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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

1st Battalion.—The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment—Sydney Kingston Gore, from 3rd Battalion to be 2nd Lieutenant, dated 4th December, 1912.

2nd Battalion.—Capt. H. D. Belgrave to be Adjutant, dated 16th October, 1912 (*London Gazette*, dated 19th November, 1912).

1st BATTALION.

Privates appointed Lce-Corporals :—

9811 F. Harrison, dated 26th November, 1912 ; 9145 W. Friend, dated 4th December, 1912 ; 9071 H. Cooper and 9838 S Gray, dated 10th December, 1912

2nd BATTALION.

With reference to Promotions last month the undermentioned who were dated 25th October, 1912, promotions and appointments are antedated to 10th October, 1912.

Sergeants 5105 J. Beale and 8154 R Roythorne. Lance-Sergeants 7479 J. Sheppard and 8593 A. Wickenden. Corporals 6776 H. Pierce, 8442 J. Quinlan and 7361 W. Wannell. Lance-Corporals 8216 F. Kemp, 2139 H. Barker and 6178 R. Falkner

Privates appointed Lance-Corporals :—

8401 H. Clarke and 9261 H. Cottis, dated 26th October, 1912 ; 7845 R. Bishop, dated 26th October, 1912 ; 9056 H. Reeves, dated 11th October, 1912.

Appointed Musician.—8725 Private W. Bridger, dated 29th November, 1912.

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THE EDITOR'S COLUMN OF REMARKS.

Dear Readers All,

The old year has passed; the New Year is upon us—may it shower upon you blessings of all descriptions.

We are quite aware that the above savours more of the Parish Magazine than the Regimental paper—but, it is meant to. At the beginning of every New Year the Parson, in the pages of his Magazine, tells his flock that this is the time to make new, and good resolutions. We are going to make a new resolution, and whether it is a good one or not, depends entirely on you, Oh! Readers. We want to make an alteration in the Q.O.G. Of late we have heard many complaints: in fact, we have never yet met anyone who is entirely satisfied. Now, the circulation of the Q.O.G. amounts to well over a thousand copies a month and, if there are a thousand people who are dissatisfied, there must be at least a thousand ideas for improvement—no one ever finds fault, unless he has an idea for improvement. Please send these ideas to the Editor, The Barracks, Maidstone: it will cost you one penny for postage, and the pleasure it will give to others will be worth priceless jewels. We are quite aware that the Editorial Brain is immense, but, like other pieces of intricate machinery, it will not stand too great a strain: it wants help. If you have a good idea for an article, write it and earn our thanks. You may say: "I've a splendid idea, but I don't feel equal to putting it on paper:" then don't let it be lost on barren ground but send the rough idea to us. We utterly deny than we are barren ground, and if even we can't put it satisfactorily on to paper, well, we'll turn on the defaulters.

Those, whose subscriptions are in arrears, or are now due, will find a small leaflet in this number informing them of the fact, that we should be most grateful if our finances could be put on an up-to-date (and consequently sound) footing. Nobody objects to a call for cash more than we do, but unfortunately in these days of hard facts, such little details must be attended to. It may not be generally known that the Q.O.G. costs more to produce than the penny that is charged to the majority of the readers. The result is that our balance is never sufficiently extensive to cause us any great anxiety as to it's safe custody. We do not altogether follow the motto, "In God we trust ; everybody else cash," but at the same time we have to rely to a large extent on the prompt payment of subscriptions. Unpaid items, that should be shown on the credit side, are inconvenient ; unpaid items on the debit side (which are the natural result) are more than inconvenient.

On another page an account will be found of the Egyptian Campaign of 1801. This is, of course, a 50th honour, but it is always rather a grievance with us that the 97th did not also

bring it to the joint Colours of the Regiment. A regiment, that was then known as the Minorca Regiment, took a very distinguished part in this campaign. This regiment in 1804 became the 97th (Queen's German) Regiment, and was the 97th of the Peninsular War. In 1816, owing to the disbanding of a senior regiment, it became the 96th (or Queen's Own) Regiment ; it only lasted two years as such, as in 1818 it too was disbanded. In 1824 new 96th and 97th Regiments were raised, and the honours of the old regiment were inherited by the 96th, instead of the 97th. This 97th Regiment is, of course, our present 2nd Battalion ; the 96th is the 2nd Battalion Manchester Regiment.

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It appears that efforts are being made to improve the attractions of Bordon, the late station of the 1st Battalion. According to "The Aldershot News" a 9-hole golf course is being laid out at Oakhanger, primarily for the use of officers at Bordon and Longmoor. It is hoped that it will later be extended to an 18-hole course, and a club house is already in course of erection. A professional has also been engaged. Lord Selborne and Lord Wolmer have provided the ground and they, with a committee of officers, have taken the whole matter in hand.

A Non-Commissioned Officers' Angling Association has also been formed. For a small subscription members will have sole right of fishing in various Government waters, which are being stocked with pike, roach, perch, etc.

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We read that at the Annual Smoking Concert and Presentation of Prizes of the local Company of the Kent Cyclist Battalion at Sandgate, Colour-Sergeant Jury was presented with a tantalus "in appreciation of the excellent services he had rendered to the Company. The present was subscribed for by the whole of the Company." Good luck to him in civil life.

THE LAND-MARKS OF TIME.

JANUARY.

1st —"Queen's Own Gazette" started 1875.
2nd —1st Battalion started on Malakand Expedition 1898.
4th —3rd (Militia) Battalion embarked for Malta 1900.
7th —Date of Warrant of George II. authorising the 52nd (afterwards 50th) Regiment to be raised 1756.
—Capture of Tanga Pass 1898.
8th —Capture of Putahi Pah 1866.
16th —*Battle of Corunna 1809.*
17th —Battle of Abu Klea 1885.
22nd —50th Regiment assumed title of "The Queen's Own" 1831.
—Death of Queen Victoria 1901.
23rd —Action at Nusratpore 1858.
26th —Fall of Khartoum 1885.
28th —*Battle of Aliwal 1846.*

HON. CAPT. AND QR.-MR. THOMAS SUMNER.

We publish with this number a photograph of Captain Sumner, who retired on 27th November, after 33½ years service. It will be a matter of sincere regret to everyone to hear that, after so many years of good work, he has been in bed for the last nine months with a serious illness. We feel sure that all our readers will wish him a speedy and complete recovery of health.

Captain Sumner enlisted with the Suffolk Regiment on July 29th, 1879, was appointed Lance-Corporal on the 4th October the same year, and promoted Corporal on August 27th, 1880. In 1881 he was a volunteer to transfer to the Royal West Kent Regiment, and consequently had to revert to private. He joined the Regiment on May 16th, 1881, and was at once made a Lance-corporal. He was promoted Corporal on September 23rd, 1881, Sergeant on May 8th, 1883, and Colour-Sergeant on May 17th, 1888. Ten years later, to be exact on April 24th, 1898, he became Sergeant-Major of the 3rd (Militia) Battalion, and on October 30th, 1899, he was promoted Sergeant-Major of the 50th R.D., with warrant rank.

On November 22nd, 1902, he received commissioned rank as Quarter-Master of the 2nd Battalion, and on the same date in 1912, a few days before his retirement, he was promoted Captain.

The greater part of Captain Sumner's service was spent abroad, in fact over 25½ years of it His active service is as follows :—Egyptian Expedition, 1882 (medal and bronze star) ; Soudan Expedition 1884-85 (Nile clasp) ; Soudan, 1885 (Frontier Field Force) ; N. W. Frontier of India, 1897-98 (Malakand, Buner medal with clasp). He also possesses the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct.

NOTES ON A VISIT TO THE CRIMEA IN MARCH, 1912.

(The following notes have kindly been sent to us by Colonel Boyce, V.D., who was for many years connected in a medical capacity with the old 1st V.B., and in more recent years, with the Territorial Force in Kent).

Approaching the Crimea from the North, soon after passing across the narrow neck of land with the sea on either side—a strip of land which connects it with the mainland of Russia—one becomes aware of having arrived on historic soil, by passing through the station of Simferopol, and soon after Alma where the Russians first gave fight to the Allies. Alma is so called from a river of the same name. The railway station is situated in an extensive plain, destitute of trees; here and there scrub brushes were to be seen; at a distance, probably about ten miles, low hills surrounded the plain. The Russians occupied these hills on the south bank (the famous heights stormed by the Allies on 20th September, 1854), and hoped to bar the approach of the Allies to Sevastopol; here the Allies met with their first success. Continuing by train, we arrive at a very noticeable place, called Bachts-chissarai. The Russian villages are remarkable by their multicoloured buildings, their churches being gaudily painted in greens and blues; and as the domes (a special feature of the Byzantine architecture, which the Greek Church adopts), receive particular attention, they are noticeable at a considerable distance. But here at Bachts-chissarai there were domes, but they were painted white, and close beside them rose the elegant and slender minarets, which are always connected with the Mahommedan religion and from which the muezzin chants his monotonous call on the faithful to prayers. Here, then, strange as it appeared to me, was a Mahommedan population surrounded on all sides by Russians of the Greek Church. On inquiry I found that it belonged to a tribe of Tartars which formerly owned allegiance to a Khan of the Tartars, and who had been subdued by the Russians. The Khanate was abolished, but the Palace and the people remain; they live apart from the Russians and do not intermarry with them. It was at Bachts-chissarai that General Menshikof with a field army actually crossed the front of the Allies without knowing it, when they were making their flank march by Mackenzie's farm; this was on September 25th. At last Sevastopol is reached, 40 hours from St. Petersburgh by the quickest train. Sevastopol in its modern aspects has no semblance to that place in 1854. It has risen phœnix like from the ashes of the fires and the bombardment, and is now a modern city of considerable size and a fortress of the first rank. On all sides are visible the preparations that have been made for the proper reception of the enemy of the future. Batteries with guns of every calibre present their muzzles all along the sea front; no attempt is made to disguise them; there they stand, wrapped up in their tarpaulin jackets, like sentries on outpost duty. The Harbour which lies around is teeming with Battleships. Few traces of the war remain. The most noticeable are on the Malakof Hill, where the positions of the Batteries are recorded permanently in masony with the numbers of the Battery recorded on stones. The famous Bastion No. 4 is also preserved in its original condition, or rather restored to the state in which the Allies found it on their first attack; the basket-work gabions and the sand-bags are there, the latter rendered permanent by having been filled with cement. The old guns still occupy the emplacements in this hastily constructed fort, which was defended so bravely and which resisted all attacks for so many months. It was here that the French succeeded at last in forcing an entry and in rendering Sevastopol untenable. Not far from this spot a large panorama now stands showing the French planting their Tricolor on the rampart, and assailed front and rear by the Russians. Away to the right the British are to be seen in their red coats attacking the Batteries of the Redan.

Malakof Hill is now laid out as a public garden, and in its centre is a fine monument to General Todleben, the famous Russian engineer, who so speedily and successfully placed Sevastopol in a state of defence, capable of resisting the combined attacks of the allied forces.

Across the Bay is to be seen a large memorial in the shape of a Pyramid, surmounted by a Cross. This marks the last resting place of the brave Russian soldiers who fell during the war, 120,000 in number.

A Museum has been established at Sevastopol for the preservation of objects collected from the various battle fields or connected in any way with the Invasion of the Crimea in 1854. Arms of various kinds and ammunition form the greatest number of the exhibits. I did not detect any with the British W.O. mark; most were dated 1849, and were of the percussion cap type, but some were antiquated flint guns. I noticed a quantity of Regimental numbers of British Regiments, such as 95, 19, 22, 2 and 33. Many belt buckles and helmet plates were also there. A British Crimean Medal with four clasps (Alma, Balaclava, Inkerman, Sevastopol), probably presented to the Museum, and some British coloured engravings of battle incidents. One noticeable French object is a Tricolor flag, possibly the same as is represented in the panorama picture, where the French had obtained an entrance into the Malakof, but are being hard pressed and attacked on all sides. They had made many attempts to take this fort before the last successful attack and probably lost their flag in one of these assaults.

(*To be Continued*).

A NEW AUTOMATIC TARGET.

Some years ago when the sub-target first came out, everybody was remarking on its ingenuity and its value from a training point of view. However, times are advancing and there is now in the market a somewhat similar contrivance that has the additional advantages that actual ammunition is used, and it can be fitted to a full size range. It is called the Rose Automatic Recording Target. Captain Liebenrood, of the 3rd Battalion, has associated himself with this invention and has given us the following account of it.

The Rose Target automatically records at the firing point the exact spot on the target that is hit by each shot fired. This is accomplished by electricity, and consequently the size of the target, and the distance from the firing point, are immaterial. Equally satisfactory results are obtained whether the target is six inches or six feet square; in fact, it can be adapted to any existing target.

A roll of paper is fixed vertically on a revolving metal cylinder at the right hand side of the target, at the left hand side is a similar revolving cylinder. The target is prepared simply by attaching the paper from the roll to the cylinder, so that the paper is automatically unwound from right to left, that part of the paper which is between the roll and the cylinder constitutes the target, and any device

(bull's-eye, head and shoulders, running man, etc.), may be printed on it.

Near to the cylinder the paper encounters a vertical row of metal fingers set close together, covering the entire space and pressing on the paper all the time, so that the fingers drop into the bullet hole wherever it may be. This sets up electrical contact connecting the target with the indicator at the firing point. By means of a pointer the exact position, at which the contact finger has dropped into the bullet hole, is thus shewn on the indicator.

The target at the Butts is a permanency, and the indicator at the firing point is used in exactly the same manner as a telephone is used now, that is, it is simply carried from one firing point to another and connected electrically by a plug.

The target can be seen in operation at any time at the offices of the Company, at 8, Prince's Street, E.C., and any further particulars can be obtained there.

A COMPANY TRAINING TRAGEDY.

(Not founded on fact).

He was a very young recruit; t'was but six weeks ago
He'd sworn to serve his country in the battles with the foe.
He stood beneath the lowering sky, the night was dark as pitch,
A sentry in the outpost line, concealed within a ditch.
And while he stood there all alone, his thoughts began to stray,
He thought of home, the friends he'd left, his mother far away.
He thought of how when first he joined, he solemnly resolved
To always do his duty without fear what it involved.
This made him think of all the things the Sergeant said were most
Important to be borne in mind by sentries on their post.
The nearest sentries, where they stood, and the resistance line,
The best way to the piquet and the secret counter-sign.
But suddenly his musings stopped, he thought he heard a sound,
He strained his eyes and peered into the darkness all around.
Yes, sure enough, a ghostly form was coming through the night.
"Ah, now's my chance," he thought, "to show I've learnt to do what's right."
He cried out "Halt!" and all his nerves with sheer excitement shook,
But not the slightest notice the approaching figure took.
The sentry thought, "Well, now I'm told that I should shoot him dead,
"But as I've got no bullets, I will go for him instead."
And "go for him," he did indeed; he gave a mighty bound,
And with a most resounding crack he felled him to the ground.
He knelt beside the prostrate form, and found to his surprise
It was the Colour-Sergeant he had struck between the eyes.

MORAL.

However high your rank may be, you're grievously to blame
If, wanting others to do right, yourself don't play the game.

SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION DINNER.

The ninth Annual Dinner of the members of the Sergeants' Association, the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, which embraces the Territorial Battalions of the Regiment, took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on Wednesday, 11th December.

Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B., Colonel of the Regiment, President of the Association, being present together with the following :—Major-General E. A. W. S. Grove, C.B., Colonels T. H. Brock, C. E. C. B. Harrison, G. W. Maunsell, R. C. Style, Lieut.-Colonel Crosse, M.V.O., Lieut.-Colonel Sir Arthur Griffith Boscawen, M.P., Major C. G. Pack-Beresford, Lieutenant and Adjutant H. A. Waring, Lieut.- and Quarter Master H. G. Rogers. The Company, which numbered in all 70, notwithstanding the fact that both Regular Battalions were over the water, *i.e.*, the 1st Battalion in Dublin, and the 2nd in Peshawar, did full justice to a well served dinner, after which, the Health of His Majesty the King and all the Royal Family was drunk in the customary manner on the proposition of the President.

Sergeant-Major W. Brown, the Chairman (Pensioner), next proposed the health of the President, Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B., Colonel of the Regiment, characteristically remarking that they didn't come to-night to make speeches, but to talk.

This was drunk with musical honours.

Qr.-Mr.-Sergeant J. Cover proposed the toast of the Officers of "The Queen's Own," and expressed the pleasure it gave the members of the Association to meet so many there that evening. It was unfortunate that a rumour had got round that the Sergeants' Association had become part of the Old Comrades' Association. It would now be known that it was not so. The Sergeants' Association would run on. It gave great pleasure to those present to meet again the officers of the Regiment under whom they served, each one of whom they looked up to. He coupled with the toast the name of General Sir E. Leach.

The toast was duly honoured.

Major-General Sir E. Leach responding thanked the members for the kind manner in which they drank his health and that of the officers. He was sorry that there were so few there that evening who had served with him. He was pleased to make the acquaintance of those present and it would be so, so long as he was at the head of the Queen's Own Regiment.

He had a letter from the War Office that the Governor of New Zealand had asked whether the 1st New Zealand Canterbury Regiment might be affiliated to the Royal West Kent Regiment. He, himself, thought this an excellent thing. The Regiment served in New Zealand years ago, and they had always got on well with Colonial Regiments.

Major C. G. Pack-Beresford in proposing the toast of the Sergeants' Association, emphasised the fact that the Association was started by the Sergeants and run by the Sergeants, though he as Officer Commanding the Depot acted as Banker and could say there was no overdraft.

The general opinion was that on the formation of the Old Comrades' Association it was going to die, and that the members could not attend two dinners. The Sergeants decided that it was not to die, it is very much alive, and therefore he proposed prosperity to the Sergeants' Association and to its long continuance.

Qr.-Mr.-Sergeant Dawson, in replying to the toast, expressed what pleasure it gave to meet together. He like others was under the impression that the Association would

be merged into the Old Comrades' Association. He was glad it was being continued, and very proud to be a member, though there were very few in the room that night he knew, having left the Regiment 26 years ago, he felt sure they were all glad to meet one another.

The Company then formed into groups and talked over old times till the time came for their departure to the various railway stations for home.

Those present were :—General Sir E. Leach, Brigadier-Gen. E. A. Grove, Col. T. H. Brock, Col. G. W. Maunsell, Col. C. E. Harrison, Col. R. C. Style, Lt.-Col. Sir A. Boscawen, Lt.-Col. R. C. Crosse, Major C. G. Pack-Beresford, Lieut. H. A. Waring, Lt.-Qr.-Mr. H. G. Rogers.

1st Battalion.—Col.-Sergt. Saunders, Sergt. Maslin, C.-I.-M. R. Brown.

3rd Battalion.—Sergt.-Major Grellier, Col.-Sergt. Wood, Col.-Sergt. Mills, Col.-Sergt. Merrick, Col.-Sergt. McVicar, Sergt. Daykin, Sergt. Dorrell, Sergt. Mallan, Sergt. Hannan, Sergt. Keeble, Lce.-Sergt. Fenwick, Lce.-Sergt. Barden. Lce.-Sergt. Fuller, C.-S.-I. Reeves, 5th Batt., Col.-Sergt. Ancrum, 5th Batt., Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. Baker, 4th Batt., Mr. Frost, R.C. 3rd Batt., Col.-Sergt. E. Smith, 4th Batt, Sig.-Sergt. Benson, 5th Batt.

Pensioners :—Sergeant-Major W. Brown, Bandmaster Mc.Gee, 4th Battalion. Mr. H. Palmer, Mr. W. Rhoods, Mr. E Sillitoe, Mr. T. Callaghan, Mr. H. Evans, Mr. W. E. Budd, Mr. A. J. Carter, Mr. G. Lucas, Mr. W. Gilburd, Mr. J. Blount, Mr. J. Ralphs, Mr. J. Cover, Mr. H. Moore, Mr. A. Brown, Mr. F. Tench, Mr. C. Wilson, Mr. F. Wise, Sergt.-Major C. Guess, Mr. G. Nicholson, Mr. G. Ingram, Mr. G. Allen, Mr. W. E. Bass, Mr. W. Dawson, Mr. W. Osman, Mr. R. Maddocks, Mr. H. Balchin, Mr. W. Murphy, Mr. G. Dibdere, Mr. Hannan, Mr. W. A. Fowler.

S.-Sergt. Bentley, A. G. Staff, Doctor Holmes, Mr. T. H. Salmon, Mr. W. Johnson, Mr. Maddocks.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SMALL HOLDINGS FOR OLD SOLDIERS.

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

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Perhaps you will think the enclosed letter of sufficient interest to be included in your next issue.

Any W.O. or N.C.O. now serving for a pension or having been discharged with a pension—or others who have a fixed income—and wish to avail themselves of this could not do better than to write for a booklet which will give full particulars.

Or if any old hands who knew me in the Regiment (West Kent Regimental No. 61) would care to write to me I would give them all the information in my power.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

HENRY MOWER,
Staff-Quartermaster-Sergeant.

Army Pay Corps, Hounslow.
Dec. 13th, 1912.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "EAST ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES."

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Seeing an advertisement in the East Anglian Daily Times regarding "National Service Pensioners' Freehold, Ltd.," I wrote to the Secretary at Saint Stephen's House, Westminster, S.W., and in reply received a booklet setting out in detail this excellent scheme for helping pensioners—and others—with a small but fixed income, to obtain a cottage with land in the country villages.

Being on furlough at Little Bealings, I am, so to say, on the spot, being only three and a half miles from Bucklesham, where two of these cottages are built, and occupied, to see the working of the scheme. Through the kindness of ex-Police Inspector Mallett and ex-Ferrier-Sergeant Trew (late 19th Hussars) and their wives, my wife and I were shown all that was to be seen. Each man has one and a half acres of land, which is of good quality, and can be easily worked. This had been recently ploughed, holes had been dug for the planting of fruit trees, whilst cabbage plants in abundance had been planted. The paths are good, the gates and fences strong, whilst the out-buildings consist of an excellent pigsty, a fine, large lock-up shed (for tools and storage of coal), and earth closet. There is also a fowlhouse, in which were some useful-looking hens, and owing to the proximity of Felixstowe, eggs readily sell at twopence each.

I said to Mr. Trew, "How is it that more men with small fixed incomes do not avail themselves of this scheme?" The reply was : "The scheme is an excellent one, but it is not understood and not known of." Therefore I trust my comrades in and out of the Army will read these facts with interest and profit to themselves. The cottages are semi-detached, and are about 150 yards from the village, on the main road. The kitchen is large, with an excellent range, a good dresser, and several cupboards; the pantry is all that one could wish for. In the scullery are copper, sink and pump. The front room is particularly light and roomy, has a good cupboard and register fireplace; the hall is of good size, and leads upstairs to two large and one small bedrooms, all well supplied with cupboards; each room has a register fireplace.

Another day my wife and I went to Hasketon, and it is to the two cottages at this place that I wish to draw the particular attention of applicants, as the cottages have so far not been allotted. To reach this place (unless cycles are used) take the train to Woodbridge, and inquire for Hasketon Church—distance slightly over two miles. The cottages are semi-detached, pleasantly situated, face the main road, and three minutes will take you to the post office, the church, the village shop and school, whilst butcher's, baker's and fish carts or vans would call daily (if required). Each cottage has one and a half acres of land, whilst the interior and outbuildings are identical with those at Bucklesham. At the time of our visit the cottages were in the hands of the painters, and therefore nearly ready for occupation by those desiring cottages in the country.—I am, etc.,

H. MOWER,
Staff-Quartermaster-Sergeant.

OLD COMRADES IN NEW ZEALAND.

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

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

You will see that since being discharged to pension and coming here, I have found an old comrade in Sergt.-Major Bond (late E Company, 2nd Battalion). You will also see that we are both living on the spot where the 50th were engaged a lot during the New Zealand Wars. We shall send you something home shortly for the "Gazette," with a photo also. There is no work in my line here (telegraphist), as they say they are full up, so I am thinking of going back to India on the department.

We had a parade last Sunday of the Canadian Cadets, with Territorials and Boys of New Zealand, first open-air Church Service and afterwards march past in column, quarter column and review order. The Canadian boys are very smart and had a good time here for two days.

Well, Mr. Editor, if any of our men want to come here, they must be practically farmers, as all trades except in the big towns are no good unless you know every branch of the trade. In coach-building, for instance, one must know how to make body, shafts, etc., as well as the wheel.

As I would like to get a couple of addresses of old comrades out this way, could I suggest you started a small column for enquiries for this and other purposes. Now that we have an Association, it may be beneficial to us all round. With best wishes to the "Gazette" and all old comrades.—I am, yours, etc.,

S. H. SPARSHOTT.

Care of Staff Sergt.-Major Bond,
New Zealand Defence Forces,
New Plymouth, Taranak, New Zealand.
November 14th, 1912.

(We shall be very pleased to print any enquiries, as suggested above.—Editor).

No. 5591 Pte. W. Harris, late G Company, 2nd Battalion, wishes to be remembered to all old comrades that may still exist. No. 4991 Pte. W. Johnson specially asked to communicate, or any old member of Sergt. Croucher's Frankfort Church Pew Defenders of 1900, and First-class Hotel Dwellers, of Peak Barracks, Hong Kong. Give address. Hoping it will bring old friends together.—From W. Harris, 60, Moorland Road, Bargoed, S. Wales.

THE STORY OF THE BATTLE-HONOURS.

(I.) THE SPHYNX SUPERSCRIBED EGYPT.

A soldier is very apt to value a campaign solely from the standpoint of the strategy and tactics, or such instances of gallantry as he may find in it. But these are only means to an end. Every campaign is fought with some purpose in view, and the true object of strategy, tactics and gallantry, is to achieve that purpose. If this is achieved, that campaign may be placed in the very front rank, even though it may not contain a single outstanding example of these qualities.

This is very much the case in the Egyptian campaign of 1801. People of to-day know but little about it. The reason is that the generalship, although sound, provides no very remarkable lessons; and the gallantry, although beyond reproach, is adorned with but few stirring episodes of the kind that are beloved of the poet and painter, and handed down from one generation to another. It is in its causes and effects that the real importance of this campaign lies. During the last few years of the eighteenth century, a most violent Revolution broke out in France. Socialism ran wild, the country was literally bathed in blood, and, so great were its effects, that the whole of Europe was very soon embroiled in War—War that was to last for many a year, and place some of the most glorious honours on the Colours of British Regiments.

Out of this Revolution, there arose a man, who was at first looked on merely as a promising officer; then as a consumate general; and who eventually became Emperor of the French, and the terror of the whole of Europe. This man was Napoleon Buonaparte.

In 1798 Napoleon (or Buonaparte, as he was then called), although only 29 years old, had already risen to fame, and England, such had been the turn of events, stood without an ally against the ever-increasing success of France. In this year a large French force had been massed on the coast of the Channel, between Boulogne and Dunkirk, for the invasion of England. Napoleon was sent to examine the coast, but he soon realised that the plan was not practicable. England's command of the sea stood in the way. Great as was his genius, vast as were his organising powers, one trait in his character stood out above all—his collossal ambition. He dreamt of France as the sovereign power in both the Western and Eastern World, and himself the sovereign power in France. Before his dream could be fulfilled he must crush England. England's sea power was too great to be crushed at the moment, and he turned his attention to a blow at India and the British Empire in the East. To do this, he determined to gain a firm foot-hold in Egypt, and opened negotiations with Tippu Sultan of Mysore, England's great enemy in India. With the utmost secrecy he collected a fleet at Toulon (near Marseilles) and moved the army, that was threatening England, to that port. He landed in Egypt on July 1st, 1798. The Turks were then in possession of Egypt, but Napoleon soon became master of the country. Just as everything seemed to be going well, a calamity of the greatest consequence befell him. Nelson, who had been following him, completely destroyed his fleet in Aboukir Bay (the Battle of the Nile), and so cut off his army from France. He attempted a march through Syria to Constantinople, but the Turks, thanks to the help of Admiral Sir Sydney Smith, stopped him at Acre (in Palestine), and he was forced to return to Egypt. Then he realised that the game was up, and with a few chosen followers, he secretly slunk back to France. Although Napoleon was no longer with them, this large army of his was still sitting in Egypt, at the door of our Eastern Empire. It was to remove this danger that an expedition was formed in 1801, under the command of Sir Ralph Abercrombie.

Early in 1801 the troops collected at Marmaras Bay (in Asia Minor, north of the Island of Rhodes), and among them was the 50th Regiment which formed part of the 3rd Brigade under the Earl of Cavan. Some weeks were spent in practising landing operations, etc., and in gaining tidings of the Turks that were to assist, and of a force that was to cooperate from India under Sir David Baird.

Some idea of the relative size of the forces may here be given. The British force numbered about 12,000 effectives and the French were estimated at about 14,000 to 15,000, but in reality were nearer 32,000. Abercrombie looked on the expedition as most hazardous, but he was influenced by the fact that the British troops on land had been lately engaged in several small, but ignominious affairs that had brought them little credit. He determined that in this expedition, if failure was to be his lot, it should bring no discredit on himself or on his men. If he could not do all, he meant to do all that he could. Fate willed that he should die, but his army was destined to do his all for him, although against odds that were even greater than he anticipated.

The expedition reached Aboukir Bay on March 2nd, but weather prevented a landing until the 8th, thus giving the

French plenty of time to prepare. Of the landing little need be said. It was a most brilliant affair in the face of strong opposition, but the 50th did not land until the French had been driven back.

The British were now established at the east-end of a narrow strip of land which ran from N.E. to S.W. between the Mediterranean Sea (on the North) and the Lakes of Aboukir and Mareotis (on the South). Some ten to fifteen miles along this strip (S.W. from the landing place) lay the town of Alexandria, and against this they now directed their attention. The Lake of Aboukir was navigable, but Lake Mareotis was dry and passable for troops; between them was a strip of land, along which a canal ran carrying fresh water from the Nile to Alexandria.

On March 12th a move was made towards Alexandria. Some severe fighting took place, including the Battle of Mandora, and there were many casualties. The 50th, however, was not seriously engaged. The British had now reached a point right up to the high ground covering Alexandria, and on March 21st the French made a fierce attack upon them. They held their ground and the French were driven back into the fortifications of the town, but at the cost of the life of Sir Ralph Abercrombie, who was mortally wounded. Fate was again unkind to the 50th, for they were at the end of the line where there was least fighting.

Gen. Hutchinson now assumed the command. Capturing Rosetta and Fort St. Julien at the mouth of the Nile, so as to gain command of the river, he left General Coote at Alexandria with 5,000 men, and with the remaining 4,500 commenced to march up the Nile. Before doing so, he made a cut in the canal, which flooded Lake Mareotis and practically isolated Alexandria.

On May 9th he met a force of about 4,000 French at Rhamanieh (on the Nile, some 50 miles from Alexandria). After but little fighting, a small party of the French surrendered and the remainder retired on Cairo.

General Hutchinson was now faced with a difficult problem. Should he return and invest Alexandria, or should he run the risk of leaving a comparatively small force at Alexandria and advance against the French at Cairo. Knowing that the Turks were only disposed to operate in the direction of Cairo, and wishing to get in touch with Gen. Baird's contingent from India, he decided on the second course, and continued his march.

On May 14th a convoy was captured, and another on the 17th. In this latter affair the 50th should have taken part, but the escort of 560 men laid down their arms without a shot being fired. On June 4th the Turks joined General Hutchinson and the allied armies proceeded to invest Cairo. The investment, however, was short and bloodless, and the French capitulated on July 10th. Great was the astonishment of the British when, instead of 4,000 as they thought, over 13,000 marched out. General Menou, the French Commander-in-Chief, was greatly incensed at this wholesale surrender, but there is a very pungent influence in War, known as morale. The Frenchmen had heard the old story of the rat that leaves the sinking ship. Probably no soldier of France ever compared his future Emperor to this unpleasant species of vermin, but he must have realised by this time that the ship was indeed sinking.

The French were conducted to the coast and, in accordance with agreement, shipped to France. In the early days of August General Hutchinson was once more established on the narrow strip of land to the east of Alexandria. Deducting the sick, of which there were many, and taking reinforcements into account, his force was now about 16,000 strong.

Preparations were made for a regular siege as General Menou, after the debacle at Cario, had expressed his intention of being buried in the ruins of the town sooner than surrender. On August 16th General Coote, with 5,000 men, embarked on Lake Mareotis and landed to the we-- of Alexandria. To cover this move, the Brigade, to which the 50th belonged, made a demonstration from the east, but the work was again light. General Coote captured Fort Marabout, and the British closed on Alexandria from both east and west. This made General Menou change his mind. He was really but a blustering mountebank, and at the end of August he signed his name to the same terms of capitulation as had been given to his much-abused comrades of Cairo.

The expedition from India, which has been mentioned above, arrived just too late to take part in active operations.

So ended the campaign. When the Army General Service Medal was issued in 1847, all the survivors received it with the clasp "Egypt": in addition, gold medals were given to officers by the Sultan of Turkey.

As will be seen, the 50th did not take a very prominent part—fortune was unkind to them. Some may even think that there is little to be proud of. Let he, who thinks so, ponder for a moment. It is a high ideal for a man to wish to do a gallant deed; it is a higher ideal for man to join with man to do some good for the Regiment; but the highest ideal of all is for men and Regiments to join together to bring their country lasting benefit.

This is what the Regiment did when it won "The Sphynx superscribed Egypt." Napoleon's aims on the East were crippled, and the British Empire was saved from a most dangerous menace. Hitherto, the French on land had been invincible and the English rather under a cloud—but now the cloud was lifted—and the Frenchman had met more than his match.

The casualties of the 50th by battle were small, but by disease they were great. Ophthalmia proved a frightful scourge, and it is the ravages of this disease that are always supposed to have given the Regiment the nick-name of "the Blind Half-Hundred." Be that as it may, the man, who succumbed to the climate on the banks of the Nile, gave all he could just as much as the man who dropped in the charge at Vimiera, or was shattered in the storming of the Redan. The picture of his death may not be framed in quite such gorgeous gilding as that of the other, but it takes its same place in adorning the wall that upholds the credit of his Regiment and his country.

1st BATTALION NEWS.

Draft.

A draft of 47 N.C.O.s' and men left here on the 18th Dec. for India. The draft was inspected by the G.O.C., 13th Infantry Brigade, who complimented the men on their turn out and took this opportunity of expressing his satisfaction with the discipline and efficiency of the whole Battalion.

Coming from one who gives praise only where it is due, this compliment was highly valued.

The G.O.C. went on to give the men some sound advice as to their behaviour and mode of living in India, emphasi-

sing the importance of active habits for the preservation of health.

The draft was taken as far as Southampton by Lieut. Adams, and sailed in R.I.M.S. Dufferin.

Good Conduct Medal.

No. 4108 Pte. H. Marchant (F Company), received the Medal for Good Conduct on December 11th. In the absence on leave of Lieut.-Col. Martyn, the presentation was made by Major P. M. Robinson, C.M.G., who said that it was especially creditable that this medal should be won by a private soldier, and that it gave him especial pleasure to present it to a man who had served for many years as a comrade with him in the same Company.

Sanford Shield.

E Company are the winners of this shield, which is awarded annually to the best all round sporting Company. They have been prominent in every branch of sport, being the Battalion representatives in the Brigade Competitions. They won the Company Football Shield, and supply eight of the players in the two Regimental football teams, besides having to their credit several individual successes in other sports.

Boxing.

The fourth series of the Inter-Company League took place on December 5th. The programme was gone through very expeditiously, as comparatively few of the fights lasted the full three rounds. This is perhaps inevitable in the early stages of a league of this description. To find teams of ten from Companies consisting chiefly of very young soldiers is an ambitious scheme, but it promises well, and we hope before long to have a number of efficient performers from whom a good Regimental team can be selected.

The results of the competitions were as follows :—

A COMPANY v. G COMPANY.

Feathers—Pte. Coe (A), lost to Pte. Hemmings (G); Pte. Jupp (A), lost to Pte. Renwick (G); Pte. Giles (A), lost to Pte. Walters (G).

Lights—Pte. Coe (A), lost to Pte. Goldsmith (G); Dr. Pringle (A), beat Pte. Edmett (G), a very good fight; Pte. Cushman (A) lost to Pte. Hemmings (G).

Welters—Pte. Kennard (A), lost to Pte. Smith (G); Pte. Sales (A), lost to Pte. Walker.

Middles—Pte. Collett (A), beat Pte. Biggs (G); Pte. Mepham (A), lost to Pte. Walker (G).

A Company 2 points; G. Company 8 points.

F COMPANY v. H. COMPANY.

Feathers—H Company had no one to oppose Ptes. Ashby, Brown and Oliver in this weight. Fights were arranged for Ptes. Ashby and Brown, the former being knocked out by Pte. P. Bresnahan (E) and the latter beating Pte. Barnes (A).

Lights—Pte. Lawrence (F), beat Pte. Collier (H); Pte. Borrett (F), lost to Pte. Lake (H); Pte. Ashby (F), beat Pte. Hyatt (H). Pte. Ashby put up a plucky fight after being knocked out in the Feathers.

Welters—Pte. Mantle (F), walk over; Pte. Cussell (F), beat Pte. Snooks (H).

Middles—Pte Mantle (F), beat Pte. Hickmore (H); Pte. Alexandra (F), beat Pte. Bowman (H).

F Company 9 points; H Company 1 point.

The Drums played some very popular tunes before the boxing commenced, and Sergt. Darley and Pte. Supple gave an exhibition fight of 3 rounds.

At present the score in the League stands as follows :—A, 5; B, 7; C, 7; D, 7; E, 17; F, 16; G, 16; H 3.

There is still plenty of time for the laggards to catch up.

At the Curragh at the beginning of the month Sergt. Baker (B) defeated Sergt. Leeson (Connaught Rangers) on points in a six-round contest; Pte. Supple (D) lost to Pte. Roberts (Manchester Regiment) on points in a six-round contest. Pte. Norris (D) got through the first round of the Light-weight Competition.

Bayonet Fighting.

An individual bayonet fighting competition was held on Dec. 16th and 17th for the men of A, F, G and H Companies. The classes were arranged as in last month's competition for the other half battalion. Sufficient officers and N.C.O.s' kindly volunteered their services to allow five pools to be carried on simultaneously, which considerably shortened the proceedings. There were about 120 entries. Results :—Class C, (open)—1, Lance-Corpl. Pease (H), 10s.; 2, Pte. Bellfield (F), 5s.; 3, Pte. Chorley (H), 3s. 6d.; 4, Lance-Corpl. Friend (F), 3s.

Class B—All men except those who have been through a gymnasium course, or were in last year's Battalion bayonet fighting team, or previous winners in this competition. 1, Pte. Norman (F), 6s.; 2, Lance-Sergt. Loft (A), 4s.; 3, Pte. Morley (A), 3s. 6d.; 4, Pte. Lawrence (F), 3s.

Class A—Men under 18 months' service—1, Pte. Hyatt (H), 5s.; 2, Pte. Woolgar (H), 3s.; 3, Pte. Wright (F), 2s. 6d.; 4, Pte. Holland (A), 2s.

Running.

An Inter-Company run was held on December 12th for A, F, G and H Companies. The conditions and course (6 miles on roads) were the same as for the race reported in last month's Queen's Own Gazette. Sergt. Darley was the first man home—time, 39½ minutes. Thirty-six men finished within 10 minutes of the winner, the remainder scoring 48 points against their side. The results were :—

1st, H Company 195 points, prize £1 16s.; 2nd, F Company 217 points, prize £1 4s.; 3rd, G Company 419 points; 4th, A Company 459 points.

Heavy going and a strong wind accounted for a good deal of stringing out. The first ten to finish were :—1, Sergt. Darley (F), 2, Pte. Everest (F), 3, Pte. Newlyn (A), 4, Pte. Benfield (F), 5, Pte. Barnes (F), 6, Pte. Pook (G), 7, Lance-Corpl. Duffield (H), 8, Sergt. Fitzgerald (H), 9, Pte. Sweet (G), 10, Pte, Hyatt (H). H Company packed well, seven of their team finishing in the next ten places, the remaining two being 31st and 32nd.

Football.

Intermediate Cup.—Dec. 7th, v. Strandvilla, drawn, no score; 14th, v. Strandville, won 4—1 (Sharpe 2, 2nd-Lieut. Gore, Johnson 1); 21st, v. West Riding Regiment, lost 1 (2nd-Lieut. Gore)—2.

Dublin and Mullingar League.—Dec. 11th, v. West Riding Regiment, lost 0—5.

Second team.—Dec. 7th, v. University College, won 4 (Ring)—3; 14th, v. Sandymount, won 3 (Ring 2, Johnson 1) —1.

Sergeants' Mess Correspondence.

On the 5th of the month the Mess, "as strong as possible," journeyed to the Royal Barracks to visit our old friends of the Army Service Corps, and take part in a games tournament. We had a very interesting and enjoyable evening. The games tournament resulted in a victory for us by 18 points to seven. The results in the various games were :

BILLIARDS.

Saunders	100	1	Birmingham	99	0
Hotson	74	0	Aldred	100	1
Maslin	100	1	Beard	86	0
Croucher	100	1	Carter	76	0
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WHIST.

Hutchings and Powell	1	McCann and Budd	0
Ransome and Gillespie	0	Hall and Evans	1
Fittall and Bristow	0	Staff and O'Brien	1
S.M. Doe and Bishop	1	Bridger and Hewett	0
Maslin and Saunders	0	Hinton and Chamberlain	1
Loft and Johnson	1	Hewett and Carter	0
S.M. Doe and Bishop	1	Brent and Needham	0
Powell and Hutchings	1	Waller and Rowlands	0
Hotson and Kemp	1	Morris and Holdforth	0
S.M. Doe and Bishop	1	Hall and Evans	0
Loft and Johnson	1	Staff and Budd	0
Powell and Hutchings	1	Hinton and Carter	0
Bristow and Fittall	1	Aldridge and Chamberlain	0
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Croucher and Kemp	0	Sidwell and Lloyd	1
Croucher and Kemp	1	Moore and Lloyd	0
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BRIDGE.

Mills and Skeer	1	Carter and Kennon	0
Saunders and Croucher	1	Moore and Lloyd	0
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CRIB.

Loft and Johnson	0	Carter and Ruse	1
Ransome and Gillespie	1	Birmingham and McCann	0
Mills and Skeer	0	Ruse and Budd	1
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TWENTY-FIVE'S.

Maslin and Saunders	1	Brinton and Beard	0

At the conclusion of the games we were entertained to supper. A very amusing feature of this part of the programme was the contest between the "whippet" and the rabbit. After an exciting contest the "rabbit" just gained the verdict.

After supper Sergeant-Major McCann, of the Army Service Corps, took the chair, and an impromptu concert was held. Skeer set the ball in motion with "One finger, one thumb keep moving." "Blanch's Wedding Day" sung by C.S.M. Hinton of the A.S.C. was the next item, and then the "Fish-head" obliged with one of his originals. Having been given a lead the Carusos, Robeys and Lauders of the party soon came out of their shells, and a right rollicking time was spent. The remainder of the programme was as follows :—C.S.M. Brent, "D'ye think I'd get married;" Kallen, "Can't stop;" S.M. McCann, "Beware"; Fittal, "Dorothy Dean"; Mills, "Pop goes the weasel"; C.S.M. Brent, "My Inqusitive Kiddie;" encore, "My Latchkey;" Q.M.S. Budd, "Are you Guilty;" Powell, "Wear a rose of red;" C.S.M. Hinton, Parody on "Home, Sweet Home."

A Whist Drive was held on the second Wednesday in the month as usual. Owing to many counter attractions it was hardly as well attended as our Drives generally are. But a very enjoyable evening was spent by those present. The prize winners were :—Gents, 1st, Hotson ; 2nd, Sergeant Birmingham, A.S.C. ; 3rd, Mr. Edge ; Boobey, Sergeant Winet, West Ridings. Ladies :—1st, Mrs. Lander ; 2nd, Miss Jones ; 3rd, Mrs. McCarthy ; Boobey, Mrs. Edge.

The monthly Billiard Handicap ended in a runaway victory for Sergeant Maslin. In the semi-final he managed to run up a fine break of 60. What hopes for Drummy. Only the results of the last three rounds are given below, as unfortunately the results of the first three rounds have gone astray.

FOURTH ROUND.

Maslin	Owe	130	150	Lander	Owe	60	137
Press	Owe	20	150	Loft	Receive	60	123
Cordeaux	Owe	20	150	Gilbey	Scratch		87
Hutchinugs	Owe	60	150	Skeer	Owe	60	148

SEMI-FINAL.

Maslin	Owe	130	150	Press	Owe	20	61
Cordeaux	Owe	20	150	Hutchings	Owe	60	110

FINAL.

Maslin	Owe	130	150	Cordeaux	Owe	20	41

PRIZE-WINNERS.

1st Maslin, 2nd Cordeaux, 3rd Press, 4th Hutchings, 5th Lander.

During the month we have lost Sergeant Keen who has gone on working furlough, pending discharge to pension, and Colour-Sergeant Harrison who has gone to India to join the 2nd Battalion.

The spoons for November and December were won by Sergeant-Major Doe and Sergeant Ransome respectively.

SERGEANTS' MESS CORRESPONDENT

A COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Somehow or other we have lost control of our correspondent for at least two months, that being the reason for the lack of information from the "Grenadier Guards." The said correspondent has been transferred on promotion. We wish him luck. I will now give you a short account of the sport of the Company. In the Inter-Company League on the 27th, we played F, and I am sorry to say lost. On the 2nd December we played G, in which we managed to win 6—3, rather good on our part, but our Captain played, which perhaps accounts for it, as the Captain of G also played. At half-time "Sandow's" was supplied by the Company, which the C.S. (can't stop), and the reporter, by the way, mucked in with. Out next item was the Inter-Company Run between A, F, G, H Companies, in which we were not very successful. Lance-Corpl. Newlyn managed to come in 3rd and Pts. Higgins, Woodward, Harvey, Barnes, Dutnall, Giles and Fowle, who managed to come in within the required time, only they did not bring the stragglers in with them. On the 5th of December we fought our second tie in the Inter-Company Boxing Tournament against G. Captain G. F. H. Keenlyside has lately returned from Hythe, where he had been for refresher course. Colour-Sergt. Kallend has gone on furlough and we believe he is entering the matrimonial state, in which the Company wish him the best of luck. During his absence the duties of pay sergeant are being performed by Sergt. Bristow.

On the 18th we were the losers of 13 men of the Company who left us in a draft to join the 2nd Battalion. We were sorry to lose them and wish them the best of luck in their new station. Their places will no doubt soon be filled

from the Depot as we have already received six from that Institution just lately. Hoping to find a few more notes next month.

A COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

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B COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I now send you a few items which I hope will be of interest to the readers of the Queen's Own Gazette. In the way of sport I have got nothing to mention, as the Company have not taken part in any sport during the time I took over the arduous duties of correspondent. The Company are looking forward to the 25th of course—everybody knows what day that is—and everyone is trying to develop a good appetite. I must let you know that Lieut. McNeece has rejoined from M.I. and gave our leave for Xmas. Our Colour-Sergeant and a few of the heads are working like trojans in decorating the rooms. Four of the Company, namely Pts. Dady, Payne, Cheeseman and Dungate, have left us for the Battalion. The Company wish them the best of health and luck in their new station and also hope that they will try and keep up the reputation of jolly B. Most of the Company are at present on furlough; the remainder, though only a few, intend to enjoy themselves at Xmas, though I sincerely hope that none of them will require the assistance of the doctor afterwards. I now draw to a close by wishing all readers and our absent comrades a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

B COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

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D COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

As most of the Company are on furlough I have very little to relate concerning them. Those that are left behind are thinking of having a rare good time in the near future.

I am very pleased to say that our Company was well to the front in the Open Bayonet Fighting Competition held at Portobello. There were 32 entries, which represented all the regiments in the Irish Command. Lance-Corpl. Steel came out the winner after having eight fights and only two points scored against him. He is going to the "Shot" to complete the gym course and the Company wish him every success.

D COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

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G COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Welcome to 1913. May it be as prosperous as the year gone by. I am sorry to have to announce that duty called our Flag to India with the last draft in December. Everybody wishes him and the remainder of the draft, success in their new station.

Our football team has not had quite a walk over this season as is usual, owing to the Company losing their best men, notably Muggeridge, who went away on the last hookem. The last match we played was with F Company. They certainly managed to beat us, but only after a stiff match. Our only goal was scored by Lance-Corpl. Dixey off a glorious centre from Brackley. Edmett, Rutherford and Renwick also played very well. Blacking, our goalie, still kids himself he can play. All the Company are holding their heads very high just now, owing to the splendid way our boxing team fought in the last tournament, gaining 8 points out of 10.

Walker was at Newbridge undergoing a course of transport, but he came back on purpose to fight for us. Edmett fought like a champion and it was only by a narrow margin he was beaten. Flemming won his two fights without turning a hair. Renwick and Waters both put their man out in the first round.

In the Half-Battalion Road Race, owing to an unfortunate accident to our trainer, Lance-Corpl. Goldsmith, who sprained his ankle soon after leaving barracks, we only scraped in a good third. The team consisted of Lance-Corpl. Goldsmith and Taylor, Pts. Brackley, Beard, Bradford, Edmett, Day, Peerless, Pook, Sweet, Noakes and Waters. We are especially proud of Pook, who was sixth man in.

Edmett and "Punch" Jewhurst had some very hard luck in the competition bayonet fighting, Edmett winning 20 fights out of 22 and "Punch" winning 15 out of 17. They both lost in the final for the third prize.

We are glad to welcome Pte. Nelson back from Newbridge, where he has passed through a course of machine-gun driving very successfully. If he had been back in time to fight for us in the bayonet fighting what a different tale would have been told.

Well, I think I had better pack up now, or the Editor will he going sick.

G COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

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H COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

We started cackling last month before the egg was laid. I thought we had, too. There's no doubt that four or five good men in a team with a bit of luck and a vigorous offensive spirit in the tactics of the remainder will command success. So our immature army of eleven lost to F. If the penalty had materialised we should have won the game. And it was a good game too. Opinion says that it was the best Company football seen in the Battalion for a long time. That's all we wanted. That's our motto pure and simple. So we don't care. Woolgar broke his heart over the miskicking of the penalty, but musn't lose it. We congratulate him on going into the second team, which I believe was the object of the league scheme originally. Charley played a sparkling game at back and in fact so did everybody. If the team always turns out with the same intention as on that day, we shall be satisfied. We took on the Irish Cavalry Depot the day before and gave them a good run and left the field with honours even. They had a good lot of individual men and if they had more practice as a team, they would have given our regimental team a good game as was arranged, but as our team had to be reserved for the league match at the end of the week we filled the gap. Mud larks! Half the ground was found in the ablution rooms afterwards. What we require now is to Americanise our support. The West Riding have developed "shouting" to a fine art. They can't half blow. It won their match last Saturday. Our team played well, but the difference was found between the parlour game and cup-tie style. Our chaps got the ball alright and lost precious seconds in looking to see if the man to get the pass was in his place. If not more precious moments went in trying to localise him. The enemy's team didn't look first. They passed the ball to where the man ought to be to take it and he was there too, to take it. That's my impression any way, but I expect to go "through it" for saying so. The General is right. Vigorous offensive gets away alright, even in cup matches.

I nearly forgot it dear Mr. Editor. We came home alright in the Half-Battalion Run. Well, just think. It was the striped knicks and the big "H." How do "E"? We want your gore. But it's Christmastide now. We'll be friendly for a little while longer. Good, the little chaps that stuck the run. One man got stitched just after leaving the gate. He stuck it well and came home 30th, I think. Never mind. I must be more careful not to shout inside the wood because "E" has got us spotted still.

I wonder if anybody has told you about the Bayonet Fighting Pool Competition. Can't help cackling dear Mr. Editor. Hyatt, first prize and Woolgar second, in Class "A." Hyatt had to be dug out of his kitchen, too, the wretch. Class "B" nobody—Class "C" (open)—First, Lance-Corpl. Pease, third Old "What Hopes." There you are sir, "Nil Desperandum." It's a motto that takes a long time to get into the blood. We wish a very prosperous New Year indeed for the "Buster."

H COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

No. 5485 Col.-Sergt. E. May has taken up an appointment as Instructor of the Malay States Rifles, under the Government of Federated Malay States.

9750 Pte R. Bridger has been transferred to the 52nd Company Army Service Corps (Mechanical Transport) from 5th December.

The undermentioned has been discharged for reasons stated :—6032 Pte. T. O'Brien, on completion of 12 years, 28th November, 1912.

Good Conduct Badges have been granted as follows :—4345 Pte. G. Castle (4 badges), 7th December, 1912 ; 9500 Pte. W. Mepham (1 badge), 10th November, 1912 ; 8844 Lce.-Corpl. B. Palmer (2 badges), 13th December, 1912 ; 9146 Pte. R. Sweet (1 badge), 5th December, 1912.

Second-Class Certificates of Education have been awarded to 9566 Lce.-Corpl. Stoakes, 9635 Lce.-Corpl. Batchford, Privates 9083 W Bugden, 9641 H. Wood, 9795 A. Churchill, 9792 A. Day and 9417 A Staveley. Third-Class :—Privates 9933 A. Roberts, 9861 G. Borrett, 9889 Winterbourne, 9951 E. Purvey, 10034 Boy J. Loftus.

Corporals L. Mason and H. Paul absorb the vacancies of Corporals Ballard and Chalkiin, who proceeded to India with draft to join the 2nd Battalion on the 19th December, 1912 ; Col.-Sergt. R. Harrison, Lce.-Corpls H. Cooper and G. Barnes also accompanied the above-mentioned draft.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

CRICKET.

The 2nd Battalion The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) v. Mr. A. C. Bird's team. Played at Peshawar, 28th November, 1912. Won by the Regiment by 2 runs.

THE QUEEN'S OWN.

Captain Bonham-Carter c Williams b Onslow	20
Lieutenant Battye, lbw, b Bird	13
Captain Druce, c and b Bird	16
Lance-Corporal Falkner, b Onslow	9
Lieutenant Turner (I.A.U.L.) c Cozens b Bird	18
Private Brown, b Bird	35
Lieutenant Hardy, not out	49
Lieutenant Whitty, c Cozens b Hanson	9
Sergeant Rouse, c Watney b Bird	4
Dr Tapp c Cozens b Hanson	3
Sergeant Kerridge, b Hanson	1
Extras	10
Total	187

MR. A. C. BIRD'S TEAM.

Captain Watney (S. and T. Corps), c Turner, b Kerridge	67
Mr. Cozens, c Druce, b Tapp	4
2nd Lieutenant Onslow (I.A.U.L.), run out	33
Lieutenant Crew (52nd Sikhs), c Bonham-Carter, b Tapp	22
2nd Lieutenant Williams (I.A.U.L.), b Kerridge	0
Lieutenant Bird (S. and T. Corps), b Rouse	21
Mr. Hanson, b Rouse	8
Mr. Coombes, run out	0
Mr. Gardiner, b Tapp	8
Mr. David, not out	1
Groundman, b Tapp	0
Extras	21
Total	185

1st ROUND JAMASJEE CRICKET CUP.

2nd Battalion The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) v. R.A. & R.E. (Peshawar and Rawal-Pindi Division) Played at Rawal Pindi on 5th and 6th December, 1912. Won by the Regiment by 51 runs.

THE QUEEN'S OWN.

1ST INNINGS.

Captain Bonham-Carter, c Furse b Dennis	100
2nd-Lieutenant Battye, b Pearce	59
Captain Druce, c Barrett b Pearce	0
2nd-Lieutenant Turner (I.A.U.L.) c Barrett b Dennis	13
Private Brown, c Barrett b Pearce	20
Lieutenant Hardy, b Pearce	14
Lieutenant Whitty, b Pearce	29
Lance-Corporal Falkner, b Pearce	6
Dr. Tapp, c Newtontb Fowler	9
Sergeant Rouse, c Medill b Pearce	6
Sergeant Kerridge, not out	0
Extras	14
Total	270

R. A. & R. E.

1ST INNINGS.

Lieutenant Cunningham, c Kerridge, b Tapp	19
Lieutenant Payne, c Bonham-Carter, b Falkner	26
Lieutenant Larmour, c Hardy, b Tapp	33
Newton, b Tapp	6
Captain Medill, c Brown, b Falkner	0
Captain Furse, b Faulkner	4
Captain Baker, c Faulkner, b Tapp	16
Lieutenant Fowler, not out	15
Barrett, lbw, b Rouse	0
Dennis, lbw, b Rouse	0
Pearce, run out	6
Extras	17
Total	142

THE QUEEN'S OWN.

2ND INNINGS.

Captain Druce b Fowler	10
Lieutenant Battye c Sub b Fowler	43
Captain Bonham-Carter c Newton b Fowler	5
Lieutenant Hardy c Medill b Fowler	67
Lieutenant Whitty c Cunningham b Fowler	6
Private Brown c Baker b Cunningham	4
Lieutenant Turner (I.A.U.) lbw Cunningham	15
Lance-Corporal Falkner c Baker b Newton	22
Sergeant Kerridge c Medill b Fowler	5
Drummer Tapp not out	8
Sergeant Rouse st. Barrett b Newton	12
Extras	11
Total	208

R.A. and R.E,

2ND INNINGS.

Cunningham, c Bonham-Carter b Brown	0
Payne, c and b Falkner	24
Larmour, b Falkner	0
Medill, lbw b Falkner	24
Fowler, c Whitty b Tapp	60
Furse, b Falkner	0
Newton, b Kerridge	81
Baker, b Tapp	39
Barrett, b Falkner	2
Dennis, b Falkner	13
Pearce, not out	4
Extras	38
Total	285

E COMPANY.

PESHAWAR,
INDIA.

December, 1912.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Since last sending my small contribution of news towards the "Q.O.G." there have been several changes in the Company.

Firstly, we have lost our Company Officer Captain Nelson, who has gone home on the territorial staff, and I am quite sure that he will be missed very much by all N.C.O's. and men in his Company. Up to the present Lieut. Ford has taken over command of the Company. As the trooping season is in full swing we are losing some of the Company. Up to the present ten have gone, and very shortly five more N.C.O.'s and men are to go, and I am positive every one wishes them the best of prosperity in civilian life.

At present Battalion Training and Manoeuvres are in full swing, and they last until about February, so up till then there will not be much sport to let you know about.

The Company have just returned from Company Training and Field Firing. Being out at camp for 14 days, at a place called Shamshutta situated about 21 miles away from Peshawar, right amongst the hills of the Azakel Territory, quite a nice place to manoeuvre in what with bags of small cobbles varying in size from a potatoe to a good size piece of rock weighing about one cwt., so you see it is not all honey out here on manoeuvers. On the 9th of December we go to a place called Daag, for Battalion Training lasting 14 days, arriving back in Peshawar just in time for to spend our Christmas, remaining in barracks about three weeks, then out again for Inter Brigade and Divisional Manoeuvres, this being the final issue for the year.

Sport I have little to tell you about. The Company have played several football matches with various Companies, trying some new players as the Company being the present shield holders it is up to them to try and retain it, and in this I am quite sure they will do their utmost. Up to the present the Company's team has lost three players, time expired, Lance-Corporal Eves, Private Gentry and Private Gouick. We have filled two of the vacancies, but it will be hard to obtain a man in Pte. Gentry's place as he was one of the hardest workers we had in the team, also being a Regimental player. The Battalion is sending a team away this month, we have one player going Private Pryer our inside left.

I will now give you a few football results.—Oct. 28th, E v. G, E 2, G 1. Oct. 30th, E v. G, E 0, G 1. Nov. 4th, E v. Band and Drums, E 3, Band and Drums 1. Nov. 8th, E v. B, E 1, B 3. Nov. 14th, E v. A, E 3, A 1. Nov. 28th, E v. D, E 1, D 1. That is all the football up to the present.

The Company have had several games at hockey of which I will give you the results.

I might add Lance Sergeant Sheppard has come to the Company on promotion, and he will be of great assistance to the Company in the Hockey League.

Matches played up to the present—Oct. 16th, E v. C, E 2, C 3. Oct. 21, E v. G, E G 0. Oct. 26th, E v. 21st Punjabis, E 3, 21st Punjabis 5. Oct. 29th E v. A, E 1, A 2. Nov. 5th, E v B, E 1, B 1. Nov. 26th, E v. F, E 1, F 2. Nov. 29th, E v. F, E 2, F 0.

There is a Boxing Tournament being held in Peshawar on Christmas week, open to all India, and when I write again I hope to be able to give you some favourable results. As we are sure to have some entries in the Company. Well, Mr. Editor, I think I have told you all the news up to date. So now conclude [in wishing all the readers of the Gazette a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

E COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

G COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Having been asked to take over Company Correspondent at rather short notice, I must confess myself rather at a loss for copy this month. However, as sport has been rather slack owing to Company training, I must content myself with a description of that "hardy annual."

Preliminary field training having been carried out in cantonments, the Battalion went out to Shamshutter, a forsaken hole in the mountains about 15 miles south-east of Peshawar, four Companies at a time.

The left Companies B, D, F, and H, under the command of Major O'Dowda arrived back in Peshawar on November 9th, and on November 11th the right Companies, A, C, E and G, marched out under Major Kitson. The road led through the city via Edwarde's Gate, and those who survived the evil smells left via the Ganj Gate, the transport having been sent round outside the city so that the aforesaid smells would not poison the mules.

After leaving the city the road became very rough, often passing over boggy ground, and then near Phandu Bala it became knee deep in dust. Especially was this the case on the edges of the nullahs where the ramps leading down to the river-beds were enclosed by mud walls which would not allow the dust to escape. Here one could not see the man in the rank in front of him.

There is no village of Shamshuttu, only a police post, which is in communication with other police posts along the frontier by means of mounted patrols.

In the nullah below the camp is a native shrine to an old chap called Zariat, and we were not allowed to take water from the stream above this point. It is said that on one occasion a British Battalion contravened this order, the natives poisoned the water, and about 60 of the soldiers were killed.

Training took the usual shape of mountain warfare, picketing the heights, building sangars and stone defences, and savage warfare generally, and seeing that the ground was covered with small, sharp stones about as large as an orange, the work was very tedious, as one made one step backward for every two forward. In fact, the work was not only "instructive," it was also "destructive," and it is said that several extra hands are to be employed in the Quartermaster's Stores marking ammunition boots, as the pressure is so great.

Field-firing took place on three days. G Company did very well in the individual firing. The right half-Company averaged 27 per cent. of hits and the left half 24 per cent., thus giving the Company an average of 25·5 per cent., not bad at all.

N.C.O.'s and Officers had practice in "control of fire" up to 2,000 yards

The detachment returned to Barracks on the 24th instant, the dust being greatly assisted by the passing of the 75th Battery R.F.A. and a British Infantry Battalion, the North Staffords,

The day after our return we sent off a draft for home, viz., Privates Coggin, Ott, Brotherwood, Thomas, Harvey, Smith and Kimber, to whom we extend a hearty wish for success in civil life.

Privates Ott and Coggin were two of our representatives at Boxing and will be greatly missed.

Next month Battalion Training takes place at Daag, and the great question now on everyone's lips is "Are yer fur it?"

I will try to record some of the Company's exploits in the field of sport next time.

G Company's Correspondent.

BAND CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Just a little Band news for the month. Perhaps the first thing of importance to mention is that we are at present engaged with our Annual Musketry Course. Everyone is dreaming of crossed guns and restored proficiency pay, and so we have but little time for sport. However, we have played three football matches during the last month, all of which were closely contested and interesting games. Appended are the results.—Band, R.W.K. v. Drums, N. Stafford Regiment, 2—2. Band, R.W.K. v. Machine Gun Section, R.W.K. 2—1. Band, R.W.K. v. Band, N. Stafford Regiment, 1—0.

We are hoping to fix up some oricket matches in the near future, but Matanni Camp looms large in the eye, so our cricket dreams may not realise until the New Year. We have lost several members of the Band this year—time expired. Many of the "older members" have gone including Musicians Allen, Harvey, Hill and Austin. After having been so many years in the Band, these will be greatly missed both for their sporting and musical talents. We all wish them a prosperous return to civil life. Hoping to be able to send some interesing notes for next month, I remain, yours,

Band Correspondent.

ROLL OF OFFICERS, 2nd BATTALION, SHEWING STATIONS.

Lieutenant-Colonel S. H. Pedley, Peshawar.
Major R. J. Woulfe-Flanagan, Peshawar.
Major J. W. O'Dowda, Peshawar.
Major C. E. Kitson, Peshawar.
Captain C. Druce, Peshawar.
Captain F. J. Joslin, leave in England (leave expires 18th December, 1912).
Captain C. Bonham-Carter, Peshawar.
Captain A. K. Grant, Leave in England (leave expires 18th February, 1913).
Captain E. H. Norman, Peshawar.
Captain H. D. Belgrave, Peshawar.
Lieutenant C. W. Case-Morris, Peshawar.
Lieutenant O. Y. Hibbert, Staff College, Quetta.
Lieutenant A. K. Searight, Peshawar.
Lieutenant W. G. Yates, Peshawar.
Lieutenant N. I. Whitty, Peshawar.
Lieutenant R. B. L. Bazley-White, Peshawar.
Lieutenant A. E. Hardy, Peshawar.
Lieutenant A. S. Bredon, Ambala, Physical Training Class.
Lieutenant J. B. B. Ford, Peshawar.
Lieutenant J K. Kay, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant B. H. Bonham-Carter, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant P. F. Bell, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant V. S. Clarke, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant J. E. G. Brown, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant C F. Battye, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant N. B. Howell, Peshawar.
Hon. Lt. & Qr.-Mr. F. Grey, Peshawar.

OFFICERS ATTACHED TO BATTALION.

Captain J. Miller, Australian Army, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant B. W. Onslow (I.A.U.L.), Peshawar (Posted to 11th Lancers, Delhi).
2nd-Lieutenant G. C. Hockin (I.A.U.L.), Peshawar (Posted to 1st, 7th Gurkhas, Quetta).
2nd-Lieutenant R. T. Sweet (I A.U.L.) Peshawar (Posted to 63rd Light Infantry, Kamptee).
2nd-Lieutenant A. P. Rodgerson (I.A.U.L.) Peshawar (Posted to 113th Infantry, Dessa).
2nd-Lieutenant A. V. Hammond (I.A U.L.), Peshawar (Posted to Q V O. Corps of Guides, Mardan).
2nd-Lieutenant C. F. L. Stevens (I.A U.L.), Peshawar (Posted to 10th Lancers, Loralai).
2nd-Lieutenant C. G. Royston (I.A.U.L.), Peshawar (Posted to 18th K.G.O Lancers, Meerut).
2nd-Lieutenant C. J. R. Turner (I.A.U.L.), Peshawar.

Peshawar, N.W.F.P.,
1st December, 1912.

2nd BATTALION NOTES.

No 3501 Sergeant-Major F. Grey (now Quarter Master), has been awarded the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct (without gratuity), Army Order 286 dated 1st October, 1912.

2nd Lieut. B. H. Bonham-Carter and 2nd Lieut. B. W. Onslow (I.A.U.L.), passed Hindustani, Higher Standard, 7-10-12. 2nd Lieut. J. E G. Brown, 2nd Lieut. A. P. Rodgerson (I.A.U.L.), 2nd Lieut. A. V. Hammond (I A.U.L.), and 2nd Lieut. C. J. R. Turner (I.A.U.L.), passed Hindustani, Lower Standard, 7-10-12.

The wife of 8101 Lance-Corporal J. Mitchell is placed on the Married Roll of the 2nd Battalion dated 26th November, 1912, and the wife of Sergeant T. Fletcher from 28th May, 1912.

6760 Private G. Hamlin has been transferred to the 75th Battery Royal Field Artillery from 30th January, 1912.

8154 Sergeant R. Roythorne has extended his services to complete 12 years with the Colours dated 18th November,

1912. No. 6264 Private H. Harris has re-engaged to complete 21 years' service dated 12th November, 1912.

8967 Private W. Coombes awarded a Certificate of Proficiency in Telegraphy dated 12th September, 1912,

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The undermentioned have been awarded 1st Class Certificates of Education dated 3rd December, 1912;—3697 Colour-Sergeant G. Barden, 4957 Sergeant H. Childs, 8754 Lance-Corporal H. Coombes, 9682 Private D. Gillespie.

The undermentioned have been awarded Good Conduct Badges on dates as stated:—8237 Lce.-Corpl. Page, 2nd, dated 29th September, 1912; 8799 Lce.-Corpl. A. Coleman, 2nd, 11th November, 1912; Musician R. Ballard, 2nd, 4th November, 1912; Privates 8283 T. Collins, 2nd, 29th November, 1912; 9073 W. Wall, 1st, 17th November, 1912; 8050 D Evans, 2nd, 26th November, 1912; 8369 H. West, 2nd, 17th August, 1912; 8399 H. Elliott, 2nd, 2nd October, 1912; 8823 T. Baldock, 2nd, 26th November, 1912; 6329 H. Elen, 3rd, 23rd November, 1912; 9129 W. Samson, 1st, 30th November, 1912; 8448 E. Boxall, 2nd, 9th November, 1912; 8248 J. Downs, 1st, 28th November, 1912; 8673 H. Stone, 2nd, 17th October, 1912; 9496 W. Taylor, 2nd, 29th November, 1912; 8729 H. Allen, 2nd, 2nd September, 1912; 8988 T. Nicholls, 2nd, 25th February, 1912; 9490 C. Bromley, 1st, 10th August, 1912; 8177 P. Ging, 1st, 12th July, 1912; 9164 S. Horley, 1st, 2nd November, 1912; 9029 F. Egan, 1st, 17th November, 1912; 7983 J. Jury, 1st, 28th November, 1912; 8161 W. White, 2nd, 28th November, 1912; 8796 E. Trice, 2nd, 6th November, 1912; 8472 A. Weaver, 1st, 14th November, 1912; 8694 J. Collins, 2nd, 27th November, 1912; 8810 W. Beech, 2nd, 26th November, 1912; 8514 W. Seeds, 1st, 15th August, 1912; 8794 W. Sales, 2nd, 5th November, 1912; 8788 E. Miller, 2nd, 6th November, 1912; 8804 H. Williams, 2nd, 13th November, 1912; 8761 G. Seal, 2nd, 2nd October, 1912; 8699 C. Lewis, 2nd, 18th November, 1912; 9514 Boy H. Golding, 1st, 18th November, 1912. Restored—Privates 8811 R. George, one, dated 8th November, 1912; 8417 T. Long, one, 1st November, 1912; 8934 A. Sharpe one, 29th November, 1912; 8553 W. Nelson, one, 25th September, 1912; 8561 H. Woodhams, one, 30th June, 1912; 8493 J. White, one, 25th October, 1912.

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

2nd Lieut. C. C Waddington (on probation) 3rd Battalion, passed examination 1 at Dublin, on 4th October, 1912, and is confirmed in his rank from the 12th December.

The Commanding Officer Major C. G. Pack-Beresford presented Medals for Long Service and Good Conduct to Sergt. Mallan of the 3rd Battalion, and Sergt. Catley, R.A.M.C., on Church Parade on the 15th December.

3299 Drumr. G. Pullen is permitted to continue in the Service beyond 21 years, dated 23rd December, 1912.

8025 Lce.-Corpl. G. Prime is posted to the Battalion for a tour of duty, from 5th December, 1912. Ptes. 8923 E. Joyce and 7605 P. Hickmore have also joined in relief of Baldock and Finnis discharged.

The following N.C.O.'s and men have been discharged:—3212 Pte. J. Baldock on completion of 21 years, dated 16th December, 1912. 3194 Pte. G. Finnis on completion of 21 years, dated 1st December, 1912.

Sergt. Burrows embarked at Bombay on the H.T. Dongola on the 20th December, for posting to the Permanent Staff.

THE OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

A somewhat important change has taken place in the rules of the O.C A, as it has been decided to extend the qualifications of membership so as to include all serving soldiers. This means that anyone who has served, or is serving, as a regular soldier in the Regiment is now eligible to join.

The first grant to the Compassionate Fund has also been made—a sum of £15. This is the first tangible proof that the Association is helping Old Comrades in trouble. It may be as well to point out here that the O.C.A. is not directly a charitable institution and does not actually relieve cases of distress. All applications for help are passed on to those who administer the Compassionate Fund. What the Association does do is to apply a large part of its income in helping to keep the Compassionate Fund afloat. The Compassionate Fuud has very many calls upon it, and every penny that falls into its coffer is most acceptable. At present nearly all the subscriptions come from the commissioned ranks, and we cannot help thinking that if the rank and file would remember that "every penny counts," and pay their little bit to the Compassionate Fund, there would be fewer cases of Old Comrades having to be turned away. They can do this by joining the O.C.A. Of course, the chief object of the Association is to keep members of the Regiment in touch, but this does not cost a very great amount, and the larger part of each subscription will go to helping others. The expenses in forming the Association have, of necessity, been larger than they will be in the future, and there will be further expenses to be met when the printing of the Cards of Membership, and other items, have been completed. Consequently, a respectable balance must be kept in hand as a foundation. In years to come, however, the annual contribution from the O.C.A. to the Compassionate Fund should be much larger than £15—the more members, the larger the contribution. We may further mention that all those connected with the secretarial work (and there has been a good deal of it) are giving their services for nothing, in spite of a resolution passed at the original meeting, which provided a certain amount for that purpose. It has also been decided that members who join during the last three months of a year shall not be called on for a subscription for that year, but their subscription shall count for the next year. Thus, if a new member sends a shilling (or five shillings, as the case may be) in December, 1912, his subscription will be considered as paid for 1913. It may be mentioned that all subscriptions are due on January 1st of each year.

A list of members is to be compiled, printed, and circulated; all members are receiving a communication on this subject.

Elsewhere a statement of accounts will be found. It will be noticed that the Dinner Fund is kept separate from the General Fund. Therefore, let no evil-minded person say that money, primarily given for charity, is being used to expand the waistcoats of those who can afford to do it for themselves.

Any member, who may require a Badge of the Association, may obtain one by sending a shilling to the Secretary.

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEET.

GENERAL FUND.

Cr.	£	s.	d.
83 Officers at 5s.	20	15	0
421 other ranks at 1s. (sub. counting for 1912)	21	1	0
13 other rank at 1s. (joined last three months of year, sub. counting for 1913)	0	13	0
152 Badges sold	7	12	0
Subscriptions paid in advance		15	0
Overpaid subscriptions	0	0	3
	£50	16	3

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Grant to Compassionate Fund	15	0	0
200 Badges (and postage)	10	1	0
Printing	2	12	3
Travelling Expenses	0	7	1
Cheque Book	0	2	1
Envelopes	0	16	0
Postage	4	12	3
Free membership and badges for 7 veterans	0	14	0
Balance credit	16	11	7
	£50	16	3

(*a*) The subscriptions of free members, and the cost of the badges presented to them, are shown as paid for on the debit side; they are, however, also included in the numbers on the credit side as having been received. This is in order to show the correct number of the Members of the Association (517), and to check the number of badges that are in possession of the Treasurer.

(*b*) The Balance Credit does not include the value of 48 badges (£2 8s. 0d.) that are in possession of the Treasurer.

DINNER FUND.

Cr.	£	s.	d.
134 Tickets at 3s.	20	2	0
Donations	0	10	0
	£20	12	0

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Messrs. Lyons (Dinner)	18	12	0
Messrs. Lyons (Menus)	0	12	6
Travelling Expenses	0	9	9
Printing Tickets	0	4	0
Postage	0	10	0
Balance credit	0	3	9
	£20	12	0

(Signed) H. A. WARING, Lt. (Hon. Sec. and Treas.).

Audited and found correct (Signed) C. R. INGRAM, Captain.
,, W. WOOD, Col.-Sergt.
,, E. MILLS, Col.-Sergt.

Maidstone,
January 1st, 1913.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following subscriptions :—

Col. C. E. Harrison to Dec., 1914. Mrs. Bridges-Nunn to Dec., 1913. Capt. Sir H. B. Cohen to Dec., 1913. Miss Clarke to Dec., 1913. Mrs. Waring to Dec., 1913. Mr. Page to Dec., 1913. Sergt. T. Cassidy to Dec., 1913. Mr. Whelan to Dec., 1914. Mr. W. Harris to Dec., 1912. Mr. Hutchison to Dec., 1912. Col. W. H. Wilson to Dec., 1913. Major R. Roche to Dec., 1913. Mr. J. Brown to Dec., 1913. Mr. H. Wain to Dec, 1913. Mr. Crouch to Dec., 1913. Mr. E. Penny to Dec., 1913.

The following story is taken from the "Weekly Telegraph" of January 11th, 1913, and we are informed by a 50th veteran (Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. W. Dawson) that he remembers the incident being spoken of in his younger days :—

TRUE BRITISH SPIRIT.—Shortly before the first Burmah War broke out a dispute arose between the crew of the frigate Fox and the men of the 50th Regiment, both being stationed at Portsmouth at the time.

So heartily was the quarrel taken up on either side, and so fierce and frequent were the fights between Jack Tar and the soldiers, that the authorities deemed it advisable to remove the Fox from Portsmouth to Spithead.

Shortly afterwards the Fox was ordered out to Burmah; so was the 50th, but by transport.

A great part of the crew were detailed for land service. They crossed the Irrawaddy to where the 50th were stationed, and surprised the commanding officer by a request to present a petition. This he consented to hear, and found that it was nothing less than that they should be allowed to go into action side by side with their late enemies the 50th. The one knew the stirling fighting qualities of the other.

Tommy Atkins held out his hand, and the quarrel was forgotten.

BIRTHS.

At Dublin, on the 11th August, 1912, the wife of 4981 Pte B. Fish of a daughter, Margaret Dorothy.

At Cairo, on the 22nd November, the wife of Sergt. T. Cassidy, M.P.S. Corps, late 1st Batt. "The Queen's Own," of a son.

India, on the 10th October, 1912, the wife of 4863 Sergt. M. McNamara of a daughter, Marjory Joyce.

At Peshawar, on the 17th November, 1912, the wife of 4629 Colour-Sergeant C. Stringer of a daughter, Beatrice Maud

At Peshawar, on the 5th December, the wife of Sergeant W. Johnson of a daughter, Kitty Browne.

At Maidstone, on the 6th September, 1912, the wife of Drummer A. Francis of a son, Walter Charles.

OBITUARY.

It is with regret that we hear of the death of a 50th Veteran, No 4146 Colour-Sergeant T. McKiernan, which took place at Aberavon, on the 13th December, 1912. The deceased Veteran enlisted on the 28th January, 1853, and was discharged from the 50th on the 2nd June, 1874, having seen service in the Crimea, Ceylon, New Zealand and Australia, and was in possession of the Crimean Medal, Clasps Alma, Inkerman and Sebastopol, Turkish Medal, New Zealand Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal. Colour-Sergeant McKiernan on discharge served with a west country Volunteer Battalion for many years, and wrote a book on his experiences in the Crimea. His records and services were published at length in the Queen's Own Gazette a few years ago. A wreath from the Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Queen's Own Regiment was placed on his coffin.

We also regret to hear of the decease of 2692 Private Thomas Spencer (97th), which took place at Southsea, on the 19th November, 1912. The late Mr. Spencer joined the 97th Foot, on the 23rd December, 1848, and after serving in North America, Greece and the Crimea, was discharged on the 5th August, 1857. He was in possession of the Crimean Medal, and will be remembered by those who recently served with the 1st Battalion at Borden, where he frequently visited, attaching himself principally to the Drummers. No intimation of his death was received by the Regiment until recently, so it is regretted that no representative of the Regiment was at his interment.

DEATH OF SERGT.-MAJOR LOCKS.

