viz. :—Powell and Keeble, while Smith, of F Company, also has claim to a place. The Half-backs consist of Green, Huggett, Nicolson and Verrall. The Forwards are our greatest difficulty, as with the exception of Sparrow, all last year's forwards are on the Army Reserve. 2nd Lieutenant Barratt will probably lead us at centre, and we shall no doubt find suitable forwards by the time the season is in full swing.

As a great interest is being taken in the team, both by the Officers and the Men, may the two-blues demonstrate their strength in the sporting world is the earnest wish of

The Bud.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

At the School of Musketry. Hythe, Clr. Sergt. A. Davis and Sergt. W. Collins qualified at the examination of the Advanced Class, Maxim Gun, etc., held during July last. Eastern Command Orders state that the knowledge of the maxim gun displayed by Clr.-Sergt. Davis disclosed a high standard of excellence.

Sergt. W. Wood and Sergt. E. Ashton were selected to attend the course at Hythe, commencing on the 2nd August, 1907.

No. 762 Armr. Staff Sergt. W. Ashby is posted to No. 17 Company A.O. Corps, Devonport; he is relieved by 995 Armr. Staff-Sergt. F. Benwell, from Woolwich.

The following soldiers have been transferred to the Army Reserve :—7757 Pte. A. Duke, 5544 Lance-Corpl. E. Fitzgerald, 7759 Pte. F. Mills, 7770 Pte. F. Andrews, 7758 Pte. A. Parker, 5545 Pte. W. Austen, 5546 Pte. G. Morris, 7760 Pte. A. Stewart, 7771 Pte. P. Atkins, 5548 Pte. J. Organ, 7769 W. Goodchild, 7772 S. Little, 5550 Corpl. C. Geast, 5567 Pte. J. Jarman, 7775 Pte. H. Martin, 7774 Pte. A. Francis, 5562 Pte. A. Perkins, 5503 W. Saunders, 7777 Pte. C. Alldridge, 7779 Pte. A. Ansell, 7780 Pte. A. Bashford, 7784 R. Mantell, 7782 H. Jeffrey, 7786 J. Birt, 7785 J. Skinner, 7789 G. Harrison, 7802 W. Harvey, 7801 A. Cheale, 7806 R. Camper, 7809 H. Thompson, 5576 W. Grant, 7814 S. Vickers; discharged as invalids :—8305 Pte. F. Cronk, 7950 Pte. A. Seymour.

No. 8706 (R.W.K.R.) Pte. Franks has joined the 1st Batt. on transfer from the 2nd Royal Warwickshire Regt., 18th July, 1907.

No. 2826 Clr.-Sergt. D. O'Connell has been granted a clasp for Southern Nigeria, 1902-03.

No. 5167 Sergt. B. Reynolds absorbs the vacancy caused by Clr.-Sergt. D. O'Connell, promoted, and Sergt. G. Selves that caused by the discharge of Sergt. W. Ball.

No. 4260 Lance-Corpl. E. Harden and 4413 Pte. H. Bellchambers have been discharged free at their own request after 12 years' service, and 7432 Pte. J. Hover on payment of £25.

No. 7909 Lance-Corpl. E. Bough has extended to complete 7 years with the colours.

Second class certificates of education have been granted to 8468 Boy E. Rigby, 8385 Lance-Corpl. J. Hutton, 8476 Pte. T. Pay and 8126 Z Barden.

Third class to 8319 Pte. J. Jenner, 8638 Boy W. Standen, 8634 Boy Skill, 8640 Boy W. Bourne.

No. 901 Sergt. W. Ball has been discharged with a view to pension on termination of 2nd period of engagement, and 2117 Pte. H. Harris has been discharged on completion of 14 years' service.

No. 8310 Pte. F. Andrews has been transferred to the 51st Battery R.F. Artillery, and 8436 Pte. H. Turner to the 21st Lancers.

No. 1549 Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. J. Cover has taken his discharge with a view to pension, 13th August, 1907.

No. 7903 Pte. R. Legh and 8174 Pte. A. Page have qualified as telephone operators, 19th August, 1907.

We see according to the "Kentish Mercury" of April 20th that Capt. H. S. Bush, playing for Blackheath against the Old Charlton C.C., made 172 runs in an innings.

2nd BATTALION NEWS.

Tanglin Barracks,

Singapore,

July 28th, 1907.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I now take up my pen to scratch with, and I must apologise for not having much to say, as we have been very slack this month, but I will commence by telling you a few of our doings.

July 7th.—We turned the Drummers' Football Team out to play F Company's second eleven, resulting in a win for us by one goal to nil, Corporal Newell netting the ball for the Drummers. I must add that Drummers Pullen, Baker and Corporal Newell played a nice combination game, and that the forwards can do with a bit of shooting practice.

July 13th.—The Band and Drums sent out a second eleven to play the G.P.O. This game was rather a one-sided affair, as the G.P.O. was the strongest team, and we suffered defeat by four goals to nil, but we hope to turn the tables in our return match. (The goal keeper states that he stopped them all but four).

July 24th.—The Band and Drums played a Football Match with H Company, resulting in a win for H. Score 1 nil.

I now come to the conclusion that my pen is wearing out, so I will stop, as all my notes are used up.

Band and Drums Correspondent.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

Good Conduct Badges have been granted to the undermentioned N.C.O.'s and men as stated:—

8069 Lce.-Corpl. H. Clarke awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated June 24th, 1907; 7739 Privates W. Carter awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated June 19th, 1907; 2554 G. Bateman awarded 4th G.C. Badge, dated June 18th, 1907; 7804 E. Carter awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated May 9th, 1907; 8076 E. Cousins awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated June 27th, 1907; 4518 E. Crouch awarded 3rd G.C. Badge, dated June 7th, 1907; 5907 A. Parker awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, dated June 8th, 1907; 7360 G. Butcher awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, dated July 14th, 1907; 8096 W. Croucher awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated July 28th, 1907; 7560 L. Waldron awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated July 25th, 1907; 8082 W. Drinkwater awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated July 20th, 1907; 5785 A. Urry restored 1st G.C. Badge, dated July 26th, 1907; 6253 H. Johnson restored 2nd G.C. Badge, dated July 16th, 1907; 6537 A. Hopper reetored 1st G.C. Badge, dated June 11th, 1907.

The following men have been awarded swimming certificates:—

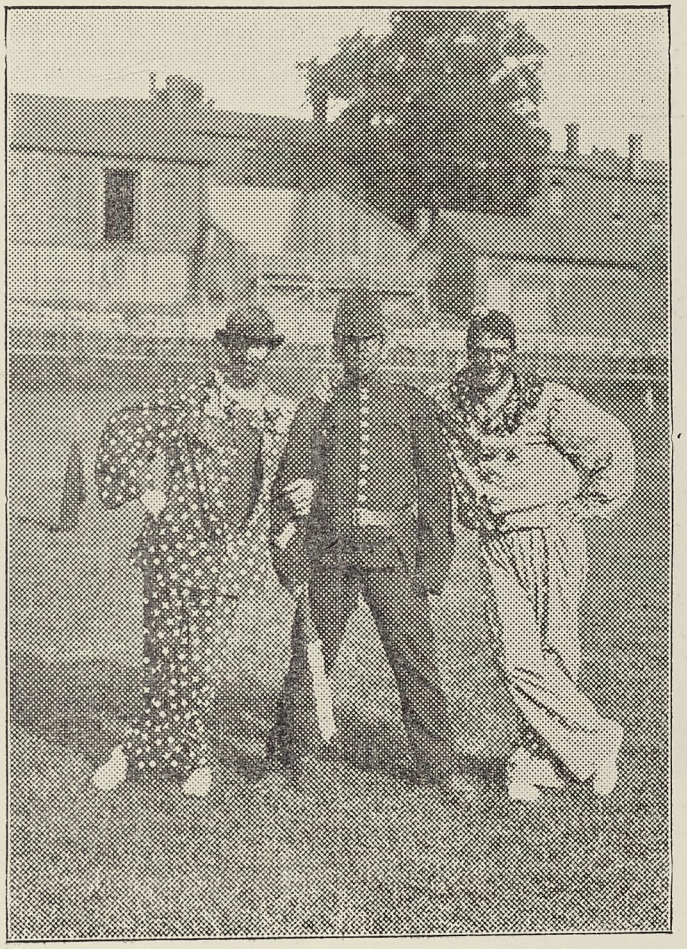
7650 Privates W. Taylor, 6612 E. Francis, 8242 W. Spark, 7755 J. Nixon, 7726 F. Hornblow, 8054 C. Datlen, 6736 Dr. F. Moss.

4471 Lance-Corporal Hunt has re-engaged at Singapore for the Royal West Kent Regiment to complete 21 years' service, dated July 3rd, 1907.

6297 Sergeant G. Lambe has been discharged at his own request on payment of £25, dated July 3rd, 1907.

7984 Lance-Corporal P. Wilson has been discharged at Singapore at his own request on payment of £25, dated July 18th, 1907.

5760 Private J. James has been transferred to the Army Reserve with his own consent, before the expiration of his period of service, dated July 12th, 1907.



THE DEPOT CLOWNS AT THE SPORTS.

DEPOT SPORTS.

AN ILLUMINATED CYCLE RIDE, AND A GRAND TATTOO.

The sports in connection with the Maidstone Depot (Royal West Kent Regiment) took place on Wednesday, by kind permission of Major N. H. S. Lowe, commanding.

The ground, which lies so pleasantly by the Medway, was carefully prepared. On the tennis lawns were the officers tent and the grand stand, and immediately opposite, by the river, was the sergeants' enclosure, where the sergeants entertained a large party of friends. All day long a large crowd gathered around the ropes, but at night, for illuminated

cycle ride and military tattoo, the attendance was much larger, the number then on the ground being about two thousand.

THE SPORTS.

There was nothing in the nature of tedium about the sports. The events were, in the main, novel and exciting, and quite different from those usually seen. We will snap-shot a few in words.

Boot Race.—A serried line of bootless men at one end of the field. In the centre of the field a stack of boots is seen. The pistol fires, and the living line dashes to the boots, each man searching with shouts and cries for his own particular pair. The boots are, of course, all numbered within. The task is difficult. Unwanted boots begin to fly about the field. It is raining boots. Still the men search, the ground of exploration having become larger and larger. They chase the flying boots, only to find they are not theirs. But stay, one soldier lad has got his pair; he laces them up; he runs towards the post, and wins! Another, then another, and yet another.

Bumping Melee—The men of the teams are tied in sacks. The revolver smokes and the contestants go into a square and bump and bump until there is no need to bump any longer. If a man falls over he is "dead" if he is bumped out of the square he is also "ready for the undertaker:',

The Band Race—The musicians walk a quarter of a mile, each member playing a different tune. The wildest cacophony reigns.

Squad Boat Race—The teams astride a pole, run backwards, cox'd by a man at the end. One crew is wrecked. The surviving crews swing round the "buoys" (sergeants), and quickly pull to the tapes.

Affinity Race—A great number take part. Half the competitors are on one side of the field, half on the other. They are given papers. At the word "go" they rush together, pell-mell, each shouting for his "affinity." The scene is like a huge Rugby scrum—an excited yelling mass of humanity. Affinities meet and make for the tape. Long after the winners have arrived at the post, disconsolate competitors are still in a heap searching for their lost affinities.

Tug-of-War—The teams are splendidly coached. "Now, lads, heads back; stick your heels in; heads well back; never mind, let 'em pull. Now together, heave, heave, heave"; and the Line Recruits are pulled over. Again is the scene repeated, and the Militia boys win once more.

The walking races were very popular. Sergt. Redmond walked well (smoking) and deserved first prize, Sergt.-Instr. Hayworth being second. In the only open event—one mile walking race for Yeomanry and Volunteers belonging to Corps in Maidstone—Goodsell, 1st V.B., R.W. K.R., was an easy first, and must have done the mile in splendid time

During the progress of the sports some excellent foolery was contributed by the tireless clowns, Drummer Francis and Pte. Langridge, and by "Policeman" Corpl. Crocker. It is clever to be funny, and this jovial triumvirate seemed to be a never-failing source of comicality. Their "boxing" contests, their Diogenesian Aunt Sally, their singing and dancing and banjo strummings, and their equestrian displays were quite features of the day's programme. The band of the 3rd Battalion played much appreciated selections during the afternoon, under the baton of Bandmaster Gee.

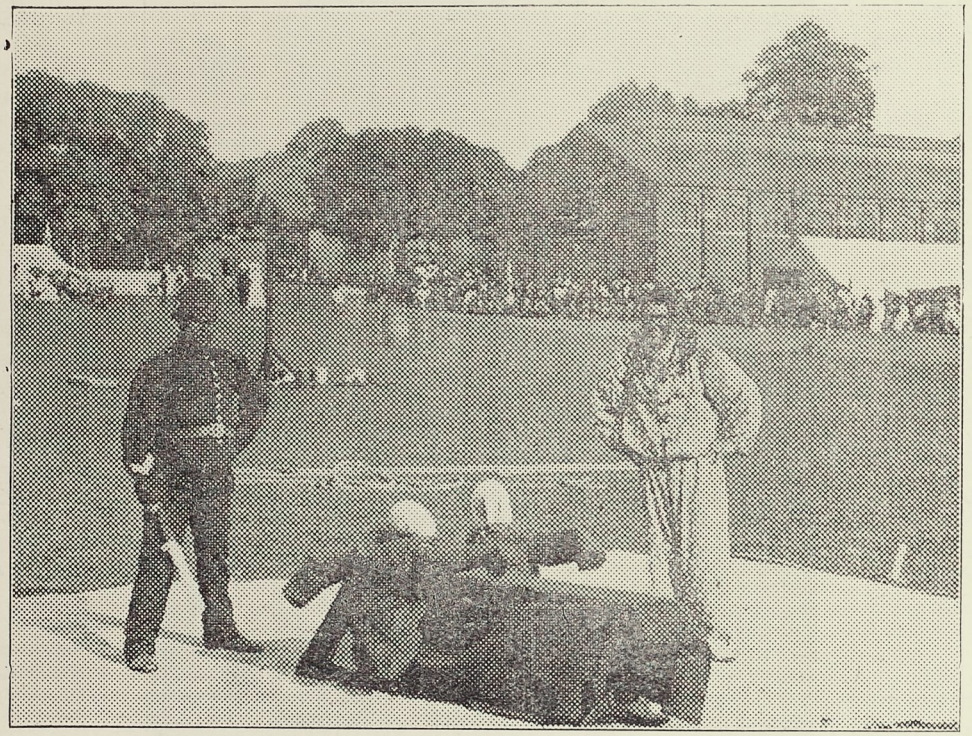
The results of the Sports were as follows :—

Children's Handicap Race, boys, over 5 and under 14 (prizes given by Mrs. Noel Lowe)—1 W. Chiswell, 2 Dugay, 3 C. Osborne, 4 Gallen. Girls, over 5 and under 14 (prizes by Mrs. Noel Lowe)—1 E. Chiswell, 2 A. Outten, 3 M. Outten, 4 M. Free.

100 Yards Flat for Recruits—1 A. Maynard, 2 Hazlewood, 3 Howe, 4 Chorley.

120 Yards Officers' Race—1 Major Lowe, 2 Lieut. Phillips, 3 Captain Elgood.

Veterans' 120 Yards Handicap (open to rank and file over 12 years' service)—1 Drummer Sweeney, 2 Pte. Worth (R.A.M.C.), 3 Pte. Ayres, 4 Pte. Martin.



THE "BOXING" CONTEST.

Throwing the Cricket Ball—1 Hazlewood, 2 Deemer, 3 Garrard. 4 Meopham (84 yards was the winning distance).

220 Yards Flat Race—1 Corpl. Davis, 2 Pte. P. Maynard, 3 Pte. Hazlewood, 4 Corpl. Baker.

Sack Race—1 Pte. Wright (8646), 2 Pte. Hull, 3 Pte. Addington, 4 Pte. Smithers.

Boat Race—1 Corpl. Ney's team, 2 Corpl. Morgan's team.

Half-mile Race—1 Lance-Corpl. Sheppard, 2 Pte. J. Wright, 3 Pte. Hazlewood, 4 Pte. Howe.

Boot Race—1 Pte. Hall, 2 Pte. Unsworth, 3 Pte. Sweeney, 4 Pte. Williams.

Quarter-mile Race (smoking a cigarette), open to members of the Sergeants' Mess—1 Lance-Sergt. Redmond, 2 Sergt.-Instr. Hayworth.

Bumping Melee (three teams per Company)—Corpl. Ney's team beat Corpl. Davis's team.

Quarter-mile Race—1 Pte. Hazlewood, 2 Pte. Wright, 3 Corpl. Baker, 4 Pte. Langridge.

Band Race, each member to play a different tune (walking)—1 Drummer Robinson, 2 Drummer Connors.

Tilting the Bucket—1 Ptes. Bishop and Stevens, 2 Ptes. Unsworth and Hazlewood, 3 Lce.-Corpl. Ney and Corpl. Driscoll, 4 Ptes. Allington and File.

One Mile—1 Lce.-Corpl. Sheppard, 2 Corpl. Driscoll, 3 Pte. Hazlewood, 4 Pte. Bishop.

Tug-of-War (Recruits)—A Company Militia Recruits beat A Company Line Recruits. Teams selected from four.

Obstacle Race—I Pte. J. Wright, 2 Pte. Herbert, 3 Pte. Hazlewood, 4 Corpl. Baker.

Three legged Race—1 Corpl. Davis and Corpl. Baker, 2 Lce.-Corpl. Sheppard and Pte. Wright, 3 Ptes. Hazlewood and Stevens, 4 Ptes. Smithers and Grant.

Bucket of Water Race.—1 Pte. Deemer, 2 Corpl. Driscoll, 3 Corpl. Morgan, 4 Pte. George.

One Mile Walking Race, open to Yeomanry and Volunteers belonging to Corps in Maidstone—1 Goodsell, 1st V.B., R.W.K.R., 2 Springett, 1st V.B., 3 Martin, 1st V.B., 4 Munn, 1st V.B.

Affinity Race—1 Ptes. Grist, and Stedman, 2 Ptes. Hazlewood and Sweeney, 3 Ptes. Fuller and Penstone, 4 Corpl. Baker and Pte. Brown.

Pte. Hazlewood was awarded the championship medal (specially struck) given by Major Lowe, together with 30/-. Corpl. Sheppard was the runner up.

Soon after 7 o'clock Mrs. Noel Lowe distributed the prizes, and hearty cheers were raised for her, the officers, Sergt.-Major Outten, and the other non-commissioned officers.

The officials were: President, Major N. H. S. Lowe; referee, Captain G. Elgood; judges, Captain W. H. Annesley, Lieut. A. M. Mackenzie Penderel, and 2nd-Lieut. A. J. Trousdell; starter, Lieut. W. C. O. Phillips (who also had been good enough to superintend the heats on previous days); track stewards, Sergt.-Major Grellier, Clr.-Sergt. Bass, Clr.-Sergt. Jury, Clr.-Sergt. Reeves, Clr.-Sergt. Pond, Sergt.-Inst. Hayworth, Sergt. Merrick, and Sergt. Seaton; gate superintendent, Q.M.S. Pye; hon. secretary, Sergt.-Major J. H. Outten.

THE PAGEANT OF LANTERNS.

The day, which had been gloriously fine—indeed it was quite Queen's (Own) weather—drew to a close, and the ebon vault of Heaven became studded with silver brightnesses men call stars. The ground was in dense darkness. Away towards the town bugles blared and drums rolled, and flambleaux could be seen approaching. The bands arrived—the Depot and the Volunteers massed at one end, and the drums and bugles of the Depot, the Volunteers, and the R.A.M.C. at the other. The torch bearers marked out a giant square and within this non-commissioned officers and men of the Depot, under Sergt.-Inst. Hayworth, carried out one of the most interesting and beautiful illuminated cycle rides yet seen in the town. The machines were lavishly decorated and illuminated with Japanese lanterns, and the quickly-moving figures aroused expressions of delight at each turn.

The ride over, the flambeaux went towards the bands, and the cyclists marked out the ground so to speak. A bugle sounded "Lights out," and the torches were extinguished. Then from the distant shadows came an almost interminable line of red-coated soldiers bearing—not torches, but Japanese lanterns (three to each man). This was probably something new in the history of a military tattoo, and that it is an improvement on the old flambeaux cannot be questioned. Instead of the old wild oil-flare there was the soft, subdued light of the Oriental lanterns, and in addition the number of lights was tripled. A word of praise, too, is due to the large number of men who took part in the brilliant performance, and appeared to enjoy it as much as the general public did. The bands are also deserving of a word of warm appreciation; the Volunteers and the R.A.M.C. kindly giving their services.

The wives and children of the married rank and file were not forgotten in the day's festivities, being entertained to a capital tea, provided by Mr. Sillitoe.

Messrs. J. E. Martin and Co. erected the tents, and made other arrangements for the comfort of the visitors.

Now we arrive at a most satisfactory point—a sum of £20 will be sent to the Maidstone Hospitals as a result of the day's proceedings. All the expenses in connection with the sports (prizes, etc.), came from the Regimental funds, and the whole of the money received from sale of tickets goes to benefit the institutions named, after the expenses of the tattoo have been deducted. Thus, while getting far more than sixpennyworth of entertainment, the public were helping the hospitals. In view of the success which has attended this initial sports meeting, one hopes that it is but the commencement of a long line of similar engagements.

N.B.—The above account is from the pen of the representative of the *Kent Messenger* who was present, the results, etc., being taken from the official list compiled by the clerk of the course.

DEPOT SHOOTING.

On the 10th August the Depot rifle team fired a match with the Benenden Rifle Club at Benenden, and were beaten by that Club by 11 points. The average of the Depot team was 82, but I regret we have not the scores of their opponents. The teams were most hospitably entertained by Major H. Neve, dining on the lawn of that gentleman's residence, where a grand view of the weald of Kent is obtained, and after a most enjoyable time journeyed back to Maidstone by brake, arriving there in the small hours of the morning, having had one of those days which are not easily forgotten. Major Neve captained the Benenden Rifle Club, and Capt. Elgood the Depot team.

While busy over other matters, the rifle shooting at the Depot has not been neglected, all our efforts being exerted with a view to bringing the "Prince of Wales Cup" to Maidstone. Teams have been selected and exhaustively tried. The eight selected to pick a team of six from, is published below, with their scores on the last two occasions they fired, viz., 23rd and 30th August. It should be mentioned that our C.O. is rendering us every assistance, both financially and otherwise, and that the eight selected to choose from represent the pick of all ranks at the Depot. No doubt the same team would come to the top were smooth bore muskets or 12 inch guns the weapons used. The averages of the selected eight on the 19th and 20th August were 88·5 and 87, firing with one sighting shot.

	23rd	30th
Clr.-Sergt. Inst. Hyde.....	96	72
Clr.-Sergt. Dugay	95	92
Clr.-Sergt. Reeves	91	86
Clr.-Sergt. Osborne	91	89
Sergt.-Major Outten	90	87
Clr.-Sergt. Pond.....	88	91
Sergt. Redmond	87	84
Sergt. Davis.....	84	84
Total.....	722	685
Average.....	90·2	85·5

Note.—The above scores were made on the Boxley Range, no sighting shots being allowed.

On the 22nd August we had a match with our 4th V.B. R.W.K.R. at Boxley Range—our baby Battalion I think it is we call them, on account of the short time they have been formed. On a previous occasion we were defeated by them, but had our own back this time as will be seen below.

Depot.		4th V.B. R.W.K.R.	
Clr.-Sergt. Dugay	97	Clr.-Sergt. Boys.....	89
Lance-Sergt. Redmond....	95	Band-Sergt. Riordan.....	87
Clr.-Sergt. Hyde.....	94	Lance-Sergt. Felmingham	86
Sergt.-Major Outten.....	92	Sergt. Wickens	85
Clr.-Sergt. Osborne	89	Sergt. Crouch.....	84
Clr.-Sergt. Pond	86	Sergt. Brown	82
Clr.-Sergt. Reeves	85	C.S.I. Kill	80
Clr.-Sergt. Wimhurst	81	Pte. Jones	78
Clr.-Sergt. Jury.....	*80	Sergt. Gibson	*74
Sergt. Davis	*79	Lance-Corpl. Perkins	*47
	878		792
*Counted out	159	*Counted out	121
Total.....	719	Total.....	671

Depot won by 48 points.

DEPOT NOTES.

No. 5077 Pte. T. Frankson and 5815 Pte. T. Buckley have joined the 1st Battalion on being discharged from the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich.

No. 6536 Corporal O. Bond, having completed his tour of duty at the Depot, joined the 1st Battalion on 3rd August.

3RD BATTALION NEWS.

MILITIA LONG SERVICE MEDAL: No. 4612 Sergeant W. Ventham, 3rd Battalion, has been awarded the Militia Long Service Medal.

At the Depot Sports held at Maidstone on the 28th August, in the final "Tug of War," a team of Militia Recruits attached to A Company, Depot, were successful, winning by the two first pulls, their oponents were a team of Regular Recruits belonging to the same Company.

Sergeant Powell, late of B Company, 3rd Battalion, who enlisted in the Regular Battalion about a year ago, and made his mark in the Depot Football Team last season, is expected to play in the 1st Battalion Regimental Football Team this year.

Between the 1st of May and the 31st August about 250 recruits have joined the 3rd Battalion and have been attached to the Depot for drill on enlistment, while the total numbers joining the Battalion for the eight past months is considerably over 500. Notwithstanding the above fact our total strength of militiamen has decreased by one man during that period.

VOLUNTEER INTELLIGENCE.

Captain F. L. Goad, 3rd V. B., R. W. Kent Regiment passed in subject (d) i., as required before promotion to the rank of Major and Lieutenant; P. V. M. Sampson of the same Battalion passed in (d) iii., for Captain.

Captain C. H. Watney, 1st V.B., attended at the School of Instruction, Chelsea Barracks, in July, and was granted a certificate Field Offs. A.F.E., 535 (special), and at the same class 2nd Lieut. C. W. E. Baker, 2nd V.B., was granted a similar Captain's Certificate.

2nd Lieuts. P. B. Cardwell and I. B. H. Benn, 2nd V.B., were attached to 1st Batt. Royal West Kent Regiment at Dover, under Para. 303 Volunteer Regulations, from 6th July to 6th August, and obtained a satisfactory report on Army Form E. 535, on completion of the Course of Instruction.

No. 492 Clr.-Sergt. A. G. Wheller, 2nd V. Batt., has been awarded the Volunteer Long Service Medal.

The Competition for the Silver Bugle presented to the 2nd Vol. Batt. by Colonel F. W. Frigout, will be held at Head Quarters on October 18th.

The Colonel Commanding the West Kent Volunteer Infantry Brigade has fixed the 25th, 26th and 27th October for the Brigade Staff Tour. The number to attend is limited to six Officers per Battalion.

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The Officer Commanding the Depot begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contribution to the above fund:—Balance of grant from Canteen, 2nd Battalion, to Draft, per Major W. E. Rowe, £4 14s. 0d.

NOTICE.

It is proposed to bind the *Queen's Own Gazette* from 1902 to December, 1907, in continuation of the books already published. The Editor would be glad if those who wish to purchase one of these would kindly intimate same to him. The price will be £1 1s. 0d. Only a limited number will be available. The Editor also has on hand a few copies of the "Extracts from the History of the 2nd Battalion during the South African War." Price 1s. 1d. post free.

The Editor begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following subscriptions to the *Q.O.G.*: Col. W. Western, C.B., and Major W. E. Rowe, up to December, 1908; Capt. Seccombe, 1907; Mr. Rogers, 1907; Mr. P. Whelan, up to 1910.

BIRTH.

On June 11th, 1907, the wife of No. 3507 Clr.-Sergt. A. Davis, 1st Battalion, of a son, "Richard."

DEATHS.

At Maidstone, on the 6th August, 1907, Thomas Bernard, the son of 1935 Sergt. T. Connor, P.S., 3rd Battalion.

At Singapore, on 2nd July, 1907, the wife of 3608 Pioneer-Sergt. J. Keyte (eclampsia).

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1st BATTALION.

PROMOTED COLOUR-SERGEANT. — Sergt. D. O'Connell, dated 7th June, 1907.

PROMOTED QUARTER-MASTER-SERGEANT.—3958 Clr.-Sergt. O.R.S. J. Mackintosh (after three years in the rank of Clr.-Sergt.), dated 29th August, 1907.

LANCE-CORPORALS PROMOTED CORPORALS.—7909 Lance-Corpl. E. Bough, dated 18th June, 1907; 6167 Lance-Corpl. A. Cordeaux, 23rd June, 1907.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS.—8288 Pte. S. Whiteman, dated 4th July, 1907; 6082 Pte. W. Bellingham, and 8438 Pte. F. Bovis, 29th July, 1907; Lance-Corpl. E. Allwright on transfer from 1st Batt. the Buffs, 7th August, 1907.

2ND BATTALION.

PROMOTION TO SERGEANT.—6381 Sergt. W. Mills, ante-dated from 26th March, 1907 to 26th February, 1907, vice Teer, to 3rd Batt.

APPOINTED PAID LANCE-CORPORALS. — 6191 Lance-Corpl. A. Martin, ante-dated from 19th March, 1907, to 26th February, 1907, vice Homan, promoted; 7790 Lance-Corpl. W. Rowland, ante-dated from 20th March, 1907, to 19th March, 1907, vice Kemp, reverted; 6368 Lance-Corpl. C. White, ante-dated from 26th March, 1907, to 20th March, 1907, vice Trevena, promoted; 6203 Lance-Corpl. H. Maynard, vice Fish, reverted, 11th April, 1907; 5706 Lance-Corpl. E. Newbrook, vice Russell, reverted, 6th May, 1907; 4471 Lance-Corpl. R. Hunt, vice Gallant, promoted, 15th May, 1907; 7234 Lance-Corpl. A. Marks, vice Hare, promoted, 17th May, 1907; 8114 Lance-Corpl. C. Stevens, vice Allison, reverted, 12th June, 1907; 5730 Lance-Corpl. G. Wright, vice Goodwin, reverted, 3rd July, 1907; 7521 Lance-Corpl. W. Stickings, vice Wilson, discharged, 18th July, 1907.

PROMOTED CORPORALS.—6513 Corpl. G. Homan, ante-dated from 20th March, 1907 to 26th February, 1907, vice Mills, promoted; 6389 Corpl. C. Trevena, ante-dated from 26th March, 1907, to 20th March, 1907, vice White, reverted; 6201 Lance-Corpl. A. Gallant, vice Hurley, deceased, 15th May, 1907; 5997 Lance-Corpl. F. Hare, vice Stevens, to Army Reserve, 17th May, 1907.

APPOINTED PAID LANCE-SERGEANTS. — 5883 Lance-Sergt. H. Stevens, ante-dated from 26th March, 1907 to 26th February, 1907, vice Mills, promoted; 6530 Corpl. W. Skeer, vice Stevens, to Army Reserve, 17th May, 1907; 5309 Corpl. H. Kimber, vice King, reverted, 10th June, 1907.

Supernumerary Pioneer-Sergt. W. T. Fetherston is absorbed into the establishment of Battalion, vice Lambe, discharged, 4th July, 1907.

APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORAL.—8069 Pte. H. Clarke, 15th June, 1907.

2ND VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

TO BE SERGEANT.—4203 Corporal H. Rose, dated August 4th, 1907.

PRESENTATION OF COLOURS.

WIMBORNE,
27th August, 1907.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I hear from Gen. Sir E. Leach that Her Majesty the Queen has signified her intention of presenting new colours to the 1st Battalion at an early date, under these circumstances I think the account I enclose (from the "Melbourne Argus") relating to the presentation of the present colours may be of interest to your readers. I would mention that I, as one of the two Senior Ensigns, had the honour of receiving the colours on the occasion of their presentation on board the troopship "Himalaya" in Melbourne harbour.

Yours truly,
C. M. CHURCHILL,
Lieut.-Colonel.

FROM THE "MELBOURNE ARGUS."

PRESENTATION OF COLOURS TO HER MAJESTY'S 50th REGIMENT.

A presentation of Colours to Her Majesty's 50th Regiment, the fighting 50th, was made yesterday. The event was rendered doubly interesting by the circumstances that it occurred on board the troopship "Himalaya," on which the Regiment is embarked en route for active service in New Zealand, and that the day was the ninth anniversary of the battle of Inkerman, in which the Corps so highly distinguished itself. Its previous colours had been borne by the 50th Regiment throughout the Crimean campaign and scarce a shred was left to flutter from the pole. It received its new colours a few days before leaving Colombo, and a resolution was then come to to defer the presentation until Melbourne was reached. This was done because, singularly enough, the 50th has more ties with this colony than with Ceylon. Lieut.-Colonel Anderson, one of our oldest residents, commanded the Regiment, and Colonel Adand Anderson, the head of our Volunteer force, Mr. U. H. Wright, secretary to the Railway department, and Inspector Hill of the Police, all held commissions in the Corps. Visitors not being admitted to the ship in consequence of the preparations for immediate

departure there were but few present at the ceremony. To those who were on board however the scene was more than a spectacle. Thackery in his happiest vein relates how he knew a lady of ancient years, and how when he took hold of his kind old friend's hand he could travel back to the brilliant Court days of the Georges, and so in company with the veterans of the 50th, the visitors were carried back to the scenes in which the Regiment played a prominent part to stubborn battles in the Peninsula and in India, and to the blood-red fields of the Crimea. The latter are recalled the more vividly, for upon them the 50th, under the command of its present gallant Colonel, did more than its share. It was with the army at the landing on the coast, it was present at the Alma, it covered itself with glory on the heights of Inkerman, and it lost many of its bravest and best in the trenches before Sebastopol. Its men, too, were the last of the English army in the Crimea, the Russians resuming possession as they embarked. After these services the Regiment was only allowed a respite of eleven months at Dublin, when it was ordered to Colombo, it arrived there on the 10th October, 1857, and left on the 10th October, 1863, having been in Ceylon exactly six years.