It is with regret that we announce the death of another veteran of the 50th and Royal West Kent Regiment. Sergt.-Major William Locks passed away, after a long illness, in his 70th year, at his residence, 30, Salisbury Road, Maidstone, on Friday night. The deceased enlisted in the 22nd Regiment of Foot on December 10th, 1860, and was transferred to the 50th Foot on June 30th, 1863. He served with the 50th through the New Zealand Campaign in 1863, for which he received the medal. He also served in the Egyptian Campaign, 1882 (for which he received the medal and the Khedive's bronze star); the Nile Expedition, 1884-85 (clasps), and was also in possession of the medal for long service and good conduct, and the Meritorious Service medal. Mr Locks was Sergeant-Major of the "50th" and First Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment for about six years, afterwards being posted to the 3rd Battalion (Militia) on March 18th, 1886, and taking his discharge to pension on October 19th, 1892. The deceased gentleman worked hard for the efficiency and good name of his Regiment, and in his retirement he took the deepest interest in its doings. He was much respected by all with whom he came into contact.

The interment took place at Maidstone on the 8th inst., but at the expressed wish of the deceased and family it was not a military ceremony; representatives of the Regiment were present at the graveside, among whom were two old 50th Veterans who served with him in New Zealand and other places, in the person of Quartermaster-Sergeant W. Dawson and Mr. J. Murray. Among the numerous wreaths were one from the officers N.C.O.S. and men of the Queen's Own Regiment, and one from the members of the Sergeants' Mess of the 3rd Battalion.

DEATHS.

At Peshawar, on the 22nd November, 1912, No. 9158 Pte. F. Eke, of Malaria.

At Aberavon, on the 13th December, 1912, No. 4146 Pensioner Colour-Sergeant T. McKiernan (50th).

At Southsea, on the 19th Nov., 1912 2692 Pte. John Spencer (97th).

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

1ST BATTALION.

PROMOTED COLOUR-SERGEANT—4490 Sergeant-Drummer G. Press, dated 29th November, 1912.

PROMOTED SERGEANT AND APPOINTED SERGEANT-DRUMMER—8045 Lance-Corporal A. Coe, dated 29th November, 1912.

LANCE-CORPORAL PROMOTED CORPORAL—9414 E. Bamblett, dated 8th January, 1913.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS.—3584 C. Cruse, dated 31st December, 1912; 5181 A. Thomas, dated January 7th, 1913; 9899 Private H. Cooksey, dated January 9th, 1913; 9715 T. Sinden, January 20th, 1913.

2ND BATTALION.

PRIVATE APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORAL—8845 F Moxham dated November 9th, 1912.

APPOINTED MUSICIAN.—9514 Boy H. Golding, dated January 3rd, 1913.

THE EDITOR'S COLUMN OF REMARKS.

Now that the time has come to put together our copy before going to press (which means that the editor is going on leave), we must admit to a feeling of disappointment. Last month we made what we thought was an eloquent appeal for help in our journalistic efforts, but, alas, we have had but one response. That one is like the gleam of sunshine from amid the gathering clouds, but, even so, it is only one. Perhaps something more will come before we finally close for the month. Hasn't anybody ever done anything that would make interesting reading for the tired soldiery? If not, couldn't somebody do something now? Any little trifle would do. For instance, could not some cheery soul commit suicide and then write and tell us what it feels like? Every little helps.

At a recent inspection of the Depot, the G.O.C.-in-C, Eastern Command, asked a recruit why it was that he wore the badge of the Prancing Horse in his cap. The recruit answered that it was because it was the crest of the County of Kent. This was the answer that was required, but we could not help wondering how many men would be able to explain how it is that the Prancing Horse is our County emblem. The reason, we have always read, is this:

In the year of A.D., 449, two gentlemen of the names of Hengest and Horsa landed with their pirate band of Jutes at Ebbsfleet, which is just to the south of Ramsgate. On their banner was emblazoned a rampant white horse, and it is this horse that is the ancestor of the crest that is to be met with everywhere throughout the length and breadth of our county.

We could not well lay claim to an older origin to our badge for it was the Jutes who brought that strain in their blood from which the English race has been built up. As Green puts it, "It is with the landing of Hengest and his war-band that English history begins."

Two definitions that have been heard from the Young Idea:—

"A Traverse is a boarding placed over a trench so that an enemy can walk over it without knowing it is there."

"A Ricochet is a kind of Maltese pleasure boat."

Thus does the milk of knowledge ooze from the human cocoanut.

In our last issue we stated that no representative of the Regiment was present at the funeral of the late Private Thomas Spencer. We are glad to hear that we were unwittingly in error. Mr. Hadgkiss (and no one, who remembers the 2nd Battalion football team in its Army cup days, will required to be told who he is) writes to say that he attended the funeral. There were a large number of Veterans and others present, and Private Spencer was buried with military honours.

Ex-Staff-Sergeant Richard Coley, late of the Regiment, writes to tell us of the success of an annual dinner that was given at Manchester on January 15th to Crimean and Indian Mutiny Veterans by Mr. and Mrs. James Grimble Groves. It so happened that the dinner fell on Sergeant Coley's 83rd birthday, and we must congratulate him on being able to attend as we regret to hear that he has lately been a good deal in the doctor's hands. We hope that he may live to see many more birthdays and that they may be equally happily spent. We make mention of this as Sergeant Coley wishes to place on record his appreciation of the kindness that has been shown to himself and other old veterans.

We congratulate the undermentioned old soldiers of the Regiment who have been awarded the Silver Medal for meritorious service together with an annuity:—

Pensioner Sergeant-Major William Brown, formerly 2nd Battalion and Depot R. W. Kent; Pensioner Sergeant Henry Dickens, late 1st Volunteer Battalion, The Devonshire Regiment and formerly of the 50th Foot.

THE LAND-MARKS OF TIME.

FEBRUARY.

4th —97th moved to South Africa 1881.
10th —Battle of Sobraon 1846.
17th —50th engaged in capture of Convent Redoubt, Corsica, 1794.
19th —97th in action at Chanda and Ameerapore 1858.
22nd —50th engaged with Maoris at Rangiawahia, N.Z., 1864.
23rd —97th engaged at Sultanpore, 1858.
25th —50th in action at Nukumaru, N.Z., 1865.
27th —Battle of Orthes 1814.

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Captain R. M. G. Tulloch	1	1	0
Captain G. D. Lister		10	0
Captain C. Druce	2	2	0
Captain R. J. T. Hildyard		10	0
Lieutenant C. F. Battye		5	0
Lieutenant P. F. Bell		5	0
Lieutenant G. E. Wingfield-Stratford		10	0
Lieutenant A. E. Hardy		5	0
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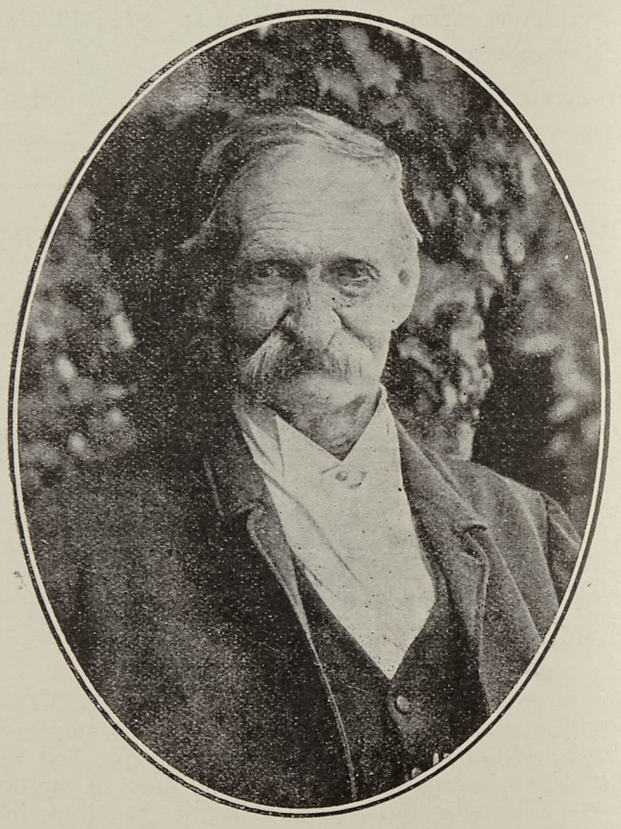

E. PENNY, EX COLOR-SERGT, 97th R.W. KENT REGIMENT.

BROOMHILL, TOPEN,
SEAVINGTON,
SOMERSET,
JAN. 18TH, 1913.

DEAR SIR,

I am up in years and was very ill last summer, being given up by all, but recovered and am strong and well again. I served over 35 years in the Army, including the Militia Staff, could you find a small space in your valuable Gazette for a little item of the service of a good old N.C.O in the middle of last century.

I originally enlisted for the 29th Regt. of Foot, on the 16th Oct., 1856, and was stationed at Chatham. The following year, after 17 years service in India, the Regiment was about to embark for England, but they had to call a halt for the Mutiny had commenced in the North West. A Telegram came one night after we had retired "Every man of the 29th to embark for India to-morrow." We arrived in India after 4 months voyage and joined the Regiment there.

The first touch we had was to disarm a native Regiment, which was ripe for Mutiny and made us do duty with the Ramrod. We were relieved by another Regiment from England and were ordered to Lucknow for its capture.

After marching about 300 miles we had to stop, there was other work for us to do. Three companies (myself included) had to proceed with part of the Central India Field Force 100 miles in the Judespore Jungle, after a host of rebels. We arrived after about 10 days, and paid them a visit about daybreak and disarmed them without loss. We had other minor operations till Lucknow fell. The Regiment then leaving for home early in 1859 I then volunteered for the 38th Regiment, remaining with them in India until my first period of limited engagement expired, being promoted Corporal and appointed School Teacher in 1863. I embarked for England in March, 1867, re-engaged for the 97th Regiment at Portsmouth, and was promoted Sergeant three months after. I was stationed at Aldershot, Dover and in Ireland about 2 years, proceeding to Jamacia (appointed Color-Sergeant), Bermuda and Halifax, from there being sent to the Depôt at Maidstone to complete my last year; being discharged to pension at 2/6 per day for life at Taunton, on 31st March, 1893, under the age limit.

I am in possession of the Indian Mutiny Medal, and the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct, and also a 2nd Class Certificate of Education

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
E. PENNY, ex Color-Sergt.,
97th R.W. Kent Regt.

NOTES ON A VISIT TO THE CRIMEAN IN MARCH, 1912.

(Continued).

Balaclava lies easterly from Sevastopol about 4 versts, or nine miles, distant; a very pleasant drive on a spring morning after coming from the snow covered steppes of Russia. The road passes through Chersonese, a place of great antiquity; remains of the ancient enclosing wall, dating from the 4th century B.C.., are still to be seen, but the ruins are mostly the Roman period and consists of temples, fortifications and Byzantine churches.

After leaving Chersonese, I passed a row of wooden sheds, seven in number, containing aeroplanes visible through the windows. Close by was a house bearing Farman's name and three canvas tents made at Antwerp and apparently containing Farman's own aeroplanes. In front of the sheds was a large level plain which served as the flying ground. After this I passed a Regiment of Infantry on a large drill ground; the men were being put through physical exercises, their arms being piled close by.

The road from here led through undulating and uncultivated country; not a tree or shrub was visible anywhere except those growing in the cemeteries of the British and French. In consequence their deep green colour against the prevailing yellowish brown of the surface made them very noticeable features. The Harbour of Balaclava is landlocked with elevated ground lying on either side of the entrance; an old fort stands on one side of these promontories. The Battlefield lies some miles distant from the small town and harbour. The positions of some of the Russian batteries are still visible. The whole valley and its surrounding hills are everywhere bare and desolate and present a most unattractive appearance. I drove on to the British cemetery, which lies on an elevated situation equidistant from Sevastopol, Balaclava, and Inkerman, and in view of the two former places. It is distinctly visible from Malakof fort, Sevastopol, with the naked eye. The cemetery is well cared for by a German (hailing from Rhineland, as he informed me) and received £50 a year from the British Government for his guardianship. Shrubs and flowers are planted and are growing freely; on my visit it was all in good order. The inscriptions on the stones in some cases were becoming obliterated, largely due to the crumbling nature of the Sevastopol stone of which they are composed. Several Regiments have evidently had the graves and stones of their dead recently repaired and re-lettered, those of the Royal Engineers were in particularly good condition. The following are the inscriptions on all the monuments of those killed in action, or dying of wounds or disease, belonging to the 50th and 97th Regiments, and buried at Cathcart's Hill:—Sacred to the memory of Privates S. Fry, S. Wall, J. Kiernan and M. Kinlon, No. 5 Company, 97th Regiment, who fell before Sevastopol, 1855. Erected by J. Cribrin, Corporal, 97th Regiment.

Sacred to Memory of Lieutenant Walpole G. Dashwood, 50th Regiment, killed at the Battle of Inkerman, 5th Nov., 1854. Erected in token of their regard by his Brother Officers.

In Memory of Capt. Hedley Vicars, 97th L.I., who was killed in Sortie from Sevastopol on the night of the 22nd March, 1855. Erected by his sorrowing comrades.

Sacred to the Memory of the late Lieut. and Adjutant W. Dermon, 97th Regiment, who was killed by a shell in the Trenches on the 18th August, 1855.

Sacred to the Memory of the late Lieutenant and Adjutant McGregor, 97th Regt., who fell on the 8th Sept., 1855, at the assault of the Redan.

Erected by the Sergeants of the 97th Regiment in commemoration of their departed comrades, who fell victims to contagion and in exercise of their duty, since their arrival in the Crimea, November, 1854.

Sacred to the Memory of Private Bryan Hannon, 50th Queen's Own Regiment, who died on the 10th February, 1856, aged 21. This stone is erected as a token of regard by his comrades of the Light Company.

(To be continued).

The following account was published in The Field of 25th ulto. Captain C. H. Stigand, "The Queen's Own Regiment," is at present serving with the Egyptian Army :

NARROW ESCAPE OF CAPTAIN STIGAND.

Readers of the Field will be gratified to hear that Capt. C. H. Stigand, the well-known big-game sportsman and author of several books on African sport, travel, and natural history, has recovered his health after what must have been a very narrow escape from death, this time in an adventure with an elephant. Captain Stigand, who hold an official position in the Lado Enclave, on the upper waters of the White Nile, was not, as a matter of fact, shooting at the time the accident happened. Hearing a report of an elephant which had been troubling the natives, he went to investigate matters. The elephant at once went for him, knocked him down, and drove one of its tusks through the fleshy part of the thigh, inflicting a very severe wound. Capt. Stigand caught hold of the other tusk, and the elephant then laid hold of him with its trunk and threw him some twenty yards away. The animal, thrusting out both its ears like sails, now made for the prostrate man again. Captain Stigand, however, knowing it was his only chance, lay perfectly still, and the elephant, after another short advance, suddenly turned off and quitted the place. It is surmised that the beast had been previously wounded by a native gunner. It had very poor tusks and Captain Stigand, not caring to pay the license cost of shooting so inferior a beast, had gone unprepared for sport. He had what Americans know as a very "close call" for his forbearance.

This is the third occasion on which this well-known sportsman has been nearly killed in encounters with African game. Some years ago, in East Africa, while shooting at night he wounded a lion, and as dawn approached left his place of concealment and went up to the beast, thinking it dead or incapable of active resistance. The lion seized him, and a life and death struggle ensued. Capt. Stigand is a very powerful man, and managed, after being severely mauled, to free himself from the brute's grasp, and get away. He suffered very severe injuries to one of his arms, however, and but for the fortunate fact that some of the lion's teeth had been knocked out by a bullet, would probably have lost the limb or his life. His third serious encounter was with a black rhinoceros in North-West Rhodesia. In this case the beast charged him, caught him fairly in front, and tossed him, inflicting a very severe wound. Few sportsmen have had narrower escapes, not even Oswell or Selous both of whom experienced some extraordinary adventures during their South African hunting careers. Captain Stigand is still lame from his wound; he has made a good recovery, however, and returns in a few months to his duties in the Lado Enclave.

THE DIRTY HALF-HUNDRED.

The actual origin of the two famous nick-names of the 50th Regiment—"The Blind Half-hundred" and "The Dirty Half-hundred"—are rather clouded in mystery. It is believed that ophthalmia in Egypt was the cause of the first, and we have always heard that the second was due to the old black facings, as the black came off and soon made the men's hands and faces the same colour.

We have, however, come across an old book of letters written by the Rev. James Wilmot Ormsby, Staff-Chaplain to Sir John Moore, which throws a new light on the matter. In a letter (dated, Lisbon, Oct. 17th, 1808) he comments on the disgraceful turn-out of the Portugese troops, but adds that this is no criterion of their fighting ability. "Such soldiers," he says, "I am persuaded, have seldom been exhibited since the days of Falstaff. Their appointments are beyond description ridiculously bad. There is such variety in shape and colour, that it seems as if no uniform has been yet decided on, but that they had all been ordered to produce fancy patterns for approbation, and that no two of them had by accident fixed upon the same. . . But as for dress, it would be absurd and illiberal to form any conclusions from it prejudicial to their character as soldiers; and in us it would be particularly inexcusable, who know that one of our most distinguished Regiments, the 50th, is the worst clothed and appointed in the expedition. They are ludicrously called "The Dirty Half-hundred," but no reproach is meant to be conveyed; and as their name is never mentioned without applause, they are rather flattered than offended at the title."

FABLES FOR YOUNG SOLDIERS.

(1). THE PEBBLE ON THE SQUARE.

The recruit was walking slowly across the Square on his way to the Company Bunk. He had done that which he ought not to have done; it was not the first time he had done it and, for all he cared, it was scarcely likely to be the last. He was pondering in his mind as to what untruth was the most likely to defeat Justice in the present case and, as he walked, he absent-mindedly kicked up a pebble. "Steady on," said the pebble, "don't be so clumsy." "What about it," said the recruit, "you're meant to be trodden on." "So are you," replied the pebble, "when you make a fool of yourself and, for a matter of that, you're going to be trodden on now when you get to the Bunk." "Mind your own business," said the recruit. "It is my business," retorted the pebble, "and don't you forget it. We pebbles on the Square, and the trees, and the old buildings were here a long time before your mother ever even thought of you, and we're a part of the Regiment. Why, bless your heart, when you are tucked away in your bed, we all talk you lads over and wonder what sort of shape you'll make of it when you get out into the world. We've seen hundreds of recruits like you learning to be soldiers on this Square and we've seen some of them walk back into the Barracks as Sergeant-Majors and Colour-Sergeants, and we're glad; we've seen others go out of the Barrack Gate with a ticket they didn't want, and we're sorry. Do you want to know why we are glad, and why we are sorry? Because we take a pride in the Regiment and we want to see every youngster do well, and then the Regiment will do well. You've got to buck up and keep out of trouble. Why, if all the lads were like you and didn't care a d—— what they did, the Regiment would simply crumble up. You've kicked me out of my place, and if all the pebbles got kicked out of their places, the Square would crumble up too and a nice sort of place it would be to drill on. Now you put me back in my place, and look to it in future that you take your little place keeping the Regiment together."

The recruit gently put the pebble back, went off to the Bunk, took his C.B. like a man, and made a resolve that it should be the last dose of it he would ever get.

AUCKLAND,
NEW ZEALAND.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Four hundred miles from the North point of New Zealand and about seven hundred from the Australian coast, there is a delightful little lonely islet called Norfolk Island. It is only about six miles in diameter and nowadays it is peopled mainly by decendants of the mutineers of H.M.S. "Bounty," nearly a thousand in number. The Melanesian Mission head quarters is there too. To-day this beautiful Island would seem to be a perfect paradise, but in times past it was very different. For in the "good old days" when England transported her "bad hats" to Australia, the very worst and most desperate of the convicts were sent to Norfolk Island. The very inhuman treatment they received there has been told, but it makes most unpleasant reading. At one time there seem to have been nearly 2,000 convicts on the Island.

Having pottered for some time about the ruins of the gaol and noted the fortified barracks and officers' quarters of the troops told off to guard the prisoners, I went to the old cemetery with a view mainly of trying to discover the graves of 15 convicts said to have been killed in church through the officer commanding the escort shouting "fire" in his sleep. I failed to find any trace of them, but in the course of my search I came, to my surprise, on several graves of men of the 50th Regiment. I did not know, or at least I had forgotten, that the Regiment ever had a detachment on Norfolk Island.

These are the inscriptions I was able to read:—

Sacred to the memory of Thomas Bergin, late Private in H.M. 50th (or Queen's Own) Regiment, who was accidentally drowned while on duty (as one of the guard) by the upsetting of a boat off the harbour on the 1st August, 1835, aged 23 years. His loss is universally regretted by his comrades at whose request this stone is erected. (Illegible verses follow).

Sacred to the memory of John Baird, late Private in H.M. 50th (or Queen's Own) Regiment, who was accidentally drowned while on duty (as one of the guard) by the upsetting of a boat off the harbour on the 1st August, 1835, aged 28 years, leaving a disconsolate widow and infant child to mourn his premature departure. (Verses follow).

Sacred to the memory of James Wingate, late Private in H.M. 50th (or Queen's Own) Regiment, who departed this life on the 4th June, 1836, aged 40 years. Was 21 years in the above Corps, had a good character and his death is regretted by his comrades.

In memory of George Hardinge, late Private in H.M. 50th Regiment of Foot, who was accidentally drowned while bathing in Emily Bay on the 20th day of December, 1839, in the 23rd year of his age.

Sacred to the memory of Corpl. John M'Loughlin, 50th or Queen's Ow nRegiment, who was drowned by the upsetting of a boat on the bar of this harbour on the 15th of February, 1840, aged 27 years.

Sacred to the memory of Pvt. Bartholomew W. Sheridan, late of H.M. 50th (or Queen's Own) Regiment, who departed this life 15th August, 1840, aged 32 years.

There are memorials also to:—

The wife of Pt. John Blaney, April, 1836.

The son of Col.-Sergt William Douglas, February, 1837.

The wife of Pte. Robert Rogers, December, 1837.

The wife and daughter of Corpl. William Borgin, March, 1838.

Also to one John Atkinson, prisoner of the Crown and constable at Government House, who was drowned while fishing for the Commandant Erected by Major Thomas Ryan, 50th Regiment.

There are memorials to men of at least four other Regiments, some much more numerous than 50th ones. In all cases the proportion of deaths from drowning is very high.

C.V.M.

By a curious coincidence, on the same day that the Editor received the above article from Major Malony, an old print was received at the Depot from Colonel Brock, depicting an incident, which occured at the wreck of the convict ship "George the Fourth," in 1835, off Van Diemen's Land. The print is called "The Power of Maternal Affection," and depicts a portion of a wrecked, and dismasted vessel. A fierce gale is evidently raging, and in the fore channel of the ship, sitting among the lanyards, is a woman, but scantily clad, nursing three children.

The letterpress beneath the print explains the picture. The woman was the wife of a private soldier of the 50th Regiment, who was evidently one of the guard on board the convict ship. This woman had saved the lives, not only of her own two children, but also the babe of another woman, who had been drowned. For 48 hours she was exposed to sea, rain, and frost, but continuing to nurse the three babies, was eventually discovered, and the little party saved.

As soon as this print has been framed, it will be hung in the Regimental Institute of the Depot. Our thanks are due to Colonel Brock for his gift.

THE STORY OF THE BATTLE-HONOURS.

(II.) VIMIERA, AUGUST 21st, 1808.

In the account of the Egyptian campaign of 1801, it was shown how Napoleon's plans to invade England in 1798 were frustrated, and how his army was eventually destroyed. In 1805 he again made plans for an invasion, but once more Nelson stepped across his path, and by the victory of Trafalgar and the annihilation of the French fleet, brought the castles of his ambition tumbling to the ground. And so it was that in 1807 Napoleon the First, Emperor of the French, conqueror of Austria, Prussia and Russia, and the nightmare of the whole Continent of Europe, found that there was one wall he could not surmount and one essential stepping-stone he could not gain in his ever-onward career of success. That wall was the unbending resistance of England; and that stepping-stone, the command of the sea that the British fleet held.

Realising that to wrest the command of the sea from England was beyond his power, Napoleon turned his mind to an effort to ruin her commerce. He ordered all his Allies, which means the whole of Europe, to close their ports to British ships. They were far too frightened to refuse, but one little country, Portugal, had the temerity to remonstrate. This was Napoleon's chance. Portugal was known to be friendly to England, and he did not quite trust Spain's sincerity to him. These two countries make up the peninsula that joins on to France and he felt that if he was occupied in a war in other parts of Europe, any hostility from this direction might be decidedly awkward to him. He consequently determined to lay a firm hand on these countries, and remove any danger from this quarter. To do this, he devised a scheme that, even in his moral code was extremely low.

The Royal Family of Spain at that time were not on the best of terms. Taking advantage of this, he played off one side against the other and managed to get a large French army into the country. He next proposed that he should join with Spain in an attack on the Portugese and

that Portugal should be divided between them. Spain agreed to this, but as soon as the Portugese king had been driven out of the country and the country was in the hands of the French troops, Napoleon, in his treachery, turned on Spain. He drew the best part of the Spanish regular army out of the country, decoyed the Royal Family to the French frontier, kept them there and put one of his own brothers on the Spanish throne. The result was a general insurrection of the people of Spain and Portugal. They struck one or two unexpected blows at the French cause, and then called on England for assistance in driving out their enemies. This assistance was readily promised and so began the great Peninsular War.

The British Army set sail for the Peninsula in July, 1808, and their first object was to capture Lisbon and turn the French out of Portugal. Lisbon was too strong a fortress to attempt an attack direct from the sea, and it was decided to land at Figueras, at the mouth of the Mondego River, about 110 miles to the North. Sir Arthur Wellesley (afterwards Duke of Wellington) was at this time in command, but two senior officers, Sir Hew Dalrymple and Sir Harry Burrard, had also been ordered to join the expedition. The British Army was composed of three separate forces under Sir Arthur Wellesley, General Spencer (with whom was the 50th), and Sir John Moore, and they were to join together at Figueras.

On August 1st, 1808, Sir Arthur Wellesley landed, and was followed a few days later by General Spencer. They were here joined by a small Portugese force and, without waiting for Sir John Moore, the march towards Lisbon was commenced.

On August 15th there was a skirmish at Obidos (45 miles north of Lisbon), an affair of no great importance but noteworthy as the first engagement of the Peninsular War. After this the French took up a strong position at Roleia to cover Lisbon, and they were there attacked on August 17th. The Battle of Roleia was a hard fight, in which the combined losses of the two sides amounted to over a thousand, but as the 50th was in reserve and took practically no part in the battle, a detailed account need not be given. It is a battle honour of those Regiments that took a prominent part and a bar to the medal. The French were driven back and retired towards Torres Vedras (25 miles north of Lisbon) where they were reinforced by troops from Lisbon, and the British followed them to Vimiera, a small village near the coast, which is nine miles from Torres Vedras.

Sir John Moore's force was at this time approaching Figueras, and Sir Arthur Wellesley conceived a very daring plan. He proposed to march by a little used track by the sea coast and get between Lisbon and the French Army at Torres Vedras, while Sir John Moore, moving off in a direction of his own, threatened the French communications with Spain. However, Sir Harry Burrard, who had just arrived in a man-of-war off Vimiera, disapproved and ordered Sir Arthur to remain where he was until joined by Sir John Moore.

The British force consequently sat down to wait, but as events turned out, they did not have to wait for very long.

About mid-night on the 20th, Sir Arthur Wellesley was aroused by a report that the French, under Marshal Junot, were advancing to attack him, and were even then within an hour's march. The troops were called to arms but when day broke there was no sign of the enemy. The village of Vimiera stands on the little river Maceira which breaks through a gap in a ridge of hills. The ridge on the southern side, which was thickly wooded, was held by the British right in considerable force, but that part of the ridge on the northern side was lightly held, as there was an almost impassable ravine in front. In front of Vimiera and guarding the gap in the centre was an isolated hill round the foot of which the river ran. This hill was held by two brigades, Fane's and Anstruther's, and it was to the former of these that the 50th belonged. The strength of the British was about 16,000, and the Portugese amounted to about another 2,000; the French had about 14,000 men, but were far stronger in cavalry and artillery. The French intended the attack to be a surprise, but owing to unexpected difficulties, it was not till 8 o'clock (many hours after sun-rise) that they appeared before the position. Marshal Junot, who had not made a sufficient reconnaissance and so did not have a great knowledge of the ground, decided to attack the British centre and left. As soon as Sir Arthur saw what was intended, he transferred the bulk of his troops under cover from right to left. It was on the left and centre that the attack fell, but it will be sufficient for this story to relate what occurred on the isolated hill in the centre, and more particularly that part that was held by the 50th Regiment.

Against that particular section of the position, the French advanced in a great mass of some 5,000 men in the usual close order of those days. They drove in the British advanced troops and although met by a heavy artillery and musket fire, they pushed on furiously to the top and it appeared a dead certainty that they would capture the guns. Just as they reached the top, however, the change came. The 50th stopped their firing and fixing their bayonets charged down on them with the cold steel. Nine hundred of the 50th and five thousand of the French, but in a few minutes the nine hundred had won the day and the French were going headlong down the hill. The small body of the 20th Light Dragoons, the only cavalry the British had, charged in and although they went too far and were badly cut up, the French rout was complete. The attack also failed in other parts of the field, and it is an interesting fact that what was the 97th Regiment of that time was engaged quite close to the 50th, and likewise made good use of their bayonets. All along the line the French were driven back, and, what was most important, right away from their communications.

Sir Arthur Wellesley was desperately keen to seize Torres Vedras and the road to Lisbon with part of his force, while the other part pursued the enemy away to the East. This, however, was not to be. Sir Harry Burrard, although he had not landed in sufficient time for the battle, now took command and once more decided to wait for Sir John Moore before a further advance was made. On the 23rd, however, further action became unnecessary. Marshal Junot sent a flag of truce to negotiate for terms, consenting to evacuate Portugal provided he was allowed to return to France with all his artillery and arms. These terms were agreed upon at the famous Convention of Cintra.

In the battle the 50th lost one officer and 43 other ranks killed. "Vimiera" is a battle honour of all Regiments engaged, and a bar to the General Service Medal.

The Regiment had good reason to be proud of the part it took in the battle, but when praise comes from those who are not connected with the Regiment, it has an additional value. The author of "Centurions of a Century" (practically a regimental history of the 12th, now the Suffolk Regiment) speaks of the part the Regiment played in the battle, and also mentions an interesting incident that occurred. "The 50th," he writes, "was a regiment that gave backbone to any force. At Vimiera it achieved great honour for in that battle the 70th French Regiment lost all their plumes and flags to it. After the fight the band of the 50th appeared in all these captured decorations, and during the days of the Convention, fifteen of the French 70th petitioned to be, and were, enlisted into the 50th."

1st BATTALION NEWS.

A draft of 42 N.C.O.'s and men sailed for India on January 15th, under the command of Lieut. Strahan, Black Watch. This has left us considerably below strength, and the difficulty of finding the very numerous duties in Dublin is accentuated.

On the 16th, Major-General Pitcairn Campbell inspected the Battalion, prior to relinquishing command of the 5th Division. The Battalion paraded in Review Order with forage caps, and was drawn up in column. After the inspection the Major-General bade us farewell and congratulated us on our smartness and steadiness on parade. The Battalion then marched past in column of fours, and at the conclusion of the parade gave three hearty cheers for Major-General Pitcairn Campbell.

We offer our congratulations to an old officer of the Battalion, Major Hugh Stewart, on his appointment to be Companion of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire.

Football.

The football team has been doing much better lately. After losing to Strandville in the 1st Division of the League by two goals to one (Lance-Corpl. Johnson), we defeated them in the Leinster Senior Cup by 3 goals to 1, the scorers being Lance-Corpl. Johnson, Lance-Corpl. Scott and Pvt. Herbert.

Undoubtedly the best performance of all was the match with Tritonville, of which the following report is taken from the Irish Times :

TRITONVILLE v. ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

A draw of three goals was a fitting termination to the game between these teams at Richmond Barracks, as taking into consideration the fluctuating nature of the play and the various chances lost by both sides, the result is an accurate summary of their respective merits. The ground was very soft, and before the game had been many minutes in progress it had cut up so badly that play of a finished order was quite impossible. Despite this handicap both teams made a really creditable showing, the game being contested throughout at a fast pace, which did not slacken up to the end. The dash and vigour which characterised the efforts of both forward lines provided play full of incident, and the even distribution of the attack, combined with the fact that at no period was the score preponderatingly in favour of either team, left the issue an element of doubt up to the final whistle. These factors kept excitement at a high level, which was intensified in the closing minutes of the game, when Morrow and Scott, in quick succession, scored for their respective sides.

The play of the West Kents' forwards was the most potent factor in what success was achieved by their team, as throughout they worked with a commendable understanding of each other's play, and, by neat and accurate placing, at intervals, quite baffled the visitors' defence. In front of goal, however, they lacked the ability to push the attack to finality, for, though frequently getting close in to Constantine, inaccurate shooting deprived them of many scores. Their failure to secure the winning goal was mainly attributable to this deficiency as their defence, though at no period brilliant, for, consistently sound. In contrast to the stylish display given by the home forwards that given by the Tritonville line compared rather unfavourably. Their shooting was more telling when they had beaten their opponents' back division, but this was not quite as frequent as their monopoly of the attack would suggest, as a lack of cohesion left many openings for the home halves. But a very sound defence served to balance the weakness of the front line, and this, too, counteracted the effect of the military forwards. Kemp brought off several saves, while there was little left for adverse criticism in the play of Hooper and Crowhurst, both getting through a lot of work. The halves also were a successful line, of which Pease and Edwards seemed the pick, and of an unusually well-balanced line of forwards, Lieutenant Gore, Herbert and Scott were the most consistent.

Little advantage was secured by either team in the initial stage of the game, both goals being subjected to weak and ineffective attacks. Tritonville eventually overcame the home defence, and after some scrambling play in front of Kemp, Morrow seized an opening to score the first goal. Frequent fouls spoiled the efforts of Tritonville, who for a time monopolised the attack, but the military gradually assumed a commanding hold over their opponents, and after being several times repulsed, Gore at length got in to score the equaliser. There was little between the teams up to this but nearing the interval some forceful play by the home forwards ended in Scott putting his side ahead. The second half was not long in progress before Fraser, improving upon a weak clearance by Crowhurst, beat Kemp for the equaliser. The succeeding play was of an indecisive character, but eventually Morrow put his side ahead with a grand shot. Tritonville, however, retained the lead for only a short space of time, as following some exciting exchanges in front of Constantine, this player was beaten by Scott, a splended contested game ending in a draw. Result : Tritonville 3, Royal West Kent Regiment 3.

Royal West Kents—Kemp; Hooper, Crowhurst; Pease, Edwards, Standan; Herbert, Scott, Johnson, Lieut. Gore, Still.

Boxing.

The fifth series of the Inter-Company Boxing League was held on January 16th, and was very well attended. Some good fighting was seen, and the two contests were especially interesting.

The results were as follows :—

A COMPANY v. C COMPANY.

Feathers : Pte. Newman (C) bye; Pte. Potter (A) lost to Pte. Woolhead (C). Woolhead made good use of his right, and knocked out his man in the 1st round. Pte. Robinson (A) beat Pte. Tiller (G).

Lights : Lance-Corpl. Judd (A) beat Pte. Barnes (C); Dmr. Punyer (A) beat Pte. Workman (C); Pte. Barnes (A) lost to Pte. Bryett (C).

Welters : Pte. Cushman (A) lost to Pte. Lusted (C); Pte. Sheppherd (C) bye.

Middles : Pte. Collet (A) lost to Pte. Sheppherd (C). A Company 3 points; C Company 6 points.

D COMPANY v. H. COMPANY.

Feathers : Pte. Knight (D) beat Pte. Bowell (H); Ptes. Young (D) and Stevenson (D) byes.

Lights : Pte. Cole (D) lost to Pte. Lake (H); Dmr. Noble (D) and Lance-Corpl. Stanton (D) byes.

Welters : Pte. Norris (D) and Pte. Watson (D) byes.

Middles : Pte. Norris (D) and Pte. Baker (D) byes.

FOUR ROUND CONTEST.

Pte. P. Bresnahan (E) beat Pte. Hemmings (G). In the first round Bresnahan obtained a long lead, which he was able to maintain to the end, in spite of some plucky efforts by Hemming. Pte. Edmett (G) beat Pte. King (B). King, perhaps, had more science, but Edmett's resolute attacks won him the verdict.

A novices' competition, open to Dublin Garrison, was held on the 22nd and 23rd, under the management of the staff at Portobello Gymnasium. Our representatives made a very creditable show. Lance-Corpl. Judd won the Light Weights, with Brown as runner up; Bull won the Welters; Ford was second in the Middles; Edmett and P. Bresnahan reached the semi-finals of the Feathers, and several others did well.

Sergt. Darley knocked out McCann in a six round contest, and Sergt. Baker beat Bomdr. Morgan on points in a similar contest. The results of the meeting are most encouraging, and show that we have plenty of good stuff to work up for the Irish Army Championship.

Running.

With a view to selecting a team to represent the Battalion in the Long Distance Run in the Brigade Competitions on March 6th, three races were run. Though the inclement weather greatly interferred with the races and perhaps had a bad influence on the entries yet they have been fairly successful on the whole.

1st RACE--January 9th.

The following were the first 10 men in—

1	Pte. Parrott	E	Cy.	6	Pt. Kempster	E	Cy.
2	,, Busnaham, P. ,,			7	,, Watson..... ..		,,
3	Dm. Tug		,,	8	,, Smith, A.....		,,
4	Pte. Pook.....	G	Cy.	9	,, Sweet	G	Cy.
5	,, Merchant.....	E	,,	10	,, F. B. Garald		,,

2nd RACE—January 16th.

The following were the first 10 men in—

1	Pte. Parrott	E	Cy.	6	Pte. Everist	F	Cy.
2	,, Bresnaham, P. ,,			7	,, J. Field	C	,,
3	,, Pook	G	Cy.	8	,, Barden.....	E	,,
4	,, Merchant ...	E	,,	9	,, Jones	E	,,
5	,, Hyatt	H	,,	10	,, Day	G	,,

3rd RACE—January 23rd.

The following were the first 10 men in—

1	Pte. Parratt.....	E	Cy.	6	Pte. Everest	F	Cy.
2	Dm. Tug.....		,,	7	,, Brown		,,
3	Pte. Pook	G	Cy.	8	,, Hyatt	H	Cy
4	,, Merchant.....	E	,,	9	,, J. Field	C	,,
5	,, Kempster ...	E	,,	10	,, Pearson	F	,,

Private Parrott is to be congratulated on winning all three races.

There is to be a Company team race on January 30th, and a race for young soldiers of a year's service, on Feb. 6th.

SERGEANTS' MESS NEWS.

The usual Monthly Billiard Handicap for December resulted in an easy victory for Col.-Sergeant Saunders. The prizes this time were a cue and case for the winner and a cue for the runner up. These were won by Col.-Sergeant Saunders and Sergeant Gillespie. How they won them will be seen below.

FIRST ROUND.

Sergt. Gillespie ...(rec. 20)	250		Sergt. Hutchings...(owe 40)	150	
Sergt. Iliffe.....(owe 40)	250		Sergt. Powell ..... (rec. 15)	230	
Sergt. Bishop ..... (owe 110)	250		Sergt. Darley.....(rec. 30)	110	
Sergt. Hotson.....(owe 100)	w.o.		Sergt. Bristow.....(rec. 70)	sc.	
Q.M.S. Mackintosh (owe 65)	250		Sergt. Fitzgerald ... (rec. 25)	220	
Sergt. Loft ..... (rec. 50)	250		Sergt. Raines.....(rec. 25)	229	
Col.-Sergt. Penney (owe 30)	w.o.		Schoolmaster Daish...(rec. 15)	sc.	
Sergt. Crossley ...(owe 25)	w.o.		Sergt. Kemp..... (owe 50)	sc.	
Sergt. Hundley..... (owe 80)	250		Col.-Sergt. Selves (owe 15)	204	
Sergt. Wood ..... (rec. 15)	250		Sergt. Fittall .....(scratch)	204	
C.-Sergt. Saunders (owe 70)	250		Sergt.D. Press .....(scratch)	227	
Sergt. Aldhous .....(scratch)	250		Sergt. Traill.....(rec. 35)	201	
Sergt. Bough ..... (rec 25)	250		Sergt. Gilbey.....(rec. 30)	249	
Sergt. Cordeaux ...(rec. 25)	250		Sergt. Johnson.....(rec. 25)	sc.	
Sergt. Hylands .....(rec. 20)	250		Sergt. Maslin.....(owe 130)	100	
Sergt.-Maj. Doe.....(rec. 60)	250		Col.-Sergt. Croucher (owe 60)	233	

SECOND ROUND.

Sergt. Hotson.....(owe 100)	250		Q.M.S. Mackintosh (owe 65)	192	
Sergt. Cordeaux ...(rec. 25)	250		Sergt. Hylands.....(rec. 20)	208	
C.-Sergt. Saunders (owe 70)	250		Sergt. Aldhous.....(scratch)	174	
Sergt.-Maj. Doe.....(rec. 60)	250		Sergt. Crossley .....(owe 25)	241	
Sergt. Bishop.....(owe 110)	250		Sergt. Bough .....(rec. 25)	221	
Sergt. Hundley..... (owe 80)	250		Sergt. Wood.....(rec. 15)	211	
Sergt. Gillespie .....(rec. 20)	250		Sergt. Loft.....(rec. 50)	150	
Sergt. Iliffe.....(owe 40)	250		Col.-Sergt. Penney (owe 30)	206	

THIRD ROUND.

Sergt. Hundley.....(owe 80)	250		Sergt. Cordeaux ...(rec. 25)	238	
C.-Sergt. Saunders (owe 70)	250		Sergt. Bishop.....(owe 110)	168	
Sergt.-Maj. Doe.....(rec. 60)	250		Sergt. Hotson.....(owe 100)	226	
Sergt. Gillespie .....(rec. 20)	250		Sergt. Iliffe.....(owe 40)	160	

SEMI-FINAL.

C.-Sergt. Saunders (owe 70)	250		Sergt.-Major Doe...(rec. 60)	222	
Sergt. Gillespie .....(rec. 20)	250		Sergt. Hundley.....(owe 80)	238	

FINAL.

C.-Sergt. Saunders (owe 70)	250		Sergt. Gillespie.....(rec. 20)	226	

Our third dance was held on January 3rd in the Gymnasium. The building was very tastefully and gaily bedecked with flags and bunting, and when dancing commenced at 8.45 p.m. gave one the impression that "Arcadia" had suddenly been transported to Dublin. A very successful and enjoyable dance was the result of the energetic Committee's efforts, and when dancing ceased at 3 a.m., there were very few who could have managed even a "Turkey Trot." Excellent music was supplied by the Band, who throughout a long and (to them) tiring night gave of their best. The "Mistletoe Act," presided over by the Fishhead was an immense success. So much so that the ladies became impersonators of Oliver Twist. They wanted more.

Our next social function was the entertaining of our friends of the Army Service Corps. A good number of them arrived and a very pleasant evening was spent. In the games competition we just managed to beat them. The results were as follows:—

BILLIARDS.

Bishop .....(100)	1		Beard ..... (69)	0	
Mackintosh .....(79)	0		Digby .....(100)	1	
Maslin .....(100)	1		Shrimpton .....(81)	0	
Kallend ..... (100)	1		Hewett .....(79)	0	
Croucher .....(100)	1		Carter .....(91)	0	
	4			1	

BRIDGE.

Croucher and Maskintosh.....	0		Carter and Hewett	1	

EUCHRE.

Iliffe and Brown	0		Sidwell and Rigby	1	
Pelling and Loft	0		McCann and Hinton	1	
Smith and Crossley	1		McCann and Hinton	0	
Iliffe and Crossley	0		McCann and Hinton	1	
Kemp and Hylands	0		McCann and Hinton	1	
	1			4	

TWENTY-FIVES.

Wilder and Aldhous	0		Holdforth and Evans	1	
Mackintosh and Raines	1		Chamberlain and Evans	0	
	1			1	

WHIST.

Daish and Spencer	1		Aldred and Shrimpton	0	
Cordeaux and Malin	1		Beard and Aldred	0	
Croucher and Mackintosh.....	0		Carter and Hewett	1	
Landers and Hutchings.....	0		Hallar and Chamberlain	1	
Press and Fitzgerald.....	1		Kennon and George	0	
Fitzgerald and Ransome	0		Carter and Shrimpton	1	
Mockford and Gilbey	1		Hallar and Chamberlain	0	
Wilder and Aldhous	0		Holdforth and Evans.....	1	
Darley and Loft	0		Carter and George	1	
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Hlyands and Hake 1					

CRIB.

Hylands and Hake	1		George and Carter	0	
Kallend and Ransome	1		Birmingham and Carter.....	0	
Powell and Traill	0		Robinson and Digby.....	1	
Hake and Hylands	1		Sidwell and Kennon	0	
Gilbey and Mockford	1		Moore and Hallar	0	
Mackay and Daish	0		Beard and Digby	1	
Gilbey and Mockford	0		Moore and Hallar	1	
Brown and Aldhous	1		Holdforth and George	0	
	5			3	

DRAUGHTS.

Kemp	1	Birmingham	0
Darley	1	Birmingham	0
Golding	1	Birmingham	0
Powell	1	Birmingham	0
Darley	1	Aldred	0
	5		0

TOTALS.

Royal West Kents	20	Army Service Corps	15

After the games were over we entertained them to supper and then followed an impromptu concert. The first item was the welcome re-appearance of Herr Groucha's Band. Young Dave (?) then obliged with "What For." "Wear a Rose of Red" by Sergt. Powell was the next item. Then followed the toasts of the evening. The remainder of the programme consisted of: "He shall Die," Sergt. Traill; "One Touch of Nature," Sergt. Gilbey; "Beware," Sergt.-Major McCann, A.S.C.; "Thora," Sergt. Hylands; and "Dorothy Dean" by Sergt. Fittall.

Our usual monthly Whist Drive took place in the Library on Wednesday, the 22nd. There was a splendid muster, 23 tables being occupied. The prizes were won as follows: Ladies—1st Mrs. Russell, 2nd Mrs. McCann, sealed number, Mrs. Carter, boobey, Mrs. Thurlby. Gents: 1st Sergt. Wood, 2nd S.S.M. Ferris (5th Lancers), sealed number, Sergt. Cross (R.I. Constabulary), boobey Sergt. Powell.

SERGEANTS' MESS CORRESPONDENT.

BAND CORRESPONDENCE.

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DEAR MR. EDITOR,

We returned from our furlough on the morning of the 18th, feeling on the whole, I think, rather sorry for ourselves, at the fact of leaving Christmas, as we thought, behind us in England. In perusing the following, however, you will see that the pessimists were a long way out in the betting.

About 10.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve a party of choristers with up-to-date orchestra, might have been seen moving in the direction of the officers' mess, bent on burdening the night air with beautiful strains of harmony. Not meeting with anything in the shape of boots or over-ripe fruit, we obliged again, this time enjoining the members of the Sergeants' Mess, to "Awake and Salute the Happy Morn," which as yet was still some hours distant. Our next and last performance was to the occupants of the Married Quarters, where we had quite a large audience. Christmas morning we attended church at the Royal Hospital, and found on our return, that busy hands had been at work preparing the tables, and getting everything in readiness for our prospective war on Turkey, not forgetting the chicken and beef.

Major Robinson, accompanied by our Band President and the Adjutant, came to wish us the compliments of the season, and several rounds of cheers were called for, and given with a vigour which was unmistakable. About sixty sat down to dinner, and I think the same number thoroughly enjoyed it. We partook of a well-arranged tea about 5 p.m. A free and easy concert took place in the evening, commencing at 6.30, with Lce.-Corpl. Rogers in the chair. The amount of new talent discovered was indeed surprising, the programme working out as follows:—Fletcher and Standen, "Alexander's Rag Time Band"; Bowell, "Dreamland"; Handyside, "Chorus Crazy"; Boy Wilson, "We went to School Together"; Lce.-Corpl. Owen, "With my Little Wigger-Wagger in my hand"; Lce.-Corpl. Rogers, "Throw you arms around me, Honey"; Cridland, "Thora"; Corpl. Stroud, "Follow the Footprints in the Snow" (encore, "The Inoffensive Curate"; Mr. Neville, "Take me to your Erin"; Lce.-Corpl. Crowhurst, "Is Everybody Happy Here?"; Lce.-Corpl. Bellfield, "Sing, Brethren, Sing"; Fletcher, "I do like you, Susie"; Standen, "The Spaniard that Blighted my Life"; Bowell, "Beautiful Garden of Roses"; Lce.-Corpl. Crowhurst, "Where do I come in?"; Lce.-Corpl. Gilbert, "Get together boys"; Clarke, "Love's Old Sweet Song"; Corpl. Stroud, "Have a Banana"; Lce.-Corpl. Rogers, "Nora Malone"; Lce.-Corpl. Owen, "Standing at the Corner of the Street"; Fletcher, "Everybody's doing it now"; Mr. Braton, "There's a Peculiar Thing"; Handyside, "You wish me to forget you"; Standen, "Henry VIII."; Corpl. Stroud, "The Night I fought Jack Johnson"; Lock, "Break the News to Mother"; Lce.-Corpl. Owen, "All Hands on Deck"; all, "There is a Tavern in the Town"; Auld Lang Syne; God Save the King. With the sounds of the First Post still ringing in our ears, our merry gathering broke up, tendering hearty thanks to Lce.-Corpl. Gilbert and his excellent committee for being mainly instrumental in enabling us all to spend the happiest "Barrack Room" Christmas most of us can remember.

The next morning saw the hockey enthusiasts, playing like mud larks, on the square, but a few sharp showers cooled their ardour, causing them to retire after each side had scored one goal.

A scratch team turned out in the afternoon to play football against what I believe was a similar team of "F" Company. The latter team proved the winners by the margin of six goals to three. Not being present at the match, I hope to read a full account from the pen of "F" Company's Correspondent.

BAND CORRESPONDENT.

"E" COMPANY.

Richmond Barracks, Dublin,
22nd January, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Here we are again. All the knuts are back from "Blighty" again. The draft which left here for the 2nd Battalion on the 14th instant took Sergt. Bough, Pte. Watson (93), who by the way was one of our star runners, and Pte. Watson (70) from the Company. Excepting these departures and the arrival of Pte. Robins from the Depot, there have been no changes in the Company this month.

Sport as far as we are concerned has practically been at a standstill during the month. There have been two Battalion Individual Runs, on the 9th and 16th, and our representatives have done very well indeed in each of them.

Our friends of "H.," whom I understand were going to sweep the board, did not manage to shine much in either of these runs. But perhaps they are saving it up for the one to be run over a course of seven and a half miles, on Thursday next.

Our Gymnastic and Shooting Teams, in addition to our running team, are strictly in training now for the Brigade Competitions, which we are very anxious to win. Play up "E."

We are sending four or five of our boxers to take part in the Garrison Novices Competitions. I shall be able to give you an account of their performances in next month's letter. Until then, Mr. Editor, adieu.

"E." COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

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"F" COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

How hard it seems to realise that another year has passed over our heads. Why! it seems but a flitting shadow as we remember some of the joy and sadness of the past year. Some have strived and realised all their ambitious natures craved for, others less fortunate have seen their ambitions crushed in their infancy by the stormy seas of difficulty, and the even less merciful hand of Fate. Filled is their cup of bitterness and despair, till thay find it impossible to imagine everything is for the best. But to the future should we now look, buoyed up with hope, the very straw to which we all cling, and essential to our very existence, leaving the past as some pleasant or hideous nightmare. Yet how strange that in some idle moments incidents of the past flash across our memory, reminding us of a pleasant or unpleasant recollection. Perhaps even one near and dear to us, who is separated from a living world, by that impenetrable gulf of the grave, leaving us with but a memory to console us, crosses our mind. How many have made resolutions for a future veiled yet full of hopes. Quite in keeping with the old English custom we spent a glorious Christmas, realising to the full the importance of the occasion. Sergt. Powell's adaptability for art was clearly shown when he decorated the room to perfection, aided by a painstaking committee. Flattered were we upon being told that we had the prettiest room in barracks, but I presume that is but a matter of opinion. I might mention that we entertained similar ideas ourselves. The chief of our visitors beyond doubt was Major Robinson, C.M.G., who with Captain White and Mr. Sewell were accorded a rousing reception. In a short but impressive speech Major Robinson said that at all times he took a special interest in "F" Company, and still felt that in some way he was linked to us. This is easily understood as "F" was the company he once commanded. Surely music in our ears on this the festive morning. The Captain wreathed in his best smile wished us every future success, touching on the recent improvement in all sports. Lieut. Sewell in a few words endorsed the Captain's wishes. The officers left to the fitful tune of "He's a jolly good fellow." The music was provided by the Sergeant Drummer, who most generously lent us his piano, to say nothing of his welcome services. Much credit is due to those who were responsible for the cooking of the dinner. All seemed jubilant as the "ale" flowed freely, whilst all ate and drank to their hearts content. Occasionally one could notice an expression change for a moment for a far-off gaze, probably wondering how the "old folks" were enjoying their Christmas at home, perhaps a fond remembrance of boyhood days, with happiness and content with brothers and sisters, now scattered broadcast on "bread-winning" expeditions. Who knows? A football match with unlimited numbers aside, filled in the gap between dinner and tea. The evening was devoted to a "smoking concert" which brought to the fore good talent, wide scope was given for "vocal vagaries" as the evening wore on. Occasionally an "hero" thrilled us with a "song," giving ample proof of the fine strength of the ale. Elliot sang with effect several very good songs. Perhaps the accompaniment was a trifle weak though. Merely a guess. At the close of the evening signalled by the doleful strain of "Lights Out," everyone left satisfied that they had spent an ideal Christmas. We shower congratulations upon the Sergt.-Drummer upon his promotion to Colour-Sergeant. Although we are sure we lost a good man when Colour-Sergt. May left, we are positive that we have now "more" than a substitute for him. He has certainly done much to improve the sporting instinct in the company. We wish him every success. Sport flourished last month, when we earned added fame in Football, Running, Boxing and Bayonet Fighting. At football we were improve the sporting instinct in the company. We wish him every suc-the Company Competitions. Several became prominent by winning prizes in various series of the Battalion Bayonet Fighting Competitions. We modestly accepted second prize in the half Battalion Cross Country Run. Unfortunately one man in the team was untrained, thus spoiling us for first place. That surely justifies the fact that careful training is essential

to any success that demands physical endurance. Sergt. Darley won the race in great style against adverse circumstances, as a strong wind done much to slaken one's pace a good deal of the way. We have accomplished nothing this month to cackle about. The notable achievement was the workmanlike way in which Sergt. Darley spoilt McCann's pretentions to championship honours in a contest scheduled to go six rounds, by administering the "coupe de grace" in four rounds enabling the Orderly Sergeant to hunt round for "Guard Candidate" I think it advisable to stop. Hoping to scrape a word or two next month. Best wishes.

"F" COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

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1st BATTALION.

"G." COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I am afrand we have not a lot to say this month. Still we will do our best. We had a very merry Christmas and everybody enjoyed themselvse, thanks chiefly to the untiring efforts of our Pay-Sergeant. In the sporting world we are still going strong. We lost to "F" Company by the very moderate score of 2—1. This was owing to the fact that "Joey" Edwards and Johnson were playing for us. Edmitt was picked to represent the Company in the Battalion team against the Irish Times, the game ending in a draw nil—nil. Two special four round contests were fopght on the 16th, Hemmings meeting P. Bresnahan and Edmitt meetng King. "Scrouner" after a plucky fight lost on points, while Edmitt made matters even by winning. In the Novices Competition at Portabella Edmitt also shone. We expect some very big things of "Freddy" yet, under Sandy's able treatment. Pook has been doing very well in the Battalion runs.

"G" COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

No. 5785 Private A. Urry has been discharged free after Twelve years service, January 24th, 1913, and 6054 Private J. Egglesdon on completion of his first period of engagement. January 11th, 1913.

7575 Sergeant F. Johnson has been posted to the 4th Battalion Roya West Kent Regiment, at Tonbridge, from January 8th, 1913, in relief of 4525 Sergeant D. Pelling.

The following Non-Commissioned Officers were included in the Draft for the 2nd Battalion sailing on the 15th January, 1913 :- No. 7909 Sergeant Bough, 8634 Corporal S. Kill, 9414 Corporal E. Bamblett, and Lance-Corporals, 9513 G. Newlyn, 9522 F. Thomas, 9448 A. Hodge, 9635 G. Batchford, 9597 C. Taylor, 9772 B. Brown.

No. 6610 Corporal J. Will absorbes to vacancy of Corporal S. Kill (to 2nd Battalion).

No. 7587 Sergeant T Wood, and 8674 Corporal W. File have been permitted to extend their services to complete 12 years with the Colors.

No. 3283 Sergeant F. Keen has been discharged (to pension) on completion of 21 years' service, 25th January, 1913, and 9383 Lance-Corporal Silvester, on medical grounds, dated 25th January, 1913.

No, 7508 Private T. Saring has been transferred to the Army Reserve from 21st January.

Good Conduct Badges have been awarded as under :—

Two Badges—8107 Private A, Sheppard, 13th November 1912, 8835 Private A. Rutherford, 6th December, 1912, 8882 Private W. Reynolds 21st January, 1913, 6275 Private J. King, 25th November, 1912, 3584 Lance-Corporal C. Cruse, 25th September, 1912.

One Badge—No. 9021 Private J. Feist, 16th Oct., 1912, 8733 Private A Bunyan, 30th Dec mber, 1912, 8858 Private J. Steel, 11th December, 1912

In the all India Boxing this month we had two competitors Drummers Guess and Cooper, who put up some very good fights, we all wish them better luck next time; Drummer Cooper is in the making of a very good Boxer if he only sticks to it.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

PESHAWAR,
INDIA.
Jan. 7th, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I fear you will have no chance of complaining of at least the quantity of 2nd Battalion correspondence by this month's mail. My sole anxiety is that you may possess too large a waste paper basket. It is the desire of all literary genius to be accorded a hearing. It does not mind on what ground its notoriety is assured. It does not blush to read its own atrocious English. It is satisfied that other people will have to. This evening I have spent a happy hour over the work of five energetic men whose pens have made short work of a ream or two of foolscap and the wet towel which I have had to wrap round my head is drying for the fifth time You, my dear sir, have my hearty sympathy. And here am I sitting down to conscientiously add to your discomfiture. But I have my own way of sympathising with editors.

It has struck me that Company correspondents, in their eagerness to out-do one another, often succeed in telling but the same story. There is a singular unity of opinion, for instance, in the excellence and the salubrious atmosphere of Dag and Shamshattu. But when "X" Company's scribe and "Y" Company's art critic, each telling of the same fight in the last boxing show, assure us of their own champion's undoubted superiority, we must confess ourselves a little confused. Could not some understanding be arrived at between such literary gentlemen as to who is to receive the laurels?

Of course I am talking of what I know nothing about. This is one of the privileges of my position. People who are always discussing the things they know become a little tedious. But having read the work of my fellow correspondents, every idea in my head has departed. It seems that everything I had intended to say has already been said and I am left with a clean bone to pick.

Let us, then, leave Dag and Shamshattu, those charming Frontier posts where we wear out shoeleather and our temper to the fate that they deserve, let us turn from the pathetic picture of poor ill-fed warriors "foot-slogging" it through oceans of Peshawar dust. Let us forget that we have ever "groused" at long marches and thirsting throats and unkind, unsympathetic Company Officers. Let us console ourselves with the fact that we are all in the best trim we have ever been in; that we can do a twenty mile march at four miles an hour on our heads and leave any other regiment at the post; that we can swarm up khuds with the agility of goats, and ask for another when we are at the top; that we can keep Christmas as it ought not to be kept (someone said so) and still have not a single admittance to Hospital with an enlarged liver. Peshawar, according to custom, and Divisional Orders, has celebrated its "Christmas week" and has exhausted both itself and us in its ambition to exhaust every known form of enjoyment. We have played Polo and Ping-pong; we have played cricket and cracked cracker: we have danced and dined, often but not too well; we have attended Tennis Tornaments and Teas, and now we are all very tired. Dag remains now our only hope of recovery.

On the last night of the old year the Officers, at the invitation of the Sergeants, passed a merry hour in the Sergeants' Mess. Q.M.S. Thorne who was presiding and who is now our new, though unofficially confirmed Sergeant Major, delivered an impressive speech, which, like all classic

orators, he had written and wanted to read, dwelling at length upon the feeling of good-fellowship which exists between Officers and Sergeants and which he protested was growing stronger every year. Colonel Pedley rose to reply, chiding the President for his cunning in preparing his speech beforehand, but proved that what he had to say was by no means less eloquently expressed by its spontaniety. Several Officers were then asked to sing, I fancy out of sheer politeness ; but Lt. Bazley White, conscious of a fine baritone voice and having a choice selection of sentimental "chansons", grudgingly gave us the benefit of a bit of both. When it was all over we said how delighted we were.

But I must stop or I shall be getting into trouble. How much of all this you will publish I do not like to think. I sincerely hope no one will read it. I sincerely hope, too, that the Subscribers to your excellent Journal do not know my name.

Before I close, however, I must congratulate Mr. Gray on his promotion to the Rank of Quartermaster, and in the name of the Officers, welcome him heartily to our Mess.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

PESHAWAR, JANUARY, 1913.

Since my last letter dated Cherat, October, 1912, the half battalion at the Hills have rejoined their brothers at Peshawar, the Colonel has joined us from leave, and there have been some changes in the higher ranks of the mess. We heartily congratulate the following on their well deserved promotion :—Lieut. and Qr.-Master Grey ; Sergt. Major Thorne ; Qr.-Master Sergt. Harrison ; Colr. Sergts. Elliott and Stevens. The mess also extend a hearty welcome to those new members who have lately joined us, viz :—Bovis, Sheppard, Wickenden, Smith, Stace and Hart.

During the latter part of November, we fixed up a smoking concert in honour of Colr. Sergts. Stringer and Ashton and Sergt. Burrows, who have by now arrived home. It was very successful and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Harmony was handed out by several members whose efforts were much appreciated.

On December 31st, the Annual Dinner was held. The arrangements which were in the capable hands of Colr. Sergt. Goulds, were excellent to a degree, and he and his committee deserve great praise for the way things were carried out. After dinner, we assembled for a concert, and were presently joined by Col. Pedley and the Officers. It was greatly regretted by all that Lieut. and Qr.-Master Grey was unavoidably prevented from attending. The C.O. gave us an excellent speech and much good advice. When one looked round and saw Officers and Sergeants meeting each other on terms of real friendship one ceased to wonder why it is British soldiers will follow their Officers anywhere, and why British Officers will ask there men to do anything. The bond that holds the British Officer and soldier together is not the bond of fear, as is sometimes the case on the Continent, but the bond of mutual respect, and while that holds the myriad battalions of foreign armies need never worry us. If Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton, then Inkerman shewed that battles are also won through the confidence we have in our Officers, a confidence that these annual gatherings help in no small degree.

To resume, the Officers, owing to a prior engagement left fairly early but the fun and merriment was kept up till the wee sma' hours ayont the twal. There were plenty of singers, Colr. Sergt. Rose and Sergt. Elliott being much applauded. As I was present at the dinner, I cannot give the exact hour of termination, but to the best of my recollection we all went the same way home, the members bearing toward each other the same relation that the Ivy does to the old garden wall. It was a happy gathering, may we have many more. I append the programme at the end.

Our usual monthly dance was held in December, and was as usual, a great success.

In conclusion, the members heartily wish the members of the 1st and 3rd Battalions a happy and prosperous New Year.

Programme of concert at the Annual Dinner :—Colr. Sergt. Walker, song "Kitty Wells"; Sergt. Stevens, recitation, "Fuzzy Wuzzy"; Sergt. Have, song, Selected ; Lieut. Bazley White, song, Selected ; Colr. Sergt. Rose, song "Hold yer Row"; encore "Young Williams"; Sergt. Stace, song, Selected ; Sergt. Elliott, song, "Jack Johnson"; Sergt. Childs, song, Selected ; School Master Egan, song, Selected ; Sergt. Miles, song, "Ted and Me."

SERGEANTS' MESS CORRESPONDENT.

DRUMMERS' CORRESPONDENCE.

Peshawar,
N.W.F., India.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

After a few months, I now take up my pen to send you a few of our doings which do not come to much. After arriving from Cherat, we were on the point of settling down for a few months when we all received marching orders, and to Dag we sped to take part in Battalion Training. Once again we turned our heads towards home, arriving in Barracks on the 21st of December, to find much to our delight an invitation from our old friends the Buglers of the D.L.I., to spend Xmas with them. On arrival at Noshera we were met hy a good many of the Buglers, and after the Season's Greetings were exchanged we all made tracks for dinner table where we had a splendid and most enjoyable dinner.

The toast of "The King" opened the after-dinner proceedings. A capital musical programme (arranged by the Bugle Major), intersperced the speech-making which was allowed to be lengthy. Loquacious post prandial orators were given a gentle hint from the chairman to limit their gems of rhetoric to periods of five minutes. The Bugle Major, D.L.I., proposed the toast "Our Guests" (Drummers, 2nd Battalion The Queen's Own). Lance-Corpl. Bishop responded with "Buglers, D.L.I." After this dancing and singing was kept up till 6 p.m., when a voice from somewhere called out "Beer Wallers follow me," and yet another voice "Tact Wallers follow me."

I have only one football match to record this month, Drummers v. B Company which I am sorry to say we lost 3—1, Drummer Rapson and Lance-Corpl. Mitchell doing great things for our side. The team was as follows : Lance-Corpl Whitehorn, Drummers Hill and Cooper, Drummers Smith, Phillips and Bodkin, Drummer Rapson, Barber, Lance-Corpl. Mitchell, Drummer Dewson and Lance-Corpl. Batchelor.

Drummer Phillips proceeds to England on a well earned furlough, we wish him the best of everything while he is at home.

Drummer Whitehorn proceeds to Kasauli for the benefit of his health, malaria fever.

Well, Mr. Editor, I must close in the hopes of having more to say next month.

DRUMMERS' CORRESPONDENT.

C COMPANY.

Robert's Barracks, Peshawar, India.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Owing to our late scribe not sending you any information of our doings for the past two months, I will endeavour to make up for it. On November 11th, at 8 a.m the Company marched from barracks to Shamshuttu camp, a distance of 21 miles for the annual double Company training, I must say the march was not a very pleasant one. The road was a very bad one and extremely dusty, in spite of such obstacles we eventually arrived at camp at 4 p m. While writing on this point, I should like to comment on some of the (Dublin Wallahs) who have just joined us, regarding their 36 mile march which they did in one day in "Ould Ireland." I'm sorry to say that this march did not agree with most of them, but I suppose we must put this down to the climatic conditions. The 12 days' training went off quite satisfactorily, plenty of manoeuvring over the hills of the frontier, etc. The training finished up with field firing. On the last day Capt. Norman took the Company out to see the N.C.O's carry out fire control, a most interesting and instructive performance. This concluded our training and we returned to barracks on the 23rd inst.

On 21st of November, a draft arrived from England, and the following were posted to the Company : Ptes. Wellard, Gray, Rogers, Castle, Runacres, Walden.

There have been a few changes during the last two months, Corp. Quinlan has been transferred to D Company, and Lce. Sergt. Hart to H Company, both on promotion, Corp. Edwards and Sergt. Godden, have been transferred to C Company on promotion.

Regarding sport, I am sorry to say I cannot give you an account this month, but will hope for better luck next month. I am very sorry to say we have lost a good number of sportsmen lately, who have gone to England, time-expired. The Company wishes them every success in civilian life. The following men were our sportsmen, Sergt. Freeman, Lce. Corp. Farbridge, Ptes. Carter, Collyer, Clift, Johnson, Harris and Sibbald. I am afraid I must bring my correspondence to a close, hoping I have not taken up too much space.

OVERHEARD ON MANOEUVRES.

OFFICER (to Private) : "Pass it down that the enemy are seen advancing down the left side of Shamshuttu Road."

PRIVATE (to Officer at the end of the firing line) : "Sir, one tin of Salmon seen advancing sideways down Shamshuttu Road".

C COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

D COMPANY.

Peshawar,
December, 1912.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Owing to our new correspondent being too tired of the billet, or otherwise being too busily engaged it his duties as orderly room clerk, the task has been handed over to me again as a New Year's Gift.

Lt. N. J. Whitty has taken over command of the Company during Capt. A. K. Grant's vacation in England. 2nd Lt. P. F. Bell has passed out at the Shooting School at Changli Gali and also qualified at that weapon of opportunity, the Machine Gun.

We are glad to hear that our Flag has also come through the ordeal without a scratch. Corporals Quinlan and Wannell have been posted to the Company on promotion. We wish them every success in their new Company. The following men have been posted to the Company from the Home Battalion: Privates Hollands, Edwards, Dorsett, Beckett Grainger, Thomas and Gorman. We wish them every success in their new Company, and hope they will enjoy the life at Peshawar.

The Company's Football Team will have to rely on their reserve men as most of our internationals have gone to the homeland (we hope to see some of their names blazing in some Shrimp Team near Gravesend).

Q.M.S. A. Bellion has returned to Peshawar with his team, including our back (Obee 16) and (Page 65) our centre forward; and I find that they returned without any broken limbs, or any of the many cups and medals we were expecting either.

The following men of the Company entered in the Battalion Boxing Tournament, open to all India, on the 28th of December, 1912. Lce.-Corpl, Medlen, Open Feather Weights. Lce.-Corpl. Russell, Open Light Weights. Pte. Cheeseman, Open Middle Weights.

Results.—1st Round Open Feather Weight, 28th December, 1912 Lce.-Corpl. Medlen (R.W.K) *v* Pte. Guess (R.W.K), Medleu winning on points. 2nd Round Open Feather Weights 28th December, 1912. Lce -Corpl. Medlen (R.W.K.) *v* Rifleman Price (R.B.) Medleu losing on points to Price. Special four Rounds Contest 1st January, 1913, Lce.-Corpl. Medlen *v* Pte. Peters (R.W.K). Medlen losing again on points.

1st Round Open Middle Weights, 28th December, 1912. Pte. Cheeseman *v* Pte. Collins (R.W.K.), Cheeseman losing on points. One Round Open Light Weights, 30th December, 1912. Lce.-Corpl, Russell *v* Bandsman Bough (D. L. I.), Both men set to work in excellent style. The seemed equally balanced on points at the finish of Round 1, in Round 2 Russell kept his man against the ropes and then sending in his fatal K. O, Blow, finished Bough off.

Semi Final Open Light Weight, 1st Jan, 1913. Lce.-Cpl. Russell *v* Pte Hawkins (D.L.I), Russell winning on points after a good fight. Final Open Light Weight, 1st January, 1913. Lce.-Corpl. Russell *v* Sergt. Shepherd (R.W.K.) Light Weight Champion of India, 1912. 1st Round was Shepherd's after some good fighting. 2nd Round was Russell's who seemed to be all over Shepherd, the latter apparently putting no weight into his hits. Russell led on points. 3rd Round was Russell's, Shepherd kept clinching a lot as his wind was getting short. 4th Round Russell had Shepherd badly but could not deliver his K. O. Shepherd seemed to be losing his wind a good deal, Russell getting the verdict. Thus winning the Open Light Weights.

FOOTBALL.

Battalion League, 3rd January, 1913, D *v* C, Kick off 4.15 p.m. Referee, Pte. Pringle. Team—Corpl. Wannell, Archer, Obee (16), Newton, Lawrence Lce.-Corpl. Ravine, Langford, Colville Page (65) Lieut. Bell. Lce.-Corpl. Batchelor. D kicked off with the sun in their eyes, and by some good passing got the ball within 20 yards of C goal but Langford shot wide; from the goal kick our half backs got the ball and, passed it to our forwards who kept on pressing, but owing to their erratic shooting they could not score, corner after corner fell to us but we could not score, until Newton with a huge kick sent the ball into C goal-keeper's hands, and as he could not clear it in time Page rushed up and scored, just as the whistle sounded for half time. The second half opened in our favour, the ball passed but to Batchelor who sent it back to the centre twelve yards from goal but Colville put it over the top, and a good chance was missed. C seemed to wake up but they could not pass our defence, and we were left the winners by 1-0; our half backs at times were invincible, and credit is due to our centre half for his excellent play. There were a couple of men in our forward line who will have to change their boots for the next match

BATTALION LEAGUE HOCKEY.

6th January, 1913 D *v* C, Referee Pte. Clark, H. Coy. Team—Newton Sergts. Newbrook, Cheeseman, Knight, Lce.-Corpls. Allen, Russell. Freedleben, Corpl. Quinlan, Lieuts. Bell, Whitty, Whitehead.

D COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

E COMPANY.

PESHAWAR, Jan. 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Since last writing my small contribution to the Gazette there have been several changes in the Company. Firstly, Captain Nelson has left the Company and gone home to the Territorial staff. Major O'Dowda has taken over command of the Company; also Lieutenant Ford has come to the Company. Sergeant Burrows has left and gone home to the Depot staff.

Now that the cold weather has come again there are the various Trainings to go through, Battalion, Brigade and Divisional. On the 11th November, the half Battalion went to Shamshuttu for 14 days, and during that period various schemes were carried out, including field firing and night marching. the half Battalion arriving back in Barracks on the 24th November.

On the 9th December the Battalion marched out to Dag for Battalion training, arriving back just in time for the Christmas holidays.

Christmas Day arrived—just a few words about it, At 1 p.m, the Company all sat down to a well-spread dinner, consisting of various eatables, too numerous to mention, and with plenty of minerals and beer to rinse it down with. During the dinner the Commanding Officer came in and wished us a Merry Xmas and prosperous New Year; also our new Company Commander, Major O'Dowda came and wished us the same, Our old Company Officer, Lieutenant Pollard, also came and saw us. Dinner over, the tables were cleaned down and we adjourned to the Barrack room for a sing-song, of which some of our Company artistes gave various turns, During the afternoon, beer, cigarettes and cigars were quite plentiful, and about 5 p.m. the Company gradually began to wander away to their various rooms for a sleep, I can positively say that everyone was quite satisfied with the Christmas arrangements, and also there was plenty of everything. Great praise is due to our Colour-Sergeant and Messing Corporal, and Committee for the above arrangements, I will now finish with Christmas by wishing every reader of the Gazette a merry Xmas and prosperous New Year.

Sport in the Battalion is now in full swing, both football and hockey. Up to now the Company have not played any, but when you receive the next correspondence I hope to give you some favourable results.

On the 28th December there was an open Boxing Competiton to all India, in which six N.C.O's and men competed, Sergeant Sheppard, Lance-Corporal Moss and Private McNamara competing in the Light-weights, Private Hill in the Featherweights, and Privates White (93) and Privates Kersey in the Bantams.

Sergeant Sheppard, as everyone thought would win the Lights, but lost the final to Lance-Corporal Russell, his old opponent at Delhi,

Lance-Corporal Moss got in the semi-final to Sergeant Sheppard after putting up a very good fight to the belt holder.

Private Hill lost in the semi-final to Bombardier Lloyd, R,F.A, in the second round being knocked out. This is his first knock out in five years,

Private Kersey lost in the first round of the competition to Private Beadon owing to his arm being injured in the third round.

Private White lost to Private Brissenden in the first series, an exceedingly good fight. This is his first appearance in the ring and with a little extra tuition more should be heard of him in the near future

I think this is all the news this month.

E COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENCE.

G COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I must admit slackness in not sending in December's notes, but plead lack of news.

The Company went to Dag camp on December 11th with the Battalion, to help smooth the rocks down on Battalion training. I cannot say much about what happened there, as I stayed behind to keep the barracks warm,

Christmas was celebrated in splendid style, Lce.-Cpl. Hodges being responsible for some splendid catering, At dinner we were visited by Colonel Pedley, Major Kitson, and Lieutenant Searight, each of whom received an ovation,

The celebrations were kept up over Boxing Day, when there were rather a good many casualties for one company. I must call them casualties, they will not plead guilty to anything else.

However, it is all over now, and we are anxiously waiting for the programme of reliefs to see if we are to change stations next year or not.

On December 28th and 30th and January 1st the Battalion held a Boxing Tournament open to all India, at which G Company was well represented.

On the first day in the Featherweights Private Guess, G, was beaten by Lance-Corporal Medlen, D, after a good fight. Medlen was in superior form and won on points.

Private Mulchay, G, met Private Dale, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, in the Bantam Weights. Dale was a very superior boxer, but Mulchay stood a good deal of punishment very gamely. Dale won on points.

In the same weights Private Briselden, G, beat Private White, E after a good fight.

Private Watson, G, met Private Louden of A, also in the Bantams. Watson was unfortunate enough to trip and strike his head heavily on the boards in the first round.

In the Light Weights Private Bell, G, put up a good show against Lance-Corporal Moss, E, but Moss won on points; whilst in the Feathers Private Hood, G, was beaten by Bmdr. Lloyd, R.F.A., who was a much more experienced man.

On December 30th, Lance-Corporal Page, G, was beaten by Private Hill, E.

The semi-final for the middle-weights between Pte. Gibbs, G, and Pte. Cook of A was a good hard fight. Blow for blow was given and received, but Cook won on points.

In the semi-final Bantams, Pte. Briselden, G, was beaten on points by Pte. Dale (Royal Welsh Fusiliers), after a good hard fight.

The final night, January 1st, was set apart for Briselden's benefit,

In a four round contest Pte. J. Sandford, G, was to have met a man of the 2nd North Staffordshire Regt, but as the Staffordshire man did not appear, Bandsman Bough (Durham Light Infantry) volunteered to take his place, and a good fight resulted, Bough winning on points,

A four round contest between Pte, Peters G and Lce,-Cpl. Medlen, D, was a hard slogging fight, Peters won on points.

FOOTBALL.—On Sunday, January 5th, the Company lost to H Company of the 2nd North Staffordshire Regt, after a good game,

HOCKEY.—On Monday, January 6th, the Company met H Company in the Regimental League (Hockey) on the ground of the 52nd Sikhs, Result:—H 3, G 0.

G COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

BATTALION RIFLE CLUB.

Winners in the competition which finished on the Miniture Range on 14th January, 1913, divided into classes according to scores in last classification.

Class A, 115 and over.	Class B, 95 and over.	Class C, 94 and under
Lce-Corp Sharp, C...97.	Corp. Davis, H ... 94.	Dr. Noble, D ... 86
Pte. Snooks, H ..... 88.	Pte. Heath, B ... 88.	Pte. Hilton, B 84
„ Wells, G ..... 87.	L-Corp. Guess, E. 85.	„ White, H 74
L-Corp. Potter, C... 87.	Pte. Kent, E ..... 80.	
„ Hedge, F ... 87.		

Class D, Table A.	Class E, Recruits,	Class F, Boys.
Pte, Traill, G .... 82.	Pte. Bishop, A... 86.	BoyCummings H 87
„ Day, G ..... 82.	„ Workman, C 86.	„ Reed, G..... 54
„ Dyke, B..... 78.	„ Knight, B... 75.	„ Cover, E ... 51

S.M.R.C, Match Targets,

Winner of Officers' and Sergeants' Spoon shoot Sergeant Gilbey.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

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The undermentioned non-commissioned officers and drummer have been granted a six months' furlough in the United Kingdom during the ensuing season:—

4596 Col.-Sergt. E. Goulds; 8154 Sergt. R. Roythorne; 8048 Lce.-Sergt. F. Stace; 8037 Corpl. A. Moody; 7521 Sergt. W. Stickings; 7890 Lce-Sergt. J. Williams; 8047 Corpl. W. Colebrook; 7869 Drummer E. Phillips.