The presentation of the Colours was made at 3 o'clock by Mrs. Waddy, the wife of the Colonel of the Regiment. By this time the men had been drawn up aft in two lines, the officers' ladies had been provided with seats in a convenient position and the fore part of the vessel was thronged with the soldiers' families, all eager to witness a scene in which they were so much interested. Among the visitors present were Colonel Anderson, Major Hall, and Captain Ince, Volunteer Staff, and Major Verdon, Captain Sir Francis Murphy, Captain Stewart, Volunteer Officers. The morning had been sombre, but in the afternoon the weather cleared up and in the bright sunshine the crowded deck presented a striking appearance.

Mrs. Waddy addressed the Regiment as follows : Colonel Waddy, Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Privates of the Queen's Own, you have conferred upon me a very great compliment, in having requested me to present to you these new colours and believe me sincere when I tell you this is one of the proudest days of my life and that nothing could afford me a greater gratification than in thus being honoured by the Officers and Men of a Regiment which has been commanded by my husband for nearly ten years, and with which I have been connected for nearly 24 years.

It is an additional pleasure to me and I feel sure you will all participate in it, that this ceremony should take place not only in the presence of the whole service companies of the Regiment, but on board this noble ship which has conveyed to different parts of the world many thousauds of Her Majesty's troops with rapidity, safety, and comfort. The gallant deeds of the 50th Regiment are too well known to require from me any eulogy on this occasion, I need only point to the seventeen badges on the Regimental Colours which have been conferred by the Sovereigns of our Country in commemoration of the distinguished conduct of the Regiment in many hard fought fields. This is the ninth anniversary of one of them, and not the least glorious one, and I am happy to know that many officers and men who fought on the heights of Inkerman are still serving with the Regiment, and I feel a just pride in telling the young soldiers that my husband was your leader in that action, let me express my fervent hope that the young officers and men will ever act with the same gallantry in fight and royalty to their Sovereign which has hitherto distinguished the Regiment in war as well as in peace, and in handing over these Colours to your safe keeping, which I now do, I feel perfectly confident that they will always be conspicuous in action, that so long as a man is left standing they will never be without a defender, and that you will continue to uphold and deserve the name of "The fighting 50th."

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I have been racking my brain how to find copy for you now that we are in camp, as there is naturally somewhat of a sameness about each day's manœuvres. However, I have been saved trouble by a diary that has been handed to me. I may say, as it is not clearly explained in the diary, that we are in camp on St. Leonard's Common, Ringwood, not very far from Bournemouth. Here it is :—

BIVOUAC-CUM-BOG.

August 9th.—I am feeling a little jaded and tired. Rather a long day. The "rouse" went at 1.30 a.m., and I then spent two hours losing things in the dark, and having to find them again. I got thrown into the train about four o'clock—all except my cap, which is still absent—and there succeeded in getting a little rest, till we got to Ringwood about noon. Three and a half miles on the road and we reached camp. Such a nice place—all mud and heather, and the tents sticking up through the heather like a lot of little spikes. Spent the early part of the afternoon bird-nesting round the bottom of my tent, but I was told it was too late for eggs, so went and watched people fall into the bog. There is quite a large one close to camp, and people are always falling in, it's quite funny.

August 10th.—The strenuous life begins. We had a preliminary canter without any enemy. Captured a hill in great form, much to the delight of the natives gathered on it, they'll soon get used to us. Met a bog and lost my boots in it—bogs aren't so funny as I thought they were.

August 11th.—Sunday is called the day of rest, a little word, the meaning of which I don't think people quite understand, but I do, and I do not intend to violate it by writing any more.

August 12th.—Another Battalion day. No enemy except the weather, which is continually "raining" a heavy fire on us. Please note—this is a joke.

August 13th.—First Brigade day. Splendid spectacular effect and several new bogs found. Result : Magnificent victory for both sides. There has been a break in the weather. The sun has been seen for quite ten minutes, which gives the lie to the report that it has been abolished to save the expense of buying us a suitable head-dress.

August 14th.—Another Battalion day. An epoch-marking event has happened. All the Companies have been issued with little flags to carry into battle. The idea is three-fold : First, to show the C.O. where his men are ; second, to foster a spirit of heroic emulation (*a la* Japanese) ; and third—well, I forget, but I think it is to give people the opportunity to write patriotic songs and Limericks about them. The second is, of course, the great reason, and it is already easy to see that the old deeds of valour at Sobraon and Vittoria will be as flea-bites to the heroic bravery of the future. Banzai ! likewise Pip-pip ! Those of us to whom these emblems of our Company's glory are entrusted, when we reach our silvered old age, will, as we sit by the fire-side in the evening, recount with a tremour in our voice the soul-inspiring story of —— Feet inspection. I must go.

August 15th.—Brigade night march. Chiefly remarkable for the tasty costumes of the officer leading the Battalion, and the left guides who decorated their backs with towels, and, of course, other things, even "La Milo" would find furze bushes and bogs a bad place for playing at "Godiva" this chilly weather. The Battalion made its way to the Brigade position of assembly at a place called Gibbet Ties, a nasty name at any time, but horrible at night. Was getting quite nervous, when suddenly I saw a ghastly white spectre, nearly fainted and sat on a furze bush, but my conscience was pricked, and I quickly got up to find that it was only the Brigade-Major in an even more beautiful towel than the rest. The Battalions were then tied together, to the awful discomfort of the aforesaid "comic towel horses," who were tied to the rope and had to take the strain when the front Battalion went on and the rear ones didn't. None of us knew where we were going, but we got there alright, and home about 1 a.m.

August 16th.—Battalion day, which was quite spoilt by an ugly incident. A message suddenly came: "Machine gun is enflating us from the right flank." Immediate and awful panic, but just as ambulances began to dash up from all sides another message came, "For 'enflate' read 'enfilade.'" Confidence, thus rudely shaken, was restored and the advance resumed.

August 17th.—A combined day with the Norfolks and Field Artillery. Our part of the affair was a fascinating advance over some miles of banks, bumps, and bogs. Result: Awful defeat of both sides. The whole Battalion was nearly plunged into mourning to-day. "Marmaduke," the machine gun mule, an intelligent beast and delightful companion, fell into a bog, and was saved with the greatest difficulty as he was about to sink for the third time. The scene, as he was brought safely to land, was most affecting, and he was the recipient of many congratulations on his narrow escape.

August 18th.—Dreamt last night that I had swum the Channel. Was just splashing ashore amidst the plaudits of a huge crowd, when someone rushed at me and threw me down. Woke up and found I was being rudely shaken; raining like the devil; tent leaking like a sieve, and a young Niagara coming in at the door. The "plaudits of the crowd" turned out to be my companion discussing the situation. The range of his vocabulary would have brought tears of envy to the eyes of Shakespeare himself. Spent the rest of the day getting dry and trying to remember the new swear-words I had heard in the morning.

August 19th.—A combined day with Norfolks, Wilts, and R.F.A. Owing to the recent rain, bogs kept appearing in all sorts of unexpected places—as also did Generals. Result: No race. Commanders of both sides disqualified for "boring." Sha'nt write any more, as I am going to walk out to-night for the first time since I have been here.

August 20th.—Walked out last night; tried a short cut home; fell into a bog; swallowed half of it and lost my other pair of boots, and am now in hospital with "Foot and mouth disease." "I."

F COMPANY'S NOTES.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Very little importance has occurred during the past month to record, and consequently my notes are few and far between. We have been fairly busy during the month with Battalion training, and the exercises set us have been very instructive and at the same time pretty arduous. On the other hand we have been able to indulge in a little sport this month, as on the 23rd July we played A Company in the first round of the cricket competition for Major Style's shield, on the Glacis. We won the toss and put A Company in to bat, and they compiled the fairly respectable score of 56 runs, their chief contributors being Privates Hooper and Kirton. With this score to face we went in fairly confident that we should manage to win, but things went wrong from the commencement, the bowling of Hooper, Todd, and Mathers being too good, and when our last man came in we still wanted 11 to win. After making a few runs, however, he at length skied a ball to Hooper, who make no mistake, and A Company had won a very exciting match by five runs. Since writing these notes I have learned that A Company have managed to secure the shield. "Good luck to 'em."

On the 3rd of August we jurneyed to Shorncliffe to try conclusions with F Company of the 1st Batt. Royal Scots, and after a very enjoyahle game we won by 19 runs. At one time, however, the outlook for us was not very hopeful, as we had 6 wickets down for 5 runs, but, thanks to Barker, Kerridge, Lance-Corpl. Wood, and Warner, we managed to score the respectable total of 52 runs, our opponents replying with 33, Saring being responsible for 8 of our opponents' wickets for 13 runs. Appended below is the detail of the scores of both matches:—

A Company.—Jeffrey, b Colvin 8; Mathers, c Wood b Barker 0; Todd, c Saring b Colvin 5; Hooper, c Saring b Bellett 14; Hastings, c and b Colvin 5; Kirton, c Grey b Saring 13; Claridge, c Barker b Saring 0; Greig, b Bellett 3; Towner b Bellett 0; Munro, lbw b Bellett 5; Drage, not out 0; extras 3; total 56.

F COMPANY.

Gray, c Munro b Hooper 1; Barker c Hooper b Todd 2; Saring, 0 and b Todd 5; Kerridge, not out 22; Colvin, b Hooper 0; Sergt. Bellion, b Hooper 2; Bellett, c Hooper b Mathers 3; Wood, c Hastings b Mathers 5; Smith, c Claridge b Mathers 9; Cable, c Hooper b Todd 0; Lance-Corpl. Wood c Hooper b Todd 1; extras 3; total 51.

Colvin 3 wickets for 21 runs.	Hooper took 3 wickets.
Barker 1 wicket for 6 runs.	Todd took 4 wickets.
Bellett 4 wickets for 7 runs.	Mathers took 3 wickets.
Saring 2 wickets for 9 runs.	

F COMPANY 1st BATT. THE ROYAL SCOTS.

Colvin, c and b Long 2; Saring, run out 1; Bellett, b Long 0; Kerridge b Mahoney 10; Sergt. Bellion b Mahoney 1; Wood, c Bill b Mahoney 0; Smith, c Sergt. Hooper b Mahoney 0; Barker, b Mahoney 12; Lance-Corpl. Wood b Haigh 10; Warner, b Mahoney 13; Burns, not out 0; extras 3; total 52.

F COMPANY 1st BATT. THE ROYAL SCOTS.

Ross, c Smith b Saring 2; Tinley c Colvin b Saring 15; Smith b Saring 0; Haigh c Bellett b Saring 5; Sergt. Hooper c and b Kerridge 2; Col.-Sergt. Hooper, b Saring 1; McCallum, c Kerridge b Saring 2; Mahoney, c L.-C. Wood b Saring; Long, c L.-C. Wood b Saring 1; Ireland. not out 0; Bill, b Kerridge 3; extras 0; total 33.

Mahoney 7 wickets for 16.	Saring 8 wickets for 13.
Long 2 wickets for 15.	Kerridge 2 wickets for 7.
Haigh 1 wicket for 17.	

At present we are very busy preparing for manœuvres, and as we proceed on the 9th to Ringwood my notes this month will not include anything about the pleasures (?) of entraining, the journey to Ringwood, detraining, and the march to camp.

Our hearty congratulations to "Miffy" on his successfully tying the nuptial knot, may he enjoy many years of double harness (without the whip) is the wish of

F COMPANY CORRESPONDENT.

1st BATTALION FOOTBALL CLUB.

Dear Mr. Editor,

By the time these notes are public property, King Football will be holding full sway. As we have plenty of material, we hope to have a very successful season, and have accordingly entered for the Army Cup, Kent League, Folkestone and District Senior League, The Hallam Parr Shield, and the Kent Amateur Cup. The two leagues will furnish us with thirty-eight matches, and if we have any luck in the Cup Ties, we shall probably total "A Blind Half Hundred" (50). At the football meeting it was decided to endeavour to play off for the Regimental Shield while we are on manœuvres, but owing to the absence of a suitable ground this idea will probably have to be abandoned. This will no doubt necessitate the shield being played for on the knock-out system, as a league would be a great strain on the Regimental players, in view of the large fixture list to be played.

With a view to keeping up the standard of our material, we are running two teams, so that there will be no dearth of players for the Regimental Team. Up-to-date, the second team have not entered for any league, but it will probably compete in the 2nd Division of the Folkestone League.

With regard to players, we still retain Butcher, last year's keeper, and two other probables are in evidence. Backs are very conspicuous, as besides last season's pair, Thompson and Lord, the Depot backs are now in the Battalion, viz. :—Powell and Keeble, while Smith, of F Company, also has claim to a place. The Half-backs consist of Green, Huggett, Nicolson and Verrall. The Forwards are our greatest difficulty, as with the exception of Sparrow, all last year's forwards are on the Army Reserve. 2nd Lieutenant Barratt will probably lead us at centre, and we shall no doubt find suitable forwards by the time the season is in full swing.

As a great interest is being taken in the team, both by the Officers and the Men, may the two-blues demonstrate their strength in the sporting world is the earnest wish of

The Bud.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

At the School of Musketry. Hythe, Clr. Sergt. A. Davis and Sergt. W. Collins qualified at the examination of the Advanced Class, Maxim Gun, etc., held during July last. Eastern Command Orders state that the knowledge of the maxim gun displayed by Clr.-Sergt. Davis disclosed a high standard of excellence.

Sergt. W. Wood and Sergt. E. Ashton were selected to attend the course at Hythe, commencing on the 2nd August, 1907.

No. 762 Armr. Staff Sergt. W. Ashby is posted to No. 17 Company A.O. Corps, Devonport; he is relieved by 995 Armr. Staff-Sergt. F. Benwell, from Woolwich.

The following soldiers have been transferred to the Army Reserve :—7757 Pte. A. Duke, 5544 Lance-Corpl. E. Fitzgerald, 7759 Pte. F. Mills, 7770 Pte. F. Andrews, 7758 Pte. A. Parker, 5545 Pte. W. Austen, 5546 Pte. G. Morris, 7760 Pte. A. Stewart, 7771 Pte. P. Atkins, 5548 Pte. J. Organ, 7769 W. Goodchild, 7772 S. Little, 5550 Corpl. C. Geast, 5567 Pte. J. Jarman, 7775 Pte. H. Martin, 7774 Pte. A. Francis, 5562 Pte. A. Perkins, 5503 W. Saunders, 7777 Pte. C. Alldridge, 7779 Pte. A. Ansell, 7780 Pte. A. Bashford, 7784 R. Mantell, 7782 H. Jeffrey, 7786 J. Birt, 7785 J. Skinner, 7789 G. Harrison, 7802 W. Harvey, 7801 A. Cheale, 7806 R. Camper, 7809 H. Thompson, 5576 W. Grant, 7814 S. Vickers; discharged as invalids :—8305 Pte. F. Cronk, 7950 Pte. A. Seymour.

No. 8706 (R.W.K.R.) Pte. Franks has joined the 1st Batt. on transfer from the 2nd Royal Warwickshire Regt., 18th July, 1907.

No. 2826 Clr.-Sergt. D. O'Connell has been granted a clasp for Southern Nigeria, 1902-03.

No. 5167 Sergt. B. Reynolds absorbs the vacancy caused by Clr.-Sergt. D. O'Connell, promoted, and Sergt. G. Selves that caused by the discharge of Sergt. W. Ball.

No. 4260 Lance-Corpl. E. Harden and 4413 Pte. H. Bellchambers have been discharged free at their own request after 12 years' service, and 7432 Pte. J. Hover on payment of £25.

No. 7909 Lance-Corpl. E. Bough has extended to complete 7 years with the colours.

Second class certificates of education have been granted to 8468 Boy E. Rigby, 8385 Lance-Corpl. J. Hutton, 8476 Pte. T. Pay and 8126 Z Barden.

Third class to 8319 Pte. J. Jenner, 8638 Boy W. Standen, 8634 Boy Skill, 8640 Boy W. Bourne.

No. 901 Sergt. W. Ball has been discharged with a view to pension on termination of 2nd period of engagement, and 2117 Pte. H. Harris has been discharged on completion of 14 years' service.

No. 8310 Pte. F. Andrews has been transferred to the 51st Battery R.F. Artillery, and 8436 Pte. H. Turner to the 21st Lancers.

No. 1549 Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. J. Cover has taken his discharge with a view to pension, 13th August, 1907.

No. 7903 Pte. R. Legh and 8174 Pte. A. Page have qualified as telephone operators, 19th August, 1907.

We see according to the "Kentish Mercury" of April 20th that Capt. H. S. Bush, playing for Blackheath against the Old Charlton C.C., made 172 runs in an innings.

2nd BATTALION NEWS.

Tanglin Barracks,

Singapore,

July 28th, 1907.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I now take up my pen to scratch with, and I must apologise for not having much to say, as we have been very slack this month, but I will commence by telling you a few of our doings.

July 7th.—We turned the Drummers' Football Team out to play F Company's second eleven, resulting in a win for us by one goal to nil, Corporal Newell netting the ball for the Drummers. I must add that Drummers Pullen, Baker and Corporal Newell played a nice combination game, and that the forwards can do with a bit of shooting practice.

July 13th.—The Band and Drums sent out a second eleven to play the G.P.O. This game was rather a one-sided affair, as the G.P.O. was the strongest team, and we suffered defeat by four goals to nil, but we hope to turn the tables in our return match. (The goal keeper states that he stopped them all but four).

July 24th.—The Band and Drums played a Football Match with H Company, resulting in a win for H. Score 1 nil.

I now come to the conclusion that my pen is wearing out, so I will stop, as all my notes are used up.

Band and Drums Correspondent.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

Good Conduct Badges have been granted to the undermentioned N.C.O.'s and men as stated:—

8069 Lce.-Corpl. H. Clarke awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated June 24th, 1907; 7739 Privates W. Carter awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated June 19th, 1907; 2554 G. Bateman awarded 4th G.C. Badge, dated June 18th, 1907; 7804 E. Carter awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated May 9th, 1907; 8076 E. Cousins awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated June 27th, 1907; 4518 E. Crouch awarded 3rd G.C. Badge, dated June 7th, 1907; 5907 A. Parker awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, dated June 8th, 1907; 7360 G. Butcher awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, dated July 14th, 1907; 8096 W. Croucher awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated July 28th, 1907; 7560 L. Waldron awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated July 25th, 1907; 8082 W. Drinkwater awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated July 20th, 1907; 5785 A. Urry restored 1st G.C. Badge, dated July 26th, 1907; 6253 H. Johnson restored 2nd G.C. Badge, dated July 16th, 1907; 6537 A. Hopper reetored 1st G.C. Badge, dated June 11th, 1907.

The following men have been awarded swimming certificates:—

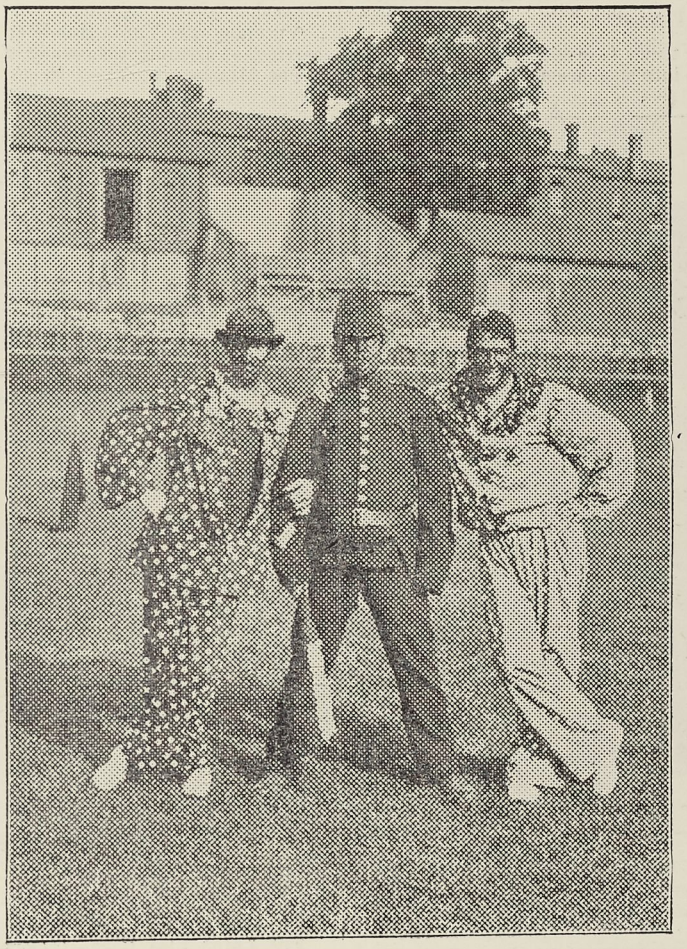
7650 Privates W. Taylor, 6612 E. Francis, 8242 W. Spark, 7755 J. Nixon, 7726 F. Hornblow, 8054 C. Datlen, 6736 Dr. F. Moss.

4471 Lance-Corporal Hunt has re-engaged at Singapore for the Royal West Kent Regiment to complete 21 years' service, dated July 3rd, 1907.

6297 Sergeant G. Lambe has been discharged at his own request on payment of £25, dated July 3rd, 1907.

7984 Lance-Corporal P. Wilson has been discharged at Singapore at his own request on payment of £25, dated July 18th, 1907.

5760 Private J. James has been transferred to the Army Reserve with his own consent, before the expiration of his period of service, dated July 12th, 1907.



THE DEPOT CLOWNS AT THE SPORTS.

DEPOT SPORTS.

AN ILLUMINATED CYCLE RIDE, AND A GRAND TATTOO.

The sports in connection with the Maidstone Depot (Royal West Kent Regiment) took place on Wednesday, by kind permission of Major N. H. S. Lowe, commanding.

The ground, which lies so pleasantly by the Medway, was carefully prepared. On the tennis lawns were the officers tent and the grand stand, and immediately opposite, by the river, was the sergeants' enclosure, where the sergeants entertained a large party of friends. All day long a large crowd gathered around the ropes, but at night, for illuminated

cycle ride and military tattoo, the attendance was much larger, the number then on the ground being about two thousand.

THE SPORTS.

There was nothing in the nature of tedium about the sports. The events were, in the main, novel and exciting, and quite different from those usually seen. We will snap-shot a few in words.

Boot Race.—A serried line of bootless men at one end of the field. In the centre of the field a stack of boots is seen. The pistol fires, and the living line dashes to the boots, each man searching with shouts and cries for his own particular pair. The boots are, of course, all numbered within. The task is difficult. Unwanted boots begin to fly about the field. It is raining boots. Still the men search, the ground of exploration having become larger and larger. They chase the flying boots, only to find they are not theirs. But stay, one soldier lad has got his pair; he laces them up; he runs towards the post, and wins! Another, then another, and yet another.

Bumping Melee—The men of the teams are tied in sacks. The revolver smokes and the contestants go into a square and bump and bump until there is no need to bump any longer. If a man falls over he is "dead" if he is bumped out of the square he is also "ready for the undertaker:',

The Band Race—The musicians walk a quarter of a mile, each member playing a different tune. The wildest cacophony reigns.

Squad Boat Race—The teams astride a pole, run backwards, cox'd by a man at the end. One crew is wrecked. The surviving crews swing round the "buoys" (sergeants), and quickly pull to the tapes.

Affinity Race—A great number take part. Half the competitors are on one side of the field, half on the other. They are given papers. At the word "go" they rush together, pell-mell, each shouting for his "affinity." The scene is like a huge Rugby scrum—an excited yelling mass of humanity. Affinities meet and make for the tape. Long after the winners have arrived at the post, disconsolate competitors are still in a heap searching for their lost affinities.

Tug-of-War—The teams are splendidly coached. "Now, lads, heads back; stick your heels in; heads well back; never mind, let 'em pull. Now together, heave, heave, heave"; and the Line Recruits are pulled over. Again is the scene repeated, and the Militia boys win once more.

The walking races were very popular. Sergt. Redmond walked well (smoking) and deserved first prize, Sergt.-Instr. Hayworth being second. In the only open event—one mile walking race for Yeomanry and Volunteers belonging to Corps in Maidstone—Goodsell, 1st V.B., R.W. K.R., was an easy first, and must have done the mile in splendid time

During the progress of the sports some excellent foolery was contributed by the tireless clowns, Drummer Francis and Pte. Langridge, and by "Policeman" Corpl. Crocker. It is clever to be funny, and this jovial triumvirate seemed to be a never-failing source of comicality. Their "boxing" contests, their Diogenesian Aunt Sally, their singing and dancing and banjo strummings, and their equestrian displays were quite features of the day's programme. The band of the 3rd Battalion played much appreciated selections during the afternoon, under the baton of Bandmaster Gee.

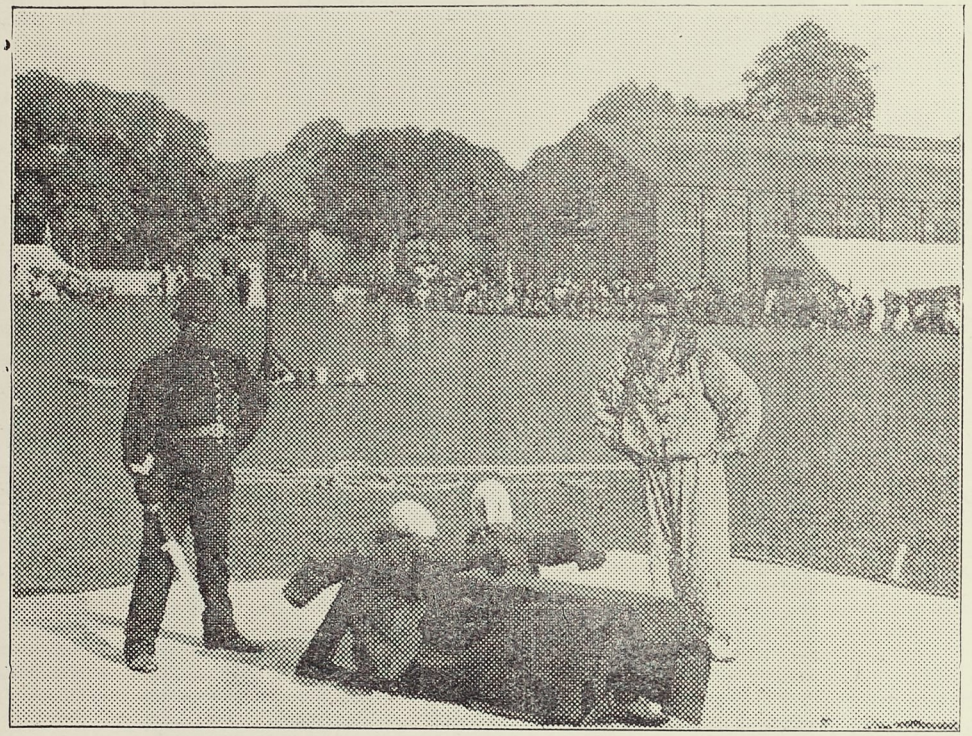
The results of the Sports were as follows :—

Children's Handicap Race, boys, over 5 and under 14 (prizes given by Mrs. Noel Lowe)—1 W. Chiswell, 2 Dugay, 3 C. Osborne, 4 Gallen. Girls, over 5 and under 14 (prizes by Mrs. Noel Lowe)—1 E. Chiswell, 2 A. Outten, 3 M. Outten, 4 M. Free.

100 Yards Flat for Recruits—1 A. Maynard, 2 Hazlewood, 3 Howe, 4 Chorley.

120 Yards Officers' Race—1 Major Lowe, 2 Lieut. Phillips, 3 Captain Elgood.

Veterans' 120 Yards Handicap (open to rank and file over 12 years' service)—1 Drummer Sweeney, 2 Pte. Worth (R.A.M.C.), 3 Pte. Ayres, 4 Pte. Martin.



THE "BOXING" CONTEST.

Throwing the Cricket Ball—1 Hazlewood, 2 Deemer, 3 Garrard. 4 Meopham (84 yards was the winning distance).

220 Yards Flat Race—1 Corpl. Davis, 2 Pte. P. Maynard, 3 Pte. Hazlewood, 4 Corpl. Baker.

Sack Race—1 Pte. Wright (8646), 2 Pte. Hull, 3 Pte. Addington, 4 Pte. Smithers.

Boat Race—1 Corpl. Ney's team, 2 Corpl. Morgan's team.

Half-mile Race—1 Lance-Corpl. Sheppard, 2 Pte. J. Wright, 3 Pte. Hazlewood, 4 Pte. Howe.

Boot Race—1 Pte. Hall, 2 Pte. Unsworth, 3 Pte. Sweeney, 4 Pte. Williams.

Quarter-mile Race (smoking a cigarette), open to members of the Sergeants' Mess—1 Lance-Sergt. Redmond, 2 Sergt.-Instr. Hayworth.

Bumping Melee (three teams per Company)—Corpl. Ney's team beat Corpl. Davis's team.

Quarter-mile Race—1 Pte. Hazlewood, 2 Pte. Wright, 3 Corpl. Baker, 4 Pte. Langridge.

Band Race, each member to play a different tune (walking)—1 Drummer Robinson, 2 Drummer Connors.

Tilting the Bucket—1 Ptes. Bishop and Stevens, 2 Ptes. Unsworth and Hazlewood, 3 Lce.-Corpl. Ney and Corpl. Driscoll, 4 Ptes. Allington and File.

One Mile—1 Lce.-Corpl. Sheppard, 2 Corpl. Driscoll, 3 Pte. Hazlewood, 4 Pte. Bishop.

Tug-of-War (Recruits)—A Company Militia Recruits beat A Company Line Recruits. Teams selected from four.

Obstacle Race—I Pte. J. Wright, 2 Pte. Herbert, 3 Pte. Hazlewood, 4 Corpl. Baker.

Three legged Race—1 Corpl. Davis and Corpl. Baker, 2 Lce.-Corpl. Sheppard and Pte. Wright, 3 Ptes. Hazlewood and Stevens, 4 Ptes. Smithers and Grant.

Bucket of Water Race.—1 Pte. Deemer, 2 Corpl. Driscoll, 3 Corpl. Morgan, 4 Pte. George.

One Mile Walking Race, open to Yeomanry and Volunteers belonging to Corps in Maidstone—1 Goodsell, 1st V.B., R.W.K.R., 2 Springett, 1st V.B., 3 Martin, 1st V.B., 4 Munn, 1st V.B.

Affinity Race—1 Ptes. Grist, and Stedman, 2 Ptes. Hazlewood and Sweeney, 3 Ptes. Fuller and Penstone, 4 Corpl. Baker and Pte. Brown.

Pte. Hazlewood was awarded the championship medal (specially struck) given by Major Lowe, together with 30/-. Corpl. Sheppard was the runner up.

Soon after 7 o'clock Mrs. Noel Lowe distributed the prizes, and hearty cheers were raised for her, the officers, Sergt.-Major Outten, and the other non-commissioned officers.

The officials were: President, Major N. H. S. Lowe; referee, Captain G. Elgood; judges, Captain W. H. Annesley, Lieut. A. M. Mackenzie Penderel, and 2nd-Lieut. A. J. Trousdell; starter, Lieut. W. C. O. Phillips (who also had been good enough to superintend the heats on previous days); track stewards, Sergt.-Major Grellier, Clr.-Sergt. Bass, Clr.-Sergt. Jury, Clr.-Sergt. Reeves, Clr.-Sergt. Pond, Sergt.-Inst. Hayworth, Sergt. Merrick, and Sergt. Seaton; gate superintendent, Q.M.S. Pye; hon. secretary, Sergt.-Major J. H. Outten.

THE PAGEANT OF LANTERNS.

The day, which had been gloriously fine—indeed it was quite Queen's (Own) weather—drew to a close, and the ebon vault of Heaven became studded with silver brightnesses men call stars. The ground was in dense darkness. Away towards the town bugles blared and drums rolled, and flambleaux could be seen approaching. The bands arrived—the Depot and the Volunteers massed at one end, and the drums and bugles of the Depot, the Volunteers, and the R.A.M.C. at the other. The torch bearers marked out a giant square and within this non-commissioned officers and men of the Depot, under Sergt.-Inst. Hayworth, carried out one of the most interesting and beautiful illuminated cycle rides yet seen in the town. The machines were lavishly decorated and illuminated with Japanese lanterns, and the quickly-moving figures aroused expressions of delight at each turn.

The ride over, the flambeaux went towards the bands, and the cyclists marked out the ground so to speak. A bugle sounded "Lights out," and the torches were extinguished. Then from the distant shadows came an almost interminable line of red-coated soldiers bearing—not torches, but Japanese lanterns (three to each man). This was probably something new in the history of a military tattoo, and that it is an improvement on the old flambeaux cannot be questioned. Instead of the old wild oil-flare there was the soft, subdued light of the Oriental lanterns, and in addition the number of lights was tripled. A word of praise, too, is due to the large number of men who took part in the brilliant performance, and appeared to enjoy it as much as the general public did. The bands are also deserving of a word of warm appreciation; the Volunteers and the R.A.M.C. kindly giving their services.

The wives and children of the married rank and file were not forgotten in the day's festivities, being entertained to a capital tea, provided by Mr. Sillitoe.

Messrs. J. E. Martin and Co. erected the tents, and made other arrangements for the comfort of the visitors.

Now we arrive at a most satisfactory point—a sum of £20 will be sent to the Maidstone Hospitals as a result of the day's proceedings. All the expenses in connection with the sports (prizes, etc.), came from the Regimental funds, and the whole of the money received from sale of tickets goes to benefit the institutions named, after the expenses of the tattoo have been deducted. Thus, while getting far more than sixpennyworth of entertainment, the public were helping the hospitals. In view of the success which has attended this initial sports meeting, one hopes that it is but the commencement of a long line of similar engagements.

N.B.—The above account is from the pen of the representative of the *Kent Messenger* who was present, the results, etc., being taken from the official list compiled by the clerk of the course.

DEPOT SHOOTING.

On the 10th August the Depot rifle team fired a match with the Benenden Rifle Club at Benenden, and were beaten by that Club by 11 points. The average of the Depot team was 82, but I regret we have not the scores of their opponents. The teams were most hospitably entertained by Major H. Neve, dining on the lawn of that gentleman's residence, where a grand view of the weald of Kent is obtained, and after a most enjoyable time journeyed back to Maidstone by brake, arriving there in the small hours of the morning, having had one of those days which are not easily forgotten. Major Neve captained the Benenden Rifle Club, and Capt. Elgood the Depot team.

While busy over other matters, the rifle shooting at the Depot has not been neglected, all our efforts being exerted with a view to bringing the "Prince of Wales Cup" to Maidstone. Teams have been selected and exhaustively tried. The eight selected to pick a team of six from, is published below, with their scores on the last two occasions they fired, viz., 23rd and 30th August. It should be mentioned that our C.O. is rendering us every assistance, both financially and otherwise, and that the eight selected to choose from represent the pick of all ranks at the Depot. No doubt the same team would come to the top were smooth bore muskets or 12 inch guns the weapons used. The averages of the selected eight on the 19th and 20th August were 88·5 and 87, firing with one sighting shot.

	23rd	30th
Clr.-Sergt. Inst. Hyde.....	96	72
Clr.-Sergt. Dugay	95	92
Clr.-Sergt. Reeves	91	86
Clr.-Sergt. Osborne	91	89
Sergt.-Major Outten	90	87
Clr.-Sergt. Pond.....	88	91
Sergt. Redmond	87	84
Sergt. Davis.....	84	84
Total.....	722	685
Average.....	90·2	85·5

Note.—The above scores were made on the Boxley Range, no sighting shots being allowed.

On the 22nd August we had a match with our 4th V.B. R.W.K.R. at Boxley Range—our baby Battalion I think it is we call them, on account of the short time they have been formed. On a previous occasion we were defeated by them, but had our own back this time as will be seen below.

Depot.		4th V.B. R.W.K.R.	
Clr.-Sergt. Dugay	97	Clr.-Sergt. Boys.....	89
Lance-Sergt. Redmond....	95	Band-Sergt. Riordan.....	87
Clr.-Sergt. Hyde.....	94	Lance-Sergt. Felmingham	86
Sergt.-Major Outten.....	92	Sergt. Wickens	85
Clr.-Sergt. Osborne	89	Sergt. Crouch.....	84
Clr.-Sergt. Pond	86	Sergt. Brown	82
Clr.-Sergt. Reeves	85	C.S.I. Kill	80
Clr.-Sergt. Wimhurst	81	Pte. Jones	78
Clr.-Sergt. Jury.....	*80	Sergt. Gibson	*74
Sergt. Davis	*79	Lance-Corpl. Perkins	*47
	878		792
*Counted out	159	*Counted out	121
Total.....	719	Total.....	671

Depot won by 48 points.

DEPOT NOTES.

No. 5077 Pte. T. Frankson and 5815 Pte. T. Buckley have joined the 1st Battalion on being discharged from the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich.

No. 6536 Corporal O. Bond, having completed his tour of duty at the Depot, joined the 1st Battalion on 3rd August.

3RD BATTALION NEWS.

MILITIA LONG SERVICE MEDAL: No. 4612 Sergeant W. Ventham, 3rd Battalion, has been awarded the Militia Long Service Medal.

At the Depot Sports held at Maidstone on the 28th August, in the final "Tug of War," a team of Militia Recruits attached to A Company, Depot, were successful, winning by the two first pulls, their oponents were a team of Regular Recruits belonging to the same Company.

Sergeant Powell, late of B Company, 3rd Battalion, who enlisted in the Regular Battalion about a year ago, and made his mark in the Depot Football Team last season, is expected to play in the 1st Battalion Regimental Football Team this year.

Between the 1st of May and the 31st August about 250 recruits have joined the 3rd Battalion and have been attached to the Depot for drill on enlistment, while the total numbers joining the Battalion for the eight past months is considerably over 500. Notwithstanding the above fact our total strength of militiamen has decreased by one man during that period.

VOLUNTEER INTELLIGENCE.

Captain F. L. Goad, 3rd V. B., R. W. Kent Regiment passed in subject (d) i., as required before promotion to the rank of Major and Lieutenant; P. V. M. Sampson of the same Battalion passed in (d) iii., for Captain.

Captain C. H. Watney, 1st V.B., attended at the School of Instruction, Chelsea Barracks, in July, and was granted a certificate Field Offs. A.F.E., 535 (special), and at the same class 2nd Lieut. C. W. E. Baker, 2nd V.B., was granted a similar Captain's Certificate.

2nd Lieuts. P. B. Cardwell and I. B. H. Benn, 2nd V.B., were attached to 1st Batt. Royal West Kent Regiment at Dover, under Para. 303 Volunteer Regulations, from 6th July to 6th August, and obtained a satisfactory report on Army Form E. 535, on completion of the Course of Instruction.

No. 492 Clr.-Sergt. A. G. Wheller, 2nd V. Batt., has been awarded the Volunteer Long Service Medal.

The Competition for the Silver Bugle presented to the 2nd Vol. Batt. by Colonel F. W. Frigout, will be held at Head Quarters on October 18th.

The Colonel Commanding the West Kent Volunteer Infantry Brigade has fixed the 25th, 26th and 27th October for the Brigade Staff Tour. The number to attend is limited to six Officers per Battalion.

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The Officer Commanding the Depot begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contribution to the above fund:—Balance of grant from Canteen, 2nd Battalion, to Draft, per Major W. E. Rowe, £4 14s. 0d.

NOTICE.

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The Editor begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following subscriptions to the *Q.O.G.*: Col. W. Western, C.B., and Major W. E. Rowe, up to December, 1908; Capt. Seccombe, 1907; Mr. Rogers, 1907; Mr. P. Whelan, up to 1910.

BIRTH.

On June 11th, 1907, the wife of No. 3507 Clr.-Sergt. A. Davis, 1st Battalion, of a son, "Richard."

DEATHS.

At Maidstone, on the 6th August, 1907, Thomas Bernard, the son of 1935 Sergt. T. Connor, P.S., 3rd Battalion.

At Singapore, on 2nd July, 1907, the wife of 3608 Pioneer-Sergt. J. Keyte (eclampsia).

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Lieutenant A. H. Pullman, from half-pay, to be Lieutenant to complete establishment, dated July 23rd, 1907.

Captain H. L. C. Moody retires on retired pay, and supernumerary Captain J. W. Nelson to be Captain, vice H. L. C. Moody, dated August 28th, 1907 (*London Gazette*, August 27th, 1907).

1ST BATTALION.

PROMOTED QUARTER-MASTER-SERGEANT.—No. 6128 Sergt. H. Doe, vice Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. Cover, discharged to pension, August 14th, 1907.

2ND BATTALION.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS.—No. 7335 F. Richards, dated June 24th, 1907; 7937 H. Funnell, 5531 H. Bringinshaw, 6651 B. Cook, dated June 28th, 1907, and 8068 B. Smith, dated July 12th, 1907.

APPOINTED DRUMMERS.—7845 Private R. Bishop, dated April 11th, 1907; 7869 Private E. Phillips, dated May 6th, 1907.

3RD BATTALION.

Alfred Richard Burness (Gent.) to be 2nd Lieutenant, dated August 12th, 1907 (*London Gazette*, September 10th, 1907).

DEPOT.

6327 Lance-Corporal J. Watts promoted Corporal, dated September 18th, 1907.

4TH VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

Captain G. Elgood, The Queen's Own Regiment, to be Adjutant, vice Major C. C. Pearson, O.L.I., who has vacated that appointment, dated September 11th, 1907.

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

We have now returned to Dover. The diary, quoted in my former letter, ceases to be of interest at that point, and the rest of our doings at Ringwood may be passed over in a few words. A boxing competition was got up and extended over two or three evenings; it caused considerable interest, and some good fights were seen; some amusement was caused by the final of the 9st. and under, being a family affair between the brothers Briselden. On the Saturday night before we left, some person or persons unknown, possessed with a mistaken idea of humour, thought fit to set fire at regular intervals to the furze round the camp; as each bush blazed up, the bugles sounded the fire alarm and out we all turned, just in time to see the fire die away. One Corps mistook the "fire-alarm" for the ordinary "alarm" and pulled all their tents down; they were left lamenting, while we turned in to sleep.

On August 31st we left our standing camp and marched to South Damerham; not a long march, but a hot sun on the back of the head made it very trying, and there were a good many casualties throughout the Division. From the 2nd to the 6th we were engaged in driving the Blue enemy into the Red Sea—I mean the sea round Redland. As to the fighting, it was much like other manœuvres, and I fear a detailed account would not be of interest. There has been a good deal in the papers about the "foodless army" and "the hardships of real war," and, without wishing to place ourselves on a pedestal of martyrdom, it must be confessed that we did not lie on a bed of roses. The transport was a little fitful, and when dinners did appear it was a matter of thanksgiving. One night it broke down altogether, and we had to spend the night as best we could; we got leave to light fires, but the materials, that formed them, had best be recorded elsewhere—probably in the bills for compensation. However, all's well that ends well, and when on the 8th we once more found ourselves in Dover, we did not look like the victims of starvation and hardship.

The Battalion was on more than one occasion congratulated for its good work, and the Japanese attache said of one of our advances that he had never seen anything like it—we are still wondering what he meant.

Whilst on manœuvres we saw several old officers of the Regiment, among them, Colonel Churchill, who entertained a party of Sergeants at his home near Ringwood; this was much appreciated by those who were lucky enough to be included in the party.

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Am sending you an account of two cricket matches which the Details have played during the Battalion's absence at manœuvres. We played both matches on the Glacis, and our opponents in both matches were the Details of "The Buffs."

1st MATCH.

The above match was played on 22nd August on the Glacis Cricket Ground, and resulted in a win for the Buffs by 20 runs. Losing the toss, we were sent in to bat, and, thanks to some good batting by Sergt. Williams, we managed to reach the score of 67. The Buffs innings started disastrous, seven of their wickets being down for 26 runs, some fine bowling by Boy Page being the cause, but, owing to Lieut. Lee's strong batting, however, they eventually won as above stated. Private Templeton bowled well for the winners, the following is the scores:—

1st R.W. KENT REGIMENT.

Pte. Kersey b Templeton 2; Pte. Kettley b Templeton 10; Lance-Corpl. Hylands c Bolton b Templeton 9; Sergt. Williams b Bolton 20; Boy Page b Templeton 0; Lance-Corpl. Wood b Bolton 4; Pte. Handyside c and b Lieut. Lee 9; Pte. Harris c and b Templeton 0; Pte. Connolly c Keeble b

Lieut. Lee 3; Boy Reeves c and b Bolton 3; Pte. Barry not out 0; extras 6; total 67.

1st. BATT. "THE BUFFS."

Pte. Wardle lbw b Hylands 1; Corpl. Martin c Barry b Hylands 0; Corpl. Wackerell c Barry b Page 4; Pte. Keeble c Kersey b Page 0; Pte. Taylor b Hylands 8; Lieut. Lee retired 48; Pte. Templeton b Page 6; Pte. Bolton b Page 0; Pte. Slander b Hylands 8; Pte. Larkin b Hylands 4; Pte. Martin not out 3; extras 8; total 87.

We met the Buffs a week later to try and avenge the defeat we had received at their hands, and by some good batting by Lance-Corpl. Hylands and Pte. Holmes, we were victorious by 32 runs. Pte. Bellett bowled well, taking 5 wickets for 26 runs. Scores :—

2nd MATCH.

Pte. Kersey b Wardle 1; Pte. Kettley c Slander b Bolton 2; Sergt. Williams c Cox b Bolton 5; Lance-Corpl. Hylands b Bolton 29; Pte. Bellett c Cox b Wackerell 7; Pte. Handyside c and b Wackerell 9; Pte. Harris b Wackerell 0; Pte. Barry b Wackerell 5; Boy Page not out 0; Pte. Holmes b Wackerell 14; extras 4; total 76.

Corpl. Wackerell b Bellett 0; Corpl. Martin run out 4; Pte. Bolton b Bellett 11; Pte. Taylor c Harris b Hylands 0; Pte. Slander c Kersey b Hylands 0; Pte. Wardle run out 0; Pte. Templeton c Harris b Bellett 9; Pte. Keeble c Barry b Bellett 3; Pte. Cox not out 10; Pte. Salvage b Page 6; extras 1; total 44.

1st Batt. Correspondent.

SERGEANTS' MESS 1st BATTALION ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

On Sunday, August 18th, a party of Sergeants were invited by Lieut.-Colonel Churchill (late of the Queen's Own) to pay him a visit at his residence, Holmwood; and those of us who were fortunate enough to be included in the number, spent a most enjoyable time. Holmwood is situated about three miles from St. Leonard's camp, where the Battalion was encamped. A brake was kindly provided for our conveyance there, and the scenery was very pretty indeed. We arrived at Holmwood about 4 p.m., and were most cordially received by both Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Churchill. Tea, to which one and all did full justice, was followed by a stroll round the beautifully kept grounds, our host pointing out with evident pleasure all items of interest. The brake was announced as ready for our return journey soon after 6 p.m., and after thanking our host and hostess for their kindness in entertaining us, we left for Camp, having thoroughly enjoyed such a pleasant break in the ordinary routine of manœvures.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

2nd Lieut. J. C. Cooke is now at the Signalling Course being held at Aldershot.

The 1st Battalion The Buffs leave Dover on the 2nd October, not the 14th February as was at first intended, their place being taken by the 2nd Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers.

At the recent course of instruction at the School of Musketry, Hythe, Sergt. W. Wood and Sergt. E. Ashton qualified at the examination of the 249th party, Sergt. W. Wood obtaining a "Distinguished."

Captain T. P. C. Smith has been selected to attend the Course at Hythe, assembling on 27th September.

No. 7911 Pte. W. Fletcher has been permitted to extend his service to complete seven years with the colors; he has been transferred to serve with the 1st Battalion Gordon Highlanders.

The following N.C.O.'s and men have been transferred to the Army Reserve :—No. 7816 Pte. J. Walker, 5577 Pte. F. Webb, 5586 Corpl. G. Woodward, 5598 Pte. E. Twine, 5599 Pte. W. Hubbard, 5609 Pte. J. Jacques, 5615 Pte. F. Bellett, 5620 Pte. J. Asterby, 7828 Pte G. Walker, 7835 Pte. C. Hampshire, 7833 Pte. F. Hewitt, 5624 Corpl. W. Davies, 5625 Pte. J. Yarnton, 5628 Pte. A. Miller, 7842 Pte. C. Reynolds, 7843 Pte. W. Gray, 7846 Pte. E. E. Elmes, 7841, J. Jones, 5462 J. Coudon, and 7844 Pte. H. Douch.

Good conduct badges have been granted to the following soldiers as stated :—

8116 Private A. Gurney, one badge, 29/8/07.
8118 Private J. Brushwood, one badge, 31/8/07.
8119 Private J. Burrows, one badge, 1/9/07.
2031 Private F. Edmonds, restored, 6/9/07.
8120 Private H. Say, one badge, 6/9/07.
6073 Private J. Dufoy, four badges, 7/9/07.
8123 Private W. Bradley, one badge, 8/9/07.
6621 Private J. Ridgers, two badges, 17/9/07.
6590 Private W. Robinson, two badges, 23/8/07.

Pte. L. Harbach has joined the Battalion from the Royal Herbert Hospital.

No. 8009 Pte. J. Adams has been transferred (on probation) to the Mechanical Transport Section of the Army Service Corps from 2nd September, 1907, and 4600 Pte. E. Lawrence to the Corps of Military Foot Police.

The vacancy for a Sergeant caused through the promotion of Sergt. Doe is absorbed by No. 4541 Sergt. F. Ransome.

4744 Sergt. P. Kevan has re-engaged for the R.W. Kent Regiment to complete 21 years' service.

In the Light Weights Boxing Competition for the Army and Navy Championship, held at Aldershot, Lance-Corpl. Baker, of the 1st. Battalion, beat Lance.-Corpl. Mattocks, 1st Batt. Royal Fusiliers, in the 2nd series, but in the 3rd series he succumbed, after a good fight, to Gunner Budgen, of the 120th Battery Royal Field Artillery.

Lance.-Corpl. H. Young has been selected to attend the Infantry Pioneer Sergeants' Class at the School of Military Engineering, Chatham, on September 30th.

THE SKELETON BRIGADE.

Now Major Jones had always felt that Fate had been unjust
And forced his capabilities for years to sadly rust;
He felt beneath his manly breast a warlike spirit lurk
Too great for Company accounts and Regimental work.
One day, however, as he mourned the chance that never came,
A bulky envelope arrived, addresed to him by name;
"To Major Jones," the letter ran, " The G.O.C. directs
"That I should forward this to you and state that he selects
"You for the post therein described, and bids you bear in mind

"The orders for manœuvres he has carefully defined."
At last the looked-for chance had come, the chance for which he'd prayed,
At last he got a large command—A Skeleton Brigade.
He read with care and then re-read the orders for the fight,
And found he'd have some twenty men with flags of blue and white;
The small flags meant two Companies; Battalions were the large;
A force of quite two thousand men was thus beneath his charge.
An hour later Major Jones, his chest puffed out with pride,
As Brigadier the Yth Brigade, for two days' leave applied.
He went to town and from a Jew, down Covent Garden way,
He bought some General's badges, that had long out-lived their day;
He took them home and locked them up and then, at dead of night,
With "greasy"' paste he polished them until they looked quite bright;
He could not put them on his coat, so, going to his bed,
On his blue pyjama suit he fastened them instead.
Another week passed slowly by: manœuvres then began;
He hoped the first advance would find him fighting with the van;
But t'was not so, for his Brigade was right in rear of all
In the reserve, and once again he felt his spirits fall.
About mid-day he reached a stream and let his men fall out,
But just as he got off his horse, he heard an awful shout;
He turned about, and nearly fell with anguish to the ground—
Two flags were floating down the stream—two hundred men were drowned!
A mile further on again he felt Fate's savage blows;
A root stretched out across the path and broke a hundred toes.
When late that night he reached the camp, he thought he really must
Be safe at last, but Fortune had reserved a final thrust;
A p'liceman came and found him out, just as he went to bed;
"Two men of yours are drunk in town and in arrest," he said.
He uttered such a fearful oath, the p'liceman from him shrunk;
"Two men," he cried and shook his fist. "Four Companies are drunk!"
He scarcely slept a wink that night, but at the break of day
Without a word to anyone, he quickly rode away.
As soon as he had left the camp he took from off a tree
A cardboard notice—"Out of Bounds"—and tied it to his knee;
This placard proved a passport safe; and none stopped his mad career
Right through the foes' position till he halted well in rear.
He found the highest hill there was for many a mile around,
And took the flags which he had brought and stuck them in the ground.
He then sat down and wrote:—"I have the honour to report
"My whole Brigade is here entrenched. The enemy is caught."

The Editor begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following subscriptions to the "Queen's Own Gazette"—Capt. W. H. Annesley and Clr.-Sergt. Instructor A. E. Wood, up to December, 1908.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

TANGLIN,
August, 1907.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

All things come to an end, even manœuvres and mobilization. Though, of course, we are sorry they are over, yet we are not altogether despondent, for have we not now time to attend to our other delightful duties, such as writing to the Editor of the *Q.O.G.* We would ask you to observe the subtle apology of the last sentence. As a fact, we have had some interesting experiences with alarms and exertions of all kinds. Many waters cannot quench love, but they can severely damp the ardour of an attacking party, which has spent the night up to their waists in them. Truly, the labours of E Company at Middle Island are worthy of the pen of Homer. The chief matter of interest in the sporting line since our last communication has been the lifting of the Singapore Football Cup by B team, 2nd Royal West Kent Regiment. They beat the Officers of the Garrison, and then the Y.M.C.A. on a replay, after a draw, and in the final defeated the A team, who had previously accounted for the R.G.A. Their success may be largely attributed to the brilliancy of their goal keeper, Lieutenant Kemp.

At the end of July we were much pleased by the visit of the the "Rajah of Stenghapour" Company, who gave a most excellent entertainment in the Tanglin Theatre. It is certainly the best show we have seen here up-to-date, and both the Manager, Major Ford, A.S.C., and the performers are to be highly congratulated.

We enclose some Company Correspondence, better late than never, and hope that it will find a place in your esteemed journal.

YOUR 2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

H Company,
2nd Royal West Kent Regiment,
Tanglin Barracks,
Singapore.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I must apologise for not letting you know what we have been doing for the last two months, so I will endeavour to give the full accounts in this contribution. Since we came in from the range we have been under canvas, and from a personal point of view I shall not be sorry when we get the order to move, as at present we are getting a treat to a bit of the monsoon weather, and when it does rain it simply pours through the tents, making some of them like miniature mud ponds, so, what with getting turned out of bed in the middle of the night with ants and getting wet through in the bargain, I don't think that any of the Company will be sorry when we get the order to shift into our bungalow, which has been in the hands of the R.E. undergoing repairs. Company League matches have been at a standstill for this last three weeks, as we have been playing off for the Singapore Football Cup. The Regiment entered two teams, and all that remains to be played now is the final between the two teams, as they have both succeeded in beating every team they were drawn against. The pity of the whole thing is there are only one set of medals, and they go with the cup, so I anticipate rather a keen struggle in the final, although the 1st team is a good deal stronger that the 2nd, but they have got the advantage of knowing each other's play, so that will go a long way in making rather a good match. Since I wrote last, the Company has succeeded in winning

its way into the final for the Warren Shield (football), beating the R.G.A. by 1—0 after playing a drawn game. In the Company League we managed to beat B Company at cricket, the score reading H Company 245 for nine, and B Company all out 45; at hockey we only managed to make a draw with G Company—no score; at football we managed to beat D Company by 1—0 after a hard game. In this match I am afraid our team were too confident as we knocked D out in the Warren Shield by 5—0, and I think that the team went on the field with the idea that, as they had beaten them once, they could beat them again, but they very nearly caught a cold, anyhow, it should learn them a lesson in the future. The Regimental Dramatic Club are still going strong, they are giving a performance on the 29th inst., and by the accounts of several of its members it promises to be a good turn out as they are giving it as an anniversary of (Wittebergen), and making a special night of it. Well, Mr. Editor, I think that this has exhausted all my notes, so I must close till the time comes when I have something more to tell you.

H Company's Correspondent.

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LEAGUE MATCHES.

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E COMPANY.

On Saturday, May 25th, E Company had the pleasure of meeting A Company in the Football League. At 5 p.m. the whistle was blown, the sign that it was time to line up, to see who were to gain the points. A Company won the toss, and defended the near goal. The game was very keen on both sides and was pretty well contested. At half-time the result stood A 2, E 1. In the second half the game became more exciting and play faster, and after a hard fight A Company gained the victory by 3 goals to 2.

Again on the 31st inst. we met B Company in the League. E Company, winning the toss, defended the near goal. This game was well worth seeing, both teams being equally matched and play being very fast. When half time went the game stood 1—1. In the second half the game was even faster, the ball being up and down throughout, and hard lines were had on both sides. The players were in splendid form, and Pte. Hanmore, our left half-back, is well worthy of praise, and no doubt he has a bright future in front of him, as a footballer. In the last five minutes there was great excitement amongst the spectators, who, although not all footballers, gave their interest to the game. On time sounding the game resulted in a draw, E 1, B 1, it being very hard to say which was really the better team.

On Saturday, June 15th, E Company met again to battle against C Company in the League. (This match had to be postponed on the 11th inst. owing to the state of the ground, as there had been a heavy rain all day, so made it impossible to play). C Company, winning the toss, decided to defend the near goal. On the whistle sounding play commenced, and was very even throughout the first half, the ball going up and down alternately. The forward line showed great tact in the way in which the ball was passed, which showed that they had got the knowledge of the game. After play being in progress 20 minutes C Company broke away, taking the ball the length of the field. Lance-Corpl. Maynard getting possession of the ball, and taking it within three yards of the goal, failed to score. At this period the whistle blew for half-time, the result being nil—nil.

In the second half the play was almost the same as in the first half. After about ten minutes play C Company's goalkeeper ran out to save a shot, when Capt Lister gained possesion and took the ball through the goal before the goalkeeper could regain his ground. About ten minutes before time C Company pressed very hard, securing three corners in succession, which proved fruitless. The whistle then sounded after a very hard fought game, E Company proving themselves victorious by 1 goal to nil. But I think E Company were rather lucky, owing to the goalkeeper running out of his goal too often, thus giving every opportunity to the opposing team.

On Monday, June 24th inst., E Company met G Company in the League. G Company winning the toss, defended the near goal. Shortly after play was in progress E Company pressed hard, keeping the ball well down to their opponents' goal, but were unable to score. At the same time G Company had similar hard lines. The way in which the forwards passed the ball was exceedingly good, and in the right place, although neither team were able to score anything. Half-time resulted nil—nil. After about 5 or 10 minutes of the second half E Company, after a few quick and sharp passes, pressed forward, and Pte. Jone, outside left, got possession of the ball, and after a clear run placed the ball splendidly in the net, thus scoring the first goal. Ater this E Company began to feel their feet and within ten minutes broke away again. Pte. Hanmore securing the ball, placed it in the centre within three or four paces of the opponents' goal, and Capt. Lister, being on the spot, with a quick movement of his foot, placed the ball in the net, making the score 2 to nil. Again the players showed skill, and had some very hard lines, but were unable to make any effect. At the same time G Company had no intentions of being beaten, and pressed E Company's goal, and it was by sheer hard luck that they did not score. So after a well fought contest E Company gained the victory by 2 goals to nil. I am pleased to say that E. Company is looking up, and I wish them every success, both their first eleven and also their second eleven, otherwise known as the Stunners.

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CRICKET LEAGUE.

E COMPANY.

This match was played on the Regimental Ground on Tuesday, June 18th inst., between E and F Companies. E Company winning the toss, took to the wickets, and after a very keen and close game won by 30 runs, F Company making 53, E Company making a total of 83. Great credit is due to Lieut. Graham, who played a splendid game, making top score and adding 34 runs to our score. Pte. Spencer came next with ten, and Capt. Lister with 9, every one playing their hardest. I should like to mention Pte. Spencer, who took 5 wickets for 22 runs, and Pte. Clements, 5 for 21 runs. The score of E Company's team and players was as follows.—

Lance-Sergt. Stevens b Pte. Orchard 1; Pte. Dickenson c Pay b Pte. Orchard 8; Lieut. Graham b Sergt. Mills 34; Pte. Spencer b Pte. Gammon 10; Lance-Corpl. Rogers not out 6; Pte. Falshaw b Pte. Gammon 5; Capt. Lister b Pte. Gammon 9; Lance-Corpl. Martin run out 0; Pte. Sarney b Pte. Gamman 0; Pte. Clements b Sergt. Mills 0; Pte. Hanmore b Pte. Gammon 1; extras 9; total 83.

Fall of wickets :—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
13	13	58	58	58	69	70	74	75	83

HOCKEY LEAGUE.

E COMPANY.

On the 4th June E Company put out its Hockey Team against H Company, who were in every way superior to our team. Although we had no intentions of letting them walk away with the game, they had to go for it. At half-time the game stood, H Company 4, E Company 2. As soon as the whistle was blown for the second half, the clouds gathered round very rapidly, and there was a burst in the pipe, so the game had to be postponed until some future date. H Company scoring another goal, the result stood, H 5, E 2.

SPORTSMAN.

Tanglin Barracks,
Singapore, S.S.
August 10th, 1907.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

As an apology for my long silence I will now endeavour to give you a few details of general interest regarding our Company. My memory fails me as to the date of my last letter to you, but to be on the safe side I will tell you that we finished our "Field Training" as far back as the end of May, and as a close to a month of more or less hard work, we went to "Blakan Mali" (an island situated on the other side of the harbour) for a week. This visit serves a double purpose, it being not only very edifying as a short course of "Gun Bucking," but also a slight relaxation after the stiffest month of the year. In fact, seeing that each Company's training terminates in this way, I fancy that the Authorities here had something of the latter idea in view at the time the practice was first put into motion. Well, so much for "F.T." (thank goodness it only comes once a year) Our Company sportsmen have struck on a good idea with regard to a 2nd Eleven, they having formed a "Sports Clnb" which is open to meet the 2nd Eleven of any Company at either Hockey, Cricket or "Soccer" (the first named being their strongest point). Although I'm not a member myself I believe it to be a good idea, and so far it is run very comfortably, but doubtless one of the "Club" will be giving you a fuller account later on. Well, I really am at a loss for copy now, as things of interest seem to crop up so seldomly, but next time I write I hope to be able to give you an account of our Musketry Course, which commences, I believe, some time in the current month. Of our 1st Company teams I will say nothing at present, as our Battalion Correspondent is arranging to send full accounts of all inter-Company matches at the close of the leagues.

August 6th, 1907.

Once again I will endeavour to chronicle the doings of our "Troop" during the past month. I'm afraid my letter's chief theme will be work, as, since I wrote last, we have had very little time for sport, as the weather during the earlier part of July was not all that could be desired, and whenever it was fine the evenings were occupied by the Battalion at war with other competitors in the struggle for the Singapore Cup. Beyond mentioning the fact that this trophy eventually came to the Battalion, I will not dwell further on the subject, as doubtless the Battalion Correspondent will give you full details in due course. Lately we have been mobilized for war (of course by "we" I mean the entire Garrison of Singapore) and, though I did not accompany the Company to Fort Canning, I believe they had some very interesting times. This is also a subject I must not dwell on at any length or our Battalion Correspondent will think I'm taking work and copy away from him. We have lately lost one of our most popular Non-Coms., in the person of the late Corporal Kimber, he having raised the third stripe and been transferred to "G" Company. We hope to start our Musketry Course shortly; in fact, we may get orders to pack up for Normanton—the seat of musketry operations—at any time, and I hope next month to be able to fill two sheets with the names of our marksmen and (3rd class shots).

Well, I must ask you to excuse me and accept my apologies for the brevity of this epistle, which is accompanied with a promise of more at an early date.

C COMPANY CORRESPONDENT.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

5971 Corporal W. Johnson extended to complete 12 years with the Colours, dated August 16th, 1907.

Nineteen Swimming Certificates were granted during the month of August.

Good Conduct Badges have been awarded as follows:—5817 Privates J. Irvine restored 2nd Good Conduct Badge, dated 29th, 1907; 8113 G. Croft awarded 1st Good Conduct Badge, dated August 25th, 1907; 8115 T. Perkins awarded 1st Good Conduct Badge, dated August 29th, 1907; 4510 G. Brandon awarded 2nd Good Conduct Badge, dated August 17th, 1907; 7186 J. Norton restored 3rd Good Conduct Badge, dated August 8th, 1907; 6390 C. Taylor awarded 2nd Good Conduct Badge, August 6th, 1907; 5918 H. Bullard restored 2nd Good Conduct Badge, dated August 24th, 1907; 7712 H. Farbridge awarded 1st Good Conduct Badge, dated June 6th, 1907; 5314 G. Murphy restored 1st Good Conduct Badge, dated August 8th, 1907; 8092 J. Harris awarded 1st Good Conduct Badge, dated July 19th, 1907; 8108 W. Page awarded 1st Good Conduct Badge, dated August 14th, 1907; 6596 J. Sellens awarded 2nd Good Conduct Badge, dated August 26th, 1907; 5018 A. Wyatt restored 1st Good Conduct Badge, dated August 27th, 1907; 8114 Lce.-Corpls. C. Stevens awarded 1st Good Conduct Badge, dated August 28th, 1907; 8042 N. Loft awarded 2nd Good Conduct Badge, dated June 22nd, 1907; 6691 Privates C. Tomkins awarded 1st Good Conduct Badge, dated August 14th, 1907; 7755 J. Nixon awarded 1st Good Conduct Badge, dated August 5th, 1907; 7396 W. Birch awarded 1st Good Conduct Badge, dated July 25th, 1907; 5528 W. Watrs awarded 2nd Good Conduct Badge, dated August 11th, 1907.

DEPOT NEWS.

FOOTBALL.

The foliowing are the fixtures (so far as the Depot Football Club is concerned) of the Chatham and District United Services Football League for the season 1907—8:—

Sept. 28th, v. R.M.L.I., away.
Oct 5th, v. Royal Naval Depot, home,
Oct. 12th, v. Training Batt. R.E., away.
Oct. 19th, v. A. and S. Highlanders, away.
Nov. 9th, v. Royal Naval Depot, away.
Nov. 16th, v. Royal Naval Gunnery School, home.
Nov. 23rd, v. H.M.S. Acheron, away.
Nov. 30th, v. H.M.S. Blake, home.
Dec. 7th, v. A.S. Corps, away.
Jan. 18th, v. A. and. S Highlanders, home.
Feb. 8th, v. Training Battalion R.E., home.
Feb. 15th, v. Depot Battalion R.E, away.
Feb. 29th, v. H.M.S. Acheron, home.
March —, v. A.S. Corps, home.
March 28th, Royal Naval Gunnery School, away.
April 4th, v. Depot Battalion R.E., home.
April 11th, v. H.M.S. Blake, away.
April 25th, v. R.M.L.I., home.