The following is the detail for the R.I.M.S. "Dufferin," sailing from Karachi on 23rd January, 1913:—

For Discharge.—6048 Corpl. A. Cox; 6065 Pte. J. Falkner; 6138 Pte. J. Homewood.

For Premature Transfer to Army Reserve.—8108 Lce.Corpl. W. Page; 9109 Lce.-Corpl. G. Wright; Privates 8113 C. Croft, 8115 T. Perkins, 8145 W. Rogers, 8150 W. Ludlow, 8162 A. Tapsell, 8164 F. Hodges, 8173 J. Goldsmith, 7980 S. Palmer, 8019 A. Seagraves, 8023 W. Hinton, 8030 W. Carden, 8061 W. Shrosbree, 8072 W. Mepham, 8075 F. Munro, 8082 W. Drinkwater, 8090 T. Wren, 8098 H. Wood, 8178 R. Spencer, 8181 G. Moore, 8199 F. Collins, 8203 F. Sanders.

The undermentioned are granted good conduct badges on dates as stated:—8797 Pte. J. Marr, 2nd, dated 7th November, 1912; 8336 Pte. H. Jeal, 2nd, dated 2nd October, 1912; 8840 Lce.-Corpl. T. Bax, 2nd, 11th December, 1912; 9044 Pte. W. Leopard, 1st, 31st December, 1912; 8833 Pte. A. Everest, 2nd, 7th December, 1912; 885 Lce.-Corpl. I. Moxham, 2nd, 16th December, 1912; 9510 Pte. H. Rogers, 1st, 30th November, 1912; 8486 Pte. F. Burton, 2nd, 14th December, 1912; 8803 Pte. B. Colville 1st, 31st December, 1912; 9519 Pte. W. Abbott, 1st, 8th December, 1912; 8855 Pte. A. Brown, 2nd, 30th December, 1912; 8847 Pte. R. Seaton, 2nd, 19th December, 1912; 9516 Pte. A. Hyland, 1st, 5th December, 1912; 8443 Lce.-Corpl. G. Franklinde, 2nd, 9th December, 1912; 8563 Pte. W. Bird, 2nd, 26th December, 1912; 9524 Pte. C. Fenwick, 1st, 22nd July, 1912; 9661 Pte. B. Madoc, 1st, 23rd August, 1912; 9492 Pte. W. Fowler, 1st, 5th October, 1912; 8132 Pte. A. Dade, 2nd, 13th October, 1912; 8966 Pte. H. Crouch, 2nd, 12th November, 1912; 9078 Pte. J. Heath, one, dated 27th December, 1912; 9232 Pte. J. Marrett, one, 4th December, 1912; 8809 Pte. C. Hills, one, dated 9th December, 1912.

At the examination of N.C.O.'s for promotion held on 6th December, the undermentioned have passed for promotion to higher rank: To Sergeant: 7479 Lce.-Sergt. J. Sheppard, 8445 Corpl. E. Johnson, 8449 Corpl. F. Fridd, 8349 Corpl. L. Kemp; 8155 Corpl. H. Hoadley; to Corporal:—Lce.-Corpls. 9076 T. Swain, 8191 C. Russell, 9069 A. Lind, 9342 T. Masters, 9177 G. White.

8155 Corpl. H. Hoadley passed in Pushtu by the Higher Standard, 20th December, 1912.

4629 Col.-Sergt. C. Stringer accompanied by his wife and family embark on the H.T. Plassey on 9th January for re-posting to Home Establishment.

4428 Col.-Sergt. E. Ashton, wife and family, embark on the same boat for Posting to the 3rd Battalion.

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3RD BATTALION NOTES.

The New Year's Dance of the Sergeants took place at the Gymnasium on Friday, 3rd January. Dancing was carried out with the usual vigour until about 4 a.m. Col.-Sergt. Kingham and his committee are to be congratulated on their able arrangements for everyone's comfort and enjoyment. The Band was supplied by Mr. McGee and the decorations were tastefully arranged by Messrs. Martin, of Maidstone.

The usual Christmas Tree and Tea to the Married Families at Maidstone took place on the 8th January. After partaking of tea the youngsters were entertained with conjuring tricks and a magic lantern. The Christmas Tree on which gifts were displayed for each child, was most tastefully dressed with the assistance of Mrs. Dinwiddy, Mrs. Waring and Mrs. Cooch. The romps and games appeared to give much amusement not only to the juveniles but also the grown-ups of the party, which was a most merry one. Z

Lieutenant C. K. Anderson has been selected for the Qualifying Course (Rifle) which assembles at the School of Musketry, Hythe, on the 27th of January.

The General Officer Commanding in Chief, Eastern Command, accompanied by the Officer Commanding No. 10 District, inspected the Line and Special Reserve Recruits at their Drill and Physical Training on the 16th January, 1913.

6668 Sergt. J. Burrows has arrived for duty at Maidstone from 2nd Battalion, 10th January, 1913.

6060 Lce.-Corpl. W. Dowsett has been discharged on completion of first period of engagement, 16th January, 1913.

Good conduct badges have been awarded as follows:—9525 Lce.-Corpl. F. Body, one badge, 9th January, 1913; 8874 Pte. A. Weller, two badges, 14th January, 1913.

No. 8897 Pte. T. Barson has been re-posted to the First Battalion.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following Subscriptions :—

Mr. Hutchison to December, 1914 (not 1912 as stated in January)

Brigade-Surgeon, Owen-Owen and Captain T. Sumner to December 1912.

Mr. McGregor, Mr. T. Lewis, Captain Moody, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Grey, Mr. Burrows, Mr. E. M. Churchill, Mr. J. T. Hunt, Mr. Wilkinson, Colonel E. T. Luck, Major C. F. Hitchins, Colonel C. R. Crosse, Mrs. Jameson, Major J. W. Jones, Colonel M. Wynyard, Mr. W. Osman, Captain Young, Canteen Pesident (Dartford), Colour-Sergeant Instructor Reeves, Mr. G. Button, Captain B. Robb, F. Fisher, Esq., Colour-Sergeant Instructor A. E. Wood, Sergeant Martle, Mr. Crouch, Mr. S. Kill, President Recreation Room (Westerham), P. Jude, Esq., Lieutenant Colonel Sir A. G Boscawen, Major J. Smith, Mr. T. N. Hill, Mr. T. Hensley, D. P. Pack Beresford, Esq., Colonel W. H. Fitton, Mr. W. Brown, J. E. Elgood, Esq., Mr. Hadgkiss, Sergeant-Major A. G. Wood, Rev. Canon Grant, Mr. G. Barnes, Colone lJ. P. Dalison, Bdgr.-General F. Wintour, Quarter-Master-Sergeant Furey, Mr. F Sullivan, Major L. Brock-Hollinshead, Mr. C. F. Wilson, Randall Mercer, Esq., Colour-Sergeant-Instructor J. Smith, Quarter-Master-Sergeant Baker, Mr. H. Evans, Mr. C. Maynard, Mr. G. H. Austin, Mr. F. Taylor, Captain C, M. Allfrey, Mr. J. Ralphs, Mrs. Locks, Lieutenant-Colonel E. W. Bailey, Mr. H. Farbridge, Colonel E. Satterthwaite, Major W. E, Rowe, Major O. J. Daniell, D. P. Forestier-Walker, Esq., all up to December 1913. Colonel Tweedie, D.S.O.. Mr. J. H. Outten, Mr. Sparshott, up to December, 1914. Colonel T. Simpson, up to December, 1918. Captain W. H. B. Long, to December. 1917. Bgdr.-General E. A. Grove, to December, 1915. Capt. Tulloch, to December, 1913. Mrs. Donelly, to Dec., 1913. Mr. T. Hoare, to Dec., 1913. Mr. G. Frankling, to Dec., 1913. Mr. H. N. Chick, to Dec., 1913. Mr. C. Orborne, Dec., 1913. Mr. Cover, to Dec., 1913.

Death of a Crimean and New Zealand Veteran.

The funeral of the late Pensioner W. Willett, formerly of the 50th Foot and 46th Brigade Depot, took place at Sible Hedingham, Essex, on the 20th January.

The deceased, who held the rank of Sergeant on discharge, was 79 years of age, and was in the possession of the New Zealand Medal and the medal for Long Service and Good Conduct. He landed in the Crimea just after the fall of Sevastopol, but did not get the medal for that campaign.

Through the kindness of the officer commanding the Garrison at Colchester, a fully-horsed gun carriage accompanied by a sergeant, corporal and four gunners and drivers of the 114th Battery R.F. Artillery, conveyed the coffin to the church, whilst six sergeants of the 2nd Durham Light Infantry acted as pall bearers, and bore the remains of the deceased veteran to his last resting place. Owing to the distance from Colchester (some 18 miles) no band was able to be present, but a muffled carillon, echoing from the belfry of Sible Hedingham Church, was most effective. Sergt.-Major Grellier from Maidstone, represented the Regiment and placed a wreath from the officers, N.C.O.'s and men of The Queen's Own on the coffin. Our cordial thanks are due to the 114th Battery Royal Field Artillery and the 2nd Battalion The Durham Light Infantry, for sending detachments to pay the last honours to the deceased veteran.

BOXING.

A Boxing Tournament takes place at the Depot, Maidstone, on Wednesday, February 19th, 1913.

The programme is made up of five contests and the semi-final and final of the Recruits' Competitions. Prices of admission : Numbered and Reserved Seats 3/- and 2/-, Unreserved 1/- and 6d.

Doors open 7.30 p.m., commence at 8 p.m.

BIRTHS

At Peshawar, on the 1th May, 1912, the wife of Quarter-Master Sergeant (O.R.S.) A. Bellion, of a daughter, Elsie May.

At Chatham, on the 13th January, the wife of 4110, Colour-Sergeant Instructor J. Smith, 5th Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, of a daughter, Margaret Mary Lena.

At Dublin, on the 7th December, 1912, the wife of 4108 Private H. Marchant, of a daughter, Annie Amelia Selina.

At Maidstone, on the 26th January, 1913, the wife of Mr. E. Branson, (civilian), O R.C. 3rd Battalion (late Sergeant Royal West Kent Regiment), of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

At London, on January 11th, 1913, 5534 Colour-Sergeant E. Kallend, to Blanche J. Gallafant.

DEATH.

At Dublin, on the 20th January, 1913, Violet Blanche, the daughter of 4607 Colour-Sergeant W. Saunders.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

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Major Hubert Isacke is granted the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel while employed as a General Staff Officer, second grade, at the Staff College, Quetta. Dated February 11, 1913.

Captain J. W. Nelson has been seconded for Service as Adjutant Territorial Forces dated 4th January, 1913.

3RD BATTALION.

Lieutenant G. D. Hall retired pay, late 16th Lancers to be Captain (art 510, R.W., 1909), dated 22nd February, 1913.

2nd Lieutenant J. T. Robyns (on probation) resigns his commission, dated 5th February, 1913.

1st BATTALION.

LANCE SERGEANTS PROMOTED SERGEANTS—No. 8020 S. G. Glazebrook, dated 15th January, 1913; No. 8126 Z. Barden, dated 26th January, 1913.

CORPORALS APPOINTED LANCE SERGEANTS—8674 W. File, 15th January, 1913; 6724 W. Fermor, 26th January, 1913.

LANCE CORPORALS PROMOTED CORPORALS—6755 A. Eves, 15th January, 1913; 8801 T. Scott, 26th January, 1913.

APPOINTED LANCE CORPORALS—Privates 9791 G. Robinson, 9798 J. Pennell, 9801 A. Traill, dated 31st January, 1913; 9687 F. Hyatt, 20th February, 1913; 9047 W. Herbert, dated 3rd February, 1913; 7759 W. Kersey, 12th February, 1913; 4743 F. Bishop, 20th February, 1913.

DRUMMERS—8592 M. O'Donoghue and 8816 M. Bellion, dated 10th February, 1913.

APPOINTED BANDSMEN—8640 Private W. Bourne, 8th October, 1912; 9367 Private A. Spicer, 22nd November, 1912.

2ND BATTALION.

PROMOTED SERGEANT MAJOR (W.O.)—No. 4740 Quarter-Master Sergeant R. Thorne, dated 27th November, 1912.

PROMOTED QUARTER-MASTER SERGEANT—4943 Quarter-Master Sergeant C. Harrison, dated 27th November, 1912.

3RD BATTALION.

No. 4747 Quarter-Master Sergeant (O.R. Sergeant), W. Alderman relinquishes the Appointment of O.R. Sergeant, and is appointed Regimental Quarter-Master Sergeant 29th January, 1913.

No. 6668 Sergeant D. Burrows appointed Orderly Room Sergeant, dated 21st January, 1913. He is promoted Colour-Sergeant (O.R.S.), 20th February, 1913, under Article 797 and 799 Royal Warrant for pay, etc.

APPOINTED LANCE SERGEANT—8578 Corporal A. Harrison, dated 13th February, 1913.

THE EDITOR'S COLUMN OF REMARKS.

We are very glad to be able to record that "His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the 1st (Canterbury) Regiment, New Zealand, being shown in the War Office Army List as allied to The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment)." We extend a hearty greeting to our comrades across the sea and hope that, at some future time, we may be able to give some particulars of the Regiment that has been thus allied to us.

In connection with commemorating the recent tragedy of the Antarctic, a suggestion has appeared in "The Observer" that Trafalgar Square should be dedicated solely to the memory of famous sailors. This would mean the removal of three monuments to soldiers that are already there—Sir Charles Napier, Lord Napier of Magdala, and General Gordon. How many of us, as we pass through this familiar part of London, remember that it contains Sir Charles Napier's statute? Next time you are there, go and look at it. Don't let the memorial to the Regiment's most famous son suffer from the fog of forgetfulness, as well as the atmospheric fog it so often has to put up with.

At a future date we hope to be able to publish some plates showing old types of uniform. We will say more of this, however, anon.

We cull the two following extracts from an old copy of the Mess Rules of the 97th Regiment:—

"16. All fines for infractions of the Mess Rules at the Mess Table, are to be enforced by the President, and when a fine is not specified in the Mess Regulations, the President is to use his discretion, but in no case to exceed the value of Three Bottles of Wine."

"27. What is usually termed "Parish Business" is proscribed at the Mess, and never to be introduced under a penalty of Three Bottles of Wine to be levied by the President. This is not to prohibit other military conversation."

Dear us! How the times have changed!

"Lieutenant Beeswax, you are a naughty fellow. I have not heard you talk a word of "shop" since dinner began. We will quaff a flagon of barley-water at your expense."

ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner of The Queen's Own, Royal West Kent Regiment will take place at the Grand Hotel on Tuesday, June 17th, at 8 o'clock.

CHOLMELEY HARRISON,
Colonel,
Hon. Sec.

THE LAND-MARKS OF TIME.

MARCH.

5th—1st Annual Dinner of Sergeants' Association, 1904.
8th—Landing of British in Egypt, 1801.
13th—Kakaramea, N.Z., occupied by 50th, 1855.
14th—Capture of LUCKNOW, 1858.
16th—2nd Battalion embarked for South Africa, 1900.
19th—97th Regiment raised by order of George IV., 1824.
22nd—97th in action for the first time before Sevastopol, 1855.
24th—"SOUTH AFRICA, 1900-02," ordered to be borne on the Regimental Colour.
30th—Crimean Treaty of Peace signed, 1856.

THE ORIGINAL ARMY LIST.

Thanks to Captain Nicholas, of the Buffs, we have received an extract from the Army List of 1815, which gives the names of the Officers of the 50th Regiment serving at that time. This we believe to be the original Army List and only four copies of it were published. These four copies were issued to the Sovereign, the Commander-in-Chief, the Governor of India, and the Commander-in-Chief of the Forces in British North America. The extract is as follows:—

50th (or the West Kent) Regiment of Foot.
(2nd Battalion disbanded)

Permitted to wear on their Colours and Appointments a "Sphynx" with the word EGYPT and the words VIMIERA and CORUNNA, in commemoration of the campaign of 1801, and the Battles of August 21st 1808 and 16th January 1809.

Colonel	Sir James Duff, Kt. (General in Army 25th Oct 1809)
Lieut Colonel	Charles Hill
Majors	John Bacon Harrison (Lt Col in Army 19th June 1812) and Tho: Dundas Campbell.
Captains	Wm: Alexander Gordon (Lt Col in Army 26th Dec 1813), Thomas Wemyss (Major in Army 21st June 1813), William Mason, Benjamin Rowe (Major in Army 3rd March 1814), Henry Montgomery (Major in Army 26th Dec 1813), John W— Henderson, Charles Grant, James Ballard Gardiner, Andrew Mitchell, Nicholas Wodehouse.
Lieutenants	Charles Heatley, Wm: John Hemsworth, Robert Keddle, Thos: Ryan, Edward Richardson, Henry Fyge Jauncey, William Turner, John Power, John Patterson, William Nowlan, George Bartley, James Thomas, Richard Jones, Rich: Woodward Swayne, Daniel Lyon (Adjutant), Charles North, Arthur Piggott Browne, George John Eady, Patrick Plunkett, John W— Plunket, James Burrell, John Godfree, William Crofton.
Ensigns	Richard Seward, — Bateman, J — Richards, Samuel Lumsden, Harry J— Shawe, W— R— Greenham, John Dillon, John Mahon.
Paymaster	John Montgomery.
Adjutant	Daniel Lyon.
Quartermaster	Benjamin Baxter.
Surgeon	Baillie Ross.
Asst: Surgeons	Joseph Brown and John Tobin.

Facings, Black ——— Lace, Silver.
Agent, Messrs. Greenwood, Cox and Hammersley.
(We have not given the dates of Regimental rank).

NOTES ON A VISIT TO THE CRIMEAN IN MARCH, 1912.

(Continued).

Inkerman derives its name from a ruin on the northern bank of the River Tcherna, near its mouth. A monastery has recently been built close to the ruin. It lies high, and I found it an execellent place to see the surrounding country, including the Battle-field. The best way to visit Inkerman is by sea, so I took a rowing boat and proceeded up the Bay of the same name. Inkerman, in the Tartar language, means "Cave Castle." The cliffs here are pierced by a great number of caves and it is on the top of one of these cliffs that the old ruins of the castle and the monastery stand. The route lay through the Bay on which Sevastopol stands. It was teeming with Naval activity; five Battleships and a Transport of the Russian Volunteer Fleet lay at anchor, together with many smaller craft. Ships' boats rowed by bluejackets, electric and steam launches, were passing rapidly to and fro. One of the Battleships was having two new 12-inch guns put into one of its turrets. Further on I saw ten new 12-inch guns, lying piled up on the shore, intended evidently to replace others, or to take the place of smaller guns in this Fleet lying in the harbour. I returned also by sea, but if arrangements could be made, it is better to have a carriage waiting on the Battlefield and return by road and pass the British Cemetery.

Scutari is so intimately associated with the Invasion of the Crimea that one naturally, when the occasion occurs, feels obliged to pay it a visit. It occupies a beautiful situation overlooking Constantinople, opposite which it lies, and the Sea of Marmora. It has from the earliest historical days been a place of importance and note. It was the commencement of the road to Persia, and it was here that Xenophon ultimately arrived on his retreat out of Persia, with the 10,000, after his 1,000 mile march through hostile country in B.C. 400. The modern town lies on rising ground at the entrance to the Bosphorus on the Asiatic side. A Turkish cemetery, filled with tombs and cypresses, stretches for three miles in the direction of Kali Klui, the ancient Caucedone, and the present terminus of the much talked of Bagdad railway. This is the favourite burial place of the Constantinople Turks, lying in Asia and being in the direction of Mecca. On the right of this cemetery, and between it and the sea, are the larger Barracks of Selim III. and the Medical School for training the surgeons for the Turkish Army. This place was used during the War by the British as a hospital, and it was here that Florence Nightingale worked so successfully. Near by was a large camp of British soldiers, and in the cemetery close by 8,000 are buried (those who died in the hospital). At one time as many as 10,000 sick and wounded were undergoing treatment here. The place is well cared for, but I was surprised to find that very few of the dead are honoured by a tablet recording their names; only half a dozen all told.

THE OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Dinner will take place on Saturday, April 19th, at the Cannon Street Hotel. Notices are being sent to members.

It would be a great convenience if those intending to be present would let the Secretary know as early as possible, enclosing 3s., which is the charge for the dinner.

ELEPHANT SHOOTING.

Last month we gave an account of the narrow escape Captain Stigand had in an encounter with an elephant. We are now able to give another story of a somewhat similar description in which Lieutenant Roy Brock was concerned.

In August of last year a surveying party was proceeding up the Nile and took the opportunity to try to get some elephants. The party consisted of three Englishmen—Major Pearson, R.E., Captain Stafford, 13th Sudanese (East Surrey Regiment), and Mr. Bolton. They came upon a herd of elephants, and, when they fired, the elephants charged. Pearson escaped but the other two were not so lucky. Bolton was thrown several yards but got off with a severe shaking. Stafford, however, was very nearly killed as the elephant drove a hole through his side with its tusk and then threw him. He was found by his friends lying on the ground with a lot of elephants in a half circle round him, but luckily the herd went off and he was rescued. He was carried to the river and taken to Fort Bruce where Lieutenant Brock was stationed.

The next day it was discovered that Stafford's rifle, glasses and helmet had been left behind, and Lieutenant Brock was asked if he would go down the river in a tug to look for them.

Getting a few days' leave so that he might have an opportunity to get an elephant, he set off with a Sudanese officer and six other native soldiers. On the second day out he found Stafford's rifle, etc., and later on in the day, on going further down the river, elephants were heard trumpeting, and the party at once went on shore. They came up with the herd and succeeded in getting two. A Government license allows each person to kill two elephants, so that, as there were two of them shooting, they were still allowed to kill two more. What happened the next day, we will leave in Lieutenant Brock's own words.

"Up at dawn to cut out tusks; a long job, takes about 1½ to 2 hours for each elephant and has mostly to be done with axes. Back to boat again about 9 a.m. and went down river to try and come up with herd again; stopped at 11 a.m. Found tracks again but they were of the night before, so no use (elephants travel at night anything up to 100 miles). Couldn't go on further as not enough time, so reluctantly turned back up river. About 4 p.m. had a real stroke of luck. We had a small row boat with us which we were towing; it was full of wood and I noticed it's nose kept on going under water, so stopped the boat in order to move wood. Had a shot at a crocodile. Directly after a man I had perched up on top shouted "Elephant!" We were ashore in no time, grass 12 feet high. We went towards the place where we had seen them but they had gone; presumably they had been frightened by the shot I had had at the crocodile. We found their tracks, however, and in about an hour got up to them; about eight, and there were two with splendid tusks. It was absolutely necessary to get two so I arranged to fire at one and then, if possible, to plug another at once. Kheirulla (the Sudanese officer) and Morgan, one of the men I had with me, each fired and I got three off and, as they stood for a moment, I got two shots into the other. Then they went off and we ran after them till I was absolutely done. We got to them and found them standing propping up the wounded one. Another two shots downed him; the best of the lot, tusks go 90 and 80 lbs. and over six feet long. The rest went off again and I said we must get on after the other one we had hit. This was where the man came in, he said "no," the other one went off by himself the other way. No one else had seen him, but I was certain he was right, so off we dashed all the way back, and found him standing close to where we had first hit him. We got to within 20 yards of him and I fired and down he went, but soon got up again making an awful row. I had only two rounds left, so told the man to fire—Kheirulla had finished the ammunition for his rifle. Four times he was plugged and each time went down again, trumpeting all the time. Finally he went down for good. His tusks were also very good, 80 and 70 lbs. Just as I was congratulating myself and going up to look at him, there was the devil of a crashing on one side behind some scrub, about 40 yards away and an elephant burst through, coming straight at us. I shouted to the men to run and fired two shots at him (it was providence that I kept them in the rifle). Morgan, the good man, stood and fired too. Then we ran, or at least tried to, but the ground was so wet and I was so done that I could hardly pull my feet out of the mud. About twenty yards from me he fell stone dead."

The story has a happy ending, and we heartily congratulate Lieutenant Brock that it was so. It was indeed a close thing.

FABLES FOR YOUNG SOLDIERS.

(2). THE BIRD OF GOOD REPORT.

The recruit was on Pass for the first time and had got out of the train at a little way-side station. As soon as he was on the road for home, he loosened his belt, undid the two top buttons of his tunic, put his cap on the back of his head, and, seeing a sparrow sitting on a telegraph wire, threw a stone at it. "Don't do that," said the sparrow, "you're the one that ought to be shot at, not me." "I'm only shot at when there's a war," said the recruit. "Don't you believe it," replied the sparrow, "you're always being shot at." "Who shoots at me?" asked the recruit. "Everybody," said the sparrow, "only they use their tongues instead of guns. When a soldier comes away from Barracks back to his home, everybody talks about him. When they see a chap that takes a bit of care of how he looks, they say how the Army has improved him; but when they see a fellow like you, that doesn't take enough pride in the King's uniform to put it on properly or to keep it clean, they say what a rotten Regiment he must belong to. And it doesn't stop there; the chat goes from mouth to mouth and from village to village, and the Regiment gets a bad name just because one little rookie doesn't think about anything or anybody except himself. I'm off now to tell the other birds what you're like, and they'll soon spread it about." The sparrow flew off, and the recruit watched it getting smaller and smaller in the distance. Then he tightened his belt, did up his tunic, put his cap on straight, and went off home with the finest military swagger that ever was seen in the whole country side.

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THE STORY OF THE BATTLE-HONOURS.

(III). CORUNNA (JANUARY 16th, 1809).

The terms of the Convention of Cintra (the sequel to the Battle of Vimiera) caused a great deal of disappointment and indignation in England, and the three responsible Generals, Sir Hew Dalrymple, Sir Harry Burrard, and Sir Arthur Wellesley were ordered home to appear before a court of inquiry. The command thus devolved upon Sir John Moore.

In October, 1808, he was informed that a force under Sir David Baird was being sent from England to disembark at Corunna, and he himself was ordered to co-operate with Baird and to advance to the assistance of the Spanish Armies. He was given a free hand as to how he should do this.

We must now explain how matters stood with regard to the French. Although driven out of Portugal by their failure in the Vimiera campaign, they were still actively engaged with the Spaniards. The Spaniards, thanks to a few minor successes, had at this time driven the French army right away to the North, over the River Ebro, and were confident of an easy triumph. Their bubble, however, was soon to be burst, for Napoleon, impatient to turn his attention elsewhere, determined to crush them quickly and completely. For this purpose he prepared to march into Spain with the large force of 250,000 men just at the same time as Sir John Moore was making his preparations to throw in his lot on the other side.

The French objective was Madrid, and Moore's plan was to concentrate his force somewhere to the N.W. of Madrid so that he could threaten the French communications with France. To this end, although not actually deciding on the point of concentration, he set out at the end of October in the direction of Valladolid and Burgos, and ordered Baird to march south-east from Corunna to join him. His own force, owing to the desperately bad roads, had to be divided. The main body followed the most direct course, while the artillery and ammunition columns, under General Hope, went by a devious but better route. Meanwhile Napoleon was moving South into Spain and the Spaniards, in spite of their confidence, were blown aside like the proverbial feather. The result was that Moore, who had hoped to concentrate while the Spaniards held up the French advance, suddenly found that the enemy was practically upon him, while his own army was divided into three widely separated parts. This was a critical situation, but Hope, realising the danger, quickly joined up with Moore and, after orders had been sent to Baird to fall back in the direction he had come, preparations were made for retirement into Portugal.

This was not at all to the liking of the Spaniards; Madrid, so they said, was making a desperate stand against Napoleon and now the English were going to desert them. Means of communication were not then as they are to-day, and Napoleon had no idea how close Sir John Moore was to him. Moore, consequently, changed his plans and again ordered Baird to join him.

The forces met at Mayorga (some 45 miles N.W. of Valladolid) on December 20th, and prepared to attack an isolated French corps under Marshal Soult. A week before this Moore had heard that the boasted defence of Madrid had lasted less than two days, but he still hoped to strike his blow at Soult before Napoleon learnt of his whereabouts. He was saved in the nick of time. Intelligence came that the French had at last heard of his position, and were hastening to crush him with a rapidity that the genius of Napoleon alone could command. No question now of attacking Soult; the odds were too hopelessly uneven, and there was nothing for it but to quit. Sending orders for his fleet of transports to meet him at Corunna, Moore rapidly, and only just in time, withdrew his army over the River Esla, and on December 26th the famous retreat to the coast commenced.

The story of that retreat makes mixed reading. Never have Glory and Discredit so walked hand in hand. Discredit because of the shameful falling-off of discipline that left hundreds of men by the roadside pillaging and plundering; Glory because of the splendid fight that was put up by the rear guard against the incessant pursuit of the French, for even the laggards that had fallen out of the ranks drew together on the approach of the enemy and showed their teeth. Retreat is always a severe strain on discipline, but when it is accompanied by such utter discomforts as in this case, it is only the most supreme efforts that will bring troops through the ordeal. The roads were choked with snow, the weather was appalling, the men's boots leaked like sieves, and food supplies were short. And so it was that the temptations of ransacking the wine vaults and stores by the wayside were more than could be withstood. Men fell out in shoals and the country round swarmed with them, as they searched for what they could get. Many fell exhausted by the roadside, and among them women and children lay dying in the snow, for in those days they too took their place on the line of march. It is an unhappy picture and yet a few days later, as Sir Harry Smith writes, "those very fellows licked the French at Corunna like men."

On January 1st, 1809, Napoleon received important news from other parts of Europe, and realising that he could not hope to cut off Moore's army, he set off to France and left Soult to continue the pursuit. Moore turned on Soult at Lugo and other places, and although no battle was fought, it had the effect of steadying the discipline of the army. At last Corunna was reached, but only to find that the ships had not yet arrived. Three days later they hove in sight, but before the troops could be embarked Soult (on January 16th) attacked and brought on the Battle of Corunna.

About mile and a half from Corunna a range of rocky hills stood across the main road and barred the way to the harbour. On this ridge Moore placed his 14,500 men and nine guns, the left resting on the River Mero, and the right on a valley; troops were extended across the valley with a reserve behind to prevent the flank from being turned. It was a good position in itself, but unfortunately it was commanded by a higher ridge less than a mile away. Moore could not afford to go so far forward as this second ridge and his numbers were insufficient to hold it properly. This had to be left for Soult and with a strength of 20,000 men and 40 guns he took possession. On the right of the British position and between the two ridges lay the village of Elvina; above it on the French side stood a rocky height and to the top of this, during the night of the 15th, Soult had dragged 11 heavy guns. The 50th, a part of Baird's division, was posted above Elvina on the opposite side, and their piquets occupied the village. About 2 p.m. Soult opened fire and his heavy guns poured their shot into the ranks of the 50th and the other British Regiments near them. Then the French infantry advanced, drove in the British piquets and flung themselves against the main position. Try as they would, they could not gain a footing, and as soon as their full force had been developed, Moore prepared for his counter stroke. Galloping up, he ordered the 50th and 42nd to advance. Down they dashed, driving the French before them, and sending them headlong back through

Elvina. Moore watched them as they went and cried out, "Well done, 50th! Well done, my Majors!". "Forward to the hill," was the cry, and, fighting every inch of the way, up towards the guns they rushed. But then a stroke of the hardest luck befell. The Guards were ordered up in support and the 42nd, thinking they were being relieved, retired. At the same time Sir John Moore, as he watched the 50th advance, fell with a mortal wound, and Sir David Baird, the next senior, was also hit. The 50th were left by themselves and there was no one to send assistance. It was only for a moment, but that moment was fatal. Major Napier, who was in command, was almost up to the guns with but a handful of men, but their heroic effort was hopeless. Fame has not handed down the names of that gallant little band, but it is probable that not one of them escaped. When reinforcements did come, the 50th had expended all their ammunition, and retired to their old place on the hill. The French were beaten back and the next day the whole force was safely embarked. As they left the shore, the French sent a few parting shots and the captain of the ship, which took the 50th, cut his cable in his fright and ran ashore. They were, however, safely transferred to another vessel.

What would have happened if Sir John Moore had been spared, no-one can tell. His plan was not merely to fight a defensive battle but to strike, if he could, a staggering blow at the French. He wanted to roll back Soult's left flank into the impassable River Mero, and had he done this, the French would have been in desperate straits. That is why he launched his counter-attack, but just when all was going well he received his death wound.

Many a gallant deed was done that day. Major Napier was severely wounded and taken prisoner; for some time he was given up for dead. He afterwards won great renown in India and several relics of him are preserved in the 1st Battalion. Major Stanhope was killed and the silver epaulette he wore is also in the Officers' Mess of the 1st Battalion; it was probably taken from his body by his brother when he was buried that night. These two are known as the "Corunna Majors," and up to quite recent times it was the custom in the Officers' Mess to drink to their memory on the anniversaries of the battle. Both the officers who carried the Colours (Ensigns Moore and Stewart) were hit, and as the latter fell, the Regimental Colour was seized by Sergeant McKie. He had just handed it to another officer when he too was killed. Captain Clunes, with his Grenadier Company, turned the enemy out of a chapel and his only weapon was a light cane; he was promoted into another Regiment for his bravery. The total losses of the 50th in the fight were 5 officers and 180 men killed and wounded.

What of the value of the campaign? Merely the story of a retreat under the most extraordinary difficulties, and a victory at the end? A very great deal more than that. Napoleon's schemes for rapidly subduing Spain had received a set-back that he had little anticipated, and at a time when he could ill afford it. To quote the words of an historian, "Moore's division had made it necessary for the French to do the business of suppressing Spain all over again." (Innes' History of the British Nation).

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

Bayonet Fighting.

An Inter-Company League for teams of six (all ranks) was fought off on February 14th and 18th. "H" Company secured an unbroken series of wins; A Company was second with one loss, and D Company third with two losses. Prizes of 15/-, 9/-, and 6/- were given to the first three teams.

A Battalion team is now being trained for the Bronze Medal Tournament at the Curragh on the 18th March, and promises to be a formidable combination.

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Boxing.

The sixth series of the Inter-Company League was held in the Gymnasium on February 13th, and proved a great success, the general level of the Boxing being distinctly above the average.

In the four round contest Bull showed cleverness in outpointing Lance-Corporal Judd, who is making a reputation as a hard hitter. Sheppard was in good form in a close contest with Jarrett, but in an extra round the latter did enough to secure the verdict. Results:

E COMPANY v. G COMPANY.

Feathers: Pte. Bresnahan (E) beat Pte. Edmett (G); Pte. Theedan (G) beat Pte. Jarvis (E); Pte. Debose beat Pte. Renwick (G).

Lights: Pte. D. Bresden (E) beat Pte. Goldsmith (G); Ptc. Brown (E) beat Pte. Hemmings (G); Pte. Edmett (G) beat Pte. Jarvis (E).

Welters: Pte. Barson (G) beat Pte. Bull (E); Pte. Walker (G) beat Private Still (E).

Middles: Pte. Page (E) beat Pte. Walker (G); Pte. Ford (E) beat Pte. Noakes (G). Result: E Company 6 points, G Company 4 points.

B COMPANY v. F COMPANY.

Feathers: Pte. Waite (B) beat Pte. Olliver (F); Pte. Brown (F) and Pte. Roberts (F) byes.

Lights: Pte. Lawrence (F) beat Lance-Corporal Cooper (B); Pte. Christie (B) beat Private Sullivan (E); Pte. King (B) beat Pte. Brown (F).

Welters: Pte. Mantel (F) beat Pte. Holt (B); Pte. Cassell (F) beat Pte. Twycross (B).

Middles: Pte Saxby (B) beat Pte. Alexander (F); Pte. Harris (B) beat Sergeant Barden (F). Result: B Company 5 points; F Company 5 points.

SERGEANTS' MESS NEWS.

On the 7th February we held our fourth dance of the season. As usual our friend the clerk of the weather commenced his old tricks again. From seven until eleven the weather was simply terrible. Slates from the Gymnasium roof and adjacent buildings kept dropping to the earth, and many were the narrow escapes of our visitors. Shortly before the dance was due to commence, as if to add insult to injury, one of the windows blew into the Gymnasium. Despite the bad weather a goodly number of visitors turned up and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The Gymnasium was tastefully decorated, and the floor was in splendid condition. Dancing continued until 3.0 a.m., when the weary, but well satisfied dancers wended their way homewards.

The usual monthly Whist Drive took place on the 19th. There were 20 tables occupied, and a very pleesant evening was spent. The prizes were won by the following: Ladies—1st Mrs. Ross, 2nd Mrs. Thurlby, sealed number Miss A. Jones, boobey Mrs. Mackintosh. Gents: 1st Sergt. Skeer, 2nd Q.M.-Sergt. McNamara (A.P. Corps), sealed number S.-Major Binns (A.P. Corps), boobey Sergt. Dr. Coe.

In addition to the above there were two prizes open only to members, and their wives, of our Mess. These were won by Sergeant and Mrs. Golding.

The Billiard Handtcap for January was won by Sergeant-Major Doe, while Colour-Sergeant Press was the runner up. The first prize was a cue and a case, and the second prize a cue.

SERGEANTS' MESS CORRESPONDENT.

RICHMOND BARRACKS,
DUBLIN,
24th February, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Having been kindly requested to take over the somewhat arduous duties of Company Correspondent, I now append below a short history of the Company's doings, both athletic and otherwise.

We are at present in the throes of the Annual Company Training, and all are now labouring under the delusions of short rushes, knotting and lashing experts, Ticknock, etc. in the midst of ideal weather, although extremely cold, which is considered rather unusual at this period of the year in Ireland. Under the new system, we and G Company have been combined as one Company for the purposes of Training only.

On the 15th instant, several of the recently joined recruits proceeded to Kilbride to fire their Recruits' Course of Musketry, and we hope that they will return fully qualified "Wallingford's."

Corpl. Pratt has been posted to the Regtl. Depot for a tour of duty, and the Company all wish him the best of good luck in his new sphere.

As regards sport during the past month, the Company has done very little. We challenged our friends the Irish Cavalry Depot to a Football Match of which we proved the victors by three goals to two. On the whole our team composed of representatives of the Battalion Team such as Privates Pringle, Hooper, and Claridge played a really splendid game. Our centre forward (Colour-Sergeant Kallend) tried several short rushes for the Cavalry's goal, but failed to defeat their defence. Our goalie, Private Higgins, on several occasions made some magnificent saves, including a swift ground shot, and only two shots evaded his clever tactics. It is expected that more will be seen of him in the near future, as there is the making of an excellant goalkeeper in him. Captain Keenlyside and Private Claridge, our centre half, also played a fast and good game. Privates Pringle and Hooper played the usual good game. During the month there were also some practice matches played chiefly for the purpose of testing the abilities of a few of the last joined Draft from the Depot.

It is also interesting to note that we succeeded as runners up in the Battalion Inter-Company Bayonet Fighting Competiton, losing to "H" Company, after some well contested displays. Our team was represented by the following:— Sergeant-Major Doe, Corporals Pratt and Loft, Privates Claridge, C. Baker and Sales. Great praise is due to Sergt.-Major Doe who was the mainstay of our team. They each received a second prize of 1/6 each.

Well, Mr. Editor, as my time is precious, I must end this rig-marole, hoping to favour you with some more news next month.

"A" COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

LEINSTER CUP TIE RE-PLAY AT TRITONVILLE.

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West Kents.—Kemp; Crawhurst and Hooper; Standen, Edwards and Pease; Shiel, Gore, Johnson, Scott and Herbert.

The military won the toss, and Morrow started operations for the homesters. The visitors had the best of the opening exchanges, and a good movement initiated at centre brought the ball into the home territory. Tritonville defence, however, eased the pressure, but the visitors were soon back again to the attack, and a mis-kick by C. Kelly helped them to gain a further footing. After a short period Byrne repulsed, and Tritonville burst away, and a splendid forward movement ended in Morrow and Devany combining well and successfully carried the attack into the vicinity of Kemp's charge. A free spoiled, and the visitors again became prominent. Up and down play was the order for a time, but a poor clearance by R. Kelly saw Johnston collaring, and did not hesitate but opened the scoring with a good shot. Tritonville played up better from the half-way kick, and Morrow made an unsuccessful effort to score. The soldiers took up the running from this, and Herbert made a brilliant effort to beat Whelan. A brisk attack was then made by the Tritons forwards, and some splendid shots were sent in by Morrow, Gore and Shee, but keen tackling by the home backs kept the invaders at bay. The soldiers were now having the best of the encounter and were all over the homesters, and a further score looked promising until an infringement close in brought much needed relief. Tritonville from this took up the running, and the soldiers were forced to defend, and Devany equalised amidst cheering. Both teams played up strongly from the centre and each citadel was visited in turn. Eventually a mistake by Kemp let Hamilton gain possession, the inside making no mistake in scoring the second for Tritonville just as the short whistle went. Half-time score:—

TRITONVILLE	2 goals
WEST KENTS	1 goal

Johnston restarted for the soldiers, who immediately invaded, and Byrne was forced to concede an unproductive corner. A free to Tritonville changed the scene of play to the visitors' quarters, where Fraser was tackled by Pease, the ball going out. A good run by Cavanagh brought the ball near Whelan's charge, a free being awarded the soldiers. Darling, however, repulsed, and immediately after the left wing of Tritonville got going, and Cavanagh drove in a magnificent left foot shot to Kemp, who saved in marvellous fashion. Shee keeping up the pressure, the home forwards for a time played near the military end, and it was only Shee's hard kick that prevented a score. The game was then transferred per Herbert and Scott, and the latter eventually equalised with a good shot. A brisk forward movement on the resumption kept the game hovering around the vicinity of Kemp's charge, and a good centre from Kavanagh was nicely trapped by Fraser, who sent from about thirty yards out. A corner immediately to Tritonville was not improved on. After a temporary visit of the soldiers' van, Tritonville again pressed, and after Cavanagh had played on, M'Guinness shot out. From a free, the soldiers took up the attack, and Gore gave a pretty pass to Johnston, who sent out. A mistake by Hooper let Fraser in, but his shot was yards out. A good run by the home forwards looked promising, but Herbert was tackled by Kelly, and sent behind. The homesters pressed very strongly from the kick out, and Cavanagh flashed on and centred with perfect accuracy, only to see Morrow missing badly. The homesters continued to hold the sway, and Fraser securing, scored a beautiful goal for Tritonville's third. This reverse put the soldiers on their mettle, and immediately from the half way kick the military forced the play and secured an unsuccessful corner. After Fraser eluded the vigilance of the opposition he was robbed by Hooper, who flashed down the field and gave to Edwards, but the centre half's pass was intercepted by M'Guinness. Result:—

TRITONVILLE	3 goals
WEST KENTS	2 goals

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SECOND DIVISION.

SANDYMOUNT v. ROYAL WEST KENTS SECOND.

Played on February 2nd, 1913, at Gilford Road.

West Kents. Eliott; Hylands and Bonfield; Strand Johnston and Merchant; Pringle, Woolgan, James, Ring and Smith.

Inside the first minute the Kent's got a corner, which was nicely placed for James to head through, and very soon after Merchant scored a further goal with a grand shot from far out. Sandymount kept play in the soldiers' half for a short while, but the Kents got away, and James missed badly from near in, the ball going wide. The soldiers displayed remarkable combination, which made a lot of headway, and a free to them was put over the crossbar by Laurence when saving, a corner resulting, which was grandly placed by Smith for James to head through an easy goal, Laurence making no effort to save any of the goals that had been scored. The third goal was scored exactly as the first one. From a corner kick Ring added another with a good shot, and an abortive corner to the Kents soon followed, and ere much time had elapsed James added a further goal. After a series of shots in Laurence's charge James put up Number 6 with a fast ground shot just on the whistle. Half-time score:—

WEST KENTS	6 goals
SANDYMOUNT	nil

On the restart Sandymount pressed strongly and from their play they were well worth a score, which Calvert notched. A great shot from Sandymount's right wing struck the upright, and shortly after Calvert headed through with an open goal. Sandymount had all the play in this half and should have scored again. Result:—

WEST KENTS	6 goals
SANDYMOUNT	3 goals

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LEINSTER SENIOR LEAGUE.—FIRST DIVISION.

ROYAL WEST KENTS v. DUBLIN UNIVERSITY.

West Kents.—Kemp; Bonfield and James; Pease, Edwards and Standen; Herbert, Johnston, Lieut. Gore, Ring and Hooper.

The soldiers won the toss, and Boyle started for the students against a strong wind. The opening exchanges were in favour of the military, who were early in the ascendancy, Ring and Hooper being prominent. The visitors' defence, however, stood the invasion well, and sound tackling by Nolan and John kept the homesters at bay, and eventually a good movement by Wilkinson carried play into the Kents' territory, but their stay in the home ground was short lived, and once more the soldiers attacked, and play settled around Chesnutt's charge, where a good shot by Pease he only missed by inches. The homesters continued to hold the upper hand, but eventually a burst away by the students, headed by Dixon, quickly transferred play to the military citadel, where some scrambling footwork ended in a clearance. Ring, Hooper and Lieut. Gore with splendid combination beat the opposition, and with a beautiful shot the latter opened the scoring for the military. On the resumption the homesters again attacked strongly, and the leather for some time was kept in the proximity of the visitors' goal. An infringement within the dreaded area, and the kick was entrusted to James, but Chestnutt was on the alert, and effected a clearance. From the kick-out the students made a splendid effort to force the attack, but the home defence proved too good, and no success attended their efforts. The students, however, for a time pressed strongly, but the military with the aid of the wind were always able to repulse these spasmodic attacks, good passing by Bryan and Lynch brought play dangerously near Kemp's charge, but Banfield effected a good clearance, and then the home left worked gradually into the home ground, where from a centre Herbert sent out. Half-time score:—

WEST KENTS	1 goal
DUBLIN UNIVERSITY	nil

Result:—

WEST KENTS	4 goals
DUBLIN UNIVERSITY	1 goal

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E COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

Although we have had quite a busy month we have managed to get through several sporting events.

The Company is finding the team to represent the Battalion in the Brigade Competition. The Competition comprises gymnastics, shooting and cross country running and comes off next month.

H Company have been training for the same competition and they contested us in running and gymnastics for priority of place.

In the running, although running well, H were hopelessly outclassed. Parrott, Kempster, Guy, Smith, Merchant and Bresnaham getting in the first six gave us an overwhelming lead. In the gymnastics they ran us very close. We got through with the narrow margin of 8 points.

I should imagine H. will acknowledge our superiority.

A Battalion Cross-Country Run was held during the month, and the Company's team got first place. Our points were over 900 and H., who got second, over 700. Parrott, Bresnaham, Kempster and the others getting in their usual order. Nineteen runners represented us, and they all got in within ten minutes of the winner.

Regarding football, we have had a fall. Playing F Company in the Final of the Junior Company League, we lost 4—1. It was our third team so we are not grieved. We play F. in the First Round of the Football Shield, and we are not at all afraid of the result, as we shall be up to full strength with the exception of one who did something he should not have done in one of the Battalion matches. Consequently he is ineligible.

We did fairly well in the Bayonet Fighting Competition. Our opponents in all sport, H. Company, winning the competition.

Our Boxing Team did well against G Company. We got the majority of points and still lead the Battalion.

You must excuse all this about sport, but it is all we really trouble about in E. as regards news of interest.

As regards other news we are sorry to lose Lce.-Sergt. Mockford posted to the Depot. We all wish him well. Lce.-Corpls. Scott and Eves have been promoted Corporals and remain in the Company for the present.

E. COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

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2nd BATT. CORRESPONDENCE.

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A FEW NOTES RE THE REGIMENTAL FOOTBALL TEAM.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

We entered for the 17th Lancers Tournament, and journeyed to Sialkote, where we were accommodated by the Lancers.

We were drawn against the Lancashire Fusiliers, who are considered to be about the best team in India. A good game was anticipated, and although beaten we were not disgraced, as the spectators said after seeing two other games that ours was the best show.

Winning the toss we elected to kick against the wind, and I think this was our undoing, as by a remarkable stroke of luck the first goal was scored through the wind carrying the ball into the net. This was the score at half-time. On resuming the Fusiliers started to press, and it was only remarkably good keeping on the part of our goalie that kept the score down. Play again became very even, but our forwrds could not score and from a breakaway the Lancashires scored again. No further scoring occurred, and the whistle blew with the Lancs. leading 2—0.

Play was very fast and fouls were conspicuous by their absence, the referee remarking that it was a pleasure to work for two such teams. The Fusiliers won on superior knowledge of the game, and their records show that it is only by consistent playing together that a record like the following can be established: 17 finals with 14 wins.

Team:—Goal, Dr. Whitehorn; backs, Ptes. Obee (16) and Mulchay; half-backs, Lce.-Corpl. Gibson, Lce.-Corpl. Mitchell and Pte. Pringle; forwards, Lce.-Corpl. Franklinde, Pte. Pryer, Pte. Phillips, Todd and Rapson.

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C. COMPANY.

Roberts' Lines, Peshawar,

India, N.W.F.P.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

Just a few more notes on the doings of the Company for the past month, etc. In the first place, the Christmas Festival went off quite satisfactory, the arrangements were excellently carried out under the direction of Privates Tickner, Williams, Martin, Butler, and Briselden, and the Company tenders their heartiest thanks to Mrs. Childs, who kindly cooked the puddings.

On January 2nd the Company took part in the annual Proclamation Parade, and Private J. Stinton was presented with G.C. and L.S. Medal by Major-General Blomfield, commanding 1st Peshawar Division.

On January 4th the Company played their first League match (football) with D. This was a very interesting game, and considering the team, who are practically nearly all new players, done pretty well and had hard lines in losing. Never mind, better luck next time. Score: D Company, one goal; C. Company, nil.

On January 8th the Company played D. at Hockey (League). The game from start to finish was fast and hard, both sides trying to score in the first half, but both goalies were unmovable. Half-time score 0—0. On resuming both teams started off in fine style, but neither could score. During the last ten minutes of the game C. made a smart run down and Bone sent in a nice shot. Soon after this D. got away and scored. Time sounded and the score stood 1—1.

On January 10th the Company played G. at Football (League), C. losing by 3—0.

On January 13th, the Company played B at Hockey (League). This was a very good game, both sides playing extremely well, C. losing by 2—1, F. Smith scoring the only goal.

On January 22nd, the Company played H. at Football (League). The game turned out to be a very hard one on both sides, H. eventually winning by an odd goal. Score 2—1. The following are the names of the Hockey and Football Teams respectively:—Goal, Lane; backs, Lieut. Yates and Smith (F.); half-backs, Brookes, Briselden and Horsman; forwards, Walker, Jones, Sergt. Hare, Wesborne, and Bone. Goal, Walden; backs, Walker and Bone; half-backs, Wren, Green and Briselden; forwards, Maynard, Barber, Todd, Smith (10), and Falkner (R.)

On January 16th the annual Regimental Cross-Country Run took place and C. Company's team was very conspicuous by their absence.

Now for a little Boxing, on the 16th, 17th and 18th, the Regimental Novices Competition took place, three of the Company entered, viz.:—Privates Sheppard Brown and Kettle. Below mentioned is the details of the fights.

First Round—Light Weights.—Pte. Brown met Pte. McNamara, the former being knocked out in the third round. This bout turned out to be very good, and this being the former's first fight, he done extremely well, and we hope to hear further of him.

1st Round—Light Weights.—Pte. Sheppard was given a bye.

First Round—Feather Weights. — Pte. Kettle met Pte Slackford. This turned out to be a good all round fight, plenty of jabbing on both sides, the former winning on points.

Second Round—Light Weights.—Pte. Sheppard met Pte. McNamara, the former being knocked out in the first round.

Second Round—Feather Weights.—Pte. Kettle met Pte. Edwards. This turned out to be the best fight of evening, plenty of jabbing, etc., the former winning on points.

Semi-Final Feather Weights.—Pte. Kettle met Pte. Collins. This fight from start to finish was a hard and a very good one, the former losing on points.

Whilst on the subject of Boxing, great praise is due to Pte. Kettle for the splendid show he put up, and the Company congratulates him on winning a prize for the best losing fight. We have heard just lately that we have some "dark horses" in the Company. We hope to see them in the next Novices.

I will conclude now, Mr. Editor, hoping my report is not too lengthy.

C. COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

6152 Sergt. A. Bristow, re-engaged to complete 21 years' service. Dated 11th February, 1913.

7647 Lce.-Corpl. S. Stone permitted to extend his service to complete 12 years with the Colours; he has also been awarded School of Military Engineering Certificate for Pioneer Duties. Dated Chatham, 31st January, 1913.

Second Class Certificates of Education have been awarded to 8983 Corpl. W. Jenner, 8839 Lce.-Corpl. J. Potter, 9071 Lce.-Corpl. H. Cooper, 9756 Pte. G. Fowle, and 9974 Pte. R. Saunders.

9623 Lce.-Corpl. R. Stanton and 7281 Lce.-Corpl. A. Rogers passed for promotion to the rank of Corporal. Dated 12th February, 1913.

The following have been discharged for reasons stated:—9123 Pte. P. Sell, on payment of £18, 30th January, 1913; 6082 Pte. W. Bellingham, on termination first period of engagement, dated 5th February, 1913; 6093 Lce.-Corpl. G. Russell on termination first period of engagement, dated 21st February, 1913.

Good Conduct Badges have been awarded as follows: 9561 Lce.-Corpl. A. Smith, one badge, 7th February, 1913; 9533 Drummer G. Hall, one badge, 23rd January, 1913.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

Major M. P. Buckle assumes the duties of Senior Major vice Major Woulfe Flanagan with effect from 20th January, 1913.

Captain C. Bonham Carter has passed the Higher Standard Examination in Hindustani, dated 21st January, 1913.

Lieut. J. B. B. Ford has been awarded a certificate for Telephony, dated 21st December, 1912.

It has been notified that the Battalion will move to Multan by rail during the relief season 1913-14 to relieve the First Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers.—(Extract Peshawar Division Orders).

Lieutenant R. B. L. Bazley White passed in subject (c) for promotion (marks 148).

The undermentioned passed an examination in Pushtu (elementary standard) at Peshawar, dated 8th January, 1913:—8598 Lce.-Corpl. J. Payne, 3627 Pte. H. Smith, 8061 Pte. W. Shrosbree, 8904 Lce.-Corpl. E. Broad, 8662 Pte. P. Bolam, 8353 Pte. J. Packham, 8655 Pte. H. Collier, 8670 Pte. G. Cheeseman, 8259 Pte. C. Gardner, 9682 Pte. D. Gillespie.

Under authority of the Colonel in Charge of Records, No. 3628 Sergt. T. Dixon has been permitted to continue in the service beyond 21 years. Dated 31st December, 1912.

The undermentioned have qualified as First Class Signallers, dated 13th January, 1913:—8494 Pte. A. Miles, 8838 Pte. G. Redmond, 8753 Pte. S. Wingham, 9106 Pte. A. Hemsley, 4866 Pte. G. Hollands, 8746 Pte. W. Herbert, 9395 Pte. T. Vallance, 9371 Pte. E. Page.

The following is the detail for H.T. Rewa sailing from Karachi on 12th February, 1913: For six months' furlough to the United Kingdom: No. 4596 Col.-Sergt. E. Goulds; No. 8154 Sergt. R. Roythorne; No. 7521 Sergt. W. Stickings; No. 7890 Lce.-Sergt. J. Williams.

No. 8541 Pte. A. Gilbert, 8394 Pte. R. Cox and 8554 Pte. C. Tunn have been permitted to extend their services to complete 12 years with the Colours, dated 24th January, 1913, and 27th January, 1913, and 29th January, 1913, respectively.

3304 Pte. G. Gardiner has been permitted to continue in the service beyond 21 years, dated 14th January, 1913.

The following is a roll of Battalion Scouts for the year ending 31st December, 1913, in order of merit, giving the amount of prize money allotted to each individual:—G, 8536 Pte. G. Cook, rs. 15; H, 8327 Lce.-Corpl. J. Burns, rs. 12; G, 9442 Pte. J. Cross, rs. 12; C, 8130 Pte. J. Hawkes, rs. 9; H, 8257 Pte. P. Rayfield, rs. 6; F, 8021 Lce.-Corpl. H. Shrubsole, rs. 6; F, 9452 Pte. T. Seale, rs. 6; G, 9134, Pte. H. Gibbs, rs. 6; G, 8583 Pte. T. Mannerings, rs. 5; E, 9347 Pte. B. Woodward, rs. 5; B, 8662 Pte. P. Bolam, rs. 5; E, 8690 Lce.-Corpl. H. Davies, rs. 5; A, 9076 Lce.-Corpl. A. Swain, rs. 4; E, 8611 Pte. J. Stevens, rs. 4; A, 9274 Pte. A. Ferry, rs. 4; A, 9259 Pte. J. Burch, rs. 4.

G Company is adjudged the best Company and is awarded rs. 36; H. Company is second best and is awarded rs. 24.

The above prizes are the gift of Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B., the Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment.

The undermentioned are awarded Good Conduct Badges on dates as stated:—8564 Pte. W. Burt, 2nd, dated 26th February, 1913; 9506 Pte. J. Vinall, 1st, dated 7th November, 1912; 8854 Pte. A. Bodkin, 2nd, 1st January, 1913; 8278 Pte. C. Minchinton, 1st, 27th May, 1912; 8586 Pte. E. Hayward, 2nd, 12th January, 1913; 9536 Pte. C. Marshall, 1st, 25th January, 1913; 7948 Pte. T. Payne, 2nd, 24th January, 1913; 6065 Mus. J. Falkner, 3rd, 19th January, 1913; 8878 Pte. J. Martin, 2nd, 15th January, 1913; 9527 Pte. A. Reed, 1st, 3rd January, 1913; 9445 Pte. W. Timpson, 1st, 21st January, 1913; 8792 Pte. R. Saxby, 2nd, 4th January, 1913; 9531 Pte. A. Cave, 1st, 11th January, 1913, 8892 Pte. A. Steel, 2nd 4th January, 1913; 8873 Lce.-Corpl. A. Barnard, 2nd, 13th January, 1913; 8895 Pte. G. Hart, 2nd, 27th January, 1913; 8863 Pte. H. Lyons, 2nd, 8th January, 1913; 9521 Pte. W. Lucas, 1st, 3rd January, 1913; 8868 Lce.-Corpl. C. Harland, 1st, 25th January, 1913; 8615 Pte. J. Heath, 2nd, 21st November, 1912; 8079 Pte. C. Wilson, 2nd, 3rd January, 1913; 8876 Pte. C. Clark, 2nd, 10th January, 1913; 8888 Pte. J. Andrews, 2nd, 20th January, 1913; 8702 Pte. F. Jordan, one, 11th December, 1912; 8625 Pte. C. Marchant, two, 31st January, 1913; 8458 Pte. G. Walk, one, 3rd November, 1912; 8842 Pte. H. Bonham, 2nd, 14th December, 1912; 8866 Pte. H. Butler, 2nd, 6th January, 1913; 8869 Pte. A. Carter, 2nd, 11th January, 1913; 8861 Pte. W. King, 2nd, 1st January, 1913; 8859 Pte. R. Ward, 2nd, 2nd January, 1913; 8843 Pte. H. Morris, 2nd, 12th January, 1913.

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

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A Marathon Race was held at the Depot on the 24th February, and about 130 Recruits took part. Starting from the Barracks, the competitors proceeded along Sandling Road, by the Running Horse, down to the Yew Tree, through Boxley Road, finishing on the Barrack Square. The distance was about 4½ miles, and the winner was Pte. Martin, who was first to arrive in the excellent time of 24 minutes 20 seconds. Ptes. Bridger and Ward arrived second and third respectively. Great keenness was shown in the run and it is to be hoped that there are more to follow. Substantial prizes were given to the first three men in the race and 17 consolation prizes.

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BOXING AT MAIDSTONE.

A sporting evening was spent at Maidstone Barracks on Wednesday on the occasion of a boxing tournament, an audience of about 700 witnessing some interesting bouts. The contests took place in the spacious Riding School, and the arrangements reflected the greatest credit upon all concerned.

Extremely attractive were the fights between Pte. Bresnahan and Pte. Waters, Lance-Corpl. Cotterill and Lance-Corpl. Welch (both of the Depot), and Ted Mitchener (Maidstone) and Corpl. Strong (Depot); but, on the other hand, what had been looked upon as the "star" turn of the evening—an eight round contest between Pte. Markie Browne, of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers (Gravesend) and Jack Jeffrey (Maidstone), late of the Royal Navy—was disappointing, in that the Fusilier knocked out his man in the first round. Details:—

Recruits' Competition, semi-final Pte. Trice beat Pte. Hawkins; Pte. Stiggins beat Pte. Wyatt. Final—Stiggins beat Trice after a noteworthy exhibition, in which the winner used a round left to the jaw with telling effect. Trice was a plucky opponent.

Four Rounds Recruits' Championship.—Pte. Waters out-pointed Pte. Bresnahan. Waters forced the fighting and Bresnahan showed a strong defence. Some neat in-fighting was witnessed.

Six Round Contest.—Pte. Lord (Depot) beat Ted Young (Maidstone). A good match by men with knowledge of ringcraft. Young showed nice footwork, and took every chance offered to him, but Lord made the pace and in the fourth round sent his opponent to the ground. Young, however, rose speedily, and forceful tactics were noted on both sides. The loser was warmly applauded.

Six Round Contest.—Lance-Corpl. Cotterill (Depot) drew with Lance-Corpl. Welch (Depot).—An excellent meeting between two well-matched men. In the fourth round Cotterill did all the leading and punished his opponent with a straight left. In the fifth round Welsh picked up considerably, and in the sixth was enterprising and resourceful. The judges' decision apparently gave great satisfaction.

Eight Round Contest.—Pte. Markie Browna (Royal Dublin Fusiliers, Gravesend) beat Jack Jeffrey (Maidstone, late of the Royal Navy).—The protagonists started off well, but the first round was not very old ere Brown had his man at the rope, and delivered the coup de grace. There seemed to be no one more surprised at the result than Jeffrey himself.

Six Round Contest. — Corpl. Strong (Depot) beat Ted Mitchener (Maidstone). Strong, with a useful left, had his opponent in difficulties, although Mitchener fought with pluck and determination.

The Referee (Captain M. J. Dinwiddy, R.W.K.R.) had the contests splendidly in hand. The judges were Lieut. G. Lee (Canterbury) and Lieut. L. Robertson (Shorncliffe). Time-keeper, Col.-Sergt. W. Wood; M.C., Sergt.-Instructor Bentley.

During an interval, the Officer Commanding the Depot, Major Pack-Beresford, in the course of a few happy remarks, referred to the large number of civilians present, and the pleasure it gave to the Regiment to note the interest taken in the proceedings by the public. He thanked Captain Dinwiddy and others for arranging the tournament and the officers who had come to act as judges.

Before the programme opened and during the interval the Band played selections.

(From the "Kent Messenger.")

No. 4428 Col.-Sergt. E. Ashton, from the 2nd Battalion, is posted to the Permanent Staff, from 30th January, 1913.

The undermentioned have arrived from the 1st Battalion for a tour of duty:—8557 Lce.-Sergt. Mockford, 6457 Corpl. Pratt, 8345 Corpl. Doe, 6610 Corpl. J. Will, 8730 Lce.-Corpl. B. Quinn, 6085 Pte. Glare, and 8894 Pte. Jeffrey. Lce.-Sergts. Glazebrook, Barden and Fenwick, Corpl. Sterry and Pte. Stokes have been reposted to the Home Battalion on completion of tour of duty.

No. 3246 Pte. F. Chapman has been discharged to pension on completion of second period of engagement, 4th February, 1913.

Granted Good Conduct Badges, 6079 Pte. W. Lord, third badge, 29th January, 1913.

2ND BATTALION.

ROLL OF OFFICERS, 2ND BATTALION, SHEWING STATIONS.

Lieutenant-Colonel S. H. Pedley, Peshawar.
Major M. P. Buckle, Peshawar.
Major R. J. Woulfe-Flanagan, Peshawar.
Major J. W. O'Dowda, Peshawar.
Major C. E. Kitson, Peshawar.
Captain C. Druce, Peshawar.
Captain F. J. Joslin, Peshawar.
Captain C. Bonham-Carter, Peshawar.
Captain A. K. Grant, Leave in England (leave expires 18th February 1913).
Captain E. H. Norman, Peshawar.
Captain H. D. Belgrave, Peshawar.
Lieutenant C. W. Case-Morris, Peshawar.
Lieutenant O. Y. Hibbert, Staff College, Quetta.
Lieutenant A. K. Searight, Peshawar.
Lieutenant W. G. Yates, Peshawar.
Lieutenant N. I. Whitty, Peshawar.
Lieutenant R. B. L. Bazley-White, Peshawar.
Lieutenant A. E. Hardy, Peshawar.
Lieutenant A. S. Bredon, Ambala, Physical Training Class.
Lieutenant J. B. B. Ford, Peshawar.
Lieutenant J. K. Kay, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant B. H. Bonham-Carter, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant P. F. Bell, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant V. S. Clarke, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant J. E. G. Brown, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant C. F. Battye, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant N. B. Howell, Peshawar.
Hon. Lt. & Qr.-Mr. F. Grey, Peshawar.

OFFICERS ATTACHED TO BATTALION.

Captain J. Miller, Australian Army, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant C. J. R. Turner (I.A.U.L.), Peshawar.

Peshawar, N.W.F.P.
1st February, 1913.

OBITUARY.

We regret to announce the decease of the undermentioned Pensioners who served with The Queen's Own Regiment.

No. 278 Sergt. W. Taylor, late 50th Foot, died at Bexley on the 28th January, 1913. He enlisted about January, 1858, served in Ceylon for five years and two months, and in Australia five years and seven months, taking his discharge on the 21st January, 1879.

Also No. 1953 Clr.-Sergt. Frederick Taylor, who died at Westcliffe-on-Sea on the 17th February, 1913, and was interred at Southend Cemetery, on Saturday, 22nd February. Sergt.-Major A. G. Wood of the 4th R. W. Kent Regt., and Clr.-Sergt. McVicar from the Depot attended the funeral and placed wreaths on the grave, from the Officers, N.C.O. and men of the Queen's Own Regt., and the members of the Sergts. Mess, 3rd Battalion, with whom deceased was serving at the date of his discharge. Mr. Taylor served in India and Aden with the 1st Battalion for over seven years, being posted to the permanent staff of the 3rd Battalion with which he served till the date of his discharge, 16th June, 1908, he was in possession of the Indian Medal, 1895.

The funeral took place at Elswich Cemetery, last month of the late Private Edward Fullan, a Crimean veteran. The deceased, who was 80 years of age, fought with his regiment, the 50th Foot, in the Crimea, and afterwards served for over five years in India and Ceylon. Three years ago he retired from Elswick Works, where he had been employed for 45 years. The cortege was headed by the pipers of the Northumberland Veterans' Association playing "Flowers of the Forest." Then followed the coffin drawn upon a gun carriage by a team of horses under Sergt. T. A. Carter, of the 36th Battery of the Field Artillery. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and on it was placed the wreath from the Northumberland Veterans' Association, secured by the colours of deceased's regiment.

There was a large muster of members of the Association, including Councillor W. Vincent, chairman; Mr. Walter Mowatt, hon. general secretary; Sergt. Matt. Millan, Sergt. J. Dalton, Veteran Colour-Sergt. T. Watt, 42nd Highlanders; Veteran Colour-Sergt. Dunn, Scots Fusiliers; Mr. E. Dean, band secretary; and United States Veteran Bell. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. H. St. Barke Holland, and at the graveside the pipers played the lament, "Lochaber No More," and Lance-Corpl. Bathgate sounded the "Last Post."

N.B.—The above extract from "The Newcastle Daily Journal" was sent to us by the Hon. Secretary of the Northumberland Veterans' Association. Private Fullan was in possession of two medals with 3 bars for the Crimean War.

MARRIAGE.

At St. Peter's, Maidstone, on the 17th February, 1913, 7719 Lance-Corporal C. Swan, to Sarah Elizabeth Wellard.

DEATHS.

At Southend-on-Sea, on the 17th February, 1913, No. 1953 ex-Colour-Sergeant Frederick Taylor (Pensioner), Royal West Kent Regiment.

At Bexley, on the 28th January, 1913, No. 278 Ex-Sergt. W. Taylor (Pensioner, 50th Foot).

At Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the 16th February, 1913, Ex-Private Edward Fullan (Pensioner, 50th Foot).

At Dublin, on the 21st February, 1913, "Frederick" the son of Armoury Staff-Sergeant F. Benwell A.O. Corps (attached to 1st Battalion).

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

1ST BATTALION.

PROMOTED SERGEANT AND APPOINTED BAND SERGEANT.—4921 Lance-Sergeant E. Ransome, dated 4th March, 1913.

APPOINTED LANCE-SERGEANT.—4914 Corporal L. Mason, dated 4th March, 1913.

APPOINTED BAND CORPORAL.—7679 Corporal W. Culwick, dated 4th March, 1913.

LANCE-CORPORALS PROMOTED CORPORALS.—9543 J. Sullivan, dated 4th March, 1913; 7738 P. Standon, dated 4th March, 1913

APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORAL.—9530 Private S. Bowyer, dated 18th March, 1913.

APPOINTED DRUMMER.—9440 Boy C. Gorman, dated 7th March, 1913.

2ND BATTALION.

SERGEANTS PROMOTED COLOUR-SERGEANTS.—5619 A. Elliott, dated 27th November, 1912; H. Stevens, dated 29th January, 1913.

LANCE-SERGEANTS PROMOTED SERGEANTS.—7890 J. Williams, dated 27th November, 1912; 8438 F. Bovis, dated 9th January, 1913; 8266 E. Smith, dated 29th January, 1913.

CORPORALS APPOINTED LANCE-SERGEANTS.—8411 J. Wright, dated 27th November, 1912; 8449 F. Fridd, dated 20th December, 1911; 8503 R. Galloway, dated 9th January, 1913; 8227 C. Stammers, dated 29th January, 1913.

LANCE-CORPORALS PROMOTED CORPORALS.—8616 C. Guess, dated 20th December, 1912; 8313 C. Cramp, dated 20th Dec., 1912; 8551 A. Thomas, dated 9th January, 1913; 8251 R. Startup, dated 29th January, 1913; 8331 W. Chuter, dated 24th February, 1913.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS.—8517 T. Shannon, dated 4th January, 1913; 9289 E. Tomlinson, dated 4th January, 1913; 9441 P. Gill, dated 4th January, 1913; 9237 W. Kempton, dated 18th January, 1913.

APPOINTED MUSICIANS.—8264 Private E. Moir and 9891 Boy T. Frampton, dated 3rd February, 1913.

THE OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

We would remind members that the Annual Dinner takes place at the Cannon Street Hotel, on April 19th. It is hoped that there will be a good muster, and anyone who has not yet sent in his name is requested to do so as soon as possible.

THE LAND-MARKS OF TIME.

APRIL.

1st—Royal crest first worn as a collar badge, 1882.
2nd—General Sir Fowler Burton, Colonel of the Regiment, died 1904.
11th—50th or 7th Marines raised, 1741.
27th (to May 7th)—2nd Battalion engaged with Boers at Thabanchu, 1900.

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The Officer commanding the Depot acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following subscriptions :—

	£	s.	d.
Colonel C. E. C. B. Harrison	1	0	0
Lieut.-Col. N. H. S. Lowe	1	0	0
Lieut.-Col. S. H. Pedley	1	10	0
Lieut.-Col. T. T. Burt	1	0	0
Major F. H. Hotham	1	0	0
Major T. P. C. Smith	0	10	0
Major C. V. Molony	1	0	0
Major J. W. O'Dowda	1	0	0
Captain H. D. Buchanan-Dunlop	0	10	0
Captain H. W. Snow	1	10	0
Captain G. F. H. Keenlyside...	0	10	0
Captain R. L. White	0	10	0
Captain A. D'E Knox	0	10	0
Lieut. W. C. O. Phillips	0	10	0
Lieut. H. A. Waring	0	10	0
Lieut. R. G. C. Brock	1	0	0
Lieut. F. Fisher	0	10	0
Lieut. F. J. Hearle	0	10	0
Lieut. E. F. Moulton-Barrett	0	5	0
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March 31st, 1913.

THE STORY OF THE BATTLE-HONOURS.

CORUNNA.—(Continued).

As of all our Battle Honours, "Corunna" is perhaps the one of which we have the greatest right to be proud, we propose to give a few further notes of the battle, especially as want of space prevented us in our last issue from touching on the actual doings of the Regiment as much as we could have wished.

In the early numbers of the Q.O.G. a series of articles appeared entitled "Memoirs of the Half-Hundredth." These contain a great deal that is of historical interest, and the following is what is written on the subject of Corunna :—

Lord W. Bentinck's Brigade (4th, 50th and 42nd), on the right of the British line, fell in on the morning of January 16th, 1809. Just before the advance, the wife of an Irish soldier of the Fiftieth, with a baby in her arms, who had been taken prisoner by the French a short time before, was sent in by Marshal Soult. The Marshal sent his compliments by her, and that he should soon wait on the Fiftieth. The Ensigns of the Fiftieth—Moore and Stewart—unfurling the Colours by order of Major Napier, who in allusion to Soult's message, said, with generous enthusiasm, "Open the Colours that they may see the Fiftieth!" and the men remained with ordered arms, loaded, as quietly as in a barrack square, awaiting the attack. One shot from the French battery entered the ground at the very toes of the right centre company. The men drew back in a semi-circle, the Captain called out "dress" and the men dressed up to

the yet twirling shot. At this moment the French skirmishers approached briskly, and wounded some of the Fiftieth who were standing like a wall. The whole Brigade then received the word "Forward!" and advanced firing, and charged with the bayonet. The Fiftieth pursued the French skirmishers until meeting a heavy column of Infantry, in the village of Elvina, which stood in the valley between the two armies. A severe struggle took place, the dead and wounded of the English and French falling on each other, so close was the fighting. Here Major Stanhope of the Fiftieth fell dead, and Ensigns Moore and Stewart, who carried the Colours, were mortally wounded, and also Lieut. Wilson.

When the 50th rushed down after the French in skirmishing order (writes Captain McCarthy, Commanding the Grenadier Company), an officer seeing the church on an eminence over the turn of the road, and supposing it to contain a body of the enemy in ambush, and beholding also the French rapidly filling the lane close by, considered it necessary to oppose them, and prevent the possibility of them turning their fire on the rear of the 50th, when the latter had passed. He therefore, extending his arms, stopped several of his men, and having arranged them at the corner of the church, himself entered the building, which, however, was empty, but the priest's house, between the church and the lane, was full of French soldiers. The officer came out, ran round and rejoined his men, who, being screened by the angel of the church, kept up a brisk fire at the enemy in the lane, and succeeded in clearing the open. A French officer, stick in hand, exerted himself gallantly to encourage his men, and collecting a few behind a small opening in a wall near the priest's house, opened fire on the small band of the 50th, killing two and wounding three men. The officer of the 50th (I regret his name is not given), seeing his men fall, determined to make a dash at the enemy's position; he did so, and being well backed up by his small party of about thirteen, drove the French back after a short resistance, in which the French officer and four men were bayonetted. The party elated by this success, continued the rush on the priest's house, but the enemy retiring by an opposite door, opened fire from a ditch close by. The party of the 50th took possession of the house and held it until reinforced—thus guarding the right flank of the Regiment which had penetrated through the village. Before the 50th advanced, at the commencement of the Battle while standing under the cannonade, the balls at first went over their heads, and the men stooped (or as it is called in the Army, ducked their heads). Standing in front of the Regiment, Napier said to the men, "Don't duck, men, the balls have passed before you hear the whiz." The ducking, however, was continued by all, except a very small corporal. Napier, noticing him, said "You are a very short fellow, but you're the tallest man in the Regiment just now, for all that. Come to me after the fight, and I shall have you promoted." But the poor fellow did not live to enjoy the reward, being amongst those that fell in the advance on Elvina.

Near the close of the fight Major Napier was taken prisoner by the French, having got detached with a few men in some deep lanes. The affair is very graphically described by himself.

"The French had halted, but now ran on to us and surrounded my small party. I felt a stab in the back, it gave me no pain but I felt cold, and being already disabled in one leg, I fell. Turning to rise, I saw the man who had stabbed me making a second thrust, and letting go my sword, I caught his bayonet by the socket, and raising myself by the exertion grasped his musket with both hands. His companions now came up. Then became a contest for life. Being the stronger man, I forced him to the ground between myself and his comrades, (whom I recognised as being the men whose lives I had spared a few minutes before when they had shammed dead on our advance through the village), they then clubbed their muskets and beat me over the head and shoulders, whereupon, seeing no help near, the men, who were with me at first having been killed immediately. Being in great pain from my wounded leg, and overpowered by numbers, I called out "Je me rends—I give up." Finding they had no disposition to spare me, I kept hold of the musket, vigorously defending myself, by keeping the little Frenchman's body between myself and the others. At that moment a tall dark man came up, whirled his brass hilted sabre round and struck me a powerful blow on the head, which was bare. Expecting the blow would finish me, I had stooped in hopes it might fall on my back; it caught me, however, just on the top of the head, wounding me severely. I fell on my knees blinded from blood. I soon regained my legs and was carried or rather dragged along the lane. We had not gone far when a soldier of the Fiftieth walked up to us. He instantly levelled his musket at the nearest man to him, but I called out "For God's sake don't fire, I am a prisoner badly wounded, and can't help you. You'd better surrender." "For what should I surrender?" cried he, with the richest of Irish brogues. "Because they are twenty to one upon you." Making a rush at me he shouted "Begorra, it's the Major himself that's kilt. Oh! then I surrender too." "Stand back ye bloody spalpeens," and throwing down his musket and giving the man that had hold of me a push that sent him and two others into the ditch, took me up in his arms saying, "I'll carry him myself —bad luck to your ugly mugs, everyone of yez." I then recognised my friend as John Henessy, a well known man in the Regiment, and my expectation was to see them fall on him, but being a big powerful and savage looking man, they apparently did not like his appearance, and they allowed him to carry me quietly, which he did for a considerable distance."

The Fiftieth before the fight was over, expended all their ammunition. Being too far advanced to receive another supply, they retired to a raised terrace above the church, where the men laid down anxiously waiting for ammunition. Towards dark the Guards advanced, and brought up a fresh supply for the Fiftieth and the Rifles.

In the "Life of Sir Charles Napier," the part played by the 50th Regiment is referred to in these words:—"During the retreat, Charles Napier, serving in Lord William Bentinck's Brigade (in command of the 50th), so justified the favour of Moore, that the 50th's ranks were full at the Battle of Corunna; and puissant was the shock with which they met the assaulting French column on the fatal field, driving it back with fire and steel beneath the eyes of the General, who, with exultant applause, gave instant orders to support the counterstroke."

Four years ago when the centenary of Corunna was celebrated, practically all the leading papers published articles on the battle, and we take the following from "The Globe" of that time: "The British pickets were driven in, and the French had reached the top of the slope, when Moore gave the order for the 42nd and the 50th to advance. The latter, now the Royal West Kent, contained many Irishmen in its ranks, and when Napier called out, 'Do you see your enemies plain enough to hit them?' a chorus voices replied, 'By Jasus we do.' 'Then blaze away,' said Napier, and,

he adds, 'such a rolling fire broke out as I have hardly ever heard since.' Before these crushing volleys the heads of the opposing column melted away, and the British pushed their adversaries down the slope, up again through Elvina, and out beyond their supports. The storm of the village was accomplished by the 50th alone, the 42nd having been halted outside, and the 50th were terribly cut up among the houses and the broken ground. Napier was wounded and taken prisoner, Stanhope, the junior major, and a nephew of William Pitt, was killed." As a matter of fact, Napier was also connected with a famour statesman, being the cousin of Fox.