DEPOT CRICKET CLUB.

CRICKET AVERAGES, 1907.—BATTING.

Rank and Name,	Innings.	Runs.	Most in an innings.	Times not out.	Avges.
Sergt. Balcombe	15	143	27	5	14·3
Clr.-Sergt. Bass	10	120	30	1	13·3
Sergt. Merrick	13	174	46	0	13·3
Pte. Worth (R.A.M.C.)	19	164	42	2	9·05
Sergt. Redmond	16	134	22	0	8.3
Captain Elgood	7	49	23	0	7
Mr. Clark	6	32	15	1	6·4
Dr. Fenny	4	18	10	0	4·5
Sergt. Wren	15	68	15*	0	4·5
Clr.-Sergt. Reeves	16	41	9	0	4·1
Pte. Franklin (R.A.M.C.)	5	16	10*	1	4
Col.-Sergt. Tapp	7	28	19	0	4
Sergt. Major Grellier	10	32	10*	1	3·5
Sergt. Wood	21	68	14*	0	3·2
Pte. Wilton	6	19	6*	0	3 1
Pte. H. Smith	10	12	5	3	1·7
Pte. Ayres	16	25	8	2	1·5

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING.

Rank and Name,	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Average.
Clr.-Sergt. Bass	13	0	34	6	5·6
Pte. Brown	23	4	57	9	6·3
Pte. Ayres	188	27	483	73	6 6
Sergt. Wood	191	20	448	54	8·2
Sergt. Balcombe	46	3	152	16	9·3
Sergt.-Major Grellier	57	2	238	22	10·8
Sergt. Merrick	11	2	46	3	15·3
Sergt. Redmond	14	0	79	5	15 8
Clr.-Sergt. Tapp	20	5	51	3	17
Clr.-Sergt. Reeves	7	0	34	2	17

Maidstone,
10th September, 1907. Corpl. B. Fish, Scorer.

BOXING.

The Depot intend holding another Boxing Tournament at the Barracks, Maidstone, on Wednesday, 9th October, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Among other items, Corporal Sunshine, who, for the third time in succession, has won the Army and Navy Heavy-weight Championship, will meet Craig, "The Coffee Cooler." Also Peter Gotz, the Light-weight Champion Wrestler of the World, meets a prominent Light-weight Wrestler in Harry Young.

SHOOTING.

On the 20th September, practically the whole of the Sergeants of the Depot were on the Rifle Range at Boxley, competing for the various trophies which have at different times been presented to the Sergeants' Mess. The competitors for the handsome Silver Challenge Bowl, presented a couple of years ago by Captain W. H. Annesley for skirmishing, brought thirty-two competitors to the post. These were divided into eight squads, each competitor having a 3rd Class Figure Target to himself, the value of hits on which are 4, 3, 2 and 1 points. Each team formed up at 600 yards, and advancing by rushes had to fire two rounds each at five different unknown distances up to 200 yards (time not to exceed five minutes). Perhaps to the uninitiated this time may seem ample, but all I can say is try it for yourself, and not till then pass an opinion. Sergt. H. Davis proved the winner with a score of 21 points, Col.-Sergt. Dugay being second with 19, and Col.-Sergt. Pond third with 18. Captain Annesley took each section up and acted as Referee.

Col.-Sergt. Reeves won the Silver Cup presented by Major R. Style for the best at 500 and 600 yards with 59 points, being closely followed by Sergt.-Major Outten with 58, while Col.-Sergt. Jury was third with 57. Col.-Sergt. Dugay, with 32, won Lieut. Knox's Cup for the best score at 200 yards, Jury and Reeves being the runners up with 31 points each to their credit. The Colyer Cup was won by Col.-Sergt. Reeves with 90 points, Col.-Sergt. Jury being second with 88, and Sergt.-Major Outten third with 87. The winners of the trophies have their names, scores, and the year inscribed on the cups. The weather was fine and bright, but a light wind, which was almost impossible to guage, spoilt many promising scores at 600 yards.

The shoot for the Prince of Wales' Cup took place on the previous day, but owing to the rules we are not allowed to publish the scores, anyhow, the team made a fairly good score, which, although we do not for one moment expect to win the cup, we hope will place us well up the list. We are greatly handicapped in this competition, as Officers of another Regiment have to be at the butts and firing point. This means we have to fire on a fixed day, instead of picking a perfect one, which Depôts, who have other Regiments in the same garrison, are able to do. Much difficulty is experienced in getting the necessary Range Officers, and our best thanks are due to our old friends the Royal Marine Light Infantry, Chatham, who kindly officiated on this occasion. At the last we discovered that the short rifle had to be used, with the result that one of our best men finished at the bottom of the roll with 81, which of course spoilt our chance.

A draft consisting of Corporal W. Barnes and 26 Recruits proceeded to join the Home Battalion at Dover on the 4th September, 1907.

No. 8010 Private H. Prince recently embarked on the s.s. "Nyanza," en route for England, from Singapore.

On Saturday, 14th September, the Regular Recruits at the Depot attended All Saints' Church, Maidstone, under Lieut. Phillips, who lectured them about the old colours and other memorials which at different times have been erected in the Parish Church.

The Maidstone Technical Institute re-commence their classes of instruction for the Session 1907-08 on the 7th October. N.C.O's. and men who are desirous of continuing their courses, or of registering their names for any course of instruction which is taught at the Institute, are given every facility to ensure regular attendance at the classes.

The following men have been discharged for the reasons stated:—No. 8124 Pte. A. Akerman and 6358 Pte. W. P. Willson, medically unfit from Woolwich.

Pte. L. Glover has been transferred from the 2nd Batt. Royal Munster Fusiliers to serve with an elder brother in the Royal West Kent Regiment. He is allotted W.K. No. 8748.

The following N.C.O's. and men of the Depot have been awarded Certificates of Education as follows. Dated 30th Aug., 1907:—Second Class—No. 6756 Corpl. J. Glover, 7471 Lce.-

Corpl. E. Mussell, 7357 Lce.-Corpl. H. Nurden, 6584 Lce.-Corpl. J. Fenwick, and 8628 Pte. H. Pickering. Third Class—Privates 8681 W. Addington, 8656 A. J. Lowry, 8701 J. J. Wilton, 8651 R. Francis, 8660 H. Hill, 8679 A. Stearn, 8652 H. Trussler, 8675 H. Venables, 8627 H R. Seaman, 8868 J. S. Lane, 8664 F. J. Strong, 8497 C. H. Smith, 8671 W. J. Unsworth, 8611 J. H. Stevens, 8667 A. Crayford, 8703 C. S. Harris, 8646 S. Wright, 8655 H. Collier, 8687 W. Nicholls, 8672 J. C. Ashford, 8677 W. N. Arnott, 8647 W. Dann, 8689 A. E. Saunders, 8674 J. File, 6970 J. G. Lakey, and 7039 Pte. H. Coomber.

A draft consisting of 4981 Corpl. Fish, 4962 Pte. C. Pilcher, and 24 Recruits joined the Home Battalion at Dover on the 18th September, 1907.

Recruit 8646 S. Wright and Recruit 8662 P. Bolan won the medals for gymnastics, while 8607 Recruit Sherwood was successful in the Morris Tube Competition with a score of 31 points.

Another Squad of about 16 Recruits join the Battalion on the 11th October, 1907.

CORPORALS' SMOKING CONCERT.

A smoking concert, given by the Corporals of the Depot to the Corporals of the Volunteers, at the Barracks, Maidstone, on 14th September, 1907 On arrival of our visitors at 7.30 p.m., a series of games were indulged in. At cribbage Lce.-Corpl. Nurden beat Corpl. Highsted (Vol.) after a very close game, but at dominoes the Volunteers beat the Depot rather badly, and Corpl. Mears, determined to bring things square, played the Volunteers single-handed, and won; at tippet, the game which was very exciting, ended in a draw owing to insufficient time to finish, as at 9 p.m. the vocal portion of the programme was started. Below is the talent which was provided to make our evening a complete success. Chairman, Corpl. Crockett; Vice-Chairman, Corpl. Highsted. Programme:—

Overture, "The London Girl," Corpl. Driscoll (Pianist); song, "A, B, C," Corpl. Driscoll; song, "Goodbye, my Bluebell," Corpl. Walters; Toast, "The Corporals of the Volunteers"; song, "Goodbye, Daddy," Lce.-Corpl. Bostock; song, "Take her and be to her as I have been," Lce.-Corpl. Fenwick; song, "A Sailor's life," Corpl. Highsted; song, "The midnight sun," Lce.-Corpl. Watts; song, "The Victoria Cross," Corpl. Morgan; Toast, "The Corporals of the Depot; song, "Sheepskin and Beeswax," Corpl. Walters; song, "She is somebody's wife," Corpl. Davis; song, "I wouldn't leave my little wooden hut," Corpl. Baker; song, "Love song," Lce.-Corpl. G. Smith; speech by Corpl. Mears, and Corpl. Shepphard (Volunteers) replied; song, "I'm longing for my dear old home again," Corpl. Walters; song, "One touch of nature," Lce.-Corpl. Nurden; song, "You had better come down at once," Corpl. Crockett.

Much praise is due to the Committee for the splendid arrangements and the way in which everything was carried out, also to the Chairmen for the admirable manner in which they conducted the programme. At 11 p.m. our enjoyable evening came to an end (as it comes to all good things), by singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "The King," and it will be an evening long to be remembered by all for the good comradeship and feeling which exists between the Volunteers and the Depot.—J.H.F.

3RD BATTALION NEWS.

Lieuts. W. T. M. Buller's and H. H. Withers' attendance at the competitive examination to be held in October, for commissions in the regular forces has been approved.

Second-Lieut. A. J. Trousdell has resumed duty at the Depot.

It is probable that the annual training for 1908 may take place somewhere about July and August.

VOLUNTEER INTELLIGENCE.

Captain and adjutant J. T. W. Fiennes, 2nd V.B. Royal West Kent Regiment and Captain and Adjutant G. F. H. Keenlyside, 3rd V.B., have been selected to attend the course commencing at the School of Signalling at Aldershot, which is now being held.

Captain G. Elwood. Royal West Kent Regiment, who has recently been serving at the Depot, has been appointed Adjutant to the 4th V.B., Royal West Kent Regiment, at Chatham.

2ND VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

SERGEANT'S SOCIAL GATHERING.

The Sergeants' mess of the Battalion held a social gathering on Saturday. September 6th, 1907, at Headquarters, entertaining a large company. In the afternoon tennis and other games were indulged in in the grounds, and there was a shooting match between Sergeants, serving and retired, of Headquarter Companies and those of Detachments, this being won by the latter. Tea was followed by a Bohemian concert in the grounds, which were illuminated very effectively by Chinese lanterns. Sergeant P. J. Reed was in charge of the programme, to which contributions came from the Misses Nelly Beare and Ethel Moss, Staff-Sergeant F. Western, R.A.M.C., and Messrs. J. H. Harris, E. Owen Claydon, G. H. Watts and Harry Payne. The evening wound up with a dance in the Drill Hall, music being provided by the Battalion string band. Sergeant P. J. Reed was M.C.

THE ANNUAL CAMP.

In connection with the recent camp at Worthing, Colonel Satterthwaite, V.D., the Commandant of the West Kent Volunteer Infantry Brigade, has issued an order congratulating the Brigade on the advance in efficiency attained since the Battalions were last all together in 1905. This, he concludes, was due to the way in which officers and men had worked during the non-training period, to the more thorough training of recruits, and to the excellent spirit and desire to learn which pervaded all ranks.

BUGLERS' ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE.

This committee have arranged to shoot for Captain Fegan's prize at Headquarters on Friday, October 11th. Parade at 7.45. Other prizes are also offered for competition. All members of the Bugle Band are eligible to compete, and are requested to attend. Particulars of other shoots and competitions which are being arranged will be announced on October 11th. In connection with this the Morris Tube range will be open every Friday evening from 7.30 to 8.15 till further notice. The hon. secretary to the committee is Lance-Corpl. Bugler Barker, 93, Brookmill-road, St. John's.

2ND VOL. BATTALION PRIZE MEETING.

The annual prize meeting was held at Milton Range on Saturday, 31st August, 1907, with the following result:—

COMPETITION NO. 1, MAIN SERIES.

	Score.
Captain and Adjutant J. T. W. Fiennes (not eligible)	96
Pte. C. P. Chinnery, M, Thorold Challenge Cup and £5 5s. ...	96
Sergt.-Major H. Cooke, G (not eligible)	92
Pte. R. A Smith, M, £5	90
Colour-Sergt. E. Bryant, A, £4 4s.	90
Sergt. H Goodsell, M, £3 3s....	88
Lance-Corpl. M. Mortlock, E, £2 10s.	88
Corpl. A. E. Allington, F, £2 10s.	87
Sergt. F. J. Borrett, H, £2	87

Colour-Sergt. J. Spooner, C (not eligible)	87
Pte. B. Gale, C, £2	87
Pte. E. A. Groombridge, B, £2	86
Lance-Sergt. J. Sheldon, G, £2	86
Sergt. E. G. Maynard, E, £1 10s.	85
Pte. C. Stringer, E, £1 10s.	85
Colonel E. J. Heward, V.D., Staff, £1 10s. (returned to prize fund)	85
Lance-Sergt. W. Quick, A, £1	84
Sergt F. Hanmore, E, £1	84
Pte. H. J. Marrow, K, £1	83
Sergt. F. J. Breeze, E, £1	83
Pte. J. Pearson, C, £1	82
Colour-Sergt. A. G. Wheller, E, £1	82
Sergt. B. J. Huntingford, J, £1	82
Pte. W. H. Freemantle, K, £1	82
Pte. E. Cross, K, £1	81
Sergt. D. H. Mitchell, M, 10s.	81
Lce.-Sergt. R. D. Fawsitt, E (not eligible)	81
Lieut. S. G. Cooper, L, 10s. (returned to prize fund)	80
Colour-Sergt. C Field, F, 10s.	80
Colour-Sergt. W. Ancrum, C, 10s.	80
Pte. C. Hewins, B, 10s....	80
Sergt. G. C. Barnes, A, 10s.	79
Major M. C. Matthews, Staff, 10s. (returned to prize fund) ...	78
Colour-Sergt. H. Scott, M, 10s.	78
Pte. W. Hogan, C, 10s....	78
Pte. A. Mallott, B, 10s....	77
Sergt. A. Lambert, C, 10s.	77
Lce.-Corpl. E. J. Amos, E, 10s.	77
Pte. E. A. Mason, Cyclist, 10s.	77
Lce.-Sergt. F. Biddle, C, 10s	77
Pte. E. Napier, E, 10s....	76
Pte. J. Openshaw, C, 10s.	74
Colour-Sergt. F. T. Ayling, D, 10s.	74
Pte. E. Gray, F, 10s.	74
Lce.-Corpl. H. Edenden, D, 10s.	74

RECRUITS' COMPETITION.

Pte. T. Chandler, E, £2 2s.	80
Pte. E. H. Phillips, E, £1 1s....	68
Pte. G. Roberts, C, £1 1s.	62
Pte. F. R. Owen, F, £1 1s.	62
Pte. A. E. Mason, Cyclist, 10s.	62
Pte. E. J. Gard, G, 10s...	61
Pte. A. Walker, C, 10s...	60
Pte. T. Rolfe, C, 10s	60
Pte. R. Glassborrow, B, 10s.	60
Pte. S. Cox, J, 10s.	59
Pte. S. G. Parvin, J, 10s	57
Pte. G. Jarvis, K, 10s.	57
Pte. F. C. Wells, B, 10s.	53
Pte. H. Vallins, F, 10s...	52
Pte. H. J. Reed, J, 10s...	51
Pte. G. Pope, C, 10s.	50
Pte. G. Potts, M, 10s	49
Pte. F. G Barrett, A, 10s.	47
Pte. F. E. Mills, L, 10s	46
Pte. A. May, F, 10s.	43

RANGE PRIZES.

200 yards—Pte. C. P. Chinnery, M, £1 1s., 33; Pte. B. Gale, C, 15s., 32; Sergt. E. Breese, E, 5s. 3d., 31; Pte. C. Hewins, B, 5s. 3d., 31. 500 yards—Pte. R. A. Smith, M, £1 1s., 33; Pte. B. Gale, C, 15s., 33; Pte. C. P. Chinnery, M, 10s 6d., 33. 600 yards—Pte. J Marrow, K, £1 1s., 32; Sergt. H. Maynard, E, 15s., 30; Pte. R. A. Smith, M, 10s. 6d., 29.

Snap Shooting Competition for Teams of Companies.—1st prize, M Company (Sergt. Goodsell's team), challenge shield and £5, 1; E Company (Colour-Sergt. E. Wheller's team), £3, 2; F Company (Sergt. F. Hanmore's team), £2, 3; Cyclist Company (Lance-Corpl. Dry's team), £1, 4; F Company (Colour-Sergt. C. Field's and Corpl. E. Durford's teams), tie, £1 each, 5 and 6.

Doubles Sweepstake Competition.—Lance-Corpl. Bisset and Pte. Marrow, K Company, 1; Ptes. Edwards and Openshaw, C Company, 2; Lance-Corpl. Bates and Sergt. A. Lambert, C Company, 3.

Competition for Colonel G. Morphew's Challenge Rifle (between the different ranks of the Battalion).—Sergt.-Major H. Cooke, Colour-Sergt. E. Bryant, Sergt. H. Goodsell, Sergt. J. Borrett, Colour-Sergt. J. Spooner, and Sergt. J. Sheldon.

Cole Challenge Cup (snap shooting competition at 200 yards, open to officers only).—Surgeon-Captain G. R. F. Stilwell 1; Captain L. de B. Barnett 2.

ERITH RIFLE CLUB v. SERGEANTS 3RD V.B. ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

At Erith on Saturday, 14th September, the new indoor Range and Pavilion was opened with a match between the above Clubs. This Club, which has been in existence about two years, now numbers something like 450 members. The new building has been obtained at a small cost through the influence of the hon. secretary, Mr. C. W. Higginbotham, and those associated with him. Scores :—

CLUB.		SERGEANTS.	
J. Edwards	47	Arm.-Sergt. Burbridge	40
G. Sellers	44	Staff-Sergt. Webb	40
W. J. Whitmore	42	Sergt. Codd	39
T. Alabaster	42	Sergt. Dossett	38
G. C. Hodsdon	42	Colour-Sergt. Mitchell	37
F. W. Selfe	42	Colour-Sergt. White	37
G. Pallant	41	Colour-Sergt. Johnson	35
W. C. Hickinbotham	41	Sergt. Trayte	33
G. Trollope	39	Sergt. Sutherland	33
T. Barrett	37	Pioneer-Sergt. Yule	32
Total	417	Total	344

Erith thus won by 73 points. Tea was served at the close of the competition, and a smoking concert followed at the Wheatsheaf Hotel.

CORRIGENDA.

In our September number, on page 2305, Depot Sports, we regret it was stated that on the tennis lawns were the "Officers' tent, etc.", this should have been "Mrs. N. H. S. Lowe's tent," and not as stated.—EDITOR, *Q.O.G.*

At Buckingham Palace recently, when His Majesty the King inspected the Corps of Commissionaires, Qm.-Mr.-Sergt. D. O'Flaherty, who was for many years Paymaster's clerk at the Depot, was the recipient of the Corps Decoration.

We hope next issue to give a few particulars about the Commmissionaires.

BIRTHS.

At Maidstone, on the 5th August, 1907, the wife of Drummer C. Jeffrey, of a daughter, Dorothy Beatrice.

At Maidstone, on the 27th Angust, 1907, the wife of 4410 Color-Sergeant S. G. Reeves, of a daughter, Doris Josephine.

MARRIAGE.

At All Saints', Cavendish Square, W., on the 1st October, 1907, Captain G. Elgood, Royal West Kent Regiment, to Miss Gladys Mary Broadbent, daughter of the late John Cooper Broadbent, Esq., J.P., of Huddersfield.

DEATH.

At Singapore, on August 3rd, 1907, No. 6090 Private S. Kitchen, of Meningitis (result of an accident).

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

LIEUTENANTS TO BE CAPTAINS—John C. Parker, vice P. M. Robinson, seconded 1st September, 1907; Hew D. Belgrave, vice G. Elgood, seconded 11th September, 1907.

Second-Lieutenant Arthur K. Searight to be Lieutenant, vice J. F. S. Tulloh, resigned 12th October, 1907.

2ND VOLUNTEER BATTALION.

Second-Lieutenant R. T. H. Watson to be Lieutenant, 17th September, 1907.

Cyril Rowton Hefford to be Second-Lieutenant, 17th September, 1907.

1ST BATTALION.

CORPORAL APPOINTED LANCE-SERGEANT—4937 Corporal E. Collins, dated 4th October, 1907.

LANCE-CORPORALS PROMOTED CORPORALS—7587 T. Wood, dated 30th August, 1907; 8020 S. Glazebrook, dated 27th September, 1907.

APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS—No. 5361 J. Highton, 6348 A. Hammond, 6506 F. Moody, 8385 C. Ransom, dated 23rd September, 1907; 8628 H. Pickering, 25th September, 1907; 5536 E. Green, 8459 E. Mills, dated 26th September, 1907; 8706 G. Franks, dated 30th September, 1907; 8252 Pte. A. Haughey, and 8462 Pte. A. Howson, dated 2nd October, 1907; 8506 Pte. W. Lawrence, 15th October, 1907. (The first seven N.C.O.'s above mentioned receive the pay of their appointment).

APPOINTED DRUMMER—No. 7589 H. Mersh, 28th August, 1907.

2ND BATTALION.

No. 7147 Pte. J. Everett is appointed Drummer, 7th September, 1907.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS TO 1ST BATT.

We are requested to state that no date has yet been fixed for the presentation of new colors to "The Queen's Own," now quartered at Dover. Her Majesty The Queen has been approached with a view to presenting the new colors, but nothing definite is arranged, nor has Her Majesty yet consented to present the colors. In any case the ceremony is not likely to take place till January or February next.

Maidstone,

October 26th, 1907.

2ND VOL. BATT. ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

The past and present Sergeants of the Battalion of twenty years' service and upwards dine together at headquarters on November 23rd.

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

We regret that this correspondence reached us too late for insertion in our October number (EDITOR).

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Since our return from manœuvres we have been leading the quiet life. Two hundred men have gone off on a month's furlough before they embark to join the 2nd Battalion at Singapore, and we are all beginning to make our arrangements for the coming leave season.

Captain Molony is on leave, pending retirement, and Captains Nelson and Grant, and 2nd-Lieutenant Leir, who are going to the 2nd Battalion, are also on leave. Captain Smith will shortly leave us to join the Ordnance in Canada, and 2nd-Lieutenant Cooke is at the Signalling School at Aldershot.

The football season began directly after manœuvres with a couple of trial games, and since then we have played some matches, which will be found reported elsewhere. It is a pity that we have lost the only league match that we have played, and won all the "friendlies," but we hope for better luck in the future.

We had one representative in the Army and Navy Boxing at Aldershot. He got to the third round of the Light Weights, but was then beaten on points, after a very good fight, by the man who eventually became the "runner-up."

On October 2nd the Buffs are leaving Dover for Aldershot, and their place will be taken by the 2nd Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. We are all sorry that the connection between the East and West Kent Regiments, commenced at Peshawar and renewed here, will thus be broken off.

We are keeping our hand in at "Trooping the Colour," but nothing definite is known as to when and where the presentation will take place It is a pity it could not be done before we lose the 2nd Battalion draft.

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

1ST BATTALION FOOTBALL.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

We have completed one month's campaign, and to all appearances our record is a good one. Played four, won three, and lost one; goals for, nineteen, against five. But the record is not so good as it looks, inasmuch as the three wins were "friendlies," and the loss a Folkestone and District Senior League match. The latter was certainly fought under difficulties, and if we had been at full strength Folkestone would have had very little to spare.

Next month we shall be very busy, as we play six league matches in addition to an Amateur Cup-tie. I append accounts of the matches played to date :—

v. DOVER INSTITUTE (14th September, 1907).—Played on the Danes, and, after a fairly interesting game, ended in our favour by 6—1. The Institute were the first to settle down, and our defence was hard put to it on several occasions. A corner was quickly given against us, and after bobbing about in front of the goal for a few seconds the leather was netted, Butcher's view being obstructed. This reverse put us on our mettle, and we began to wear our opponents down. Their defence was very stubborn however, and it was not until five minutes from the interval that Barker equalised the scores. This was the state of the score sheet when the whistle sounded. During the concluding half the Institute were rarely ever dangerous, the pace of the first half telling greatly upon them. Under these circumstances our forwards did practically what they liked with the home defence, and without playing a great game goals were added by Powell two, Mitchell one, Todd one, and Huggett one. All the forwards scored with the exception of Barrow, who, however, put across some fine centres, and showed good judgment with corner kicks. The Battalion were represented by :— Butcher (goal) ; Keeble and Thompson (backs) ; Verrall, Huggett and Nicholson (halves) ; Barrow, Mitchell, Powell, Barker and Todd (forwards).

v. 1ST LEICESTER REGIMENT 19th September, 1907).— Played on the Risborough Lines Ground, Shorncliffe, and after a hard game ended in our favour by 2—1. The "Tigers" won the toss, and we kicked off against a moderate breeze, but with a strong sun at our backs. Our opponents opened in splendid fashion, and only steadiness on the part of our defence prevented a score early on. Had the "Tigers'" shooting been up to their excellent short passing, Butcher would certainly have been beaten in the first fifteen minutes. On the game settling down we began to have a fair share of the exchanges, and our forwards got in some useful work. The first goal was practically a gift to us, as our opponent's right half, evidently under the impression that the ball had been out of play, allowed Todd to run and centre, which Powell converted at the second attempt. This reverse put the "Tigers" on their mettle, and they attacked fiercely, but only to be sent empty-handed away by Butcher, who was very alert between the sticks. An attack by the right almost ended in an increase of the lead, Mitchell slipping at the critical moment, and Powell placing behind.

During the second half we found the breeze, which had stiffened during the course of the game, of great assistance to us ; albeit, we found "King Sol" rather a nuisance. We were quickly to work, and with a little more steadiness in front of goal, might have added to our lead. Our opponents were by no means idle, but found Lord and Thompson in their best form, although a "free" for hands against Lord, almost in the area, looked dangerous to us. During an attack by our right Mitchell was damaged, but had his revenge shortly after by turning a splendid centre by Todd into the net. This second reverse caused the "Tigers" again to attack hotly, and Butcher was deservedly applauded for a brilliant save, although, unfortunately, he damaged himself in the operation. Not disheartened, the "Tigers" again attacked, and were at last rewarded with a goal in their second attempt. This was the extent of the scoring, and we won as stated. The following represented the Battalion :— Butcher (goal) ; Lord and Thompson (backs) ; Verrall, Huggett and Nicholson (halves) ; Barrow, Mitchell, Powell, Keeble and Todd (forwards).

FOLKESTONE AND DISTRICT SENIOR LEAGUE.

v. FOLKESTONE TOWN (21st September, 1907).—This, our first match in the above league, was played at Folkestone, and ended in a win for our opponents by 3—1. We were not at full strength, Butcher (damaged in the Leicester match), and Todd being absentees. We quickly settled down, and earned a couple of corners in the first ten minutes, the second of these was beautifully placed, and after the ball had struck both the keeper and the cross-bar, Keeble secured and rammed it home. In arrears thus early, Folkestone attacked, and by some delightful passing, reached their opponents' end, but the ball was returned, and we forced another corner. This was again well taken, but nothing accrued therefrom. By long wing to wing passes, Folkestone again attacked, and a half-hearted punch by Long was a prelude to a goal by the inside right. Having equalised, Folkestone set about taking the lead, and this they succeeded in doing ten minutes from the interval, the goal-keeper running out and preventing them with an easy goal. Some good attacks by our forwards were not attended by the best results, owing to too much individual finesse on the part of some of them, a bad fault which will cost us dearly, unless eradicated. Midway through the second half Folkestone attacked by means of their left wing, and obtained a third but very doubtful point, the ball being passed forward to three men who were practically on the goal line. This put the final result beyond doubt, and although we kept at it, we never looked like reducing the deficit, and we were beaten as above. The following team represented the Battalion :— Long (goal) ; Lord and Thompson (backs) ; Verrall, Huggett and Nicholson (halves) ; Barrow, Mitchell, Powell and 2nd-Lieut. Moulton-Barrett (forwards).

v. DOVER RAILWAY UNITED (25th September, 1907).—This impromptu match was our first "at Home," and, owing to the weakness of the opposing team, requires little or no description. The result, 10—0, speaks for itself. The goals were scored by Ogle five, Powell two, Barrow two, and Keeble one. The team underwent a further alteration, the following representing the Battalion :—Smith (goal) ; Lord and Thompson (backs) ; Verrall, Huggett and Nicholson (halves) ; Barrow, Powell, Ogle, Todd and Keeble (forwards).

Ogle, the old 2nd Battalion centre, was pivot for the first time, and that he knows the geography of the goal is evidenced by his total in this match. That he is an improvement there is no gainsaying, and he carries that little bit of extra weight which has pulled many a forward through a tight match.

KENT AMATEUR CUP.

In the first Qualifying Round of the above Cup, we have as visitors Faversham Invicta. Of our opponents we know little or nothing, but that there may be a good game, and the better side pass into Round two, is the sincere wish of

1ST BATTALION FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT.

October 28th.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The winter season is fairly on us now and we have relapsed into the usual barrack square parades, with the exception of the weekly route march and an occasional field day with the 10th (Shorncliffe) Brigade, or rather attempted field day, as so far we have always been stopped by rain before operations could begin.

Football is, at present, the most engrossing factor of life. The Regimental team have not been altogether victorious, but they have played well against some very strong teams, and the experience of playing against better sides than themselves has done a lot to improve them. They have not had the best of luck, notably against Northfleet, when for half the game they had to play one short, and so lost after a lead of two goals in the first half. I

will not dilate any more on football, as I am poaching on the province of another correspondent.

On the 25th we got up a boxing display in the Town Hall. A great deal of trouble was taken by the organising staff, and the services of several good men, such as Frank Craig, the "Coffee Cooler," Arthur Bennett, Fred Latter, of Maidstone, and others, were obtained. There was a really good evening's fighting, but I regret to say that the people of the town did not roll up in the numbers that was hoped; perhaps they will respond better when we have another try. Sport of any kind in the town of Dover is a difficult matter; they seem to expect the soldier to give everything and take nothing.

We are no further forward in the presentation of our colours. Repeated and entirely unfounded reports have been published in the London papers that the colours are to be shortly presented by the Queen. As a matter of fact, we do not even know if the Queen will present them at all. If she does, it is not likely to be before January or February.

The men of the draft for the 2nd Battalion have returned from furlough and leave us on the 31st to embark in the "Sicilia" at Southampton.

We were originally detailed to go to London on November 13th to line the streets on arrival of the German Emperor, but we have since been informed that troops of our Brigade will not be required.

On the 25th September Colonel Maunsell presented two cups and a shield, which have recently been competed for. These were the Company Challenge Cup (Musketry), won by C Company, Major Styles' Inter Company Cricket Challenge Shield, won by A Company, and Major Rowe's Cup, won by Lieut. C. F. Adams.

This, Mr. Editor, ends my news for the month; next month we shall be in the middle of the furlough season—50 per cent. are going in November and 50 per cent. in December, and unless something unexpected occurs, I fail to see where I shall get any copy at all.

1st Battalion Correspondent.

1st BATTALION FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENCE.

The month of October has been a disastrous one for us. Altogether we have played six league matches, and have been beaten four times, the culminating point coming when the Royal Naval Depot scored six times without response from us. Injuries and changes in the team have been responsible for our bad fortune.

FOLKESTONE LEAGUE.
v. ROYAL MARINES.

Played at Deal on Oct. 2, 1907, and after a close and interesting game ended in our defeat by one goal to love. We won the toss, and the Marines kicked off in the face of a stiff breeze and a brilliant sun. With these advantages we quickly took up the attack, but found the defence opposed to us difficult to pierce. The Marines made several excursions to our end, but the conditions hampered them, and they were easily repulsed. During one of these short raids, Verrall received an injury, which necessitated his leaving the field. He returned at the end of ten minutes, but was evidently still in pain. When the half-time whistle sounded the score was nil, and it was pretty evident that when we changed ends we should require to be on our best behaviour. This was proved in the first three minutes of the second half, as a pass to the left wing saw the Marines' inside left score a goal, although Butcher made a desperate effort to save. Stung by this reverse we attacked grimly, and some excellent goalkeeping was witnessed, but beyond a corner we could not improve our position. The Marines now again took up the running, and Butcher was deservedly applauded for a brilliant save. The Marines' inside left had broken right through, and seemed certain to add to his side's score, but Butcher judged his effort to a nicety and tipped the ball over the bar. The resultant corner proved abortive, as did also two others that fell to the Marines. Time was now drawing on, and Keeble on the left made a desperate effort to retrieve the lost fortunes of his side. Receiving the ball on our own 18 yards line he dribbled the ball the whole length of the field, outwitting first one, and then another, of the defenders, but his final effort was rather weak, and the keeper had no difficulty in clearing. This was the last incident of note, and an interesting game ended as above. The following represented the Battalion:—(Goal), Butcher; (backs), Thompson and Lord; (halves), Verrall. Huggett and Nicolson; (forwards), Barrow, Powell, Ogle, Todd and Keeble.

KENT AMATEUR CUP.
v. FAVERSHAM INVICTA.

This, our first appearance in the above competition, was played on the Danes on October 5th, 1907, and a rather uninteresting game ended in our favour by 3—0. Sparrow turned out for the first time this season, having only just returned from a mounted infantry course. Green also made a re-appearance in place of Verrall. We quickly got going, but over-eagerness prevented a score in the first minute. This has been our greatest fault so far this season, the forwards appearing too anxious to score. A little steadiness at the critical moment, and we should have scored frequently. There was very little combination betweeen either teams, long kicking being indulged in. Even play followed, both goals receiving attention, and the game was fully half an hour old before we obtained the lead, Powell fastening on the ball from a rebound, and giving the keeper no chance. This put a little life into the proceedings, but the game soon settled down to its previous listlessness, and half-time soon after saw us a goal ahead. The second half opened in much the same fashion, and it was not until Butcher had had to save on several occasions that the "Blues" woke up. Then the visitors' defence had a warm time of it. A cross shot by Huggett saw Barrow score, and the score read two goals. The same player soon after ran through the defence and scored a simple goal, the goal-keeper miss-kicking the ball, which landed in the net. With a good lead the "Blues" slackened the pace of the last few minutes and the end saw us winners as above. The following represented the Battalion:—(Goal), Butcher; (backs), Thompson and Lord; (halves), Nicolson, Huggett and Green; (forwards), Barrow, Powell, Ogle, Sparrow and Keeble.

FOLKESTONE LEAGUE.
v. DOVER.

Played at the Crabble Athletic Ground on 9th October, and resulted in our first win in the above competition by two goals to one. The weather was wet and wretched, and the slippery ball required a lot of manipulating. There being little wind we gained no advantage by winning the toss, but our early efforts showed that we meant business. Ogle, in the centre, got his wings going well, and but for the slippery surface we might have scored. The first goal came at the end of fifteen minutes' exciting play, Barrow netting with a lightning shot which the keeper scarcely saw. The credit of the goal, however, belongs to the left wing, where Keeble and Hylands

showed effective combination. A little later Keeble sent in a terrific shot from a very difficult angle, but the goalkeeper was in brilliant form and brought off a fine save. Ogle here gave an exhibition of dash, obtaining a second goal. A long shot had been put in and before the keeper could kick away the centre was on him. In endeavouring to throw away the ball rebounded from Ogle, and the latter had an open goal in which to register the second point. This was the extent of the scoring up to the interval, and we entered on the concluding moiety on good terms with ourselves. We now set up a fierce attack, aud but for an excellent defence we must have increased our lead. Keeble in particular was in fine fettle on the left, running and centreing with rare judgment. From one of these centres one of the home backs nearly put through his own goal, but the resultant corner was abortive. Dover were rarely dangerous, but found Butcher very safe on the few occasions they visited him. It was now getting rather dark, and Dover looked like being defeated pointless, when a sudden change came over the scene. Dover attacked strongly by the left, and after Butcher had saved once the ball was netted from a melee in front of goal. Immediately after they looked like equalizing, as the centre broke clean through, but vigorous and effective work by Powell and Verrall saw the ball got safely away. Again the forwards broke away and the left inside was grassed by Verrall as he was preparing to shoot, with only Butcher to beat. The whistle blew immediately after and we scored our first points in this competition by the odd goal in three. The following represented the Battalion :—Goal, Butcher ; backs, Thompson and Lord ; halves, Verrall, Huggett, and Green ; forwards, Barrow, Powell, Ogle, Hylands, and Keeble.

KENT LEAGUE.
v. SHEPPEY UNITED.

Played at the Botany Road Ground, Sheerness, on 12th October, 1907, and resulted in our defeat by 3—0. In tackling the champions of the above league on their own ground, we admittedly had a stiff task, but the score by no means represents the run of the play. The game opened in favour of Sheppey, and it was several minutes before we settled down. Even then we were hampered by a bright sun in our eyes, and a cross wind made accurate kicking rather difficult. Sheppey opened the scoring after about fifteen minutes' play, Butcher saving three times whilst lying on the ground before eventually being beaten. This goal was a somewhat lucky one. We attacked fiercely upon resuming, Keeble forced a corner, and from it Verrall hit the cross-bar, the ball rebounding and being cleared. On the extreme left Keeble was doing excellent work, and on one occasion struck the post with a terrific shot. Sheppey now attacked, and Thompson mis-kicking, left the centre with an easy shot two yards from goal. This was the extent of the scoring up to half time, although Powell went very close with a good shot. The second half opened with a sharp burst by our forwards and Powell almost got through in the first minute, but Champion in goal was very cool and saved the situation. Another excellent run by Keeble saw the ball swung out to Barrow, who put in a terrific grounder only to see Champion save almost on the line. Immediately after Keeble put in a beauty but this was also dealt with safely. Sheppey made ground by their left, and a judicious pass by Rule saw the centre complete the scoring. A run through by Sparrow looked dangerous for Sheppey, but Champion came out to cover his charge and saved. From now to the end play ruled even, and time came with Sheppey somewhat lucky winners by 3—0. The following represented the Battalion : (Goal) Butcher, (backs) Thompson and Lord, (halves) Verrall, Huggett and Green, (forwards) Barrow, Powell, Sparrow, Hylands and Keeble.

FOLKESTONE LEAGUE.
v. R.G.A, DOVER.

This, our first league match at home, was played on 16th October, 1907, in sultry weather and resulted in our favour by the odd goal in five. A heavy cross wind spoilt play somewhat, but the R A. were soon attacking and at the end of ten minutes' play scored a pretty goal from a corner kick. Stung by this early reverse the "Blues" attacked fiercely by their left and Keeble put in a good shot which the keeper did well to safely dispose of. A few minutes later the same player was badly fouled when excellently placed. A penalty was granted, but Lord shot straight at the keeper and from the rebound his shot was tipped over. Shortly after Powell turned a shot by Mitchell into the goal and the scores were levelled. From the kick off the "Blues" immediately attacked, but a huge kick relieved. This was pounced upon by the R.A. left wing who had a clear field. He was, however overtaken by Thompson and, being hampered, passed to his centre, the latter scoring a pretty goal. This was the extent of scoring to the interval and we crossed a goal to the bad. We now set up a consistent attack, and but for bad judgment in front of goal must have equalized. This we were denied until twenty minutes had expired when a run and a shot by Keeble saw the keeper allow the ball to slip through his hands. Stimulated by this success we again attacked but an excellent defence was presented us, and we could make no definite headway. A low centre by Barrow only required a tap to give us the lead, but the tap was not forthcoming. Time was drawing near, and it looked like a division of the spoils, when a shot by Powell saw the goalkeeper in difficulties. Before he could save the situation Verrall was upon him, and the ball safely reposed at the back of the net, thus giving us the lead. The R.A. now made desperate efforts to once again equalize the scores, but were unsuccessful, and time saw us winners by 3 to 2. The following represented the Battalion :—(Goal), Butcher ; (backs), Thompson and Lord ; (halves), Mitchell, Huggett, Green ; (forwards), Barrow, Verrall, Powell, Hylands and Keeble.

KENT LEAGUE.
v. NORTHFLEET UNITED.

Played at the Crabble on October 19th, 1907, and resulting in our defeat by 4 goals to 2. The game was a splendidly contested one, but United were much superior to the Blues in combination, and retired worthy winners. The game opened sensationally, Barrow putting in a lightning shot, which the keeper did well to tip over. Straight away to the other end the ball was taken, and Mitchell fouling in the dreaded area, United were granted a penalty. This Butcher saved in fine style, but damaged his hand in the operation. The Blues now attacked, and from a corner Verrall twice caused the keeper to clear, the second clearance was pounced on by Powell, who put the ball over the keeper's head into the net. Encouraged by this success the Blues came again, and Keeble scored a splendid goal, the goalkeeper being powerless to save. The United had not been idle, but met a resolute defence, which, with the assistance of a stiff breeze, repelled all their efforts. No more scoring took place prior to the interval, and we entered on the concluding half two goals to the good. Not for long, however. Before the second half was ten minutes' old, United were on level terms. Their passing was a prominent feature of the game, and Butcher could not be blamed for either goal. We were now playing ten men, Lord having retired hurt, Huggett dropping

back, Verrall taking the vacated position at centre half, and we had but four forwards. Despite this, Barrow nearly succeeded in heading a goal, but the goal keeper was very smart, and saved well. The United now attacked, and quickly took the lead, Butcher, with the sun in his eyes failed to stop a dropping shot. A few minutes later they obtained their fourth and last point from a corner. This put the result beyond doubt, but a good run by Powell looked like reducing the deficit, but he shot straight at the keeper, who cleared almost on the line. No more scoring took place, and we were beaten as stated. Northfleet is by far the best team we have so far encountered this season, and though beaten we were by no means disgraced. The Battalion were represented by the same team as v. R.G.A.

v. ROYAL NAVAL DEPOT.

This match in the Kent League was played on 26th October, 1907, and resulted in our utter rout by six goals to love. Injuries resulted in a re-arrangement of our team, Lord and Barrow being injured in the previous match. The Depot were easily the best team. Butcher was injured after the first goal had been scored, but continued and played well all things considering. We were four goals behind at half-time, one being a penalty. The second half was a repetition of the first, and two more goals were added. The sailors relied greatly on their superior weight to carry them through, but despite this they showed some splendid combination, a feature quite deficient in our ranks. We were represented by:—(Goal) Butcher; (backs) Thompson and Mitchell; (halves) Verrall, Huggett, Green; (forwards) Sparrow, Smith, Powell, Hylands, Keeble.

THE BUD.

BAND FOOTBALL.

At Dover a match was played on the "Danes" between the Band of the 1st Battalion *versus* the Band of the 5th Fusiliers. During the first half of the game the ball was most of its time in the West Kent's half of the field, but although a sharp fusilade was kept up by the Fusiliers, it was of no avail, as Brown, the West Kent's goalkeeper, was invincible. Just before half-time the West Kent's broke away for the first time, and after some very pretty passing near the Fusiliers' goal, the ball was headed into the net by Ransome. During the second half the game was evenly contested, and no further score being added, an interesting game resulted in the West Kent's winning by one goal to nil.

SKITTLES.

On the 9th inst. a skittle match was played between a team from the Battalion and a team of the Depot. It turned out to be a very pleasant game, and ended in a win for the Depot by two games to nil. Depot team: Ptes. Chapman, Marchant, and Brown. 1st Battalion: Lance-Corpl. Baker, Pte. McCarthy, Pte. Smith.

The Depot are still open to make a match between any teams from the Battalion.

SKITTLES.

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1st BATTALION THE QUEEN'S OWN ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

The competition for Colonel Hopton's Cup took place at Deal on Friday, the 27th September, and the following are the individual scores of the team:—

Company.	Rank and Name.	300 yards. Tiles.	600 yards. 3rd Class Target.	Total Points.
B	Lieutenant Adams	10	24	49
C	Colour-Sergt. Saunders	15		
C	Corporal Wood	0	16	21
B	Private Hamlyn	5		
B	,, White	5	18	33
B	,, Wilkinson	10		
A	,, Sweet	10	18	33
A	,, Harris	5		
G	Lance-Corporal Barden	0	20	20
F	Private Coleman	0		
D	,, Robinson.....	0	20	25
D	,, Ranger	5		
E	,, Ridgers	10	24	39
E	,, Sharp	5		
F	,, Watkins	5	20	35
G	,, Housen	10		
H	,, Brown	5	20	30
H	,, West	5		
H	,, Hoskins	0	20	30
A	,, Barden.....	10		
	Totals.....	115	200	315

1st BATTALION ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

The Competition for the Queen Victoria Cup took place at Hythe on Thursday, the 3rd October, and the following are the scores of the team:—

Compy.	Rank and Name.	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.
E	Lce.-Sergt. Brown.....	30	33	30	93
F	Pte. Watkins	32	32	29	93
C	Col.-Sergt. Saunders	30	34	25	89
C	Corpl. Wood	31	26	26	83
C	Pte. Knight.....	29	22	30	81
H	Sergt. Wood	29	29	21	79
B	Lieut. Adams...	29	30	19	78
C	Sergt. Selves	28	24	25	77
	Totals	238	230	205	673

1st BATTALION NOTES.

No. 8502 Pte. J. Smith has been transferred to the 1st Batt. "The Buffs," East Kent Regiment, and Pte. Day has joined at Dover on transfer from the 20th Hussars.

No. 8467 Pte. T. Smith has been transferred to the 11th Hussars, now serving in Dublin.

No. 4601 Pte. E. Champion has been discharged on termination of first period of limited engagement.

No. 8727 Lance-Corporal E. Allwright has been transferred to the 1st Batt. "The Buffs."

No. 8790 Lance-Corporal De-La-Mere has been transferred from the 1st Battalion Shropshire Light Infantry. This N.C.O. has been transferred with a view of taking up the appointment of Sergeant Master Tailor of the 2nd Battalion, The Queen's Own, and he proceeds to Singapore with the draft for that Battalion which embarks on the 31st October.

No. 7404 Pte. R. Woodgate has purchased his discharge on payment of £25.

The following N.C.O.'s and men, having been transferred to the Army Reserve, are struck off the strength of the Battalion :—No. 5630 Pte. G. Sharratt, 7861 Pte. H. Maskell, 7217 Pte. R. Farnham, 7853 Pte. C. Clarke, 7850 Pte. F. Glanville, 7859 Pte. R. Heath, 7866 Pte A. Way, 7882 Lce., Corpl. S. Ash, 7883 Pte. F. Farrant, 5644 Pte. F. Robertson, 7873 Pte. A. Graham, 7870 Pte. J. Baker, 7872 Pte. J. Sharp-7868 Pte. W. Pope, 7867 Pte. W. Cable, 7871 Pte. A. Wood, 7874 Pte. E. O'Conor, 5670 Pte. A. Sell, 5635 Pte. M. Horrigan, 7886 Pte. E. Down, 7898 Pte. E. Etherington, 7894 Pte. H. Raven, 7903 Pte. R. Legh, 7905 Pte. W. Pearce, 7907 Pte. G. Stewart, 7904 Pte. H. Angus, 7897 Pte. B. Mahoney, 5652 Pte. G. Spaul, 7914 Pte. W. Potter, 7906 H. Craycraft, 5664 Pte. B. McGarry, 5672 Pte. A. Thompson, 5680 Pte. C. Warner, 5674 Pte. A. Burgess.

The following N.C.O.'s and men are granted or restored G.C. Badges as stated :—8129 Pte. S. Cronk, 22nd Sept., 1907 ; 8132 Pte. A. Dade, 27th Sept., 1907 ; 7810 Pte. W. Handyside, 28th Sept., 1907 ; 8526 Lce.-Corpl. Z. Barden, 18th Sept., 1907, each granted one badge. 6141 Pte. W. Carpenter restored one badge 22nd Sept., 1907 ; 6637 Pte. C. Judge two badges 2nd October, 1907 ; 5536 Lce.-Corpl. E. Green restored two badges 2nd October, 1907 ; 8139 Pte. H. Pearce 9th October, 1907.

No. 8452 Pte. W. Hughes has been permitted to transfer to the 68th Battery R.F.A., and Gunner Drake has been transferred to the 1st Battalion from 107th Company R.G.A., Pte. Drake is numbered W.K., 8761.

No. 4732 Corpl. H. Taylor, 7505 Lce.-Corpl. W. Dunning, 7676 Lce.-Corpl. R. Banks, 4345 Pte. W. Castle, and 7490 Pte. A. Price have been posted to the Depot for a tour of duty there.

No. 4863 Lce.-Sergt. M. McNamara has been permitted to re-engage for the Royal West Kent Regiment for such term as shall complete 21 years.

No. 5956 Sergt. A. Bellion has been appointed Orderly Room Clerk from the 3rd October in succession to No. 6668 Sergt. D. Burrows, who has taken up an appointment as Acting Orderly Room Sergeant on the hired transport "Rewa," for the current trooping season.

No. 1597 Sergt. W. Page has been discharged on completing termination of second period of engagement. Sergt. R. Urquhart absorbs the vacancy created by Sergt. Pages discharge.

6167 Corporal A. Cordeux has been awarded an Assistant Instructor's Certificate in Signalling, dated Aldershot, 19th September, 1907.

The following N.C.O.'s names are included in the roll of the draft which is being prepared for the 2nd Battalion. This draft sets sail for Singapore about the 31st October :—

3488 Colour-Sergeant W. Osborne, 4744 Sergeants P. Kevan, 3748 R. Urquhart, 4447 R. Rose, 4119 C. Stace, 3869 McVicar, 3287 A. Allwright, 8642 A. Fetherstone, 2967 W. Payne, 5614 J. Hayley, 4863 Lance-Sergeant M. McNamara, 6536 Corporal O. Bond, 8288 Lance-Corporals S. Whiteman, 7769 W. Goodrick, 8633 A. Judge, 8258 C. Craddock, 8383 J. Hutton.

The following N.C.O.'s and Men have qualified in Mounted Infantry duties at Longmoor, dated September 30th, 1907 :—3283 Sergeants A. Keen and 2595 J. McGee, 7382 Corporals F. Lauder, 7266 G. Fittall, 7540 Lance-Corporals C. Gilbey, 8046 H. Wilson, 6694 Drummer H Stroud, Privates 8160 J. Worsell, 8226 J. Rabbitt, 8285 J. Wells, 7418 G. Champion, 8192 J. Turnbull, 7648 S. Crowhurst, 7429 R. Dicker, 8331 W Chuter, 8225 R. Herbert, 6225 J. Moss, 7486 F. Pitfield, 7347 H. Stevens, 6637 C. Judge, 6750 J. Smith, 8183 J. Baker, 8302 J. Richardson, 8260 W. Shaw, 7385 A. Dryden, 6794 G. Sparrow, 7501 W. Markham, 7500 H. Stemp, 8363 F. Bickle, 8285 C. Jones, 8263 J. Slater, 8251 R. Startupp, 8329 A. Taylor and 7541 W. Jenner.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The beginning of August found us in the midst of war's alarms. The annual mobilization and manœuvres were in progress and our minds were occupied no less than our wearying bodies with the toils and changes of war. However, on the fifth the dread cloud rolled away and we once more settled down in the effulgence of the resultant peace. Those who but a short time since were struggling on the stricken field, now turned their attention to a far more easeful competition. On the 10th the Warren Shield Shooting Competition took place on the Balestier Range, which belongs to the Singapore Volunteers. Preliminary trials had been held in the various units and the winning Companies fired at 200, 500, and 600 for the Shield. E Company represented the Battalion, and the remaining competitors were D Company, Malay States Guides, a Company of the 95th Russell's Infantry, 78th Company R.G.A., No. 2 Company S.V.I., and H.M.S. Psyche, which was in harbour at the time. A close competition ended in a win for the S.V.I., with a total of 693 points (8 firers), the M.S.G. being second with 691, and E Company third with 656.

During the month H Company played two more matches with 78th Company R.G.A. in the Warren Shield Football Competition, both of which ended in pointless draws. On September 5th they played again and were beaten by 4 to 0. They had hard luck in not winning on the first occasion as the game ended 1 to 0 in their favour, but the match had to be re-played, on the 78th Company objecting on the grounds of too short a time having been played.

The Company Leagues are progressing and a table is enclosed.

As there was a good deal of cholera in Singapore towards the end of the month the town was placed out of bounds. Notwithstanding the fact that there is very little amusement to be found at Tanglin in the evening, the behaviour of the men was excellent, and no special picquets were needed to enforce the order. Several excellent concerts were held in the Library, which helped to entertain us during this time. The cholera has now almost disappeared and most of the town is in bounds again.

This is not a very interesting letter, but contributions from some Company correspondents is enclosed which may be found more so.

2nd BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

LEAGUE TABLES.

FOOTBALL.

Coy.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Total Points.
A		W	D		W	L		D	5-10
B	L		W	L	D	D	W	D	7-14
C	D	L			L	L	W		3-10
D		W				L	L	L	2-8
E	L	D	W				W	L	5-10
F	W	D	W	W				D	8-10
G		L	L	W	L				2-8
H	D	D		W	W	D			7-10

HOCKEY.

Coy.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Total Points.
A		L	D	L	L				1-8
B	W		W			L	D	L	5-10
C	D	L			W	W			5-8
D	W					L	L	L	2-8
E	W		L				L	L	2-8
F	W	W	L	W			D	D	8-12
G		D		W	W	D		D	7-10
H		W		W	W	D	D		8-10

CRICKET.

Coy.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Total Points.
A		L			L		L		0-6
B	W	X			W		L	L	4-8
C			X	W		W	W	L	6-8
D			L		W	W	W		6-8
E	W	L		L	X	W			4-8
F			L	L	L			W	2-8
G	W	W	L	L				L	4-14
H		W	W			L	W		6-8

League Tables up to and including September 10th, 1907.

N.B.—Win counts 2 points. Draw 1 point. In "total points" columns the highest possible number of points is shewn.

F COMPANY.

Recreation of the Company for months of July and August:

Friendly football match, F Company v. Warders, win for F by 7 goals to 1.

Company League, A Company v. F Company, win for F by 3 goals to 1.

Friendly match, F v. Corporals, win for F by 3 goals to 1.

F Company's Hockey Club v. C Company's Hockey Club, win for F by 2 goals to 1.

Left-half Company v. Right-half Hockey. Result: Left-half 2, Right-half 1.

F Company s Hockey Club v. H Company's, win for H by 2 goals to 0.

F Company's Hockey Club v. H Company's 2nd team, 13th August, 1907, win for club by 4 goals to 0.

F Company's Correspondent.

G COMPANY.

I am afraid that we have been rather remiss in sending notes of our doings to the *Gazette* lately, but if the Editor will pardon us we promise to be very good in the future and send our notes in regularly every month.

During the past three months we have taken part in two rifle meetings, and have played four football, three cricket, and five hockey matches in the Inter-company Sports League. I was unfortunately not present when these events took place, so am unable to describe them; I merely append results. The table at the foot will show our position in the Inter-company Sports League.

In the first of the rifle meetings we won the Robert's competition, there being eighteen other teams, including teams from the Garrison, competing.

In the Battalion Rifle Meeting, held at Normanton Range, when shooting for the Company Shield, we took second place with 396 points, the winners being A Company with 402 points. Had it not been for the fact that A Company had just completed their annual musketry course, and thus had much more practice, we most certainly would have won the shield. However, we will have it next year. In the same meeting the Company took twenty-one prizes.

The Battalion has recently taken part in the annual manœuvres, and you will doubtless hear stirring tales of adventure by land and sea from other Company correspondents. We, of G, however, played a rather minor, but none the less necessary, part in them, most of our works being in the vicinity of barracks.

We began our field training on August 7th, and in my next letter I hope to send you an account of the works we do.

Game.	Played.	Won.	Drwn.	Lost.	Points For.	Points Against.
Football	4	1	1	2	3	5
Cricket.....	3	2	0	1	4	2
Hockey.....	5	2	3	0	7	3

G Company Correspondent.

E COMPANY.

Dear Mr. Editor,

It may seem strange to our readers to see correspondence for April, May, June, and July, but they happen to be my period for the same, so I may as well begin at once, although it is not very much. On the 2nd of April the Company, under the command of 2nd Lieuts. Graham and Hawley, proceeded to Alexander Ranges, Normanton Barracks, to carry out our annual course of musketry (firing the new course). And I think all were quite satisfied with the results, although there were two or three who were unlucky and did not scrape out of third class shot. During the latter part of the month Captain G. D. Lister took over command of the Company, having come out from England from sick leave, and the Company were exceptionally pleased. I think he was pleased with the Company and also the discipline and conduct of the N.C.O.'s and men, and all connected with it. We were expecting to fire our course with the new rifle, but they were not here in time, so we had the old ones, everybody being eager to see the ins and outs of the new one, and my opinion of them being a young maxim. The new equipment was received in the same way. Our Company having all the new equipment and rifles issued to them on their return to Barracks, and I am sure I can say that the Company were sorry when they had to return to Head Quarters, as they had spent a most pleasant month at Normanton Barracks. After our return to Head Quarters, and when we had got a bit straight, the Colonel inspected us in our new marching order, and I believe I have every right in saying that he was very well satisfied with it. At the same time the Company took over the staff billets, so that left us rather small in numbers but we were able to hold our own. The Company during the month of May had a fairly easy time, partaking in small manœuvres between other Companies and Battalion night marches, which is very pleasant, as the air is sweet and cool. The latter part of May we had a few preliminaries in field training, as we start our course in June. That is about all I think for May. Now for June, the time in which people at home look forward for their summer holidays and the fine days. Well, we get all that out here, but a great deal warmer. Well, this is the month that happened to drop to us for our field training, which was very pleasant. On the first of June we started our course of field training, and this ocupies our time for four or six weeks, during which we go all over drills, etc., to refresh our memory, and pull ourselves together, and at the same time brings the whole

of the Company together, and all possible employes return to partake in the training. This gives everybody a chance to get plenty of exercise and recruit their health, and a chance to free themselves from the ties of stool and pen, and other such billets which are apt to make an impression on our frame. Up to the present we have had some very pleasant work, such as skirmishing, outpost duties, night attacks, etc., and we finished up with a week over at Pwla Brani with 78 and 80 Companies of R.G.A., where we were under instruction in erecting shiers, slinging big guns, notting and lashing, and visiting the different forts, which indeed were very interesting to those who were not acquainted with the using of them. Also we had a sea trip all round, visiting the forts from the water, and they were very hard to distinguish had we not already known them to be there. On our last day we endeavoured to construct a light road across a piece of marshy ground, which came a bit strange to a great many of us, but I am glad to say that we accomplished the best part of our task. And I am sure I may say that all who took part in the foregoing work had a very pleasant and enjoyable time. During the latter part of July the troops of the Garrison and under the command were under orders for mobolization, in which we had a week for preliminary work. The troops which took part in this were, Royal West Kents, 78 and 80 Companies R.G.A., Battalion of the Malay Straits Guides, and the 97 Russell's Infantry, a very fine body of men, the average height being 6ft. 2in. The Malay Straits Guides were encamped on our Battalion Parade Ground, and I must say that very little noise was heard from them, although now and again you could hear the sweet strains of a tom-tom drifting through the silent night. We were under order for mobolization from the 1st August till the 5th inst, during which time we were on the go. The final of the mobolization took place on Sunday, and early Monday morning we formed part of the defenders with the view to make the invaders retire to their boats again, the invaders being the Singapore Volunteers, Singapore Volunteer Artillery, Singapore S.E. Volunteers, and the 97th Russell's Infantry. I think everybody was glad when it was over as we had all had a trying time, and now that we are settled again and doing our duty like a soldier and a man everything seems to have been forgotten, and after all being done, what should pay us a visit but the Cholera Epidemic and we have got it on the brain, although we have had no cases in the Regiment at present. This I think finally finishes our training, and I will conclude with a few remarks on sport. As regards sport, all who are interested in this will be pleased to hear that the Company is again coming back to its old standard and has lately been very successful in its different games and I think the Company very lucky to have three officers who are so keen on this special point. I am sure that with little more practice it will reach its old standard. I have already sent the list of matches of the different games which have taken place. But I should just like to say a word for our 2nd eleven, otherwise known as the "stunners," which has lately been formed and has the following record up to the present:—Played 10, won 7, drawn 1, lost 2; goals, 22 against 16, which is not bad considering. And no doubt there is room for plenty of practice, which must be had before we can become a crack eleven. I am sorry to say that we are losing 2nd Lieut. Graham, who is proceeding to India for a course of musketry and other duties, and I am sure his presence will be missed from the Company and it will be hard to fill his place in the several matches where he is so much required. And I now, on behalf of the Company, take the opportunity of wishing him every success and good luck, hoping he will have a pleasant time during his tour of duty whilst in India. Well, Mr. Editor, no doubt you will think this a lot of tommy rot and waste of paper and ink, so I will now conclude, hoping I have not taken up too much of your most valuable time. I am, yours truly,

E COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

A COMPANY.

Tanglin Barracks,
Singapore.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I now send you these few lines which I hope will be of interest to some of the readers of the Gazette. Owing to the Company being on Mobilization, I cannot let you know much referring to A Company. The Company played G Company at football in the Battalion League, which ended in a draw. Praise should be given to Corpl Trevena, Pte. Muggeridge, Sergt. Pace, and Lance-Corpl. Cozens, who played a very fine game. In the first half we had very hard luck, continually "bombarding" G Company's goal, but could not get the leather into the net. We had the misfortune to lose Pvt. Muggeridge in the first half of the game. He had to retire through receiving a kick, but we managed to keep the opponents from our goal, and after a hard fought game we drew with them. I am sorry that I cannot let you know any more this time, but I will try to oblige with more next mail. I draw to a close by remaining yours truly,

A COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

2ND BATT. "THE QUEEN'S OWN," R.W.K. REGT.

Roll of Officers of the above Battalion, showing Stations.

Colonel H. G. Fitton, D S.O., A.D.C., Singapore; Major S. H. Pedley, leave in England, leave expires November 29th, 1907; Major E. F. Venables, leave in England, leave expires Jan. 31st, 1908; Captains R. J. Woulfe-Flanagan, Singapore; C. E. Kitson, leave in England, leave expires October 15th, 1907; C. Druce, Singapore; F. J. Joslin, Musketry at Satara, India, will rejoin about 10th November; G. D. Lister, Singapore; R. M. G. Tulloch, Singapore; Lieutenants H. D. Belgrave, Singapore; J F. S. Tulloh, leave in North China till November 28th, 1907, address—c/o Lieutenant C. F. Tulloh, 3rd Middlesex Regiment, N. China; M. J. Dinwiddy, Singapore; A. S. Hewitt, Singapore; O. Y. Hibbert, Singapore; R. A. Paget, Singapore; F. B. Humphreys, Singapore; 2nd Lieuteuants M. W. Graham, Musketry, Satara, India, will rejoin about 10th November; H J. Dresser, Singapore; W. G. Yates, Singapore; W. S. C. Hamley, Singapore; N. I. Whitty, Singapore; R. B. L. Bazley-White, Singapore; A E. Hardy, Singapore; Hon. Lieutenant and Quarter-Master T. Sumner, Singapore.

Singapore,
1st October, 1907.

SOLDIERS' BALANCES UNCLAIMED.

In the 1st re-publication of list cccxcix of the names of deceased soldiers whose personal estate is held for distribution amongst the next of kin, or others entitled, appears the names of Privates J. Chalk, 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regt., and Private G. Cohen, 2nd Battalion, with the sums of £6 12s. 10s. and £22 13s. 7d. against them respectively.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

No. 5737 Lce.-Corpl. F. Bond has extended to complete 12 years with the Colours, dated 30th August, 1907. 6001 Sergt. H Russell has extended to complete 12 years with the Colours, dated 5th September, 1907. 5887 Pte. G Reynolds transfers to A.R, with his own consent before the expiration of his period of service, dated 5th September, 1907. 4198 Sergt. W. Moir has been discharged free after 13 years' service, dated 9th September, 1907. 4382 Corpl. A Bowers has been discharged on the termination of his first period of engagement, dated 9th September, 1907. 5883 Lce.-Sergt. H. Stevens has extended to complete 12 years with the Colours, dated 20th September, 1907.

The following N.C.O.'s and men have been awarded Good Conduct Badges as under :—7692 Pte. R. Pringle first badge, dated 26th September, 1907 ; 8130 Lce.-Corpl. J. Johnson, first badge, dated 22nd September, 1907 ; 8040 Pte. A. Barnes first badge, dated 22nd September, 1907 ; 6221 Pte. J. Didden first badge, dated 7th Sedtember, 1907 ; 6612 Pte. E. Francis restored first badge, dated 4th September, 1907 ; 8007 Pte. J. Gibson first badge, dated 19th September, 1907 ; 6561 Pte. J. Larkin second badge, dated 21st September, 1907; 6374 Pte. T. Wood restored second badge, dated 4th September, 1907 ; 6417 Pte A. Cook second badge, dated 6th March, 1907 ; 7989 Pte. R. Peirce first badge, dated 17th May, 1907; 7860 Pte. J. Boother first badge, dated 10th August, 1907 ; 6615 Pte. G Carr 2nd badge, dated 9th September, 1907 ; 6252 Pte. W. Cripps restored second badge, dated 28th August, 1907 ; 4481 Pte. W. Walsh restored first badge, dated 25th Sept., 1907 ; 6209 Pte. J Bodie, restored second badge, dated 11th Sept., 1907 ; 6356 Dr. J. Pullen restored first badge, dated 24th Sept., 1907 ; 5887 Pte. G. Reynolds 2nd badge, 1st June, 1907.

UNION JACK CLUB.

91, WATERLOO ROAD,
LONDON, S.E.,
26th Oct., 1907.

DEAR SIR,

If you would kindly take steps to let the following be known throughout your Depot I should be very grateful indeed.

A board and lodging scheme has been started at this Club, this is for the convenience of men wishing to spend their furlough, or part of it, in London.

There will be two scales, viz. :—Scale (A) and Scale (B). Scale (A), at 14/- per week, provides a bedroom and three meals per day for seven days. Scale (B), at 16/6 per week, provides a bedroom and four meals a day for seven days. The money will be paid in advance and members will be able to have their meals in the ordinary way, ordering whatever food they wish from the menu within the limits allowed by the scale, tickets being provided for each meal.