Also to mark the centenary, a monument to Sir John Moore was placed on the sea-front at Sandgate, as Shorncliffe is so intimately connected with his name. Sir John was engaged to be married to the sister of Major Stanhope, of the Regiment, who was killed in the action.

NEW CLUB,

Edinburgh, 13th March, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I can go you one better than the 1815 extract in current No. of "Queen's Own Gazette." I have taken it from the earliest number of an almost complete set in our Library here, you will see it dates back to 1757. The last numbered Regiment of Foot is the 60th or Royal American Regiment, and it is succeeded by the 1st and 2nd Highland Battalions. But on the Irish establishment there is a 61st Regiment of Foot. You can use this if you want copy, which, when in your chair, I always did.

Yours sincerely,

MONTAGUE DYMYARD.

FIFTIETH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

Rank.	Name.	Present Commission.
Colonel	Studholme Hodgson,	30th May, 1756
Lieut.-Colonel	John Hompisson,	16th Dec., 1755
Major	Peter Desbrisay,	15th Dec., 1755
Captain	George Augustus Barry,	9th Oct., 1755
"	Thomas Calcraft,	8th Nov., "
"	George Manwaring,	24th Dec., "
"	William Meath,	28th Dec, "
"	Hugh Powell,	30th Dec., "
"	John Hey,	30th Dec., "
"	Sir Alex Hope,	18th May, 1756
Captain Lieutenant	John Woodward,	27th Aug., 1756
Lieutenant	Edward Pownall,	3rd Oct., 1755
"	Charles Lenn,	4th Oct., "
"	Thomas Wynne,	15th Nov., "
"	Alexander Horsburgh,	20th Dec, "
"	Samuel Pepper,	2nd Jan., 1756
"	Hugh Bowen,	3rd Jan., "
"	Augustus Durnford	4th Jan., "
"	Wm. Earl Dundonald	21st Jan., "
"	John Baugh,	11th Feb., "
"	James Dennison,	27th Aug., "
Ensign	—— Sutherland,	11th Oct., 1755
"	Henry Watson,	27th Dec., "
"	Lodvwick Cuthbert,	28th Dec., "
"	Alex Stuart,	1st Jan., 1756
"	Simon Frazer,	2nd Jan., "
"	Wm. Bygrave,	4th Jan, "
"	Thomas Warburton,	5th Jan., "
"	Pomeroy Gilbert,	27th Aug., "
"	John Barry,	20th Dec., "
Chaplain	John Black,	15th Jan., 1756
Adjutant		
Quarter Master	Alex Stuart	27th April, 1756
Surgeon	Richard Turner	26th Jan., 1756

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"THE PEBBLES ON THE SQUARE
or
THE DEFAULTER'S RESOLVE."

(With apologies to the author of last month's Fable in the "Queen's Own Gazette)."

I have resolved this very day
shall be the very last;
That all my deeds of going astray
are numbered with the past.

'Tis not the C.B. that I mind,
or shadow of disgrace,
The heavy roller's weary grind,
or dismal roll-call race.

But one thing leaves me quite unmanned
and drives me to despair,
The wail that comes whene'er I stand
on Pebbles on the Square.

And for these sweet dear pebbles sake
from evil I will shrink;
And only good will undertake
for ever—I DON'T THINK!!

W.F.M.

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

Sport.

The "Q.O.G." is unfortunately considered by many people to be not very entertaining reading at the best of times; while to read back numbers is certainly a tedious occupation. But as every rule has its exception, we find that the "Q.O.G." of March, 1912, has its points of interest. We were then, as now, more or less at the end of the numerous sporting competitions with which this Garrison abounds; but our record then was far from a glorious one. In running, shooting competitions and bayonet fighting we found ourselves outclassed, partly because we did not prepare enough for them, and partly because we did not know the rules of the game as they play it here.

It is not surprising that any accounts of these doings were short and somewhat apologetic, and generally concluded with hopes for better things this year, and it is most satisfactory to notice that these last pious aspirations have been realised to a very marked extent.

We hope to show in some detail the different fist we have made in the various competitions, but while we are on the subject of the improvement in sport, we must touch on one branch of it which does not indeed lend itself so readily to the acquisition of cups and trophies, but which is all the more desireable on that account—the growth of Boxing in the Battalion.

Last year we had indeed the great services of Sergeants Baker and Darley. Boxing, apart from them, had reached a very low ebb in the Battalion. The accounts that appear in this number of the two nights' competition held in our Gymnasium on the 3rd and 4th of March, conclusively show that this is no longer the case, and that there is now plentiful budding material who will be able to carry on the old tradition. The system of inter-Company Competitions which have given men that added incentive necessary for training and practice have been largely responsible, but these latter would not have been possible had not a new and keener attitude towards sport come over all ranks of the Battalion during the past year.

We wish that this revival could have been signalised by our gaining the Boxing Championship open to the Regiments stationed in Ireland, but for the second year we were fated to be second to the Leinsters. Although we were beaten by a substantial number of points, the competition was far closer than would at first seem to be the case. Indeed, there are some well qualified to judge who say that if one decision in the earlier rounds, which was at any rate open to doubt, had been reversed we should have found ourselves at the head of the list.

Training.

The fact that so much of our space is occupied with sport must not be allowed to lead you to suppose that our Training is not also of a very strenuous nature. The truth is that both Training and Sport are so closely associated here that it is a little difficult at times to draw a line between them. Indeed, if one may say it with all respect, the officialdom with which sport is sometimes garbed, occasionally tends to militate against its entire attractiveness.

At present A, F, G, H Companies are doing Company Training which ends on March 25th. The arrangements for picnicking at Ticknock are even more perfect than last year, and on an average two days a week are devoted to this delightful pastime. Reveille was at 4 a.m. on Monday, 10th March, to enable the Battalion to take part in an entertainment from Kingsbridge to the North Wall with a view to our embarking on mobilisation. The Battalion was highly complimented on its performance.

Boxing.

A very successful tournament took place in the Gymnasium on the 3rd and 4th March. Competitions for feather, light and welter weights were opened to the Irish Command and attracted a good entry, and the contests all fulfilled expectations.

The Gymnasium was filled on each night, and a large number of civilians were present. An indefatigable staff of N.C.O.'s worked wonders with the natives, and rendered the ministrations of the constabulary a work of supererogation.

The results of the competitions were as follows :—

Featherweights—Final, Pte. James (Duke of Wellington's) beat Pte. McCann (R. Dublin Fusiliers) on points after a brisk and evenly contested bout.

Lightweights—Semi-final, Lce.-Corpl. Judd (R.W.K.) beat Pte. Roberts (Manchester) ; Dr. Boucher (Buffs) beat Pte. Brown (R.W.K.). Final Lce.-Corpl. Judd beat Dr. Boucher. Boucher had a great advantage in reach, and Judd did well to win in a bout which went the full three rounds.

Welters—Final, Pte. Barson (R.W.K.) beat Pte. J. Bull (R.W.K.). Bull made a good fight of it, but Barson was too clever for him.

Six-round contests—Hector McDonald v. Johnny Curran, (bantam-weight champion of Ireland). McDonald stood out to box hard and clean. Curran resorted to holding, and after several warnings was disqualified in the fourth round when McDonald had the lead on points.

Dr. T. Donelly (A.S.C.) v. Lce.-Corpl. Thomas (Duke of Wellington's). Donelly appeared to be giving away a good deal of weight, but he made up for it in cleverness, and won a hard fight on points.

Bill Hodgins v. Corpl. May (R. Dublin Fusiliers). Hodgins had a big advantage in reach and scored frequently with his left. May fought sturdily to the end, but was out-pointed by a good margin.

Sergt. Baker v. Mick Dowling.—Dowling came in for a tremendous hammering, and was twice saved by the bell. He received a well-deserved ovation on lasting out the six rounds.

Sergt. Darley v. Mick Gill.—In the opening rounds Gill displayed great caution and in the latter part was none too scrupulous. A scrambling fight ended in a clean win for Sergt. Darley.

Pte. E. Bull v. Jim Lewis.—Bull used his right with great effect and covered up well. Forcing the pace in the opening rounds, he maintained his advantage to the end.

Four-round contest.—Pte. Page beat Bill Parsons, a good humoured veteran who kept the fight going briskly.

The Irish inter-regimental championship was held at Dublin on March 18th and 19th, and resulted in a win for the Leinster Regiment, our team being the runner-up for the second year in succession. Last year, it will remembered, Sergt. Baker narrowly missed putting us at the top by his fine performance of winning both the Welter and Middleweights. This year a new rule confined him to one weight, so that our position reflects greater credit on the team, which did not have to rely on one man for its points.

It was idisappointing not to win : the team had worked hard under a cvilian instructor, and most of them had gone short in the last few days in order to do the required weight. Had fortune favoured us we should have won—the team was good enough. But one after another our hopes were dashed. Sergt Darley, after scoring one point, was beaten in a close fight. Bull was expected to go far in the Lightweights, but he met the ultimate winner in the first round, and was unlucky not to secure the verdict. Sergt. Baker did not fail us ; entering for the Middleweights, he was giving a lot of weight away, but he won as he liked. Of the others, Lce.-Corpl. Judd did well, Bresnahan showed a great improvement in form ; J. Bull boxed well against Sergt. Leeson in the Welters, and Collett, after receiving a shaking up in the first round, boxed pluckily and was a good loser

We can comfort ourselves with the knowledge that with the new material discovered this year, we should make a certainty of the next championship.

The team was as follows :—Feathers, Sergt. Darley, Pte. Bresnahan, Pte. Edmett, Pte. Hemmings. Lights—Pte. E. Bull, Lce.-Corpl. Judd, Pte. Supple, Pte. Brown. Welters—Ptes. Barson, Page, J. Bull, Walker. Middles—Sergt. Baker, Ptes. Chorley, Collett, Garrett. Reserves—Pte. P. Bresnahan, Pte. Norris.

Points, of which one was allotted in each bout, two for the semi-final and three for the final, were secured by Sergt. Baker 7, Pte. Barson 3, Lce-Corpl. Judd 3, Sergt. Darley, Ptes. Bresnahan, Chorley, Brown and Walker one each.

Football.

In the Leinster League, First Division, we now stand fourth, having won eight matches, lost five and drawn one.

The following accounts of matches are taken from the local press:—

WEST KENTS v. DUBLIN UNIVERSITY.

This match ended in a runaway victory for the military. The score, 8—0 at the finish, by no means represented the superiority of the soldiers. For twenty minutes of the first half the 'Varsity players more than held their own, and only the steadiness of the West Kents' defence kept them out, but the superior training of the military gradually helped them to assume the upper hand, and when a mistake of Wilkinson's let Lieut. Gore in, to open the score with a good shot, the complexion of the game underwent a complete transformation, and the soldiers' front rank rattled up six more in the space of ten minutes. Trinity never shaped like retrieving the situation, and when Sinclair had to be carried off injured, the soldiers merely played with them. Kemp, in goal, for the military, was only seriously troubled once, when Reilly, in the second half, fired a great shot in, which he could only get one hand to, but Hooper luckily averted the danger. Hooper and Bonfield were very safe, while Pease was the best half on the field, and kept Reilly vesy subdued. The forwards had a field day. Lieut. Gore, whose footwork was very fine, performed the "hat trick." Trinity were best represented by Nowlan, Jones, Wilkinson and Reilly.

LEINSTER LEAGUE.—DIVISION II.

Played at Richmond Barracks. Teams: West Kents II.: Elliott; Ireland and Greene; Marchant, Johnson and Smith; Pringle, Hardley, James, Woolgar and Wilton. Bohemians C. — McQuiston; Feely and McHugh, Doyle, Ennis and McEwan; Brabazon, McNamara, Heggy, Kelly and Linton.

West Kents won the toss and Kelly started for Bohemians against the wind. The opening stages favoured the visitors, but Greene relieved by kicking into touch. From the throw-in the military attacked, but McQuiston had no difficulty in saving. The visitors right wing was next prominent and Brabazon sent in a nice centre, but offside spoiled. Bohemian's goal was next in danger for some time, but a foul against Hilton relieved the pressure. Some nice play by Woolgar and Hilton wound up with the latter sending in a beautiful centre, and Hardley getting possession sent in a fast grounder. McQuiston having to get on his knees to bring off a clearance. The military were next awarded a free which was just inches outside the penalty area, but James kicked wildly. The next item of interest was a fine effort of Pringle which just went inches wide of the mark. Still keeping up the pressure James succeeded in finding the net from a short range. Half-time: West Kents II., one goal; Bohemians C., nil.

On resuming Bohemians attacked strongly and kept up a strong pressure for some time, the military defence going through a severe test. Ireland was next forced to save at the expense of a corner, which proved abortive. Some nice play by the homesters' left wing wound up with Woolgar passing nicely to James, and the latter being close in had no difficulty in beating McQuiston for the second. Within a couple of minutes Hilton went through the same performance and registered the third. The visitors next made great headway, and McNamara sending in nicely Linton got possession and beat Elliott with a beauty for Bohs' first score. Result: West Kents II. 3; Bohemians C., 1.

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A COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

Good Morning, Mr. Editor, here we are again, with a few notes on the doings of the Company for March.

We have now overcome the worries and evils of Company Training, with the exception of the C.O.'s Examination, which takes place on the 25th instant. The Company is taking part in the Rapid Loading Competition, and we all hope that they will obtain a share of the winnings.

On the 18th March Lce.-Corpl. Judd and Pte. Collett represented the Company in the Irish Army Boxing Championship in the Light-Weight and Welter-Weights respectively. Collett unfortunately lost the verdict on points in the Third Round to his opponent of the Leinsters after an exceedingly hard fight. Lce.-Corpl. Judd also was in splendid form and fought his way to the Third Round, where he obtained a reverse decision on points after giving his opponent severe punishment. The Company all hope that he will have better success on the next occasion.

The Company beat B Company in the Battalion Football Shield Competition by three goals to two. They were represented by the following: Hooper; Pringle, Lce. Corpl. Judd, Jupp (23), Harvey, Col. Sergeant Kallend; Lieut. Gore, Claridge, Corpl. Traill and Lawrence. Both teams were fairly even. Hooper, Pringle, Claridge and Col.-Sergt. Kallend played well. Our centre forward, Lieut. Gore played exceedingly well, and scored all three goals.

In a Regimental Boxing Tournament, Lce.-Corpl. Judd was successful in winning the Open Light Weight Competition open to the Garrison after some excellent bouts.

A COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

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Questions by Section Commanders on Company Training. Subject Outpost Duty, Etc.

Section Commander to Last Joined Recruit: What steps would you take if I was killed? Last Joined Recruit: Buy a wreath!!!

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B COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

I once more chance my luck as the saying goes by sending you a few items which I hope will be of interest to the readers of the Gazette. The Company took part in the Sixth Series of the Inter-Company Boxing League on the 13th of February and some good sport was provided. Of course we expected to beat F Company, but as bad luck would have it we could only make a draw. I will now give you the results. In the feathers Pte. Waite (B) beat Pte. Olliver (F) on points after a very good display. In the Lights, Lce.-Corpl. Cooper (B) lost to Pte. Lawrence (F), who seemed to have more cards in the pack than was expected. Pte. Christie (B) beat Pte. Sullivan (F), who did not seem to like a continual left floating before his eyes, and after being cautioned by the referee, retired in the second round. Pte. King (B) beat Pte. Brown (F) easily on points. Of King we expect to hear a lot of anon. Welters—Pte. Holt (B) lost to Pte. Mantel (F) on points. Of course if Holt could have got his new hit which is called the Ragtime Swing things might have been different. We hope he will be able to get it in next time. Pte. Twycross (B Company's white hope) lost to Pte. Cassel (F), retiring in the second round. Of Smiler as Twycross is called, no one seemed to know why he gave in, as he had the best of the first round. In the Middles Pte. Saxby (B) beat Pte. Alexander (F) on points after a hard fought bout. Pte. Harris (B) beat Sergt. Barden (F), who retired in the second round. Pte. Brown (F) and Roberts (F) got byes, thereby making an equal number of points on both sides, which was five all.

The Company congratulate Sergt. Baker on winning the Middle-Weight Championship, which he has won two years consecutively.

On the 19th of March the Company played A at football in the Battalion Shield, ending in a win for A after a clean and exciting game. Of the team I cannot say too much, as everybody to my idea tried their hardest. I think that a few more supporters might patronise the Company, by turning out when they play again.

The Company starts Field Training on the 25th of March, and everybody is looking forward to having an enjoyable and instructive time under the command of Lieut. Dresser, who for the first time takes the Company in training and I think with our Sporting Colour-Sergeant things should work smoothly; at least, we all hope so. I think this is all I have to say this time; hoping I shall not keep you waiting in future for correspondence from Jolly B.

B COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

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D COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

I am sorry we missed last month's correspondence. But I will make up for it this month. I am sorry to say we have lost our Captain. I am sure everybody in the Company wishes him the best of luck and good health with his new duties. Now as regards the sport in the Company; well, it's bucking up. We played a friendly football match with G Co. But as we were not in form we lost to them by 3—1. Then we played the Drums, which was a one-sided game. D Company played well, but were no match for the Drums. We were beaten by six goals to one. Now this is where we have a shine. In the Inter-Company League we beat G Company by two goals to one. D Company played a good game. The team was as follows: Pte. Spicer in goal; Sergt. Hylands and Drummer Crowhurst; Drummer Supple, Drummer Weatherill and Corpl. Haughey; Lce.-Corpl. Jenkins, Pte. Letton, Pte. James, Pte. Murphy and Pte. Stevenson. Sergt. Hylands and Drummer Crowhurst made a good defence and saved us several times. Pte. Spicer made some very good saves in goal. Pte. James did the scoring both times for us; it was not his fault that he did not put a few more in. We hope to be successful against E Company in our next match.

I might mention that we have taken a great interest with Hockey, and in time we shall be able to turn out a good team to match against any team.

I am pleased to say that Pte. Supple put up a good fight in the Irish Army Boxing Tournament at Portabello Barracks on the 18th and 19th. The following were taken from the Company to represent the Battalion team at the Bronze Medal Bayonet Fighting Tournament at Portobello Barracks: Corpl. McCormick, Lce.-Corpl. Jenkins, Lce.-Corpl. Stanton, Pte. Williams. We beat the West Riding Regiment quite easy and the following helped to make up the tug of war team. Corpl. Paul, and Corpl. McCormick. Now we are getting ready for the cricket season. I think that will do the trick again this year.

Oh, there is one thing I forgot to mention. We have found out a good goalkeeper in Corpl. McNeil. His average this season is seven goals a match, and also a dashing right half back in Corpl. Paul.

Now I will draw to a close, hoping to give you a good account in our next edition.

D COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

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E COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

With our usual run of luck we have managed to finish yet once again second. In the Brigade Competitions in which the old Company was chosen to represent the Battalion (despite frantic efforts of H to oust us), we scraped home in the first event (shooting) by a small margin, the Buffs, Duke of Wellington's and K.O.S.B.'s finishing in the order shown. In the second event (cross-country running) we were beaten though not disgraced by a better team, the Buffs turning the tables on the first event. In this competition the Duke's and K.O.S.B.'s finished third and fourth respectively. In the third and last event of the Munro Cup (gymnastics) once more we had to be content with second place, the Buffs showing their superiority chiefly by fine high jumping.

Results:—Monro Cup—1st Buffs, 1st, £14; E Company, 1st Royal West Kent, 2nd, £7; Duke of Wellington Regiment, 3rd, £3; K.O.S.B.'s 4th.

On 6th March, the Inter-Battalion Long Distance Road Run was held. Fourteen of the Company were selected to represent the Battalion 50, the whole of whom finished in the prescribed time, i.e., ten minutes after the winner. Privates Parrott, P. Bresnahan and Kempster were successful in winning medals in the above competition. In this run we had once more to rest contented with second prize.

The Battalion Boxing Tournament was held on 3rd and 4th of March. Private Page was billed to fight Bill Parsons, a local boxer of no little repute, and added to the Company's laurels by winning comfortably on points. Pte. E. Bull followed suit and served Jim Lewis, another local boxer, in the same manner. Pte. Ford was billed to fight a four round contest with Corpl. Lindsay, I.C.D., but unfortunately the Mullah could not be found and it was not until the Tournament was over that he was discovered fast asleep in bed. Pte. J. Bull, brother of the above,

reached the final of a Welter Weight Competition open to the Irish Command, and lost on points to Pte. S. Barson, G Company. Pte. Brown reached the semi-final of a Light Weight Competition open to the Irish Command, and had to retire beaten on points, though by a very narrow margin. In the Irish Army Boxing Championships held at Portobello Barracks on 18th and 19th March, the Company supplied several competitors. Pte. D. Bresnahan performed very creditably by reaching the Fourth Round Feather Weights.

Pte. Bull was unfortunate to run up against a good man of the Leinster Regiment, who eventually proved to be the winner of this weight, and then only lost by a very fine margin.

Pte. J. Bull reached the third series of the Welter Weights, and lost on points to Sergt. Leeson, South Lancs., a boxer with a name, after an excellent fight.

Pte. Page succumbed in the Second Round Welter Weights, having to retire with an injured wrist.

Pte. Brown reached the Third Round Light Weights and lost on points to Sergt. Redup, Manchester Regiment, eventually finalist of this weight. Altogether, the Company's boxers contributed eight points out of a total of 18 obtained by the Battalion towards the Inter-Battalion Cup.

Our next sporting item was the First Round Battalion Football Shield, in which we were drawn against F Company.

With the memories of a defeat in the Battalion Junior League still fresh, we wended our way to the Battalion Ground to do or die. To cut a long story short, after a very close struggle we were permitted to enter the second round. By the time this is in print we hope to have qualified for the final.

Pte. Jock Merroney has been awarded the medal for long service and good conduct with a gratuity of £5. What luck some people do have. This makes the second occurrence of this description in the Company in less than six months.

Privates Ward and Burchell have joined the Company from the Regimental Depot, and by a report in the Gazette of last month, Pte. Ward should strengthen our running team. Anyway, he has made a glorious start.

E COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

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G COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

Owing to the scarcity of ink we did not come up to the scratch last month. We will however, try to make amends in this edition by giving a description of company training, and that never failing topic, sport. The former has been an undoubted success this year, in fact not only did the Company, go, see and conquer, but they brought back a large amount of Phœnix Park and Ticknock attached to their clothing and equipment. Attacks, defence, schemes, bridging, trenching and lectures, were all part of the day's work, with such tit-bits as night attacks, attacks at dawn, and marches to Ticknock thrown in. Several of the company are suffering with indigestion, caused no doubt by the imperfect mastication of Ticknock and attacks at dawn. Just try to realise what an attack at dawn is. At about 2 a.m. an orderly sergeant, with a large voice and a pocket-full of minor offence reports waiting to be filled in, makes his way from room to room arousing everybody with a fiendish delight. The men arise, dress and partake of some light refreshment and hurry on parade. Orders are given in a whisper; arms are handled as if made of the most fragile glass, and like spirits of darkness the Company creeps away. Although all this happens while the remainder of the Battalion are far away in the land of dreams, duty is duty, and so we do not grumble. Besides we know they have their time to come. Now for a change of subject. Let us switch round to the world of sport. I don't wish to say our Company is the best in the Battalion; that would sound too much like bragging. It is an understood thing, however, that they can hold their own in anything. D Company had the misfortune to meet us in football recently, and, of course, we whacked them. E Company must have been born under a lucky star, for they actually beat us by two points in the inter-Company Boxing Competition. "Sandy" Barson, Walker and Edmitt caused them to get a great shake on, and not without reason, for each beat his man. The celebrated "Noko" proved to be a dark horse, but was not quite good enough for "Stumpy" Ford. The three first mentioned also fought well in the Irish Army Championship. In the Brigade Run Sweet and Pook distinguished themselves as usual, arriving home 21st and 25th respectively. An inter-section rapid loading competition was held to find the team to represent the Company. The successful section was No. 4 (Sergt. Iliffe's), No. 1 (Corpl. Millar's) running them a close second. No. 2 came third on the roll and No. 3 last. Here some more hard luck was experienced, H Company just beating our team by a narrow margin. Just one more word about boxing before I pack up. Keep your eye on Lce.-Corpl. Goldsmith; he is a coming man. The ink bottle is now dry again, dear editor, so I suppose I must finish.

G COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

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H COMPANY

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

Having undertaken to fulfil the vacancy of our correspondent, who has been very slack of late, I am sorry to say, I will try and give a little news of the Company's doings for the past month.

Having successfully beaten A Company in the Battalion Bayonet Fighting Competition, we have been training for the Brigade Competition. What hopes did A have when H put Tracker Seaman on the scent and Gertie the Regimental pet.

On Easter Monday a competition took place between Companies in rapid loading, which H won easily, beating F Company in the final by 94 points. How can E take that little lot down. No use E when we have a man like Sergt. Fitzgerald. This is where we get a little of our own back. Sauce, you say, trying to beat you. Wait, only wait, and we will push you right out of it.

To-day we had to play C Company in the Inter-Company Football Shield, which we lost by four goals to two. I think our Flag thought we were going to win. Before they started he sent me after two dozen bottles of "pop" just to give them a little refreshment at half-time.

Precisely at 11 o'clock we formed up for play, C Company winning the toss and deciding to kick up the hill. Woolgar started the ball rolling, passing to Monto, which he failed to get, and then C was on the ball, giving the Coffee Bar Tracker a little work between the sticks. Whilst this was going on our Flag and Sergt. Fitz were on pins and needles. Then Johno seeing his chance, rushed in and scored the first goal for C Company. Forming up the second time H bucked up a bit. Woolgar passed to Lynch, who tried to rush to the goal, but was stopped by Bonfield (the Stonewaller). Then What Hopes got the leather, and made a fine display, kicking to the Sergt. Drummer, who passed to Woolgar, and then a scrimmage ensued outside C's goal. At the finish of this H were awarded a penalty. Robert taking the kick, scored the first goal for H, Bronco (the goalie) having no hopes of saving it.

You ought to have heard H's supporters, Mr. Editor when Robert equalised—our Flag was as happy as a little sand boy. Then C started again and soon put up two more goals against us before half-time sounded. After this we started the leather going once more. H seemed to have taken a little advantage of their rest, and started bombarding C goal, when the Sergt.-Drummer got the ball and put a splendid shot in, scoring the second goal for H. C Company then started to perform once more and wanted to get a little of their own back when Johno got the leather and What Hopes got in the way of the Coffee Bar Tracker, and C scored the fourth goal, which was a very pappy one.

I must say that H tried hard to win, all working well, but were defeated like sportsmen. The following represented H Company—Coffee Bar Tracker Seaman in goal; What Hopes and Joey Reed backs; Billingham (left half), Robert (centre half), Sterry (right half); Pedlar (outside right), Lynch (inside right), Monto (inside left), and Sergt. Drummer (outside left), and Woolgar (centre forward).

I think I will conclude now, Mr. Editor, as we are going to that splendid seaside resort called Ticnock to pass out in the field at the conclusion of Company Training.

H Company succeeded in winning the Rapid Loading Competition open to the eight men, including a section commander from any section belonging to the Companies at training. The conditions were as follows: For each cartridge correctly loaded and extracted during the 30 seconds, 5 points. Points to be deducted as follows:—For each round not extracted, 5 points; for each round which has been extracted, but over which the bolt was not closed right home, deduct three points. No deduction will be made if a new charger is inserted into the magazine, while there is still a cartridge from the previous, not yet extracted. No allowance for jams. Result: No. 1 Section, H Company, 1,134 points; No. 1 Section, F Company, 1,040 points.

H COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

2nd BATT. CORRESPONDENCE.

PESHAWAR,
March 5th, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Since our return from Brigade Manœuvres at Jalozai and Shamshuttu we have not had a moment's breathing space. With my customary foresight I had been leaving my monthly letter for the accumulation of a certain amount of subject matter. Time slipped through my fingers and I let it slip, watching it complacently. I was brim full of good intentions. But as the eleventh hour struck on entering my room this morning I was horrified to find that there was so much to write about that I knew not where to begin. I had always looked on the unpopularity of good intentions as rather a popular pose, and to escape the rut had purposely indulged in them. But I now realise that even popular institutions are not entirely without merit.

First of all I have interviewed our company correspondents with a view to the discovery of that literary talent which I feel sure is lying latent among the ranks : to the organisation

of a modified "grouse column"—though the term "modified" is rather an elusive one. There is leg pulling and wire pulling, and occasionally the leg gets tangled in the wire. It is for you, sir, to extricate it. Up to date I have received one short story by an author whose name, if you will publish the story, will no doubt climb rapidly to the dizzy summits. I wish we could persuade people that modesty is nothing but a sign of mediocrity, and that all talent to be worthy of the name must come out into the daylight. Our Football Correspondent has given you a vivid account of the vagaries of the "mudded leather," and to add to his account would be to insult him. I also send you some hockey news from the pen of one who by his English alone would be recognised were it not for his obvious knowledge of the subject under discussion. By this system, of one man, one subject, I am endeavouring to counteract the inevitable repetition which occurs in our Magaz'ne, and which is to be deplored.

On February 21st, the officers gave a dance at the Club, and as I happened to be on the committee I must act up to my principles and say that it could not have gone off better. Mr. McKelvey has never played as he played then. Orpheus would not have had a look in. The floor, under Lieutenant Ford's supervision, his army of polishers and bottlemen, was perfect, despite everyone's ambition to walk over it in hob-nail boots. The entire club was decorated with the Regimental colours in classic designs, and really repaid the toil of two day's labour and bruised fingernails.

The Officers and Sergeants' Competition is in progress and up to date, the officers lead by one event, having won the Hockey, Cricket and Running, but having been beaten by their opponents in Bayonet Fighting and Shooting. Football and Tug-of-War are still the open events of the future, on the results of which hangs a momentous question, the ultimate resting place of the cup.

Rain has at last come, though not before it was wanted. The reverse of the medal has, however, interfered greatly with the Annual Rifle Meeting, which for two days had to be postponed on account of the deluge. The whole countryside is now nothing but a quagmire, and one's daily pilgrimage to barracks combines with a certain amount of leg exercise the delights of a skating rink.

That is the worst of India. She always overdoes it.

2ND BATT. CORRESPONDENT.

PUNJAB BENGAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP (FIRST ROUND).

2nd Batt. Royal West Kent Regiment v. 2nd Batt. North Staffordshire Regiment.

This match was played at Peshawar on 26th January, 1913, on the ground of the first named.

The Blues lost the toss and defended the N. Cir. road end. From the start it was evident that a fast and exciting game was to be witnessed ; straight from the kick off the Blues went down and a centre from the left was headed behind. The North Staffs. retaliated, and for a considerable period kept our backs and goalkeeper very busy—the Staffs. were noticeably much quicker on the ball than our men, although the tackling of the Blues was much the smarter. Picking up a clearance from the backs, Laurence passed on to Hall who centred, and Page headed into the goalie's hands. Still attacking, a nice drive by Laurence was misfielded by the Staffs. goalkeeper, but none of our men were up in time, and the chance was lost. The Staffs. picked up the clearance, and their left wing was going down nicely when he was rather badly tripped by Vicars, which drew forth a caution from the Referee ; nothing came of the free kick and play was confined to midfield. Rapson (who throughout the game was starved by both his half and inside man) here got a chance and let drive ; this cannoned off the backs and Hall catching up the return, ran in and let drive a beauty only to see the shot turned over by the goalie. A foot either way would have done the trick. The corner was futile and the Staffs. got down and narrowly missed scoring, Whitehorn saving a good shot from the centre. The inside right from the rebound saved the ball outside from an acute angle. The Staffs. were having rather more of the game now than the Blues, and from a free kick for a foul on their outside left, became dangerous, but offside relieved. Half-time came with the ball in mid-field, and the score 0—0.

The Staffs. started vigorously in the second half and kept the Blues on the defence. Once Hall got away but put outside from the goal kick. The Staffs. went down in a line, their passing at this time being accurate and well timed. The right wing drew the defence and slipped the ball in the centre, where the inside left with a nice oblique ground shot found the net well out of the reach of Whitehorn, thus scoring what proved to be the only goal of the match. From the kick off the Blues, thoroughly roused, played like fury to get on level terms ; for quite 15 minutes not a man of the Staffs. got over the halfway line, but the all important goal did not materialise, the backs and goalkeeper of the Staffs. playing a safe game. Once the Blues had them in a tangle but Pryer made a hash of things by waiting to stop the ball before shooting and being robbed in consequence by the half ; Rapson came in to give a hand, but only succeeded in forcing a corner. Nothing happened from this, although the goalkeeper was hustled. Play became keener and the game was stopped owing to an injury to the Staff's. outside right. With ten men the Staffs. got more of the game than with their full complement, giving Obee and Mulchay a couple of anxious minutes. Gradually the tide turned back, and Hall hit the outside of the net with a beauty, in fact the crowd yelled "goal," so near was the shot. Hereabouts the Staffs. were once more at full strength and consequently the game was more even. Obee, in order to help the shooting department, twice brought the ball up, but met with no success. Urged on by the shouts of their many supporters the Blues tried hard, Page attempting to go through on his own, but force of numbers told and the ball was cleared. At the other end a sharp shot by the centre of the Staffs. was well cleared and play continued in mid-field. As time progressed it was evident that the pace was beginning to tell, and time came as a welcome relief to the players with the score 1—0 in favour of the North Staffs.

Of the players on our side, both backs were in splendid form, only one miskick occurring in the whole game. Whitehorn was safe in goal, Gibson was the pick of the halves, Laurence being close behind him. Of a very moderate line of forwards Hall stood out, while Rapson had no chance to shine, as I have already mentioned above his inside man forgot he had a partner. Pryer and Todd were very disappointing, the former being little more than a passenger. The Staffs were well served in goal and at back, their centre-half being the best of a good line of halves, while the forwards although not conspicuous for their dash, were always on the ball and quite certain of their passes. The left struck me as their best forward on the day's play.

The following represented the Battalion :—Dr. Whitehorn ; Pte. Obee (16), Pte Mulchay ; Pte. Vickers, Pte. Laurence, Lance-Cpl. Gibson (Capt.) ; Dr. Rapson, Bds. Todd, Pte. Page, Pte. Pryer, Pte. Hall.

Referee—Capt. G. H Impery (R. Sussex Regt).

Linesman—Qm.-Sgt. A. L. Bellion.

The following is an extract from "The Vedette," the Regimental Paper of the 21st (E. of I.) Lancers, Rawal-Pindi.

21st (E. of I.) LANCERS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

FOURTH MATCH.

2nd ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT v. 2nd NORTH STAFFORD REGIMENT.

These regiments are stationed together at Peshawar, and as both had the reputations of being good teams, were expected to give one of the best games in the Tournament, and in this we were not disappointed, for both teams played a splendid game, and could not have been more evenly matched. From the commencement the game was contested at a furious pace, and after five minutes' play the inside left (Hall) of the Kents missed an open goal, a mistake which probably lost them the match. A few minutes later the inside left of the Staffords, after a fine individual effort, got in a brilliant shot, which was equally well saved by the Kents goalie. Play continued very fast and even, the right back of the Staffords once heading out of goal with their goalie beaten. The inside left of the Staffords, who was probably the best forward on the field, made a good individual effort, and at the right moment sent across to the unmarked outside right, and the latter meeting the ball, sent in a brilliant shot which completely beat the Kents goalie—a splendid and well-deserved goal. Half-time was called just after this, the North Staffords leading by one goal to nil.

The second half, like the first, was contested at a great pace. The centre half of the Staffords hit the cross bar with a terrific shot, and from the rebound the inside left nearly scored, the Kent goalie throwing himself at the ball and turning it round the corner of the post. A few minutes later the Kents missed a good opening from a free kick in front of goal, and from the clearance the outside right of the Staffords after a good individual run sent in a good shot which just missed the mark, and a little later the outside left (Batchelor) of the West Kents missed an open goal when well placed. Their inside left (Hall) next came into prominence with a fine shot, which the Staffords goalie saved by turning it round the corner of the post, the resulting corner kick being again well saved by the goalkeeper. Ten minutes only now remained, and the centre forward (Page) of the West Kents from a melee in front of goal, got in a terrific shot, which luckily for the Staffords hit someone's legs, and rebounded out of danger. The inside left (Hall) of the Kents next got in a good shot which was equally well saved by the goalkeeper. In the last minute of the game the outside left (Batchelor) of the Kents got his head to a centre from the right and nearly scored, the Stafford goalie again saving brilliantly, and time was called with the Staffords winners by one goal to love.

On the run of the game, the West Kents had slightly the better of the play, and were unlucky to lose, but their forwards missed two or three golden opportunities, and to this they must attribute their defeat. The North Staffords must be congratulated on their victory, they were faster on the ball than their opponents, and their forwards always seemed more dangerous when in the vicinity of their opponents' goal.

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HOCKEY.

As everyone knows, hockey as played in India is a different game to that played at home. In very few stations does one fine a good grass ground. The grounds we use out here are hard mud, more or less level. The consequence is that the game becomes infinitely faster than at home. Anyone with a good eye is welcomed in most company teams, even if he has hardly ever handled a hockey stick before. I am glad to say that the standard of the game is improving rapidly throughout the Battalion. One does not see so much of the swipe-and-follow-up game. Even the beginners seem to recognise the absolute essentiality of combination. We started our cold weather inter-company league on January 6th, but shall not get it finished until well on in April. The results up-to-date are:—A Company, 4 points; B Company, 2 points; C. Company, 0 points; D Company, 4 points; E. Company, 1 point; F Company, 2 points; G Company, 1 point, and H Company, 4 points. Owing to C Company being in Jamrood Fort, they have only played one match.

A win counts two points and a draw one each. We have experienced the usual difficulty again in the training of the Battalion team. We are only together as a Battalion for six months in the year, and during that time we have so many other things to do that it is almost impossible to get more than two or three weeks consecutive practice. This, of course, makes it extremely difficult for us to compete successfully against regiments in other stations, who remain together all the year round.

We have entered for a tournament at Sialkot which takes place in March, and hope to have better luck than we did at Murree in September last. In the first round we have drawn a bye. Should we get through the second round we shall meet the winners of the Royal Sussex Regiment and the North Staffordshire Regiment. There are seventeen teams entered, which goes to show how popular hockey is in India.

We have had our own hockey ground done up but have been unable to use it yet. No sooner is it nearly dry enough to be played on, than we have another shower of rain which spoils it again.

CRICKET.

SECOND ROUND OF THE JAMASJIE CRICKET CLUB, Played at Peshawar, January 16th, 17th and 18th, 1913.

2nd Battalion the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) v. The Rifle Brigade (last year's winners).—Won by the Queen's Own by thirty-seven runs, after a very exciting game.

2nd BATT. THE QUEEN'S OWN.			
Capt. Bonham-Carter b Earle	62	b Earle	22
Lieut. Battye c Gull b Riley	68	b Gull	15
Capt. Druce c Earle b Riley	14	b Earle	47
Lieut. Hardy c Earle b Riley	1	b Gull	107
Pvt. Cotgrave b Earle	0	b Earle	0
Lance-Corpl. Falkner c Riley b Earle	114	lbw b Earle	22
Lieut. Turner (I.A.U.L.) c Sloggett b Swann	44	c Chichester - Constable b Gull	0
Lieut.-Col. Pedley b Gull	15	c Shute b Gull	9
Major O'Dowda b Chichester-Constable	5	b Gull	0
Pvt. Brown lbw b Riley	11	not out	11
Capt. Joslin not out	24	b Earle	3
Extras	50	Extras	53
	408		302

THE RIFLE BRIGADE.			
Capt. Powell b Cotgrave	14	b Cotgrave	8
Bandsman Swan b Joslin	4	lbw b Cotgrave	0
Lieut. Chichester-Constable c O'Dowda b Joslin	3	b Cotgrave	5
Lieut. Earle run out	9	c and b Joslin	44
Capt. Sloggett b Falkner	77	b Cotgrave	0
Lieut. Riley b Falkner	33	b Joslin	75
Lieut. Gull c and b Turner	187	not out	76
Rifleman Meech c Hardy b Cotgrave	83	run out	0
Col. Shute b Falkner	17	lbw b Joslin	0
Lieut. Taylor (I.A.U.L.) not out	0	b Falkner	3
Lieut. Brockholes absent ill	0	run out	1
Extras	29	Extras	4
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G COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

The Company is still going "great guns." In the Scouts' Competition held on January 28th the Company came first in order of merit, a good many points to the good. Pte. Cooke held the first place in the Battalion, Pte. Cross third place; that was two in the first three to the Company's credit. Several others of the Company got prizes.

I cannot record anything in the sporting line as a movement is on foot to make one Company Correspondent responsible for the whole of the Battalion Sporting News, in order that news may not be repeated several times over.

The manœuvres at Shamshuttu provided plenty of the usual excitement. There was plenty of work done by the Company as vanguard to the Brigade, and so we were well to the forefront to see all that was going on. The ground was excellent for manœuvring over; that is to say, from the General Officer Commanding and the Staff Officers' points of view, but there were several different opinions expressed in the ranks. We did the usual amount of khud-climbing, and perhaps a bit more; especially on the hills towards Aya Khel. Here one is inclined to feel a bit triumphant when nearly at the top of a ridge about 4,000 feet high to think the height is gained, but it is a bit mortifying to find when you look round that you are only on the bottom step. Then it's: "What another time" when the "stand fast" and "Officers come if you please" sound, and everybody is expecting "No Parade" to sound, instead of which we get "Continue." That's when the air gets blue.

Divisional field firing was very interesting. The Company was vanguard again. There was a Brigade of R.F.A. in action besides two or three Mountain Batteries, and the Companies worked up to within about 300 yards of where their shells were falling, with the mountain guns firing overhead.

We marched into Barracks on February 13th.

G COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

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It is an order in Peshawar that a soldier, when walking out, is to salute every gentleman whom he meets in plain clothes, in case he is an officer. This is, however, not always carried out strictly to the letter.

Two soldiers were walking along the Mall one afternoon, and when opposite the Officers' Club they met a gentleman in plain clothes.

One of the soldiers saluted; the other did not.

When they got by, the one who had saluted said to his chum: "Pat, why did you not salute? That was the Chief Commissioner."

"No, it was not," said Pat, "the Chief Commissioner is at Simla."

"How do you know," said his chum.

"Saw it in the Civil and Military Gazette," said Pat, "it is worth while studying that sort of thing, thin whin you see an officer coming along whin you know he's not there, you know it's not him and you don't have to salute him."

A.H.B.

CORPORALS' CORRESPONDENCE.

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Corporals' Mess, Roberts' Barracks, Peshawar.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

The following is the account of the farewell concert held in the Corporals' Mess in honour of the Corporals, who are going back to the land. Great praise is due to the Committee, Corporals Hoadley, Hunt, Green and Bax, who must have worked very hard indeed, considering the short notice of time they had to get plans into execution. The place being gaily decorated with bunting, etc. one could see visions of a good time on entering the door. The hammer man, getting order on first taps, off we sailed with the first item:—Overture, "Everybody's Doing It," Pianist; Song, "Dreamland," Lce.-Corpl. Weller; Song, "Good-Night, Daddy," Corpl. Colebrook; Song, "Potting the Red," Corpl. Stedman; Song, "The Rag-Time Christiman," Lce.-Corpl. Batchellor; Recitation, "The Dead Man's Secret," Corpl. Hoadley; Song, "Rag-Time Violin," Corpl. Quinlan; Violin Solo, Corpl. Hammers; Song, "That Beautiful Target," La Milo, bringing the first half to, present and correct, no casualties, torra groggy. After the interval, "Alexandra's Rag-Time Band" scored heavily, for the whole crowd nearly strangled it. Corpl. Colebrook then rendered that tongue-twister "Woollomooloo," in which the audience have to follow in the chorus with spelling it, which goes something like this, "Doubleyou," then you keep on till you've had it. Well, this song nearly emptied the barrels. Next please! By this time you have to push the artists to the high standard. Song, "The Light of Day," Lce.-Corpl. Weiler; Song, "The Artful Dodge," Corpl. Hunt; "In Jungle Town," Lce.-Corpl. Batchellor; song, "Any Old Town," Corpl. Quinlan; Song, "My Pal, My Pipe," Corpl. Smith; violin Solo, Corpl. Hammers; Song, "Dear Louise," La Milo. The programme then finished with a brilliant speech by Corpl. Wright, which was returned by Bomb. Rice, of the Artillery, on behalf of R.A., who were invited, and Lce.-Corpl. Wright on behalf of the time expired. "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King" brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

CORPORALS' MESS CORRESPONDENT.

A COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

Having just "taken over" the post of Company Correspondent I am afraid there is not much news this month concerning the Company.

However the Battalion have had a boxing team at Ambulla taking part in the Sirhind Tournment, the results of which here follow, so far as they are to hand.

On the first night Lieut. Bell lost to Lieut. McElwin, of the 76th Punjabies.

In the Feather-Weights Pte. Lewis was injured while fighting Pte. Pryel, of the Lancashire Fusiliers.

Middle-Weights—Pte. Dix was knocked out by Pte. Chappell, of the 3rd King's Royal Rifles.

Light-Weight—Pte. Hill beat Pte. Davey (3rd King's Royal Rifles) with a knock-out in the first round, and Lce.-Corpl. Russell beat Pte. Neal, of the Lancashire Fusiliers, by the same method in the second round; while Lce.-Corpl. Moss won his fight on points. In the same evening Pte. Jones lost to Lce.-Corpl. Parker (Royal Welsh Fusiliers).

As no doubt the reader will get tired with a detailed account of each night's fighting, most of which he has probably read before in the Civil and Military Gazette, from which source my information was gleaned, I will content myself with giving the points of the various Regiments as they stood on Thursday, February 26th.

These are in order of merit:—

	No. of Points.	No. left in competition.
Connaught Rangers	12	9
1st Lancashire Fusiliers	11	6
2nd Royal Welsh Fusiliers	10	8
2nd Royal West Kent Regiment	8	4
3rd King's Royal Rifles	7	4
4th King's Royal Rifles	5	3
2nd The King's Regiment	3	2
South Lancashire Regiment	3	2
Duke of Wellington's Regiment	2	3

The final results of this competition will be provided for next month's Gazette.

J.P.P.

C. COMPANY.

Roberts' Barracks, Peshawar, India, N.W.F.P.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

Just a few more notes on the doings of the Company during the past month, etc. This month has seen us occupied in plenty of Duty, Sport and Boxing. On January 23rd the Company proceeded to Jamrund Fort for a tour of duty, relieving the 52nd Sihks. The fort, a gloomy and isolated place, is situated nine miles from Peshawar, and 1½ miles from the entrance of the Khyber Pass, and to make it cheerful and to pass the monotonous hours away, a Six-a-Side Football Tournament, and a Boxing Tournament was arranged under the auspices of Lieut. Yates, the officers of the Khyber Rifles, and Lce.-Corpl. Andrews. From January 25th to the 31st the Khyber Football Tournament was held, and the following teams were knocked out in first and second rounds: A, B, D, E, F, G, H, J and K. On February 1st and 2nd the semi-final was played between C and L teams, L team losing by two corners after a good game. I team was given a bye. On February 3rd the final was played between C and I teams. From the beginning to the end the game was fast and hard, and both teams worked splendidly. C had hard lines in losing. Score: I 3 3, C 2. The following are the names of the winning team: Goal, Smith (F.); backs, Carr and Tickner; forwards, Vidler, Williams and Hemsley.

On February 5th and 7th the Khyber Boxing was held and below mentioned are the details of the fights:—

First Series 10st. and under.—1. Pte. Sheppard v. Pte. Ryan. This fight was stopped in the first round, Pte. Sheppard declared the winner. 2. Pte. Saunders was given a bye. 3. Pte. Brown v. Pte. Russell. This fight was slow, Brown making full use of his left in the first and second rounds; the third round was tame. Brown won on points. 4. Pte. Barnett was given a bye. 5. Pte. Treliving v. Pte. Wesborne. This was an interesting fight, Wesborne driving in some heavy blows. Treliving was quick and done most of the attacking. Wesborne won on points. 6. Pte. Phillips was given a bye. 7. Pte. Castle v. Lce.-Corpl. Tranter. This fight was very good and hard. Both were evenly matched and an extra round was ordered. At this, Castle threw his hand in, Tranter being declared the winner. 8. Pte. Kettle was given a bye.

First Series 11st. 4lbs. and under.—1. Pte. Heskett v. Pte. Boxall. Boxall started off in fine style and done some pretty work in the first round. During the second round the fight was stopped, Hesketh being disqualified for hitting below the belt. 2. Lce.-Corpl Hollands v. Smith (F.) Smith scratched. 3. Pte. Barber v. Pte. Palmer. This fight was quick and hard. Palmer won on points. 4. Pte. Carr v. Pte. Lane. Carr scratched.

Second Series 10st. and under.—1. Pte. Sheppard v. Pte. Saunders. Sheppard put his thumb out in the first round. Saunders winner. 2. Pte. Brown v. Pte. Barnett. This fight was very good and fast. Brown won on points. 3. Pte. Phillips v. Lce.-Corpl. Tranter. Phillips scratched. 4. Lce.-Corpl. Tranter v. Pte. Kettle. This fight was a punishing one, and the fight was stopped in the second round, Tranter being declared the winner.

Semi-Final 11st. 4lbs. and under.—1. Pte. Boxall v. Pte. Lane. This was a hard and slogging fight. Boxall won on points. 2. Pte. Palmer v. Lce.-Corpl. Hollands. Both started in fine style with hard hitting, and during the second round, Hollands broke his thumb. Palmer was declared the winner.

Final 11st. and under.—Lce.-Corpl. Tranter v. Pte. Brown. Brown scratched, owing to his arm being put out.

Final 11st. 4lbs. and under.—Pte. Boxall v. Pte. Palmer. This turned out to be a very good and hard fight, both feeling the effects severely. Boxall won on points.

Included in the programme was two special six round contests. Below are the details:—

1. Pte. Brisleden v. Pte. Tickner. The first, second, third and fourth rounds were very even; the fifth saw some clean and heavy hitting. The sixth round was quick and hard and both men showed a splendid fight. Brisleden won on points.

2. Pte. Mepham v. Dr. Barber. Both started off with heavy hitting. Mepham succeeded in driving his left home, Barber going to the boards four times in the first round. The fight was stopped and Mepham declared the winner.

At the conclusion of the boxing, Major Keen (Khyber Rifles), kindly presented the prizes and he also passed a few encouraging remarks on the sportsmanship of the Company. He was very pleased at Ptes. Brown and Palmer's fight, which he said was splendid. Major Keen also presented a special prize to Pte. Brown. A prize was also awarded to Pte. Wesborne for the best losing fight.

The Company tenders their heartiest thanks for the support shown them by the officers of the Khyber Rifles, and to Lieut. Yates, Col.-Sergt. Rose, Sergt. Hare and Lce.-Corpl. Andrews, who carried out the duties of Judges, Timekeeper and Referee respectively.

This concludes my report, Mr. Editor, for this month.

C COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

Awarded 1st Certificates of Education:—7628 Sergt. J. Fitzgerald, dated 11th February, 1913; 9543 Corpl. J. Sullivan, 9838 Lance-Corpl. S. Gray.

No 4541 Band-Sergt. F. Ransome has relinquished his appointment and has been transferred to the Permanent Staff of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers from 4th March, 1913.

6044 Corpl. J. Brown has been discharged free, after 12 years' service, from 3rd March; and 9938 Pte. P. Nightingale has been discharged at his own request on payment of £18, dated 10th March, 1913.

No. 8020 Sergeant S. Glazebrook has been permitted to extend his services to complete 12 years with the Colours, dated 18th March, 1913.

No. 6167 Sergt. A. Cordeaux has relinquished the appointment of Assistant Instructor Signalling; 4460 Sergt. W. Raines taking over his appointment from 7th March.

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The undermentioned have been transferred to the Army Reserve :—6614 Lance-Corpl. C. Chatfield, dated 14th March, 1913; 8107 Pte. A. Sheppard, 11th March, 1913.

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9623 Lance-Corpl. R. Stanton has been awarded a certificate for proficiency in Telephone Duties, dated 28th Feb., 1913.

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7840 Pte. A. Winch has been transferred to the Corps of Military Foot Police from 5th November, 1912.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

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Major R. J. Woulfe Flanagan passed in Tactical Fitness for command at an examination held in India in October, 1912. (Authority Station Orders 103, dated 26th February, 1913).

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Lieut. R. B. L. Bazley-White passed in subjects (d) and (j) for promotion, at an examination held in India in October, 1912. (Authority 1st Division Order No. 135, dated 25th February, 1913).

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The Headquarters of the Battalion and A. B, C, and G. Companies, with Band, Drums, Signallers and Machine Gun parties, proceed to Cherat for the ensuing hot weather season.

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Major M. P. Buckle, D.S.O., having been posted to the 1st Battalion at Dublin, the duties of Senior Major are again taken over by Major R. J. Woulfe Flanagan, from the 11th February.

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The G.O.C. Division especially calls attention to the fact that no enteric fever has occurred in Peshawar during 1912, amongst British Troops. This is a matter for congratulation and should be an encouragement to all ranks as indicating the good results which follow from a careful and steady adherence to sanitary practices (Bde. Orders, 15th February, 1913).

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The undermentioned officers have been granted leave, on private affairs, out of India, for 8 months, commencing from date of availing :—Captain C. Druce, Captain E. H. Norman, Lieut. R. B. L. Bazley-White, Captain H. D. Belgrave, Lieut. N. I. Whitty, Lieut. W. G. Yates, 2nd Lieut B. H. Bonham-Carter.

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2nd Lieut. O. G. R. Barnes has been transferred from 1st to 2nd Battalion (dated 31st January, 1913).

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Sergt. F. Hare and Sergt. W. Rowlands take part as Pack Store Sergeants, in the Medical Manœuvres in the vicinity of Rawalpindi. Pte. W. Ovenden and Pte. C. Friedleben are acting as Nursing Orderlies in the same operations.

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By authority of the G.O.C. 1st (Peshawar) Division, No. 6472 Bandmaster T. McKelvey has been permitted to continue in the service for a further period of five years, from 26th October, 1913. Mr. McKelvey's service now will expire on the 25th October, 1918.

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Under authority L.G.C. 8th (Lucknow) Division, dated 10th February, 1913, No. 5996 Sergt. W. Cockle has been transferred to the I.A.U. List, for employment as Colour-Sergt. Instructor Musketry to Punjab Volunteer Rifles, from 6th April, 1912.

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The undermentioned are awarded G. C. Badges on dates as stated :—9268 Pte. L. Fannin, 1st, dated 12th January, 1913; 9532 Pte. H. Burns, 1st, 12th January, 1913; 8904 Pte. E. Broad, 2nd, 6th February, 1913; 8908 Pte. F. Edmonds, 2nd, 12th, February, 1913; 8910 Pte. A. Holt, 2nd, 12th February, 1913; 8909 Pte. H. Roberts, 2nd, 12th February, 1913; 9537 Lance-Corpl. H. Cooper, 1st, 7th February, 1913; 9207 Pte. T. Carr, 1st, 9th February, 1913; 8880 Pte. A. Phillips, 2nd, 16th January, 1913; 8877 A. Towner, 2nd, 17th, January, 1913; 8881 Pte. G. Knevett, 2nd, 17th, January, 1913; 8891 Pte. A. Bethell, 2nd, 27th January, 1913; 8901 Pte. H. Hewitt, 2nd, 3rd February, 1913; 9557 Pte. A. Beckett, 1st, 22nd February, 1913; 9552 Pte. W. Dorsett, 1st, 23rd February, 1913; 8905 Pte. G. Edmonds, 2nd, 10th February, 1913; 8906 Pte. A. Perry, 2nd, 7th February, 1913; 8903 Pte. C. Steel, 2nd, 6th February, 1913; 8912 Pte. C. Groom, 2nd, 13th February, 1913; 9553 Lance-Corpl. T. Ward, 1st, 23rd February, 1913; 8519 Pte. E. Gibson, 2nd, 9th December, 1912; 8718 Pte. E. Bird, 2nd, 27th January, 1913; 8945 Pte. J. Curd, 2nd, 3rd February, 1913; 9197 Pte. H. Nicholls, 1st, 26th February, 1913; 7326 Lance-Corpl. G. Andrews, 2nd, 17th February, 1913.

The following amended dates of Promotions of N.C.O., of the 2nd Battalion are published for information :—7790 L.-Sgt. W. Rowland, Promoted Sergt. vice 'Cockle' dated 6th April, 1912; 8438 Cpl. F. Bovis, Appointed L.-Sgt. vice 'Rowland' dated 6th April, 1912; 8521 L.-Cpl. H. Doust, Promoted Corpl. vice 'Bovis' dated 6th April, 1912; 8911 L.-Cpl. W. Johnston, Promoted Corpl. vice 'Smith' dated 28th May, 1912; 8512 L.-Cpl. A. Hills, Promoted Corpl. vice 'Gardner' dated 17th June, 1912; 8266 Cpl. E. Smith, Appointed L.-Sgt. vice 'Fathers' dated 7th August, 1912; 8431 L.-Cpl A. Purkis, Promoted Corpl. vice 'Smith' dated 7th August. 1912; 5105 L.-Sgt. J. Beale, Promoted Sergt. vice 'Hunt' dated 9th October, 1912; 7479 Cpl. J. Sheppard, Appointed L.-Sgt. vice 'Beale' dated 9th October, 1912; 4471 Cpl. R. Hunt, Absorbs vacancy vice 'Sheppard'; 6776 L.-Cpl. H. Pierce, Promoted Corpl. vice "Wellfare' dated 9th October, 1912; 8154 L.-Sgt. R. Roythorne, Promoted Sergt vice 'Hanlon' dated 10th October, 1912; 8593 Cpl. A. Wickenden, Appointed L.-Sgt. vice 'Roythorne' dated 10th October, 1912; 8442 L.-Cpl. J. Quinlan, Promoted Corpl. vice 'Wickenden' dated 10th October, 1912; 7407 L.-Sgt. F. Godden, Promoted Sergt. vice 'Clarke' dated 10th October, 1912; 8048 Cpl. F. Stace, Appointed L.-Sgt. vice 'Godden' dated 10th October, 1912; 6361 L.-Cpl. W. Wannell, Promoted Corpl. vice 'Stace' dated 10th October, 1912; 8027 L.-Cpl. A. Moody, Promoted Corpl. vice 'King' dated 10th October, 1912; 8258 L.-Sgt. C. Craddock, Promoted Sergt. vice 'Freeman' dated 7th November, 1912; 7864 Cpl. A. Hart, Appointed L.-Sgt. vice 'Craddock' dated 7th November, 1912; 8237 L.-Cpl. W. Page, Promoted Corpl. vice 'Hart' dated 7th November, 1912; 7890 L.-Sgt. J. Williams, Promoted Sergt. vice 'Judge' dated 7th November, 1912; 8411 Cpl. J. Wright, Appointed

L.-Sgt. vice 'Williams' dated 7th November, 1912; 6460 L.-Cpl. J. Edwards, Promoted Corpl. vice 'Wright' dated 7th November, 1912; 8438 L.-Sgt. F. Bovis, Promoted Sergt. vice 'Elliott' dated 27th November, 1912; 8449 Cpl. F. Fridd, Appointed L.-Sgt. vice 'Bovis' dated 27th November, 1912; 8616 L.Cpl. C. Grest, Promoted Corpl. vice 'Fridd' dated 27th November, 1912; 8503 Cpl. R. Galloway, Appointed L.-Sgt. vice 'Harvey' dated 20th December, 1912; 8313 L.-Cpl. C. Cramp, Promoted Corpl. vice 'Galloway' dated 20th December, 1912; 8551 L.-Cpl. A. Thomas, Promoted Corpl. vice 'Mitchell' dated 20th December, 1912; 8266 L.-Sgt. E. Smith, promoted Sergt. vice 'Burrows' dated 9th January, 1913; 8227 Cpl. C. Stammers, Appointed L.-Sgt. vice 'Smith' dated 9th January, 1913; 8251 L.-Cpl. R. Startup, Promoted Corpl. vice 'Stammers' dated 9th January, 1913.

3rd BATTALION NEWS.

The Deputy Director of Medical Services, Eastern Command, inspected the Barracks, Hospital and Recruits drilling on enlistment on the 11th March.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s have passed a Course of Instruction at the Small Arms Factory, Enfield:—

4428 Col.-Sergt. E. Ashton, 3869 Col.-Sergt. W. McVicar, 3784 Sergt. J. Hanlon and 4170 Sergt. G. Harris.

4949 Col.-Sergt. W. Wood has been awarded a first-class Certificate of Education.

8147 Drummer E. Stevens has been transferred to the Army Reserve, from 4th April.

4352 Pte. Edward May has been discharged at his own request, after 18 years' service and has been granted a pension of 10d. per diem for life.

Good Conduct Badges have been awarded as follows:—
8025 Lce.-Corpl. G. Prune, 2 badges, dated 18th March, 1913.

8933 Pte. F. Barrett has joined from the 1st Battalion for a Tour of Duty.

QR.-MSTR.-SERGT. A. F. PYE.

The retirement of Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. Pye to pension took place on the 28th January, 1913, on completing 21 years and 109 days service with the Regiment.

Q.M.S. Pye, who enlisted in "The Queen's Own" in October, 1891, proceeded with draft to join the 1st Battalion in India on the 16th December, 1892, and received his first step on the 5th August, 1896, being appointed Lce-Corpl. on that date. He was promoted Sergeant on the 4th March, 1899, and two months later was appointed O.R. Clerk for Pay Office duties, relinquishing that appointment on the 1st April, 1902, on the Battalion quitting the Indian Establishment for Malta.

Joining the Permanent Staff of the 3rd Battalion, he was promoted Colour-Sergeant, and afterwards re-transferred to the Depot as Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt., 26th February, 1907, being again re-posted to the Permanent Staff of the Special Reserve (3rd Battalion), the Depot appointment relapsing on the formation of the Special Reserve.

Q.M.S. Pye saw service with the Malakand Frontier Field Force in 1897-98, receiving medal and clasp. He is also in possession of the medal for Long Service and Good Conduct. He acted as Schoolmaster to the Depot from 1903 to 1906, being commended by the D.G.M.E. for his excellent work. None know better than those he served with, his value as a hardworking and capable N.C.O., and a trusty comrade, always to be relied on.

The Members of the Sergeants' Mess presented the retiring Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. with a suitably inscribed Timepiece and Cruet Stand, as a mark of esteem, and every wish for success and health accompanies both himself and his wife on their future career, from his comrades.

We are glad to hear Mr. Pye has obtained permanent employment in Mincing Lane. He received a pension of 2/9 per diem on discharge.

DEPOT FOOTBALL.

The season now coming to a close has not been as successful as in previous years so far as the League is concerned as we have finished up as the wooden spoonists for 1912-13, a position we hope to improve upon next year. The play of the team I think was up to the standard of previous years, but we have not had the best of luck. The players themselves, in my opinion, do not take the game seriously enough until they are a goal or two the bad, but it is too late then for the damage has been done, and our opponents know they have established a lead, and mean to keep it by putting the whole of their energy into their play.

We have been more successful in the Hospital Competition, as we are in the final which takes place on April 19th. We do not know who our opponents are to be yet, as the Centrals and Eccles are to decide their semi-final on Saturday the 12th. Which ever of the two meet the Depot, I can assure our team they have not got a walk over, so I hope they will go on the field fully determined to win, this result can only be obtained by the whole eleven working together the whole of the time. If this is done in the final I am sure their efforts will be rewarded by bringing home the Challenge Shield and a medal to each player.

We were all pleased to be represented in the County Junior match, Kent v. Middlesex, by Pte. Thompson (Lergy), I believe he played a sound game and could not be blamed for the heavy defeat the County received, viz. 5—1.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following subscriptions:—

R. L Hoare, Esq., Mr. J. R. Wood, Mr. J Spooner, to December, 1913; Mr. Roythorne, to September, 1913; Sergt.-Major W. Ball, to December, 1914; Bandmaster T. Lowndes (R.N.), to December, 1913; Sergt. H. Wood, to December, 1913; Sergt.-Major Spencer, to December, 1914; Mr. J. Judge, to December, 1913; Sergt.-Major O. Bond (N.Z.D.F.), to December, 1914; Mr. J. Rutledge, to Dec., 1913; Mr. J. Jackson, to December, 1913; Major Buckle, D.S.O., to December, 1913; Captain W. Goss, to December, 1913; Mr. W. Cannon, to April, 1914.

ARMY AND NAVY BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP
(Sixth round).

On the 31st March, First Class Staff Sergeant-Major H. Elsley, A.S. Corps, of the Shorncliffe Garrison, and Sergt.-Major Grellier, met on a neutral table at Maidstone to decide the District Championship in the above contest.

Sergt.-Major Grellier, starting with a 13 break, shortly afterwards followed by 29, took the lead early in the game, maintaining it to the finish. In the latter part of the play Sergt.-Major Elsley, who had been dogged with persistent bad luck throughout the game, approached within 15 of his opponent, who, however, compiled a 25 break (unfinished), winning by 40. The two figure breaks were :—

Sergt.-Major Grellier, 13, 29, 12, 12, 15, 13, 10, 16, 13, 21, 10, 25 (unfinished).

Sergt.-Major Elsley, 14, 14, 11, 12, 18, 12, 16, 10, 11, 12, 10, 14.

Sergt.-Major Grellier 400. Sergt.-Major Elsley 360.

N.B.—The District Champions meet in London, at Thurston's Hall, Leicester Square, during the week commencing the 21st instant.

FOURTH BATTALION NOTES.

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Manœuvres under the direction of Colonel Vesey Bunbury, D.S.O., Commanding the Kent Infantry Brigade, took place round Sevenoaks on March 2nd and 3rd. The troops engaged were a White Force, composed of a party of the West Kent Yeomanry, and of the 16th Battalion the London Regiment (Queen's Westminster Rifles), the whole under the command of Captain Glasier, Queen's Westminsters, and a Brown Force, commanded by Major Laurie, 4th R.W.K.R., and consisting of parties from A, B, C, F, G and H Companies of the Battalion, with a detachment of the Kent Cyclist Battalion.

The work of March 2nd was flank-guard and outpost work, and an attack upon an entrenched position; and that of March 3, rear-guard work, the Brown troops, who represented the retiring force, fighting a successful rear-guard action. The Directing Staff and Umpires consisted of Major Thicknesse (Brigade Major, Kent Infantry Brigade), Major Earl Stanhope, Major Lord Sackville, Major R. B. Pott, Major J. Waley Cohen, Captain and Adjutant F. B. Nixon and Captain and Adjutant A. Scot Hewitt.

On the Sunday morning the troops paraded for service at St. Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks. An element of warfare not contemplated by the scheme of operations was introduced on the Saturday evening, when a number of watch dogs, on duty to guard the golf course at the Wildernesse against the attention of militant Suffragists, were unexpectedly let loose!

Interesting operations were carried out during Easter by A and B Companies in conjunction with the 21st and 10th Battalions of the London Regiment. The scheme supposed that a descent had been made upon East Kent by a Blue invading army, whose advance guard had reached Maidstone on March 21st. Meanwhile a Red defending army was concentrating about Sevenoaks. On March 22nd, the Blue commander pushed forward a small reconnaissance towards Wrotham, to ascertain if the ground is clear for an advance in that direction, and about the same time the Officer Commanding Red army despatched a force in the direction of Maidstone to find out the intention of the Blue enemy. The scheme thus provided opportunity for scouting, reconnaissance and attack practice.

Fairly accurate information was obtained by the Blue Commander of the movement of the Red reconnaissance, which, penetrating Mereworth Woods, approached West Malling from the South-West. The two forces came into contact outside West Malling. The operations were carried out in a heavy thunderstorm, accompanied by a deluge of rain, and in the final attack near Malling Church, the Red Force, numerically superior, outflanked the opposition and was adjudged to have attained its objective —West Malling, where it was billeted for the night, the Blues marching back to Maidstone.

On Sunday night and in the early hours of Monday morning, instructive outpost work was carried out between East Malling and Wateringbury.

Captain and Adjutant F. C. R. Studd, the Buffs (East Kent Regiment) commanded the Red troops, while the Blue force was under the command of Captain Robb, of the Fourth Battalion.

4TH BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

OBITUARY.

We regret to have to record the death of Mr. J. O. Greenwood, who was at one time an officer in the Regiment.

The following is taken from "The Times" of March 21st :—

GREENWOOD —On the 19th March, at a Nursing Home in London, JOHN OWEN GREENWOOD, Assistant Commissioner of Police Northern Nigeria, in his 34th year, eldest son of the late Charles William Greenwood and Mrs. Greenwood, of 7, Phillimore-terrace, Kensington.

He had been laid up for a considerable period without hope of recovery. The funeral took place at Kensal Green on Saturday, March 22nd.

Also of Captain Supt. of Police C. B. Mitchell, Kulaugsu Amoy-China, late Sergeant-Major 2nd Royal West Kent Regiment, at the above-mentioned place. No further particulars have yet been received.

BIRTHS.

At Peshawar, on the 30th January, 1913, the wife of 3627 Private H. Smith, of a daughter, Isabel.

At Peshawar, on the 8th February, 1913, the wife of 3953 Private E. West, of a son, Albert Henry.

At Dublin, on the 13th January, 1913, the wife of 7266 Sergeant G. Fittall, of a son, Charles Desmond Lloyd.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

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1st BATTALION.

Lance-Sergeant Promoted Sergeant.—6584 J. Fenwick, dated 15th April, 1913.

Corporal Appoinned Lance-Sergeant—6694 M. Stroud, dated 15th April, 1913.

Lance-Corporal Promoted Corporal—7719 W. Swan, dated 4th April, 1913.

Privates Appointed Lance-Corporals—9483 F. Mercer, 9534 P. Elkington, 9841 F. Williams, 9844 W. Elliott, 9868 G. Baker, 9947 W. Alexander, all dated 26th March, 1913. 9767 E. E. Scott, 9768 F. Noakes, 8666 H. Sonnet, 14th April, 1913.

Appointed Pioneer—9663 Private J. Reed, dated 27th March, 1913.

2nd BATTALION.

Promoted Sergeant—7479 Lance-Sergeant J. Sheppard, dated 29th January, 1913.

Appointed Lance-Sergeant—8155 Corporal H. Hoadley, dated 29th January, 1913.

Promoted Corporals—8331 Lance-Corporal W. Chuter, dated 29th January, 1913; 8443 Lance-Corporal T. Franklinde, dated 24th February, 1913.

Privates Appointed Lance-Corporals—9841 W. Williams, 9027 C. Hart, 9259 S. Burch, dated 28th February, 1913; 9491 C. Cotgrave, dated 21st March, 1913; 7326 E. Pocock and 8256 P. Rayfield, dated 8th March, 1913; 6627 A. Baker, dated 7th March, 1913.

Appointed Drummer—8240 Private C. Guess, dated 20th December, 1912.

THE LAND-MARKS OF TIME.

May.

1st—Crimean Colours of 50th Regiment placed in All Saints', 1886.
4th—1st Militia Training, Shorncliffe, 1869.
19th—Battle of ALMARAZ, 1812,
28th—2nd Battalion won All-Ireland Tug-of-War, Dublin, 1885.
29th—2nd Battalion engaged with Boers at Biddulphsberg, 1900.
31st—Peace after South African War signed, 1902.

THE EDITOR'S COLUMN OF REMARKS.

With this number we are publishing a picture showing an old type of uniform. The original of this is one of the additional illustrations added by the late Mr. Milne to his copy of the history of the 50th Regiment, which is now in the library of the Royal United Service Institution and to which we referred some months ago. The Colonel of the Regiment obtained permission to have some of these pictures copied and it is due to him that we are able to reproduce them in our regimental paper. We must also express our thanks to the Royal United Service Institution for permitting the publication.

We have three more of these pictures which we propose to publish should funds allow. These luxuries, however, add considerably to our expenses and cannot be borne by our general funds. We are consequently starting a picture fund, and we hope that any one who considers our enterprise worthy of support will assist by a small donation. By this means we hope to be able to publish the whole set.

The draw-back, of course, is that our picture is not in colours, but we found that the cost of this was prohibitive. Should any member of the Regiment wish to have a coloured copy we can undertake to supply a limited number of hand-painted photographs at the cost of 11/3 each (post free). We may say that we have one of these and it is a very high class production—much more like an original painting than a coloured photograph.

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In the account of the Battle of Almaraz we have mentioned Captain MacCarthy, of the 50th Regiment. This officer distinguished himself greatly at the assault of Badajoz, when acting as engineer to the famous 3rd Division under Sir Thomas Picton. The following is taken from the Life of Sir Thomas Picton:—"Arrived in the ditch, the leading engineer, Lieutenant MacCarthy, 50th Regiment, who had volunteered his services, found that the ladders had been laid upon the paling of the ditch. This brave officer finding that these palings had not yet been removed, and that they formed a considerable barrier to the advance of the men, cried out:—"Down with the palings," and immediately applying his own hands to effect this, with the assistance of a few others, he succeeded in forcing them down. Through this gap rushed Picton, followed by his men, but so thick was the fire upon this point that death seemed inevitable."

Captain MacCarthy was severely wounded, receiving a compound fracture of the thigh.

THE STORY OF THE BATTLE-HONOURS.

(IV.) ALMARAZ. May 19th, 1812.

Between the battle of Corunna and the surprise at Almaraz there is a large gap of time in which many events of importance had occurred. Sir Arthur Wellesley had returned to the Peninsula. The Douro had been crossed, Talavera, Busaco, Barrosa, Fuentes d'Onor, Albuhera, and Arroyo dos Mollinos had been fought, and Ciudad Rodrigo and Badajoz had been taken. In the meantime the 50th Regiment had been with the Walcheren expedition, and although they returned to the Peninsula in time for some of the latter of these engagements, they did not take a sufficiently prominent part to entitle them to the Battle Honours.

Of the sieges of Ciudad Rodrigo and Badajoz something further must be said. The 50th was not present at either, but the strategical considerations that led to their capture are closely interwoven with the considerations that influenced Wellington to send Lord Hill on his errand to capture the forts at Almaraz.

It should be mentioned that Sir Arthur Wellesley became Viscount Wellington after Talavera, and Earl of Wellington after the capture of Ciudad Rodrigo.

The frontier of Portugal and Spain is a strong natural boundary, which is passed by a few main roads that may be described as "doors." These "doors" were locked by fortresses on either side. The two chief of these fortresses on the Spanish side were Ciudad Rodrigo and Badajoz, which are faced on the Portuguese side by the fortresses of Almeida and Elvas. The French had been driven out of Portugal, but still occupied Spain in considerable force, although somewhat weakened by the withdrawal of the troops that were to take part in Napoleon's expedition into Russia.

At the commencement of 1812 Wellington decided on an advance into Spain, but, before doing so, he considered it imperative to capture these two great fortresses that barred the main roads across the frontier. He could not afford to leave the large force that would be necessary to watch them if they remained in French hands, and, even if he could have done this, he felt that the menace to his supply trains would be too great, and that he was leaving the doors into Portugal partially open, should the French see an opportunity of invasion.

By the capture of the fortresses, he effectually closed these doors. Ciudad Rodrigo fell on January 19th, and Badajoz on April 6th. The fortresses taken, Wellington had to decide whether he should attack Marmont to the north of the Tagus, Soult to the south, or Joseph who was round Madrid. His choice fell on Marmont, but before he made a move he devised a minor operation by which Marmont would be to a great extent cut off from Soult. As has been said Marmont was to the north of the Tagus and Soult to the south. During the war all the main bridges over the Tagus had been destroyed except one, a bridge of boats at Almaraz which was strongly fortified. Could this bridge be destroyed, the communications between the two French armies would be materially lengthened, and this was Wellington's aim.

The mission was given to Lord Hill, who during the siege of Badajoz had been watching Soult to the south. Every precaution was taken to effect a surprise and false preparations were made to make the French think that Hill was about to make a move in exactly the opposite direction. On May 11th Hill started, and on the 16th arrived at Jaracejo, two leagues from Almaraz, with the French utterly unaware of his presence. He found himself, however, faced by strong fortifications with the powerful fort of Mirabete right across the road. Two days were spent in reconnoitring, and then Hill decided to send the 1st Brigade at night by a little-used track to the flank to surprise a strong fort (known as Fort Napoleon), while the 2nd Brigade made a false attack on Mirabete.

What happened to the 1st Brigade, and how they failed to reach their goal by day-light, we will leave to the words of Capt. MacCarthy of the Regiment. Captain MacCarthy, although not present (he was wounded at Badajoz when away from the Regiment), wrote his account from notes obtained from brother officers.

"The 1st Brigade (50th, 71st, and 92nd Regiments) was conducted by experienced guides in the mazy sheep-walks in the brushwood, which were considered impassable, and arrived near the Fort when the enemy had no suspicion of assailants in that direction. The march was consequently difficult, and so tedious, that the whole of the 50th Regiment and the left wing of the 71st Light Infantry only, were able to thread their way to Fort Napoleon by six o'clock in the morning of the 19th of May, when the sun was shining so resplendent, that as each individual emerged from the labyrinth he was distinguishable, and obliged to lay down (in ambush) to avoid discovery from the battlements; therefore Lieut.-Colonel Stewart (50th Regiment) in command of the Brigade, obtained permission to attack Fort Napoleon with this portion only, in preference to the lapse of several hours in waiting the arrival of the remainder of the Brigade, and knowing that his men would be discovered as soon as they stood up, the batteries open upon them, and numbers destroyed while instinctively discharging their firelocks at the enemy on the ramparts, he judiciously considered that the only plan was by a simultaneous rush to the wall, where the cannon had less effect, and then, instantly to escalade. He therefore gave strict orders that no man should load his musket until his arrival under the walls, and strongly recommended the use of the bayonet. Colonel Stewart had described in his regimental orders previously the use of the bayonet, and directed that time should not be wasted in the over application of the bayonet on any one individual—a touch of a few inches being sufficient—meaning that equal justice should be administered to all opposers by the compliment—"en passant"—of the British bayonet only.

Our soldiers were formed for the assault in three Divisions, and advanced, preceded by the men bearing ladders, through the enemy's tremendous fire, which instantly showered upon them, sweeping away all the men carrying one ladder, but which was caught up and conveyed by others. Notwithstanding, all the ladders were immediately planted against the walls, but being rather short, exposed the escaladers to the rapid fire of the enemy's musketry within, while in the act of scrambling over the parapet: and Captain Candler (50th Regiment), resolving to lead his Company (as did all the Officers) went first up his ladder, was pierced by several balls on the top of the wall and dropped dead inside. The escalade was not confined to the ladders only: our soldiers were impatient, and climbing dilapidated parts, pulled up their comrades, laid in the inner ditch till all were gathered, and then dashed forward, Colonel Stewart himself gallantly leading.

The assault was impetuous, and though the enemy continued to discharge from the twenty-four pounders grape and round shot, and showers from musketry, our fellows scampered up the ladders and over the ramparts in defiance of the desperate resistance, which so astonished the enemy

that the garrison fled out of the fort to the bridge, in order to gain the opposite battery, pursued by the British; but many or the French, who succeeded in passing over, recollecting "self-preservation to be nature's law," severed their end of the bridge to secure themselves, which prevented even the chance of their own comrades' escape. These were forced again into the fort by our soldiers with the bayonet, and numbers of gallant defenders were slaughtered, especially in the gateway, where the confiict was severe. Those of the enemy who had escaped over and broke the bridge, flew in desperation to the opposite battery and fired indiscriminately into the fort, the guns of which were turned on that battery, which, with its magazine, was entirely destroyed, with most of its defenders. Thus was Fort Napoleon possessed, with all its ordnance, stores, etc., and the garrison made prisoners within half-an-hour."