A large per centage has been taken off the price in consideration of the week's stay so that the member will benefit considerably by this means.

The scheme is a tentative one, and the numbers on the board and lodging list will be strictly limited.

Though in ordinary cases the rules do not admit of a member booking a bedroom for more than a week at a time, he will then have to re-book the bedroom day by day. It has been arranged that members on FURLOUGH FROM ABROAD may book a bedroom for so long a period as a month, although of course the numbers allowed to do so will be limited.

Arrangements have also been made by which time-expired men on arrival in England will be able to make use of the Club for a certain period (not less than a month) after their arrival in England, even though they are by that time no longer serving. This has been arranged as it was thought that many men would be debarred from the privileges of the Club just at the time when they might most require it, viz., on their return from foreign service after, perhaps, many years' absence from England.

Yours faithfully,

E. F. GASCOYNE, Major,
Comptroller, Union Jack Club.

We are glad to hear that Sergt-Major C. B. Mitchell (late of the 2nd Battalion) who took over the appointment of Secretary to the Kulangsu Municipal Council at Amoy, China, is doing well and that both Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are enjoying the best of health. He wishes to be remembered to his old comrades, and hopes to be in England on leave in about eighteen months.

Should any of our readers be desirous of corresponding with any of the under-mentioned ex–warrant or N.C.O.'s, the Hon. Secretary of the Sergeants' Association, Maidstone Barracks, will have much pleasure in forwarding letters, etc. Quartermaster-Sergeant Gilburd, Colour-Sergeant G. Allen, Sergeant J. T. Blount, Sergeant-Instructor of Musketry Evenden, Colour-Sergeant J. T. Hunt, Sergeant J. McGregor, Colour-Sergeant F. Neighbour, Colour-Sergeant H. Palmer, Sergeant-Major Brown, Colour-Sergeant J. Tiley, Sergeant-Major Dempster (A.S.C.), Sergeant G. Paine, Armr.-Sergeant J. Hadgkiss, Sergeant J. Newbold, Sergeant-Major W. Locks, Colour-Sergeant A. Reddersen, Sergeant-Drummer J. Hunt, Colour-Sergeant R. Daykin, Sergeant-Major J. Jackson, Sergeant F. Coe, Sergeant-Major W. Ball, Quartermaster-Sergeant Maddocks, Colour-Sergeant W. Murphy, Colour-Sergeant E. Sillitoe, Colour-Sergeant A. A. Pearson, Colour-Sergeant J. Muddle, Colour-Sergeant J. Cooper, Sergeant-Drummer Cates, Quartermaster-Sergeant D. O'Flaherty, Sergeant-Major Noller, Colour-Sergeant J. Malone, Colour-Sergeant H. Wain, Colour-Sergeant T. Cornell, Sergeant-Drummer R. Brookes, Sergeant-Instructor A. Nicholl, Colour-Sergeant J. Blackburn, Band-Sergeant Sonnenberg, Quartermaster-Sergeant J. Morrison, Quartermaster-Sergeant A. Tow, Sergeant W. Osman, Sergeant H. Hurrell, Colour-Sergeant J. Kelly, Sergeant-Instructor of Musketry Franklin, Colour-Sergeant J. Sullivan, Sergeant J. Regan, Sergeant W. Dadd, Sergeant W. Carpenter, Colour-Sergeant G. Matthews, Sergeant H. Lawrence, Lance-Sergeant T. Barker, Lance-Sergeant A. Summerhayes, Colour-Sergeant W. Skinner, Sergeant–Instructor of Musketry C. Hurley, Colour-Sergeant J. Thomas, Sergeant D. Brien, Sergeant C. Theobald, Quartermaster-Sergeant W. Dawson, Quartermaster-Sergeant E. Dicker, Sergeant H. Mason, Sergeant J. Hughes, Sergeant J. Lumsden, Sergeant-Drummer W. J. Hannon, Lance-Sergeant C. H. James, Colour-Sergeant M. Lalley, Colour-Sergeant G. Church, Colour-Sergeant F. Tench, Sergeant H. Dickens, Colour-Sergeant F. Stanley, Sergeant T. Collier, Sergeant H. Heath, Lance-Sergeant Kipps, Quartermaster Sergeant W. Mitchell, Colour-Sergeant F. Wise, Colour-Sergeant E. Parish, Sergeant E. Howland, Sergeant R. Fleet, Quartermaster-Sergeant G. Barnes, Sergeant C. Beckhuson, Sergeant Fowler, Quartermaster Sergeant Cover.

DEPOT NEWS.

Col.-Sergt.-Instructors H. E. Evans, McRedmond, and Callaghan have been attached to the Depot during the past month under para. 315 Volunteer Regulations.

On the 10th of September the Depot received a visit from the Commandant of the School of Musketry, who minutely inspected the N.C.Os., dutymen, and recruits at musketry; the Commandant appeared pleased with the methods of instruction, especially commenting on the intelligent manner in which the recruits took advantage and made use of cover.

A satisfactory report from our Brigadier-General has been received as the result of this inspection.

With a view to assisting N.C.O. and men to learn a trade that may be of use to them on quitting the service, a course of instruction in plate-laying commences at Lydd on the 11th November, where the Depot will be represented.

BOXING AT MAIDSTONE.

The fourth boxing tournament at the Maidstone Depot took place (by kind permission of Major N. H. S. Lowe, commanding), on Wednesday evening, when it is estimated that two thousand persons were attracted to the hall by the strong programme provided. Had the hall been larger there would have been a greater audience. Altogether, it was a good sporting evening, and the arrangements were, as usual, practically all that could be desired, upon which the organisers are to be congratulated. There were one or two disappointments, but the Committee were in no wise responsible. An outstanding feature of the tournament promised to be the meeting of Craig (the "Coffee Cooler") and Corpl. J. Sunshine (1st Royal Fusiliers), who has won the men's heavy-weight Army and Navy championship three years in succession. Sunshine, alas, met with an accident, and was unable to appear, deeply to his own chagrin. Harry Shearing, of Walthamstow, was, however, fixed up at six hours' notice, and made a good fight with the doughty Darkie, but lost on points. Lance-Corpl. Baker, of the Queen's Own (R.W.K.R.) was down to oppose Gunner Hart (welter-weight champion Army and Navy), but Hart could not appear, and Sapper Thomas (Royal Engineers, Chatham), was picked up in the audience and gave a capital display. Then three knock-outs reduced the length of the programme. Hicks (Forest Gate), the winner of over 200 contests, and a promising lad, sent Courtney (Deptford, late of the Queen's Own, R.W.K.R.) to the ground before the first round was concluded, and the Deptford lad did not rise before the "fateful ten" was counted. Charlie Wilkins (Deptford, late R.W.K.R) met Pte. Wright (Depot, R.W.K.R.) in a six round contest, but was put hors de combat before the first round was over. Fred Latter (of Wateringbury) had a sensational victory. He opposed Pvt. Smith (1st Batt., the Queen's Own), and the fight promised well, but within perhaps 50 seconds Latter, with a Samsonian blow, caught Smith on the jaw and gave him his conge. It was a matter for speculation as to which was most surprised—the victor, the vanquished or the onlookers. The struggle between Peter Gotz, the light-weight champion wrestler of the world, and Harry Young, aroused the keenest interest. The wrestlers adopted the catch-as-catch-can style, and it appeared to be a grim battle for supremacy. Young held out for just over eight and a half minutes ere his shoulders touched the floor. To fill up time the Bros. Sheppard (R.W.K.R.) gave an exhibition with the gloves. The officials were: Referee, Mr. R. R. Watson (Sporting Life); Judges, Mr. T. Dadd, Maidstone, and Sergt.-Major Rowe, Essex Regiment; Time keeper, Col.-Sergt. Pond; M.C., Sergt.-Instructor Hayworth, A.G.S.; Hon. Secretary, Sergt.-Major Outten. Brief details:—

Depot finals:—Over nine stone; open to recruits of the Maidstone Depot—Hall and Quinn, after a weeding-out process on Monday night, found themselves together. Hall was clearly the better man, and gained the victory on points. Under nine stone—Adams and Foulds were in conflict, and a capital fight ensued, Adams invariably showing to the better advantage. He also won on points.

10st. 4lbs. competition; open—Heats: Stoker Barker beat Pvt. Holmes; Pvt. Driscoll (Depot) beat Pvt. Sparrow (1st Batt. R.W.K.R.); Barker gave up to P.O. Russell (Chatham). In the final Driscoll and Russell set off at a terrific speed. It was too great to last, and Driscoll had to give in to Russell.

Frank Craig (the "Coffee Cooler") v. Harry Shearing (of Walthamstow)—The Black got in some crisp hits towards the close of the second round, using a favourite left hand lead with effect. When time was called after the third round one could see that the Darkie's superior ringcraft was telling. Severe punishment fell to Shearing's lot in the fourth round, and the fifth still found the "Cooler" in the ascendancy. In the last meeting Shearing retaliated to some extent. It was generally a sound display, with skill on both sides. The palm went to Craig on points. It was explained that Shearing had only six hours' notice of the engagement, and he was heartily applauded for his valiant stand.

Jimmy Hicks (Forest Gate) v. Young Courtney (Deptford, late of the R.W.K.R.)—A six round feather-weight contest, but Courtney was counted out before the first round was over.

Peter Gotz (light-weight champion of the world) and Harry Young (described as the coming light-weight champion of England) were opposed in a wrestling contest in the catch-as-catch-can style. Young offered a stout resistance, and the conflict waxed furiously for 8 minutes 45 seconds, before Gotz "shouldered" his antagonist. Gotz was usually "upper dog."

Fred Latter (Wateringbury) v. Pvt. Smith (1st Batt. R.W.K.R.).—Six rounds were agreed upon, but the fight had not been in progress 60 seconds when Latter, getting in a powerful one on the jaw, knocked Smith out.

Charlie Wilkins (Deptford, late R.W.K.R.) v. Pte. Wright (Maidstone Depot); six rounds; light-weight—The fighters started with fiery determination, and Wright flooring his opponent, Wilkins was counted out when the first round was only seconds old.

Lance-Corpl. Baker (1st Batt. R.W.K.R.) v. Sapper Thomas (Royal Engineers, Chatham)—Much hard slogging was seen, and it was a splendid contest from start to finish, Baker showing true sportsmanship. Thomas made a valorous show, and held out six rounds, but was seen failing at the close of the combat. He lost on points. The spectators did not neglect to express their appreciation of his plucky stand.

Four round contest between the Brothers Sheppard (E. and J.) (R.W.K.R.)—Quite a nice display between two well-matched men. J. Sheppard was given the victory.

SHOOTING MATCH.

On the 5th October the Depot again tried conclusions with the shooting club of the Maidstone Volunteers (1st Vol. Batt. R. W. Kent Regt.) and some tall shooting was the result, the Depot averaging 89·2 per man in a team of ten, while the Volunteers also made the very respectable average of 86·5. The top five of the Depot team were their representatives in the "Prince of Wales" Cup which was fired for recently (the other man being on furlough) and their average was 92 points per man which clearly shows that the extra practice obtained by them during the past season has had good results. It may be mentioned that for ten aside this match stands as a record shoot on the Boxley Range. Scores:—

Depot.		Volunteers.	
Col.-Sergt. Pond	95	Lce.-Corpl. Wainscot	93
,, Reeves	95	,, Gates	92
,, Dugay	94	,, Quinton	92
,, Osborne	93	Sergt. Groom	88
Sergt.-Major Outten	91	Col.-Sergt. Lockyer	87
Sergt. Davis	90	Pte. B. Lockyer	87
Sergt. Wren	86	Lce.-Corpl. Lockyer	83
Col.-Sergt. Wimhurst	84	Sergt. Cogger	82
Col.-Sergt. Jury	83	Lce.-Corpl. Merralls	81
Sergt. Seaton	81	Sergt. Meades	80
Average 89·2	892	Average 86·5	865

BAYONET FIGHTING.

The G.O.C. in Chief Eastern Command has issued orders that all trained soldiers will be instructed in bayonet fighting and in the new army system of physical training regimentally. In order to provide the necessary instructors' classes of Officers and N.C.O's are being formed under arrangements with the Superintendent of Gymnasia commencing in October.

Instructions in bayonet fighting has been issued by the authorities and all instruction is to be of a practical nature, great attention being paid to loose play and individual instruction, and on no account is bayonet fighting to be taught as a parade exercise.

We have also heard that at some employment agencies there is a large demand for ex-soldiers with a knowledge of the new system of physical training, which demand cannot be met owing to lack of men with sufficient knowledge of the system.

On the occasion of Captain Elgood's wedding which took place in London on the 1st October (as announced in our last number), the members of the Depot Sergeants' Mess, about 30 strong, were in attendance at the Church and lined the covered way between the Church Gates and Porch, and after the ceremony lined the Church Aisles.

During the afternoon different parties of the Sergeants visited the Head-quarters of the Corps of Commrs., and also the Union Jack Club, where Major Gascoyne, the Comptroller of the Club, conducted them round the principal parts of this Palatial Building, needless to say much information was obtained (some interesting facts about the Union Jack Club are to be seen in another part of this issue), and all were delighted with the excellent arrangements made for their comfort.

For the information of those who for obvious reasons have not been able to visit London for the last six or seven years, I may say that it is surprising how many visits can be paid and the amount of ground that can be covered in a few hours with the aid of a Taxi-Motor or Meter, I'm not sure which it is called.

3RD BATTALION NEWS.

It would appear that after many false alarms which have appeared in different papers for some years, the 3rd Battalion R.W.K.R., in company with other Militia Battalions, whose number of companies are abnormal, is to be brought down to the regulation number of companies, viz., eight. The exact date of the reduction of establishment we do not know, but probably it will come into effect about the commencement of the next financial year.

The reasons of the reduction are of course not known, but one would hardly think it was on account of slack recruiting, for since the 1st January this year up to date (24th October) 632 men have joined the 3rd Battalion, neither could it have been the dearth of officers, for at the last training the full complement of officers with the exception of two captains were present.

CORPS OF COMMISSIONAIRES.

The following State, showing the various Regiments and Branches of H.M. Service in which its members originally served, may be of interest to our readers. It will be noticed that forty ex-soldiers of "The Queen's Own" were serving in this celebrated Corps on the 1st June, 1907. This State was prepared on the occasion of the inspection by His Majesty the King, held at Buckingham Palace, on Waterloo Sunday, 16th June, 1907.

ROLL OF THE CORPS, JUNE 1st, 1907, showing the various Regiments and Branches of H.M. Service in which its members formerly served:

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CAVALRY.

Regiment.	No. of men.	Regiment.	No. of men.
1st Life Guards	21	7th Hussars	25
2nd ,,	23	8th ,,	20
Royal Horse Guards	16	9th Lancers	26
1st Dragoon Guards	17	10th Hussars	23
2nd ,,	23	11th ,,	9
3rd ,,	23	12th Lancers	25
4th ,,	25	13th Hussars	12
5th ,,	29	14th ,,	20
6th ,,	21	15th ,,	15
7th ,,	28	16th Lancers	22
1st Dragoons	13	17th ,,	29
2nd ,,	14	18th Hussars	20
3rd Hussars	8	19th ,,	19
4th ,,	7	20th ,,	11
5th Lancers	10	21st Lancers	7
6th Dragoons	16	Total	577

ROYAL ARTILLERY, ROYAL MARINES, AND DEPARTMENTAL CORPS.

	No. of men.		No. of men.
Royal Artillery	461	Army Service Corps	47
Royal Engineers	64	Departments	75
Royal Marines	155	Total	802

INFANTRY.

	Old Regtl. No.	No. of men.
Grenadier Guards	—	49
Coldstream ,,	—	27
Scots ,,	—	36
Irish ,,	—	1
Line Regiments:—		
The Royal Scots Regt	1	26
Royal West Surrey Regt.	2	30
The Buffs, E. Kent ,,	3	16
Royal Lancaster ,,	4	23
Northumberl'd Fusiliers	5	60
Royal Warwicks Regt.	6	21
Royal Fusiliers	7	51
King's Liverpool Regt.	8	21
Norfolk ,,	9	23
Lincolns. ,,	10	23
Devons. ,,	11	18
Suffolk ,,	12	30
Somersets. L.I.	13	18
West Yorks. Regt.	14	10
East Yorks. ,,	15	13
Bedfords. ,,	16	17
Leicesters. ,,	17	19
Royal Irish ,,	18	16
Yorkshire ,,	19	12
Lancashire Fusiliers	20	37
Royal Scots. ,,	21	27
Cheshire Regiment	22	12
Royal Welsh Fusiliers	23	20
South Wales Borderers	24	19
K.O. Scottish ,,	25	39
1st Scot. Rifles	26	17
1st Royal Innis. Fusiliers	27	17
1st Gloucester Regt.	28	9
1st Worcester ,,	29	18
1st E. Lancs. ,,	30	7
1st E. Surrey ,,	31	10
1st D. of Cornwall's L.I.	32	9
1st West Riding Regt.	33	13
1st Border ,,	34	13
1st Royal Sussex ,,	35	18
2nd Worcester ,,	36	12
1st Hampshire ,,	37	9
1st South Staffs. ,,	38	17
1st Dorset ,,	39	24
1st South Lancas. ,,	40	3
1st Welsh ,,	41	6
1st Royal Highlanders	42	15
1st Oxford L.I.	43	9
1st Essex Regt.	44	10
1st Derby ,,	45	8
2nd D. of Cornwall's L.I.	46	5
1st Loyal N. Lancs. Regt.	47	8
1st Northants. ,,	48	13
1st Royal Berks ,,	49	11
1st Royal West Kent ,,	50	19
1st York L.I.	51	12
2nd Oxford L.I.	52	9
1st Shropshire L.I.	53	13
2nd Dorset Regt.	54	14
2nd Border ,,	55	12
2nd Essex Regt.	56	20
1st Middlesex ,,	57	12
2nd Northants Regt.	58	12
2nd East Lancs. ,,	59	9
K. R. Rifles	60	73
2nd Gloucester Regt.	61	8
1st Wilts ,,	52	16
1st Manchester ,,	63	34
1st North Staffs. ,,	64	1
1st York & Lanc. Regt.	65	11
2nd Royal Berks ,,	66	15
2nd Hampshire ,,	67	4
1st Durham L.I.	68	11
2nd Welsh Regt.	69	3
2nd E. Surrey Regt.	70	16
1st Highland L.I.	71	19
1st Seaforth Highlanders	72	27
2nd Royal Highlanders	73	17
2nd Highland L.I.	74	14
1st Gordon Highlanders	75	27
2nd West Riding Regt.	76	10
2nd Middlesex ,,	77	8
2nd Seaforth Highlanders	78	28
1st Cameran ,,	79	25
2nd South Staffs. Regt.	80	9
2nd Loyal N. Lancs. ,,	81	4
2nd South Lancas. ,,	82	6
1st Royal Irish Rifles	83	7
2nd York & Lanc. Regt.	84	3
2nd Shropshire L.I.	85	19
2nd Royal Irish Rifles	86	8
1st Royal Irish Fusiliers	87	12
1st Connaught Rangers	88	11
2nd Royal Irish Fusiliers	89	9
2nd Scottish Rifles	90	9
1st A. & S. Highlanders	91	14
2nd Gordon ,,	92	21
2nd Ar. & Sut. ,,	93	12
2nd Connaught Rangers	94	2
2nd Derby Regiment	95	8
2nd Manchester ,,	96	11
2nd Royal West Kent Rgt	97	21
2nd North Stafford Regt.	98	6
2nd Wilts ,,	99	12
1st Leinster ,,	100	16
1st Royal Munster Fus.	101	13
1st Royal Dublin ,,	102	8
2nd Royal Dublin ,,	103	1
2nd Royal Munster ,,	104	7
2nd York L.I.	105	6
2nd Durham L.I.	106	12
2nd Roynl Sussex Regt.	107	25
2nd Royal Innis. Fus.	108	5
2nd Leinster Regt.	108	6
Rifle Brigade	—	109
TOTAL		1906

GRAND TOTAL.....3,460.

RETIREMENT OF QR.-MR. AND HON. LIEUT. W. BARROW.

Lieut. W. Barrow, who appeared in the London Gazette of 27th September, 1907, as retiring on retired pay, was a native of Boxley, near Maidstone, and enlisted at Maidstone in the 46th Bde. Depot on the 18th Feb., 1876. He was appointed Lance-Corpl. 23rd February, 1877, Corporal, 19th August, 1877, Sergeant 24th April, 1879, Col.-Sergt 26th March, 1881, Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. (Pay-Mr. Sergt.) 13th August, 1886, Sergt.-Major (W.O.) on 29th March, 1887, in which capacity he served in the 4th R.W.K., the 50th R. Dist., and also as Garrison-Sergt.-Major of the Chatham Garrison. It was while serving in the latter appointment that he was promoted to the rank of Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lieut. in the King's Roy. Rifles, 13th July, 1900, and on the Battalion in which he was serving being disbanded was posted to the Notts and Derby Regiment (Sherwood Forresters) on the 12th March, 1904, at Singapore. Lieut. Barrow served in the Eygptian expedition of 1882 (Medal and Bronze Star) Soudan Expedition, 1884-5 (Nile Clasp), Soudan 1885, with frontier Field Force and Action of Giniss.

Mr. Barrow, who is now living at Huntingdon, is, we believe, thinking of settling down in the vicinity of Maidstone, so it is to be hoped that at some future date his many friends may again have the pleasure of meeting him. Services:—In ranks, 11 years, 99 days; Warrant Officer, 13 years 15 days; Hon. Lieut. and Qr.-Mr., 13th June, 1900, to 27th October, 1907.

Captain T. H. C. Nunn, D.S.O., and Captain R. J. T. Hildyard have qualified for admission to the Staff College, but there is no vacancy for them at present.

CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The Officer Commanding the Depot desires to call the attention of N.C.O's and men leaving the Service to the importance of giving satisfaction to their employers in civil life, and not throwing themselves out of work unnecessarily. Cases have recently occurred of men leaving their employment which had been obtained for them with great difficulty, on the plea that the hours were long and wages small. In one particular case the man admitted that he had been unable to obtain permanent employment since he was discharged in 1902. Special efforts were made and employment was found for him under the Midland Railway. He left the second day and the Railway Company was greatly annoyed, and justly so. Since then two almost similar cases have occurred with the same Company.

It is well known how difficult it is to obtain work for men leaving the service, and men like the above add considerably to the difficulties which confront the men on leaving the service, and also others who interest themselves on their behalf.

BIRTHS.

At Maidstone, on the 21st October, the wife of 4010 Sergt. J. W. Kingham, of a daughter, Ina Lansbury.

At Maidstone, on the 4th June, 1907, the wife of No. 3194 Private G. Finnis, of a daughter, Alice.

At Maidstone, on the 10th September, 1907, the wife of 4680 Private W. Bailey, of a daughter, Clara Rose.

At Maidstone, on the 12th October, 1907, the wife of No. 2602 Colour-Sergeant A. Tapp, of a son, Cecil Henry Ernest.

At Boughton Monchelsea, on the 31st July, 1907, the wife of 8359 Drummer J. Robertson, of a son, John Albert Cecil.

DEATH.

At Hornsey, on the 7th October, 1907, Mr. C. Donelly, aged 71 years, at one time Armourer-Sergeant of the 50th Foot.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Captain R. M. G. Tulloch is appointed Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion, vice Captain and Adjutant F. J. Joslin, who completed his term in that appointment on the 15th November, 1907.

1st BATTALION.

Corporals appointed Lance-Sergeants:—6593 Corpl. R. Newberry, dated 1st November, 1907, and 7223 Corpl. G. Golding, dated 18th November, 1907.

Privates appointed Lance-Corporals:—8005 T. Loft, and 8493 J. White, dated 2nd November, 1907; 8043 W. Cook and 8593 A. Wickenden, 11th November, 1907.

2nd BATTALION.

Promoted Sergeants:—5971 Corpl. W. Johnson, dated 1st October, 1907, 5752 Lce-Sergt. T. Fletcher, dated 4th July, 1907, and 6083 Lce-Sergt. H. Gurr, dated 8th October, 1907.

Corporals appointed Lance-Sergeants:—6489 Corpl. E. Turner, dated 4th July, 1907, and 5985 Corpl. W. Freeman, dated 8th November, 1907

5971 Sergt. W. Johnson is appointed O.R.C., dated 8th November, 1907.

Lance-Corporals promoted Corporals:—7890 J. Williams, dated 4th July, 1907; 5656 F. Vickery, dated 31st July, 1907; 5805 F. Kite, dated 10th Sept, 1907; 7720 W. Bishop, dated 1st October, 1907, and 6185 S. Keen, dated 8th October, 1907.

Lance-Corporals appointed paid Lance-Corporals:—7521 W. Stickings, dated 4th July, 1907; 6051 J. Lythall, 18th July, 1907; 6346 A. Bodkin, 31st July, 1907; 7999 W. Morrish, 15th August, 1907; 8130 J. Johuson, 6th September, 1907; 6258 A. Rogers, 7th September, 1907; 7145 W. Geddes, dated 10th September, 1907; 5105 J. Beale, 13th September, 1907; 6059 F. Simmons, dated 21st September, 1907; 7929 T. Goldspink, 1st October, 1907; and 7921 G. Connell, 8th October, 1907

PRIVATE APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORAL—5965 Pte. E. Hatch, dated 27th August, 1907.

OBITUARY.

The Broad Arrow announces the death of Major T. H. Sangster (late of the 97th Regiment), formerly of the 4th Bombay Rifles, and 106th Regiment (H.E.I.C.S.), who died on the 12th November, at Highleigh, Shelley Road, Worthing, in his seventy-third year.

The late Major Sangster was educated at Winchester College, and entered the Army in June, 1856, was promoted Lieutenant in October, 1860, and Captain in 1866, retiring about 1876. He afterwards joined the 4th Middlesex Rifle Volunteers as Captain, and retired with the honorary rank of Major about the year 1889. He served with the 4th Bombay Rifles throughout the Persian War of 1857, and was present at the capture of Reshire, the surrender of Bushire, and the Battle of Khooshab. During the night attack previous to this battle, Lieutenant Sangster, with the assistance of Captain Maude (afterwards Colonel of the 109th), saved the life of General Sir James Outram, who had been thrown from his horse under a heavy fire and injured. For his services he received the medal and clasp.

DEATH OF A 50TH CRIMEAN VETERAN.

An Irish contemporary publishes an account of the decease of an old 50th veteran as follows:—

The death of Patrick O'Brien, which sad event took place at his residence, 7, Elm Street, Belfast, on Saturday, 19th October, 1907, removes one more of the Crimean veterans. The deceased joined the Queen's Own Regiment, and landed in Malta on 7th March, 1854, arriving in Turkey on 15th April of the same year. He served in the Crimea until 12th July, 1856, and was present at the battles of Alma and Inkerman and the siege of Sebastopol. He was also stationed in Ceylon, New Zealand, and Australia. He received the special medal for long service and good conduct, together with medals and clasps for the Alma, Inkerman, and Sebastopol, and distinguished field medals with several special money grants. He retired with the usual retiring pension, which was graciously increased by her Majesty Queen Victoria on the occasion of her jubilee. One of the events which the late veteran related with great pride was his having, on the return of the troops from the Crimea, been commanded to dance before his beloved Queen. The funeral took place on Tuesday, the remains being interred in Milltown Cemetery, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends of deceased. Mr. O'Brien is survived by his widow, with whom great sympathy is felt in her bereavement

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

Dover,
27th November, 1907.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

As I prophesied in my last month's letter, I have no very exciting events to tell you.

The draft left for Singapore on the last day of last month, and should now be near the end of their journey. I trust it has been a good one. Their departure, especially as it is now the furlough season, has left us rather short of men, and matters will be worse next month as we are sending a working party of some 80 men, under Lieut. Lynch White, to Lydd to work on the ranges there.

There have been several football matches, with varying results. As matters now stand, we have reached the third round of the Army Cup, having beaten the East Yorkshire Regiment (Shorncliffe) in the first round and drawn a bye

in the second. In the Hallam-Parr Cup, open to local soldiers' teams, we have beaten the 20th Hussars in the first round, but have not yet played in the second. On the 25th we had a friendly match with the Depot on their ground, which resulted in a win for us (2—1).

At hockey we have not been very successful, as owing to so many being away on leave, we cannot get anything like our best team. We have played matches against the 20th Hussars, Royal Marines and 5th Fusiliers, and have suffered defeat in each case.

A very unfortunate accident has occurred to Private Blake of D Company. He was accidentally hit in the heel by a dart one evening in his barrack room. This brought on blood poisoning, and his foot has had to be amputated. A concert has been got up for him, and takes place on the 29th.

Captain Parker is shortly leaving us to go once more to West Africa, and 2nd Lieutenants Wilberforce and Moulton-Barrett are under orders to join the 2nd Battalion. Lieutenant Legard has been re-posted to this Battalion.

People in Dover are becoming very excited about the historical pageant, which is to take place next July. A lot of meetings and talking have taken place, and all sorts of incidents have been dug out of Dover's past which we had never heard of before. We are not certain if we shall be required to take the part of ancient Britons of the time of King Arthur. What with the pageant and a full week of county cricket, Dover bids fair to be quite gay next summer, and, incidentally, to reap a financial harvest.

1ST BATTALLION CORRESPONDENT.

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

A very enjoyable evening was spent by members of the Mess on the 29th October, the occasion being a farewell concert given to several of the members who were leaving to join the 2nd Battalion with the draft which sailed on the 31st October.

The proceedings opened with a selection by the pianist, entitled "Regimental Daughters," and was followed by the toast "The King," which was drunk with musical honours. Thence followed some musical renditions, which were well executed (I enclose a copy of programme) until the toast of the evening, "Our Departing Comrades," was proposed by S.-Major Rogers, who, in a very feeling speech, referred to the fact that most of the members who were leaving us had not only been members of the Mess for some few years, but had also started their career in this Battalion, and that their faces would be missed not only in the Mess but also by their comrades in the Company. This toast, it is needless to add, was sung with musical honours and great gusto. Col.-Sergt Osborne, as the senior leaving us, very ably replied, in which he wished the remaining members the best of good luck and good health, and hoped they would soon follow him (laughter).

Then followed more musical items from the programme, all of which were well received, Schoolmaster O'Kelly being very deservedly encored for "Teaching McFadden to Waltz," a song with violin accompaniment, in which he kept the audience in one continual roar of laughter. Our Chairman then proposed "Our Officers," and spoke of the good feeling which had always existed between the officers of the Battalion and the lower ranks, and thanked Colonel Maunsell for his presence that evening. Colonel Maunsell briefly replied, wishing the N.C.O.s who were going with the draft, a good time, good health, and bon voyage.

After an encore song by Sergt. Perkins, A.P.C., the toast of "Our Visitors" was proposed by Q.M.-Sergt Doe, who said how glad we were to see the faces of our friends present. Sergt.-Major Buckthought, 2nd North. Fusiliers, very ably responded, and hoped that we should have the pleasure of spending many more enjoyable evenings together.

The remainder of the programme was then gone through, and the proceedings terminated about 12 midnight with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God save the King."

PROGRAMME OF CONCERT.

Selection, "Regimental Daughters," Mr. Enfield; toast, "The King," S.M. Rogers; song, "Stop yer ticklin', Jock," Sergt .W. Murphy; song, "In my merry Oldsmobile," Sergt. Reynolds; song, "Duckweed," Sergt. R. Urquhart, encore, "It's a good job I had me mother with me"; toast, "Our Departing Comrades," the Chairman; response, Col.-Sergt. W. J. Osborne; song, "If I do," Col.-Sergt. Osborne; song, "Learning McFadden to Waltz," Schmr. O'Kelly, encore, "Brannigan's Donkey"; song, "Sing me to Sleep," Sergt. Mills; interval; toast, "Our Officers," the Chairman; response, Colonel Maunsell; song, "The King's Own," Sergt Perkins, A.P.C., encore, "Asthore"; toast, "The Visitors," Q.M.-Sergt. Doe; response, Sergt.-Major Buckthought, 2nd N.F.; song, "Any Rags?" Mr. J. Blount, encore, "What d'yer want to talk about it for?"; song, "Ow'd yer row," Sergt. Rose; song, "Regent Street," Sergt. Moore, song, "Asleep in the Deep," S.M. Buckthought, encore, "Anchored"; song, "By the side of the Zuyder Zee," Sergt. Bellion; "Auld Lang Syne"; "God save the King."

QUADRILLE PARTY.

The first of a monthly series of Quadrille Parties took place in the Garrison Gymnasium, Western Heights, on Friday, 8th November, and was pronounced by all to have been the most successful given since the Battalion was quartered at Shorncliffe some four years ago.

Dancing was continued from 9 p.m. until 3 a.m.

A numerous and select company turned up, the music was all that could be desired, while the dances, in their variety and vocabulary, were quite sufficient to bewilder the "Old Stagers."

The hall was tastefully decorated by a working committee, under the supervision of Colour-Sergeant Murphy, President of the Games Club, the Regimental colours being plentifully displayed. Sergeant Tranter performed the duties of M.C. in a very able manner, and was instrumental in obtaining the fine string band which performed so well, besides arranging the variegated programme already mentioned.

Several officers honoured the company with their presence, taking part in numerous dances, and spending quite a considerable time among us.

Our next party takes place on December 6th, when your correspondent hopes to be able to chronicle another repetition of the first.

SERGEANTS' MESS CORRESPONDENT.

CORPORALS' FAREWELL SMOKING CONCERT.

Previous to the draft embarking for Singapore, the Corporals held a concert, to bid farewell to their comrades who proceed to join the 2nd Battalion.

The ball was started rolling about 8.15 p.m., and an excellent programme was got through, with the able assistance of Lance-Sergt. Collins at the piano, whose services the

Corporals have just lost on his appointment, but who kindly offered his services as accompanist. Our invitation to the 2nd Northumberland Fusiliers was responded to well, and I think all who were present thoroughly enjoyed a pleasant evening. The Corporals who were leaving us are: Corpl. Rouse, Corpl. Bond, Corpl. Barnes, Lance-Corpls. Palmer, Whiteman, Craddock, Goodrick, and Hutton. During the evening a toast was proposed, wishing our departing comrades good health and success in their new sphere. Corpl. Rouse responded with a few well-chosen words.

The programme was commenced by the following :—Lance-Sergt. Collins, pianist; Lance-Corpl Baker, song, "When I do begin"; Lance-Corpl. Hylands, song, "I love Daddy"; Corpl. Harris, song, "Shift up a little bit further" (encore), "Laughing Song"; Corpl. Western, song, "Dropping off one by one"; Corpl, Price, 2nd N.F., song, "Come closer to your daddy, my darling"; Corpl. Wood, song, "Will you love me in December?"; Lance-Corpl. Hutton, song, "The pardon came too late"; Corpl. Watts, song, "Patriotic Pattern to the World"; Corpl. Hammond, 2nd N.F., song, "Playground in the skies"; Lance-Corpl. Hylands, song, "I'm not particular"; Lance-Corpl. Barden, song, "May I come home again?"; Corpl. Price, 2nd N.F., song, "Violets"; Corpl. Wood, song, "If those lips could only speak."

The proceedings were helped along by selections on the gramophone, lent by Corpl. Golding.

Some good sound advice was given to the Corporals leaving us by the Sergt.-Major, and I am sure his words were greatly appreciated.

A word of praise must be granted to the hard working committee, who it must be admitted did their utmost to make everything a success, and in my opinion succeeded to a marked degree.

Eleven o'clock was the closing stage, and the evening ended with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and God save the King.

CORPORALS' MOUTH ORGAN.

FOOTBALL.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The past month has been one of ups and downs. We have safely negotiated the 1st round of the Army Cup, and also the Hallam Parr Shield, but have said goodbye to the Kent Amateur Cup Competition. In the Kent League we make very little headway, although we have avenged the 6—0 defeat by the Royal Naval Depot by beating them on their own ground. In the Folkestone League we hold a very respectable position, having obtained seven points in five matches. Compared with previous months, December will be very easy, and in view of the opposition we should greatly improve our position in the two Leagues.

THE BUD.

ARMY CUP (1st Round.).

v. EAST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT..

Played at the Crabble, and after a splendid game the Blues entered the next round by the odd goal in five.

The Yorks won the toss, and the Blues kicked off in dismal weather. The Yorks attacked at once, but were driven back, and our right attacking, Powell opened the scoring inside three minutes.

Undeterred, the Yorks attacked fiercely, and Butcher tipped a splendid centre out to the wing, where, with a splendid drive, the outside right equalised matters. Again we attacked by the right, and loose kicking by the backs, saw Barrow once again gave us the lead. Three goals inside 15 minutes was tall scoring; but before another ten minutes had gone by the Yorks were again on equal terms, the centre scoring a good goal, Butcher throwing himself headlong in his endeavour to save. This was the extent of the scoring to half-time, and we commenced the concluding moiety on equal terms.

Proficient as the opening half had been in scoring, the second half was nearly devoid of any. For 44½ minutes each team exerted themselves without any tangible result. Each goal was visited in turn, but no score accrued, and with half a minute to go a draw seemed the most likely result.

In that last half-minute, however, a scrimmage took place in the mouth of the York's goal, and in an exciting moment one of the defenders handled.

From the resulting penalty Thompson netted, and we again took the lead. The whistle went for time before the kick off could be taken, and we were returned rather lucky winners of a strenuous game by 3 goals to 2.

The Battalion were represented by :—Butcher (goal), Lord and Thompson (backs), Verrall, Huggett and Green (halves), Barrow, Powell, Dorrell, Hylands, Keeble.

KENT LEAGUE.

v. ROYAL NAVAL DEPOT, 30th October, 1907.

Having been defeated 6—0 by the Naval Depot on our own midden, it was naturally thought we should again have a large deficit, but a re-arrangement of the team, and a fixed determination to keep the score down caused a great surprise, inasmuch as we won by 1 to nil.

The ground was rather heavy after the recent rains, but some good football was seen, the Depot predominating. Against the wind they quickly took charge of the game, but Powell and Thompson were rare defenders, and Butcher was not seriously troubled. A ding-dong struggle followed, but no tangible result accrued before lemon time. Although a shot by Keeble dropped on the cross-bar, and Sergt. Dorrell caused the keeper to give a corner.

In the second half some excellent passing by the forwards saw the Blues doing the attacking, and when the Naval Depot got going they found the defence too good.

The game was drawing on, and it looked any odds on a drawn game, when Huggett, from a return, put in a terrific shot, which the goalkeeper was glad to put out towards the wing, but Barker was there and the ball was put through, the keeper making frantic efforts to arrest its course.

With ten minutes to go the game became fast and furious, and the Depot were bent on equalising.

Such, however, was not to be their lot, although they made strenuous efforts to do so. In the last half-minute Verrall stopped a clean run through by giving a corner, which proved abortive, and a gruelling game ended as stated.

The Battalion were represented by :—(Goal) Butcher, (backs) Powell and Thompson, (halves) Verrall, Huggett and Green, (forwards) Reeves, Dorrell, Barker, Hylands and Keeble.

KENT AMATEUR CUP.

(3rd Qualifying Round).

v. DEAL CINQUE PORTS, 2nd November, 1907.

Played at Deal, and ended in our discomforture by the adverse score of 2—1.

The Blues quickly got going and Barker scored in three minutes from a centre by Keeble. From now to the interval Jack was as good as his master, and we crossed over a goal ahead.

In the second half the Ports played a splendid game, and scoring on two occasions, ousted us from the Amateur Cup.

Only one alteration was made in the team that beat R.N. Depot, Lord resuming at back, Powell playing right half to Verrall's displacement.

HALLAM PARR SHIELD.

(2nd Round).

v. 20th HUSSARS.

After each goalee had been tested, a clever bit of play by Keeble and Woodward ended in the former opening the score with a high rising shot. From the kick-off Powell secured, and sent in a fine centre for Barker to head into the net. Keeble put in a shot, which the keeper fumbled, and before he could clear, Powell kicked it between his legs into the net, and we led at half-time by three goals to love.

In the second half the Hussars had more of the play than previously. Keeble notched our fourth goal, and a little latter added a further goal. A fierce attack by the Hussars saw their centre score with a cross shot, Butcher being powerless to save. This was the extent of the scoring, and we won a rather uninteresting game by 5—1.

The following represented the Battalion :—(Goal) Butcher, (backs) Lord and Thompson, (halves) Verrall, Huggett, and Green, (forwards) Hooper, Powell, Keeble, Barker, and Woodward.

FOLKESTONE LEAGUE.

v. EXCELSIOR, 23rd November, 1907.

Play at Folkestone. Result : a draw, 2—2. The following represented the Battalion :—(Goal) Butcher, (backs) Lord and Thompson, (halves) Verrall, Huggett, Green, (forwards) Hooper, Powell, Keeble, Barker, and Woodward.

v. DEPOT, R.W.K., 25th November, 1907

Played at the Barracks, and after a very interesting game ended in a win for the 1st Battalion by 2—1.

The Depot were the first to score, a misunderstanding between the visiting backs and the keeper, allowing White to net a rather soft goal.

The Battalion now attacked, and Fenny was given plenty to do, but was eventually beaten by Keeble, who scored. Immediately afterwards Barker found the net, but was ruled offside.

Powell, however, managed to score a valid one, and the Battalion crossed over a goal ahead.

In the second half the Depot forwards missed some excellent chances. On the other hand, Fenny played well in goal, and Sweeney at back, prevented the Battalion from adding to their lead.

Thus the game ended, and the Battalion won by the half-time score, viz., 2—1.

Team same as Folkestone Excelsior.

KENT LEAGUE.

v. ROYAL SCOTS, 27th November, 1907.

Played at Cheriton in wintry weather, and ending in our defeat by 2—1. The "Scots" opened with the cross-wind, but Butcher was not seriously troubled, the outside men being rather indifferent in their centring.

The "Jocks" again got going, and the inside left notched a very simple goal, Butcher falling in his endeavour to save. A few minutes later they nearly repeated the trick, Butcher saving after Thompson had nearly headed through. Half-time arrived with the "Jocks" one up. The second half opened very sensationally, Keeble taking the ball right from the kick off and equalising with a beauty. The Scots immediately attacked, and their centre again netted, but he was offside, and the point was disallowed.

The game wore on very evenly until within 10 minutes of time, when the "Jocks" attacked and a splendid centre was put in. This Butcher got to but fell down a couple of yards from goal, the ball rolling through his legs. He recovered and apparently cleared, but the referee awarded the Scots a goal. This was distinctly hard lines on the "Blues," as the Referee etc., etc. (This correspondence must now cease.—Editor).

Team same as v. Depot.

Our respective records in the two leagues are :—

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	Pos'n.
Kent League	6	1	5	0	5	17	2	7th
Folkestone League	6	3	2	1	10	10	7	3rd

Matches for December are as follows :—14th, Northumberland Fusiliers; 11th, South Ashford Invicta; 14th Folkestone Excelsior; 18th, Leicestershire Regiment; 21st, Ashford Railway Works; all of which are Folkestone League matches.

THE BUD.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

No. 1607 Sergt. W. Williams, who served with the Royal Garrison Regiment, has been discharged on completing 14 years' service with a view to pension.

The following N.C.O.'s and men having completed a satisfactory course of instruction in transport duties are qualified as transport drivers :—4966 Lce.-Sergt. R. Humphreys, 8584 Ptes. S. Judd, 8512 A. Hills, 6285 Lce.-Corpl. T. Long, 8411 Ptes. J. Wright, 8276 A. Winstanley, 8283 T. Collins, 8573 E. Adams, 8483 F. Dadds, 8433 J. Wood, 8515 C. Roots, 8345 A. Doe, 8442 J. Quinlan, 8396 C. Whitehead, 8465 W. Allen, 8508 H. Wells, 8398 A. Cumnock, 8503 R. Galloway, 8268 H. Barnes, 8399 H. Elliott.

No. 8815 Pte. Weller, transfer from the 1st Batt. East Yorks Regt., joined the Battalion on 30th October, he proceeded with the draft to Singapore on the 31st.

No. 7770 Pte. F. Andrews has rejoined from the Army Reserve on 7th November.

No. 4784 Corpl. L. Newman has re-engaged for such time as shall complete 21 years' service, dated 8th December, 1907.

Driver J. Huggett, R.F.A., has been transferred to the Battalion to serve with an elder brother,

8352 Pte. F. Lindsay, 8230 Pte. A. Ashdown, and 7591 Pte. A. Stribling have been granted certificates of proficiency in telephone duties, dated 13th Nobember, 1807.

7770 Pte. F. Andrews has been permitted to extend to serve seven years with the colours.

8603 Pte. A. Slender proceeded to join the 1st Battalion the Buffs on the 18th November on transfer to serve with his elder brother.

The following N.C.O. and men have been transferred to the Army Reserve :—Pte. R. Bunker, 5679 Pte. H. Kettlay, 5702 Pte. A. Smith, 5688 Pte. W. Biggs, 5695 Pte. H. Gadsdon, 5696 Pte. C. Light, 5699 Pte. J. Warner, 5694 Pte. G. Evens, 5703 Pte. A. Judd, 5718 Lce.-Corpl. G. Herbert, 5717 Pte. A. Smith and 5711 Pte. E. Perkins.

Good conduct badges have been granted to the undermentioned N.C.O's and men as stated :—No. 3805 Pte. W. Ellen, 3 badges.

No. 8147 Pte. E. Stevens one badge, 8159 Pte. H. Giles one, 6342 Pte. R. Bowell and 6694 Dr. H. Stroud 2 badges, 4669 Dr. A. Jones restored 2 badges, 5007 Pte. T. Frankson and 4729 Pte. T. Thompson granted 2 badges, 8168 Lance-Corpl. H. Hylands, 6724 Pte. W. Fermor two, 8169 Pte. H. White one, 3177 Pte. A. Lea four badges and Lance-Corpl. T. Dale two.

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following subscription for rhe year 1908 :—E. J. Elgood, Esq.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

BATTALION SPORTS.

As our Annual Rifle Meeting proved so successful, the subject of athletic sports naturally presented itself, and the Commanding Officer decided that a meeting should be held to arrange matters. Our last Regimental Sports were held at Heilbron O.R.C. over five years ago, and previous to those there had been another interval of five years, so you see we must consider ours quinquennial sports. Anyhow, call them what you like; they were a great success.

On Thursday and Friday (26th and 27th September, 1907) our Recreation Ground had quite a business-like appearance, and many really good performances were witnessed by a large and appreciative audience. Friday was "the day." The Officers entertained a large number of guests, among whom were H.E. the Governor and Miss Anderson, General and Mrs. Perrott, and other notables of Singapore. The Sergeants also entertained on a large scale (without weights). On both days the band "discoursed sweet music during the afternoon" as reported by the "Straits Times."

The comic element was afforded by three clowns who were really entertaining in spite of the heat and wet ground. By-the-bye, we had a lot of wet on the second day; during the morning it poured in torrents, and not until 2 o'clock did the clouds begin to clear. However, here the sky in never dull for long, and by 4 p.m., when we started, the sun was shining pleasantly —please note the word, for there is a great difference in the manner in which the sun shines at Singapore. I have heard it described as "———, etc." at times.

The preliminary heats were mostly disposed of before the regular sports days and resulted as follows:—

TUG OF WAR.—C Co. beat H Co.; G Co. beat B Co.; A Co. beat E Co.; F drew a bye.

THE REVIELLE RACE.—H Co. beat G Co. by 5 points; D Co. a bye.

QUARTER MILE.—The first and second of each heat were as follows: Ptes. Parker and Pay, Pte. Reed and L.-Cpl. Lythall, Dr. Phillips and Pte. Wright, Sergt. Reynolds and Cpl. Newell.

Before describing the various events I might explain that the general idea was to give opportunities of as many men taking part as possible, and it will be seen that this object was achieved. The enthusiasm and "go" which was shown by the various teams was very gratifying.

The results of the first day's sports were as follows:—

SEMI-FINAL TUG OF WAR.—F Co. beat C Co., 2—nil; G Co. beat A Co., 2—nil.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.—Pte. Pay 1st (96 yds.); Pte. Garvey 2nd.

100 YDS. PRELIMINARY HEATS (1st and 2nd of each).—Pte. Parker and L.-Cpl. Smith, Pte. Spencer and L.-Cpl. Stevens, Pte. Clements and Dr. Lythall.

LONG JUMP.—Pte. Pay 1st (17ft. 9in.); Pte. Clements 2nd. Owing to the heavy state of the ground these were considerably handicapped, and it is expected they will increase the distance greatly later on.

THE REVEILLE RACE was rather a novelty. Company teams of 1 N.C.O. and 10 men each occupied a tent and turned in partially dressed, as on active service, with a sentry outside. On the alarm sounding they rose, struck and packed tents, dressed in marching order and doubled 50 yards, fired 5 rounds, and returned to the original position. Points were given for time, method, turn out, and number of hits. After a most exciting competition the Commanding Officer, who was referee, decided that H Co. had beaten D Co. by 2 points—for the better packing of their tent.

TILTING THE BUCKET afforded more than the usual fun, and resulted with Ptes. Rodgers and Wells 1st; Pte's. Wannell and Peirce 2nd.

THE CYCLE RACE only brought four to the post, many having scratched owing to the bad state of the roads, bicycles and themselves through too vigorous training. L.-Cpl. Bassett who won, and Pte. Russell who was second, are each to be congratulated on their riding.

THE OLD SOLDIERS' RACE (120 yards) was competed for by 11, and was won in great style by Pte. M. Connor (10 yds. start), Pte. Morgan 2nd, and Pte. Dudman 3rd.

THE HALF MILE, open to Indian soldiers and police, was won by the 95th Russell's Infantry: Pte. Dewar Singh 1st, Pte. Umrah 2nd, and Pte. Mahomed Usman 3rd.

THE FOUR LEGGED RACE.—Pte. Dudman's 1st, L.-Cpl. Colebrook's 2nd, and Pte. Kemp's 3rd.

THE HALF MILE produced 27 starters and was won in fine style by Pte. Crawley, L.-Cpl. Smith 2nd, and Dr. Phillips 3rd.

THE RACE FOR CHILDREN was won in professional style by Jimmy Smith, Evelyn Baker was second, and Gladys Onions third. Please do not put the last young lady's Christian name in the possessive case as our local paper did.

The second day opened with the final Tug of War, G Co. beating F Co. by two pulls to nil, which came as a surprise to many. F Co. appeared to be over-trained, though G pulled well and talked about it afterwards.

KICKING THE FOOTBALL.—Pte. Pay 1st (50 yards), L.-Cpl. Shipp 2nd; the wet ground made the ball very heavy.

HIGH JUMP.—Musr. Murphy 1st (4ft. 10in.), Pte. Wannell 2nd; the state of the ground also greatly handicapped these competitors, they having to jump off matting.

THE QUARTER MILE was won by Dr. Phillips, L.-Cpl. Lythall 2nd, and Sergt. Reynolds 3rd.

THE SERGEANT'S RACE, 120 yards handicap, brought 10 starters, and resulted in a smart finish with Sergt. Stringer 1st, Q.M.S. Wood 2nd, and Sergt. Crisford 3rd.

THE OFFICER'S RACE, 110 yards handicap, was keenly contested by 10 starters. The finish was so close that only those actually on the tape could say that Captain Druce had beaten our Commanding Officer, Lieut. Dinwiddy being a good third. The result, when announced, brought forth rounds of applause from all quarters.

THE OPEN MILE was won by Gr. King, R.G.A., who is really a first-class athlete, Pte. Crawley and L.-Cpl. Fathers being 2nd and 3rd respectively.

THE COMPANY RELAY RACE of 1,000 yards, which obtained 10 representatives of each of the eight Companies was the most interesting event of the day. Each man did 100 yards between the tapes, dressed in Company football colours, and handed a handkerchief to his relief at the end of the track. The effect of the continual movement of colour cannot easily be described, but I can recommend a trial to any who may be organising sports in the future. F Company were the winners; A and H tied for second honours.

THE VISITOR'S RACE (220 yards) was won by 2nd-Corpl. Pengilly, R.E., with S.-Sgt. Greenaway, A.O.C., second.

THE BAND RACE (120 yards) resulted in a win for Musn. Maynard; Mus'ns. Matthews and Norton 2nd and 3rd.

THE OBSTACLE RACE of teams of five was won by A Coy., H being 2nd and B 3rd. Of individuals, Pte. Hyland was 1st, Pte. Barry 2nd, and Pte. Harris 3rd. Thirteen teams competed over a most difficult course, and as only two out of 65 starters did not compete, great credit is due to all who took part. Points were given in order as each passed the post; the team with the least points being the winners.

THE CONSOLATION RACE fell to Pte. Muggeridge; Pte. Ridley was 2nd and Pte. Boother 3rd.

A COMPANY POINT-TO-POINT RACE of teams of 20 had to be run twice owing to want of light on the first day. It was won by E Company after a hard struggle.

A silver cup has been ordered for the winner of the Aggregate Prize—Pte. Pay.

Ptes. Davis, Young and Lewis (with two monkeys) each received prizes for their successful foolery. I did not hear what they said to H.E. the Governor, but they had quite a long and friendly chat.

A Gymnastic Team gave two really good displays on the vaulting horse and parallel bars, and everyone was thoroughly delighted with them. Coy.-Sergt.-Major Wright, A.G.S., who was the trainer, deserves the greatest praise for the pains he had taken with his team and for the invaluable assistance which he gave throughout.

F.G.

Tanglin,
17th October, 1907.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Musketry news has been rather scarce lately. I am, however, now sending you one or two items that may be of interest to readers of the Q.O.G.

The miniature range in barracks is now open for several hours daily, to enable N.C.O.'s and men to keep their eye in, the small sum of one cent. per round only being charged. A competition for Privates was carried out on this range between the 15th and 21st August, the conditions being 10 consecutive shots at 20 yards, standing, with elbow rest. Entries unlimited. Some of the men have attained considerable proficiency, as witness the scoring of the prize winners.

There is no doubt that the miniature range should be the means of men increasing their shooting capabilities, and thereby not only raising the Battalion figure of merit, but also enabling them to reach the fairly high standard required, before they become qualified for the higher rate of pay.

On the 8th of September we tried our skill against a team of the Singapore Volunteers. The conditions were 12 a side, 10 to count. On the total points obtained by the members firing, we beat them by just one point, but on the count out we were beaten by 20 points, the counting out 66 and 74 to our 81 and 80.

Although the Volunteer team was composed mostly of Chinamen and Malays, they were by no means to be despised. It is quite a common occurrence for "John to gravely tuck his queue away into his coat pocket and put up a respectable score of something over 90. A Garrison Rifle Meeting was held on 21st, 23rd, 24 and 25th September. A list of the successful competitors of this Battalion is enclosed.

The Officers and Sergeants had a match on 4th October. The Sergeants, being without two of their best shots, who were on duty, lost by 21 points, though the officers had also a member of the Victoria Cup team absent. The weather, too, was hardly propitious, some of the firing being carried out in drenching rain.

The musketry for the year being practically completed—there is only a small party of casuals to be put through—I am forwarding the figure of merit of each Company. The results of course can hardly be compared with fairness, as those Companies which fired with the old rifle were greatly handicapped, a great many of the rifles having been brought from South Africa.

The results are, however, satisfactory, the average being above that of first class shot.

MAGPIE.

MINIATURE RANGE COMPETITION.

H.P.S. 50.	Score.	Prize.
1st Dr. A. Moss... ...	46	5 dlrs.
2nd Pte. O. Chilcot ...	44	4 dlrs.
3rd Pte. T. Perkins ...	43	2 dlrs.
4th Pte. D. Cummings ...	42	2 dlrs.
5th Pte. D. Emery ...	40	1 dlrs.

BATTALION v. SINGAPORE VOLUNTEERS—BALESTIER RANGE.

8th September, 1907.
12 a side, 12 to count.

Lieut. Dinwiddy	91
Lance-Sergt. Crisford	91
Lance-Corpl. Williams	90
Lieut. Hewitt...	87
Corpl. Pelling...	86
Lance-Sergt. Stevens	86
Q.M.S. Wood	85
Lieut. Belgrave	84
Corpl. Turner...	83
Clr.-Sergt. Chasteneuf	83
Q.M.S. Thorne	81
Sergt.-Major Grey	80
Total ...	1027

The Volunteers totalled 1026, and counted out a 66 and 74, which left them the winners by 20 points.

SINGAPORE GARRISON RIFLE MEETING.

1. Attack competition European Regulars only. Teams of 10 N.C.O.'s and men skirmish from 600 to 200 yards and fire 10 rounds at disappearing targets —1st D Company, prize 50 dlrs; 2nd F Company, 25 dlrs.; 3rd E Company, 20 dlrs.

2. Snapshooting at 350 yards, 5 rounds at 3rd class targets, 4 seconds exposure.—1st Capt. Lister, prize, cup value 15 dlrs.; 2nd Lance-Corpl. Williams, prize 10 dlrs.; 3rd Corpl. Pelling, 5 dlrs.

3. Army Championship, 1st stage. 200, 500 and 600 yds. Open to all Regular European troops.—1st Lt. Dinwiddy, prize cup value 30 dlrs.; 3rd Lt. Belgrave, prize 12 dlrs.; 4th Q.M.S. Thorne, 10 dlrs.; 7th Sergt.-Major Grey, 2 dlrs.; 8th Capt. Lister, 2 dlrs.; 9th Pte. Smith, 2 dlrs.; 10th Lance-Corpl. Johnson, 2 dlrs.

4. Army Championship 2nd stage. 10 rounds at 800 yards. First 24 in first stage.—1st Lieut. Dinwiddy, prize cup presented by Major-Gen. T. Perrott, C.B.; 2nd Capt. Lister, value 20 dlrs.

5. Tile Shooting at 250 yards. Teams of 1 N.C.O and 4 Privates. Start from 300 yards and double 50 yards. 1 minute allowed. Rounds limited to 5 per man.—1st A Company—Lance-Corpl. Johnson's team, prize value 25 dlrs.; 2nd E Company—Lance-Corpl. Geddes' team, 20 dlrs., H Company—Lance-Corpl. Ives, 10 dlrs.; 3rd B Company—Clr.-Sergt. Mills, 10 dlrs., B Company—Corpl. Hare, 10 dlrs.

OFFICERS v. SERGEANTS, TANGLIN RANGE, 4th OCTOBER, 1907 (7 a side).

Capt. G. D. Lister.....	97	Lance-Sergt. H. Stevens ..	92
Capt. C. E. Kitson.....	91	Lance-Sergt. M. Crisford ..	88
Lieut. H. J. Dresser	84	Mr. Fairholme	85
Lieut. H D. Belgrave	84	Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Thorne ..	84
Lieut. M. J. Dinwiddy....	82	Sergt.-Major F. Grey	83
Capt. R. M. G. Tulloch ..	82	Clr.-Sergt. A. Chasteneuf..	76
Lieut. A. S. Hewitt	76	Clr.-Sergt. J. Smith	67
Total.....	596	Total	575

Officers won by 21 points.

RESULT OF ANNUAL MUSKETRY COURSES OF COMPANIES 1907.

A Company fired new course with old rifle and made 190 points, B 174, C 190, D 186, H 189 and Band and Signallers 186; E Company fired new course with old rifles and made 180 points; F and G fired old course with old rifle and made 169 and 174 points respectively.

WINNERS OF OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' TROPHY.

JULY, 1907.

2nd Lieut. H. J. Dresser, 95—8—103, trophy; Sergt.-Major Grey, 97; Sergt. Reynolds, 93.

AUGUST, 1907.

Lance-Sergt. T. Fletcher, 85—15—100, trophy; Sergt. Kemp, 85—15—100; Sergt. Rowland, 76—20—96.

SEPTEMBER, 1907.

Lieut. M. J. Dinwiddy, 88—6—94, trophy; Lieut. H. D. Belgrave, 91—1—92; Lance-Sergt. T. Fletcher, 84—7—91.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

October, 1907.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The Company have brought their field training to a conclusion, passing the last week on the islet of Blakang Mati. This week is, as a rule, an enjoyable termination to six weeks' hard work, but in our case it was the reverse owing to the severe rains. Our camping grounds left much to be desired, and our tents even more. However, we had some interesting visits to the various forts, and at one of them we were much interested in the explanation of the working of a six-inch gun. On the last evening we had a trip round the islet, which was entirely spoilt by the heavy rain.

The Battalion Sports took place on the 26th and 27th September, and the Company took a very fair amount of prizes. In the tug-of-war, our team, under the excellent coaching of Sergt. Cockle, successively beat B, A and F Companies, the latter Company in the final. The cycle race was won by Lance-Corpl. Bassett in fine style. The 100 yards was won by Lance-Corpl. Smith, who also finished a close second in the quarter mile, which was won by Pte. Phillips. The latter also finished second in the half mile. Sergt. Stringer won the Sergeants' Race and Lance-Corpl. Fathers finished third in the open mile. In the Obstacle Race Pte. Hyland won easily, but his team did not follow his excellent lead, and we lost this race. In the Reveille Race, our team, admirably captained by Col.-Sergt. Croucher, lost to H Company by a very narrow margin. As all the above-named belong to G, you will see that the Company maintained its name as a sporting Company. On the 11th October we played our last Company League match, being opposed to F Company. This was a splendid game, played hard and fast from star to finish, and ended in a win for us by one goal to nil. Where all played their best it is difficult to say who was the best in the team. Pte. Hyland, and Lance-Corpl. Smith, who scored the goal, played an exemplary game. We finished third on the list with eight points, having won our last four matches. Although we have had to hand the shield to F Company, we are fully determined to recover it next year. In the Hockey League we entertain great hopes of winning, but at cricket we are not so well up as we should like to be.

G Company Correspondent.

October, 1907.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

We finished our field training by spending a week at Blakang Mati (a small island garrisoned by the R.G.A.), inspecting the forts and armourments. I can't say that we enjoyed ourselves very much, because it was raining the whole time, and to make things easier we were under canvas and the rain simply poured through, but as we had been under canvas the previous three months we were quite used to it and knew exactly what to expect. Whilst we were over there we played a cricket and football match, and I am very sorry to say we lost both, we returned to Tanglin on the 5th, looking none the worse for our week by the sea. We had the regimental sports on the 26th and 27th of September and I think that the majority of the prize money came to the left half battalion: Capt. Druce winning the officers' race, the company winning the reveille race, second in the obstacle race, Pte. Parker winning the throwing the cricket ball with Pte. Garvey second (Pte. Parker throwing the distance of 97 2-5 yards), which did not beat his last year's record throw of 110 yards in Tientsin, Pte. Parker also came in second in the 100 yards, Lance-Corp,. Shipp got second place in kicking the football and third place in the cycle race, the company also tied A Company for second place in the point-to-point race. We played C Company football in the company shield, this being our last match of the season there was plenty of go in it, we eventually ran out winners to the tune of 3--0, placing us second on the league table, being one point behind T Company, who have won the shield for 1907. The company have succeeded in getting first prize for the Gardening Competition for the quarter ending September. I fancy that the company will finish well in both the Hockey and Cricket Leagues, as in the former we have not yet been beaten, and we have only lost one cricket match. Well, Mr. Editor, I think that this has just about used up my book of notes, so I must lay down my pen till I find a few more notes to send.

H Company's Correspondent.

F COMPANY.

TANGLIN BARRACKS, SINGAPORE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

As the time arrives for a little more news from us with reference to the doings of our Company, I have one very exciting item to relate. Our Company, with E Company, were detailed to proceed to an Island about six miles from here and bivouac for the day, and embark to make an attack on Blakan-Mati at 12 mid-night. All went fairly smooth till the embarking part commenced. Being dark nothing could be seen very well. Our Company's scouts, under an officer, were told off to a separate barge to attack certain points away from the main attack. The scouts were to take the smallest barge with only one Chinaman to master it. The sea suddenly became rough, and the Chinaman could not man the barge. Instead of getting out to the tug we drifted away from it and all the others. The Chinaman saw his danger, and of course, dropping his anchor, left us to do our best. We seemed quite happy, plenty of singing and spray baths as the waves came over the side and front of our barge. No one could find the depth of water, so things began to look serious, and then, quite suddenly, our anchor broke from its moorings, and our barge turned a complete circle. Communication had been hitherto kept up by morse, or whistles, and semaphore, using fire-brands on shore. One of the best of the swimmers jumped overboard and suddenly found that we had drifted into quite shallow water, so we all reached shore quite safe. Two of the scouts had cramp and had to be assisted ashore, and we had to light some big fires and dry all wet clothing. Our equipment suffered a little, and our attack failed; but all's well that ends well.

Now to a little sport concerning our Company. We are now drawing very close to the end of the Leagues. Football we stand very well, also hockey; but cricket I am sorry to say we are not up to date at all, this being the first year we have played leagues for all three; so now we know our fault we must try to improve on it. Below are the tables showing how we stand:—

FOOTBALL—Played 5, won 3, drawn 2, lost 0. Points 8.
HOCKEY—Played 6, won 3, drawn 2, lost 1. Points 8.
CRICKET—Played 5, won 1, drawn 0, lost 4. Points 2.

I have been requested to forward the following notice of a football match:—

FOOTBALL.

The following match will be played to-morrow, the 24th inst. Bust off at 5 pip emma.

TANGLIN NONDESCRIPTS v. THE DEPARTMENTALS.

NONDESCRIPTS' TEAM:

*Tacho James, Willie Zarney, Joey Turner, *Michael Welsh, *Spider Kelly, Bogey Tyrell, Rattler Morgan, Jerry Brandon, *Fenian Connor, Sammy Rowlands, Nippy Norton. Reserve—Nasty Klein.

DEPARTMENTALS:
Pte. Watson, R.A.M.C., Corpl Hearn, R.A.M.C., Sapper Jack, R.E., Cpl. Pickup, R.A.M.C., Sapper Cregan, R.E., *Sapper Mabb, R.E., Pte. Martin, R.A.M.C., *Pte. Garner R.A.M.C., Pte. Blong, R.A.M.C., Pte. Raous Banhon.
Timekeeper and Referee—Drummer Stone Hatch.
Ambulances. Ice as required. No goals to be scored after 6 p.m. Complaints re ground referee, or Elliman's supplied after the game, to be settled by the Canteen Sub-Committee, who will be responsible for them reaching the proper quarter. *Most prominent players.

Our Company are now in full training for Battalion Sports, which are going to be held on the 25th and 27th inst. This will furnish some good correspondence, combined with the latter end of the Company League matches. We had an inspection by the G.O.C., who was quite pleased with our work. Now I think I have let you know all our doings for this time.

DIARY OF SPORT OF F COMPANY FOR MONTH ENDING 15TH OCTOBER, 1907.

Football.

Sept. 16th, v. B Company, draw, no goals.
Sept. 17th, v. C Company, won 3—0
Sept. 15th (2nd XI.), v. B Company, lost 1—3.
Oct. 11th, v. G Company, lost 0—1.