It need only be further said that the expedition was entirely successful, and the bridge at Almaraz was destroyed. The French governor of Fort Napoleon refused to surrender, and was eventually killed by Sergeant Checkers, of the 50th. It seems a curious custom now-a-days, but the Governor's military cap was afterwards constantly worn as a trophy by the drum-major of the Regiment.

The 50th lost 1 officer and 26 rank and file killed, and 7 officers, the sergeant-major, and 92 rank and file wounded; of the latter Captain Sandys and Sergeant-Major Lewis died soon after. (These are Captain McCarthy's figures, which differ materially from Colonel Fyler's; the latter gives 1 officer and 10 others killed, and 4 officers, the sergeant-major and 23 others wounded).

Only two other Regiments bear this battle-honour on their colours: the 71st (Highland Light Intantry), and the 92nd (Gordon Highlanders). After the Sutlej campaign the colours of the Regiment were very dilapidated, and only one Honour remained on them, that was "Almaraz," and it now hangs in a frame in the officers' mess of the 1st Battalion.

A 97th CRIMEAN VETERAN.

A SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

A few days ago the writer of this article had a short delightful chat with one of Crondall's "old soldiers," in the person of William Harmsworth, commonly known by the inhabitants of the village as 'Army. I asked him why he was so called, and he unhesitatingly told me that the late Mr. Joseph Barton, of Court Farm, gave him that name when he was once paying him his weekly wage. He said he would call him Harmy for short, as he thought it was very appropriate, but the aspirate has been dropped, and so he is known as 'Army.

At my suggestion he acquiesced in telling me about his life, although he reminded me that he had forgotten much. William Harmsworth was born in the neighbouring hamlet of Long Sutton on February 21st, 1829 so that now he is in his 85th year. His father was what he called a handy man, and 'Army was the eldest of three children, the other two being girls. He attended school at Upton Grey, which was about three miles from his home, until his mother died.

He was about eight years of age at this time, and started to work for Mr. Harris, minding cows by the roadside, for which he received about one shilling and six pence per week.

He remained at this work for about three years, but during the three winter months when there was no feed for the cattle he again attended Upton Grey school. Before he was twelve years old he changed his occupation for sheep-minding, ploughing, etc., and he continued at this kind of work till he was sixteen, when he started in real earnestness as an agricultural labourer, and he worked in this capacity, still for Mr. Harris, until he reached the age of twenty-five. In the year 1852 he was enrolled in the 2nd Royal Surrey Militia at Farnham, but immediately returned to his native place.

On the 19th of May, 1853, he was called up to Guildford, and after doing 28 days' training, he returned to his usual occupation.

Early in 1854 he received a warning, saying that he would be called up again in May of that year. At this time the country was in a state of agitation, and he well remembers the troops passing Winchfield station on their way to the Crimea, calling to the civilians to join the Army and fight for Queen and country.

He heeded their call, and on the 6th April, 1854, he enlisted at Farnham in the 97th Regiment of Foot, now the 2nd Royal West Kents. From Farnham he was sent to the recruiting officer at London, and from thence to Windsor to join the Regiment. He had not been a soldier many weeks before his regiment had orders to leave the country, and on May 20th '54, he set sail in the transport Orinoco from Southampton and proceeded to Piraeus, in Greece. They remained at Piraeus till about November, and during those few months cholera claimed about 100 comrades as its victims.

During this period the Orinoco had returned to England, and brought back to the Grecian town the 3rd Buffs, who relieved the 97th.

'Army's regiment again sailed in the Orinoco, which proceeded to Balaclava, where they arrived about the middle of November, after the big gale in Balaclava harbour. After a day and night's rest they marched to the front, and encamped on Inkerman Heights, about 3½ miles from Sebastopol.

From the camp zig-zag trenches were dug to within about 350 yards of the Russians' position, and the intervening space was chiefly covered with grass and a few bushes. The soldiers reached the front trenches from their camp and vice versa by means of the zig-zag trenches, and when on duty in the front trenches they had to remain there from 24 to 48 hours at a stretch. In camp they had to sleep in their full equipment, and hold themselves in readiness for a call at a moment's notice; the only time clothes were taken off was when one garment was discarded for a new one. He has a vivid recollection of the death of Capt. Headley Vicars, known as the Parson Captain, in the front trench on March 22nd, 1855, when the Russians made one of their sorties. On another occasion he informed me a bugler blew so hard that he forced one of his eyes out on to his cheek, and, he added scornfully, "We had traitors who deserted the enemy's lines, and a fellow named Tom Price was one of the rascals." Asked about the rifles used, he said that at first they used the smooth bore, muzzle loading gun, which fired round bullets, this pattern of gun was known as the Old Brown Bess, and, on account of the ricochet, was very ineffective.

Before the war was over, a fresh supply of rifles was dealt out; these had grooved barrels, and fired elongated bullets. This pattern was known as the Minie rifle, and was a great improvement on the Old Brown Bess. I ascertained that after a sortie the British soldiers were buried around the trenches, just as they fell.

The food doled out to the men was salt pork, salt beef, and biscuits, and often green coffee berries were served to them. These had to be roasted and ground by the soldiers themselves before they could use them. Full of interest was his story, told me in his own vernacular, of the storming of the Redan, the fall of Sebastopol, and the grand field day which followed the proclamation of peace. Although he was never wounded, he once had his feet frost bitten, and during the whole time he was in the Crimea, he only saw one house, and that was occupied by Lord Raglan. After the Treaty of Paris, he set sail for home, and reached Portsmouth in the "Billy Ruffian" (Bellerophon), on the 20th July, 1856. Out of about 1,200 officers and men of the 97th that went out, only about 200 returned.

For a short time he was stationed at Aldershot and Portsmouth, but only for a short time, as on the 6th of August, 1857, he set sail from Portsmouth in the "Golden Fleece," a vessel belonging to the Black Ball Line of Liverpool. He disembarked at Calcutta, and marched through a disaffected area of India, till he came eventually to Lucknow, where he was at the siege of that city in 1858. After spending another ten years in India, he came back to England, and was stationed at Aldershot for a time, and then at Dover, from which place he was drafted to Ireland.

Although he had had an eventful military life, it was not to end in the Emerald Isle, for the army was sent to Barbados, an island in the West Indies, and from thence to Bermudas, lying off the coast of North America.

In 1875 he came back across the Atlantic, from the Bermudas, and was stationed at Netley Hospital till the 17th of August of that year, when he received his discharge, after serving his Queen and country for a period of just exceeding twenty-one years. He then came to Crondall, and resumed his occupation of an agricultural labourer, and although he has done no serious work for a number of years, he still does odd jobs for his nephew, Mr. Tom Simpson, of Dovas Cottages, with whom he lives. He is in receipt of an army pension, which, through the influence and kindness of friends, was augmented a little a few years ago, while at the same time he is the recipient of the old age pension.

'Army is the proud possessor of the Crimean medal, bar for Sebastopol, Turkish medal, Indian Mutiny medal, and bar for Lucknow. Except for failing eyesight and rheumatism he is hale and hearty, and thoroughly enjoys his pipe and half-pint.

May 'Army live in health and strength many more years to draw the pension he so richly deserves.

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OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

The Second Annual Dinner of the Association was held at the Cannon Street Hotel, London, on Saturday, April 19th. In the unavoidable absence of the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General E. A. H. Alderson, C.B., took the chair, and 160 sat down to dinner, while a few more came in later in the evening. A feature of the gathering was the presence of Mr. William Adams, late 50th Regiment, who is probably the oldest surviving member of the Regiment. He was present at the battle of Moodkee (1845), and was invalided out of the service as the result of wounds received in that action. He is now in his 91st year, and is an in-pensioner at Chelsea Hospital.

As soon as dinner was finished, the Toast of "The King" was drunk, and the National Anthem sung. Colonel Harrison, Chairman of the Committee, then read a letter and telegram from Major-General Sir Edmund Leach, K.C.B., expressing his great regret at being unable to be present. Colonel Harrison said that he felt sure that everybody was extremely sorry that the Colonel of the Regiment was not able to be there, and he proposed that a telegram of greeting from Old Comrades should be sent to him, a proposition that was greeted with great enthusiasm. He also stated that messages had been received from Colonels Tweedie, Maunsell, Fitton, and Crosse; Majors Daniell and Wood-Martyn; Sergeant J. Lewis (97th Regiment), and others. He further read a letter of greeting sent by Old Comrades of the 12th (Prince of Wales' Royal) Lancers, which was warmly received. After a few words on the progress of the Association and its doings in general, Colonel Harrison said he would make way for General Alderson, who was about to present the medal for Meritorious Service to ex-Sergeant-Major Brown.

General Alderson said:—"Comrades, in the unavoidable absence of our Colonel—Sir Edmund Leach—which we all so much regret, I have been asked to do something which I can assure you gives me greater pleasure than anything of the kind I have before been asked to do in my life. It is to present this medal for Meritorious Service to my very old friend and comrade, Sergeant-Major Brown. I have called him "my" old friend and comrade, when I should have said "our" old friend and comrade, for I know he is that to all of you here to-night. I should like to be allowed to explain to you why it came natural to me to appropriate Sergeant-Major Brown to myself, then I think you will forgive me for having done so. Well, when I joined the Regiment, the 2nd Batt., then the 97th, nearly thirty-five years ago, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Sergeant-Major Brown was then senior Colour-Sergeant. It was winter time, and there were several feet of snow on the ground. This meant that all my recruit's drill had to be done indoors. The Regiment was quartered in the Citadel Barracks, the Officers' quarters in which were condemned, so the mess room and ante-room were our parade grounds, and in them Sergeant-Major Brown knocked me into shape. I can see it all, as if it were but yesterday. The small, rather dark and damp rooms, the deep and often still-falling snow outside, and inside Sergeant-Major Brown, with his fine presence and thorough knowledge of his work, doing his best to make me into a soldier. I have been grateful to him ever since for the thorough and so nice way he did it all. At that time, I remember, there was only one other recruit, a man named Warren, who afterwards became Orderly Room Sergeant, and whom some of you here may remember. He was drilled with me, and he, too, owed much to Sergeant-Major Brown. Well, comrades, I feel that you will agree with me that events like these, which mark a definite place in our lives, are the ones which remain in our memories for ever, and I can assure you that the memory of those hours of drill and instruction given me by Sergeant-Major Brown during the winter months in those dark and damp rooms at the Citadel at Halifax, Nova Scotia, always gives me pleasure. I have never forgotten the thorough and tactful way in which he instructed us, and I never shall do so. This is why I especially appropriated him to myself. I fear that I have rather wandered from the subject for which I am standing up here before you—the presentation of this medal. I think it would be well if I were to read you here Sergeant-Major Brown's record of service.

General Alderson then stated that Sergeant-Major Brown enlisted in 1862, and retired with the rank of Sergeant-Major in 1891, with a total of 29 years and 8 months service. He did not complete 30 years' service owing to the offer of good employment, but thus lost 6d. a day pension. His foreign service included Jamaica, Nova Scotia, Gibraltar and South Africa. "That is a truly fine record." General Alderson continued, "and this medal shows that it has been duly appreciated in high quarters. Yet that, in itself, does not seem to me to sufficiently impress upon us what it really means to win one of these medals, or the medal for Long Service and Good Conduct, which of course Sergeant-Major Brown would also have worn had he not been a Warrant Officer. I have frequently said to civilians something like this:—'You see that bit of ribbon that that man is wearing: Do you realise what it really means?' Then I have continued, 'Well, it means the best part of a man's life spent in public without a slip. It means not only that the man is a good soldier, but it means also that his entire conduct has been beyond reproach.' In the Army that means far more than it would in private life, because in the Army a man in the position of the wearer of that medal is practically never in private, and is liable to be called upon at all times of the day or night to act in public. Therefore, as I have before said, his life must be without reproach. That is what the winning of these medals means. Comrades, there is not one of us here in this room who would not be proud to wear this medal. I am sure, too, that there is not one of us who is not proud to see our old comrade receive it. One thing I am certain of, and that is that I have never been more pleased in my life than I am to be here at this minute and to be in the position to pin this medal on Sergeant Major Brown's breast."

General Alderson then pinned the medal on Sergeant-Major Brown's breast Sergeant-Major Brown, who was received with much applause, in a short speech said that he very highly valued the honour that he had received. He had almost given up hope of receiving the decoration, but now that it had come to him he was extremely proud of it.

After this the company left the table, and groups of old friends were quickly formed round the room.

The following is a list of those present (taken from the tickets that were handed in):—Major-General Alderson, C.B., Brig.-Gen. Grove, C.B., Colonels Brock, Harrison, Style, and Western, C.B., Lieut.-Col. Burt, Major Roche, Captains Brown, Burbury and Couch, Lieuts. Fisher and Waring. Messrs. Adams, Alderman, Allen, Argent, Ashdown, Audsley, Austin, Baldock, H. J. Bass, W. E. Bass, Barnes, Binder, Branson, Brazier, Brown, D. Burrows, E. Burrows, J. Burrows, Callaghan, Campbell, A. J. Carter, G. J. Carter, F. Chapman, — Chapman, Clifford, Collins, Cook, Courtman, Cover, Cozens, Cramp, Cridland, Crowhurst, Curtis, Darby, Dawson, Daykin, Dibdin, Dixon, Egglesden, Evans, Fowler, Franks, Free, Frost, Fuller,

Furey, Garton, Geast, Gibbons, Gilbert, Gould, Goulds, Gouriet, Grellier, Griffin, Guess, Hanlon, Hannan, Hapted, Harden, Hazlewood, Hoare, Hobrow, Holliday, Hunt, Ingram, Kemp, Knight, Lamb, Lane, Lismore, Lowe, McCarthy, A. McEnuff, E. McEnuff, W. McEnuff, McGee, J. McGregor, J. McGregor, McIntosh, McOwen, McVicar, Maddocks, Marchant, Maynard, Meades, Merrick, Merrony, Mills, Mockford, Moore, Morris, Murray, Nevard, Newbold, Nichols, O'Keeffe, Osborne, Osman, Page, Palmer, Parsons, Payne, Plume, Press, Pryer, Pullen, Putley, Pye, Ralphs, Reynolds, Roberts, A. Rogers, A. Rogers, H. Rogers, Sargent, Sealy, Sherwood, Silverthorne, Simpson, Spence, Spooner, Stace, Sterry, Stuart, Sturman, F. Sullivan, J. Sullivan, Sweetman, Tench, Thomas, C. Thompson, — Thompson, Turner, Wall, Walsh, Watts, Webb, F. White, W. White, Williams, Wilson, Wise, A. E. Wood, C. Wood, H. Wood, J. R. Wood.

With reference to the List of Members that is in course of compilation. Will those members who have not returned their forms, please do so as early as possible? It is hoped to publish the list shortly, but unless these forms are filled in and returned, it must of necessity be somewhat incomplete.

1st BATTALION NEWS.

Officers' Bayonet Fighting.

The Irish Command (Bronze Medal) Military Tournament was held at the Curragh on March 27th and 28th. The Battalion sent a team composed of the following Officers :— Lieutenant Adams, Lieutenant Newton, 2nd-Lieutenant Ames, 2nd-Lieutenant White, 2nd-Lieutenant Skipworth.

Five teams entered. We drew a bye in the first round, and were faced by the Connaughts in the semi-final. Skipworth was beaten after a severe combat ; Ames, White and Newton each won their fights, which gave us the best of five, and brought us into the finals. In this round we took on the South Lancashire Regiment. Skipworth and Ames lost their two fights, followed by White and Newton winning theirs. In the final bout we were two fights all, and Adams and his opponent were two points all, when the former was just beaten on the last point. The team received a small cup as second prize. The team was weakened owing to the absence of Lieutenant Wingfield-Stratford, who was unable to be present.

On the second day of the meeting the team competed in the individual competitions. Skipworth won four fights in his pool. Adams, Newton and White won three fights each in their respective pools, and Ames won two.

Boxing.

A further series of the Inter-Company Boxing Competition was held during April, the results being as follows :—

A v. H. Feathers.—Whyat, H, beat Chatfield, A ; Tanyton, H, beat Robinson, A ; King, H, bye.

Lights.—Ferdinand, A, beat King, H ; Bruce, H, beat French, A ; Lake, H, beat Barton, A.

Welters.—Lance-Corporal Judd, A, bye ; Sales, A, beat Golding, H.

Middles.—Chorley, H, beat Collett, A ; Lance-Corporal Judd, A, bye.

Points, A, 4 ; H, 6.

B v. C. Feathers.—Bignell, B, beat Sergeant Fenwick, C ; Woolhead, C, beat Foster, B ; Belcher, B, beat Gray, C.

Lights.—Christie, B, beat Lusted, C ; Workman, C, beat Wood, B ; Barnes, C, beat Buckland, B.

Welters.—Twycross, B, beat Stratford, C ; Holt, B, beat Ogborn, C.

Middles.—Saxby, B, and Paine, B, byes.

Points, B, 7 ; C, 3.

D v. G. Feathers.—Edmett, G, beat Gadsdon, D ; Theedom, G, beat Jarvis, D ; Young, D, beat Bradford, G.

Lights.—Edmett, G, beat Beezer, D ; Goldsmith, G, beat Supple, D ; Cole, D, beat Robertson, G.

Welters.—Barson, G, beat Norris, D ; Goldsmith, G, beat Oakham, D.

Middles.—Barson, G, beat Corporal McCormick, D ; Fisher, D, beat Lance-Corporal Noakes, G.

Points, D, 3 ; G, 7.

E v F. Feathers.—P. Bresnahan, E, beat Trice, F ; Ashby, F, beat Butt, E ; Jarvis, E, beat Brown, F.

Lights.—D. Bresnahan, E, beat Lawrence, F ; Brown, E, beat Trice, F ; Sanders, E, beat Henwood, F.

Welters.—E. Bull, E, beat Cussell, F ; T. Bull, E, beat Wright, F.

Middles.—Page, E, beat Johnson, F ; Ford, E, beat Mantle, F.

During the evening Lieutenant-Colonel Martyn distributed medals given by the officers to the team which represented the Battalion in the recent Irish Army Championship.

In the Army Championship held at Aldershot in April, we had three representatives : Lance-Sergeant Baker, in the welters, beat Lance-Corporal Lloyd (Grenadiers), and Sergeant Tarlin (S. Lancs.) In the semi-finals he was beaten on points in a very close fight by Lance-Corporal Redrup (E. Surrey), the ultimate winner of the championship. In the light-weights Private E. Bull knocked out Private Vant (Sussex) in the first round, but was beaten on points by Rhodes, R.F.A. This was a hard fight, and the margin of points was small. Bull was awarded a good loser's prize.

In the Officers' Light Weights, 2nd-Lieutenant Ogle was beaten on points by Sir I. Colquhoun.

Bronze Medal Competitions (in connection with the Royal Naval and Military Tournament).

In the Tug of War (110 stone, 16ft. pull) we beat the Buffs and were beaten by the East Surreys. The team was the same as for the Brigade Competitions.

In the Bayonet Fighting we were beaten by the East Surrey Regiment. Our team was as follows :—Lieutenant Newton, Second-Lieutenants Ames and Skipworth, Sergeant-Major Doe, Sergeant Fitzgerald, Lance-Sergeant Gilbey, Corporal McCormick, Lance-Corporals Pease, Jenkins, Hyatt, Stanton, Privates Williams, Wright, Bellfield, Woolgar, Snooks, Seaman, Chorley, Ashley.

13th Infantry Brigade Competitions.

In the Munro Challenge Cup, E Company represented the Battalion. The results were as follows :—

(a) Shooting.

1st Battalion "The Queen's Own," 1st with 195 points.
1st Battalion "The Buffs," 2nd with 187 points.

Team.—Lance-Corporals Turner, Seale, Guess, Privates Smith, A., Quy, Vaughan, Bresnahan, D., Hull, Ralph, Weston, and Dr. Hall.

(b) Cross Country Running.

1st "The Buffs," v. 2nd "The Queen's Own."

Team.—Corporal Scott, Lance-Corporal Seale, Privates Parrott, Smith, A., Merchant, Bresnahan, P., Quy, Jones, Bull, E, Kempster and Saunders.

(c) Gymnastics.

1st "The Buffs," v. 2nd "The Queen's Own."

Team.—Sergeant Lander, Privates Bull, T., Brown, Ford, Jarvis, Weston, Vaughan, Taylor, Robins, Jewhurst and Forbes.

The total points for the three parts were:—

1st Battalion "The Buffs," 1,328; 1st Battallion "The Queen's Own," 1,171; 2nd Battalion "Duke of Wellington's," 985; 2nd Battalion "K.O.S.B's." 662.

Bayonet Fighting.

1st Battalion "The Queen's Own," beat "The Duke of Wellington's," and the "K.O.S.B.'s" but were beaten by "The Buffs."

H Company's Team (representing the Battalion), Sergt. Fitzgerald, Lance-Corpl. Pease, Lance-Corpl. Hyatt, Lance-Corpl. Blain, Privates Snooks, Chorley, Seaman, Ashley.

Tug of War (110 stone, pull all over).

1st "The Queen's Own," beat "The Duke of Wellington's" by two pulls to one, and lost to the "K.O.S.B.'s" by two pulls to none.

Team.—Second-Lieutenant Ogle, Lance-Sergeant Baker, Corpl. Paul, Corpl. McCormick, Lance-Corpl. Judd, Lance-Corpl. Pease, Privates E. Bull, Mackintosh, Johnson, Edmett, Crouch, Corpl. Mason.

Long Distance Run (Teams of 50).

"The Buffs" 1st, "The Queen's Own" 2nd, "Duke of Wellington's 3rd, "K.O.S.B's" 4th.

Forty-four of our team finished, and Parrott (7th), P. Breshahan (8th), and Kempster (11th) gained extra points for the team by finishing in the first twenty.

Training.

Company training for B, C, D, and E, Companies ended on April 29th. The double Company system was observed, the first two named being grouped together under Captain Parker, and the second two under Major Hastings.

The training was noteworthy for the number of generals who visited us, both the Inspector of Infantry, General Murray, and the Inspector General of the Home Forces, Sir Charles Douglas, being among the number.

On the 1st of May we start for Kilbride, and by the 17th of the month the much vexed question of the best shooting Company should be finally settled, the remainder of the time being devoted to parts iv., v., and vi., of the table B.

The prospects at present are extraordinarily open, no particular Company standing out from the remainder. For the first time we shoot with our wind gauges central the whole time, and many are the misgivings of even the best shots and fervent their prayers for calm weather.

Officers and Sergeants' Football Match.

This fixture, which was very keenly contested, ended in a draw with two goals all. The result was quite dramatic as the Officers were leading by two goals to one until the last few minutes. We fear we are quite unable to describe the game adequately. It was, as usual, untramelled by all tiresome finesse, and was played with the greatest gusto. We only wish that we had been able to aid our pen pictures by some photos which had been promised us. Lieuts. Gore and Palmer scored the goals for the Officers, and Sergeants Coe and Hyland were responsible for the other side. We append the teams below:—Officers—Captain Dunlop, Major Robinson, 2nd Lieut. Skipworth, 2nd Lieut. Ogle, Captain Keenlyside, Lieut. H. W. Graham, Lieut. Stratford, Lieut. Palmer-2nd Lieut. Gore, Captain Lister, and Lieut. Phillips. Sergeants.—Sergts. Coe, Hylands, Lander, Lowry, Col.-Sergts. Kallend, Sergts. Darley, Powell, Hundley, Skeer and Kemp, Col.-Sergeant Stringer.

Golf.

The Battalion sent a team composed of the following Officers to compete in the Inter-Regimental Competition held at Hoylake. The team comprised Captain Buchanan Dunlop, Lieut. Wingfield Stratford, Lieut. Fisher, and Captain Lister. We started off well defeating the A.S.C. in good style. However, next round we met the Black Watch, who were in turn too good for us. Perhaps the most noteworthy incident of the whole meeting was supplied by Captain Dunlop who established a record by holing out a hole more than a quarter of a mile in length in two shots.

Personal.

Major Buckle, D.S.O. rejoins the Battalion about May 12th, having first attended a Senior Officer's Course at Hythe. He will take over the duties of Second in Command from Major Robinson, C.M.G.—Lieut. C. F. Adams has been posted to the 2nd Battalion, being due to leave about the very end of May.—Lieut. Gore played for the Army in Ireland against the Army in England. Lance-Corporal Pease also played in the trial game for this match.

SERGEANTS' MESS NEWS.

Owing to Company Training our social functions during the past month have been (to use our latest in the way of expressions) "very meagre." We have, however, succeeded in playing off our two annual football fixtures. The first—Married versus Single—ended in a victory for the married by three goals to one. The Single team were evidently over trained and could hardly raise a walk between them, and to add insult to injury, had a penalty given against them for a slight technical infringement of the laws of the game. The kick was entrusted to our fragile Pioneer Sergeant, who made no mistake in banging the ball past the goalkeeper. It was rumoured that he will be asked to represent England next season. One never knows.

The match against the officers ended in a draw of two goals all. Although a trifle unlucky in not winning we are quite satisfied.

The Billiard Handicap for the month of March ended in the following winning cues: Class 1—Sergeant Skeer; Class 2—Lance-Sergeant Selves; Class 3—Sergeant Ransome. The Class winners had to play off for a special cue presented by Messrs Elvery and Co. This was won by Sergeant Selves.

In addition to the ordinary Handicap this month a Billiard Championship has been started. The prize is a cup which will be competed for annually. The results in the first and second rounds I hope to be able to publish next month.

SERGEANTS' MESS CORRESPONDENT.

DUBLIN,
26th April, 1913.

SIGNALLERS v. SIGNALLING CLASS.

This match which was played in Barracks proved to be one of the most exciting matches ever yet witnessed, on account of the Signalling Class being composed of the leading stars at the game. For the old hands the following toed the line:—Goal, Lance-Corporal Potter; backs, Needham and Holt; half-backs, Hunter, Lieut. Newton, and Lance-Corporal Pink; forwards, Pink, A., Addington, Davis, Robinson, and Lance-Corporal Sharp.

The class winning the toss, the signallers kicked off before a good many spectators. Addington accepting the pass from Davis, sent across to the left wing, the winger raced away, and centring grandly Davis accepted, and

passed to Pink who seized the opportunity drove the ball well into the net. From the kick off the Signallers' again forced the pace, and were soon bombarding the Classes' goal. Robinson, who easily beat the two backs, passed the ball to Addington whom being unmarked had no difficulty in beating the goalie for the second. Not contented with this the Signallers again got going, and Davis dribbling the ball nearly the length of the field, was foaled in the penalty area, just as he was going to shoot. Holt taking the kick well beat the goalie for number three. Try as they could the Class couldn't get going, and were completely outclassed. Our goalie, who was playing up to international form would not be beaten at all costs. We are pleased to say that Lieut. Newton, who was playing at centre half, provided some excellent football, one of his shots from the half-way line just grazing the top of the bar and going over. Still having most of the play, Addington and Davis, who were the pick of the forwards, showed some neat foot work, and easily beating the defence Davis passed to Addington, who put in the best goal of the match, making number four. From the kick off our left wing got going for Robinson and Sharp, who showed the spectators what old veterans could do at football. Further goals were scored by Hunter and Needham from a penalty, this player has never been known to miss one yet. Pink, A., added another on the last minute of the match, making our total 7. Class nil. The forwards combined well together Lieut. Newton was easily the best of the halves, Jock Hunter running him a good second. Needham and Holt played a rattling game at back. As for the goal he was invincible.

SIGNALLER'S CORRESPONDENT.

"B" COMPANY,

Richmond Barracks,
Dublin, Ireland,
April, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I now for the last time render you a few items of the doings of "B" Company for the month of April. On the 25th March the Company started Field Training, being amalgamated with "C" Company under the supervision of Captain Parker. As far as training goes everything has gone very smoothly up to date. We have visited that historic place called Ticknock a few times, and the weather was not at all good. I think it is up to the weather prophet to see that it behaves itself in future. Seeing that Training is nearly finished we are all anxiously looking forward to the day we proceed to Kilbride, another of those prehistoric places which if we could have our own way for once in a while we would shift off the earth. Of course I must let you know that we are going to this beautiful paradise for musketry which commences on the 3rd of May. Everybody will be hanging on to their proficiency pay like grim death.

I do not know whether the Company will still be able to retain possession of the shooting shield, but at least we will have a good go for it. We expect to see some good shooting by the youngsters, who from what I have heard are very hot, and if so Wallingford will have to look out or else he will lose his laurels. "I don't think." The Company were sorry to hear that Sergeant Baker did not win the Welters in the Army and Navy Boxing Championship, but we hope that the next time he enters that he will have better luck. Lance-Corporal Crowhurst has left after twelve years' service. The Company wish him the best of health and luck in his new venture, but are sorry to say that we are losing Corporal Standen, who is posted to "C" Company from the 1st May. "C" Company are very lucky in getting him as he is a first-class sportsman, and honestly we are very sorry to lose him. Oh well, some Companies do get the best of luck. We wish him the best of luck when he goes to his new Company. Now that the Cricket Season is drawing near I hope the Company will try and get a good team together, and see if they can somehow or other manage to get the cricket shield. We regret to hear of the death of Private Weston of "H" Company. We send our deepest sympathy to his family. I think I must now draw to a close, hoping that I have not taken up too much space,

I remain, for the last time,

"B" COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

"D" COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I am afraid this month does not bring forth much sporting news, as we are on Company training, which takes all our time away. I am pleased to say there has been rapid promotion in the Company. The following were appointed Lance-Corporals :—Privates Mercer, Elkington, Bowyer, and Williams. Four more are Orderly Corporals. We are about to lose Sergt. Raines and Corpl. McCormick as they are transferred to other Companies. On the 1st of May the Company goes to Kilbride for the annual course of musketry. The weather at present seems very promising. D Company has every possible chance of being top of the Battalion this year. They were only second from top last year.

The Company's Boxing team fight G Company on the 28th April. The team consists of the following :—Corporal McCormick, Privates Fisher, Gadsdon, Supple, Morris, Jarvis, Harvey, Young, Oakham and Cole, waiting man, Private Goff.

Of course, we hope to give a very good account in our next edition.

Lance-Sergeant Gilbey comes to D Company on transfer from G Company.

I am so sorry this is all for this month, more in next edition.

D COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

H COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Your hustling energetic staff at Dublin reminded us once more, a few moments ago, that our prolific pen had not been at work this month. It has, however ; but in preparing rolls of boxing teams, and rapid loading competition teams, and miniature rifle teams, and many other events, obligation towards the "Buster" has escaped our notice. We cannot, however, pass over without a notice of the enthusiasm of your very determined staff at Dublin. We can see from the "left incline" manner of his approach as we cross from one corner of the square to the other, that we are probably in debt somehow to him, and his unmistakable "Hi!" completes our shame. These remarks, however, are yet to pass his censorship. We thought, perhaps, that with the foregoing observations, we may proceed to record our recent achievements in confidence.

Up-to-date we have won all the Rifle Club Fund money on the range and at rapid loading. No. 1. of H is ably backing up its leader, and our hopes are concentrated on the results of Table B, and the presentation of the Shield, which Sergt. Baker carted off without a blush last year. His neck is hard, If a sackful of money doesn't come our way this year, it won't be the fault of our company. Lieutenant Palmer, the Colour-Sergeant, and Sergeant Fitzgerald are bursting with energy, and if they can't wriggle a few cups our way, they ought to resign membership of the Battalion Rifle Club Committee.

We conclude this fitful contribution in very great hope. Keep your editorial eye upon us ; our teeth are set, our hopes are high, and our bolts fly, to do or die, with glittering eye. Oh, how we could go on, on, on—*only* for the censor.

Your humble servant,

H COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

Captain G. Hall (late 16 Lancers), who was recently posted to the 3rd Battalion has been attached to the 1st Battalion for a course.

Lieutenant W. V. Palmer and 8674 Lance-Sergeant W. File have qualified at Hythe to instruct in the Maxim Gun, dated 20th March, 1913.

7223 Sergeant G. Golding and 2988 Private E. Thom have been awarded the medal for Long Service and Good Conduct (A.O. 117 of April, 1913).

2nd Class Certificates of Education have been awarded as under:—Lance-Corporals S. Judd, M. O'Donoghue, G. Pink, D. O'Donoghue, Privates E. Tickner and A. Ogden, dated 4th April, 1913.

8884 Private A. Denton has been transferred on probation to the Military Foot Police at Aldershot,

7575 Sergeant F. Johnson has been permitted to re-engage to complete 21 years' service.

The undermentioned have been transferred to the Army Reserve:—7648 Lance-Corporal S. Crowhurst, 6th April, 1913; 7668 Lance-Corporal C. Owen, 10th April, 1913.

6146 Private G. Baker has been discharged on completing 12 years' service, dated 5th April, 1913.

Good Conduct Badges have been awarded as follows:—8786 Private G. French one, dated 4th January, 1913; 9539 Private F. Turner one, 10th February, 1913; 8941 Private F. Bubb two, 24th February, 1913; 9560 Private W. Heath one, 22nd February, 1913; 9571 Private W. Tusher one, 27th March, 1913; 9720 Private F. Edwards one, 11th March. 1913; 9564 Lance-Corporal C. Goldsmith one, 2nd March, 1913; 9570 Private W. Joyce one, 20th March, 1913; 8884 Private A. Denton two, 21st January, 1913; 8940 Private G. Arnold one, 20th February, 1913; 9024 Private C. Laurence one, 6th April, 1913; 9569 Private A. Lawrence one, 25th March, 1913; 9568 Private E. Booth one, 25th March, 1913; 8267 Private A. Pink one, 5th September, 1912; 9566 Lance-Corporal T. Stoakes one, 22nd March, 1913; 7465 Private E. Lowe one 4th April, 1913.

Privates A. Dinwoody, A. Pink, J. Seeley, A. Hunter Waddington, F. Sexton, and F. Wehmer qualified as First Class Signallers, 22nd February, 1913.

The following description of a Memorial has been forwarded to us by one of our readers in New Zealand:—

In Grateful Memory
of

The gallant Officers and Men of Her Majesty's Imperial Army, Navy and Colonial Forces, who died in the service of their Country, during the long wars with the Natives of these Islands, and who lie buried in or near this Town.

This Monument was erected by the inhabitants of Wanganui, 1892. Here follows list of killed, but I have only taken our men.

Killed at Mukumaru in 1865, Privates 50th Regiment:—T. Gould, C. E. Poole, S. Hargreave, Will Erwin, Will. Vine, Will. Land, Will Murphy, T. Kenny, Rt. Ridyard.

On another face of Monument the following:—

Near this spot stood the Rutland Blockhouse, erected 1847, removed 1883.

S.H.S.

2nd BATTALION NOTES.

Major R. J. Woulfe-Flanagan passed in Part II. Tactical Fitness for Command. Duty 1st (Peshawar) Divisional Order 171, dated 11th March, 1913.

Major C. E. Kitson has taken over the duties of Senior Major from Major Woulfe-Flanagan (to leave) from 1st April, 1913.

The undermentioned N.C.O's and men of the 2nd Battalion become due for discharge during the trooping season of 19-1314:—3627 Privates H. Smith, 6390 C. Taylor, 6432 D. Rapson, 6258 A. Rogers, 6169 F. McKay, 6339 D. McFarlane; 3697 Cr.-Sergt. G. Barden; 6460 Corpl. J. Edwards; 3412 Sergt. E. Soughton; 6178 Lce.-Corpl. R. Falkner, 6203 Lce.-Corpl. H. Maynard.

"Over 200 N.C.O.'s and men of the Battalion become due for transfer to the Army Reserve during the same season."

N.C.O.'s and men wishing to extend or re-engage their Color Service have to give their names to O.C. Companies not later than 15th May, 1913, after which date no applications will be entertained.

The following N.C.O.'s and men have extended their services to complete twelve years with the colours:—8598 Lance-Corporal J. Payne, 8517 Lance-Corporal T. Shannon, 8512 Corporal A. Hills, and 8616 C. Grest.

The undermentioned passed examination in Pushtu, Elementary Standard, 3rd April, 1913:—Army Schoolmaster W. Egan, 8257 Lance-Corporal P. Rayfield, 4859 Privates A. Jones, 3953 E. West, 4866 G. Holland, 3913 W. Botten.

The undermentioned are granted G.C. Badges on dates as stated:—

8062 Privates J. Beadon, 2nd, dated 26th March, 1913; 9508 H. Hosier, 1st, dated 26th November, 1912; 9458 W. Hider, 1st, dated 11th April, 1912; 8921 J. Savage, 2nd, dated 3rd March, 1913; 8857 C. Callaghan, 1st, dated 8th March, 1913; 8838 G. Redmond, 2nd, dated 13th March, 1913; 8548 R. Hague, 2nd, dated 4th March, 1913; 8807 J. Page, 2nd, dated 23rd March, 1913; 8935 S. Clifton, 2nd, dated 17th March, 1913; 9100 C. Dunn, 1st, dated 10th March, 1913; 9535 D. Hylands, 1st, dated 28th January, 1913; 8386 B. Slackford. 2nd, dated 8th March, 1913; 8762 E. Turner, 2nd, dated 17th March, 1913; 9180 A. Akhurst, 1st, dated 4th March, 1913; 9053 M. Shuter, 1st. dated 21st February, 1913; 8812 J. Way, 2nd, dated 25th November, 1912; 8709 E. Louden, 1st, dated 12th March, 1913; 9218 G. Rutherford, 1st, dated 4th March, 1913; 8899 A. Lane, 1st, dated 5th March, 1913; 8708 T. Mulford, 1st, dated 28th March, 1913; 8375 C. Ruth, 2nd, dated 18th March, 1913; 8980 W. White, 1st, dated 3rd February, 1913.

3rd BATTALION NOTES.

Lieut. A. G. Balbernie (S.R.) is attached to the Depot for duty.

2nd-Lieut. (on probation) Elliott R. Alexander resigns his commission, dated 19th April, 1913.

Captain C. Bertram Robb, 2nd-Lieut. C. L. Norman, and 2nd-Lieut. Franklyn Smith (Territorial Forces) have been attached to the Depot during the past month.

7676 Pte. R. Banks has been transferred to the Army Reserve, 14th April, 1913.

8147 Drmr. E. Stevens reverts to Private, with effect from 4th April, and is transferred to the Army Reserve before the completion of the expiration of his period of Army service (own request).

8923 Pte. J. Joyce, 2nd G.C. Badge, 3rd March, 1913.

"QUEEN'S" & "QUEEN'S OWN" REGIMENTS.

Most people, even those who take very slight interest in military matters, are aware that a large number of Regiments, both Cavalry and Infantry, bear royal titles, such as "King's Own," "Queen's," "Prince of Wales's," etc. Much ignorance exists, however, as to the particular royal personage who gave his or her title to these Regiments, and a very erroneous but prevalent idea obtains that all Queen's Regiments are so entitled after the late Queen Victoria. Now it is a fact that of the many "Queen's" and "Queen's Own" Regiments, only one received the title direct from her late Majesty. This exception is the Cameron Highlanders, who in 1873, by special desire of Her Majesty, assumed the title of "Queen's Own," and as a consequence changed their facings from green to royal blue. The still more high sounding title of "Empress of India's" was conferred upon the 21st Lancers in 1898, to mark the late Queen's admiration of their gallant charge against the Arab fanatics at the battle of Omdurman. One other Corps is connected with the late Queen, but dates its distinction far back to her youthful days. This is the old 89th Regiment, now the 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers. It was in 1833, at Portsmouth, that the Princess Victoria, as she was then known, presented new colours to the 89th Regiment on their return from a long spell of Indian service, and the Regiment at once adopted the title of "Princess Victoria's," which it still retains. It is worthy of remark that on two succeeding occasions, in 1866 and 1889, this Regiment again received new Colours from the hands of the late Queen.

"Queen's" Regiments are rather more common than "King's." Thus we have the well-known "Queen's Bays," or 2nd Dragoon Guards, who received their title upon the accession of King George II. in 1727. The "4th Queen's Own Hussars" adopted the title in 1788, or rather revived it in memory of Queen Anne, after whom the Regiment was named upon its formation in 1685, when she was Princess Anne of Denmark. The "7th Queen's Own Hussars," originally a Scottish Regiment of horse, became "Queen's" in 1689, reign of William III., after his consort Queen Mary. The "9th Queen's Royal Lancers," by their smart and soldierly appearance attracted the special notice of King William IV., who granted them the royal title after his Queen, Adelaide, in 1830. Another Lancer Regiment, the 16th, owes its title to its imposing appearance, for we read that at a review held in Hyde Park in 1766, King George III. was so much impressed by the discipline and exact drill shown by the 15th Hussars and 16th Light Dragoons, that he forthwith conferred the title of the "King's" upon the former, and "Queen's" upon the latter Corps after his royal consort Queen Caroline.

But the oldest "Queen's" Regiment is found among the Infantry, being the old 2nd Foot, now known as the "Queen's Royal West Surrey." The Queen who gave her title to this Regiment was Catherine of Braganza, consort of our King Charles II., and this title has been borne by the Regiment since its formation in 1662, a period of nearly 250 years. "The Queen's Own Royal West Kent," composed of the old 50th and 97th Regiments, received its title, like the 9th Lancers, in 1830, from King William IV. in honour of Queen Adelaide.

(Taken from an article in *The Essex Regiment Gazette*).

ARMY AND NAVY BILLIARDS.

Playing at Thurston's Minor Billiard Hall on the 21st April, in the Navy and Army Billiard Championship, Sergeant-Major Grellier (a District Champion of the Eastern Command) lost to Lance-Corpl Wicks (R.M.L.I.), by 33 points, after being over 100 points behind. The Championship was won by Private Thomas, of the Leicester Regiment, who defeated Private Wright (53rd Company A.S.C., M.T. branch), by over 300 points. Private Wright gave the winner a good deal of trouble in the 1st session of the final (1,000 up), and was well ahead at 400 mark, but Thomas putting on a fine effort of 139, reached 500 to Wright's 425. In the second part of the game, Thomas led throughout, winning the Challenge Shield presented by Messrs. Thurston, and £10, while Wright, "who before joining the A.S. Corps about a year ago, served for some years in the 1st Battalion 'The Queen's Own' Royal West Kent Regiment," secured the second prize of £5.

N.B.—The 16 District Champions each receive a Gold Medallion. (Number of entries about 2,000).

RECRUITS' MARATHON RACE AT MAIDSTONE.

Another successful Marathon Race took place at the Depot on the 16th April, 1913, for the Recruits. The entries numbered 132. The course was about 4½ miles, and some very good performances were shown by our young blood here. The first man home was Private Bridger, who completed his task in 24 minutes, 10 seconds. Private Manning was second, and Private Haines third, the prizes being 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and seventeen other prizes.

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2ND BATTALION.

ROLL OF OFFICERS, 2ND BATTALION, SHEWING STATIONS.

Lieutenant-Colonel S. H. Pedley, Peshawar.
Major R. J. Woulfe-Flanagan, Peshawar.
Major J. W. O'Dowda, Peshawar.
Major C. E. Kitson, Peshawar.
Captain C. Druce, England (leave expires 18th November, 1913).
Captain F. J. Joslin, Peshawar.
Captain C. Bonham-Carter, Peshawar.
Captain A. K. Grant, Peshawar.
Captain E. H. Norman, England (leave expires 3rd November, 1913).
Captain H. D. Belgrave, England (leave expires 25th, October, 1913).
Captain C. W. Case-Morris, Peshawar.
Lieutenant O. Y. Hibbert, Staff College, Quetta.
Lieutenant A. K. Searight, Peshawar.
Lieutenant W. G. Yates, England (leave expires 25th October, 1913)
Lieutenant N. I. Whitty, England (leave expires 14th Nov., 1913).
Lieutenant R. B. L. Bazley-White (leave in England).
Lieutenant A. E. Hardy, Peshawar.
Lieutenant A. S. Bredon, Ambala, Physical Training Class.
Lieutenant J. B. B. Ford, Peshawar.
Lieutenant J K. Kay, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant B. H. Bonham-Carter, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant P. F. Bell, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant V. S. Clarke, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant J. E. G. Brown, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant C. F. Battye, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant N. B. Howell, Peshawar.
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Hon. Lieut. and Qr.-Mr. F. Grey, Peshawar.

OFFICERS ATTACHED TO BATTALION.

2nd-Lieutenant C. J. R. Turner (I.A.U L.), Peshawar, posted 15th Sikhs, 24th March, 1913

Peshawar, N.W.F.P.
1st April, 1913.

BIRTHS.

At Tonbridge, on March 20th, the wife of Captain A. S. Hewitt, of a son.

At Peshawar, on the 14th March, 1913, the wife of No. 3913 Pte. W. Botten, of a daughter, "Beatrice Maud."

At Peshawar, on the 31st March, 1913, the wife of 5885 Sergt. H. Cousins, of a son, "Harry."

DEATHS.

At Oxford, on the 16th March, 1913, No. 788 Pensioner Sergt. Edwin Veal, late 50th Foot. Was in possession of the New Zealand Medal (1863-1866).

At Bradford, on the 11th March, 1913, No. 4106 Joseph A. Gregson, late Private 97th Regiment. Was in possession of the Mutiny Medal, with clasp for "Lucknow."

At Tooting, on the 11th April, Mary Edmonds, aged 40, wife of F. W. Edmonds (Pensioner-Drummer, late Royal West Kent Regiment).

VETERAN OF THE 50th FOOT DEAD.

At Carrick-on-Suir recently the death occurred of Thomas Daniel, 84, who joined the 50th Foot in Carrick-on-Suir in May, 1851, served through the Crimean War, being present at Alma, Inkerman and Sebastopol, served in Colombo and Ceylon, and fought in the Maori War, returning to Carrick-on-Suir on a pension of 10d. a day in 1872. Thirty years ago Daniel sold his pension to the Government and went to America, but he returned to Carrick-on-Suir, and, by special application to the late King Edward, secured for himself a special pension of 1s. a day.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Captain R. J. T. Hildyard, The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, has been appointed Brigade-Major, 7th Infantry Brigade, at Tidworth.

Captain Oswald Y. Hibbert is seconded whilst a student at the India Staff College, dated 26th March, 1913.

The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.—The undermentioned Lieutenants to be Captains, dated 26th March, 1913:—Oswald Y. Hibbert, William C. O. Phillips (1st Battalion).

H. A. Waring, Adjutant, 3rd (Special Reserve) Battalion, under the provisions of Article 26, Royal Warrant for Pay and Promotion 1909.—*London Gazette*, dated 6th May, 1913.

3RD BATTALION.

2nd-Lieut. (on probation) Dougal C. C. Sewell (S.R.) is confirmed in his rank (E.C. orders, 19th May, 1913).

1ST BATTALION.

LANCE-SERGEANT PROMOTED SERGEANT.—7540 C. Gilbey, dated 7th May, 1913.

CORPORAL APPOINTED LANCE-SERGEANT.—8872 W. Hodge, dated 7th May, 1913.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS.—9622 R. Rogers, 9654 T. Bull, 9915 A Waters, 9919 E. Robins, and 9932 E. Russell, dated 2nd May, 1913; 9620 F. Rich and 9692 E. Belton, dated 5th May, 1913; 8786 G. French, and 9875 G. Burluck, dated 7th May, 1913.

2ND BATTALION.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS.—9039 J. Parsons and 9375 J. King, dated 12th March, 1913; 9186 J. Rice, dated 28th February, 1913.

APPOINTED DRUMMER.—9860 Boy J. Cover.

THE LAND-MARKS OF TIME.

JUNE.

4th.—Egyptian Campaign memorial window unveiled in All Saints' Church, Maidstone, 1887.
9th.—1st Volunteer Active Service Company joined 2nd Battalion at Hammonia, S.A., 1900.
10th.—Militia Battalion disembodied, 1901.
20th.—South African War memorial window unveiled at All Saints' Church, Maidstone, 1903.
21st.—Battle of VITTORIA, 1813.
23rd.—New Colours presented to 2nd Battalion, Shorncliffe, 1891.
24th.—Militia disembodied, 1814 (embodied since 1803).
25th.—50th first Regiment Dinner, Colchester, 1880.
27th.—Officers' Mess hut burnt down, Aldershot, 1882.
27th.—Capture of Cairo, 1801.
29th.—1st Battalion won Officers' Tug-of-War, Aldershot, 1882.

THE EDITOR'S COLUMN OF REMARKS.

We publish with this number another old type of uniform. We fear that this suffers more than last month's picture from not being in colours. The bandsman's tunic is white, and the trousers of both bandsman and drummer are light blue. In last month's picture the "facings were black; in this month's (being after the year 1831) they are royal blue.

We must once again express our gratitude to the Royal United Service Institution for permission to republish these illustrations from Mr. Milne's book.

Hand-painted photographs of this month's picture may be obtained for 11s. 3d. (post free), but the offer of coloured copies of last month's picture must now be withdrawn, and no further orders can be accepted.

We hope in due course to publish two more of these pictures, but we regret that the appeal for our picture fund has met with but slight support.

It will be noticed that in the series of pictures that we are publishing, the buttons are arranged in pairs, and, as is generally known, this custom is still to some extent kept up. A few days ago we were asked the origin of this, and with shame we were compelled to answer, "We know not!" Can anyone enlighten us?

Our esteemed correspondent of the 2nd Battalion raises the question as to why some of the correspondence is put in small type. The reason is that small print means economy of space, and so causes a smaller paper bill. Should anyone feel aggrieved at this, we would point out that we only put those articles in small print, which from their absorbing interest are certain to be searched for eagerly and read by all our readers.

The notes from which we have compiled the account of the 97th Regiment in Egypt in 1801 were kindly sent to us by Brigadier General E. A. Grove, C.B. If any of our readers should have knowledge of any similar historical incidents that have not recently been published in our paper, we should be very grateful if they would communicate with us.

We have come across a copy of "The Court and City Register for the year 1762." This contains an abbreviated army list, and the entries in connection with the 50th and 97th Regiments may be of interest. They are as follows:—

"50th Regiment.—Raised, 1755. Colonel:—Lieut. Gen. Edward Carr. Lieut. Col. Thomas Gwillim. Major George Aug: Barry. Pay per diem:—£50 6s. 4d. Agents:—Richardson. Station:—Germany."

"97th Regiment—Raised, 1761. Lieut. Colonel Commanding: James Stuart. Major Francis MacLean. Agents:—Watherston. Station:—Great Britain."

We do not profess to be able to explain the exact meaning of the amount of daily pay shewn after the 50th, or why no such entry is made in the case of the 97th. It is to be noticed in the full list that the amount varies considerably with different Regiments. There appear to have been a considerable variety of Agents in those days, but we find the now familiar name of Cox in connection with a few Regiments.

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THE 97th at the BATTLE of ALEXANDRIA.

March 21st, 1801.

In our January number an account appeared of the Egyptian campaign of 1801, in which the Regiment won the Battle Honour of "The Sphinx superscribed Egypt." In that article the doings of the 97th were not narrated, as this Honour was brought to the Colours by the 50th. As we have pointed out before, the 97th that took part in the campaigns previous to 1724 was disbanded, and when the new 97th was raised, the Honours of the old Regiment very illogically fell into others hands, on account of misconception and muddle. We feel, however, that although we may have no legal right to claim the old 97th as an ancestor, no other Regiment has that right either. On the contrary, we have a far stronger moral right than anyone else. We therefore think that an occasional reference to its history may well find a place in these pages.

It should be mentioned that at this time (1801) the 97th was known as the Minorca, or Queen's German Regiment: it was also called Stuart's Regiment, from the name of its commander.

We do not propose to give a detailed account of the Battle of Alexandria as it is almost impossible to follow a story of tactics without a map. It may, however, be remembered that the English had landed on March 8th at the east end of the narrow strip of land running between the Mediterranean Sea and Lakes Aboukir and Mareotis. They gradually fought their way along this strip towards Alexandria, driving the French before them. On March 21st, when they had reached the high ground covering the town, they were fiercely attacked by the French.

The French infantry attack both on flank and centre failed and then, as a last desperate effort, General Menou, the French commander, ordered the cavalry to charge, supported by a large force of infantry. The first line of cavalry charged through the 42nd Regiment, but were thrown into confusion among the tents. It was at this point that the 97th came into prominence.

"At this juncture the Minorca Regiment (97th) came to support the 42nd and drew up in the vacant space between the redoubt and the Guards. The second line of French cavalry, three Regiments with General Roize at their head, made another desperate charge on these Regiments. As it would have been impossible to withstand the shock, they opened with the most deliberate composure to let them pass, then, facing about, they poured upon them such volleys as brought numbers of both men and horses to the ground. The cavalry then endeavoured to force its way back, but this they were unable to effect, and the greater part were killed or wounded in the attempt, General Roize himself falling on the spot.

A standard covered with the exploits of the Corps to which it belonged, according to General Roize, a battalion of the 21st demi-brigade, fell into the hands of the Minorca or Queen's German Regiment (97th). It was taken by a private, named Anthony Lutz, for which he received a certificate from the Adjutant General and 20 dollars. This man never having learned to write or read, was incapable of being made a Sergeant, to which post he would otherwise have been advanced." (Walsh's Journal of the late Campaign in Egypt).

The repulse of the cavalry practically finished the action. The two armies remained for a time in order of battle and kept up a heavy artillery fire, but in the evening the French retired within the fortifications of the town.

That the 97th was heavily engaged may be judged from the fact that they lost 3 officers killed and 10 wounded. In the General Orders published on March 24th, it was stated that "the support given to the Reserve by Brig.-Gen. Stuart of the 5th Brigade (N.B., in which was the Minorca Regiment) was as gallant as it was prompt, and entirely confirmed the fortunate issue of that brilliant day." Two more quotations will show that the 97th gained their meed of praise for their gallant conduct. "To Stuart's movement (*i.e*, to help the 42nd) the army was much indebted, as it certainly decided the action." (Wilson's History of the British Expedition to Egypt). "The charge of the cavalry was made *en masse*. The right was protected by the fire of the 28th in the redoubt, and Brigadier Stuart bringing up his brigade at this critical moment, his own regiment (97th), gave the enemy a close and well directed fire, which allowed time to the 42nd to join their efforts to the rest of the reserve and the foreign brigade in repelling the cavalry. This service was speedily accomplished with the effect stated in the despatches of the Commander in Chief. The 42nd reflect with great satisfaction on the prompt and effective support they received from the 28th Regiment, the flank companies of the 40th, the 58th, and the Queen's German Regiment (97th), with whom they more immediately acted." (Narrative of Movements of 42nd Regiment on March 21st, 1801).

There appears to have been a good deal of controversy on the subject of whether Private Lutz (of the 97th) or the 42nd Regiment was entitled to the honour of capturing the standard. This seems to have been what really happened.

"In this battle the French standard was taken. The 42nd and a private of the Minorca Regiment, Anthony Lutz, equally claim the trophy. Major Stirling first obtained possession of it, when the 42nd so gallantly advanced to relieve the 28th and 58th. This officer gave it to the care of

Sergeant Sinclair, who in the subsequent charge of French cavalry, lost it. When the Minorca (97th) advanced to relieve the 42nd and routed the enemy, the French had recovered the Colours, but Lutz, perceiving the standard, advanced from the ranks and fired at the officer who was carrying it and who was some way behind his men. The officer fell, and Lutz seizing the standard, reloaded his piece and was proceeding to rejoin his regiment when two dragoons rode at him. He fired and killed the horse of one, and then rushed upon the rider, whose foot was entangled in the stirrup ; but the man begging his life and surrendering his arms, Lutz granted him quarter and carried the prisoner with the Colours, to his officer, Lieut. Markoff, who ordered him to Head Quarters, where he received the regulated award and a certificate. The other dragoon who had ridden to attack Lutz fled when he saw the horse of his comrade fall. These facts have been properly attested and proved in a Court of Enquiry which sat expressly to investigate the affair. On this standard was inscribed the battles: 'Le passage de la Serivia,' 'le passage du Tagliamento,' 'le passage de l'Isonzo,' 'le prise de Graz,' 'le Pont de Lodi.'"—(Wilson's History of the British Expedition to Egypt).

The certificate, referred to above, is a somewhat quaint document, and is worth giving at length :—

"I do hereby certify, that Anthony Lutz, private soldier in the Regiment of Minorca or Stuart, did (on the 21st March, 1801, during the action between the English and French armies, commanded by Sir Ralph Abercrombie and the French General in Chief Menou, on the above day, within three miles of Alexandria) take FROM THE ENEMY a standard, which bore several marks of honourable distinction, such as the passage of the Piava and the Tagliamento, when under Buonaparte in Italy, and in the centre of which is a bugle within a wreath of laurel. I do also certify that the said Antony Lutz brought the standard to the head quarters of his Excellency Sir Ralph Abercrombie, where he delivered it into my hands, when he at the same time, received from me, by order, a gratuity of 20 dollars, for so signal an instance of good conduct. And I do farther certify that I forwarded the standard, thus taken by the above Anthony Lutz, to Sir Ralph Abercrombie, then ill of his wounds in His Majesty's ship, 'Foudroyant,' that his Excellency received it accordingly, and that it is now in his possession. Given under my hand at the Adjutant General's quarters, in the camp before Alexandria, this 3rd day of April, 1801. (Signed) Jno. Donald, Assist. Adjt. General."

This Regimental Order was published on the subject :—"Private Anthony Lutz, who took the standard from the enemy on the 21st of last month, is directed to wear the representation of a standard (according to the model prescribed by the Brigadier General) as a mark of his good behaviour on his right arm,* and the Brigadier notifies that, as soon as the Regiment is in an established quarter, he will institute a valuable badge, in certain proportion per company, to be worn by such men as shall have been proved, upon sufficient testimony, to have distinguished themselves by acts of valour, or by personal instances of meritorious service, and officers are, on this account, to make note of the conduct of individuals."

*The badge was, by a subsequent order, removed from the arm to the left breast.

MOBILIZATION IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

The following is an extract from some notes by Colonel Boyce, V.D., who kindly supplied us with the account of his travels in the Crimea, which have recently appeared in these columns. Colonel Boyce has lately been travelling in the Balkan States and Turkey, and we feel sure that his observations in Constantinople, when mobilization was first ordered, will be of great interest to our readers.

It may not be exactly a Regimental affair, but we welcome it to our columns as an interesting matter of the outside world.

"I left Vienna on September 19th (1912) by the Orient Express, due to reach Constantinople in 38 hours ; the track is a single one certainly between Belgrad and Constantinople, and the section running through Turkey was made by foreign capital. Travelling through Bulgaria and approaching the Turkish frontier, my attention was attracted to soldiers guarding all the bridges, tunnels and culverts ; one or more were camped at each, with tent and fire for cooking At intervals I also observed guns, mostly of large calibre, ranged alongside the line and only a few hundred yards distant from it, evidently waiting to be put on trucks. On reaching the frontier a regiment of Turkish soldiers was on a train standing in the station of Mustapha Pacha, and their pouches and bandoliers were filled with ball cartridges. Somewhere about the same place a bomb had been placed on the line over which our train was to pass, but was discovered in time. Five days after I arrived in Constantinople the Oriental Express ceased to run, and soon after the ultimatum and mobilization of the Allies and of Turkey. Some excitement was shown by the youths in the city, a few dozen paraded the streets of Pera, where I saw them with a drum and carrying red flags with a crescent (the Turkish national flag) and made demonstrations in front of the Bulgarian, Servian, and Greek Embassies, but there was very little enthusiasm in it, and the people in the street scarcely stopped to look on.

"During the Turkish mobilization—the barracks lie for the most part in Pera or Galata—all day crowds of Reservists were passing along to these. The equipment was stored at Seraskierat, or War Office, in Stamboul, and had to be carted over to the Barracks at Pera, and a line of country carts and waggons kept proceeding between these two places for weeks, loaded with uniforms and equipment. When more horses or wagons were needed, soldiers were sent into the streets to take up any they could see. On two occasions my horses were seized, but fortunately on one occasion my man was able to produce a permit, and we were allowed to proceed. Around the Barracks all was bustle; reservists were lying there every night around the walls sleeping, and waiting to be equipped. In many cases they did not know how to put their equipment on, and I noticed that it was of a very inferior quality, and that the men in most cases were not provided with boots, but were marched off in the same with which they came from their homes. As Regiments were equipped and received their ammunition, they were marched down to the station in Stamboul and sent off to the front. I saw many do so, but there was no excitement, even on the wonderful Galata Bridge, which is always teeming with life ; the people did not stop to watch them.

"Turkey is always unprepared for anything, and they were caught this time at an unfortunate moment, during the transition between the old regime under Abdul Hamid and the Pachas, and the new organisation under the Young Turkish party and the German Instructors. The Young Turkish officer is a very imperfect individual, either in physique, mental attainments, or patriotism, and the same intimate relationship which existed between the old Pachas, who were

the leaders of the men off their own estates in War, no longer is the rule. Several times whilst I was in Constantinople, even at the outset of the War, notices were inserted in the newspapers that unless officers joined at once their Regiments that had preceded to the front, action would be taken Officers, both military and naval seemed to spend most of their time sitting in the cafés, smoking and drinking coffee, and, it was said, meddling in politics."

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

The Battalion has spent the entire month of May up at Kilbride; so that if this Correspondence and the Company should seem unduly devoted to the subject of Musketry, the reason may be understood.

Last year we twice came up here; once for a fortnight to fire the Range Practices of Table B, and again later for the Field Firing; however this time we did the two successively.

We were fortunate in having the Lower Camp, where there is accommodation for some of the Companies in huts, and which has also the advantage of having in it the Soldiers' Home and Post Office. The Buffs were in the Upper Camp.

Last year we had a mournful tale to tell about the weather. year we came up rather in the mood of "Blessed are they that expect little for they won't be disappointed," and consequently the storms and continuous torrents that we encountered at the commencement did not take us completely by surprise.

The Companies in huts made large numbers of those under canvas honorary members of their shelter when the weather was at the worst. The Soldiers' Home was a veritable God-send under these circumstances, and the thanks of the Battalion are due to Miss Kennant, who so ably catered, not only for their creature wants, but for their amusement by games, sing songs, etc.

The actual firing we started in a spirit of some trepidation; the Battalion last year had made a noteworthy advance, and the weather that we encountered in the instructional was not such as to encourage high hopes of any improvement. Moreover, for the first time on record, no use was permitted of the wind guage, and as we had generally to encounter a cross wind it was the exception rather than the rule for us to be able to take the regulation aim at six o'clock; indeed we had to aim right off the target at any rate on one or two occasions.

Under these circumstances it is particularly pleasant to chronicle that not only was the advance last year maintained, but that under less favourable conditions it was passed by the very substantial margin of three points.

If we are to thank our practice more than any other for this gratifying result, it certainly is the rapid. Last year it sounded the death knell to many hopes for "the guns" and 1st class P.P.; this year it in many cases proved the salvation of some who hardly dared to hope.

D Company last year did what was considered as a pre-eminently fine shoot when they averaged over 27; the rest of the Battalion going about 23.2. This year four Companies passed the highest score of last year, and the Battalion average was 26.7.

There were well over 60 marksmen, an improvement of 40 per cent. on last year in this respect. Incidentally eight of these haled from the officers, whose average was 125.7. We regret that we have been unable to obtain the average of the Sergeants' Mess, but the contest proper between the two is due to take place very shortly. Lieut. Wingfield Stratford was the best officer shot, with 142, while equal 2nd were Capt. Keenlyside and Lieut. MacNeece, followed by Second Lieuts. Skipworth and Ames, Lieut. Graham and 2nd Lieutenant Ogle were also marksmen.

Our Field Firing is progressing, but the mist has caused several delays, and it seemed as if the time for the Rifle Meeting may be rather curtailed.

PERSONAL.—Major P. M. Robinson, C.M.G., has taken over the command of B Company from Lieut. Dresser.—Captain N. C. O. Phillips on promotion has taken over the command of D Company from Lieut. Graham.—Lieut. C. F. Adams has joined the Second Battalion.—Major Hastings is instructing the Dublin O.T.C. for a fortnight next month.—Lieut. W. F. MacNeece is attending a course of Marindin Range Taking at Hythe from June 12th.

THE DEPARTURE OF PTE. W. MERRONY.

On May 1st Pte. W. Merrony, of E Company, left the Battalion on a commuted pension after 19 years' service, to the great regret of everybody. We hope to be able to publish a photo of him in the present number. His decision to leave came as a great surprise, as he took the step suddenly on the prospect of an offer of good civilian employment. It is almost unnecessary to make any reference to his connection with the R.A.T.A., of which he was a bright and burning star, possessing practically every medal in the power of the association to bestow. Many men now serving in the Battalion will remember how Merroney was the first to advise them to join the R.A.T.A. at the Depot, and he received a special distinction for his efforts. But many enthusiastic adherents of temperance have not been universally popular. The cheerfulness, candour and sympathy of "Lock" Merroney made their appeal successfully to a far wider circle than even the R.A.T.A. comprises in this Regiment, and it is safe to say about him—what is sometimes said too lightly about other people—that he leaves without a single enemy and with the good wishes of all.

SERGEANTS' MESS NEWS.

Kilbride Camp, May 25th, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The energy displayed by your staff both here and at Dublin deserves great credit to your organisation and to their esprit de corps. My duty is both easy and clear, as there is practically nothing to place on record except that the figure of merit of the Battalion this year, in spite of being unable to use the wind guage, or fine adjustment, has taken another bound upwards of five points and now stands at 110. This is no mean accomplishment as anybody knows who has to fire the course. KINDLY insert the words I DON'T THINK to the next few remarks. The weather has been consistently splendid. This, has, however been ascribed to the K.O. Scottish Borderers who have been attached for musketry, and who brought with them ample supplies of Scotch mist and Highland Sleet.

Firing was not possible on few occasions: I.D.T.
That F or any other Company is best at musketry this year: I.D.T.
The OFFICERS have beaten us in Part III.: I.D.T.
The star teams of last year are still on top: I.D.T.
We shall do worse than last year at the Curragh: I.D.T.
The rifles are giving the sec. comdrs. no worry: I.D.T.
I will refrain from using that hateful expression any more.

It is not true that our GEORGE is going on the stage. In fact he has told some of us that it is out of fear (and other things) that he no longer looks in that direction. He has NO desire to emulate the achievements of the STAR turn in the BUFFS. BOSCOE indeed does want a bit of catching. We have HEARD of time-ex eggs being used during elections, but not as a means of expression at such PEACEFUL gatherings as ours. There is a good deal more to say on this subject, but we will choose a better time and permit those prominent members who have, with such brilliant success caused our sides to ache, to remain in obscurity a little longer. They deserve it.

The acting Sergeant-Major, I think, has preserved a record of our doings all right, but the notes he makes for speeches ought to go with it too. He was in great form at the BUFFS.

This camp will close with pleasant memories, indeed not the least among them being the marked advance in all round shooting.

SERGEANTS' MESS CORRESPONDENT.

CORPORALS' CORRESPONDENCE.

Dublin, 24th May, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I now take my pen to give you a few words about the Corporals' doings for the last month. We left Dublin on the 1st to proceed to the one and only "hill station" around our way, and, that is commonly called Kilbride, but to tell you the "gospel" it would kill a navvy let alone one of the "gentle sex." I am afraid that I cannot say too much of the weather we have been having, as it has been painful, but perhaps it has its good points; for nearly everybody knows how to play that noble game of "phat." I might mention that the rules of this particular game have been revised by our esteem friend "Trot," ably assisted by "the fat man of D," otherwise known as the "Tick Wallah."

The shooting of the Corporals on the whole has been fairly good, and as I write this we are asking ourselves the probable winner of the shield, and I might add that the "odds" are in favour of "Spike," but it will be a good finish, as I believe that "the White Ant" is in strict training for this auspicious occasion, but "Wait and see."

As far as sport is concerned, I am afraid that news is scare, except that the cross-country run from the "Lower Camp" to the "Upper Camp" has been carried out regularly and conscientiously.

I think I have said all I have to say this time, hoping I shall be able to do better next month.

CORPORALS' CORRESPONDENT.

DRUMS CORRESPONDENCE.

Kilbride Camp, Co. Dublin, 23rd May, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

I now take up the roll of "War Correspondent" to the Drums for the first time, as our proper correspondent has gone in "dock" with writer's cramp, caused presumably through writing long articles for this journal. Having introduced myself I will now proceed. We arrived at Kilbride on the 1st May for the purpose of firing our annual course, which we have now completed. I am very pleased to say that the Drummers have done fairly well, our average being 113.8. We have four marksmen, 17 first class and seven second class shots, and I am very pleased to say no 3rds. I might add that both Lce.-Corpl. Guess and Lce.-Corpl. O'Donohoe had very hard lines, both of them leaving the range marksmen, but having the misfortune to lose points when the scores were checked at the butts. Notable among our marksmen are Sergt.-Drummer Coe and Drummer Guess, the last-named deserving great credit, as it was his first duty man's course. We have now started our Rifle Club meeting, and as nearly all the Drummers have entered, I will let you know the winners next time. Trusting that I have not taken up too much of your valuable space and time.—I remain, yours sincerely,

DRUMS CORRESPONDENT.

A COMPANY.

Kilbride Camp, Kilbride, Ireland, 23rd May, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

This being the last occasion on which I shall have the opportunity of contributing any further information to your valuable journal, as I am shortly departing from this land of bogs and swamps to a much dryer one across the channel, to seek a new sphere in the scope of a civilian life.

Now for a short history of the doings of the Company for the last six weeks.

The Company wound up the Football Season by handsomely winning the Inter-County Shield, beating E Company, holders of the Shield, with a score of four goals to three, after half-an-hour's extension of time, and after an extremely strenuous game. I believe on good authority that this is the first occasion for nine years since the Company last saw the Shield. They were runners up against the same Company last year, and although I was in far distant lands at the time, have been informed by a few of the remaining old hands of the Company that it was a very close thing for both Companies, E only winning by a miracle. E Company had great expectations of retaining the trophy this year, but unfortunately lost it, in spite of the fact that their team is composed practically of Regimental Players, and ours only two or three. This is one of the many trophies that E Company had visions of winning, and which can be deducted from the numerous on their list of honours.

We are at present stationed at a delightful and sunny spot called Kilbride, situated in the wilds, bogs and swamps of Ireland, a more desolate and dreary place I have not witnessed in such a civilised country. It is besieged with unceasing rain and gales.

The Battalion has just completed their annual course of musketry, and the Company have attained their usual place on the roll of fame. E Company, who had expectations of succeeding as best shooting company, only severed their connection from being lowest on the roll by the narrow margin of eight decimal points. It is rather disappointing to them after being confident of coming out "top."

No. 1 Section of the Company succeeded in attaining the best section average in the Battalion, and winning the Officers' Musketry Challenge Cup for the best section, which is rather peculiar, having in view that the Company's average is the lowest in the Battalion. Their average was 119.7 with only 11 men to count, which is evidence of fairly good shooting. Corpl. Traill, the best shot of the Company, is included in this number. His score in the Classification Practice was 141. Pte. Brown was leading the Company until the last two practices, when Corpl. Traill by superior shooting beat him.

The Company is now doing Individual and Collective Field Firing Practices, during which some of the men have had rather narrow breadth escapes with their lives, owing to the culpable negligence of some of our last joined "Wallingfords" in discharging their rifles when loading with ball ammunition. While such men as these exist, it is not safe for one to be amongst them, as they do not realise their position.

The Battalion expects to return to Dublin about the 31st, when we expect to have several rehearsals for the King's Birthday Parade on the 3rd proximo.

Trusting that my successor will endeavour to supply you with the same amount of matter that I have contributed during my short period as Company Correspondent.

A COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

B COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

I once more send you a few items which I hope will be of interest to the readers of the Gazette. During the latter part of April the Company took part in the inter-Company Boxing Competition which took place in the Gymnasium. It was rather tiresome at first to get a team together, but after a struggle a team was got ready who rather surprised the onlookers by beating C Company seven out of ten fights in the Feathers. Pte. Bignell easily outpointed Sergt. Fenwick, who gave in the second round. Pte. Jock Foster lost to Pte. Woolhead after making a very good display, being as it was his first but not last time to enter the ring. In the Lights Pte. Christie beat Pte. Lusted, who gave in at the end of the second round. Pte. Wood lost to Pte. Workman, who easily outpointed him. In the Welters Ptes. Holt and Twycross won their nghts and once more the company put great faith in their White Hope Smiler. Ptes. Saxby and Paine both got a bye. On the 1st of May the Battalion marched to Kilbride for their annual course of musketry. The Company averaged 110; not so bad considering the weather. Col.-Sergt. Saunders, Lce.-Corpl. Marslin, Ptes. Dyke, Christie, Roots and Harris managed to get marksmen. The weather up here is awful. I think that this is all at present. I will now close by remaining,

B COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

C COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

I have again taken the commission of Company pen pusher, and although I am not what one might call good at the game, I will do my best to inform you of the Company's doings for the past few weeks. We have completed Company training, which we did as a double Company with B. It was nothing more than the usual training, except for the following items of note. General Murray gave the Company some praise for the way they were working, entrenchments happened to be on the go, and he and others who were in a position to judge were quite taken by the way the turfs were being rolled instead of cut right out. The idea was struck by Lieutenant C. F. Adams, and I think everyone who saw the trench completed will agree it was good in every detail. During these operations, and a few other times, we have to thank Pte. Hawkes for the way in which he conducted his band, two tins and sundry mouth organs. Who would fear when such a noise as that was near; an enemy would keep miles away. No. 1 Section was the 2nd Rapid Loading Competition. The team were Lce.-Sergt. Selves (Section Commander), Lce.-Corpls. Catchpole and Belton, Ptes. Dean, Workman, Stratford, Clark, Miles. This Company did not do so well at football this year, but we have the pleasure of knowing every man did his best. The march to Kilbride, I think, requires little comment. Oh! those hills, pack and 150 rounds of ball ammunition. They tell their own tale; that was hard, but it has been harder to dodge the Kilbride sunshine (?), rain, and early in the month snow. This Company have made a good improvement in musketry this year (average 110.8), if the one or two that have to fire keep to the standard. Last year 106.4. Corpl. Standen is Company shot (score 147), while Pte. Robinson wins the watch kindly presented by Lieut. Adams, for the best shot of No. 1 and 2 Sections (score 134). If he had not had an accident in the rapid we may have had Battalion shot in the Company again. No. 1 Section were going in training while in camp, but all we have seen or heard since we have been here is the above-mentioned band and "How many do I want for the guns?" Oh, those runs, boxing turn-outs, that football, etc., which was so much talked of before leaving Dublin. The Company regret the loss of Lieut. C. F. Adams, who is on leave before going to India. We all wish him a pleasant voyage and the best of health in the land of the sun. Sergt.

Fenwick has gone to G Company on promotion and Lce.-Sergts. Mason and File to A Company on appointment. We wish them the best of luck in their new Companies. Sergt. Pelling is on working furlough, after a course of motor driving; we hope he will soon be blowing his horn. We welcome Corpls. Standen, Sullivan and Iliffe to the Company, and hope they will soon settle down and never be sorry they came to C Company. Who was it mentioned Standen and Company football team in one breath? Lieut. Broadwood has returned from sick leave. We hope he will never require it again. More next month; the new old pen pusher has no more copy.

C COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

D COMPANY.

Kilbride Camp, Dublin.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

Herewith a few more notes of our doings for the last month. We arrived here for musketry on the 1st of May, and by the weather we have been having at Dublin we all expected to have some good weather for our annual course, but we were to be disappointed, for on the very first day it commenced with a very misty morning, but I am afraid I must not blame the weather for the poor result of the Company, which I am sorry to say, is nearly a point worse than last year; I believe some of it is due to the new method of having to aim off for wind. We must congratulate Sergt. Taylor on getting Company shot, also the best shot in the Sergeants' Mess. We our now doing our Field Firing, which is very good training for the men and N.C.O.'s We hear that we return to Dublin on the 30th of May, and by the rumour a good many will be only too pleased to leave this beautiful spot. I forgot to mention that we pulled through our Company Training all right, after getting well acquainted with that famous place known as Ticknock, where we practised every possible method of closing with the enemy, and defending ourselves against his scouting methods and aircraft. We also went through all that could be thought of in regard to protection, both at rest and on the move, and whilst our Col.-Sergt. was instructing some of our young soldiers he came to the question of reserves. One very intelligent youngster shouted out "Col.-Sergeant, are they Special Reserves?" and my word this upset the lecture for a few minutes at the expense of the poor youngster. We all are very pleased to have our new Captain in command of our Company, and we congratulate him on his success on gaining his captaincy, and we wish him every success with the Company.

Now I have arrived at a point where I am afraid I can't say much this month, but I would like to see our Company wake up a bit and go in for a little more football and cricket, with a bit of encouraging and luck our boxing team should do fairly well during the coming year. We regret to have to part with Captain McCormick, who appeared to be likely to turn out such a scientific boxer. Of course I can't say how much training he would require? Any way, he is joining a new Company, so I will leave his future to them, at the same time wishing him every success and good luck

Well, Mr. Editor, I have just about said enough I think this time. When I write again I hope to give some opinions of the new Pay System about to be introduced. What with increases in clothing and new pay methods, whenever will the young soldier be able to learn to make his own pay up?

D COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

E COMPANY.

Kilbride Swamp, May 23rd.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

"Here we suffer grief and pain,
Our pay gone west through too much rain.

The above tells you in a nutshell what has happened to not few of the Company, duing our short vacation at Kilbride Swamps. Taking into consideration the inclement weather we have endured, practically every day spent at this unnatural mud hole, the Company has not fared too badly, finishing up with an average slightly in advance of last year.

Nothing in the Sport Sphere has occurred this month, but I am sorry to say, that at the end of last month, we had to part with one of our many trophies, namely, the Football Shield. The final for this shield was played in Barracks on 30th April. Quite a pleasant game ensued therefrom, but nevertheless, we had to retire beaten, though by a very fine margin (4—3), by a better team. We do not grudge A Company their victory, for it may be considered a very creditable performance, seeing that our team was composed of practically all Regimental players.

We have great hopes of annexing the Battalion Cricket Shield this year, notwithstanding the fact that we are without Lce.-Corpl. (Percy) Cotgrave (the much sought after).

Corpl. (Footballer) Scott has left the Company on promotion, and has joined our old friends "H." We all wish him well in his new company.

We congratulate Corpl. Stroud on appointment to Lce.-Sergt.

Rain is once more intruding at Canvas Town, so I will pack hastily, before my endeavour to become a correspondent becomes entirely spoilt.

E COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

F COMPANY.

May 23rd, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Owing to our late correspondent being busy looking for a job to go away on the Hookum, he has been unable to notice the beautiful joys of Spring, and has not even heard the birds twitter and does not feel poectical enough to carry out his duties as correspondent so I offer my humble apoligies for lack of news, and will do my little bit for the sake of old times; I say little bit as I feel I can do but very little after such a worthy correspondent who has just given up the post. As far as sport is concerned we have not been able to indulge in it, as we have been at high pressure as regards duty, and the powers that be had us chasing the 15 round dummies every spare minute we had, previous to our journey to Kilbride to undergo our annual course of musketry; which has shown a great improvement on last year's course. The Company has done very well, beating last year's average by seven points, and judging by other Company's averages we stand a good chance of being the best shooting Company, and also a good chance of winning back the Battalion Musketry Shield which we had the misfortune to lose last year, after holding it for two years; by the way, we are at present four points in front of the next best Company, so we live in hopes. Our sport opponents E and H Companies watched us with eager eyes and died game. The Company has got eleven marksman to last year's four, which shows that the Company Musketry Experts have not been idle. Next month will see us back again in Dublin getting ready for the King's Birthday, and on the 9th we start the Company marches which we hope will be as enjoyable as last year.

F Company's Correspondent.

G COMPANY.

May 31st, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I humbly beg your pardon for daring to send such a short account of the Company's doings this month. I have no doubt however that you quite agree with me, in thinking that the difficulties of writing under canvas more than atones for this.

Sport is not much to the fore this month, only an inter-company boxing tournament being in evidence. The results of this were very good however, G Company winning eight out of ten fights. So you see eight fights out of ten were won. Not so bad, eh?

Now for a few words about the shooting. The Company did exceptionally well this year and there were more 'tanners' a day gained than lost. In fact quite a great number of men are walking about carelessly (ahem!), displaying a set of guns on the left sleeve. The marksmen included:—2nd-Lieut. Skipworth, Sergeant Crossley, Corporal Burns, Drummer Guess, Private Edwards and Private Wells, and others too numerous to mention. Several first class shots had hard luck for the guns namely:—Corporal Millar 129 points, Private Brown 128 points, Private Lexton 129 points, and Private Greenstreet 129 points. Private Edwards with 151 points was Battalion Shot of the Corporals and Privates. He also roped in Colonel Styles shield. No. 1 section had some very hard luck for the Officers' Challenge Cup, but of course they managed to win the inter-section shield as usual. I can give you no information about the Company teams as they have not fired yet. The same may be said of the individual matches. The printer being very impatient I cannot wait until they have. I think I warned you at the commencment that the conspicuous point about this account would be its brevity. So hope for better luck next time.

G Company's Correspondent.

H COMPANY

Kilbride Camp.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

As promised in the last month's issue I am now going to try and give a small account of the Company's doings for the month of May. You will see by the above address, that we have left our "town residence" for our "country house," for the one and only purpose to fight Colonel Seely on his contest to see if he should pay US 6d. or whether we should pay HIM 6d. per day. What with a few General's inspections and being flooded out of our "houses" (tents) fighting for our Prof. Pay, and one thing and the other, I can assure you we have had rather a pleasant time during our stay down here amongst the Wicklow "mole hills." According to what was overheard, "E" Company was going to "sweep the board!" But I suppose they forgot to bring their oilskins and sea boots, for they didn't think of the weather. Well, I am pleased to say we have done far better this year than we did last (in spite of not being allowed to use the wind guage), as we have nearly a dozen marksmen including last year's "Company shot" again. I may say we have no thirds either. In spite of the weather, we started to shoot off for the Battalion Rifle Club money, and what is more, the first and second prizes came to Nos. 1 and 3 Sections respectively. £1 10s. (first prize) fell to Team Leader Ashley, and second of £1 to Team Leader Hicks, being two points behind Ashley. (A smart bit of work that "E" Company, eh?) This will amuse some of the comrades "under the foss," I've no doubt when they twig this. Some of the "knuts" expressed it as "A frapping turn." I think it was too. Both Sergts. Fitzgerald and Fittall are proud of their "knuts" and "lambs" doings for the first day's shoot. Well, now, as we are just going to parade in full pack owing to the General's

presence here, I shall have to close this epistle, as we are going to be inspected in Field Firing. With a promise of as much, or more, news next month, I'll close this bit of a gaff and remain,

H COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

I also enclose what I found the other day. This was picked up near No. 2 Section Tent.

On a bright or cloudy day
With prospects of better pay
And no wind about my knees
And although my fingers freeze
If there's anything I like
It's my old friend Picy Ike
When he rises on a pole
And drops with a little hole.

(Signed) FIGHTING BOB.

The Colour Sergeant says he had a hard job this year to keep pace with the Company figure of merit. What that means I don't know, but he has a marvellous influence over the markers when a rotten shot has got hold of the rifle.

I am sorry there is no medal for life saving on land as well as sea.

I think that is all this time, except to tell you that the company walked off the range from the rifle match yesterday with first and second prizes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

Lieut. G. E. W. Stratford and Lieut. W. Newton qualified in Subject (c) for promotion to rank of Captain on the 28th and 29th April.

6033 Sergt. H. Gurr has been posted to the Kent Cyclist Battalion at Tonbridge, and is struck off the strength from 28th April, 1913.

7321 Sergt. G. Reeves has rejoined from the above mentioned Battalion on completion of his tour of duty, 1st May, 1913.

8126 Sergt. Z. Barden has been permittted to extend his service to complete twelve years with the Colours.

6584 Sergt. J. Fenwick has re-engaged to complete 21 years' service.

9139 Pte. C. Smith has been transferred to the 5th Signal Company, Royal Engineers, Carlow, from 30th April, 1913.

2nd BATT. CORRESPONDENCE.

April, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The gods are beginning at last to prize open the furness door. The sky is taking upon itself that nasty leaden tinge which often suggests to my imagination that an Indian liver is not necessarily a terrestial affair. Dust storms break out of the mouth of the Khyber with the regularity of a time gun (Peshawar's Piece being the glorious exception—Peshawar's Gun Corporal being fond of pulling Peshawar's leg). Our short and hard earned sleep is turned into a night mare inferno of earthquake and thunderstorm. All this, you will understand, tends to disturb one's train of thought. It has, I fear, disturbed my entire staff of sub-correspondents, with the result that with last mail I was unable to send you what I had hoped. There is but one contribution to the Grouse Column and one dealing with food—an unusual topic you will admit, but we cannot applaud the complainant's sense of humour. I had hoped for something better. Where is our talent wit? I know it is in the barrack room, for I have heard it. I know it is in the Sergenats' Mess, for I have jumped to conclusions. I know it is in the Officers' Mess, for I have often managed to escape from it. But it is one of those elusive fairies that refuses to come out and play, that we may all join in the laugh. Perhaps—I make the suggestion quite reverently—perhaps if you could put a splash of colour on the funeral binding of our estimable paper—something which by its very brilliance would attract! A smile on early morning parade will often work wonders.

Somebody has asked me why the 2nd Battalion correspondence is in small print in the last two numbers. I told him I didn't know. Has the printer run short of legible type? I am afraid my effort to extract an extra half-penny a month from our readers has met with almost universal disapproval. Of course I quite understand that it would be little short of tragedy for anyone to run short of matches.

I enclose a vivid account of our struggle with the 17th Lancers from the pen of Peshawar's Correspondent to the Civil and Military Gazette. Lieut. Hardy is unfortunately a partizan of the Cold Water School and all the cricket news I can get out of him is an accurate copy of the scoring book.

The Regiment came out top in the last Divisional Boxing Tournament, but as I am here quite out of my depth I must refer you elsewhere.

The honours at the Regimental Sports were conspicuously shared by "G" and "H" Companies, especially by the former. Well done, "Red Bands!"

The Annual Regimental Shoot was carried out under the able direction of Major Kitson, but rain and a "cold wave" rather spoit the fun, though it failed to damp the ardour of the competitors, each of whom I think won a prize.

I enclose a somewhat lengthy account of "An Adventure" as played by the officers and sergeants for four nights to full and appreciative houses, and I hope you will find room for our captuous critic to spread himself.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

"THE SPECKLED BAND."

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 6th, 7th and 8th, the officers and sergeants of the Battalion presented the well-known drama, "The Speckled Band," by Conan Doyle.

The theme of the play is so well known, that it is hardly necessary to narrate it here, but a brief svnopsis of the main events may better help one to follow the work of the characters.

Dr. Rylott, a retired Army Surgeon, has two daughters who stand in his way to inheriting a large sum of money.

Enid hears a strange noise in her sister's room one night, and rushes up just in time to catch her and to hear her murmur "Band" and "Speckled," ere she expires in Enid's arms.

Enid cannot understand the meaning of these words, and in the subsequent inquest no theory is forthcoming to account for them, or to elucidate the cause of death. A strange rumour is said to be current in the village regarding the cruel attitude of Dr. Rylott towards his two motherless daughters. One of the jurors, a Mr. Armytage makes much of this, but is reprimanded by the Coroner for his pertinacity.

Dr. Watson, a friend of Enid Rylott, urges her to secure the services of the eminent detective, Sherlock Holmes, and this she consents to do when about two years after her sister's death, she begins to hear strange music and other mysterious sounds in the room in which she is sleeping, which happens to be the room her sister was killed in.

Holmes consents to take up the case, and proceeds in his own way. A very striking scene in the girl's bedroom provides the setting for the finale.

Holmes believes some animal or other is introduced into the room by means of a loose ventilation, and intends to try to kill it. It turns out to be a large snake which Holmes, assisted by his friend, Dr. Watson, strikes at as it comes through the ventilator causing it to turn on its master, who is, of course, Dr. Rylott, whose entry, encircled by the folds

of his now enraged pet, provides a thrilling finale to an impressive scene.

Mrs. Case Morris, as Enid Rylott was a charming heroine, completely holding the sympathy of her audience. Lieut Grey was the villainous father, Dr. Rylott, to the life, and with his housekeeper accomplice, Mrs. Egan, provided some fine acting. Ali, his Hindu servant, was excellently portrayed by 2nd Lieut. Howell, who did full justice to a very difficult part. The great detective was of course played by Lieut. Searight in his own thorough and inimitable manner. The peculiar mannerisms of Sherlock Holmes, probably the most popular character in fiction, the cold, deliberate reasoning, the placing together of minor facts to assist in forming a theory, were a masterpiece of acting. This character could not have been in better hands. Mr. Armytage, the village grocer, whose father was a Methodist, and who was a Methodist in his turn, was done the very fullest justice to by Lieut Whitty, whose acting was excellent. Sergeant Miles, as the faithful but nervous old butler, acted with great feeling in that difficult and important part, and Schoolmaster Egan was good as Dr. Watson.

The scenic effects were excellent, and those responsible are to be congratulated on the splendid staging of such a difficult piece.

Peshawar would be glad of a few more such plays and even the most fastidious bandboy devotee of the "penny thriller" could not say he did not get his moneysworth.

Two attempted murders, one accidental death, and several real revolvers could not possibly be increased upon in a two-hours' play.

A.H.B.

N.B.—Another account of the above entertainment has been received, for which we are obliged, but regret, that for obvious reasons, we cannot publish both contributions.—

EDITOR.

CRICKET.

SEMI-FINAL JAMASJEE CRICKET CUP.

2nd Batt. The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) v. 17th Lancers, played at Peshawar on the 12th and 13th March, 1913. Lost by the Queen's Own by 25 runs, after a most exciting finish. Lieutenant Turner played a magnificent innings of 92, and looked like winning the match when he was splendidly caught one-handed, high up on the left-hand side at short square leg off a very hard hit. His innings was probably one of the best ever played in Peshawar, as it was played at a most critical time when the last two wickets were in, and when he had to make sure of getting all the bowling, made all the bowling look remarkably easy. Many catches were dropped by the Regiment in the first innings, otherwise the result would probably have been very different. Score :—

17th LANCERS.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Sergt.-Major Roll b Falkner	46	b Cotgrave	78
Lieut. Micholls b Falkner	5	lbw b Cotgrave	2
Pvt. Manthorpe b O'Dowda	49	c O'Dowda b Cotgrave	9
Lieut. Fowler b Cotgrave	18	lbw b Brown	27
Capt. Bruce st. B-Carter b Tapp	45	c B-Carter b Falkner	13
Corpl. Dyson lbw b Falkner	35	c and b Falkner	25
Sergt. Wyeth st B-Carter b Druce	56	b Cotgrave	16
Lce.-Cpl. Payne c Hardy b Druce	1	b Falkner	0
Lieut. Venn b Falkner	9	b Cotgrave	5
Sergt. Martin b Falkner	5	c B-Carter b Falkner	6
Lce.-Corpl. Gandy not out	2	not out	0
Extras	37	Extras	26
	308		207

THE QUEEN'S OWN.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Capt. Bonham-Carter b Gandy	55	c Wyeth b Fowler	19
Lieut. Battye b Gandy	16	c Payne b Fowler	0
Capt. Druce c Manthorpe b Fowler	44	st. Payne b Fowler	10
Lieut. Hardy b Gandy	0	c Wyeth b Gandy	41
Lce.-Corpl. Falkner c Manthorpe b Fowler	39	c Fowler b Gandy	42
Lieut. Turner (I.A.W.L.) c Payne b Gandy	28	c Bruce b Fowler	92
Lce.-Corpl. Cotgrave b Fowler	2	b Bruce	0
Major O'Dowda b Gandy	5	c and b Bruce	12
Pte. Brown b Fowler	42	b Bruce	0
Dr. Tapp not out	1	c and b Fowler	5
Pte. Coulstock st. Payne b Gandy	1	not out	4
Extras	14	Extras	18
	247		243

THE QUEEN'S OWN.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Capt. Bonham-Carter c and b Meade	7	b Meade	1
Lce.-Corpl. Falkner lbw b Meade	0	c Allardice b Meade	10
Cpt. Druce st. Bird b McCloughin	0	c and b Meade	3
Lce.-Corpl. Cotgrave b Meade	0	c McCloughin b Meade	4
Capt. Joslin b Meade	0	not out	16
Lieut. Whitty b McCloughin	0	c Mjr Parker b Allardice	1
Major O'Dowda did not bat	0	did not bat	0
Pte. Brown b McCloughin	5	c Allardice b Meade	10
Dr. Tapp b Meade	1	b Allardice	5
Sergt. Rouse b Meade	2	b Allardice	0
Pte. Coulstock not out	0	b McCloughin	0
Extras	0	Extras	1
	15		51

PESHAWAR.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Watney b Coulstock	16	b Cotgrave	10
Fiaz Mahomed b Cotgrave	5	did not bat	0
McCloughin b Cotgrave	9	not out	32
Fowle b Cotgrave	9	did not bat	0
Spankie lbw b Cotgrave	0	b Falkner	0
Allardice c and b Cotgrave	0	did not bat	0
Major Parker lbw b Cotgrave	0	b Joslin	6
Meade b Cotgrave	0	b Joslin	2
Vavasour c Joslin b Coulstock	4	c Brown b Joslin	21
Reynolds not out	7	did not bat	0
Bird b Coulstock	4	c Cotgrave b Joslin	11
Extras	5	Extras	7
	59	(for Six Wickets)	89

N.B.—The following is an extract from the local press :—

To revert to Peshawar, undoubtedly the most "thrilling" event of the past week or so was the final stage of the West Kents' second innings against the 17th Lancers, on the 13th instant.

This was the semi-finals for the Jamasjee Cup, and as each team had "downed" other regiments who *can* play cricket, there was promise of great play. The Lancers totted up a useful 306, and were 60 odd ahead on the first innings. This lead they increased, so that, in their second innings, the West Kents had to score 269 to win. Three wickets were down, four wickets were down, and five and six wickets were down for 155. Hardy and Corporal Faulkner, who together put on 80 runs, were gone, so also were Corporal Brown (who had scored so strongly in the first innings), and Major O'Dowda, just as he seemed well set, and the only "forlorn hope" was Turner, who was batting in best Sandhurst form. His last two partners were not Ranjitsinghis or Frys, and so he had to "pouch" the bowling, which he successfully managed for dozens and dozens of overs, always scoring one or three off the last ball of the over.

His judgment and its practical issue were really very extraordinary, and "100 to win" soon dropped down to "80 to win," "60 to win," and "only 30 to win." Meanwhile, his own score leapt from five to twenty, and rapidly

on to ninety, and meanwhile also the spectators were enduring "throbs of fiery pain," and the 17th Lancers were more than merely anxious.

Alas! there is such a thing as extreme brilliance, and this it was, in the guise of a catch at square leg, that ended the wonderful innings of Turner, and prevented the West Kents from meeting the R.A.M.C. in the final. Only twenty-seven runs were wanted; it was very sad.

ARMY TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

Peshawar, March, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I must continue putting in my news for the above branch. The monthly meeting was held in the R.A.T.A. Room on March 17th, 1913. Lce.-Sergt. Wright occupied the chair. The accounts were gone through, and the Secretary read a few letters which he had received from the General Secretary of India regarding the R.A.T.A. Furlough Home in India. Myself I think it is a good thing, as a temperance man can go and enjoy himself without coming in contact with intoxicating liquors. We had a proposition on the table regarding the Clothing Fund, which I am glad to say we have started. The fund is to enable a time-expired man with some clothing before he proceeds home. Every member who has a year's standing gets six rupees, and after every year he receives three rupees, so if a member has four years' standing he gets 15 rupees. Our Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel S. H. Pedley, has granted permission for us to start the fund, and I hope it will increase our membership, which we are trying hard to get. We have also held a rifle shoot and I am glad to say we had a very good day's shooting. Pte. Ryan is to be congratulated on getting first prize with a score of 46. The distances were: 200 yards figure, 3 target, four seconds exposure, 400 yards, 2 class figure, target slow; 600 yards, 1 class figure, target slow. There was seven aggregate prizes at each distance and also seven prizes for the highest scores. Hoping to have some more news next month.

R.A.T.A. CORRESPONDENT.

A COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

With regard to sports and pastimes we have all been unusually bright this month. First we had the Annual Rifle Meeting of the Battalion at which we were unfortunate enough to lose the Company Shield, which has been in our possession for the last three years, by a very narrow margin. However, as half of B Company's team, which won the trophy formerly belonged to A, we don't consider they have much room to shout, and we hope for better luck next time.

In the later events, I think we can lay claim to having made up for this failure, as A Company won in all Rs. 173 12 out of a total of Rs.700; and Private Minchington won the Western Cup.

The next item of importance on the programme of events for the month was the Battalion Sports, which were held on the Brigade Parade Ground on the 27th and 28th instant.

In this the Company Team tied for second place in the Obstacle Race and the Boat Race Team were well in the running until one of them tripped up, which accident of course put them out of the race.

During the month the Company have also won the Cricket Shield.

By far the most interesting match of this Tournament was a draw with B Company, which ended in a level score. We beat the same team the next day, however, by five wickets and 168 runs. On the 28th the Company moved into Fort Peshawar for a week's duty there, and as the weather is now getting warm we were not sorry to return to Barracks last Saturday. The night before we left the Fort a concert was given by various members of the Company under the direction of Corpls. Stedman and Purkis. By far the best turns were those contributed by Ptes. Londen, Shepherd, Peachey, Crouch and Foale, while Corpl. Ballard played for us several times on his mandoline.

We have left 16 of No. 1 Section in the Fort on a course of gunnery under the charge of Sergt. Smith and Corpl. Purkis and we all hope to see them qualified gunners.

By the time I write again we hope to be in Cherat. The Divisional Boxing Tournament commences very shortly, so that next month I hope to have some news of this for you.

A COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

Sergt. (on miniature range): Where is the last shot on number one? Marker: Low right, at seven o'clock.

B COMPANY.

Roberts' Barracks, Peshawar.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I am sending you a few notes on the Company's doing of late, many changes having taken place since last writing. Col.-Sergeant Stevens has joined the Company on promotion from A Company, and has taken the place of Colour-Sergeant Ashton (to England). Lce.-Sergt. Stammers has also joined us, on promotion, from A Company. The Company are doing fairly well up to the present in the Football League, having played five matches, won 4 and lost 1, points 8. We have not been so successful in the Hockey League, having played five matches, won 2, lost 2, drawn 1, points 5. In the Battalion Shoot held recently at Peshawar, the Company were successful in winning the Battalion Shooting Shield, whilst the honour of winning the Eccles Cup and the Maunsell Cup go to Sergt. Beale and Colour-Sergeant Stevens respectively.

Battalion Sports.—In the Battalion Sports, held on March 27th and 28th, the Company was well represented with the following result: Company Relay Race, dead heat for first place with H Company; Obstacle Race, dead heat for second place with C Company. Lce.-Corpl. Huggett won the Long Jump with 17ft. 9in.; also second in High Jump and third place in the 100 yards. Pte. G. Howe won the 100 yards (with the special prize given by Lieut.-Colonel S. H. Pedley), also third place in the Quarter-mile. Pte. R. Howes, second place in Quarter-mile. The following teams represented the Company in the following: Relay Race—Lce.-Corpl. Huggett, Ptes. Howe, G. Howe, R. Hall, Hazlewood and Rapson. Obstacle Race.—Ptes. Howe, R. Snashfold, Latter and George.

B COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

D COMPANY.

Peshawar, March.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I now send a few more items which I hope will be of interest to our many readers of the Queen's Own Gazette. Lieut. N. I. Whitty has vacated the duties of Acting Adjutant, and has proceeded on eight months' leave. The Company are sending about 30 N.C.O.'s and men to Cherat for the summer vacation about the end of April. We are on the subject of musketry, as we are the next company to go, and I hope to send in a favourable result; which I hope to see last year's average beaten. We have played B Company in the Battalion Company Challenge Shield, and I am sorry to report we had to suffer defeat by three wickets on account of not having our regular team out. Below I append the teams and score:—

D COMPANY.

Second Lieutenant P. F. Bell run out	0
Q.M.S. A. Bellion c Morley b Reynolds	2
Private J. Coulstock c Morley b Attwood	10
Corporal W. Wannell not out	26
Corporal F. Chalklin b Attwood	0
Private J. Cosby b Reynolds	3
Private W. Newton c Earl b Reynolds	4
Private C. Noble run out	1
Private W. Obee c Gorman b Reynolds	0
Lce.-Corporal G. White b Saville	1
Private F. Ladd b Reynolds	6
Extras	3
Total	56

B COMPANY.

Private Saville b Cosby	20
Private Vickers c Wannell b Coulstock	12
Private Attwood b Coulstock	0
Private Gorman b Chalklin	7
Drummer Earl b Cosby	0
Lce.-Corporal Bax b Cosby	3
Private Morley not out	12
Corpl. Laws run out	3
Private Croucher not out	4
Extras	0
Total (for seven wickets)	61

Private Reynolds and Private Nixon did not bat.

Football League.—D v. F.—14th March.—Team:—Ladd; Archer and Obee; Newton, Lawrence and Lce.-Corpl. Ravine; Langford, Colville, Corpl. Chalklin, Page and Batcholar. Referee: Pte. Pringle. D won the toss and elected to play with the sun behind them. The play was even for the first ten minutes, until F started to bustle about and tried to break up our defence. D then had a go and by some fine passing took the ball to F end, and Page receiving the ball near goal, scored with a brilliant shot. From the restart D again took possession of the game, and from a pass from Langford, Chalklin scored No. 2; the whistle sounding for half-time with the score 2—0 in our favour. The second half opened in our favour, and by some superb passing saw us again in F citadel. After some good passing on our left by an accurate centre, Page nipped in and notched No. 3 goal. From the restart saw us again, and our backs were again invincible and were helping the forwards by their kicks. The ball was passed out to the right wing, who then put a spring on and passed to the inside man, who took a first time shot; quite receiving the goalkeeper. Time arrived with the score 4—0 in our favour.

D v. G.—20th March.—Team: Ladd; Archer and Obee; Newton, Lawrence and Lce.-Corpl. Ravine; Langford, Colville, Corpl. Chalklin, Page and Batcholar. Referee: Lce.-Corpl. Gibson.

D won the toss and elected to play with the wind in their favour. The first half was very evenly contested as there was no score. Our supporters were very doubtful whether we would win or not, as we are given one of the finest games when we play. It was not until ten minutes from time that any excitement was ever seen on a football ground. The ball was passed to Page from Langford, who scored amongst some very

excited players. This was not the finish of the game, for with only two minutes to go and to make our win certain, Chalklin received the ball from the left wing, and with a fine cross shot scored amid some excitement from D supporters. The game finished 2—0 in our favour.

D v. A.—March 24th.—Team: Ladd, Archer and Obee (captain); Newton, Lawrence and Allen; Langford, Colville, Corpl. Chalklin, Page and Batcholar. Referee: Lce.-Corpl. Gibson.

We won the toss for the fourth successive time, and as the sun was shining fiercely we elected to play with the sun at our backs. Baker kicked off for A at 6 p.m., and they tried to rush our position, but our half-backs were again invincible and kept it clear of our goalie. Page then tried to dribble through, but was robbed by a back just in time. Batcholar then tried a shot; we were trying our utmost to score, and luck favoured us by Page scoring. The restart saw us take possession of the game, and Chalklin scored No. 2, half-time arriving with the score 2—0 in our favour. The second half saw us again take possession of the game. Five minutes after the start Page scored No. 3. We kept on pressing and another time we pierced A's defence through Batcholar. With three minutes to go Colville scored No. 5, time arriving with the score 5—0 in our favour.

D v. H.—April 1st.—Ladd; Archer and Obee (captain); Newton, Lawrence, and Ravine; Langford, Colville, Page, Corpl. Chalklin and Batcholar. Referee: Sergeant Redmond.

It was seen again that Obee had won the toss again and elected to play with the sun behind us. H kicked off at 6 p.m., and were seen to advantage in the first few minutes. The ball was kicked in to our goal mouth and it hit a mound and swerved into the net, quite deceiving Ladds. In the three minutes H were awarded a penalty for hands. Highams took the kick, which beat Ladd the second time within five minutes. There was much give and take play just before half-time. On the resumption it was seen that Obee had gone in the attacking line vice Chalklin, who took his place at back. The game underwent a change as soon as the second half started. D were all over H and it looked if our luck was out, as shot after shot was fired at H's goal, and amid great excitement Obee scored, the shot beating the goalkeeper all the way. There was only ten minutes to go when the ball was started, and D supporters were on great expectations as it seemed as if we were going to lose, but a penalty kick was awarded to us and Obee taking the kick scored amid great excitement, which brought the scores level. Time arrived with the score 2—2.

Boxing.—The following N.C.O.'s of the Company entered in the 1st Battalion Durham Light Infantry Boxing Tournament, open to all comers: Corpl. Wannell, Lce.-Corporals Whfte, Russell and Medlen. Russell was the only one to win in the finals.

Open Light Weight.—First Round: Lce.-Corpl. White a bye. Semi-final: Lce.-Corpl. White v. Pte. Hawkins, D.L.I., Hawkins winning on points.

Open Feather Weight.—First Round: Lce.-Corpl. Medlen v. Bomb. Lyodd, 78th R.F.A.; Medlen was k.o. in Second Round.

Open Middle Weights.—First Round; Corpl. Wannell v. Pte. Conway, D.L.I., Wannell winning on points. Lce.-Corpl. Russell v. Gunner Cravin, R.F.A., Russell winning on points. Second Round: Lce.-Corpl. Russell v. Pte. Humble, D.L.I. Russell knocked his man out. Semi-final: Corpl. Wannell v. Pte. Connell, D.L.I. Wannell knocked his man out in second round. Lce.-Corpl. Russell v. Pte. Collins, R.W.K., Russell winning on points. Final: Corpl. Wannell v. Lce.-Corpl. Russell, Russell winning, Wannell gave in in the second round.

Tug-of-War.—Companies' Challenge Shield.—The Company's team met G Company in the First Round and we had to suffer defeat to a better trained team. The first pull lasted 3½ minutes; the second pull lasting 2¾ minutes. The following men were the oCmpany's team: Corpl. Chalklin, Coacher, Ptes. West (53), West (26), Teather, Nelson, Chater, Thomas, Coulstock, Page (67) and Bromley, Lce. Corpl. Clear.

Bumping Competition.—The Company's team managed to get in the semi-final

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—We had two representatives in this, Ptes. Luck and Coulstock, Luck getting second prize with 103 yards throw.

Boat Race Competition.—We only managed to stay the First Round, H Company team beating us.

Companies Relay Race.—We lost third place by only a few seconds. There was no more competitors left as Ptes. Holzmeyer and Martin (68) lost in the 100 yards and quarter-mile heats respectively.

LATER. — Battalion Hockey League.—D v. H; lost 1—4. D v. G.; lost 0—2.

Football and Hockey League.—Up to April 8th. Football: Played 5, won 4, drawn 1, lost 0; goals for 14, against 2; points 9. Hockey, played 6, won 2, drawn 1, lost 3, goals for 6, against 7. Points 5.

Grousing Column.—D Company Messing is just as bad as ever, and still thirteen in Dixie.

B COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

E COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I will now endeavour to give you a brief account of the Company's doings for the month of March. The first and most important training of the soldier was the annual course of musketry for the year 1913-14. We have done very well indeed considering this was the new course, and slings were not allowed to be used at all. The average was a few points less than last year. Our Battalion Sports were held on the Birgade Parade Ground on the 27th and 28th March. The Company were well represented in the sports, but we had hard lines in not winning anything; but never mind, a little more practice and we shall be able to do much better next year. Well, Mr. Editor, I will just mention a few words about the Company as regards Battalion League as I am unable to send you the correct rseult of each match re Hockey. I will let you know the result of our games. We have played seven matches, but have only been able to raise the total of 8 points. As regards Football we do not stand a bad chance up to the present, having played the following matches. I append the results:—E v. B; won 3—0. E v. G; lost 0—1. E v. C; won 4—1. E v. F; lost 2—1. E v. H; draw 1—1. Thus making a total of five points for five matches. Now for a word about the Cricket. This year it is on the knock-out system. First match we played was with F Company, which resulted in a win for us by 10 runs. Second match, H v. E; H Company 47 runs; E Company 120; the Company winning by 11 wickets. This match was the semi-final. In the final we met A Company and lost by over 100 runs, through our two best bats being bowled rather early in the game. Having no more to write about this month, will bring this to an end.

E COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

G COMPANY

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The Company Correspondent has not got much to report this month but will do his best. The Company did well in the Battalion Sports. Lce.-Corpl. Howson was second in the long jump and third in the high jump. Sergeant Redmond was second in the sergeants' race. In the half-mile we got Pte. Brown 1st, Pte. Sporle 2nd. In the mile these two reversed their positions in a splendid race, and Lance-Corporal Ward had a splendid tussle with Bridger of H Co. for third place; so that they were a dead heat. In the Boat Race, a scratch crew of G Company under their able coxswain, Lance-Corpl. Lame, came in second, even though some of the crew were unhappily rather sea-sick just on the winning post, a strong wind causing rather a choppy sea. The Tug-of-War team, under Corpl. Hunt as coach (Lce.-Corpls. Hall and Mussel, and Hodges, Ptes. Dyer, Divall, Bell, Amess, Sandford, Gibbs and Fairman) were in the final against H Company, who were, however, a much heavier team. H won. In the Bumping Competition a scratch team chosen by Pte. Amoss won first place. We also won a prize in the Clown Competition, Pte. Groom and Pte. Gilbert having appointed themselves Battalion Funny Men for the day.

I suppose before this comes into print the Company will be at Cherat. "I shall not be the-ar." I expect this will mean that the Company's notes will be written by somebody else. "Well a change is good for everybody," as the old soldier said when he went more than a fortnight without a dose of "jankers."

The weather is getting warm here, and the flies are beginning to get troublesome, but as we are all feeding on carrots without salt just lately, they will not have much to live on. Jim Mosquito has not yet arrived, although I saw a caravan of last year's sand flies marching into cantonments the other day.

G COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

H COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

As predicted we have plenty of sporting news this month; some of our fond hopes have been realised and others have not.

Hockey, Sunday, March 10th.—H v. K.G.O., 14th Sihks.—This was the first game with the new Regiment and as they are considered to be pretty "hot stuff" I think we may be congratulated in winning it. Result—3—1. Mr. Hardy, Ptes. Highams and Milligan were the scorers.

Hockey.—Wednesday, 19th.—H v. D.—The game started with H one man short until nearly half-time, but this did not prevent Mr. Hardy scoring twice in the first half. Our goalkeeper (Price) performed some marvellous feats with feet, hands and stick. He evidently has no fear of such trifling objects as hockey balls; no matter at what velocity they are travelling. In the second half, two minutes after starting, D scored, and in two more minutes we had another one for it; and yet again we scored, making the total 4—1; and Mr. Hardy scored the lot.

Football.—Thursday, 20th.—H v. E.—The play in the first half was decidedly E's, until Lane scored from a splendid pass by Boniface, and then things livened up somewhat, both sides having very narrow escapes. The second half commenced with H still the lead and things looked smiling indeed, but we lost our smile when Lawson (goalie) had an impossible shot, and when everyone picked themselves up from the goalmouth we discovered scores were even, and so they remained to the end. Altogether it was a good match well played by both teams.

Cricket.—Tuesday, 25th.—H v. G.—H had first innings; Lce.-Corpl. Mitchell and Pte. Miller first to bat. Mitchell came out for nine and Mr. Hardy followed, and we expected good things which we got. After knocking up 87 Mr. Hardy declared his innings, and was relieved by Mr. Bonham-Carter, who unfortunately came out for nil. Miller in the meantime had been caught. Musician Moir followed and made 16, and by the time our innings was finished we had made 189. G Company's score was 133, which made us the winners by 53 runs.

Football.—H v. T.—Wednesday, 26th.—The game started eleven men aside; fortunately the same amount finished up, the referee and both linesmen were also spared to us. Shortly after commencing there was a ball punching exhibition in front of F's goal. Whether this was part of the programme I cannot say, but one thing seemed evident, the referee and players must have come to some arrangement with regard to the off-side rule, because it was completely ignored, H scored from a penalty, and amidst the cheers or some other word which rhymes with it, the ball was again kicked off from the centre. Just as the moon was coming up the whistle blew time and all players retired to be "cut up" by their various friends. F Company, it is rumoured, are protesting against the penalty. Let us hope the rumour is correct; it would be as well to play them again with clean sheets.

Battalion Sports.—The Company were in Peshawar Fort when these took place, but it did not prevent them from turning up in full fighting order. The first and most important item in Battalion Sports is generally the Tug-of-War, and I am pleased to be able to state that the Company have maintained their reputation. In the heats we met B and through no fault of theirs we pulled them over; our team having a decided advantage in weight. The semi-final saw us matched against A, who, if I remember rightly, were in favour of the "all over pull," last year. This year their wish was gratified; they got it, that is, they were pulled all over. Undoubtedly A was the hardest team we met, but having won both pulls we met G in the final. Two pulls saw us again victorious, consequently H Company won the Battalion Tug-of-War Shie——the Battalion Tug-of-War. The Relay Race, which we won last year, was not quite so easy, probably owing to the fact that Mr. Bonham Carter was not allowed to run. Anyway we had the satisfaction of knowing that we did not lose, for after a series of very hard runs we finished dead heat with B Company, with whom we shared first and second prize.

Boat Race.—H also won this. Eight teams entered but H was the only team actually in it. We were also runners up in the Bumping Competition. Sergt. Craddock did some excellent work for the Company in the way of running. For a commencement he won the Sergeants' Race; next won the Regiment quarter-mile in fine style; finished up second in the Regiment 100 yards and trained the Company Tug-of-War team. Bandsman Bridger got third place in the half-mile, and dead heat for third place in the mile. Last item of all Pte. Webster, the well-known Dramatic Critic, won a clown's prize.

Hockey.—H v 14th Sihks again.—This time we were not so successful, the score being 3—3.

Our last Cricket Match this month—and sad to say last this League—was with E Company, who won quite easily. H 47 runs, E 121.

Among the many festivities of the past week, a most successful variety concert was presented by the Company's A.D.C. on Thursday, 27th March, at Fort Peshawar, under the distinguished patronage of the Fort Commandant. We feel assured that there are some among us who have entirely missed their vocation; i.e., should be appearing at the London Halls; whilst the musical efforts of both Mrs. Harrison and Miss King left nothing to be desired. The concert commenced at 8.30 p.m., and after a most enjoyable two and half hours, terminated with singing "God Save the King-Emperor" at 11 p.m. Progarmme as follows:—Overture (piano), Miss King; song, rag-time duet, "Alexandra's Rag-Time Band," Privates Hehir and Dent; recitation, "Look before you Leap," Corpl. Grest; song (comic), "The Spaniard that Blighted my Life," Sergt. Russell; song (sentimental), Pte. Watson; song, "Leicester Square," Pte. Hehir; song (sentimental), Pte. Martin; step dance, Pte. Cronk; song, "What is the Reason, Daddy?" Pte. Wacker, recitation, Pte. Geerless; song, "'Twixt Love and Duty," Sergt. Russell; song, "You've got to Sing in Rag-time," Pte. Brown; stump speeches, Corpl. Grest; rag-time duet, "Rag-time Violin," Ptes. Hehir and Dent (encore, "Everybody's Doing It"); song (comic), "A Minute to Seven Last Night," Lce.-Corpl. Peacock; song, "By the Moonlight," Sergt. Morrish; song, "Volunteer Organist," Pte. Lakey; one man sketch, Corpl. Grest; God Save the King-Emperor.

H COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

ROLL OF OFFICERS, 2ND BATTALION, SHEWING OFFICERS ATTACHED TO BATTALION.

Lieut.-Colonel S. H. Pedley, Peshawar.
Major R. J. Woulfe Flanagan, England (leave expires 4th December, 1913)
Major J. W. O'Dowda, Peshawar.
Major C. E. Kitson, Peshawar.
Captain C. Druce, England (leave expires 18th November, 1913).
Captain F. J. Joslin, Peshawar.
Captain C. Bonham-Carter, Peshawar.
Captain A. K. Grant, Peshawar.
Captain E. H. Norman, England (leave expires 3rd November, 1913).
Captain H. D. Belgrave, England (leave expires 25th October, 1913).
Captain C. W. Case-Morris, Peshawar.
Lieutenant O. Y. Hibbert, Quetta, Staff College.
Lieutenant A. K. Saeright, Peshawar.
Lieutenant W. G. Yates, England (leave expires 25th October, 1913).
Lieutenant N. I. Whitty, England (leave expires 14th November, 1913).
Lieutenant R. B. L. Bazley-White, England (leave expires 1st Dec., 1913).
Lieutenant A. E. Hardy, Peshawar.
Lieutenant A. S. Bredon, Peshawar.
Lieutenant J. B. B. Ford, Peshawar.
Lieutenant J. J. Kay, Peshawar.
Second-Lieutenant B. H. Bonham-Carter, Peshawar.
Second-Lieutenant P. F. Bell, Peshawar.
Second-Lieutenant V. S. Clarke, Peshawar.
Second-Lieutenant J. E. G. Brown, Peshawar.
Second-Lieutenant C. F. Battye, Peshawar.
Second-Lieutenant N. B. Howell, Peshawar.
Second-Lieutenant O. G. R. Barnes, Peshawar.
Hon. Lieutenant and Quarter-Master F. Grey, Peshawar.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

Second Lieut. V. S. Clarke passed an examination for Lower Standard Hindustani Language, dated 7th April, 1913.

The following N.C.O.'s and men have been awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education, dated 10th April, 1913:—9259 Lce.-Corpl. J. Burch, 9237 Lce.-Corpl. W. Kempton, 9190 Lce.-Corpl. A. Baker, 9060 Lce.-Corpl. W. Higgins, 8251 Corpl. A. Startup, 9289 Lce.-Corpl. E. Tomlinson, 9273 Lce.-Corpl. J. Peacock, 9104 Lce.-Corpl. W. Funnell, 9043 Pte. T. Jasper.

Second Lieut. N. B. Howell passed in Subject A at Peshawar on the 7th and 8th April.

No. 9,556 Pte. E. Garvey has been transferred to the I.A.U.L. from 11th April, 1913, and has been promoted sergeant from that date, he is borne supernumerary on the rolls of the Battalion.

8908 Pte. F. Edmonds has qualified for the duties of Assistant Armourer Sergeant, being awarded a certificate under authority A.D.O.S., 1s tand 2nd Divisions. Dated 8th April, 1913.

No. 9019 Pte. C. Luff, 9115 Pte. A. Spinks, 9124 Pte. G. Adams, and 9194 Pte. W. Hollingsworth have been awarded certificates of proficiency in nursing orderlies duties. Dated 8th April, 1913.

4740 Sergt.-Major R. Thorne, 5619 Col.-Sergt. A. Elliott and 5883 Col.-Sergt. H. Stevens have been selected to attend a course of instruction in musketry commencing at Changla Gate on 25th April.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s and men have been permitted to extend their service to complete 12 years with the colours: 8258 Sergt. C. Craddock, 8449 Lce.-Sergt. F. Fridd, 8495 Lce.-Corpl. W. Williams 8473 Pte. F. Foale, 8431 Corpl. A. Purkis, 8443 Corpl. G. Franklinde, 8503 Lce.-Sergt. R. Galloway.

8926 Pte. P. Broom passed an examination in Pushtu Language (higher standard).

Private L. Funnell has been transferred to the 2nd Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, with effect from 1st May, 1913.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s and men are awarded good conduct badges on dates at stated: 8731 Pte. W. Stedman, 2nd, dated 28th April, 1913; 8936 Pte. E. Freeman, 2nd, 19th March, 1913; 8951 Pte. A. Levitt, 2nd, 10th April, 1913; 4500 Pte. T. Legg, 4th, 29th April, 1913; 8772 Pte. E. Knott, 2nd, 8th March, 1913; 8539 Pte. J. Wesborn, 2nd, 29th April, 1913; 9579 Pte. A. Burgin, 1st, 18th April, 1913; 9468 Pte. E. Martin, 1st, 19th April, 1913; 9589 Pte. F. Willcocks, 1st, 20th April, 1913; 9130 Lce.-Corpl. H. Barker, 1st, 10th April, 1913; 8528 Pte. W. Bresnahan, 1st, 11th April, 1913; 9565 Pte. W. Corder, 1st, 16th March, 1913; 9436 Pte. J. Dady, 1st, 20th April, 1913; 9580 Pte. H. Dutnall, 1st, 21st April, 1913; 9504 Pte. B. Jarvis, 1st, 3rd November 1912; 9434 Pte. J. Dent, 2nd, 25th March, 1913; 9581 Pte. P. Peerless, 1st, 24th April, 1913; 9372 Musician J. McKelvey, 1st, 24th April, 1913; 3304 Lce.-Corpl. G. Gardiner, 5th, 23rd March, 1913; 8338 Pte. J. Field, 1st, 5th April, 1913; 8473 Pte. F. Foale, 1st, 11th April, 1913; 7326 Lce.-Corpl. G. Andrews, 2nd, 17th February, 1913; 8571 Pte. T. Bone, 2nd, 12th April, 1913; 9448 Lce.-Corpl. A. Hedge, 1st, 29th March, 1913; 9060 Lce.-Corpl. W. Higgins, 1st, 11th April, 1913; 9234 Pte. C. Jury, 1st, 11th April, 1913; 8767 Pte. H. Douch, 1st, 25th April, 1913.

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

The undermentioned officers of the Regular Establishment passed in Subject (c) for promotion on the 1st and 2nd May: For promotion to the rank of Major, Captain M. J. Dinwiddy; for promotion to the rank of Captain, Lieut. E. F. Moulton-Barrett (E.C. orders, dated 14th May, 1913).

Lieutenant J. S. N. Snelgrove (S.R.) is attached to the Depot for duty under Paragraph 101, S.R. Regulations, from 12th May.

No. 8376 Corpl. W. Kill has been permitted to extend his service to complete twelve years with the Colours.

No. 9623 Lance-Corpl. R. Stanton and 8897 Pte. T. Barson have joined for a tour of duty. No. 8025 Lce.-Corpl. G. Prime has been permitted to convert the remainder of his Army Service to Reserve Service from the 12th May.

No. 4618 Lance Sergeant J. Smith, who has been ill since last October, has, we regret to say, been found medically unfit for further military service, and was discharged while in hospital at Chatham from 26th May. He is still a patient in the Military Hospital at Chatham.

About twenty N.C.O.'s of the Special Reserve joined for a Class of instruction at Maidstone on the 28th May.

DEPOT ANNUAL MUSKETRY COURSE.

During the past month the Depot have been performing classification practice at Boxley Ranges with the undermentioned results:—

E Company.—Number exercised, 34; marksmen, 15; 1st class, 17; 2nd class, 2; 3rd class, nil. Company average 127.3.

A Company.—Number exercised, 32; marksmen, 17; 1st class, 14; 2nd class, 1; 3rd class, nil. Company average 128. Depot Average 127.6.

Highest Scores.—4684 Pte. Smith 157, A Company; 8664 Corpl. Strong 153, E Company; 6457 Corpl. Pratt 151, E Company; 7910 Lce.-Sergt. Fuller 150, E Company; 8874 Pte Weller 150, E Company; 9501 Lce.-Corpl. Brown 143, A Company; 8897 Pte. Smith 143, A Company; 7750 Pte. Thompson 140, A Company.

The Commanding Officer, Major C. G. Pack-Beresford, gave a prize of 10s. to the man who fired with us last year who improved most; won by Pte. Weller, who improved by 46 points. A similar prize was awarded for those who fired elsewhere. This was won by Pte. Barrett with an improvement of 40 points.

4TH BATTALION NOTES.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

The weather conditions on Sunday, May 25th, were ideal for the church parade of the Tunbridge Wells Companies (D and E) of the 4th Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) and the Kent Cyclist Battalion, and a large number of people assembled to witness the march to and from Holy Trinity Church. The sun shone from an almost cloudless sky, and the light summer attire of the ladies, the pretty parasoles, and the smart scarlet uniforms of the Territorials combined to make a brilliant picture. There was an excellent muster of all three companies present, and the troops marched to and from the church to the stirring music of the drummers of the 4th Battalion, under Sergeant Drummer H. Hilborn.

The service in church commenced with the National Anthem, which was heartily sung by all present.

The clergy present were the Bishop of North Queensland (formerly chaplain to the Australian Forces), Rev. D. J. Stather Hunt, Rev. C. H. Bellamy, Rev. H. Martin, and Rev. C. W. Jameson. The officers on parade were Captain A. R. Cheale (in command), Lieut. A. R. Kelsey, Lieut. Stone and Lieut. Smith.

The Bishop of North Queensland was the preacher, and delivered a stirring address based on the words "Until we all come unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Ephesians iv. 13).

After the service the Territorials, headed by the band, marched to the Common, where long service medals were presented to Privates E. Mitchell and G. Francis by his Worship the Mayor, Mr. Councillor J. G. Silcock.

A similar decoration was conferred on Colour-Sergeant W. Pollard by Captain Cheale after the troops had returned to the Drill Hall.

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Captain W. J. Goss to December, 1915 (Corrigenda).
Mr. C. Clift to July, 1913.
Mr. G. Nicholson up to December, 1914.

BIRTHS.

At 4, Longfield Terrace, North Circular Road, Dublin, on April 26th, the wife of Major P. Hastings, of a son.

At Dublin, on the 23rd March, 1913, the wife of 3695 Clr.-Sergt. G. Selves, of a son, Wilfred John.

At Hounslow, on the 21st May, 1913, the wife of Mr. J. Bowman (late Sergt. 2nd Batt.), of a son, James.

At Maidstone, on the 5th May, 1913, the wife of Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. W. Alderman, of a son, Richard Harold.

OBITUARY.

It is with regret that we hear of the decease of the following 97th veterans, who, although their foreign services included the East and West Indies and America, were not fortunate enough to secure War Medals.

No. 1017 Mr. John Makins who died at Needham Market in Suffolk on the 12th May, 1913. Deceased joined in October, 1864, and took his discharge as Private in May, 1877, served in the West Indies. Also No. 479 Mr. Thomas Hamilton whose death took place on the 23rd April, 1913, at Belfast. The deceased pensioner enlisted on the 20th January, 1858, being discharged as a Private on the 20th January, 1879. He saw foreign service with the 97th in India and America.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Major J. W. O'Dowda was appointed General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade 1st (Peshawar) Division, vice Major H. B. des. V. Wilkinson, from 16th April, 1913 (Auty. D.A.A.G. 1st Division).

1st BATTALION.

Lance-Sergeant Promoted Sergeant—8168 H. Hylands, dated 17th June, 1913.

Appointed Lance-Sergeant—7679 Corporal W. Culwick, dated 17th June, 1913.

Lance-Corporals Promoted Corporals—9443 Lance-Corporal C. Brockett, dated 7th May, 1913; 9501 Lance-Corporal G. Brown, dated 27th May, 1913.

Privates Appointed Lance-Corporals—7590 J. Keane, dated 9th June, 1913; 9606 F. Foster and 9631 H. England, dated 23rd June, 1913.

Appointed Drummers—9771 Private S. Supple and 9657 Private F. Capon, dated 18th June, 1913.

2nd BATTALION.

Appointed Lance-Corporals—9182 Private G. Phillips, dated 19th April, 1913; 9332 H. Staples, dated 19th April, 1913; 7616 Private J. Kersey, dated 7th May, 1913.

3rd BATTALION.

Appointed Drummer—9720 Private A. Edwards, dated 11th June, 1913 (Permt. Staff).

THE LAND-MARKS OF TIME.

JULY.

1st.—50th and 97th Regiments became 1st and 2nd Battalions The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), 1881.
10th.—50th Regiment left Crimea, 1856.
11th.—Bombardment of Alexandria, 1882.
14th.—New Colours presented to 97th Regiment, 1857.
14th.—Ad-darega Expedition left Aden, 1901.
18th.—New Colours presented to 50th Regiment, 1848.
23rd.—97th Regiment arrived home from Crimea, 1856.
25th.—50th Regiment at Battle of Maya, 1813.
30th.—Prinsloo's surrender, 1900.
31st.—1st Battalion left Peshawar for active service, 1897.

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THE EDITOR'S COLUMN OF REMARKS.

This number of the "Queen's Own Gazette" differs somewhat from the usual in that the two longest articles can scarcely be said to be "records of Regimental doings." We are, however, very pleased to be able to print them as we have repeatedly appealed to our readers for contributions and these two articles are sent to us by people who have nothing to do with the editorial staff. It shows interest in our efforts, and we could do with more of it.

We once more express our indebtedness to the R.U.S.I. and publish another picture of our series. We stated in our last issue that hand-painted copies of our first picture could no longer be provided. We had intended to issue the same edict with reference to the other pictures after they had been published a month. We find, however, that there is some demand for these pictures, and we have consequently decided to leave the whole series on the market at the usual price (11/3 each, post free), but with one proviso. That proviso is that those who order copies, must not mind waiting for them. We have only one artist at our command, and his time for the work is limited.

We scarcely know how to express our gratitude at the response to our appeal for contributions to our picture fund. Since last issue, we have received donations from no less than two people.

We think we know of a source from which we could obtain similar types of the 97th Regiment, but, on turning to our account book, we find "Castles in the Air" written across it in large letters.

During the last few months we have made several references to the old 97th Regiment. The following landmarks in its history may be of interest:—

July 6th, 1802.—The Regiment received permission to bear on its Colours, etc., a Sphinx and the word "Egypt."

January 9th, 1805.—His Majesty ordered that the Regiment should be numbered the 97th, and entitled "The 97th or Queen's German Regiment.

June 6th, 1808.—The Regiment was ordered to be called the 97th (or Queen's Own) Regiment of Infantry.

April 6th, 1815.—The Regiment was granted the word "Peninsula" on its Colours.

February 6th, 1816.—The Regiment was re-numbered 96th.

December 10th, 1818.—The Regiment, as the 96th, was disbanded.

The above facts seem to establish our right to the Honours that went elsewhere. The Regiment was the 97th throughout its existence, except for a mere two and a half years, and that two and a half years fell during a period of peace.

A STORY OF BADAJOZ.

The story of Sir Charles Napier's narrow escape, when he fell into the enemy's hands at Corunna and how his life was saved by a French drummer, is a familiar passage of history. It may not, however, be so well known that another member of the Regiment—Sir George Townsend Walker—experienced a somewhat similar, and equally thrilling adventure.

Colonel Townsend Walker, as he then was, commanded the Regiment at Vimiera, but was afterwards promoted to the command of a brigade, with which he took part in the siege of Badajoz. It was during the assault on this fortress that the incident in question occurred.

"General Walker, having found it advantageous, made a real attack, and himself leading with extraordinary gallantry —which could not be exceeded—his Brigade descended into the ditch, escaladed the face of the bastion of St. Vincent, and gained the rampart, although the ladders, being too short, did not reach the top of the wall, and the men were obliged to push and pull each other up; but an embrasure without a gun was discovered in the curtain of the wall by which many officers and men entered.

The Brigade was ordered to man the ramparts, and the struggle was severe; when, as General Walker was bravely leading his Brigade towards the interior of the breaches, to drive the enemy from thence, he received a most dangerous wound from a ball which struck him on the right side, breaking several ribs,and driving in a part of the watch he carried in a small pocket in the breast of his coat. The Brigade continued its progress along the rampart, and the General was alone on the ground. Sometime after, a French soldier came to the spot, to whom General Walker said : "I am an English General Officer, badly wounded, and if you will stay by me until you can find assistance to remove me into a house, I will reward you." The soldier replied : "Si vous etes General, vous avez des epaulettes, et de l'argent aussi sans doute." He then tore off the General's epaulettes, rifled his pockets, and left him. Afterwards, another French soldier approached; to him the General said : "I have just been plundered by one of your comrades, and therefore have nothing to offer you now; but if you will stay by me till someone will assist you to carry me to a house, I will reward you." The man looked sternly at the General in his agony, without replying, and began to load his musket, the contents of which the General had no doubt, were intended for him, but when he had loaded he said that he would remain with him; and soon after an English soldier came, and the two, the English and French soldier, carried the General to the French hospital, whence he was removed to a private house." (Captain MacCarthy's "Recollections.")

THE SUBALTERN.

(With apologies to the Editor of the "Pioneer.")

Sir,—I have often noticed in your valuable paper, obituary notices of men, and in nearly every case of old men, who have performed the daily round and common task in such a manner as to call for journalistic praise. All honour to these great old men, whose brains, energy, bravery, diplomacy, kindliness and charity, have made our world beautiful; and while yielding to none in my admiration of them, I would venture, through your kind medium, to bring to the notice of the public, a man (as regards years, a youth) who, while possessing all the above qualities, applies them for the good of mankind in a quiet and unobtrusive manner, seeking no reward other than the joy of doing good, and asking no more than the privilege of supporting himself out of his own pocket.

I refer, Sir, to the British Subaltern. With your kind permission I will append a table of the daily duties of a young officer of a British Infantry Regiment, and will endeavour to show that he possesses all the above-mentioned qualities, which, were he of a less retiring disposition, would hand him down to posterity as a very model of self-sacrificing diligence :—

Scene, India; locality, the Plains; time of year, June.

4.30 a.m.—He arises and dresses himself, and in so doing, keeps in mind any little prejudices that may be entertained on the subject by his seniors and also the fact that a pleasing personality is a duty to society and an example to his men. At the same time he dresses quickly, as he feels that his every hour should be devoted to the service of the State to whom he pays his father's allowance. He then composes his mind in contemplation of his coming labours, and with an earnest determination to perform them well, starts off to Barracks; and, bearing in mind that he should be an example to his men, he preserves an appearance of matutinal cheerfulness.

5.30 a.m.—He takes up his position on the steps of his company bungalow in such a manner that he can see his Captain coming up the road. He then prepares the company for the arrival of the Captain, on whose appearance he exhorts everything in sight to stand to "attention," while he doubles forward, and with an expression of respectful, yet gratified gladness, assists his superior officer to dismount from his bicycle, and informs him that all is correct. He then takes up on unobtrusive position in rear of the company with his body equally balanced on both feet, and that he may be able to start at a moment's notice, in any direction, in case of such an emergency as, his Captain requiring anything (his bicycle, boots, whistle, word of command, etc.), or should any man feel seedy, want a drink or require his rifle carried for him. During the march to the parade ground, he endeavours to lighten the general gloom by a few mild jokes with the men, while he enquires respectfully into the state of the Captain's health, remarks how young he is looking, and quotes from any story the latter may have told in mess the night before. During the parade, he will preserve an attitude of absorbed interest in his work, and will endeavour to serve some half-a-dozen masters with satisfaction to each. Should the men run, he will run all round them in circles, cheering and exhorting each, and will on no account get out of breath, and when the men stand at ease, he will endeavour to create the impression that he would sooner be standing "to attention." He will not, of course, perspire, cough, sneeze, scratch, or give way to any similar human weaknesses.

At the completion of parade, he will leave with great apparent reluctance, and proceed to inspect the men's breakfasts. He will, of course, make himself personally responsible that the table cloths, knives, forks, etc., are neatly laid, and that there is no draught or similar discomfort in the dining room, and while paying a suitable compliment to the cook, will endeavour to appraise the excellence or otherwise of the cooking, having, of course, a thorough knowledge of "Mother Beeton's Cookery Book."

By this time it is 8 a.m., and it might appear to the Civilian mind, to be a favourable opportunity for the young officer to get his own breakfast. By no means. No subaltern, worthy of the name, ever wastes his time on breakfast. He

will walk round his company bungalow and see that there are no weeds, old tins, cigarette ends, matches, orange peel, or other miscellaneous matter that may not have been observed by the crows and other interested people. He will then, of course, go round the barrack rooms and tidy up any beds, cupboards, dirty clothes baskets, wardrobes, dressing tables, or rifle racks that may need the military equivalent to "a woman's deft touch"—and on the return of the men from breakfast he will assure himself that none of them are suffering from indigestion, stomach-ache, or other gastric trouble resulting therefrom.

By this time it will be 9 a.m. and our young friend will proceed to orderly room, and will either be reproved for the things he has left undone the day before, or will be permitted to seat himself in the "Officers' Room" in such a manner that at the least approach of any Captain, Major, Colonel, or other military party, he will instantly become galvanised into a human salute. During the remainder of the morning he will instruct his men in various military duties, will examine their pay lists, arrange for the supply of any goods they may wish to purchase from any shop, write to the parents of any man who may be unable or unwilling to write for himself, mediate between any man and his wife should cause of difference arise, enquire by name for the welfare of the children of any men in his company, and enter with enthusiasm into any game, dance, picnic, bicycle tour, rifle match, bowling match, sing-song, or other amusements in which his company may propose to indulge.

Having inspected the men's dinners and those of the parrots, cats, dogs, pigeons, and other company pets, he will go to the officers' mess and eat his own lunch with a suitably apologetic manner. After lunch, he will proceed to ascertain whether he can be of any use to the regimental ladies in any such ways as making a four at tennis, badminton, golf, croquet, or other feminine amusement; whether he is required to hand round the cakes at any tea party, mind anyone's children, exercise anyone's ponies, go out shopping, or in any other way place himself at their disposal, and, should neither himself or his ponies be required, he may amuse himself with a game of polo or racquets, or other sport, during which his attitude will be one of self-depreciation and gratified surprise that he is so fortunate as to be seeking his own pleasure. Of course, I need hardly say, that on this particular occasion, he has already assured himself that he is not required by his men for their amusement, for instance to bowl at the nets, keep goal at hockey or football, take their photographs, sing to them, give a magic lantern entertainment, get up pigeon races, or otherwise make himself useful.

It may now become possible for the young officer to resuscitate himself at the club, and indeed it is hard to see why he shouldn't, but he will do so in an unassuming manner, and preserve an attitude of respectful greeting towards any civilians and one of complete self-effacement towards his military superiors. He will in no case read any paper, or sit in any chair that may by any chance be required by any other member of the club. Want of space prevents my going further into the multifarious duties of a subaltern—there are hundreds more—and I will conclude by adding a list of subjects with which he should be acquainted, and qualifications he should possess:—Knowledge of all Military subjects (with no exceptions), history, geography, theology, astronomy, literature, music, railway time-tables, Whittaker's almanac, the stores list, and the peerage. He should be able to run, walk, ride, shoot, think, speak, talk, sing, play some musical instrument, make jokes, perform any ordinary surgical operations, treat all Asiatic diseases, cook, carve, lay a table, catch flies, read the lessons, lecture on the subjects, ranging from the White Cross League to sanitation, play bowls, taste beer, comfort the sick, bury the dead, and render first and last aid to the wounded. He should possess tact, kindliness, good appearance, diplomacy, command of men, command of language, power of dissimulation, knowledge of the pharmacopœa and homœopathy, and should be able to combine nicely the tactical genius of Napoleon with the no less important domesticity of a mother of ten.

STILL CHEERFUL.

"THE FATHER OF THE REGIMENT."

On the 25th of this month Mr. William Adams, late of the 50th Regiment, will celebrate his 91st birthday, and we take the opportunity to publish his photograph as there can be but little doubt that he is the "Father of the Regiment."

We do not propose to go into his career at length as a full account appeared in the *Q.O.G.* of Nov., 1911, but we cannot refrain from saying a few words about our oldest comrade, as he is a fine example of the grit that made the men who won the battle honours of which we are so proud. No. 1423 Private Adams enlisted on March 28th, 1840. He took part in the Punniar campaign and was awarded the Star: he is believed to be the only survivor of those who were granted this decoration.

It was at the Battle of Moodkee (December 18th, 1845) that he received the wound that has crippled him ever since, a ball fracturing one knee cap and then passing through the other leg. There was no medical assistance at hand and he was left all night on the field of battle, bleeding from his wound. As a result, he was, in March 1847, invalided from the service. Over 66 years ago : and yet his vitality would still put many a younger man to shame. He has been an in-pensioner at Chelsea Hospital since April, 1892.

Those who were present this year at the dinner of the Old Comrades' Association will remember seeing this fine old man amongst us. We can only hope that as our annual gatherings come round, Mr. Adams will for many years be able to "fall in" with the past and present members of his old Regiment.

NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND.

New Plymouth, N.Z.
May 5th, 1913.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Quite recently, I received a letter from an old comrade, enquiring into prospects of employment in this Colony. I think it is quite possble there are many more who would like to hear something on the same subject, and hope the following may be of interest to them. There is absolutely no room for unskilled labour. One is far better off at home. Farm hands are the most needed. Anyone possessing knowledge of dairy-farming cannot possibly go wrong. They are paid very well—up to 35s. a week, and board and lodging. There are always positions for a man and wife to work on farms. Wife to cook, husband handy man and to milk. Pay £100 per annum, rent free. That is a very common advertisement, and be it remembered, farm hands (experienced) are granted assisted passages—the fare is reduced to £10 each. Farm hands and domestic servants are the only persons who can obtain an assisted passage.

With regard to trades, the following offer best opportunities :—Plumbers, £3 per week; painters, £2 15s.; bricklayers, £3 10s.; motor drivers and mechanics, £2 15s. and upwards to £3 10s.; tailors, £2 10s.; and good, raw-boned navies command up to 15s. per day. Every trade religiously adheres to 8 hours per day only, or 46 hours a week.

The reason for not mentioning wood crafts is because the country is overrun with them and it's almost as bad as being an unskilled labourer.

There is a fair opportunity for school teachers. Their pay is governed by the number of pupils in the school and usually starts at £150 per year.

The musician is sure of a good job, provided the musician is good also. He would not get employment as a musician but would get a guarantee of employment in any civil capacity, through the bandmaster of any band in the Colony. Any bandmaster will get a good billet for a bandsman, on condition that he plays in his band, but there's no pay attached to the music part of the contract. This applies to brass instruments only. They are purely brass bands here.

The following towns have really good bands and any musician dropping a line to the bandmasters would get a hearing : Wellington City, Wellington Tramways, 5th Regiment, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, Wanganui, New Plymouth, Auckland, Nelson.

Should any of your readers desire to learn more on anything in this line, I will be only too pleased to oblige, if they will drop me a line, and would do all I could to arrange for employment, so that they would have somewhere to go to immediately on their arrival.—I am, yours faithfully,

O. A. BOND,
Sergt.-Major.

New Zealand Defence Forces.

P.S.—I had intended to say a little on the cost of living, climate and general conditions, etc., but I fancy I shall be encroaching on your space, so will defer that until next issue.

O.A.B.

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

Battalion Rifle Meeting.

The rifle meeting, which a short time previous, seemed to be threatened with serious curtailment on the score of time, turned out an unqualified success; it was distinctly the best we have so far held. There were three factors that made for success. First the admirable arrangements made by Lieut. Wingfield Stratford, C.S.I.M. Brown, and their energetic working committee, second the way in which practically the whole Battalion responded by taking advantage of these arrangements, and last, but certainly not least, the very sporting manner in which the God of the weather came to our rescue, just when we were beginning to dtspair, and gave us two or three days of really lovely shooting conditions. Incidentally before we get to the actual details, it would be well to mention the very ready way in which all ranks volunteered to take turn at the always rather tedious job of butt marking, and the efficient way in which they did it, thus enabling some very long shoots to be got through without a hitch. The general confidence in this last point was well brought out by the fact that throughout the whole meeting there was not a single challenge as to the accuracy of the marking of a particular shot, though it was always possible to do so for the modest sum of 6d. with repayment if the challenge was well founded. The system of classifving everybody in Class A who made 118 or more in table B, Class B, those with scores betwen 118 and 100 and Class C the remainder, worked admirably, as everybody felt they had, at any rate, a sporting chance.

Results.

We give below in detail the results of the competitions. At the same time we must state in one breath, that something like £60 was disbursed in prizes, and in the next that we are not altogether infallible, consequently we may as well start by apologising to those whose deeds of prowess entitles them to be on the rolls of fame, but whom some inadvertence has left out :—Section Competition (open to teams of four privates from each section).—Snap Shooting :—

Prizes.	Team Leader.	Company.	Points scored.
1st	Ashby	H	23
2nd	Hicks	H	21
3rd	Gomm	C	19
4th	Seager	B	18
5th	Weston	E	18

Inter-Company Casualty Competition.—Tile Competition (open to teams of eight corporals and privates, under a commander who did not fire)—1st Lance-Sergt. Joury (E Company); 2nd Sergt. Glazebrook (B); 3rd Colour-Sergt Kallend (A) and Corpl. Miller (G).

Individual Snap shooting 300 yards (open to Class A only) —1st Corpl. Miller, 15 points, 2nd-Lieut. Skipworth, 14, 2nd Pte. Brattle, 11; 3rd Lance-Corpl. Seale and Pte. Bellfield 10.

Individual Snap Shooting 200 yards (open to Classes B and C). Prizes in Class B—1st Pte. Woolgar, 12 points; 2nd Pte. Swycross, 12; 3rd Pte. Jeffery, 11; 4th Pte. Harris and Norman, 10.

Prizes in Class C—1st Lance-Corpl. Bellion, 12 points; 2nd Pte. Bolting, 11; 3rd Pte. Watson, 11; 4th Pte. Openshaw, 11; 5th Pte. Holt, 10.

Individual 500 yards rapid (open to classes A, B and C). 500 yards rapid, 10 rounds, 1st class figure. Target exposed three times for ten seconds, five seconds between each exposure. Rifles loaded with one charger, but butts on the ground. This practice excited the keenest competition and resulted in some very good scores. Results in each class as follows :—

A.	Pts.	B.	Pts.	C.	Pts.
1 Lce.-Corpl. Guess	31	1 Corpl. MacNeil	27	1 Pte. Archer	29
2 C.-Sergt. Croucher	29	2 Pte. Wodgar	26	2 C.S. Kallend	24
3 C.-Sergt. Press	29	3 Lce-Sergt. Smith	26	3 L.C. Hardwick	24
4 Pte. Brown	27	4 Pte. Fisher	26	4 L.S. Selves	23
5 Corpl. Loft	27	5 Sergt. Skeer	26	5 Pte. Green	23
6 Pte. Snooks	25	6 Dr. Fife	26	6 Dr. Seager	22
7 Corpl. Wilson	25	7 Pte. Norman	25	7 Pte. Bourne	22
8 Sergt.-Dr. Coe	25	8 L.-Corp. Elkington	25	8 Pte. Holt	21
9 Pte. Skipworth	24	9 Pte. Sullivan	24	9 Pte. Reynolds	21
10 Corpl. Standen	24	10 Pte. Eagleton	24	10 Pte. Hodson	21
11 Pte. Manning	24	11 Pte. Giles	24		

There were 27 prizes in each class but space forbids our mentioning more.

Individual Competition 600 yards (open to all classes). Timed slow. Major Robinson, C.M.G., and 2nd-Lieut White headed the list in A Class with 18 and 16 respectively. Prizes in each class shown below :—

1 Pte. Mantle	16	1 L.C. French	17	1 C.S. Kalland	17
2 Pte. Bellfield	16	2 Pte. King	15	2 C.S. Kenney	15
3 Pte. Cridland	16	3 Pte. Mills	14	3 L.C. Bellion	14
4 Pte. Fowler	15	4 Sergt. Gillespie	14	4 Pte. Pobgee	14
5 L.C. Seale	15	5 Pte. Linnett	14	5 Pte. Beeger	14

There were again 27 prizes in each class.

The Regimental Bowl was awarded to the competitor in Class A who made the highest aggregate score in the snap shooting at 300 yards, the rapid at 500 yards and the slow at 600 yards. 2nd-Lieut. P. J. Skipworth was awarded the winner, and below are the aggregate of the first eight :—

2nd-Lieut Skipworth 52, Colour-Sergt. Croucher 50, Pte. Cridland 45, Colour-Sergt. Press 45, Lance-Corpl. Sharpe 44, Captain Dunlop 43, Corpl. Loft 43, Lance-Corpl. Guess 43.

The Inter-Company Deliberate Competition.—This was a most exciting shoot, open to one officer, one sergeant, one corporal and five privates, from each company. B and G Companies having tied with 364 points, the Rifle Club Committee decided that the trophy was to be awarded to G Company, who made the higher score at the longest range. We give below the aggregate of all the Companies and the totals of the individuals in the two leading teams :—G, 364 points; B, 364; E, 358; H, 355; A, 351; D, 348; C, 340; F, 335.

G COMPANY.		B COMPANY.	
Second Lieut. Skipworth	49	Lieutenant Dresser	49
Sergt. Crossley	49	Sergeant Raines	51
Corporal Burns	49	Corporal Wilson	45
Private Brown	43	Private Harris	48
Private Greenstreet	41	Private Christie	46
Private Edwards	44	Private Foster	42
Private Eagleton	44	Private Dyke	40
Private Wells	45	Private Roots	43
Total	364	Total	364

Colonel Style's Cup.

Colonel Style's Cup (open to members of the Sergeants' Mess). 1st practice snap shooting at 200 yards; 2nd practice rapid (7 rounds in 30 seconds) at 400 yards; 3rd practice timed slow at 500 yards. Result :—

1st Colour-Sergt. Penney, 41 points; 2nd C.S.I.M. Brown, 38; 3rd Lance-Sergt. Lowry, 36; 4th Sergt. Fitzgerald, 36.

Corporals' Challenge Cup.

Corporals' Challenge Shield (open to members of the Corporals' Mess). 1st practice snap shooting at 200 yards; 2nd practice rapid (10 rounds in 30 seconds) at 500 yards; 3rd practice timed slow at 600 yards. Result :—

1st Corpl. Smith, 45 points; 2nd Lance-Corpl. Stone, 42; 3rd Lance-Corpl. Seale, 42; 4th Lance-Corpl Bellfield 42.

Colonel Harrison's Cup and Major Rowe's Cup.

Colonel Harrison's Cup and Major Rowe's Cup (open to officers and sergeants). 1st practice snap shooting (3 secs. exposure) at 300 yards; 2nd practice rapid (10 rounds in 30 seconds) at 500 yards; 3rd practice timed slow at 600 yards. Result :—

Colonel Harrison's Cup (open to both ranks)—1st Sergt.-Drummer Coe, 44; 2nd Sergt. Reeves, 43; 3rd Colour-Sergt. Brown, 36; 4th Colour-Sergt. Press, 36.

Major Rowe's Cup, for the best score among the officers, was won by Captain Buchanan Dunlop for the second time in succession—2nd Lieut. Stratford, 33; 3rd Captain Keenlyside, 33; 4th 2nd-Lieut. Ames, 32.

Training.

By the time the Q.O.G. appears we shall have finished Battalion training, which ends at Wicklow on July 17th. It is a good 32 mile march to Dublin, and rumour has it that we are doing it in one day. On the way out we break our journey at a place rejoicing in the name of Kilmacanogue. The General inspects the Battalion on the 24th and 25th, and like last year we cross the Liffey on boats of our own construction.

Cricket.

The Battalion played two matches last month, one against the Buffs, which ended in a draw in their favour, and the other against the R.A.M.C., which we won after a most exciting finish by one run. We regret that owing to the unfortunate disappearance of the scoring book, we are unable at present to give the details.

SERGEANTS' MESS NEWS.

Richmond Barracks, Dublin, 24th June, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Since returning from Kilbride our time has been taken up by Company marches and guards. Nevertheless we have managed to find time to pass our friends of the Irish Cavalry Depot out at cricket. Undaunted by the bad weather we turned out at full strength, and defeated our opponents by twenty runs. Ten on each innings. Not bad for a start.

On the 16th the annual Married versus Single Cricket Match took place and, as usual, resulted in a win for the Married. It was only after a terrible struggle that they gained the verdict, however. I append the full scores,—

MARRIED.

Colour-Sergeant Press b Skeer	7
Colour-Sergeant Stringer c Bishop b Skeer	16
Sergeant Reeves b Bishop	0
Colour-Sergeant Kallend c Barden b Hylands	6
Sergeant Kemp b Hylands	17
Sergeant Lander c and b Coe	22
Quartermaster-Sergeant Mackintosh b Lowry	0
Staff-Sergeant Benwell b Bishop	11
Colour-Sergeant Saunders b Coe	2
Sergeant Darley run out	0
Sergeant Bristow not out	0
Extras	21
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SINGLE.

Sergeant Wood stumped Kemp b Kallend	11
Sergeant Hylands c and b Lander	27
Sergeant Bishop b Lander	15
Sergeant Drummer Coe lbw b Lander	0
Sergeant Skeer b Lander	13
Sergeant Gilbey c Kallend b Reeves	4
Sergeant Mason b Reeves	4
Sergeant Lowry b Lander	0
Sergeant Fermor c and b Reeves	0
Sergeant Barden b Reeves	5
Sergeant Selves not out	0
Extras	13
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SERGEANTS' MESS CORRESPONDENT.

CORPORALS' CORRESPONDENCE.

Dublin, June, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Here we are straight down from the hills of Kilbride to the plains of Dublin. I think that we have all benefited by the change of air, and now we shall have to get used to the usual procedure for a while. During our stay at Kilbride we fired for the Corporals' Challenge Shield, and by some rather good shooting, Corporal Smith of "F" is to have his name inscribed on one of the silver plates. To go from the winner to the wooden-spoonist, I have to announce that Corporal Scott of "H" gained the distinction of getting it with the grand total of nothing; he did not even get a "dry scrubber," but he had a very close rival in "Spike," who by superior ringcraft, caught him "groggy." How it happened was this: They both left the 200 yards firing point, level scores (nil), and the "long fellow" seizing his opportunity, stole away from the maddening crowd, and sought gentle repose behind a tuft of grass, whilst his rival had a round at golf on the roadway. Of course, Tommy puts his success down to the fact of his being "Younger" than "Spike," but there is a big argument as to whether it was not Simmonds that done the trick, but speaking candidly I think it must have been the wind that did it. There is a very interesting event about to come off; namely, a cricket match with our neighbours of the Cavalry Depot. We have been having short lessons in the deeper parts of the game, and to show what a good knowledge we have, one of our team told us that his position on the field was "long stop" in the "slips." He might just as well have said he was "left half" and done with it. Well, Mr. Editor, I think I have let you have all the news I have, hoping to tell you how we liked Battalion Training in your next issue. Congratulations to Sergt. Culwick on his promotion.

CORPORALS' CORRESPONDENT.

DRUMS' CORRESPONDENCE.

Dublin, 24th June, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

I will now endeavour to give you an account of the happenings in the Drums for the month of June. As far as sport is concerned I have nothing much to record, as we have not had much time for cricket lately, on account of the Company marches. We found time, however, to give our old friends, D Company, a match, and a very interesting game ended in a win for the Drums. I am sending you the scores as near correct as possible, for our scorer fell asleep and D Comapny says they have lost their scoring book, but I believe the scores below are correct.

D Company.—Pte. Cox c O'Donohoe b Standen 2, Pte. Egan b Standen 1, Pte. Ferdinand b Weatherill 5, Pte. Cripps b Weatherill 0, Pte. Atkinson b Weatherill 3, Pte. Baker b Brockwell 1, Lce.-Corpl. Johnson b Weatherill 0, Pte. Bunyan b Fife 1, Pte. Squires b Brockwell 2, Pte. Wren b Brockwell 2, Pte. Norris b Brockwell 0. Total 17.

Drums.—Drummer Fife c Atkinson 0, Drummer Weatherill b Bunyan 0, Corpl. Standing lbw b Johnson 22, Corpl. O'Donohoe b Bunyan 5, Pte. Crowhurst c Cripps b Bunyan 10, Pte. Brockwell b Bunyan 12, Sergt.-Drummer Coe b Bunyan 8, Capon c Atkinson b Bunyan 14, Supple b Bunyan 0, Guess b Bunyan 0, Elmes not out 0, extras 16. Total 87.

By the way, we have just found another "White Hope" in Drummer "Clogs," who made 94 runs (52 and 42 respectively) for his Company F against H Company in a Company League Match. Who said Jam? I might add that we have just lost another of our sportsmen in Drummer Smith, who has left us and gone to the Depot for a tour of duty. We all wish him the best of luck, and may he do as well at Maidstone as he did in Dublin. The Companies have just returned from a Five Days' Excursion, which was spent marching along the coast to Bray, and visiting the surrounding district. The weather was everything that could be desired, and as the scenery around Bray is very picturesque, everyone (?) enjoyed themselves, and we are now walking about as brown as the proverbial berry.

On Wednesday, 18th June, the Band and Drums, together with the Band of the Buffs, performed a Torchlight Tattoo in the People's Park, Kingstown, it being a farewell tribute, organised by the people of Kingstown, to the Channel Squadron, which left the day after, having been in the Bay for a week. The weather was inclined to be showery, but it cleared off towards the end of the evening, and everything went off splendidly.

I am able to keep my promise of last month and give you a list of Drummers who were successful at the Annual Rifle Club Meeting. But first of all, I must tell you that Corpl. Standen finished up Company Shot (C Company), with a grand total of 147. Our Prize Winners were as follows:—Sergt.-Drummer Coe in the Sergeants' Shoot succeeded in carrying off a prize valued at £2 10s.; our other winners were:—Corporal Standen 6s. 6d., Lce.-Corpl. Bellion 18s. 6d., Corporal Guess 17s. 6d., Drummer Guy 20s., Drummer Ashley 18s., Drummer Seager 13s. 6d., Drummer Capon 7s. 6d., Drummer Fife 6s. 6d., Drummer Guess 3s. 9d., Drummer Noble 3s. 6d., Drummer Eagleton 5s., Drummer Supple 3s. 6d. Several other Drummers won small money prizes for being in Company Teams, but it would take up too much of your valuable space to give you all the names, but you can see by the above list that the Drummers captured a fair share of the prize money, as per.

Having said enough for one month, I will close, remaining

DRUMS' CORRESPONDENT.

A COMPANY.