Hockey.

Sept. 14th (2nd team), v. C Company, draw 1—1.
Sept. 14th, v. E Company (Company League), lost 1—3.

Cricket.

Sept. 18th, v. A Company, lost, A 69 runs, F 33 runs.

BATTALION SPORTS.

Long Jump—1st Pte. Pay, 3rd Lance-Corpl. Stevens.
Kicking Football—1st Pte. Pay.
Four-legged Race—1st Lance-Corpl. Cook, Pte. Dudman, Pte. Paul.
Company Re-lay Race—1st team of 10 each Company.
Tilting Bucket—2nd Pte. Wannell and Pte. Peirce.
Old Soldiers' Race, 3rd Pte. Dudman.
Tug-of-War—2nd, Team.
High Jump—3rd, Pte. Wannell.
Best aggregate prize, Pte. Pay, 10 dollars and a watch.

THE QUEEN'S OWN AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The Dramatic Club is slill going strong, and is making itself more and more popular in the Battalion, in fact, the Gunners at Blakan Mati have requested us to give them a show, which, I believe, has been sanctioned by the Commanding Officer. Our President, Second-Lieutenant Graham, is at present on leave in India, and his place has been taken up by Second-Lieutenant Hardy. Sergeant Stringer is still manager. This is written with the hope that room will be found in your valuable paper for the reports given below, viz., programme of concert given on August 23rd, and one of September 27th, the latter being in the opinion of a good many, the best yet given. The following was given August 23rd:—

Overture, "My Irish Molly Oh," the Band; comic song, "Let me sing," Pte. J. Graham; sentimental song, "On the dear old shore," Pte. G. Runnicks; comic song, "Keep on doing it, Sandy, O," Pte. D. Cummings; descriptive song, "There goes my soldier boy," Lce.-Corpl. Cozens; comic song, "Please, Mr. Conductor," Pte. D. Priddy; sentimental song, "The stars are angel faces," Pte. E. Sharp; club swinging, Pte. M. Hamilton; sentimental song, "Severed," Pte. J. Jones; knockabout act, the Two Macs; descriptive song, "Tales of London life," Pte. J. Readings; comic song, "Bertie in love," Pte. N. Needham; coon song, "Honey, come listen to me," Lce.-Corpl. G. Tyson; comic song, "The galloping Major, Pte. Martin, R.A.M.C.; Handcuff King, Pte. Pierce; descriptive song, "The Veteran's song," Pte. Watson, R.A.M.C.; comic song, "We parted on the shore," Pte. N. Needham; sketch, "Charley's Aunt," Charley Mandeville (G. Runnicles), Frank Dracey (Charley's Aunt) (J. Graham), Algernon Wentworth (J. Donoghue), Dick Lovelace (D. Priddy), Bert (P. Watson), all college chums; Miss Millie Stanton (Charley's Fiancee), E. Sharp; Mi-s Chasteneuf (the real aunt), N. Needham; James (butler), H. Bassett; boots, J. Brown.

With the National Anthem the above concluded the Entertainment, and the following is that of Friday, the 27th, which opened up rather wet. As luck had it, however, the clerk of the weather was with us, and King Sol came out in all his brilliant glory, making the ground and track fit, and bringing up a host of visitors from town as guests, including H.E. The Governor, and Major-General Perott, C.B. Many, I am pleased to say, patronised us in the evening, including the C.O., Adjutant, and Officers, who added brilliancy to the audience, and were an incentive to the performers to make the programme successful. I would esteem it a favour if you would kindly give this a conspicuous corner, a sort of theatrical column, which would be a monthly feature, there always being something interesting to those whose duty, and other things, prevented from coming, and also as an encouragement to the members themselves. Without exception, all distinguished themselves well, and the programme was carried out without a hitch. There were nineteen turns in the variety, then followed the sketch, "Matrimonial Agency," which was well rendered, causing great amusement, the audience expressing themselves pleased with what they had seen and heard. The following was the programme:—

Overture, "Burgundy." Piano, Sapper Jacks, R.E.; comic song, "He is ignorant," Pte. J. Graham; song, "Wait till the honeymoon," Pte. E. Sharp; comic song, "Shift a little bit further up," Pte. N. Needham; descriptive song, "The Gambler's end," Pte. J. Readings; comic song, "I don't want to say a word about it," Pte. F Martin, R.A.M.C.; sentimental song, "Down the Vale," Pte. P. Watson, R.A.M.C.; comic song, "I looked into the book," Pte. D. Cummings; descriptive song, "One touch of nature," Pte. L. Waldron; comic song, "The Boarding House," Pte. N. Needham; sentimental song, "The singer was Irish." Pte. G. Runnicles; comic song, 'Mr. Tootle," Pte. J. Graham; sentimental song, "Au Revoir, my Hyancinth," Pte. J. Jones; comic song, "Ha! Ha! Ha! He! He! He!" Pte. F. Martin, R.A.M.C.; sentimental song, "My Irish Girl." Pte. D. Priddy; comic song, "In the days of Adam and Eve," Pte. D. Cummings; descriptive song, "Visiting Day," Pte. L. Waldron; coon song, "You are a white little girl," Pte. J. Donoughue; descriptive song, "For charity's sake," Pte. J. Readings. The above, not recording the encores, concluded a most successful variety turn, and the sketch was as follows:—

"Matrimonial Agency," Mr. Ponsonby Frankleton (a nervous man), Pte. D. Priddy; Harry Beecham (Lieut. R.N.), Pte. G. Runnicles; Mr. Matthew Furze (Farmer), Pte. J. Donoughue; Augustus Plantaganet Splatchett, P. Watson, R.A.M.C.; Miss Diana Poppincourt (spinster) Pte. J. Graham; Alice Arnold (her neice), Pte. E. Sharpe; Mrs. Burlington (Alice's friend), Pte. F. Martin, R.A.M.C.; Caroline (maid), Pte. N. Needham. Accompanist, Sapper Jack, R.E. "God Save the King."

NOSNAH.

A COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I now send you a few lines referring to A Company's doings for the past month. The Company played C at cricket, resulting in a win for the latter by 32 runs. Played E at hockey, ending in a win for E by two goals, the game was very fast, but owing to ill luck we lost; played F also at hockey, getting beaten by five goals to nil. Played C at football, ending in a draw, it was a very good game, the forward line playing well. I now draw to a close having no more to say.

A Company Correspondent.

D COMPANY.

Singapore, October, 1907.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Apology has to be made for lack of news regarding D, but to speak the truth, there was little of importance to record during August with the exception of the mobilization. During that time the D's post was the island of Pula Brani guarding ordnance workshops and electric light, manning Forts Teregah and Silensing, and crossing to Singapore to do its share in the manœuvres. On our return, the next

event was to train ourselves with a little extras in musketry, which, no doubt, stood us in good stead when we got to Normanton. At all events, we comported ourselves pretty well, averaging over first class shot, viz, 185·4. No. 2 section's average being 196·2. The skill at arms badge (company shot) goes to Lance-Corporal Johnson, with Capt. Belgrave following very close, in all we have nine marksmen, and not one failed in the judging distances practices. While at Normanton, a garrison rifle meeting took place on the Alexander Range, and D figured pretty well in the competition, being first in the "Attack" Competition, a team of 10 men under Col.-Sergt. Smith with 14 hits, a very creditable performance indeed, in comparison to the others, at all events. Lance-Corpl. Williams got second in the snap shooting, and for the Army Championship (S.S.) Capt. Belgrave was third in the first stage, and fourth in the second. At Normanton, it was one continual round of sport, in the cool of the evening, half company, sections, and squads, would turn out at football, cricket and hockey, even competed at football for a clock, which was never won, as, unfortunately, it was damaged in a fire which occured while we were there, giving some idea of how hot we are, when we make a start, and to enumerate the scores and doings of the various teams, would mean that you would have to let me have the Gazette entirely to myself for one month to record them. On the 26th and 27th September we had Regimental Sports, the first for some years, owing, of course, to the Battalion being split up since South Africa. Teams from the Company tried their hand at several of the events, viz., reveille race, getting second prize through inadvertedly leaving out a pole when packing the tent, alas! absent minded beggars (*a la* Kipling). In the relay race, the running was alright, but there was too much Sandow exercised in the hold on the handkerchief, and which, no doubt, lost us a prize with the delay caused thereby. The obstacle, tilting the bucket and point-to-point found ready competitors, but unfortunately no winners. In the half-mile, Private Crawley went in and won in beautiful style, also coming in a very good second in the mile (open), keeping the pace well with the winner, Gunner King, R.G.A., whose reputation, so they say, is second to none in the garrison. In the old soldiers' race, Private Morgan rattled up the track and came in second, not bad, of course, but Crawley's performances call for special mention and we ought to see him figure well in Garrison Sports. Our luck in the company league (football) has not been what we should have liked it to have been, having played six, won two, drawn one, hardly a good record, but it cannot be helped now at any rate. We played A (League), and after a very decent game beat them 1—0, two days after we played C(League) and the result was, after an excitable game a draw of one each, but our goal-keeper is said to have remarked, "You don't expect a man to see in the dark, do you?" One of our matches had to be abandoned owing to the light failing, and when the goal against us was scored, it took all one's time to see the players, never mind the ball. We meet E next, which will finish us in the league, the shield going to F, but it was not for want of trying that it did not come to D, anyhow "Nil desperandum" better luck next year. In the cricket league we have played four and won three, and are at present a tie with H. We gave B a game on Thursday and beat them by 22 runs. Score was D 73, B 51. Played C a friendly football and beat them 1—0. This is all I can think of now, regarding sport, but I daresay there are a few who will be sorry to hear that our pet dog "Jack" died October 9th. He was found at Wolverhock O.F.S, by Pte. Bentley (Reserve), and has been a faithful follower with us since. He is the fourth to go of the dogs brought from South Africa, and he was well known to officers, N.C.O.'s and men—a popular dog, but his dog days are over now, so au revoir,

D Company Correspondent.

DRUMMERS' CORRESPONDENCE.

SINGAPORE.

DEAR MR EDITOR,

I am sending correspondence for the past couple of months so I will begin by telling you about our sport. We turned our team out to play G Company at hockey and we suffered defeat by five goals to one, so you see, by our play, what we know about this game we shall soon forget. We also played F Company at football, our team turning out and doing more skylarking than anything else, which let our opponents break through and net the ball twice before half-time. On resuming play we tried to pull ourselves together, but not until ten minutes before time did we score; getting the taste of the goal they put two more to their credit, so the game ended in our favour. Score 3—2. Our next opponents were A Company, our team settling down to work just before the whistle sounded half-time, we managed to net No. 1. On resuming play again they tried to equalise, but thanks to Ashcroft (our goalie), we managed to keep them out, the game ending in our favour after a very hard match. Result 1—0. The drummers team was represented by Spencer (goal), Drummers Rapson and Pullen (backs), Drummers Knight, Hunter and Hoare (halves), Drummers Bishop, Marra, Haines, Hannant and Earl (forwards).

DRUMMERS' CORRESPONDENT.

DEPOT FOOTBALL.

The Depot have made a very promising start this year. Not having entered in the Maidstone and District League, they are free to give attention to the following:—Army Cup, Kent Amateur Cup (being exempt from the qualifying rounds), Maidstone Hospital Cup, and the United Service League. The recruits also have a league for Col. Brock's shield, there being four teams competing, and some very promising youngsters have been found already, including two who are now playing in the Depot team, viz., White and Holding 9th November, 1907.

ARMY CUP—FIRST ROUND.

R.W.K. DEPOT v. 12th BRIGADE, R.F.A.

In the first round of the Army Cup Competition the Depot visited Woolwich on Wednesday, 13th November, when they met the 12th Brigade R.F.A. in the presence of about 3,000 spectators, and as a result the Artillery have no more interest in this competition, the Depot winning by 3—0.

Despite the fact that the Gunners had the assistance of the strong wind in the first half, the Blues were often dangerous. A nice run and centre by Langridge caused the Gunners' backs some trouble, and the ball was only just cleared. White, however, secured the sphere and passed to Davis, who had little difficulty in scoring. This reverse seemed to put new life into the Gunners, but the Depot were always on top, and Langridge again broke away on the left, and from his centre a corner was obtained. The same player took the kick and dropped the ball nicely in the goal mouth. In the scrimmage that ensued Davis again scored. Play from now until half-time was of a give and take order, and no more goals being forthcoming the teams crossed over with the score: Depot 2, Artillery 0.

With assistance of the wind the Blues set up a hot attack on the Gunners' goal on resuming, but the home backs defended well. About midway in this half, the Gunners woke up, and several times nearly scored, but the Blues were not to be denied, and a nice combined movement by their forwards resulted in White scoring No. 3 just before time. Result:—

Depot	3
Royal Field Artillery	0

The teams were as follows :—Royal West Kent Depot—Col.-Sergt. Bass; Pvt Wright and Lance-Corpl. Moore; Sergt. Redmond, Drummer Sweeney and Lieut. Phillips; Pvts Lloyd and Holding, Corpl. Davis, Pvts. White and Langridge. 12th Brigade R.F.A.—Gnr. Tamlyn; Bomb. Noch and Gnr. Ross; Gnr. Watts, Dvrs. Ebsworth and Squires; Shoeing-smith, Austin, Bombrs. Thorne and Buckenham, Gnr. Crosse, and Major Turner.

For the Depot everyone did well, and nothing but praise is due to the side. Amongst the 3,000 spectators were the Woolwich Arsenal manager, and players, who spoke highly of the Depot's play.

UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.

NAVAL DEPOT v. ROYAL WEST KENT DEPOT.

This match was played on the Chatham Road Ground on November 9th, and a very fast game ensued, the Naval Depot running out winners by three goals to one. The Navy kicked off and made a rush for the West Kent goal, but were stopped by their opponents' backs. With a well-combined movement, the West Kent then scored, through Holding.

From the kick-off the Navy took possession, and scored through Barr. Mid-field play ensued for some time, and then another goal by McGall, gave the Navy the lead. On resuming, the Q.O. forced a corner, but, after trouble, the ball was cleared, and by a nice individual effort Holding again netted, but was ruled offside. At half-time the score stood :—

Royal Naval Depot..... 2
Depot (The Queen's Own) 1

The Navy set up a hot attack on the soldiers' goal on resuming play, but their backs defended splendidly, and midfield play ensued. Eventually the Navy scored, Barr again doing the needful. From now to the finish the Depot played up well, but could not score, owing to the sterling defence of the Navy, the game ending :—

Royal Naval Depot..... 3
Depot (The Queen's Own) 1

R.W.K. DEPOT v. GUNNERY SCHOOL, SHEERNESS.

This match was played on the Barracks Field, Maidstone, on 16th November. The game shown by the Depot was too good for the Navy (who only had ten men), and they were beaten to the tune of 8—nil. The Depot won the toss, and the the Navy kicked off against the slope. Soon after the start Davis missed an open goal. The Depot pressed hard, and, from a centre from Langridge, Lloyd opened the scoring, the second point being the result of a splendid individual effort by Holding, who evaded the backs and scored easily. Soon after, Langridge put on number three, half-time arriving with the Depot leading 3—0.

In the second moiety the Depot had considerably more of the play than the sailors, and ten minutes from the restart, the Depot, after a pretty run down the field, scored off Holding from a centre by Langridge. White scored again from a corner, and continuing to press, the Depot scored from a centre by White. Two more goals were notched by Langridge and Holding, leaving the Depot winners as stated.

R.W.K. Depot..... 8
Gunnery School 0

DEPOT v. MALLING WEDNESDAY.

This match, a friendly, was played at the Barracks, on Wednesday afternoon, 6th November. The Depot team were as follows :—Fenny, Wright, Steel, Franklyn, Sweeney, Connor, Herbert, Louden, Scott, Holding, Driscoll. Result :—Depot 4, Malling Wednesday 1.

DEPOT v. 1st BATTALION (Q.O.)

Played at Maidstone, 25th November, 1st Battalion 2 goals, Depot 1 goal.

2nd Round Army Cup.—Depot 1, A.O. Corps 1. A draw.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

Mrs. T. McKelvey, wife of Bandmaster T. McKelvey, accompanied by her two children, embarked at Singapore for London on the s.s. Malta on September 28th, 1907, and No. 4568 Sergt. G. Ingram and his wife (Army Schoolmistress E. Ingram) and child embarked on the s.s. Namur on October 17th, 1907, for the same port.

4596 Sergt. E. Goulds and 4525 Corpl. D. Pelling re-engaged at Singapore for the Regiment to complete 21 years' service.

No. 5905 Corporal F. King, 6234 Lce.-Corpl. H. Christie and 5918 Private H. Bullard have extended their service to complete 12 years with the colours.

No. 6116 Pte. W. Pepperell has been discharged at Singapore at his own request on payment of £25, dated September 30th, 1907, and 4518 Lance-Corporal E. Crouch has been discharged on the termination of his first period of engagement, dated October 19th, 1907.

Supernumerary Pioneer-Sergeant T. Featherstone has been absorbed into the establishment of the Battalion, vice Wood, to the 1st Battalion, dated July 1st, 1907, not as previously stated.

The following N.C.O.'s and men have been awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education, dated September 7th, 1907 : 7720 Lance-Corporals W. Bishop, 8047 W. Colebrooke, 7145 W. Geddes, 6051 J. Lythall, 8068 B. Smith, 6385 Privates T. Austen, 6388 G. Samuels, 8272 C. Kerr, 6153 D. Sullivan, 8158 W. Jones.

Awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education, dated Sept. 7th, 1907 : 7355 Lance-Corporals F. Richards, 6238 G Tyson, 5227 J. Metcalfe, 6519 W. Whittaker, 5939 Drummer A. Barker, 5903 Privates W. Mussett, 7279 D. Emery, 6345 A. Hollands, 6046 E. Sleigh, 5018 A. Wyatt, 7817 E. White, 7571 J. Williams, 6581 E. Sharp, 7985 H. Kimber.

Good Conduct Badges have been granted or restored as under :—5476 Lance-Corporals W. Gillespie restored 1st G. C. Badge, dated October 31st, 1907 and 6651 B. Cook, awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, dated October 3rd, 1907; 8036 Privates W. Allen restored 3rd G.C. Badge, dated October 8th 1907; 8145 W. Rogers awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated October 16th, 1907; 6182 S. Arnold awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, dated October 9th, 1907; 6498 J Griffiths restored 1st G.C. Badge, dated October 27th, 1907; 6674 A. Jones awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, dated October 17th, 1907; 5654 J. Ficking restored 2nd G C. Badge, dated October 15th, 1907; 6648 J. Tusting awarded 2nd G.C. Badge, dated October 4th, 1907; 7705 J Stone awarded 1st G.C. Badge, dated September 2nd, 1907; 6755 A. Eves restored 1st G.C. Badge, dated October 2nd, 1907; G. Murray restored 1st G.C. Badge, dated Sept. 3rd, 1907; P. Pay restored 1st G.C. Badge, dated October 29th, 1907; 8158 Pte. W. Jones awarded 1st G.C. badge, dated October 30th, 1907; 6537 Pte. G. Smith restored 1st G.C. badge, dated August 10th, 1907.

DEPOT NEWS.

SERGEANTS' BILLIARD HANDICAP.

During the past month a Billiard Handicap has been in progress at the Depot. There were 24 entries. In the first couple of heats the players were handicapped after the draws had taken place, and it was previous to the third heat that the final handicap was made. The eight players left in and the results were :—

3RD ROUND.

Sergt.-Dr. Gee (owe 100).....	250	beat	Clr.-Sergt. Dugay (rec. 20)	243
Clr.-Sergt. Wimhurst (rec. 40)	250	,,	,, Taylor (scratch)	246
,, Chiswell (rec. 50)...	250	,,	,, Bass (scratch)	227
,, Reeves (rec. 70) ...	250	,,	,, Pond (rec. 50)...	248

4TH ROUND.

Clr.-Sergt. Chiswell..... ...	250	beat	Sergt.-Dr. Gee	208
,, Reeves	250	,,	Col.-Sergt. Wimhurst	246

FINAL.

Clr.-Sergt. Chiswell.....	250	beat	Clr.-Sergt. Reeves	189

Sergt.-Drummer Gee, who was top weight, played in good form throughout, as also did Chiswell. Colour-Sergt. Bass took the prize for the highest break, viz., 36. Colour-Sergt. Chiswell took the first prize, clock; Colour-Sergt. Reeves, 2nd, cruet stand; Colour-Sergeant Wimhurst, 3rd, framed photo of Sergeants. Each player who entered the third round received a small prize. Sergeant-Major Grellier was the handicapper.

BOXING.

On the 20th November another Boxing entertainment was held at the Drill Hall in Maidstone Barracks. Several improvements were made in the lighting and seating arrangements which were much appreciated.

A good sporting programme was submitted to the audience. The principal event of the evening was the contest between F. Latter (of Wateringbury) and Pte. Hall (of the Leicester Regiment), who had met on a previous occasion at Dover), when Latter beat Hall in two rounds, although Hall had put the Maidstone man out in the first round, time alone saving him from defeat. On this occasion Latter again proved the victor, knocking out his opponent in the first round. Latter, we believe, has been under the Coffee Cooler (Frank Craig), who seconded him on the present occasion. Another very interesting part of the programme was the ten-ronnd contest between Lance-Corporal Baker, of the 1st Battalion, and Jack Meekins (late Warwickshire Regiment), Meekins obtaining the verdict of the judges, a very close thing.

Mr. R. R. Watson, *Sporting Life*, was the Referee, Sergt.-Major Rowe (Essex Regiment) and Squadron Sergt.-Major Halliday (Q.O.W.K I.Y.) were judges. Colour-Sergts. Pond and C.S.M. Instructor Heyworth, A.G.G., acted as time-keeper and M.C. respectively. Lieut. Phillips and Sergeant-Major J. H. Outten (hon. sec.) and his committee were responsible for the arrangements, every assistance also being rendered by the other N.C.O.'s at Maidstone Barracks.

ROYAL ARMY TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

Maidstone Branch.

The first concert of the season in connection with the Depot Branch of the R.A.T.A. was held in the Recreation Room on Tuesday, November 12th. Prior to the concert an excellent tea was provided, to which the members to the number of 130 did justice. The Commanding Officer and Lieut. W. C. O. Phillips were present during the tea. The following was the programme :—

March, "Coon Band Contest," Band; song, "Marriage Alphabet," Cpl. Driscoll; song, "Soldiers of the Empire," Dr. Pullen; song, "Selected," Pte. Angell; song, "The little shirt," Pte. Morris; mandoline solo, "Valse," Sergt. Kingham; song, "Dear Old Home," Pte. Louden; song, "I can't come out to-day," Dr. Francis; song, "The Admiral's Broom," Sgt. Seaton; song, "Volunteer Organist," Pt. Mulford; song, "May I come Home again," Pte. Hall; song, "Lads in Red," Rev. Hardcastle: selection, "Season's Plums," Band; song, "Selected," Pte. Angell; song, "He's gone for ever," Pte. Louden; the Brothers Lango; song and dance, Pte. Beach; song, "Selected," Pte. Hurley. During the evening the Rev. Hardcastle, acting Chaplain to the Troops, gave a few words of advice, which was responded to by C. S. Tapp.

At the Kent Autumn Assizes, held at Maidstone on November, the Judge, Mr. Justice Grantham, in charging the Grand Jury, among other things stated that "It was with the greatest satisfaction he had heard of the marvellous power that not only the Church of England Temperance Society, but the Royal Army Temperance Association had over young fellows who joined the military forces of the country. He found that 135 of the 180 recruits in Maidstone Barracks had joined the Army Temperance Society, and he regarded that as a marvellous record. He did not suppose that all these young fellows were going to keep all their lives the pledge which they had taken, but it was a great thing for them to begin life by joining such a society, and he only hoped that they would always remain temperance men.

The undermentioned men have been awarded Certificates of Education as follows :—2nd Class, No. 8687 Ptes. Nicholls and 8701 Wilton. 3rd Class, 8700 W. Peters, 8723 R. Steele, 5844 F. Russell, 8716 T. Welch, 8707 A. W. Goodsell, 8740 T. W. White, 8749 E. Dolley, 7750 J. Thompson, 4345 W. Castle, 8726 W. Herbert, 8761 G. Seal, 8745 A. Clarke, 8750 G. Dolly, 8709 G. Louden; 8734 T. Briant, 8731 W. Stedman, 8733 A. Bunyan, 8760 H. Claxton, 8711 G. Davies, 7112 R. McDonald, 7104 S. Bailey, 8730 H. Quinn, 8691 R. Davis and 4809 Dr. Jeffreys.

Two drafts of recruits joined the home battalion during November. The winners of the medals for gymnastics and morris tube shooting were 8691 Private W. R. Davies (gymnastics), and 8681 Private Waddington (M.T.), and the 2nd draft winners were 8709 Private E. Lowden (Gymnastics), and 8711 Private G. T. Davies (M.T.)

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VETERANS' DINNER AT HEADQUARTERS.

On Saturday, November 23rd, the past and present sergeants of the battalion, each of whom could reckon up no less than twenty years' service, dined together at Holly Hedge House, Blackheath, under the chairmanship of Sergt.-Major Light, the occasion being both thoroughly enjoyable and interesting. There was a large gathering of these veteran volunteers, who included, besides Sergt.-Major Cooke, who was in the vice-chair, Quartermaster-Sergts. Sayer and Baker, Sergt.-Major Lalley, Colour-Sergts. Curtis, Wood, Jaffray, Whittaker, Smith, Collins, Allwood, Mitchell, Beechley, Wilson, Purton, Bradbeer, Evans, Geraghty, Trevillion, Maclean, and Mitchell, Bandmaster C. S. Birkhead, Staff-Sergt. Benson, Sergt.-Instructors Burge and Tench, Sergts. W. Gomer, Cook, Hall, Ralphs, Beardoe, Crowhurst, Bolster, Sheldon, Borrett, Primmett, Ward, Leney, Godsell, Loney, Fallows, R. Collins, Hanmore, Park and Jarrat and Bugle-Major Haysnan. There were also present Colonel E. Satterthwaite (commanding the West Kent Brigade), Col. E. J. Heward (commanding the Battalion)—both of whom joined as privates—and Capt. J. E. Palmer, Surgeon-Col. H. W. Roberts, Col. F. W. Frigout, Col. G. Morphew, Col C. N. Kidd, Major Wood Martyn, and Mr. Vivian Orchard (Town Clerk of Deptford), one time a sergeant in the Battalion. The waiting was done by the present members of the Battalion under the direction of Clr.-Sergt. Scott.

The Chairman, in proposing the "Imperial Forces," claimed that the Navy could not be equalled. The Army was undergoing a transition, but he ventured to say that it would be in as good a condition as ever. He was glad to know that the 2nd Vol. Batt. of the Queen's Own was increasing by "leaps and bounds." Col. Satterthwaite, replying, said he was delighted to be surrounded by so many old friends—one of his oldest was Sergt.-Major Light. The auxiliary forces had been placed "in the melting pot," and he hoped they would turn out as good metal as hitherto. There were always difficulties about re-organisation, but he hoped they would accept the new conditions in the spirit in which they were offered. He hoped that the new scheme would prove worthy of the traditions of the old spirit which animated the Volunteers, and that the close associations with the regular regiments would continue.—Major Wood also replied, tracing the growth of the volunteer movement. He praised Mr. Haldane's scheme, which, he said, would make very little difference to the Volunteers. Their patriotism and military spirit were appealed to, and he was certain that the response would be hearty. He hoped that the 2nd Vol. Batt. would be at the head of the Brigade.

The Chairman then proposed "The Officers of the Battalion, past and present," Col. Heward and Col. Kidd responding with well chosen words.—Col. Kidd said that he commenced volunteering as far back as 1860, and he knew no one who was the worse for having joined the force. He had made lifelong friends. In the future all depended upon their interest in the movement. He mentioned that Sergt.-Major Light would be present with the other heroes of 1857 at the dinner at the Albert Hall on December 23rd to the veterans of the Indian Mutiny who were at Lucknow.

Sergt.-Major Cooke proposed "The Chairman" in eulogistic terms, and Sergt.-Major Light, responding, said he was in India as a soldier in 1818. He was invalided home, and after being refused service in the Crimea owing to ill-health, again went to India, and was present at the relief of Lucknow. He took part in the subsequent campaigns in India, and was the first non-commissioned officer to be allowed to continue to wear his uniform on retirement. He had hoped that another Mutiny man—ex-Sergt.-Major Parsons—would have been present that evening, but he wrote that the state of his health prevented.—Surgeon-Col. Roberts proposed "The Sergeants of the Battalion, past and present," who had done so much to bring the Battalion to its present state of efficiency.—Col.-Sergt. A. G. Collins and W. J. Purton suitably replied.—Major Matthews expressed the hope that all who left the Battalion would join its rifle club.—The musical programme was sustained by Sergts. Borrett and Fallows, Bandmaster C. S. Birkhead and Mr. F. W. Courtenay (at the piano). To the success of the gathering, Sergt. W. Gomer, who organised it, largely contributed, and the committee were also indebted to Q.M.S. Perry, who presented the menu cards.

3RD BATTALION NEWS.

Captain G. D. Lister having arrived in England from the 2nd Battalion R. W. Kent Regiment takes over Adjutant of the 3rd Battalion from the 26th November.

Major Griffith-Boscawen, 3rd R.W.K Regiment late M.P. for the Tonbridge Division of Kent, addressed a meeting of the electors of Dudley a few days ago with a view of his adoption as Unionist candidate. A resolution was passed adopting Major Griffith-Boscawen as the Unionist Candidate.

Lieutenant A. M. Mackenzie-Penderel having completed 12 months' duty at the Depot, ceases to be attached from the 1st November. Lieutenant F. H. H. Liebenrood, 3rd Batt. R.W.K. Regiment has joined for a tour of duty at the Depot.

Captain H. H. H. S. Hall, having been attached to the 1st Battalion Hampshire Regiment at Portsmonth, obtains a satisfactory report on A F E. 535.

Lieuts. W. T. M. Buller and H. H. Withers' names appear in the list of successful candidates at the competitive examination of officers of the Militia and Yeomanry for commissions in the Regular Forces held recently.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR EDMUND LEACH, K.C.B.

The distinguished officer, the subject of our sketch in this month's issue, is the fifth son of the late Henry Leach, Esq., J.P., D.L., of Corston, Co. Pembroke, and was born in 1836. Educated at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, he obtained a commission in the 50th Regiment as ensign in 1854, and on the 19th September of the following year joined his regiment in the Crimea, subsequent to the fall of Sevastopool, and served with it there until the 12th August, 1856. Returning home with his regiment he accompanied it to New Zealand in 1863 and served throughout the war, being appointed Orderly-Officer to Colonel Waddy when commanding a field force in the Waikato in 1864, and was present at Waiari. In this year he obtained his company, and on the 7th January, 1865, was appointed A.D.C. to Brigadier-General Waddy, and was present at the attack and repulse of the enemy at Nukumaru and was mentioned in despatches. Captain Leach was appointed Deputy-Assistant-Adjutant-General on the 20th January of the same year, and was present at the repulse of the enemy at Kakaramea, again mentioned in despatches, and served throughout most of the campaign in the Wanganni District under Sir D. Cameron. Captain Leach accompanied Major-General Chute as Deputy-Assistant-Adjutant-General during the campaign on the west coast in 1865-66, and was present at the assault and capture of Okatuku, Putahi, Otapawa, Ketemari and Waikato Pass. In the latter year he was promoted to the rank of Major. For his services throughout the campaign Major Leach was twice mentioned in despatches and received the brevet of Major and the war medal. In 1882 Major Leach proceeded to Egypt with the 1st Battalion West Kent Regiment, and served throughout the campaign, being present at the battle of Kassassin on the 9th September, and receiving the medal, 4th class Osmanieh and the Khedive's Star. Promoted to the command of the 1st Batallion West Kent in 1883, Colonel Leach served with his regiment throughout the Nile Expedition in 1884-85, and was again mentioned in despatches, and received the medal and clasp, and was appointed a Companion of the Bath. On the completion of the period of his regimental command Colonel Leach was placed on half-pay. He was not for long without employment for in 1886 he was appointed Assistant-Adjutant-General, Eastern District, which appointment he held till 1891 ; he commanded the troops in Barbadoes, 1894-95. In 1894 he was promoted to Major-General and retired from active employment in 1898. In 1904 Major-General Leach was gazetted Colonel of his old regiment, The Queen's Own Royal West Kent. General Leach married in 1869, Francis Elizabeth, second daughter of the late W. H. Ince, Esq., of 27, Thurloe Square, S.W. He was promoted to K.C.B. on the 25th June last.

The Editor Q.O.G. acknowledges the receipt of the "Army and Navy Chronicle" for November (to the Editor of which journal we are indebted for the block of Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B., reproduced in this number).

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MARRIAGES.

At St. Luke's Church, Maidstone, on the 5th November, 1907, Sergt. P. Walker, 1st Battalion, to Miss Gertrude N. Cross, daughter of the late Quarter-Master-Sergeant Dan Cross, 50th Regimental District.

At St. Paul's Church, Maidstone, on October 31st, 1907, No. 5080 Private William Regan to Miss Ethel Mason.

DEATHS.

At Belfast, on the 19th October, 1907, Patrick O'Brien, 50th Regiment (was present at the battles of Alma, Inkerman and Siege of Sebastopol).

At Worthing, on the 12th November, 1907, Major T. H. Sangster (late 97th Regiment), in his 73rd year.

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