Richmond Barracks, Dublin.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

I will now make my first attempt to let you have a few notes of the Company's doings for the past month. We have had a few changes during the last month, as we have lost Pte. Royle, who has been transferred to Section B Army Reserve and everybody wishes him every success in his new sphere of life. We at last know the winners of the Officers' Challenge Cup given to the best shooting section of the Battalion. It was won by No. 1 Section of our Company, commanded by Lce.-Sergt. Mason. Well done, No. 1. I wonder what the pen pusher of H has got to say now; it may stop some of the "bumming" of the same H. During the month we have completed our week's Company March, and I think everybody enjoyed it as it was a welcome change from the usual routine. The first day out we marched to Bray (15 miles), second day to Newtown, Mount Kennedy (12 miles), third day back to Bray (12 miles), fourth day to Carrickmines (11 miles) and on the last day back to Barracks (11 miles). I must mention that we had fine sport whilst we were out, such as running, swimming and boxing, mingled with plenty of "Dusty Miller." I think the best day of the march was our third day out, staying on the estate of Mr. Cochrane. Our Captain, assisted by Mr. Cochrane, arranged a series of races, with prizes of Players, Woodbines, Chocolates and various other articles for the "Little Mary." The first race was about 200 yards, and this was won by Pte. Ferdinand, who grabbed the tin of biscuits before anyone else could see what had happened. The next was a three-legged race, won by Ptes. Thomas and Saunders. Great excitement prevailed when it was announced that the next item on the programme was the Old Soldiers' Race. About ten runners faced the starter, including our Captain and "Colour Bloke." The run was about 200 yards, with two corners to get round, and it was at the first corner that the "odds on" favourite went up in the air and came down with a "bang"; who did it remains a mystery, but cheer up Fuller, you must try to do better in "civi" life. The race was won by Corpl. Traill. There were several minor scrambles for Woodbines and chocolate, with no casualties, excepting Pte. Saunders, who went through the Captain's tent. The next thing that sent a thrill through the camp was the announcement that Mr. Cochrane had given us permission to use his splendid hall for a series of boxing contests. They were mostly friendly contests, with the exception of perhaps one fight, which was a fight to the bitter end between "Higgo" and "The Old Man." The scrap was the most scientific bout ever witnessed in Bray. The footwork was dazzling, especially "Higgo's" Turkey Trot, and the way he brought his right to work on "The Old Man's" face was nothing short of marvellous, but the "Old Man" got home a couple of splendid uppercuts, levelling up things a bit until he got a rasper up the "Darby Kelly" (which was well nourished by D.M.)

that made him gasp for more (D.M., I mean). It should be a lesson to him not to get "stuff" in other people's name. I might add that the above contest was also for the championship of the Sanitary Section. The other bouts were as follows: Pte. Brown beat Pte. Ferdinand on points; Pte. Addington (G) beat Mr. Vanderbuilt (A), who retired in the first round; Pte. Greenstreet (G) beat Pte. Goldsmith (G) on points after an extra round; Pte. Peters (G) beat Pte. Barnes (A) on points; Pte. Brackley (G) beat Lce.-Corporal Rogers on points. Darkey Hodson, the Ragtime slasher, beat Bonny Birdie after a slashing contest in the second round, and to finish a good day's sport Corpl. Traill knocked out Lce.-Corpl. Burrluck in half-a-minute. I might mention for the benefit of E Company that we beat B Company rather easily at cricket by 31 runs. We are now looking forward to Battalion Training. Hoping to give you another account from Wicklow.—I am,

A COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

B COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

I now endeavour to give you a few details of the Company's doings for last month. We are deeply sorry to announce the bright finish of Pte. Christe, as he was an all-round sportsman, and apart from that he had the honour of holding Company Shot. Really he made a splendid score, as he was on a stiff billet, and his time was so occupied that he had no chance to have any practice. Anyway he has gone with the best of luck from the busy bees, and they hope he will be successful in all his enterprises. I must now turn to the exciting chapter of this sermon.

On the 17th ultimo, we went on the five days' march. The route was very hilly, and the heat and flies were simply horrible. We had a pleasant surprise when we camped at Kippune. A generous gentleman left us a barrel of beer, and you can bet your boots than the bhoys did not hesitate when we heard the news that free beer was being thrown away. I am afraid I have taken up a lot of your valuable time. I close by remaining

B COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

D COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Just a few more notes on our Company's doings for the past month. We returned from Kilbride on the 3rd of June, but I am sorry to say we had a very few marksmen; we had about eight all told. No. 1 Section came out best in the Company. They had three marksmen. Well, after we got back we soon got used to Regimental duty again; there is plenty here. Our Company then proceeded on the five days' scourge, as it is known. It was quite a nice pic-nic. The country where we passed through, was simply beautiful; the weather kept nice and fine, except for one day. We proceed on Battalion Training on Friday, 27th inst., so next month I hope to be able to give you a good account of our doings. Corpl. Haughey has been fortunate in getting good employment in London. He has also been permitted to leave the service to take up his employment. We wish him every good luck and success, and everyone knows he will be always remembered as a good working and steady non-commissioned officer.

Now to a few words on sport. The League for the Battalion Cricket Shield has started, and I am sorry to have to announce that our Company went down badly against E, who had a very good team out. Our fellows played very well, even after the figures showed up that they were beaten. The weather was dead against our fellows, being very wet. We had to leave the field several times. Well, Mr. Editor, time is very pressing at present, so I must promise more next time.

D COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

E COMPANY.

Richmond Barracks, Dublin, June 24th, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

I will now endeavour to give you a brief account of the Company's doings for the month of June.

The Company has soon recovered lost ground in the Sporting World, and have replaced the departed trophy (Battalion Football Shield) by winning the Battalion Boxing Cup. This cup was awarded by the Commanding Officer for the Company who obtained the highest aggregate in a series of Boxing Competitions, held during the winter months, and at a recent meeting of the Battalion Sub-Committee, E Company was unanimously declared winner.

I might add for the information of those who are fond of rubbing it in, that this cup was won without the aid of spur or whip.

On 19th June we were down to play D Company in the First Round of the Battalion Cricket Shield.

This match was played on the Garrison Ground, Phœnix Park, and ended in a somewhat easy victory for E Company.

Appended is the result:—

D COMPANY.

Lce.-Corpl. Steele b Lander	0
Bandsman Cridland b Seale	3
Private Fawcett b Lander	0
Private Weatherell b Lander	1
Private Egan c Cain b Seale	0
Second Lieutenant Ogle b Lander	3
Lce.-Corpl. Smith stumped Eves b Seale	15
Private Crowhurst b Seale	12
Private Atkinson b Lander	4
Private Supple not out	0
Lce.-Corpl. Elkington b Seale	0
Extras	5
Total	43

E COMPANY.

Lce.-Corporal Seale c Elkington b Smith	72
Sergeant Lander b Steele	25
Second Lieutenant Ames c and b Steele	0
Lce.-Sergt. Lowry not out	8
Corporal Eves not out	8
Extras	7
Total	120

Sergeant Bishop, Lce.-Sergeant Stroud, Lce.-Corpl. Bull, Private Cain, Private Lloyd and Private Brown did not bat.

STOP PRESS NEWS.

E Company are drawn against F in the Semi-Final of the above competition. Date not yet fixed.

With reference to the last few lines of A Company's correspondence of this month, their attention is invited to result of our match with D Company, and, if studied carefully, might be BENEFICIAL to them.

WHAT WE KNOW AND THINGS WORTH KNOWING:—

That E Company still possess some 20 good cross country runners.

That H Company will NOT win the Battalion Cricket Shield, 1913.

That E Company are still in a trophy grabbing mood.

That if a win by 25 runs is an easy beating, a win by 77 runs and seven wickets must be a walk over.

That E Company handed over the Battalion Football Shield, Colonel Style's Cup and the Regimental Bowl last month, and we cryeth not.

E COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT

H COMPANY

Richmond Barracks, Dublin.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

Once again the time has come for a little information of the Company's doings for the past month.

I think last time we were amongst the Wicklow Mounts trying to beat Seely. I don't think Tommy of No. III. proved himself victorious, especially in the Corporals' Shoot, but I think after the flag has finished with him he (Tommy) can take up the duties of Musketry Instructor Corporal. I thought he was a fine man with a gun, seeing that E Company willed him over to us. Marmaduke of E don't think so now. On the 30th we started once more for Dublin for a short stay of ten days and then we had to go on the Company Marches.

On our first day of Company march we started off for Bray Head, a distance of 15 miles, and after a good swim in the pawny when we arrived there, we sat down to a good tea, which Gertie the Regimental Pet, proved herself, on a pound of bread and some fresh butter which had been provided by our flag.

The next day we marched to Greystones only a short distance, and most of the men indulged themselves in sport, such as cricket, football, quoits, boxing, and a kan-kan from a civilian friend of the Coffee Bar Tracker and What Hopes.

On the 3rd day we packed up once more to see a little more of the Emerald Isle, and arrived at a place called Roundwood, which was out in the wilds and bogs of the Wicklows.

Our next journey was for Bray Head again, and arriving there about 2 p.m. for another fine swim and also a good indulgment of sport, etc.

Then on our last day we marched back to Dublin; only for a short period, however, as we start on Battalion Training ten days later.

I must say that the Flag did not forget to provide a coffee bar, canteen, etc., for the troops' comfort on the march. I think I am justified in saying that the coffee was much better than last year, and not some of Miles' Equipment Powder as Muscles (late of H now residing at the Regimental Depot), gave the troops, or something to that effect. The manager of the canteen, etc., was our devoted friend Joey, otherwise known as the Chieftain of No. IV., assisted by Little Porkey of F Company.

Dear Editor, before I bring this to conclusion I must say a few words about the Cricket Shield.

On the 17th inst. we had to play F Company and we lost by a few runs. I am sorry to say I cannot give a longer account of this as I was absent from the game.

Trusting I have not taken up too much space I bring our programme to an end..

H COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

P.S.—The Flags Motto.—Push on and you are bound to prove successful and beat E.

G COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Having been appointed Company Correspondent (pro. tem.) I will do my best to give you an account of this month's doings. First and foremost let me tell you that the cup offered by the Battalion Rifle Club was won by G Company with the following team: Lieutenant Skipworth, Sergt. Crossley, Corpl. Burns, Ptes. Greenstreet, Wells, Eagleton and Edwards, who must be congratulated upon their good shooting.

We have just concluded a most interesting period of our training, viz., the Company March, from the 16th to the 21st of June. Whilst staying at Bray, we had a Boxing Competition, which served the double purpose of giving us a good evening's entertainment and bringing out a few of our dark horses, one of whom proved to be Pte. Greenstreet, who gained the verdict against Battling Goldsmith (no mean task!)

With boxing, running, cricket, etc., our spare time was spent very pleasantly, and everyone appeared to be very sorry to have to go back to Dublin (especially Corpl. Miller, who played the part of "Mine Host.")

We have lost two of our marksmen in Sergt. Crossley and Pte. Edwards, who have been transferred to D Company and The Depot respectively. We wish them both good luck.

G COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

2nd BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

SERGEANTS' MESS,

Peshawar,

April, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

In fulfilment of my promise, herewith a short account of the wedding of Quartermaster-Sergeant Harrison and Miss O'Dowd, which took place at St. John's Church, Peshawar, on March 26th, 1913.

Shortly before 2.30 p.m. the members of the Mess, together with their wives, and the members of the North Stafford and Royal Artillery Messes assembled at the Church to honour the wedding of a comrade. The bride was escorted to the church, and was given away by her cousin, while Sergeant Carrington acted as best man. I apologise to my lady readers for not describing the bride's wedding dress, suffice it that it was very nice After the ceremony was over, the bride and bridegroom left the church, the aisle of which was lined by the sergeants present, who formed an arch of swords for the happy couple to pass through. The carriage was drawn by six horses of the 86th (H) Battery, R.G.A., each ridden by a sergeant, and there were two outriders. While the bride and bridegoom went for a short drive, the guests adjorned to the reception room at the Masonic Hall, the Mall; the Hall was tastefully arranged, a feature of which was a side table on which the many and beautiful presents were laid out. There was an abundance of the good things of life, which were done ample justice to. After the wedding cake was cut it was handed round by the bride, who made a point of visiting every person in the room. The bride's cousin made a speech ending by asking us to drink the health of the happy couple which we did right heartily. The bridegroom replied with a short speech which was received with musical honours. It was altogether a brilliant function, admirably carried out, and I feel sure that the Messes of the 1st and 3rd Battalions, among whom the bridegroom has many old friends, will join their brothers in the 2nd Battalion in wishing long life and happiness to Q.M.S. and Mrs. Harrison.

During April, a picnic was arranged in conjunction with a visit to the shrine at Ali Musjid, some nine miles up the Khyber Pass. The Director of Transport was Q.M.S. Bellion, while Colour-Sergeant Walker and Schoolmaster Egan arranged the liquid part of the commissariat. The solid part was arranged by each little group of married and single members. We had a half-way house at Fort Jamrud for refreshments (liquid), and reached Ali Musjid about 12.30 p.m. There we had lunch, and it was amusing to see the ladies struggling with the "blow stoves" in the rather high wind. Beyond its historical association, there is little to commend the place. A walk down the Walworth Road on a Saturday evening would be much more pleasant. On the return journey a few couples found time to explore Fort Jamrud.

In the evening our monthly dance took place which, as usual, was a great success.

Our new friends the Royal Sussex have arrived. On arrival their sergeants and married families were entertained by the Mess, and a nice letter of appreciation was received from them. The following week they gave a whist drive and dance, which was very successful. The first prize was won by Mrs. Walker, and the gentleman's prize by Colour-Sergt. Walker.

Sergeant-Major Thorne, and Colour-Sergeants Elliott and Stevens have gone to the Shooting Shop at Changla Gali to qualify in musketry and the machine gun.

By the way, it will interest the Messes of the 1st and 3rd Battalions to hear that the one and only "ALGY" has blossomed forth as a descriptive vocalist, his efforts in this direction having recently met with huge success, especially from a pecuniary point of view. The Mess would like to know what young lady (if any) presented him with a bouquet at the last concert.

As Headquarters and four Companies are now at Cherat, and consequently the Mess here a small one, I am afraid that there will not be much Mess news this summer, as what between double duty, lack of news, and an aggressive campaign against our ancient enemies, the sandfly and mosquito, who have just concluded an offensive treaty against us, there won't be much time to write.

SERGEANTS' MESS CORRESPONDENT.

"QUEEN'S OWN" DRAMATIC CLUB

A Variety Concert was given by the above Club in the Regimental Theatre, Roberts' Lines, Peshawar, on April 24th.

Programme:—Overture, "Lauder's Hits," Band; Song, "We can sleep in Oxford Street," Private Harvey; Song, "A little bit of sugar," Private Fenwick; Song, "Because," Mr. Battye; Encore, "My moon;" Piccolo Duet, Sergeant Vickery, and L.-C. Maynard; Song, "What is the world without you," Corporal Stedman; Song, "We all go the same way home," Sergeant Russell. This was a very popular number, and deservedly so. During the song Sergeant Russell was handed by a member of the audience, a splendid bouquet composed of ground bulbs and fruit, and pot herbs tied with red tape, and several pecuniary gifts were also made. Duet, "The Rag Time Cow Boy Joe," Corporal Quinlan and Private Harvey; Encore, "Everybody's doing it;" Song, "Meet me to-night in dreamland," Private Pilkington; Mandoline Trio, "Lancashire Clogs," Sergeant Stammers, Corporal Ballard and Private Stammers accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Harrison; Song, "Leicester Square," Private Hehir; Encored; Selection, "Ragtime," Band; Recitation, "The Folkestone Murder," Private Heskett; Song, "I want to sing in Opera-ra-ra," Paddy Doyle; Encore, "The last, last pub." Private Fenwick here deputised for Mr. Gray, who was indisposed. He sang "My little patch behind;" Dance, "Dusky Dandy," Private Spalding (a very popular turn); Duet, "I,ll take you to the Rag-time Dance," Privates Dent and Hehir; Encore,

"Alexandra's Rag Time Band;" Song, "Hello, London," Mr. Battye; Song, "My old Gal," Private Londen; Song, "Beauties of the Guards," Corporal Quinlan and Private Harvey; Song, "Since Daddy's been taken away," Corporal Stedman.

The concert concluded with a clever exhibition of weight lifting by Musician Moir, assisted by Pvts. Doyle and Harvey who are still stiff and lucky they are not stiffer. Much praise is due to Mrs. Harrison for the able manner in which she officiated at the piano, and for the excellent manner in which she assisted the artistes to prepare their turns. The stage manager, Corporal Quinlan, is also to be congratulated.

The Dramatic Club is arranging a series of concerts to be held at Cherat and Peshawar during the ensuing hot weather, and they are also very anxious to swell their list of members. They are satisfied that the Battalion contains the necessary talent if members will only join and exploit it.

DRAMATIC CLUB CORRESPONDENT.

D COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENCE.

PESHAWAR,
APRIL, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Since my last report, we have finished our annual course of musketry, the average for this year being far superior than last year. Average for 1912, 103.3; 1913, 119.8. The result of musketry being 23 marksmen, 64 1st class, 17 2nd class, 3rd class, 1. We congratulate Colour-Sergt. Ellis on getting Company's shot with the score of 152.

CHERAT.

We have sent 32 N.C.O.'s and men to Cherat for the summer vacation, and are attached to G Company.

LEAVE.

Captain A. K. Grant, 60 days; 2nd-Lieut. P. F. Bell, three months.

Lieut. A. S. Bredon has taken over command and payment of the Company, whilst Captain A. K. Grant is on leave.

TROOPING SEASON, 1913-14.

The following N.C.O.'s and men are proceeding home during the forthcoming trooping season:—

Sergt. F. Bovis	8432	Pte. F. Burton	8486
Corpl. J. Quinlan*	8442	Pte. F. Bolton*	8581
Pte. C. Friedleben*	8407	Pte. F. Vincent	7659
Pte. S. Randall	8418	Pte. G. Cheeseman*?	8670
Pte. R. Heritage	8042	Pte. H. Woodhams	8561
Pte. C. Whitehead*	8396	Pte. A. Gravett	8428
Pte. W. Harris	8385	Pte. W. Wells	8508
Pte. H. Page*I	8565	Pte. C. Mercer	7413
Pte. W. Lawrence*I	8506	Pte. G. Phipps	8555
Pte. C. Johnson	8597	Pte. E. Nelson	8553
Pte. R. Hague	8548		

Those marked with a star are either Football or Hockey Players. — * denotes Regimental Hockey Player. I denotes Regimental Football Player.

Battalion Hockey League.—D 1 v. F 1.

Friendly hockey match.—D R.W.K. 5, v. D 1st R. Sussex 0. Scorers: Wheeler 3, Allen 2.

Battalion Football League.—D v. B, March 18th. Team—Ladd, Archer, Obee (captain), Newton, Lawrence, Lance-Corpl. Ravine, Langford, Colville, Corpl. Chalklin, Page and Batchelor. Referee: Captain Impey (1st Royal Sussex Regiment).

Obee won the toss and elected to have the sun behind us. There was fully 600 spectators present, as they anticipated a very good match, and their ambitions were rewarded. Roberts kicked off for B at 6 p.m., but our forwards interfered and some pasesing was seen between Page and Batchelor. We came very near to scoring, but B goalie saved. It now started to rain heavily, and their was plenty of midfield play, but evidently B got going, but Archer was there to stop them. Page received the ball and was going nicely when he was tripped, and it was seen that his ankle was hurt. Obee was trusted with the free kick, but it went out of play. From the throw in we had a shot at goal, which resulted in nothing. We had another turn wheen Langford beat all opposition and was in the act of scoring when one of our forwards robbed him and shot. B goalie saved in the nick of time, and had to give a corner to save his charge. Langford took the corner kick, which was put well to our forwards, but B backs cleared in fine style, but the ball was returned to B territory by a big kick by Obee. Page fastened on the ball, but as B half-backs knew he was injured, they had a go to rob him of it, but he had his wits about him, and passed it on to Batchelor, who put a sprint on, and passed it to Chalklin, who took a first time shot, but it went inches wide of the mark. From the goal kick B took possession and came within an ace of scoring but Archer cleared. They were not to be denied, Huggett got the ball and drove a hot shot at our goalie, but he saved with a hard punch. Our forwards seemed to be going well when Colville was offside. From the free kick B again got possession, but Newton interfered and robbed them. The ball was getting greasy and heavy on account of the rain. It was seen that Ravine hurt his arm when charging one of B forwards. Lawrence, our centre-half, had plenty of work to do, as he was practically left-half as well. By some tricky passing on our left wing, the ball was got to B citadel where Colville shot inches too high. Amid great excitement B kicked and for ten minutes we were pegged in our half—our defence seemed impregnable, and our goalkeeper seemed to be in excellent form, as shot after shot was rained in upon him, but he dealt with all of them. He had to save a rasper from Reynolds and gave a corner to clear, but nothing came of it, as Archer cleared. We altered our forward line, but it was no good. We could not score. B got possession, and from a good shot they had hard lines, as our goalie caught it and threw it out of play. B tried to claim a goal on the grounds he was over the line, but the referee thought different. We got going again when Chalklin had a good chance to score, but he put miles over the top. B got going again, but they could not score, as our defence was excellent. Time, 0—0.

COMMENTS ON THE GAME.

We had most of the play in the first half. B had most of it in the second, but owing to our defence being impregnable, they could not score. As we had five players injured in the second half, we have to put it down as we had no forwards to cope with B backs. We won the shield, and are one of the proudest Companies on getting it back, after losing it for one season. These are the following results for three seasons. Is this a record in the Regiment for a Company's team?

	1911.	Pts.	1912.	Pts.	1913.	Pts.
A	5—0	2	4—0	2	5—0	2
B	3—0	2	1—0	2	0—0	1
C	1—1	1	1—0	2	1—0	2
E	1—0	2	1—1	1	1—0	2
F	3—0	2	5—0	2	4—0	2
G	2—0	2	0—0	1	2—0	2
H	2—0	2	2—0	2	2—2	1
	17—1	13	14—1	12	15—2	12

	For.	Agst.
1911	17	1
1192	14	1
1913	15	2
	—	—
	46	4
	—	—

Goal Scorers for 1913:—

Corpl. Chalklin	4
Private Page	6
Private Obee	2
Private Colville	2
Private Batchelor	1
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	15
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D Company's Correspondent.

"B" COMPANY.

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

Cherat Hills,
N.W.F. India.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Once again we are in breezy Cherat, a welcome change from the heat Peshawar. The Company have been engaged since their arrival here in field training, being the first Company to indulge in this pastime at Cherat, so we have not had much time for sports. We are now about to test our skill at shooting by firing our annual course, and if the Company do as well as our team which was selected for the Battalion shooting meeting, there is no reason why we should not be the best shooting Company in the Battalion. Of course we hope that we shall be. I hope to be able to render you a favourable report in my next correspondence. The football and hockey matches in connection with the Cherat Hot Weather League, are now in full swing. The Company have entered teams for both football and hockey, and we are in hopes of winning both. B Company with A Company 1st Royal Sussex Regiment, opened the season with a football match. This match proved to be a hard one for both teams, the game being brought to a close without either team having scored. B Company have now discarded their original colours of black and amber, for green, and our teams seem to be going strong in their new colour.

EMPIRE DAY CELEBRATIONS.

Empire Day was observed here as a general holiday, sports, concert and a dance being arranged by the officers of the Garrison for the benefit and amusement of the troops of the Garrison. Among the various items on the sports progamme was a Relay Race, open to teams of eight men per company. B Company entered a team comprised mainly from one section, and proved easy winners, beating all comers in the Garrison. Another item was the Bucket Potato Race, in which competitors had to take potatoes from a bath of water with their hands tied behind them. Private Snashfold obtained second place.

MERE FRIVOLITY.

Heard Whilst on Musketry.

Instructor to Tx soldier: What is the line of departure?
Tx soldier: From Karachi to Southampton, Sergeant.

"WHAT DID HE MEAN?"

A short time ago a detachment was camped out for a week at Shamshuttu (N.W. Frontier), India, where bathing facilities are few. By the end of the first week one and all felt the need of a bath, the day the detachment marched back to Peshawar one budding Napoleon had the following heliogram sent to his wife, "Shall be back to-morrow; have a bath."

IN THE KITCHEN.

Mistress: I see that another soldier has called for you, Mary. I thought you had only one sweetheart.

Cook: Oh no, mum, two. You see one is a regular and the other's a reserve

B Company's Correspondent.

G COMPANY'S NOTES.

The Company has just come from doing the detachment duty at Fort Peshawar, and everybody has been hoping it is our last turn for duty at that hot bed of mosquitoes and flies.

The mosquitoes in barracks are bad enough, but in Fort Peshawar they are worse. In barracks the mosquitoes wear only hob nails in their boots, whereas in the Fort they wear running spikes. It is the happy feasting ground of the sandfly also, and these insects are so tenacious of purpose that it is no good using a net to keep them off, they simply rip the seams up and "cut and come again." They are so fond of the place, too, that they keep coming back, and there were several caravans of them—grown up, of course—in the caravan-carai just outside the Fort, loaded with skins and other sweet smelling articles, for their brethren inside the city and fort.

For all that the Company made a very pleasant stay of it, having a spring cleaning for a week in order to hand the place over decently to the detachment of the Royal Sussex, who relieved us.

We held a concert in the "Cofiba Theatre," Fort Peshawar, on Tuesday evening, under the management of Privates Mannerings and Johnson, and the chairmanship of Sergt. Rowlands. Programme:—Song, "A Big Black Moon," Pte. Brown; character sketch, "Types," Lance-Corpl. Barnard; song, "The Recruit," Lance-Corpl. Mussell; song and dance, "The Silver Bell," Pte. Beech; song, "Two Convicts," Pte. Hills; song, "Lady Fair," Pte. Ward; song, Pte. Fishenden; song, "The Tramway Car," Pte. Johnson; song, "Love and Gold," Corpl. Hunt; Knockabout Comedians, Ptes. Gilbert and Jury; song, "The Toreador," Pte. Jarvis.

Another concert was held on Thursday, the 24th. Programme:—Song, Lance-Corpl. Mussell; song, Sergt. Wright; impersonation characters, "I have met," Lance-Corpl. Barnard, "What"; sketch, "Silent Burglars"; song, Pte. Budgen, song, Pte. Johnson, song, Pte. Jordan (A Company.

During the first concert, Dmr. Smith gave a performance in "Hypnotism." Refreshments during both concerts by Water Works; Lighting by Oilman (Company); Scenery by Wall; Wigs by C. Oir.

The half Battalion composed of A, B, C, and G, leave for Cherat in two days, accompanied by the band and headquarters. The unfortunate correspondent will not be there, having to stay in the land of prickly heat and sandfly, for another summer. However, the Editor of the Q.O.G. is laughing. The Company will have to find another correspondent.

G Company's Correspondent.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

The Editor asks with thanks the receipt of the following subscriptions:—Mr. H. Jury to December, 1914; Colour-Sergt. Instructor Gurr to December, 1913.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s and men have been permitted to extend their services to complete twelve years with the colours: 8438 Sergt. F. Bovis, 8593 Lce.-Sergt. A. Wickenden, 8483 Lce.-Corpl. F. Dadds, 8988 Pte. L. Nicholls, 8546 Lce.-Corpl. H. Champion, 8050 Pte. D. Evans, 8385 Pte. A. Harris, 8377 Pte. J. Winnan, 8488 Pte. W. Brockman and 8039 Pte. J. Evans.

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Owing to cholera in Peshawar City, the City has been placed out of bounds till further orders.

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The following N.C.O.'s and men have been permitted to re-engage to complete 21 years with the colours: 6460 Corpl. J. Edwards, 5018 Pte. A. Wyatt and 6390 Pte. C. Taylor.

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No. 3412 Sergt. E. Soughton has been permitted to continue in the service beyond 21 years (auty, O.C. records, dated 27th April, 1913).

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The undermentioned are awarded Good Conduct Badges on dates as stated:—9583 Pte. J. Havers, 1st, dated 8th May, 1913; 8196 Pte. A. Tick, 2nd, 4th May, 1913; 9593 Pte. G. Watson, 1st, 16th May, 1913; 9591 Pte. H. Morley, 19th May, 1913; 6178 Lce.-Corpl. R. Falkner, 3rd, 18th May, 1913; 8182 Pte. D. Barnes, 2nd, 30th March, 1913; 8926 Pte. P. Broom, 2nd, 23rd May, 1913; 8963 Pte. S. Wilson, 2nd, 18th May, 1913; 6087 Pte. J. Wellard, 3rd, 12th May, 1913; 8961 Pte. T. Chater, 2nd, 4th May, 1913; 8960 Pte. F. Ladd, 2nd, 4th May, 1913; 8968 Pte. J. Shand, 2nd, 27th May, 1913; 8964 Pte. E. Shepherd, 2nd, 19th May, 1913; 883 Pte. G. Kennard, 2nd, 22nd January, 1913; 9344 Pte. F. Buckland, 1st, 23rd May, 1913; 9587 Pte. H. Betts, 1st, 19th May 1913; 9594 Pte. G. Warren, 1st, 15th May, 1913; 8965 Pte. H. Smith, 2nd, 22nd May, 1913; 6169 Pte. F. McKay, 3rd, 15th May, 1913; 8091 Pte. R. Airey, 2nd, 10th January, 1913; 9599 Pte. E. Melbourne, 1st, 24th May, 1913; 9584 Lce.-Corpl. S. Brooks, 1st, 2nd May, 1913; 8327 Lce.-Corpl. J. Burns, 2nd, 19th May, 1913; 9309 Pte. G. Crout, 1st, 7th March, 1913; 9595 Pte. E. Bramble, 1st, 25th May, 1913; 9597 Pte. C. Taylor, 1st, 25th May, 1913; 8259 Pte. C. Gardner, two, dated 2nd May, 1913; 9366 Pte. W. Jackson, one, 20th May, 1913; 9217 Pte. J. Bell, one, 13th May, 1913; 8483 Lce.-Corpl. F. Dadds, two, 26th April, 1913.

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8598 Lce.-Corpl. J. Payne has been awarded a first class certificate of education dated 26th March, 1913.

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9056 Lce.-Corpl. G. Reeves and 9465 Drummer C. Page passed in Group I. for First Class Certificate Education, dated 26th March, 1913.

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

The following officers were present at the Levee held by His Majesty on the 2nd June: Lieut.-Colonel Sir A. S. T. Griffith-Boscawen, Captain C. D. Barrow, Captain A. C. Beeman, Captain C. M. Allfrey, Captain and Hon. Major C. F. Hitchins, Captain F. H. H. Liebenrood, Lieutenant H. A. de F. Furber, Lieutenant J. S. N. Snelgrove, Lieutenant C. K. Anderson, Lieutenant A. L. Kent-Lemon, Second Lieutenant J. H. Whitehouse and Second Lieutenant H. M. Waddington.

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The undermentioned successful candidates at the Competitive Examination of Officers of the Special Reserve, etc., held in March last, to be Second Lieutenants, dated 24th May, 1913: Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire Regiment), Lieutenant Charles Montagu Hewlett, from 3rd Battalion, The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment); the York and Lancaster Regiment, Arthur Leslie Kent Lemon, from 3rd Battalion, the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).—London Gazette.

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No. 8345 Corporal A. Doe has qualified as Instructor in Army System of Physical Training, dated 20th May, 1913.

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3694 Sergt. A. Collins has been appointed paid Headquarter Recruiter at Maidstone.

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The annual training takes place at St. Martin's Plain, Shorncliffe, commencing on the 28th June. The Battalion will proceed to Maidstone for dismissal on the 23rd August on completion of training.

TERRITORIAL NOTES.

The generally excellent playing of the Band of the 4th Battalion The Queen's Own (R.W.K.) Regiment is a matter on which Mr. J. McGee, the Bandmaster, and every individual musician are entitled to congratulation. They performed admirably in the Brenchley Gardens on Wednesday evening, by kind permission of the officers—indeed, much of their work came as a pleasant surprise to those who had not closely followed the recent progress of the band. They invariably showed a good tone (well balanced and smooth), fine precision, a wide appreciation of the intelligent use of light and shade, and an artistic finish which was very pleasing—at any rate, the great concourse of people in the gardens (which, by the way, are splendidly kept, and reflect much credit upon those responsible), paid warm tributes to the efficiency of Mr. McGee and his instrumentalists. The constitution of the band is as follows: 10 clarinets, oboe, flute and piccolo, saxaphone, bassoon, four horns, five cornets, three trombones, euphonium, two baritones, three basses, string bass, bass drum, side drum, etc. The programme submitted on Wednesday evening was a very interesting one as will be seen from the following numbers: March, "Paree" (Bidgood); overture, "Light Cavalry" (Suppe); polonaise (Prince of Oldenburg); selection, "Carmen" (Bizet); mazurka, "La Gipsy" (Louis Ganne); valse, "Soldaten Lieder" (Gung'l); selection, "The Merry Widow" (Lehar); two-step, "Yip-i-addy-i-ay" (D. W. Cobb and J. H. Flynn); and the usual Regimental March and "The King." As an extra the band gave "The Rosary," the haunting solo being capitally taken by Corpl. H. Underdown on the cornet. This proved to be one of the most popular items in a thoroughly popular programme.—("Kent Messenger and Maidstone Telegraph.")

REGIMENTAL DINNER.

The Regimental Dinner was held at the Grand Hotel, Trafalgar Square, on Tuesday, June 17th. The following were present: — Major-General Sir Edmund Leach, K.C.B., Major-General Alderson, C.B., Brigadier-General Grove, C.B., Colonels Brock, Burt, Crosse, M.V.O., Dalison, Fitton, D.S.O., C.B., A.D.C., Harrison, Lowe, Martyn, Maunsell, Style, and Tweedie, D.S.O., Majors Pack-Beresford, Daniell, Woulfe Flanagan, Wood Martyn, Morse, Roche and Smith. Captains Beeching, Burbury, Montgomery Campbell, Dinwiddy, Buchanan-Dunlop, Elgood, Fanshawe, Kennedy, Lees, Long, Moody, Norman, Nunn, D.S.O., Lynch White, and Wilson. Lieutenants MacNeece, Newton, Bazley-White, Whitty and Yates. Sir Robert Bredon, Messrs. Dobson, Hudson, Gray and Forestier-Walker.

MUSICAL NOTES.

THE BROKEN MELODY.

Far be it from us to suggest that there is anything but real inspiration in a beautiful melody which crosses our mind—its music is too divine for that—we refer to that universally known piece "The Broken Melody." The masterly violoncellist, Mr. Van Biene, whose death occurred recently, composed the melody which runs through the play under rather peculiar circumstances. He was anxious to write a simple but haunting tune. It was near time for the production of the play, but after a dozen unsuccessful attempts he was still without the necessary music. He had been down to Brighton, and on his return journey, forgetful for the time being of the forthcoming production, he joined some friends in a game of whist. Suddenly, in the middle of the play, he seemed to hear a melody in his mind; it came back again and again. Giving up his seat to another man, he moved into a quiet corner of the carriage, jotted the strange air down on a sheet of paper from his pocket-book, and before the end of the journey "The Broken Melody" was an accomplished fact. Truly an inspiration—one which ran a great risk of being lost. Curiously enough, it was in Brighton that Mr. Van Biene's death occurred, during the performance of the play.—Yours truly,

SYMPHONY.

THE WASTREL.

CHAPTER I.

Out in India in his Majesty's service, far from all that was near and dear to him, was William Dodds, a soldier in the famous regiment of the —— Lancers. He was known as "The Wastrel" of the Regiment. Walking slowly towards the Barrack Room one day he was heard to mutter "I'm blowed if I ain't been and done it this time." Hearing this, a private of the same squadron as Dodds, placed his hand on his shoulder and exclaimed "Hullo Dodds? What's wrong now." "Nothing special, only run up before the old Colonel again," he answered. "Swelp me bob, you can't do a blessed thing, or have a bit of a spree without someone blowing the gaff about it." "Well, Dodds, it is of no use extending sympathy to you if you will continue to get drunk time after time," said the private. "So it serves you right." Shortly after this Dodds was to be seen between an escort, marching to the orderly room to appear before the Colonel. In spite of appearances and drunkenness Dodds was a good soldier; kind-hearted, impulsive and straightforward in all his actions; though often in trouble, it was through his craving for drink. A few days previous to this present charge he had taken too much and reviled his comrades, and wanted to fight Corporal James, which ended in Dodds being confined for the night in that not over-pleasant place, the Guard Room. There was one with the Regiment who looked up to Dodds as a friend. This was the Colonel's daughter, Miss Dolly; though only eight years of age she had great regards for the Regiment's Wastrel. As the party marched to the orderly room the pretty little girl met it and seeing her friend again in trouble gave the Corpl. in charge a troubled look at the same time, exclaiming "Hello, Mister Dodds. Dodds knew it was against the rules to speak to her in return whilst under escort, but could not help himself, answered "Hello, Miss Dolly." Scarcely had he spoken than the Corporal in charge thundered out "Silence there! Eyes front." "All right, Corporal," answered Dodds, "don't get ratty." "Will you be quiet," said the Corporal in his rage. "Well, can't a fellow speak to his best friend," said Dodds. The party halted at the Orderly Room. Dodds then heard the familiar voice of the Sergeant-Major. "Cap Off! Right Wheel! Quick March!" I'm in for it now," murmured Dodds. "Well, anyway it is not of much use to care now." "Private Dodds," began the Colonel, "you are charged with being drunk and disorderly in town." The trial proceeded in the usual way; Dodds was found guilty. "Private Dodd," said the Colonel, "I am sorry to have to punish you, but duty calls upon me to do so. You are a good soldier and a brave fellow, but i cannot overlook this offence, however. I will deal leniently with you. You will be fined 7s. 6d. and confined to barracks for seven days." So Dodds was released. On leaving the Orderly Room he was heard to exclaim "The old man's a toff; only seven blooming days. Well, I'm blowed," said Dodds, greatly excited at his lucky escape, having fully expected to have been sent to prison. "I will take this as a lesson and in the future I will let the drink alone."

CHAPTER II.

Dodds did his seven days cheerfully, and seemed a changed man. Coming off parade one day, one of his old drinking chums, Dodger Green by name, spoke to a crowd of fellow privates. "Listen to this all of you, Old Dodds has gone on the tack. "Garn, who are you kidding of," they shouted. "It's a fact, boys, he's in love, that's what it is," spoke Dodger Green. In spite of a lot of chaffing, nothing seemed to turn Dodd to beer again; indeed, it seemed as if he was a reformed man. The Regiment had just returned from manœuvres and it was then that Dodd broke out again. Instead of being on parade, Dodd was missing. On a search for him being made he was found helplessly drunk, lying in the Colonel's garden, with the Colonel's little daughter bending over him. As soon as she caught sight of the search party, she ran to them, crying "Mister Dodd is dead. Mister Dodd is dead. Do help me." "All right, Missy," said Sergeant Drummond, who was in charge, and she saw him carried away as she thought to the hospital, but in reality he was being taken to the Guard Room. It was of no use, as much as the Colonel regretted it, he had to give Dodd a Court Martial, and the poor fellow was kept in the Guard Room to await his trial. "Old Dodds has done it this time, it is a sure 56 days for him," agreed all his chums. "Serve him right," said Dodger Green; this was his comrades' sympathy. In the gloomy Guard Room, Dodds was bemoaning his fate. "Blowed if I ain't a d——d fool. Well I can't help it. I have tried hard, but I must have drink," he said.

CHAPTER III.

The Colonel was troubled; his little daughter was ill. She tossed about in her little cot in the throes of fever. It caused him pain to see his only child suffering so much, but more so to hear her constantly asking for Mr. Dodd, who by his orders was awaiting a Court-Martial. The Doctor came and gave the little one up as an hopeless case. Again and again she cried in a feeble voice "Mister Dodd. Bring Mister Dodd." "Who is this fellow?" asked the doctor of the Colonel. The Colonel looked worried and replied: "The Wastrel of the Regiment; yet he simply adores my little daughter." "Well, things are serious, and it would do the child more good than all the medicines I could give her, if he could be brought here," answered the doctor. "Impossible, the fellow is in the Guard Room waiting for a Court Martial," replied the Colonel. The Doctor thought awhile and said "If this man cannot be brought here I cannot answer to you for your child's life." The poor old Colonel paused, love struggled with duty. "My child dying," he muttered; "God help me." Turning to the doctor, he said "This man shall be brought to my darling." He rang his bell, which was quickly answered by a servant, to whom he said "Tell Lieut. Vincent to give orders that Private Dodd is to be brought here as soon as possible." "Very good, sir," answered the servant. Dodd soon appeared under escort. "You may dismiss the escort and leave him in my charge, sergeant," said the Colonel. "Dodd," said the Colonel, when the escort had gone. "I am an elderly man with an only daughter who is dying." "Dying, sir," said Dodd, with tears in his eyes. "Yes, and you alone have the power to save her." "God bless her, sir, I would do anything for Miss Dolly that she wishes. In the regiment, sir, I may be a bad character and a waster, but I give you my word of honour; after this I will turn over a new leaf." The Colonel grasped his hand and led him to the sick chamber. As the door was opened Dodd could hear the little one faintly muttering "Mister Dodd, Mister Dodd." He turned ghastly pale and for four days and nights he nursed his little friend. On one occasion he was found telling her a fairy tale; another time he was caught marching up and down the room with the child in his arms singing to her "Cock-o-Doodle." Slowly his charge got better and there were signs again of those once rosy cheeks. Dodds thanked God that he had been able to be of such service, he signed the pledge. The Colonel thanked the reformed Private, and was successful in hushing up the Court Martial. All seemed to be well, and matters were going smoothly with Dodd until an accident happened which robbed Miss Dolly of her friend and the Regiment of its "Wastrel."

CHAPTER IV.

The Regiment was on Troop Drill. Up and down the drill field thundered the horses. Dodd who had been on some regimental duty was looking on; he was also watching the Colonel's daughter who was chasing a butterfly in one corner of the field. The child's play pleased him and his face was wreathed in smiles as he watched her. As the child turned to cross the field, the Regiment received the order to "Charge." Dodd seeing the child's danger shouted to her to stop, but she continued to run towards him; alas, she tripped and fell. Dodd ran towards the motionless form just as the horses came dashing on; too late, there was no time to get out of their way; he at once threw himself across the prostrate form of his little friend. Men shouted, but the horses were on him and passed. The Colonel was horror-stricken; he at once dashed to where the two inert forms lay, and despatched a rider for a doctor, nervously taking his daughter into his arms, expecting to find that she was dead, but on finding she was unhurt, his head soon bent in silent prayer of thanks to God that she had been spared to him. On the doctor's arrival, his attention was at once drawn to Dodd. Scarcely had he looked at him, than he said "Hats off, gentlemen, Dodd is dying." "I am——sorry——sir,——I've tried——to——keep straight," the brave fellow said with a struggle. Tears dimmed the Colonel's eyes. "Cannot anything be done for him," he asked. "Nothing, answered the doctor. "Good-bye——sir——everything——seems——dark," faintly whispered Dodd, and his head fell back, blood rushed from his mouth. "He has gone," said the doctor, "God rest his soul." "Amen," muttered the Colonel. Dodd was buried with full military honours. On his grave may be seen a tombstone erected by the Colonel on behalf of Miss Dolly. "Never during my life will I forget the 'hero' who in life was known as The Wastrel of the Regiment,," said the Colonel. "My child was saved; yes, but another's life was sacrificed. Poor old Dodd. Perhaps it was for the best. God's will be done."

BIRTHS.

At Peshawar, on the 9th May, 1913, the wife of 7969 Sergeant E. Bough, of a son, "Thomas Edward."

At Maidstone, on the 1st April, 1913, the wife of 7303 Drummer A. Sweeney, of a son, "Alfred Terence."

At Maidstone, on the 1st December, 1912, the wife of Bandmaster McGee, 4th Battalion (Pensioner Sergeant P.S. 3rd Battalion and 1st Battalion the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment), of a son, "Ronald Arthur."

MARRIAGES.

At St. Paul's, Maidstone, on the 7th June, 1913, 5872 Sergeant W. Hannan to Laura Baker.

At Plumstead, on the 8th June, 1913, 8944 Private H. Johnston to Susan Ellen Hannant.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

1st BATTALION.

LANCE-CORPORALS PROMOTED CORPORALS.—9401 E. Marslin, dated 17th June, 1913; 9561 A. Smith, dated 28th June, 1913.

PRIVATE APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORAL.—8837 F. King, dated July 22nd, 1913.

2ND BATTALION.

LANCE-CORPORALS PROMOTED CORPORALS.—7680 A. Clear, dated 1st April, 1913.

APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS.—9206 T. Saunders, dated 13th May, 1913; 10163 J. Funnel, dated 30th May, 1913.

APPOINTED MUSICIAN.—8782 Private E. Newton, dated 26th April, 1913.

APPOINTED DRUMMERS.—8336 Private H. Jealy, dated 16th June, 1913; 8997 Private R. Smith, dated 26th May, 1913.

3RD BATTALION (Special Reserve N.C.O.'S.)

CORPORALS PROMOTED SERGEANTS.—4451 W. Piller, 6200 S. Young, 1873 C. Robinson, 3321 J. Holden, 8296 L. Jarrett, 6323 A. Pohl, 2976 W. Hall, 7519 A. Knevett, and 4177 A. Mills all dated 28th July, 1913.

LANCE-CORPORALS PROMOTED CORPORALS.—2271 J. Marvin, 6511 J. Edwards, 8311 R. McGrath, 5521 J. Jeffree, 8062 J. Smith, 7949 T. Fulford, 6871 C. Stevens, 4730 E. Boddington, 7887 A. Seymour, 4546 F. Bartholomew, 2522 W. Gould.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS.—4623 F. Booker, 8686 W. Cheshire, 7271 F. Brice, 8675 P. White, 6806 W. Bresnaham, 7608 W. Packer, 8450 Private T. Whiffin, 3601 G. Greig, dated 28th July, 1913.

THE LAND-MARKS OF TIME.

AUGUST.

1st.—46th Brigade Depot formed at Maidstone, 1874.
6th.—New Colours presented to 1st Battalion by the Marchioness Camden, at Dover, 1909.
8th.—New Colours presented to the 50th Regiment by H.R.H. Duke of Clarence, at Southsea, 1827.
9th.—The Militia Battalion became Special Reserve, 1908.
17th.—Action at Landakai, 1897.
21st.—Battle of VIMIERA, 1808.
23rd.—H.R.H. Duke of Connaught appointed Colonel of 3rd and 4th Battalions, 1884.
29th.—Sir Charles Napier died, 1853.
31st.—50th Regiment received the title of "West Kent," 1782.

THE EDITOR'S COLUMN OF REMARKS.

With this number we publish the last of our series of pictures from Mr. Milne's drawings, and we must once more express our thanks to the Royal United Service Institution for permission to do so. The picture represents an officer of the Light Company saluting as he marches past. As to the colours, the coat is red and the overalls white.

This letter recently appeared in the "Army and Navy Gazette":—

THE FINAL ATTACK ON THE REDAN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "ARMY AND NAVY GAZETTE."

Sir,—I am wondering if there is any means of ascertaining whether there exist any survivors of the Ladder party, who led the final attack on the Redan in the Crimea on September 8th, 1855. The Buffs and 97th Regiment were the two regiments from which the Ladder party was drawn. I think it would be a matter of some interest to know.

J. E. D. HILL, C.M.G.

United Service Club, S.W.

[The writer, Major-Gen. J. E. D. Hill, who served as a lieutenant with the 97th Regiment on the occasion, is the only survivor that we know of.—ED., A. and N.G.]

Above is the crest of the 1st (Canterbury) Regiment of New Zealand, which was allied to The Queen's Own some short time ago. We hope that this crest will often appear in future numbers and, below it, accounts of the doings of our comrades in the Dominion.

The description of the crest is, "A White Crane, flanked by fern fronds and surmounted by a Crown." The Maori motto means, "Fight on, Fight on, Be Brave," and is pronounced, "Arkey Arkey Keear Karhar," the "r" in each case being pronounced hard, the first three words crisp and sharp, and the last word rather drawn out.

The Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment is His Majesty the King, and the headquarters are at Christchurch. The

Regiment has the Battle Honour, "South Africa, 1902." Lt.-Col. Hon. G. J. Smith commands, with Major J. Murphy as Senior Major. Captain W. C. Finnis (N.Z. Staff Corps) is the Adjutant, and Hon. Major H. S. Batchelor the Quartermaster.

The establishment is 1 Lieut.-Colonel, 4 Majors, 7 Captains, 10 Lieutenants, and 10 Second-Lieutenants, in addition to the Adjutant, Quartermaster, and the Bandmaster (who is a Lieutenant). There is a medical officer attached, and also some chaplains.

The Regiment was first formed from various Volunteer Companies in 1885 under the designation of the 1st North Canterbury Rifle Battalion and was commanded by Lieut.-Colonel R. G. D. Toswill (late Captain, H.M. 99th Regt.)

In 1910 the amalgamation of the 1st and 2nd Battalions took place, the Commanding Officer being Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. G. J. Smith.

In 1911 the Territorial system being established in New Zealand, the present organisation came into being, the title being changed to 1st (Canterbury) Regiment.

In March, 1912, His Majesty was graciously pleased to become Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, of which the Regiment was justly proud as its reputation in the Dominion has always been that of the leading Volunteer unit.

The records of the Regiment show that men volunteered for service in China, Samoa, and South Africa. These men were only accepted in the latter case when over 100 men served as members of the various N.Z. contingents.

The Adjutant of the Regiment has kindly sent us a cap badge, and collar badges. The cap badge is exactly the same as the crest above and is of bronze, except the crane which is of white metal. The collar badges consist of a rather larger white crane with a scroll beneath (the title of the Regiment in bronze, and the motto in white metal).

A REGIMENTAL POET LAUREATE.

Our heartiest congratulations to the newly-appointed Poet Laureate of England. We do not insert this because we consider it a matter of Regimental interest, or because we have any personal acquaintance with the gentleman, but because we consider that he now occupies a much-maligned post that should be encouraged. Personally, we should like to see the idea extended and a Poet Laureate (designated the "Sergeant-Master-Poet") installed in every Battalion. If the duties were carefully laid down and carried out, such an appointment would be the origin of yet another of those picturesque customs (such as guard-mounting and coal-fatigue) that add so much to the amenities of Army life.

As to the general run of those duties, we throw out the following suggestions as a mere out-line. As soon as the Adjutant had completed the Battalion Orders for the day he would send for the Sergeant-Master-Poet. This suggested functionary would then put the Orders into verse. At an appointed hour in the evening he would declaim the Orders in public to the assembled Battalion. Just think of the scene! A square space reserved in the centre of the parade ground. On one side of the Colonel seated in a comfortable chair, such as the Government alone knows how to provide. At his right hand the Adjutant in a position of restful energy, awaiting to obey the least command of the Colonel. At the Adjutant's right hand the Sergt.-Major, awaiting to obey the least command of the Adjutant. At the Sergt.-Major's right hand the Orderly Sergeants, awaiting . . . but, enough! All around the remainder of the Battalion, their eyes dimmed by the hard work of the day gone by, but glistening afresh as they hear of the work that awaits them on the morrow. In the centre the Sergeant-Master-Poet, telling in well-rounded phrases of the glories of the past, of the present, and of the future.

If the weather was wet, the Colonel, Adjutant, Sergeant-Major, etc., might, of course, be compelled by duty to be elsewhere. In that case, the defaulters would be ordered to attend and, to balance the scales of justice, the remainder of their punishment would be remitted.

We would ornament the Sergeant-Master-Poet with a special badge of his own, a crossed stylographic pen and lyre, and in case he should be absent at any time through furlough or sickness (or guard-room) we would give him an under-study, known as the "Lance-Rhymster." On ceremonial parades the Sergeant-Master-Poet would be decorated with ribbons of the regimental colours and led at the head of the Battalion by the Sergeant-Drummer. It would, of course, be a point of honour with him never to assume the correct position of a soldier or keep in step.

We are not ourselves candidates for the post, but we submit the following as a guide to what we should expect:

PART I.

834. Routine.

When next the loud Reveille sounds,
The Officer for duty,
Shall be our trusty Subaltern,
Lieutenant MacArooty;
And as, for all his gentle mien,
He is so cute and wary,
Young Mr. Noggs shall go with him
As Supernumerary.

(Note.—Those nearest would at this point shake hands with Lieuts. MacArooty and Noggs).

835. Congratulatory Order.

The Gen'ral, God bless him! Hooray! Hooray!
Was pleased with our efforts of yesterday;
He said that he liked the way we train;
And the Colonel hopes he will say it again.

(Note.—The Colonel would rise and say in a loud firm voice, "I concur.")

836. Court of Inquiry.

Go, fetch the Senior Major's sword, the bottle fill with ink,
Go, summon Captain Theobald, and call Lieutenant Spink.
At 10 a.m. on Monday next, they shall with care inquire
How Private Snifkins spoilt his boots in treading out a fire.

(Note.—The Officers named would rise, and the senior, on their behalf, would shortly express their appreciation of the trust reposed in them).

837. Inspection of Barrack Utensils.

On Tuesday morn, at 9 o'clock, with note book in his hand,
The Quartermaster will go round, commencing with the Band;
He'll count the boxes, tins, and brooms, and "brushes, scrubbing" too;
So don't sneak other people's things, whatever else you do.

(Note.—The last line being obviously humorous, the Orderly Sergeants would simultaneously clap their hands and laugh, taking their time from the Senior).

PART II.

897. Promotion.

Lance-Sergeant Jenkins, of the Band,
Who piccoloes so loud,
A full-blown Sergeant now shall be,
And won't his Dad be proud.

(Note).—The applause here would be entirely unrestricted).

988. Proficiency Pay.

Oh! what has Private Noodle done that he is not efficient?
And why can he not more receive the Pay that is Proficient?
The score he made upon the Range was such a tiny trifle,
He cannot draw his pay because he cannot use his rifle.

(Note.—Momentarily a gloomy silence. The Company Commander would then rise and say, "Noodle, lad, you have disappointed me, but I forgive you.")

988. Admission to Hospital.

Poor Colour-Sergeant James McBride
Has got a pain in his inside;
In Hospital he's got to lie,
For no one wants our Jim to die.

(Note.—Same procedure as for Order 837 of Part I., but for "clap their hands and laugh" substitute "sigh.")

990. Strength.

Oh! Private Nibb, the time has come when you can serve no more;
Your Rifle and your Bayonet must be returned to Store;
The years you've spent within our ranks amount to honoured length,
But, from to-day, with much regret, we strike you off the strength.

(Note.—The whole assembly would here join hands and sing "Auld Lang Syne.")

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

The past month has provided us with plenty of hard work and exercise, but little enough out of which to manufacture correspondence to the "Q.O.G." The three weeks of Battalion Training we spent at Wicklow, and those who have any experience of Ireland and its climate considered the weather wonderfully fine throughout.

Last year we considered ourselves exceptionally fortunate in our camp at Dooleystoun, by the river Boyne, but this year we went one better, for the bathing, though not quite so convenient, had all the advantages of salt water over fresh, and we were quite free from the mist which used to make one's scanty clothing dripping during the night.

The scenery was glorious, so fine indeed as to surprise one into an appreciative grunt on the line of march, than which there can surely be no higher approval, while the foliage on the roadside with the foxgloves and honeysuckle won almost universal admiration.

It goes without saying by this time that we did not suffer from a dearth of inspections by General Officers. General Capper saw us repeatedly and we were also visited by the Inspector General of the Home Forces, Sir Charles Douglas, and by the Divisional Commander, Sir Charles Ferguson.

The long march back of 34 miles the Battalion accomplished in the most spirited fashion, not a man falling out. We left at 4 p.m. and arrived at 11 a.m. the next day, making a six hours' halt at a bivouac in Kilmacanogue.

On June 23rd and 26th the Brigadier General inspected the Battalion in barracks and crossing the Liffey respectively. At the former he presented Pte. Thoms with his medal for long service and good conduct. He expressed very warmly his satisfaction at what he had seen, and also his pride and pleasure in having the Battalion in the Brigade under his command for another year.

"B" COMPANY.

1st Batt. R.W. Kent Regt.,
Richmond Barracks,
Dublin.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I will now endeavour to the best of my ability to give you an account of the Company's doings during the past month. It seems the men found the country round about Wicklow a bit too bumpy for them, and I don't doubt it, for with the heat of the sun, and the bad roads combined, made the training a fairly hard one. The 14th inst. saw the training over, and we prepared for our long march back to Dublin, on the 15th. We started at 4 p.m, and at about 10.30 p. m. we halted at Kilmacanogue for a few hours rest. We took to the road again at 4.30 the following morning, reaching barracks about 11 o'clock, and whilst marching through Dublin we were inspected by Brigadier-General Capper, who commented on the general fitness and exceptionally good march discipline of the men. Before I close I wish to state that the Company heartily congratulate Corporal Marslin on his promotion, also Lance-Corporal King, on his appointment, and wish them every success. Hoping I am not taking up too much of your valuable time and space, I will conclude,

Remaining,
B Company's Correspondent.

July 27th, 1913.

D COMPANY.

Dublin,
28th, July, 1913.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Having been appointed Company Correspondent, I will endeavour to give you a brief account of our doings during the past month. A fortnight has passed since we returned from Battalion Training, and I must say we had a good time at Wicklow. We are all very thankful that the weather kept fine and fairly warm, in fact so warm that we were pleased to indulge in bathing in the pawny, which was very refreshing after a good scourge. Now a bit about the G.O.C's inspection, which has caused a great amount of shake and excitement. On the 24th we were inspected by the General in Review Order, and then companies were called upon for inspection in different items. D Company was required to shew kit, but no one was caught napping and I think he was well pleased with what he saw. The 26th found us at Long Meadow, where we had to cross the Liffey. It was almost 5 p.m. when we reached barracks, but I know everyone was thankful that we had finished, especially when we heard that we were having a day's holiday in appreciation of our good work. Everyone is now looking forward to our Regimental Sports on August 6th, when we hope to carry off a few prizes, and now the Company is bucking up in sports, I think we shall do fairly well. Anyhow, I must tell you about this in our next issue. I am sure everyone will join me in congratulaions to Cpl. Smith who has recently been promoted to that rank. Now, Mr. Editor, I think I have told you all this time, so I will close, remaining

D Company's Correspondent.

H COMPANY.

Richmond Barracks,
Dublin.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

O what have "E" done with that cricket shield? I am getting a little too fast. I must start at the beginning and not at the end.

We have finished Battalion training after an enjoyable time by the seaside. On the 26th we left Dublin and marched to Kilmancanogue, a distance of 18 miles, and the next day we started for Wicklow and reached our destination about 5 p.m. The next day, being Sunday, we had a little rest, which the men appreciated by basking in the sun (take them for Indian Wallahs). I cannot give you every day's detail of work we had to do, but it was rather hard, and we got through with it with a good name.

I must not forget to mention Tommy, of No. III., who can have a say about transferring to another company, as the Electric Man had to be admitted to hospital (no fault of his own), and as Tommy says, which is perfectly true, "It is no use being able to use a rifle if you cannot march to the enemy's camp."

As for "Gertie," she kept the pace going strong; and as for "Little General," he stuck it like a brick.

Now the "Coffee Bar Tracker" (Cook Seaman) kept the boys alive on the march, also mucking in with the Chieftain and his lions, and giving them a new march past entitled "Eiho," etc. Fly Fermor had to have a laugh at this, especially when Seaman formed his drummers for retreat, assisted by the old Seadog, formally a N.C.O., who retired on half-pay list.

Now "Monto" must have a little say, as he suggested a good menu for the Company's meals, and "Little William," who made the "char," which was A1, we must not forget.

I am pleased to say Pte. Thom was awarded the Long Service Medal, which was presented to him by the Brigadier General; also he was given a great honour, standing at the saluting base while the Battalion marched past in review order, and I hope the recruits will take an example from this and some of the old soldiers.

I really cannot leave our old friends alone, because they were so certain of the Battalion Cricket Shield and only made 39 runs. Oh! what a catastrophy. I think "F" Company are still batting and scoring. Well, Mr. Editor I must bring this to a close.

H COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

Good Conduct Badges have been awarded as follows: 9613 Boy F. Golding, one badge, 31st May, 1913; 8752 Pte. S. Newson, one badge, 29th December, 1912; 6234 Pte. H. Christie, second badge, 1st May, 1913; 9600 Pte. G. Free, one badge, 6th June, 1913; 9607 Lce.-Corpl. N. Catchpole, one badge, 15th June, 1913; 6906 Lce.-Corpl. F. Foster, one badge, 15th June, 1913; 9617 Pte. E. Chapman, one badge, 19th June, 1913; and 9264 Pte. E. Roots, 18th June, 1913.

The undermentioned qualified as First Class Machine Gunners: 8674 Lce.-Sergt. W. File, 8584 Lce.-Corpl. S. Judd, 9071 Lce.-Corpl. H. Cooper, 9700 Pte. W. Potter, 8347 Pte. J. Davidson, 9794 Pte. W. Wood, 9754 Pte. W. Jones, 9685 Pte. G. Forbes and 8498 Pte. F. Ednett.

Lance-Corporals 9545 W. Grimley, 9659 D. O'Donoghue, 9838 S. Gray, 8186 Drummer R. Smith and 9720 Pte. J. Edwards have been posted to the Third Battalion for a tour of duty.

No. 8864 Pte. A. Denton has been transferred to the Military Foot Police, dated 20th June, 1913.

The undermentioned have been discharged at their own request after 12 years' service: 4525 Sergt. D. Pelling, 16th June, 1913; 4345 Pte. W. Castle, 31st May, 1913; and 4108 Pte. H. Marchant, 16th June, 1913; discharged on completion of 12 years: 6222 Lce.-Corpl. J. Gilbert and 6223 Pte. W. Brown, 11th June, 1913.

Colour-Sergt. W. Collins has been posted to the Kent Cyclist Battalion at Folkestone for temporary duty from 5th June, 1913.

Lieutenant W. MacNeece and 9049 Corpl. H. Burne have qualified to instruct in the Marindin Range Finder at Hythe, dated 19th June, 1913.

The undermentioned Lce.-Corporals passed the examination for promotion to the rank of Corporal, on the 7th June, 1913: 7601 H. Sinnett, 9659 D. O'Donoghue, 9838 S. Gray, 8816 M. Bellion, 9651 A. Smith, 9228 G. Stedman, 9229 W. Seale, 9566 T. Stoakes, 9156 T. Hymers, 7647 S. Stone and 9671 G. Duffield.

7831 Pte. A. Royle has been permitted to transfer to the Army Reserve before the expiration of his colour service, dated 19th June, 1913.

Permitted to extend their services to complete twelve years with the Colours: 9771 Pte. S. Supple, 9657 Pte. F. Capon, 8498 Pte. E. Edmett.

Discharged on completion of 12 years:—6221 Pte. F. Kelly, dated 4th July, 1913; at his own request, after 18 years, 4063 Pte. W. Merroney, dated 1st July, 1913; 6228 Pte. H. Bishop, on completion of 12 years, dated 14th July, 1913; 6234 Pte. H. Christie, on completion of 12 years, dated 23rd July, 1913.

The following N.C.O.'s have been transferred to the Army Reserve:—7982 Lce.-Corpl. G. Johnson, dated 4th July, 1913; 8822 Pte. A. Stokes, dated 18th July, 1913.

No. 10020 Pte. E. Lepper has been transferred to the R.G.A., Sheerness, from 23rd July, 1913.

2nd BATTALION NOTES.

Major C. E. Kitson passed in Part I. tactical fitness for Command. Divisional Orders, dated Pashawar, 17th June, 1913.

Lieut A. R. Searight passed an examination in the Baluchi Tanguage (Lowest Standard) on the 7/4/13.

Lieut. J. K. Kay has passed the transport class, but has yet to perform the march in charge of Government transport before certificate is granted.

The undermentioned passed an examination in Pushtu Language (Elementary Standard) on the 2nd and 3rd July, 1913 (Authy. Bde. Order No. 251, dated 8/7/13):—2nd Lieuts. O.G.R. Barnes, N. B. Howell, J. E. G. Brown, V. S. Clarke, B. H. Bonham-Carter, 6472 Bd.-Mr. T. McKelvey, (A Company), 9414 Corpl. E. Bamblett (B Company), 8746 Pte. W. Herbert (F Company).

6513 Sergeant G. Homan has re-engaged for the Royal West Kent Regt. at Cherat, on 9/7/13, for such time as shall complete 21 years with the colors.

The undermentioned N.C.O. and men have been permitted to extend their services to complete 12 years with the colours:—8668 Lance-Corpl. J. Lane, 8336 Drummer Jeal, 8997 Drummer R. Smith.

9398 Pte. T. Cheeseman has been transferred to the Royal Berkshire Regiment, from 1st July, 1913.

9372 Pte. J. McKelvey has passed in all subjects for a first-class Certificate of Education, with the exception of history (a) and (b).

8313 Corpl. B. Cramp, 8817 Lance-Corpl. J. Huggett, and 8546 Lance-Corpl. H. Champion have passed examination in Physical Training, dated 28th February, 1913. They have been awarded certificates accordingly.

9342 Lance-Corpl. T. Masters, 9505 Pte. C. Baker, 9450 Pte. W. Charman, and 9386 Pte. H. Cole have been awarded Transport Training Certificates, dated 20th June, 1913.

5251 Corpl. J. Dormand has been placed supernumery to the establishment of the Battalion, from 15th April, 1911 (Authy. Supt. A.C. Factory, Alipore).

The undermentioned are granted G C. Badges on dates as stated :— 8585 Pte. G. Allen. 2nd, dated 3rd May, 1913 ; 9320 Pte. A. Springate, 1st, dated 7th June, 1913 ; 9074 Pte. S. Seddon, 1st, dated 2nd June, 1913 ; 9549 Pte. A. Ward, 1st, dated 9th June, 1913 ; 9409 Pte. W. Crook, 1st, 3rd July, 1913 ; 9338 Pte. W. Sheppard, 1st, 7th June, 1913 : 8565 Pte. H. Page, 2nd, dated 25th June, 1913 ; 8355 Pte. G. Langford, 2nd, dated 6th June, 1913 ; 8353 Pte. J. Packham, 2nd, dated 11th June, 1913 ; 9630 Pte. T. Payne, 1st, dated 28th June, 1913 ; 9956 Pte. A. Worth, 1st, dated 24th June, 1913 ; 8018 Pte. A. Wyatt, 2nd, dated 6th May, 1913 ; 9632 Pte. A. Thomson, 1st, dated 29th June, 1913 ; 9610 Pte. A. Post, 1st, 19th June, 1913 ; 8541 A. Gilbert, 2nd, dated 13th June, 1912 ; 8985 Pte. W. Amess, 2nd, dated 27th June, 1913 ; 8984 Pte. G. Dabner, 2nd, dated 27th June, 1913 ; 9392 Pte. F. Enstone, 1st. dated 9th May, 1913 ; 8612 Pte. L. Sorrell, 2nd, dated 24th June, 1913 ; 8484 Pte. E. Ward, 2nd, dated 24th May, 1913 ; 8751 Pte. W. Snashford, 1st, dated 17th June, 1913 ; 8383 Pte. J. Hutton, 1st, dated 28th June, 1913 ; 9090 Pte. J. Hovey, 1st, dated 10th May, 1913 ; 8781 Pte. F. Watson, 1st, dated 3rd June, 1913 ; 9366 Pte. W. Jackson, 1st, dated 20th May, 1913.

The undermentioned men passed a Regimental Class in Army Signalling, and are awarded Regimental Signalling Certificates, dated 2nd instant :- 9078 Pte. J. Heath (A Coy), 9438 Pte. E. Hemmings (A Coy.), 9591 Pte. H. Morley (B Coy.), 9536 Pte. C. Marshall (B Coy.), 9261 Pte. H. Cottis (C Coy.), 9328 Pte. A. Gray (C Coy.), 9605 Pte. C. Smith (C Coy.), 9411 Pte. H. Piper (D Coy.), 9473 Pte. E. Richardson (D Coy.), 9357 Pte. A. Ward (E Coy.), 9519 Pte. W. Abbott (E Coy.), 9779 Pte. G. Turner (F Coy.), 9477 Pte. G. Hood (G. Coy.), 9442 Pte. J. Cross (G Coy.), 9567 Pte A. Wills (G Coy.)

MOVES.

The following N.C.O.'s and men of the 2nd Battalion will embark for home during the ensuing trooping season for reasons stated : -For posting to the Permanent Staff of the 3rd Battalion—4239 Cr.-Sergt. W. Ellis ; for posting to Kent Cyclist Battalion—4666 Sergt. J. Teer ; for posting to Home Battalion, Dublin—7792 Pte. R. Pringle ; 7659 Pte. F. Vincent ; 9793 Pte. A. Feast ; 7695 Pte. S. Gorman ; and 7413 Pte C. Mercer.

It is expected that the 2nd Battalion will leave Peshawar for Multan on the 24th November of this year.

CHERAT HOT WEATHER LEAGUE TABLES.
Up to and for Saturday, 12th July, 1913.

FOOTBALL.

Team.	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
G Coy 2nd R. W. Kent Regt. ...	4	2	0	2	6
A Coy 1st R. Sussex Regt.	3	2	0	1	5
B Coy 2nd R. W. Kent Regt. ...	3	1	0	2	4
C Coy 2nd R. W. Kent Regt. ...	2	1	0	1	3
A Coy 2nd R. W. Kent Regt. ...	3	1	1	1	3
E Coy 1st R. Sussex Regt,.....	4	1	2	1	3
C Coy 1st R. Sussex Regt..... ...	4	0	2	2	2
G Coy 1st R. Sussex Regt.	3	0	3	0	0

HOCKEY.

C Coy 2nd R. W. Kent Regt. ...	4	2	0	2	6
Divisional Staff	3	2	0	1	5
A ,, 2nd R. W. Kent Regt.	2	2	0	0	4
G ,, 2nd R. W. Kent Regt.	3	0	0	3	3
A ,, 1st R. Sussex Regt. ...	3	1	1	1	3
B ,, 2nd R. W. Kent Regt.	4	1	2	1	3
E ,, 1st R. Sussex Regt. ...	4	1	2	1	3
Drums 1st R. Sussex Regt	4	1	2	1	3
C Coy 1st R. Sussex Regt.	3	0	1	2	2
G Coy 1st R. Sussex Regt.....	2	0	2	0	0

HOCKEY TABLE.
Up to and for Saturday, 12th July, 1913.

Teams.	A (R.W K. Regt.)	B	C	G	Div. Staff	Drs.	A (R. Sussex Regt)	C	E	G
A Coy. 2nd R.W. Kent Regt,... ...	3·0				3·0					
B ,, ,, ...	0·3	...	1·2		3·0	1·1				
C ,, ,, ...		2·1	...	1·1		1·0	1·1			
G ,, ,, ...			1·1	...			0·0	0·0		
Divisional Staff					...	0·0		5·0	1·0	
Drums 1st R. Sussex Regt.	0·3	0·3			0·0	...				2·1
A Coy. ,, ,, ..		1·1	0·1				...	2·1		
C ,, ,, ,, ...			1·1	0·0			...	0·2		
E ,, ,, ,, ...				0·0	0·5	1·2	2·0	...		
G ,, ,, ,, ...					0·1	1·2				...

FOOTBALL TABLE.
Up to and for Saturday, 12th July, 1913.

Teams.	A (R.W. Kent R.)	B	C	G	A (Royal Sussex R.)	C	E	G
A Coy. 2nd R.W. Kent Regt.				0·0	0·1	1·0		
B ,, ,, ...					0·0	2·2	5·0	
C ,, ,, ...				... 2·2		1·0		
G ,, ,, ...	0·0		2 2	...			3·0	2·0
A Coy. 1st R. Sussex Regt..	1·0	0·0			...			2·0
C ,, ,, ...	0·1	2·2	0·1		...	2·2		
E ,, ,, ...		0·5		0·3		2·2	...	1·0
G ,, ,, ...				0·2	0·2		0·1	...

2ND BATTALION.

ROLL OF OFFICERS OF THE ABOVE CORPS SHEWING STATIONS.

Lieutenant-Colonel S. H. Pedley, Cherat.
Major R. J. Woulfe-Flanagan, England (leave expires 4th December, 1913).
Major J. W. O'Dowda, Cherat.
Major C. E. Kitson, Cherat.
Captain C. Druce, England (leave expires 18th November, 1913).
Captain F. J. Joslin, Cherat.
Captain C. Bonham-Carter, Peshawar.
Captain A. K. Grant, Peshawar.
Captain E. H. Norman, England (leave expires 3rd November, 1913)
Captain H. D. Belgrave, England (leave expires 24th October, 1913)
Captain C. W. Case-Morris, Cherat.
Lieutenant C. F. Adams, Peshawar.
Lieutenant A. K. Searight, Cherat.
Lieutenant W. G. Yates, England (leave expires 24th October, 1913).
Lieutenant N. I. Whitty, England (leave expires 14th Nov., 1913).
Lieutenant R. B. L. Bazley-White, England (leave expires 1st December, 1913.
Lieutenant A. E. Hardy, Cherat.
Lieutenant A. S. Bredon, Peshawar.
Lieutenant J. B. B. Ford, Peshawar.
Lieutenant J. K. Kay, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant B. H. Bonham-Carter, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant P. F. Bell, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant V. S. Clarke, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant J. E. G. Brown, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant C. F. Battye, Cherat.
2nd-Lieutenant O. G. R. Barnes, Cherat.
2nd-Lieutenant N. B. Howell, Cherat.
Hon. Lt. & Qr.-Mr. F. Grey, Cherat.

Cherat,
1st July, 1913.

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

At Maidstone the members of the Sergeants' Mess held a Smoking Concert for the purpose of wishing farewell to Colour-Sergeant Leaver, who, having found suitable employment locally, is now on working furlough. There was no lack of talent, and Sergeant-Major Grellier (the Chairman) had an easy task. At the interval Captain P. A. Wilson (in the absence of Major Pack-Beresford, the Commanding Officer, who is away commanding a Brigade of the O.T. Corps), presented Colour-Sergeant Leaver with a handsome marble time piece, suitably inscribed. 2837 Colour-Sergeant D. Leaver enlisted in "The Queen's Own" on the 25th of August, 1890, and served with the 2nd Battalion in Egypt, South Africa, and Ceylon, and is in possession of the Queen's S.A. Medal, with clasp "Wittebergen," King's S.A. Medal, with clasps 1901 and 1902. He is being discharged to pension on the 24th August, after completing 23 years' service, nearly 20 years of which he has been a N.C. Officer, during which time he has earned the respect and regard of all

with whom he served. The usual toasts were honoured, "Auld Lang Syne" being sung, and cheers given for Mrs. Leaver and the departing guest.

6303 Private W. Pink has re-engaged to complete 21 years' service.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s of the Regular Establishment passed the examination qualifiying them for promotion to the Rank of Sergeant:—8376 Corporal W. Kill, 7719 Corporal C. Swan, 9311 Corporal F. Cozens, and 9273 Corporal E. Rogers. No. 8870 Lance-Corporal A. Cotterill passed examination for Rank of Corporal.

The following N.C.O's of the Special Reserve who have been up at Maidstone for Instruction obtained satisfactory reports:—

5473 Sergeant Attridge, 6905 Sergeant H. Flemming, 4683 Sergeant W. Dewing, 1854 Sergeant A. Spackman, 8275 Sergeant T. Cooker, 5074 Sergeant H. Edwards, 5152 Sergeant F. Rigby, 6323 Lance-Sergeant A. Pohl, 7519 Corporal A. Knevett, 4177 Corporal A. Mills, 8296 Corporal I. Jarrett, 8511 Lance-Corporal J. Edwards, 2271 Lance-Corporal J. Marvin, 4546 Lance-Corporal L. Bartholomew, 8311 Lance-Corporal R. McGrath, 5521 Lance-Corporal J. Jeffree, and 2522 Lance-Corporal W. Gould.

1873 Sergeant G. Robinson (S.R.) has been discharged medically unfit for further service, dated 1st August, 1913, Shorncliffe.

6200 Sergeant S. Young (S.R.) completed a course of the Maxim Gun at Sheerness on the 26th July. He obtained a satisfactory Report with 94 % marks.

3RD BATTALION CRICKET.

v. 1st BATTALION ROYAL WARWICKSHIRE REGIMENT.

3rd BATT. THE QUEEN'S OWN REGIMENT (Shorncliffe Camp).

1	Lieut. F. Fisher, b O'Dell	1
2	Capt. Bonser, c Lt. Jackson, b Lt. Onslow	7
3	Capt. Liebenrood, c Bryan, b Lt. Knapton	83
4	Lieut. Anderson, c Lt. Davies, b O'Dell	42
5	Capt. Barrow, c Bryan, b Lt. Knapton	5
6	Capt. Waring, b O'Dell	28
7	Lieut. Baker, not out	27
8	Clr.-Sergt. Merrick, c O'Dell, b Knapton	0
9	Capt. Beeman, c and b Lieut. Knapton	0
10	Lieut. Whitehouse, c O'Dell, b Knapton	0
11	Lieut. Snelgrove, c Lc.-Cpl. Matthews, b Knapton	0
	Extras	13
	Total	206

1st BATT. ROYAL WARWICKSHIRE REGIMENT.

1	Clr.-Sergt. O'Dell, b Lieut. Anderson	1
2	Sergt. Bryan, b Capt. Liebenrood	0
3	Lieut. Onslow, c Lt. Whitehouse, b do.	0
4	Capt. Lefroy, b Capt. Liebenrood	8
5	Lce.-Corpl. Matthews, run out	10
6	Lieut. Davies, b Capt. Liebenrood	2
7	Major Poole, b Lt. Fisher	59
8	Lieut. Constable, c Lt. Anderson, b Lt. Fisher	24
9	Pte. Bignall, c Capt. Liebenrood, b Lt. Fisher	12
10	Lieut. Knapton, b Capt. Liebenrood	4
11	Lieut. Jackson, not out	3
	Extras	38
	Total	161

Bowling Analysis: Capt. Liebenrood 5 for 37 runs. Lieut. Fisher 3 for 31. Lieut. Anderson 1 for 55.

v. HYTHE C.C.

3rd BATT. THE QUEEN'S OWN.

1	Capt. Liebenrood, b Powyskeck	11
2	Capt. Bonsor, b ditto	6
3	Lieut. Anderson, b Kinross	80
4	Lieut. Baker, b Powyskeck	0
5	Capt. Waring, c James, b Haigh	59
6	Capt. Barrow, b Woods	5
7	Lieut. Whitehouse, c Rogers, b Woods	4
8	Clr.-Sergt. Merrick, b Woods	16
9	Sergt. Hannan, run out	0
10	Capt. Beeman, not not.	0
11	Lieut. Snelgrove, c and b Woods	0
	Extras	9
	Total	190

HYTHE C.C.

1	H. M. James, lbw Capt. Liebenrood	3
2	G. Palmer, c Lt. Anderson, b do.	13
3	W. Woods, b Lt. Anderson	12
4	F. Haigh, b ditto	23
5	H. Powyskeck, b ditto	8
6	H. Kinross, c Capt. Barrow, b Liebenrood	21
7	Colonel Buttanshaw, b Anderson	3
8	E. Hogg, b Liebenrood	0
9	Appleton, not out	11
10	H. Dawes, b Hannan	3
11	W. Rogers, b ditto	7
	Extras	17
	Total	121

Bowling Analysis: Lieut. Anderson 4 for 34. Capt. Liebenrood 4 for 63. Sergt. Hannan 2 for 7.

v. 2nd SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS.

A match was also played with the 2nd Seaforth Highlanders, but owing to rain was left drawn, the 3rd Battalion the Queen's Own, declaring after scoring 182 for four wickets. Score:

Capt. Liebenrood b Colonel Bradford 74, Lieut. Fisher b Hall 13, Capt. Bonson b Hall 10, Lieut. Anderson c Carden b Hall 27, Capt. Waring not out 21, Capt. Barrow not out 26, extras 13. Total 182.

2nd Seaforth Highlanders—Capt. Holland c Liebenrood b Anderson 1, Lieut. Burt-Marshall c Merrick b Liebenrood 21, Colonel Bradford b Anderson 50, Major Ritches not out 42, Capt. Champion not out 1, extras 2. Total 117.

Lieut. Anderson took 2 wickets for 40, Capt. Liebenrood 1 for 39, Lieut. Fisher 0 for 24, Sergt. Hannan 0 for 12.

NEW PLYMOUTH,
NEW ZEALAND.
June 1st, 1913.

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

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

In my previous letter to you I stated I would forward information regarding cost of living and general conditions prevailing in this Colony.

No doubt many emigrants have been brought here, mainly through the glowing accounts of the country given chiefly by the several shipping agents and immigration agents. But on arrival, they find that they have been "had" in many cases.

While admitting that in several ways, this place is more desirable than "The Old Dart," as it is termed here, it is not what it is cracked up to be. This is the opinion of many whom I have met. Work is plentiful (in seasons). It is well paid and the hours are as low as they could conveniently make them. And against this we have a high cost of living, and are forbidden to work beyond the eight hours a day, even though a man may feel so inclined. The average wage is £2 17s. per week for a full week. A man losing say two days this week through wet weather, would not be permitted to work over-time the next week to make his bad week up, unless his employer was prepared to pay time

and a half for all hours over 46 for the week. And employers don't usually dole out money like water. That £2 17s. would be about equivalent to 30s. at home. House rent is well above high water mark. Take New Plymouth as a fair example. A respectable five-roomed house, with conveniences is from 14s. to 17s. 6d. per week. All houses are of wood. Coal £2 per ton; gas 10s. per 1,000 feet; electric light 8d. per unit.

Clothing also is about on the same mark. Just an ordinary tailor-made suit requires from £3 10s. to £5 5s. to purchase it. Ladies' costumes the same prices. A pair of boots will tread very deeply into 30s., £1 to £1 5s. is quite an ordinary boot, collars, ties, shirts and other sundries, making up a very heavy bill. House furniture make enormous inroads into the pocket of the new arrival. It requires fully £80 to furnish a five-roomed house, and it isn't by any means elaborate, but just the ordinary and necessary articles.

Food-stuffs are about 25 per cent. higher here than at home, except meat which is a trifle cheaper. Butter 1s. 3d., bacon 1s. 2d., cheese 10d., bread (2 lb.) 4d, sugar 3d. (and an early rise certain), jams (2 lb.) 1s. 4d. to 1s. 8d., tea, cocoa, coffee no difference. Vegetables are moderate in season, but during the winter they are a luxury. Cauliflower (a meal for 2) 10d. and 1s., cabbage 4d., 5d. and 6d., potatoes 8 lbs. 1s., and last winter we paid 6d. per lb. for onions. I think that fairly covers the subject of cost of living.

I will wind up by touching on other subjects very lightly. Travelling is awful punishment in the North Island at all events, sometimes the trains attain the reckless speed of 20 miles an hour. The New Plymouth mail train takes 12 hours 10 minutes to run 251 miles. The carriages are draughty, dusty and comfortless. 15 miles an hour is the usual speed (it's the only term there is) of the ordinary or mixed trains.

Sport is not too plentiful. Rugby is the game here and good rugby, too. Soccer is just finding a footing, but I haven't yet had the good fortune to witness a match. Hockey is played, but is not prominent. Cricket is of a very poor standard. Boxing, I have seen none, but imagine it is of a fairly high order. Of course there is no professionalism outside boxing. Theatricals appear very occasionally in the provincial towns. Picture shows are the order of the day.

Life, generally speaking, is good, but to one who has been accustomed to a merry barrack-room life and provincial town life in good old Blati, it becomes monotonous.

In concluding, I must state that the man with a trade and with an eye to business, will do himself no harm by availing himself of the first opportunity of coming this way.—I am, yours, etc.,

O. A. BOND, Sergt.-Major.
N.Z. Defence Forces.

P.S.—Anyone desirous of obtaining information regarding any employment should drop me a line and I will do my best by them.

A correspondent has sent us the following cutting from "The Folkestone, Hythe, Sandgate and Cheriton Herald": "OYEZ, OYEZ, OYEZ!"

Hythe's Town Crier did not take part in the contest at Hastings last week, although I understand that a gentleman offered to pay his expenses if he went. I am told that the reason he did not accept offer was the fact that he had no uniform except a hat, and that he did not care about being the only Town Crier there not in the possession of a full kit. As a matter of fact, there were several competitors who were not in uniform, so it is to be hoped that "George" will have the opportunity of going next time. It is several months since Mr. George Cunningham became our official Town Crier, and those who have heard him are of the opinion that he is well suited for the position, and that his voice is improving with practice. It may not be generally known that George served twenty-one years in the West Kent Regiment before he came to Hythe. He is not of a very strong build, and it is this which has been somewhat against him in civilian life; he is an enthusiast in the Hythe Company of the National Reserve, and can show some ability in shooting with the rest. As Town Crier, he has proved that he knows how to use his voice, and gives full value for money in regard to the number of "calls," for I have known him to go into many a side street on purpose to give out some particular notice. I trust that plenty of "business" will come to him in the future, and that he will live long to hold his office.

MAIDSTONE CRICKET WEEK.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

It has been left to some of the past and present of the "Queen's Own" to supply the comic element in the Maidstone Street Carnival, which took place on Wednesday evening, July 23rd. Conspicuous among the many items were two young ladies dressed as Militant Suffragettes escorted by two mounted police and one on foot, if anyone had been able to penetrate the disguise of these particular persons, they would have found them to be the two eldest daughters of Ex-Sergt.-Major Outten, and Mr. Wright; whilst the mounted police were Mr. H. Langridge, ex-R.W.K. Regiment, and Dr. Frances (Bonnie) Depot. Leaving the Sessions House, the procession wended its way through the main streets to the Athletic Ground, the whole of the journey being one continuous scream of laughter. On arriving at the ground the procession paraded twice round the course to the favourite ragtime tune "Everbody's doing it," to which the two policemen and their charges danced, much to the amusement of the vast crowd. Poor Bonie and Lango did not get a prize but did much towards the first prize being gained by Mr. Wright and the young ladies, and they will have much pleasure in knowing that their antics caused many a hearty laugh.

BY ONE WHO ENJOYED IT.

Specially taken for the "Kent Messenger Cricket Souvenir" by Messrs. De'Ath & Dunk, Maidstone.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION, THE Q.O. R.W. KENT REGT.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
On hand 1st April, 1912	10	16	0½
By Subs. 1909	0	1	0
,, ,, 1910	0	13	0
,, ,, 1911	2	19	0
,, ,, 1912	6	8	9
,, ,, 1913	0	16	0
,, Entrance Fees	0	17	0
,, Sale of Dinner Tickets	9	16	0
,, Donations towards Dinner	3	8	0
Interest on Balance in hands of O.C. Depot	0	4	5
Overpaid by Secretary to Bank	0	3	3½
	£36	2	6

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Postage and Stationery	1	8	11
Expenses of Committee at Annual Dinner	0	4	0
Fares of Committee for Annual Committee Meeting	0	4	3
To Widow of a Member	1	0	0
"Queen's Own Gazette"	0	9	0
Printing Dinner Notices, Tickets and Menus	1	3	0
To Manager Anderton's Hotel for Dinner and Refreshments	16	8	11
Cash in hands of O.C. Depot	15	4	5
	£36	2	6

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.
Cash in hands of O.C. Depot	15	4	5
	£15	4	5

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.
By Subscriptions in Advance	1	0	0
Due to Hon. Secretary	0	3	3½
By Cash, Credit of Association	14	1	1½
	£15	4	5

R. DAYKIN, Hon. Secretary.
W. ALDERMAN, Q.M. Sergt., Auditor.

N.B.—It is proposed to hold the Annual Dinner of The Sergeants' Association in London early in October.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following subscriptions;—

P. Norman, Esq., to December, 1913. Mr. R. Silver, to December, 1913.

OBITUARY.

We regret to announce the death of two 50th Veterans who saw active service in the New Zealand Campaign in 1863.

Mr. Timothy Gittins, whose death took place at Stifford Bridge on the 25th June, 1913, the deceased enlisted in the 50th Foot on the 16th September, 1837, being discharged to pension on the 23rd October, 1866, seeing foreign service in New Zealand and Ceylon. He was in possession of the New Zealand Medal.

Also No. 4553 Mr. James Keating, whose decease took place at Clifton, Bristol, on the 20th June, 1913. Mr. Keating enlisted in the 50th on the 5th September, 1855, being discharged on the 12th September, 1876, and saw foreign service in New Zealand, Australia, and Ceylon. He was in possession of the New Zealand Medal, and the Medal for long service and good conduct.

BIRTH.

At Gravesend, on the 4th July, 1913, the wife of 3800 Sergt. F. Rogers, of a son, Arthur Williams.

DEATHS.

Mr. Timothy Gittins (late 50th) at Stifford Bridge, near Malvern, on the 25th June, 1913.

4553 Mr. James Keating (50th) at Clifton, on the 20th June, 1913.

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A MONTHLY RECORD OF REGIMENTAL DOINGS
OF
THE QUEEN'S OWN (ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT).

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

3rd Batt. The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).—Arthur Innes Irons, late Lieut. 3rd Batt. The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) to be Lieutenant with seniority as from 10th June, 1908, dated 13th August, 1913.

1st BATTALION.

CORPORAL APPOINTED LANCE-SERGEANT.—7367 B. Miller, dated 5th August, 1913.

PROMOTED CORPORAL.—8718 Lance-Corporal T. Welch (3rd Battalion), dated 5th August, 1913.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS.—9832 B. Lloyd, dated 30th July, 1913; 9175 A. Quy, dated 31st July, 1913; 8742 (Drummer) W. Kitchen and 9977 H. Williams, dated 2nd August, 1913; 9707 F. Snooks and 9943 F. Jeffrey, dated 4th August, 1913; 9652 W. Veale, 9813 A. Jewhurst; 10003 C. Ward; 10065 C. Belton, dated 7th August, 1913; 9697 Private A. Robinson, dated 16th August, 1913.

APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORAL.—9949 E. Wood, dated 30th May, 1913.

APPOINTED DRUMMER.—9010 Private A. Smith, dated 1st July, 1913.

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The Officer Commanding the Depot acknowledes the receipt, with thanks, of the following subscriptions, etc.:—

	£	s.	d
Proceeds of Entertainment given by 2nd Batt., per Lieutenant C. Searight	12	0	0
Captain T. H. Clayton-Nunn, D.S.O.	2	0	0
Major W. E. Rowe	1	0	0
Colonel W. G. B. Western, C.B.	1	0	0
Captain H. L. C. Moody	1	0	0
Captain L. H. Hickson	1	0	0
Lieutenant St. C. de G. E. Stevenson	0	5	0
Lieutenant W. Newton	0	10	0
	£18	15	0

SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION
THE QUEEN'S OWN R.W. KENT REGIMENT.

It has been decided to hold the Annual Dinner at the Holborn Restaurant, London, E.C., on the 18th October. Tickets, price 3/6, can be had from the Hon. Secretary, Sergt. Daykin, The Barracks, Maidstone.

THE EDITOR'S COLUMN OF REMARKS.

The most important item of Regimental news during the past month is the presentation of new Colours to the 3rd Battalion. With the old Colours the last official sign of the old Militia has gone. It is probable that many, both soldiers and civilians, look on the Special Reserve as simply the Militia under a new name, and do not realise the full significance of the change. It is natural that many, especially those who were intimately connected with it, should regret the decease of the old force; but, under the new system, one great fact stands out and cannot be challenged—the tie that binds the 3rd Battalion to the Regular Battalion is far stronger than it ever was in the days gone by.

This is well brought out in the following "leader" that appeared in the "South Eastern Gazette":—

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SPECIAL RESERVE.

The position assigned under the Army Reorganisation Scheme of 1908 to the Special Reserve is perhaps not fully understood by the general public. If enlightenment is needed in Kent, a more effective mode of giving it could not have been chosen than that adopted by Lieut.-Col. Sir A Griffith Boscawen, M.P., and the Officers of the 3rd Battalion, The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regtiment) at Shorncliffe on Tuesday. The occasion was the presentation of new Colours to the Battalion, and the ceremony, which was performed by the Marchioness Camden, was not only made to serve the purpose of impressing the public with the solemn character of this particular piece of military ritual, but was also taken advantage of for the delivery of speeches explanatory of the important part assigned to the Special Reserve in our present military system. In time of war the Special Reserve will be drawn upon to make up wastage in the Line Battalions, and it is essential, therefore, as the Marquis of Camden, Lord Lieutenant of Kent, said in his address after the presentation ceremony, and as Colonel Boscawen insisted at the subsequent luncheon, that this branch of the Army should be kept up to full strength and that it should also be efficient. Of the 3rd Battalion of the Queen's Own, judging from all that was seen on Tuesday, Kent has every reason to be proud, but there are still vacancies both for men and officers to be filled up. It is sincerely to be hoped that the Colonel's appeal to West Kent to back him up in his efforts will meet with the response it deserves. Since it has been made an integral portion of the First Line, the Special Reserve has become a highly dignified branch of the Army, and high dignity therefore attaches to service in it. This is emphasised by the War Office Order that the Colours of each Battalion shall be identical with those of the Line Battalions to which it is attached and shall carry the full battle honours of the Regiment.

THE LAND-MARKS OF TIME.

SEPTEMBER.

2nd—50th Regiment embarked for Crimea, 1854.
3rd—"LUCKNOW" ordered to be borne on the Regimental Colour of 97th Regiment, 1863,
6th—97th Regiment styled "Earl of Ulster's," 1826.
8th—97th Regiment formed part of the assaulting column for capture of the Great Redan, 1855.
9th—Battle of Kassassin, 1882.
13th—Battle of Tel el Kebir, 1882.
14th—50th Regiment landed in Crimea, 1854.
20th—Battle of ALMA, 1854.
25th—50th Regiment styled "Duke of Clarence's Regiment," 1827.

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

Sports.

The Regimental Sports were a great success. The weather was perfect, and there were a large number of visitors present. An account with the results appears later, and though "E" Company proved easy winners of the Company Shield, each event excited general interest. We must not forget our acknowledgments to the riders of donkeys, and the clowns who promoted so well the lighter side of the entertainment, the former by the reckless way in which they precipitated themselves off their fiery mounts to the immense gratification of the spectators, and the latter with Private Seaman of "H" Company at their head by their original repertoire and in particular by their rendering of Maud Allan dances.

Training.

Since last we went to print, Brigade Training has been accounted for. We had a long and hard three day march of 62 miles to Shillelagh, where the famous Irish sticks of that name come from; and it was only that most common-place limitation of all our pleasures—lack of funds—which prevented us from doing the same journey in like fashion on our return. In consequence we trained back, arriving on the 19th instead of the 23rd.

This being Horse Show week, there is nothing much doing in the training line, but we start September by going out for three weeks' Divisional Training.

It seems hard to realise that before these lines appear in print we shall have finished Field Training for the year 1913.

General.

The Sergeant-Major and Sergeants of the Battalion gave a most successful Smoking Concert, to which the officers were kindly invited. Major Buckle, in the unavoidable absence of the Commanding Officer, replied to the toast of "The Guests," proposed by the Sergeant-Major, and subsequently distributed a number of musketry prizes won on the results of Table B, and also of the miniature range. Everybody will be sorry that Lieutenant Graham (who provided quite the star turn at the above), is bringing his short stay with us to so speedy a close on being ordered to rejoin the 2nd Battalion. We are sure it will please him to think that his whole hearted advocacy of the Militant Suffrage movement will never be forgotten! Just before going to print we are in time to congratulate Sergeant Crossley on his promotion to Col.-Sergt. vice Col.-Sergt. Kallend, who is entitled to our hearty congratulations on winning the obstacle race of all races at the Regimental Sports, and who has been posted to the P.S. of the 3rd Battalion, of the Regiment, and consequently struck off our strength.

THE SPORTS.

The sports were held in the Barrack Field on the 6th August, and were fortunately blessed with fine weather. A very large number of entries were received, making it necessary to run off preliminary heats on the previous days. Great interest was taken this year, and practising had been keen during the few days available between Battalion and Brigade training. A large number of visitors was present, but the marquees proved adequate for their reception. A talented troupe of clowns worked with unflagging energy throughout the afternoon and kept everyone in a good humour. Pte. Seaman was the moving spirit and his satellites were Dr. Fife and Dr. Parker.

QUARTER-MILE.—1 Lance-Corpl. Pease (H), 2 Corpl. Scott (H), 3 Lance-Corpl. Bull (E), 4 Lance-Corpl. Seale (E), 5 Pte. Vaughan (E).

220 YARDS (YOUNG SOLDIERS).—1 Brown (F), 2 Humberston (C), 3 Goff (D), 4 Bolton (E), 5 Bristow (G).

LONG JUMP.—1 Lance-Corpl. Seale (E), 17ft. 3in.; 2 Lance-Corpl. Steel (D), 16ft. 11in.; 3 Col.-Sergt. Kallend (A), 4 Corpl. McCormick (H), 5 Fawell (A).

POTATO RACE.—1 Pte. Quy (E), 2 P. Bresnaham (E), 3 Lance-Corpl. Steel (D), 4 Jewhurst (E).

150 YARDS (OLD SOLDIERS).—1 White (H), 2 Cridland (D), 3 Macintosh (E), 4 Webb (C), 5 Hanson (H).

100 YARDS.—1 Lance-Corpl. Pease (H), 2 Corpl. Scott (H), 3 Lance-Corpl. Seale (E), 4 Lance-Corpl. Bull (E).

100 YARDS (BOYS' HANDICAP).—1 Boy Wilson (C), 2 Boy Pond (E), 3 Boy Young (D).

OFFICERS' RACE (150 YARDS) HANDICAP.—1 Capt. Phillips, 2 Lieut.-Col. Martyn, 3 Capt. Keenlyside.

COMPANY RELAY RACE (100 YARDS).—1 E Company, 2 H Company, 3 B Company, 4 A Company. H Company dropped their flag in the first stage, but made a fine race of it in spite of having to go back.

HIGH JUMP.—1 O'Donohue (C) and Brockwell (F), 3 Sergt. Lander (E), 4 Lance-Corpl Pease (H) and Lance-Corpl Steel (D).

WATER RACE.—1 Corpl. Sterry (A), 2 Lance-Corpl. Stone, 3 Brown (E).

CORPORALS' RACE (220 YARDS).—1 Lance-Corpl. Pease (H), 2 Corpl. Scott (H), 3 Corpl. Steel (B).

ONE MILE.—1 P. Bresnaham (E), 2 Parrett (E), 3 Bellfield (F), 4 Quy (E), 5 Lance-Corpl. Steel (D).

QUARTER-MILE (OPEN TO IRISH COMMAND).—1 Sergt. Farrell (Royal Irish Rifles), 2 Corpl. Clark (Connaught Rangers), 3 Lance-Sergt. Jones (The Buffs), 4 Pte. Arnold (East Surreys).

TWO MILES (UNDER TWO YEARS' SERVICE).—1 P. Bresnaham (E), 2 Pook (G), 3 Bridger (B), 4 Fifield (C), 5 Hayes (H).

QUARTER MILE (RECRUITS, IRISH CAVALRY DEPOT).—1 Stringer and Bower, 3 Mitchell, 4 Everitt, 5 Piggott.

BUMPING.—1 H Company, 2 C Company.

SERGEANTS' 100 YARDS HANDICAP.—1 Col.-Sergt. Kallend (A), 2 Sergt. Lander (E), 3 Sergt. Fitzgerald (H).

THREE MILES.—1 Merchant (E), 2 Parrett (E), 3 Quy (E), 4 Fifield (C), 5 Bull (E), 6 Gadsdon (D), 7 Pincott (H).

WHEELBARROW RACE.—1 Quy and Golding, 2 Steel and Pond, 3 Brown and Chapman, 4 Thurlow and Brown.

OBSTACLE RACE.—1 Col.-Sergt. Kallend (A), 2 Brown (E), 3 Quy (E), 4 Ogden (C), 5 Hunter (F). Lce.-Corpl Judd (A) and Pte. Jenkins (D) were first and second past the post, but they had to be disqualified, owing to an error in negotiating an obstacle. They were, however, awarded special prizes.

The following completed the course within five minutes of the winner, Seale, Bresnaham, Gadsdon, Williams, Boy Cover, Jewhurst.

BAND RACE.—1 Spicer, 2 Bishop, 3 Doree.

TUG-OF-WAR.—The Officers beat the Sergeants.

CONSOLATION RACE.—1 Searman (H), 2 Holt (B).

The Company Championship was won by E Company with 43 points, H being second with 18½. Points were awarded for the first four places in races.

The Individual Championship was won by Lce.-Corpl. Pease, H Company.

At the conclusion Mrs. Martyn kindly presented the prizes and also the following shields and cups :—

Bayonet Fighting	H Coy.
Boxing	E Coy.
Cricket	A Coy.
Football	A Coy.
Best Shooting Company	F Coy.
Best Shooting Section ...(Sergt. Mason	A Coy.

Cricket.

OFFICERS v. SERGEANTS.

Played on August 7th, and won by the Officers.

SERGEANTS.

1st Innings.

Sergt. Skeer, b 2nd-Lieut. Gore	1
Sergt. Kemp, b ditto	0
Sergt. Hylands, b ditto	65
Sergt. Lander, b Lieut. Graham	12
Sergt. Reeves, b Major Robinson	20
Col.-Sergt. Stringer, c Lt. Graham b Lt. Legard	0
Sergt. Lowry, b Major Robinson	0
Sergt. Wood, not out	35
Col.-Sergt. Press, b Lieut. Graham	4
Sergt. Bishop, c and b Lieut. Gore	5
Sergt. Dr. Coe, b Lieut. Graham	1
Extras	19
Total	162

2nd Innings.

Sergt. Skeer, not out 42 ; Sergt. Kemp, st. Lieut. Graham b Capt. Keenlyside 15 ; Sergt. Hylands, c 2nd-Lieut. Ames b Major Buckle 9 ; Sergt. Lander, b Capt Phillips 11 ; Sergt. Reeves, c Lieut. Broadwood, b Lieut.-Col. Martyn 32 ; Sergt. Wood, c 2nd-Lieut Gore b Major Buckle 4 ; Col.-Sergt. Press, not out 11 ; Sergt. Bishop, b Lieut.-Col. Martyn 4 ; Extras 16. Total 144 (for 6 wickets).

OFFICERS.

1st Innings.

Capt. Phillips, lbw b Sergt. Lander	7
Lieut.-Col. Martyn, b ditto	0
Lieut. Legard, b Sergt. Hylands	31
Major Robinson, b Sergt. Bishop	116
2nd-Lieut. Gore, c Sergt. Bishop b Sergt. Reeves	39
Capt. Keenlyside, c Coe b Sergt. Hylands	11
Major Buckle, b ditto	1
Lieut. Newton, c Skeer b Sergt. Bishop	2
2nd-Lieut. Broadwood, b Sergt. Hylands	6
2nd-Lieut. Ames, lbw b ditto	0
Lieut. Graham, not out	2
Extras	18
Total	233

2nd Innings.

Capt. Keenlyside, b Sergt. Lander 17 ; Major Buckle, c Sergt. Hylands b Sergt. Skeer 36 ; 2nd-Lieut. Broadwood, c Sergt. Reeves b Sergt. Lowry 0 ; 2nd-Lieut. Ames, b ditto 1 ; Lieut. Graham, not out 22.

B COMPANY.

RICHMOND BARRACKS,
DUBLIN,
August 21st, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Once more I have the pleasure of giving you a short account of the Company's doings during the past month. Now, as regards the Battalion Sports, which were held on the 6th instant, I think the Company was well represented, considering the lack of training and other drawbacks. In the Potato Race we had one entry, viz. : Private Lusher, but though he tried hard, he failed to get a place. In the Corporals' Race Corporals Steele and Wilson entered, the first-named getting third place. The team entered for the 1,000 yards Relay Race was as follows: Corporal Steele, Lance-Corporals Herbert and Foster, and Private Buckland. After some excellent running, though up against superior teams, we managed to get third place. Now we come to the Young Soldiers' Race. In the two-mile three men entered, namely, Privates Potter, Webster, and Bridger. In Bridger we have a very promising lad, for, after running against such lads as Privates Bresnaham and Pook, and this being his first run in the Battalion, also finishing third, I think it a creditable performance. Of him more anon. Corporals Steele and Wilson, Privates Saxby, Rogers, Murray, Buckland, Purnell, and Norton, comprised the team for the Bumping Competition, but sorry to say they were beaten in the semi-finals. We will give Sport a rest for a while, and give a "gaff" on the business side of a soldier's life. On the Saturday following the Sports we commenced the long march to Shillelagh for Brigade Training, a distance of sixty-two miles, which we accomplished in three days, not a bad feat. Shillelagh, like all other places where we go for training, is situated among the hills ; but so much was it like active service conditions, that I think the bhoys forgot to moan, and did the training with a good will. Well, so much for that ; I think everybody is fairly well satisfied with their little "pic-nic," so hoping I am not taking up too much of your valuable space, I will conclude.

B COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

D COMPANY.

RICHMOND BARRACKS,
DUBLIN,
August 28th, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

A few more notes on the doings of our Company since last month. We proceeded on Brigade training on the 10th of August and returned on the 19th, and I am sure everyone was glad to see barracks once more, especially after doing the three days' march to Shillelagh. The weather was anything but pleasant, everyone getting wet through every day, the first day being the worst. The opinions of marching, etc., could be heard in a good many different ways, and too many to forward on here, but we all stuck to it and did our best to keep up the name of the Battalion, which they have already gained during the present training season. No doubt a good many felt it a bit trying, but everyone realizes that efficiency has to be aimed at, which cannot be gained without practice. We start out again on the 1st of next month for Divisional training, so I hope to be able to give a few notes in our next month's correspondence of our doings at that famous place known as Tipperary. We give Pte. Greenwood great praise for being the best shot in the detachment of recruits at Kilbride with a score of 92, and we also hope to hear of some more of his good shooting at the Curragh meeting ; also some more of our Company, who I hear are in hopes of going there. The Regimental Sports were held a few days before the Battalion went on Brigade training. We had a very prominent sportsman in Lce.-Corpl. Steele, who deserves great praise for what he did for the Company. I am sorry to say I have lost the record of the results of the items he competed in and made a good show, especially the wheelbarrow race. His partner appeared to be a little too heavy for him (?) anyway he got 2nd place. I would also like to give credit to several others who entered in various items, but were unfortunate in not winning much, but if they only trained and stuck to it, they should make a better show in a year or so. I would like to see our football team begin to put in some time at practice before the actual league commences we should have a fairly good team this year, as there will be a great deal more encouragement than there was last year ; also one or two additional players, so buck up, D, and let's do better than we did at cricket—it is nearly time we got hold of some of the spoils.

The time is getting very "drafty" here at present, and by the look of things we are very likely to lose a good few of our old hands by the first batch to proceed to India on the 20th October or thereabouts. We wish them all good luck under the foss. They expected to proceed on furlough on the 1st of next month.

I regret that the new addition to our Company was omitted from our notes in Lce.-Sergt. Adwick on joining the Sergeants' Mess, we wishing him every good luck and success while he remains in our Company. Well, Mr. Editor, I am afraid I have made a poor hand for a correspondent this month, but I hope to have some better facts to relate next time, so I think I had better pack and say no more about it.

D COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

E COMPANY.

RICHMOND BARRACKS,
DUBLIN,
22nd August, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Unfortunately pressure of work prevented me from sending you an account of the Company's doings last month, but I notice that our old friend H did the needful and told you how we were beaten by F in the Cricket Shield. From the commencement of the competition we did not expect to win, but we intended to do our best. We did.

For some weeks prior to the Regimental Sports, which took place on the 6th, H Company were walking about telling others how they were going to beat E at the Sports. They did (not).

My word, Mr. Editor, you should have heard the Cocks of H crowing before the day. Poor old E, we might as well have been spectators according to H. The Sports and Monro Cup belonged to H (nearly). But liken unto our Ministers, we said, "Wait and see." We did.

The great day arrived. The first event was the ¼ mile. In the preliminary heats we managed to get four out of the seven for the final. In the final our four finished 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th. I might add that one of the leaders of this race was previously trained in E. To wit, Corpl. Scott. Score for Championship:—E 3. H 7.

Next on the programme was the 220 yards, open to men with less than one year's service. We had two representatives, Lce.-Corpl. Belton and Pte. (Bombardier) Wells. Our crack, the "Bombardier" unfortunately drew the outside position and consequently made no show, but Belton saved the situation and finished 4th. Score for Championship: E 4. H 7.

The Long Jump next provided us with a few more points, our utility man, Lce.-Corpl. Seale, upsetting all calculations by beating the "cracks," Lce.-Corpls. Steel and Pease. Score for Championship:—E 8. H 8.

H were evidently out for blood and in the 100 yards took 1st and 2nd. places. We took 3, 4th and 5th, by the aid of Lce.-Corpl. Seale, Lce.-Corpl. Bull and Pte. Vaughan. Score for Championship:—E 11. H 15.

Then came H's stone certainty (?), viz., the Relay Race, but, as a certain celebrity says "the best of horses stumble." H did not stumble, but the first man dropped his stick and Stuck, and thus allowed our distance men, Lce.-Corpl. Seale and Lce.-Corpl. Bull to "walk in." Motto (new version for H) "Never count your points before they are won." Score for Championship:—E 15. H 18.

In the high jump Sergt. Lander produced another surprise and finished 3rd, thus giving us two more points. H divided 4th place (½ point). Score for Championship:—E 17. H 18½.

Exit H from Championship. Now we came to the events where we expected to get a few points. We did.

The remaining events for the Championship were the 1 mile, 2 miles (only men under two years' service), 3 miles and obstacle race. In the mile we had Bresnahan (Young Peter) 1st, Parrott 2nd and Quy 4th. Score for Championship:—E 25. H 18½.

Bresnahan followed up his victory in the mile by easily winning the 2 miles. Score for Championship:—E 29. H 18½.

Poor old H. In the 3 miles we capped it by having four out of the first five, Merchant 1st, Parrott 2nd, Quy 3rd and Pte. Bull 5th, Bresnahan had hard luck indeed in this event as he led up to within 150 yards of the finish, but had to give up. Score for Championship:—E 38. H 18½.

In the last event for the Championship, the obstacle race, we had the 2nd and 3rd, Brown and Quy, respectively. Final Score for Championship:—E 43. H 18½. F 9½. C 9½.

Play up E. We now wonder what our friends of H were crowing about. Nobody seems to know.

As we had so many prize winners, other than the above, a full list is given below:—

¼ Mile.—3rd Lce.-Cpl. Bull, 4th Lce.-Corpl. Seale, 5th Pte. Vaughan.
220 Yards.—4th Lce.-Corp. Belton.
Long Jump.—1st Lce.-Corpl. Seale.
Potato Race.—1st Lce.-Corpl. Quy, 2nd Pte. Bresnahan, 4th Lce.-Corpl. Jewhurst.
100 Yards.—3rd Lce.-Corpl. Seale, 4th Lce.-Corpl. Bull.
Relay Race.—1st E Company team.
100 Yards.—Lce.-Corpl Jewhurst.
200 Yards.—Pte. Vaughan.
300 Yards.—Lce.-Corpl. Seale.
400 Yards.—Lce.-Corpl. Bull.
Enlisted Boys' Race.—2nd Boy Pond.
High Jump.—3rd Sergt. Lander.
Water Race....3rd Pte Brown.
1 Mile.—1st Pte. P. Bresnahan, 2nd Pte. Parrott, 4th Lce.-Corpl. Quy.
2 Miles.—1st Pte. P. Bresnahan.
Sergeants' Race.—2nd Sergt. Lander.
3 Miles.—1st Pte Merchant, 2nd Pte. Parrott, 3rd Lce.-Corpl. Quy, 5th Pte. Bull.
Wheelbarrow Race.—1st Quy and Golding, 2nd Steel of D Company and Pond.
Obstacle Race.—2nd Pte. Brown, 3rd Lce.-Corpl. Quy, 6th Lce.-Corpl. Seale, 8th Drm. Cover.
Band Race.—3rd Lce.-Corpl. Doree.
Consolation Race.—None Qualified.

Recent changes in the Company, Ptes. Ward, Jewhurst, Belton and Veale have been appoined Lce.-Corpls. "Gentleman John" received his brief and departed on the 20th.

Ptes. Scrivens and Winter have joined the Company on attestation.

We have just commenced training for the Battalion Competition which decides who shall represent the Battalion in the Monro Cup Competition. Scrivens, who joined us on the 20th, had his first run with the Company team on the 21st. Play up E.

E COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

G COMPANY.

Heard on brigade training whilst attacking point 1063:—

Section Commander: "Double up that man."

Pte. Groggy: "I am doubled up, Sergeant!"

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

From the above you will think that brigade training must have been a stinger, quite the reverse, in fact I believe the bhoys enjoyed themselves immensely. I cannot speak from personal experience, as I was just "too heavy." There must have been a great wail of suffering from every canvas house, when it became known that the brigade would return by train, they had at least counted on the singular enjoyment of the march, with the prospect of an hour or two in the "bun waggon."

A few words about the battalion sports. Everything passed off without a hitch, including the Seaman Pierrot troupe. The Band and Drums are to be congratulated on the success of their extensive and appropriate programme. Pte. Pook ran a good second in the three miles young soldiers' race. Sweet had some very bad luck, but the poor fellow has a weak head and became groggy in the first lap, perhaps the badge (which he has just put up) overcame him.

The Colour-Sergeant, with a long list and a smile of fiendish satisfaction, came round the other day and warned a score or so of the "heads" for the draft. Next month I hope to be able to let you have a list of Company successes at the Curragh Rifle Meeting.

G COMPANY CORRESPONDENT.

CHERAT,
30th July, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I note with considerable satisfaction your explanation with regard to my complaint of small print being employed in the case of 2nd Battalion correspondence and am highly flattered that, as only matters of absorbing interest, which are eagerly sought for and read by our readers, are thus printed that my own letter was put into block capitals. Still, let it pass. One is not a correspondent for nothing.

We are all getting a little tired of Cherat as a hill station, and some of us remembering our school-days, are already ticking off the hours and minutes which are still between us and our return to the plains, though I have no doubt that, were we in the plains, we should be gazing wearily and regretfully at these benighted hills and doing likewise. But some people have the goat instinct strongly marked, and not only in their legs. We are in fact feeling very much like the proverbial fish which found that it is not much good in hopping out of the frying pan into something hotter. Multan,

I fancy, is a small inducement to us to leave our present home.

Cherat is moreover a pretty little spot if only one has a sufficiently developed sense of the ridiculous.

We continue to amuse ourselves each to our taste. The hockey and football grounds are alive with the more violent among us, and at least the referees are kept fit enough.

Cricket takes place on Thursdays and Sundays, facetiously described somewhere as days of rest, so that you see, not a day passes but something of absorbing interest takes place.

We have had a series of fortnightly concerts (some wish they were monthly ones), organized by those who consider that music is a kindly soporific on Saturday nights; but I have not heard that the canteen is losing its customers. "The Cherat Minstrels," managed so ably by Sergt. Stammers and Lce.-Cpl. Nicholls, have brought to light so much latent talent in the musical and intellectual world that the troop is having to send away scores of disappointed applicants daily, and to close its doors on the mentally destitute.

But to my taste there are always too many critics in the audience and not enough on the stage.

However a local play-write managed, when nobody was looking, to produce one of his own plays, "A Peep into the Future." I could say a lot about it, but I won't. It spoke for itself, just as he had obviously written it for himself and in no way for the audience, who insisted on laughing when they were not meant to, and passing by in silence those jewels of wit which he had poured forth from an abundant store of importunities. Luckily he has, up to the time of writing this letter, evaded his pursuers. The truth will out. My fellow correspondents have almost one and all deserted me, though those of D and H Companies have sent in a budget of athleticism. But I can do no more than appeal to their sense of justice. Our journal stands in such obvious need of support that I need not stop to remind even them of the fact.

Our indefatigable Dramatic Correspondent from Peshawar has presented me with an eulogy which errs, not in its length so much as in its superlatives.

With due consideration for his enthusiasm I must ask him to act in future more as critic than as herald; for criticism is the salt of praise.

Still I am no aspirant to the cold water school.

I send you an "account" of a Cricket Match (which took place in B. C. 1913) at the request of the gentleman who succeeded in making one of the highest scores in the second innings and ask you to note that the inverted commas above are mine.

He will probably have another account to settle with me later.

2ND. BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

ON MODESTY.

Fair modesty is ever spoiled by praises,
I've heard it said by those who say they know;
And simple minds are apt to think that so
Within them this poor world would go to blazes.

It is to those who care to ponder on it
That I have penned these lines (so read between!)
Have you, then, space within your magazine
For me to perpetrate this little sonnet?

The sword is sharp in clumsy hands, but after
What fun is there to mock at murdered men?
Far better take the edge of sharper pen,
And see our victims join with us in laughter.

Poets, you'll find, will take a view far calmer
Of life and its eccentric comedies;
Look round you, O my readers, at your ease,
And strike both friend and foe beneath the armour.

Old age and youth, kings and their courtiers, ever
Since history began the roles have swopped
Of criticised and critic, till both dropped
The matter as a profitless endeavour.

Some stand upon an isolated summit,
And think on them are fixed the eyes of crowds;
Poor things! their heads are merely in the clouds,
They play celestial harp—but don't they strum it!

While other modest ones who giving freely,
Reap but a faint reward for all they do;
And plodding on are pleased to take the few
Spare coins thrown at them by Colonel Seely.

Each of us swollen with absurd self pity,
And quite absurd unwarranted conceit,
Is won't to try and fit upon his feet
Boots, far to large for him; so hence this ditty.

Look at the man who dreams sweet dreams of horses,
Why not a stable broom for sabre swop?
Why not for badge of rank a hunting crop?
To me these seem the obvious resources.

Another spends his day and night bemoaning
His all unhappy fate; he loves a grouse,
Food and his wine it is, one long carouse
In uncooth phrase which calls for friends condoning.

Then there's the cynic with his studied poses,
What does he hope to gain by sprinkling drops
Of vinegar upon our scanty sugared sops,
And at our pleasures making rude long noses?

The fiend who holds the art of hockey, scoring
Above all other known Olympian heights,
Chases a ball by day, and spends his nights
In talking of it, is supremely boring—

Remark the man who likes to have his suiting
Of some *outre* design, and wears his coat
Six inches longer than he ought, the goat!
"A knut"! they cry. I answer "Upper Tooting."

Again behold the all precocious cupid,
Who for his years is spoilt before his time;
What can we do to squash him by a rhyme,
When he is so unquestionably stupid?

The operatic singer, whose endeavour
To make us all believe that he can sing,
And haunts the theatre amateur to fling
Some sentimental songlet at us! Never!

Wer'e all the same! Wer'e all upon a level
'Twixt God and animal, 'twixt sage and fool;
So what's the good of trying to break the rule
Approved by Heav'n and sanctioned by the devil?

The sixteenth verse! Alas. I have forgotten
What I was going to write about; I'm sure
You cannot tell me after reading all this jaw,
I never thought that verse could be so rotten.

One last, and I have done; while you, O reader,
Mark this that anyone who thinks that he
Is indispensable, an ass must be,
And should be told he is a perfect—idiot.

THE "QUEEN'S OWN" DRAMATIC CLUB.

I am sorry I have been rather busy lately so have been unable to forward any notes on Dramatic Club doings.

Three weeks ago an alfresco concert (a fortnightly event run for the amusement of the troops in the summer months) was managed by our own Regiment, and a huge success it proved. In fact, those of most other regiments can only be marked "also ran" alongside it. Lieut. Bonham-Carter was the promoter of the concert, and acted as stage-manager, whilst Sergt. Russell carried out the duties of M.C. to the dancing.

The concert was essentially a rag-time concert. The whole of the members of the Dramatic Club were dressed in uniform style and acted as chorus. All wore white shirts and trousers, with sashes and ties of the Regimental colours, light and dark blue. Ptes. Hehir and Dent gave several duets (rag-time), the especial favourite being "Oh, you beautiful doll" in company with Pte. "Schoss" Harvey, who was a particularly charming and piquant automatic doll, who completely turned the fellows' heads with his saucy wink and delightful smile. Ptes. Hehir and Dent also sang "Alexandra's Rag-time Band" and other favourites. Pte. Harvey and Corpl. Quinlan sang "The Rag-time Cowboy Joe," "Yiddle on your fiddle," etc. Pte. Hehir sang "Leicester Square" and Schloss sang "Another Moon Song," his style and make-up being remarkably good. No doubt about Schloss, he improves every time and is a coming man. Corpl. Quinlan and Pte. Hearn, of the Royal Sussex, gave a sketch entitled "The Boxer and the Jude," which proved a success. There is no doubt that our concert was the concert of the season. I quite forgot to say that the concert was opened by a concerted piece, the classical operatic success "Hitchy Koo" by the whole company.

On July 2nd the Supply and Transport Corps were responsible for the "'Fresco," but nearly the whole of our performers were there. Schloss again surpassed all his previous efforts with "Another Moon Song," and Corpl. Quinlan sang "The Broadway Dude." Ptes. Hehir and Dent sang several rag-time songs, and several others of the A.D.C. obliged. I cannot leave the subject without special mention of the able manner in which our pianist Pte. Johnson accompanied all the pieces in both concerts, No doubt he is a huge success and an acquisition to the Dramatic Club.

A.H.B.

CONCERT AT ROBERTS' BARRACKS.

A very successful concert, promoted by Lieut. Bonham-Carter, was given in the open-air theatre at Roberts' Barracks on Tuesday, July 22nd. It was unfortunate that a high wind was blowing all day, as it made hard work for those who had been erecting the scenery.

The concert was attended by the Commanding Officer of the Wing, Captain A. K. Grant, and the officers, and there were several officers present from other regiments, and also staff.

The programme was as follows:—Overture (Pianoforte), Pte. Johnson; Opening Chorus, "Susianna," The Company; Rag Time Duet, "The Ragtime Band," Ptes. Fisher and Beech (encored); Song (comic), "Poor Father and Mother," Pte. Morris (encored); Impersonations, "People I have met," Sergt. Barnard; Song (comic) "The Wibbly Wobbly Walk," Pte. Harvey; Song "He was a star in the old days," Pte. Amoss (encored); Ragtime Duet, "The Ragtime Soldier Man," Ptes. Hehir and Dent (encore), "The Belle of the Barber's Ball"; Song, "Then I wouldn't grumble any more," Pte. Harvey (encored); Scena, (An Indian Romance), "When the War Drums are beating o'er the Prairie," Corpl. Quinlan and Company. This was the event of the evening, the costumes and setting (designed by Corpl. Quinlan) being very effective. The scene represented a camp of N. American Indians with the warriors in full war paint, smoking around the camp fire and watching the farewell greetings of their chief and his young squaw. All the Company joined in the chorus. In the second part the programme was as follows:—Overture, The Pianoforte, Pte. Johnson; Coon Song, "Put your arms around me honey," Pte. Batchelor, Song, "Wallamoroo," Pte. Morris (encored); Ragtime Duet, "The Bumble Bee," Ptes. Hehir and Dent (encore) "You Beautiful Doll"; Clarionet Solo, "Cavaleria Rusticana," Pte. Venning; Step Dance, Pte. Spalding; Song, "You never know," Sergt. Russell; Song, "Some day I may forgive you," Pte. Amoss; Song (knockabout turn) Ptes. Dent and Harvey. The entertainment was concluded by a sketch entitled "The Bailiffs" by the Company, which proved very laughable. It is the general opinion that the concert was the best which has been given in Peshawar up to date, and it was also one of the most successful which has ever been given by the Queen's Own Amateur Dramatic Club in India. The Club is deeply indebted to Lieut. Bonham-Carter for helpful hints given at rehearsals, also to Pte. Johnson for his accompaniments and to Sergt. Russell on whom the bulk of the work fell. Ptes. Dent and Hehir are to be complimented on their splendid talent, and our Schoss (Harvey) gets better than ever. The whole of the effects were arranged by Corpl. Quinlan. It is hoped to repeat the concert for the amusement of the Cherat Garrison in the near future.

CRICKET MATCH, SERGEANTS (HEADQUARTERS) 2ND BATT. R.W.K.R., v. SERGEANTS (WING) 1ST ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

This match was played on the Garrison Recreation Ground, Cherat, on Sunday, 20th July, 1913. The Sergeants (Wing) 1st Royal Sussex Regiment had challenged us to cricket and tiffin, and, if everybody spoke the truth, our downfall was largely due to the tiffin (who said Peach Pie?). However, the tiffin could hardly account for the deplorable batting of "ours" in the first innings, for our innings was over long before we thought of tiffin. Sergeants Cosens and Ayres, who bowled admirably, were responsible for our poor show, and we must not forget Colour-Sergeant Austen, who has a hand as big as three ordinary individuals, and caught four of us.

For them Sergeants Knight and Cosens batted well. Sergeant Ayres, who seemed to be well set, was out to one from Colour-Sergeant Stevens, a ball which is one of the curiosities of cricket, and one to which we were forced to shout "Nuff Sed." For us, Kerridge came out with the best average, taking six for 47.

In our second innings we did much better, topping their first innings score by two; of course it is unnecessary to say that Sergeants Ayres and Cosens did not bowl all the while. We might have done better still, had some of the team previously learnt to run between the wickets. Band Sergeant Rouse played the best innings of the day, making 46. He was caught in misjudging one which was meant to have done damage in the Officers' Club. Sergeant Crisford batted well for 32, but again "Nuff Sed;" he will deserve more praise when he has learnt to run between the wickets.

In their second innings one or two new bowlers were tried, including a budding Blythe, who still remains in the bud.

In conclusion, let me say that they beat us at all points of the game. Q.M.S. Bellion, the Captain, and Sergeant Redmond did not have a chance to show their true form. Probably they were saving themselves for the return match, which takes place on August Bank Holiday. On that day it will be Kent v. Sussex at Cherat as well as at Canterbury; the setting and the cricket, however, will not be quite up to the style of the St. Lawrence Ground.

The scores are appended;—

R. W. KENT REGIMENT.

1st Innings.

Sergt. Vickery, b Cosens	7
Sergt. Redmond, run out	7
Col.-Sergt. Stevens, b Cosens	3
Q.M.S. Bellion, c and b Cosens	0
Sch. Mr. Egan, c and b Cosens	6
Sergt. Crisford, b Cosens	8
Sergt. Rouse, c Austen, b Ayres	3
Sergt. Kerridge, c Austin, b Ayres	6
Ar.-Staff-Sergt. Wakelen, not out	1
Sergt. Hare, c Austen, b Cosens	0
Sergt. Galloway, c Austen, b Ayres	1
Extras	6
Total	48

2nd Innings.

Sergt. Vickery, b Dixon	0
Sergt. Redmond, run out	0
Col.-Sergt. Stevens, b Martin	12
Q.M.S. Bellion, c Austen, b Dixon	4
Sch. Mr. Egan, run out	2
Sergt. Crisford, c and b Cosens	32
Sergt. Rouse, c Martin, b Austen	46
Sergt. Kerridge, c Knight, b Cosens	0
Ar.-Staff-Sergt. Wakelen, b Austen	1
Sergt. Hare, c Dixon, b Cosens	0
Sergt. Galloway, not out	6
Extras	41
Total	144

ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

1st Innings.

Col.-Sergt. Austen, c Stevens, b Kerridge	7
Sergt. Ayres, b Stevens	19
Sergt. Dixon, b Kerridge	4
Sergt. Cosens, c Hare, b Rouse	30
Sergt. Martin, c Wakelen, b Kerridge	7
Sergt. Knight, run out	36
Sergt. Wise, c Stevens, b Rouse	4
Sergt. Howard, b Kerridge	13
Sergt. Desmond, c Crisford, b Kerridge	11
Sergt. Cormody, not out	0
Sergt Charman, b Kerridge	4
Extras	7
Total	142

2nd Innings.

Col.-Sergt. Austen, b Kerridge	6
Sergt. Ayres, lbw, b Stevens	9
Sergt. Dixon, b Kerridge	4
Sergt. Cosens, c Wakelen, b Kerridge	18
Sergt. Martin, lbw, b Redmond	23
Sergt. Knight, c Hare, b Egan	14
Sergt. Wise, lbw, b Galloway	2
Sergt. Howard, c and b Redmond	0
Sergt. Desmond, std Bellion, b Egan	6
Sergt. Cormody, not out	2
Sergt. Charman, c Wakelen, b Rouse	13
Extras	8
Total	104

1ST ROUND PUNJAB COMMISSION CRICKET CUP.

2nd Batt. The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) v. Royal Sussex Regiment.

Played at Rawal Pindi on 9th, 10th, 11th January, 1913. Won by Royal Sussex by 47 runs. Scores :—

ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

Lieut. Hamilton, c Druce, b Falkner	5
Lieut.-Col. Macnab, c Bonham-Carter, b Clark	18
Lieut. Bitham, b Falkner	12
Capt. Bond, c Bonham-Carter, b Joslin	104
Capt. Morphett, st Bonham-Carter, b Joslin	6
Capt. Birkett, c Whitty, b Brown	25
Lieut. Malden, c Bonham-Carter, b Brown	26
Lieut. Skinner, st Bonham-Carter, b Tapp	9
Lieut. Birtwhistle, b Brown	1
Pvt. Hook, not out	14
Sergt. Ayres, b Tapp	25
Extras	16
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2nd Innings.

Lieut. Hamilton, b Falkner	6
Lieut.-Col. Macnab, b Falkner	17
Lieut. Betham, c Turner, b Tapp	25
Capt. Bond, c Druce, b Falkner	131
Capt. Morphett, absent, ill	0
Capt. Birkett, b Falkner	76
Lieut. Malden, b Joslin	39
Lieut. Skinner, b Joslin	16
Lieut. Birtwhistle, b Tapp	1
Pvt. Hook b Tapp	6
Sergt. Ayres, not out	5
Extras	26
Total	348

2ND BATT. THE QUEEN'S OWN.

1st Innings.

Capt. Bonham-Carter, b Betham	35
Lieut. Battye, c Morphett, b Skinner	32
Lieut. Hardy, c Cook, b Betham	0
Lce.-Cpl. Falkner, lbw, b Birkett	79
Capt Druce, c and b Hook	39
Lieut. Turner, c Hook, b Betham	17
Pvt. Brown, c Hamilton, b Betham	34
Capt. Joslin, c Hamilton, b Birkett	12
Lieut. Whitty, c sub, b Betham	27
Lieut. Clarke, b Petham	2
Dr. Tapp, not out	0
Extras	15
Total	292

2nd Innings.

Capt. Bonham-Carter, c Malden, b Birkett	5
Lieut. Battye, b Betham	15
Lieut. Hardy, c Hook, b Macnab	34
Lce.-Cpl. Falkner, c Skinner, b Birkett	1
Capt. Druce, not out	114
Lieut. Turner, c sub, b Betham	30
Pvt. Brown, lbw, b Ayres	11
Capt. Joslin, c Bond, b Betham	19
Lieut. Whitty, b Macnab	14
Lieut. Clark, b Macnab	3
Dr. Tapp, lbw, b Macnab	2
Extras	2
Total	270

D COMPANY.

PESHAWAR, N.W.F.
30th June, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Since my last report we have been to Fort Peshawar, for the usual week's duty. Whilst there we held a Boxing Tournament under the management of Lieut. A. S. Bredon. The boxing was only for men who had never fought in the ring before, and some good fights were witnessed. We also held a concert under the management of Corpl. Quinlan, which I am glad to report was a great success; 2nd Lieut. P. F. Bell has rejoined from leave. Below I append the result of the Boxing:—

BOXING.

Referee, Lieut. A. S. Bredon. Judges, Sergt. Shepperd and Corpl. Russell. Timekeepers, Lce.-Corpls. White and Medlen. M.C., Colr.-Sergt. W. Ellis.

1st ROUND FEATHER WEIGHTS.—Pte. Jeffries beat Pte. Martin on points, Pte. Hadaway knocked out Pte. Willcocks, Pte. Heritage scratched to Pte. Newton, Lce.-Corpl. Gill beat Lce.-Corpl. Thomas.

SEMI-FINAL.—Pte. Hadaway beat Lce.-Corpl. Gill on points, Pte. Newton beat Pte. Jeffries on points.

FINAL.—Pte. Hadaway beat Pte. Newton.

SEMI-FINAL LIGHT WEIGHTS.—Pte. Lewin scratched to Pte. Timpson, Pte. Friedleben beat Pte. Spooner.

FINAL.—Pte. Friedleben beat Pte. Timpson.

1st ROUND MIDDLE WEIGHTS.—Pte. Batchelor scratched to Pte. Holzmeyer, Pte. Foskett beat Pte. Nelson. Byes: Ptes. Coulstock and Brightmore.

SEMI-FINAL.—Pte. Holzmeyer beat Pte. Coulstock, Pte. Foskett beat Pte. Brightmore.

FINAL.—Pte. Foskett beat Pte. Holzmeyer.

SPECIAL FOUR ROUND CONTEST.—Corpl. Wannel beat Pte. Obee (16).

A FOUR ROUND CONTEST (arranged by Colr.-Sergt. Ellis).—Pte. West beat Pte. Wells.

PESHAWAR SUMMER LEAGUE—FOOTBALL.

31st May, 1913, D 0 v. 75th Battery (R.F.A.) 0; 4th June, 1913, D 4 v. F Coy. (R.S.R.) 0; 9th June, 1913, D 2 v. Band (R.S.R.) 1; 17th June, 1913, D 1 v. S. and T. Corps 0; 27th June, 1913, D 0 v. 86th Battery (R.G.A.) 0.

Played 5, Won 3, Lost 0, Drawn 2, Goals For 7, Against 1, Points 8.

PESHAWAR SUMMER LEAGUE—HOCKEY.

26th May, 1913, D 0 v. 75th Battery (R.F.A.) 0; 5th June, 1913, D 1 v. F. Coy. (R.S.R.) 1; 12th June, 1913, D 0 v. Band (R.S.R.) 4; 19th June, 1913, D 0 v. S. and T. Corps 3; 24th June, 1913, D 2 v. 86th Battery (R.G.A.) 2.

Played 5, Won 0, Lost 2, Drawn 3, Goals For 3, Against 10, Points 3.

FRIENDLY FOOTBALL MATCHES—D COMPANY SECOND ELEVEN.

D 2nd 3 v. H 2nd 3; D 2nd 1 v. H 2nd 0; D 2nd 1 v. E 2nd 1; D 2nd 4 v. H 2nd 2.

Played 4, Won 2, Lost 0, Drawn 2, Goals For 9, Against 6, Points 6.

PROGRAMME OF CONCERT, 6th JUNE, 1913.

Part I.—Song, "Farmer's Boy," Sergt. King, R.G.A.; Song, "Silver Moon" (encored) Pte. Harvey; Song, "Aeroplane," and Clog Dance, Pte. Herne; Song, "Taxi Meter Car," Lce.-Corpl. White; Song, "Silver Bell," Pte. Beech; Song, "Beautiful Doll," Pte. Hehir; Song, "Rag Time Dance," Pte. Hehir; Song, "The ways of this World are funny," Pte. Amoss; Song, "Rag Time Cow Boy Joe" by Corpl. Quinlan and Pte. Harvey; Song, "Never let your Braces dangle," Pte. Brightmore; Song, "Jack Johnson," Pte. Brightmore.

Part II.—Clog Dance, Pte. Spalding; Song, "Moving Day" (encore) Pte. Herne; Song, "Leicester Square" (encore), Pte. Hehir; Song, "Beauty of the Guards," Corpl. Quinlan and Pte. Harvey; Song, "Parody of Mr. Brown," Pte. Amoss; Song, "Hip Hi Addy Hi Ay," Pte. Brightmore; Song, "By the Light of the Silvery Moon," Pte. Batchelor. "God save the King Emperor." Stage Manager, Colr.-Sergt. Ellis. Pianist, Pte. C. Johnson.

D COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

H COMPANY.

PESHAWAR.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

After missing so many months, I am now able to fill up at least half a column of your valuable space. We have started the Peshawar Hot Weather League in earnest, and I see no reason why we should not win both hockey and football medals.

Hockey.—H v. F—A very clean and fast game against a Company that plays real hockey, which ended in a win for the Company 5—3 (Highams 3, Sergt. Craddock 1, Clark 1).

H v. E—This game ended in a win for the Company 1—0 (Highams again), and fortunately no deaths.

H v. H.R.S.R.—Another win for the Company 2—1, the winning goal being scored in the last minute of the game (Highams 2).

H v. 75th Battery R.F.A.—Again we came away victorious to the tune of 2—0 (the Maidstone man again responsible).

H v. S. and T. Corps—The long expected match in which we were prophesied to lose 5—0, but after a very fast game we managed to win 2—0. In this match the Company's form was especially conspicuous, all the team playing exceedingly well, and Highams scored both goals. The backs, Barnard and Rayfield, were especially in form, Barnard showing, us what a really little man can do against a 15 stone wallah. It was one of the best games this season up to the present, Mr. Bonham-Carter being very prominent in the field of play.

H v B, R.S.R.—Great was the dismay when the old proverb, "Pride has a fall," came true. This team was evidently out to win, and managed to do so—5—0 was the score, Mr. Editor, and I refuse to write any more about that match.

H Company's team—Goalie, Price; backs, Barnard and Lce.-Corpl. Rayfield; half-backs, Mr. Bonham-Carter, Lce.-Corpl. Loft and Wharfe; forwards, Sergt. Craddock, Highams, Clark, Miller, Milligan and Lane.

Football—H v. F—After a very good game we scraped one goal, that being the only goal scored, and Highams scored that fatal one.

H v E.—This being a repetition of H v. F, 1—0, Highams scoring.

The Sussex may be able to play hockey, although that is beginning to appear doubtful, but they cannot do much at football, although they are clean and fair players. We won to the tune of 3—0, Highams, Boniface and Corpl. Doust scoring one each.

H v. 75th Batt. R.F.A.—Again we won, this time against a team with a good reputation, 2—0 (Highams and Boniface one each).

H v S. and T. Corps—A very easy game, ending in 5—0, nearly all the forward line having a goal to their credit. Team:—Goal, Seal; backs, Barber and White; half-backs, Watson, Strickland and Mitchell; forwards, Saul, Lance-Corpl. Peacock, Highams, Boniface and Doust.

During the past week the Company have been doing duty at Peshawar Fort, a very dull place at the best of times, so to relieve the monotony Mr. Bonham Carter permitted a concert to be held. I cannot remember the programme as it was carried out, but here are a few items: "The Rag-time Coons"; Ptes. Dent and Hehir gave us that soul-inspiring rag-time song "Oh, you Beautiful Doll." We had the pleasure of gazing upon the wax-like countenance of the "Beautiful Doll" in reality, Pte Harvey doing the La Poupee business splendidly. No concert is complete without a sketch, so we had one, entitled "The Coster and the Dude," quite a thrilling plot.

A Dude wishes to be taught the gentle art of self denial (defence) and arrives at Professor Basham's Emporium with his boxing costume in a watch case. After plenty of stage business he turns out to be—well—not such a "mug" as he at first appeared, and informs the Professor that he came not to learn, but to teach him a lesson for taking a liberty with an assistant of his. Anyway, after putting the remainder of the characters in the play "out," he proceeds to dance them for their suppers or something, the audience being the judge.

DRAMATIC PERSONÆ.

Corpl. Quinlan..... Professor Basham
Pte. Hearne, R.S. Regt..... The Dude
Pte. Beach..... Professor Basham's Assistant

Song, entitled "The Volunteer Organist," by Pte. Lakey, went down very well. Pte. Jefferies or "Sam" gave us the old favourites, "The Workhouse Gate" and "The Light of Day," for which he received plenty of applause. A song entitled "The Way of the World," by Pte. Amoss, was heartily applauded. Sergt. Hoadley, a visitor, kindly consented to recite. I forget the title of it, but it chiefly concerned a Margate flea. Sergt. Russell, our pay sergeant, gave us two very good songs, "Follow the Footprints in the Snow" and "You Never Know," both of which were enjoyed by the company present. Sergt. Craddock and Corpl. Chalklin, who evidently bore animosity against each other, over, it is rumoured, a shooting competition (on one leg) decided to settle the matter by seeing who was the best singer. We discovered to our great surprise that Sergt. Craddock could sing and won. There were plenty more songs. Pte. Leeds gave us "Love me and the World is Mine," which was heartily appreciated. A detailed account of the whole proceedings would take too long, so I apologise to those whose names I have not mentioned. Sufficient to say it was a very enjoyable evening, and the M.C. carried out his part to the letter, especially (so he informed us) after losing two teeth.

An Inter-Section Shooting Competition, arranged by Mr. Bonham Carter, in the Fort, ended in No. 1 being the best by a decimal point.

The Amusement Committee arranged a Shooting Competition for the Garrison, the Company entering two teams. One team unfortunately had to scratch at 500 yards owing to two men being absent.

The other team carried right through and finished up somewhere about fourth. Team—Corpl. Hills, Lance-Corpl. Rayfield, Ptes. Worsell, Cudmore, Lee (75), Medhurst (42), Bradford and Barnard. Hoping, dear Mr. Editor, I have not collected too much news.

H COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

2ND BATTALION.

ROLL OF OFFICERS OF THE ABOVE CORPS SHEWING STATIONS.

Lieutenant-Colonel S. H. Pedley, Cherat.
Major R. J. Woulfe-Flanagan, England (leave expires 4th December, 1913).
Major J. W. O'Dowda, Cherat.
Major C. E. Kitson, Cherat.
Captain C. Druce, England (leave expires 18th November, 1913).
Captain F. J. Joslin, Cherat.
Captain C. Bonham-Carter, England (leave expires 6th September, 1913).
Captain A. K. Grant, Peshawar.
Captain E. H. Norman, England (leave expires 3rd November, 1913)
Captain H. D. Belgrave, England (leave expires 24th October, 1913)
Captain C. W. Case-Morris, Cherat.
Lieutenant C. F. Adams, Peshawar.
Lieutenant A. K. Searight, Cherat.
Lieutenant W. G. Yates, England (leave expires 24th October, 1913).
Lieutenant N. I. Whitty, England (leave expires 19th Nov., 1913).
Lieutenant R. B. L. Bazley-White, England (leave expires 1st December, 1913.
Lieutenant A. E. Hardy, Cherat.
Lieutenant A. S. Bredon, Peshawar.
Lieutenant J. B. B. Ford, Peshawar.
Lieutenant J. K. Kay, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant B. H. Bonham-Carter, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant P. F. Bell, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant V. S. Clarke, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant J. E. G. Brown, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant C. F. Battye, Cherat.
2nd-Lieutenant O. G. R. Barnes, Cherat.
2nd-Lieutenant N. B. Howell, Cherat.
Hon. Lt. & Qr.-Mr. F. Grey, Cherat.

Cherat,
1st August, 1913.

We are indebted to the "South Eastern Gazette" for the following account.

IMPRESSIVE MILITARY CEREMONY.

NEW COLOURS FOR THE 3RD BATTALION OF THE QUEEN'S OWN.

PRESENTATION BY THE MARCHIONESS CAMDEN.

LETTER FROM THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

The presentation of new colours to the 3rd (Special Reserve) Batt. of the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) by the Marchioness Camden on Tuesday, August 19th, provided a ceremony which was both interesting and impressive. It was a piece of military ritual which meant much to the Battalion itself, and its deep significance did not escape the many civilians who saw it carried out on St. Martin's Plain, Shorncliffe, where the 3rd Royal West Kent Regiment are undergoing their annual training. The new colours have been provided in accordance with the regulation which directs that the Special Reserve (formerly the Militia) Battalions shall bear on their colours the battle honours of the different Regiments of which they form an integral part under the Army Re-organisation Scheme of 1908. Accordingly the distinguished honours of the old 50th and 97th Regiments, out of which The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) was formed, are inscribed on the colours to be carried henceforth by the Battalion commanded by Lieut.-Colonel Sir A. Griffith-Boscawen, M.P.

Thirty-six years is the period of service of the colours now "retired." They were presented to the 2nd Battalion West Kent Light Infantry (the 2nd Battalion of the West Kent Militia) at Maidstone on October 30th, 1877, by Lady Sydney, wife of the then Lord Lieutenant. At that time the Regiment was commanded by Lieut.-Colonel Cuthbert Larking, and the subalterns who received the colours were Lieuts. Frewen and Yardley. The West Kent Militia, it may be here mentioned, has had distinguished commanding officers associated with the county, including:—Robert, Lord Romney (1759); John Frederick, Duke of Dorset (1778). and more recently the Marquis Camden, Sir John Kenward Shaw, Sir Thomas Maryon Wilson, and Viscount Torrington. The present commanding officer, as already mentioned, is Lieut. Colonel Sir A. Griffith-Boscawen, who is now M.P. for Dudley, and who formerly, for a period of 14 years, represented the Tonbridge Division of Kent at Westminster. Field Marshal H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn is the Honorary Colonel. Other officers and the warrant officer at present serving with the Battalion are:—Major and Hon. Lieut.-Colonel T. T. Burt, Major C. G. Pack-Beresford, Captains C. D. Barrow, A. C. Beeman, C. M. Allfrey, C. F. Hitchens (Hon. Major), A. J. Bonsor, P. A. Wilson, C. R. Ingram, M. J. Dinwiddy, FitzH H. Liebenrood, G. D. Hall, H. A. Waring (Adjutant), Lieuts. F. Fisher, A. I. Irons, H. A. de F. Furber, J. S. N. Snelgrove, C. K. Anderson, E. F. Moulton-Barrett, C. M. Payton, A. G. Balbernie, J. H. Whitehouse, C. C. Waddington, D. C. C. Sewell, Hon. Captain and Quartermaster J. Couch, and Sergt.-Major B. H. Grellier. Sergt.-Drummer C. Gee is the acting Bandmaster.

THE REGIMENT'S HISTORY.

As was stated in the "South Eastern Gazette" last week, the West Kent Militia dates back to the time of James I. It was embodied in 1639, at Gravesend, for service against the Covenanters, and since then its service includes three years from 1759 during the Seven Years' War, five years from 1778 during the American Rebellion, nine years from 1792 during the French Revolution, eleven and a half years from 1804 during the Peninsular War, one year during the Waterloo campaign, one and a half year during the Crimean War, and one year and eight months during the South African struggle. The Battalion was the first to volunteer for the front during the Boer War, but it was not sent to South Africa, being selected for garrison duty at Malta.

There was a distinguished company to witness Tuesday's ceremony. The Marquis Camden, Lord Lieutenant of Kent, accompanied Lady Camden, and with them were Lieutenant-General Sir J. H. Grierson, G.O. commanding the Eastern Command, Colonel F. J. Pink, commanding the 10th District (Inspecting Officer of the Battalion), and Lady Boscawen. Others invited were Lord and Lady Hardinge, Lord Hythe, Lord Brecknock, the Hon. Mrs. Gage, Sir Marcus Samuel, Bart., and Lady Samuel, Colonel and Mrs. R. Style, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. E. Wyndham Bailey, Colonel and Mrs. E. Bonhote, Colonel Luck, Colonel and Mrs. Stanley Williams, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. J. P. Dalison, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Passby, Lieutenant-Colonel H. D. Hirst (commanding the 3rd Battalion the Buffs), Major Wyndham Tufnell, Major and Mrs. Daniel, Major Venables, Major and Mrs. Neve, Captain Miller, Captain Collum, Captain and Mrs. Masterman, Major A. H. Hutton Wilson, Mrs. C. Hitchins, Mrs. H. A. Waring, Mrs. Snelgrove, Mr. and Mrs. Monckton, Mr. and Mrs. R. Waddington, Mrs. G. Hall, Mrs. G. K. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Dinwiddy, Mrs. Liebenrood, Mrs. Allfrey, Mrs. Scott, Mr. H. and Miss Beeman, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. S. Williams, Mr. Walter Fremlin, Mr. Randall Mercer, Mrs. G. Van Larr, Mr. Barwell, Mrs. Wheeler, and Mrs. Herbert Marshall. The Officers of the 3rd King's Own Hussars, the Seaforth Highlanders, Depot of the Buffs, the 87th Royal Irish Fusiliers, and the Royal Warwickshire Regiment were also invited.

The order of the ceremony was as follows:—

1.—Formation in line.

2.—Reception of the Lord Lieutenant of Kent by the Regiment in line.

3.—Trooping of the old colours.—March of the Sergeants; march of the band; officers fall in; march of the officers and sergeants; march of the band (slow and quick time); march of the escort; march of the old colours; farewell march of the old colours.

4.—Formation of three sides of a square.

5.—The consecration service and presentation of colours.

6.—Address by the Lord Lieutenant.

7.—Reply by Lieut.-Colonel Sir Arthur Griffith Boscawen, M.P., commanding Battalion.

8.—Reformation of line.

9.—Reception of the new colours.

10.—March past.

The formation of the Regiment in line was executed in a very smart manner, as, indeed, were all the movements forming part of the ceremony. It was remarked by experts that the Guards could not have done better work, a very high tribute indeed to a Special Reserve Battalion. In front of the "thin red line" the Commanding Officer sat, with true military erectness, on his charger, and at the extreme ends of the line were Major

Pack-Beresford (right), Captain and Adjutant Waring (left), both also mounted. The salute to the Lord Lieutenant was given with admirable precision, the whole line bringing their rifles up at the word of command as one man. The trooping of the old colours was marked by a solemnity which was felt by all present. The march of the sergeants took place to the tune of "The Hundred Pipers," which is the march of The Queen's Own Regiment; that of the Band to "The Invincible Eagle," and that of the officers and sergeants to "Men of Kent." For the "troop" the Band played "Maid of Athens," marching in slow time, and afterwards in quick time to the tune of "Wien Bleibt Wien." The escort's quick time march was performed to the tune of "British Grenadiers," and the slow time march to the tune of "The Grenadier March." "Auld Lang Syne" was appropriately selected as the tune for the march of the old colours, the diminuendo effect as the colours finally disappeared behind the line being very fine indeed. This of course, was the culminating point in the ritual so far as the old colours were concerned. They had been delivered to their bearers (Lieut. Whitehonse and Lieut. Waddington) and saluted on parade, after the playing of a few bars of the National Anthem, for the last time, and the moment had come for parting from them. Slowly the old colours, with their escort, commanded by Captain Liebenrood, were borne away, to be brought forth again only when they are carried to their final resting place in All Saints' Church, at Maidstone.

THE CONSECRATION SERVICE.

With the Regiment drawn up to form three sides of a square, the ceremony of consecrating the new colours began. The drums were piled with the new colours resting upon them, and the Archdeacon of Tonbridge (the Ven. A. T. Scott, M.A.), and the Senior Chaplain of Shorncliffe Garrison (the Rev. Deane Oliver, M.A., S.C.F.), took up their position as the officiating clergy. The hymn "Brightly gleams our Banner" was reverently sung by the Regiment to the tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers," after which the Rev. Deane Oliver spoke as follows:—

"Dearly beloved in the Lord, forasmuch as men at all times have made for themselves signs and emblems of allegiance to their rulers, and of their duty to uphold those laws and institutions which God's Providence has called them to obey, we, following this natural and pious custom, and remembering that God Himself led His people Israel by a pillar of fire by night, and a pillar of cloud by day, are met together before God to ask His blessing on these Colours, which are to represent to us our duty towards our Sovereign and our Country. Let us, therefore, pray Almighty God, of His mercy, to grant that they may never be unfurled save in the cause of justice and righteousness; and that He may make them to be to those who follow them a sign of His presence with them in all dangers and distresses, and may increase their faith and hope in Him who is the King of Kings and the Lord of lords. Amen."

Prayers followed, and then Archdeacon Scott, placing his hands on the new colours, performed the consecration, saying: "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do dedicate and set apart these Colours, that they may be a sign of duty towards our King and Country in the sight of God. Amen."

The Archdeacon next said the following prayer: "O Lord, who rulest over all things, accept, we beseech Thee, our service this day. Bless what we have blessed in Thy Name. Let Thy gracious favour rest on those who shall follow the Colours now committed to their trust. Give them courage; and may their courage ever rest on their sure confidence in Thee. May they show self-control in the time of success, patience in the time of adversity; and may their honour lie in seeking the honour and glory of Thy great Name. May they walk worthily of the vocation to which they are called, in dependence on Thy blessed will, and mindful that without Thee they can do nothing. Guide the counsels of those who shall lead them, and sustain them by help in time of need. Grant they may all so faithfully serve Thee in this life, that they fail not finally to obtain an entrance into Thy heavenly kingdom, through the merits of Thy Blessed Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

This prayer was followed by the Benediction, pronounced by the Archdeacon, and the consecration ceremony was at an end.

THE PRESENTATION.

The presentation of the Colours then took place. Standing by the piled drums, the Marchioness Camden delivered the King's colours to Lieut. H. A. de F. Furber, saying: "I commit these King's colours to your hands, to be preserved as a sacred trust." The Regimental colours were received by Lieut. J. S. N. Snelgrove, to whom her Ladyship spoke as follows: "I entrust to your keeping these Regimental colours, to be faithfully preserved." The two subalterns received the colours kneeling.

The Lord Lieutenant's address was a brief one. He said: Lieut.-Colonel Sir Arthur Boscawen, officers and men of the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), I wish to thank you for so kindly inviting Lady Camden and myself to be present here to-day, and Lady Camden wishes me to say how glad she is to have been able to present you with your new colours. To me it is a great pleasure to be here. Although I have not had the pleasure of serving in your Regiment, yet I feel I am connected with it. In 1779 my great-grandfather joined the West Kent Militia as Ensign, and became Colonel of the Regiment in 1827, while my grandfather joined as Captain in 1817. The old colours we have said good-bye to to-day were presented to your Regiment in 1877, and this is the last occasion on which you will see the Regimental colours in Kentish grey. The new colours presented to you to-day are unique in the history of the Regiment. They are the same as are carried by the Line Regiment, and bear all the Regiment's battle honours. The Special Reserve Battalion, which takes the place of the old Militia, was created by Lord Haldane's scheme of 1908. It is now an integral portion of the First Line, and would be used to make up wastage in war. It is most important, therefore, if you are to fulfil your proper role in war time, that the Battalion should endeavour to recruit up to strength in all ranks. The Militia Battalions of the county have always done what was required of them, and, I believe, will continue to do so. The West Kent Militia have been embodied on many occasions, their embodied service during the last 140 years have extended over a period of no less than 33 years. It is especially to be noted that the Regiment was embodied during the Peninsular War, 1803-4; the Waterloo campaign, 1815-16; and the Crimean War, 1852-56. I understand that this Battalion was the first Militia Regiment to volunteer for service in South Africa, and was the first to leave England. Unfortunately, however, it did not have the opportunity of going to South Africa, but was sent to garrison Malta. You are singularly fortunate in having as your Honorary Colonel, Field Marshal H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn. I am sure the Regiment will worthily uphold at all times and on all occasions the great traditions which you inherit from the Line Battalions, whose honours are blazoned on the colours you have received to-day.

Turning to Lieutenant-Colonel Sir A. Griffith Boscawen, the Lord Lieutenant concluded: "I wish, Colonel Boscawen, to congratulate you on your smart Regiment, and once more to thank you for the honour done to Lady Camden and myself by inviting us to come here to-day. We both wish the Regiment every possible good luck in the future."

In his reply, Colonel Sir A. Griffith Boscawen said: "I desire to thank you, Lord Camden, very much for the words you have just spoken, and for your presence here to-day. I desire also to thank Lady Camden for coming here, and for the gracious kindness she has shown in presenting our new colours. As some of you know Lady Camden has only just recovered from a serious illness. At one time we were afraid she would not be able to be here, but she made up her mind to come, thus setting an example to duty which we may all well follow. I do not wish to detain the Battalion, but I desire to read a letter I have received from our Honorary Colonel, Field Marshal H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn. The letter is as follows:—

H.M Yacht Alexandra,
Rotterdam, August 12, 1913.

Dear Colonel Boscawen,—I write to ask you to express, in my name, to the 3rd Royal West Kent Regiment, my very best wishes on the occasion of their being presented with new colours by Lady Camden. I have now been for so many years connected with the Regiment as their Honorary Colonel that I naturally take a continual interest in their welfare and efficiency. May these new Colours, representing as they do their Sovereign and their country, be a new incentive to all ranks to do their duty and to maintain the great traditions of the distinguished Regiment to which they ought to be so proud to belong.

Sending you and all ranks my warmest greeting, believe me, yours sincerely,

ARTHUR, F.M.,
Hon. Colonel 3rd Royal West Kent Regiment.

The march past, which followed the presentation ceremony, was most creditably performed by the Battalion, the different companies moving in almost perfect line and with an admirable swing to the tune of "The Low-Back'd Car," the march of the 3rd Battalion.

Unfortunately a shower fell while the ceremony of presentation was in progress, but the rain was not sufficient to cause serious discomfort to those taking part.

AT LUNCHEON.—SOUVENIR FOR LADY CAMDEN.

Colonel Sir A. Griffith Boscawen and the officers of the Battalion afterwards entertained their guests at lunch, which was served in a marquee erected in proximity to the parade ground. The Colonel was in the chair.

Following the repast the Chairman proposed the toast of "The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment." Ever since the year 1884 his Royal Highness had been Honorary Colonel of the Regiment that was formerly the West Kent Light Infantry (Militia), and was now the 3rd Battalion of The Queen's Own (applause). He thanked his Royal Highness for the gracious letter which he had received from him, and which he had had the pleasure of reading on parade that day.

Lieut.-Colonel Sir A. Griffith Boscawen next proposed the health of the Lord Lieutenant and Lady Camden. He was sure that all in that Battalion and their friends greatly appreciated the presence of the

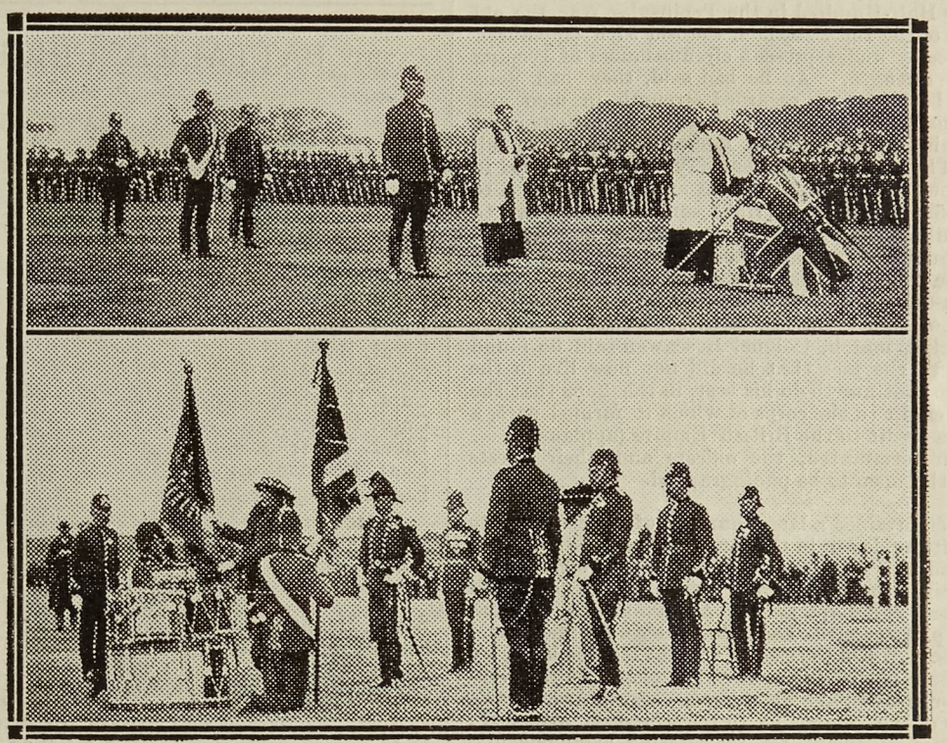
Marquis and the Marchioness on that occasion (applause). It was an honour to the old West Kent Militia, which was once commanded by an ancestor of Lord Camden's, that he should have come there that day, and to Lady Camden they were greatly thankful (hear, hear), because she had really come from a bed of sickness. He ventured to say to the Battalion on parade that her ladyship had set an example of duty which was well worthy of imitation by all of them (applause). They were very grateful to Lady Camden for her presence, and they were also very grateful to Lord Camden. They wished to keep their close connection with the whole county, and the Lord Lieutenant by his presence was helping them in that direction. He (the speaker) did not think that was an occasion for much speaking, but before he concluded he desired, on behalf of the officers of the Battalion, to ask Lady Camden to accept a little souvenir in the shape of a rose bowl, with an inscription upon it in the following words:—"Presented to the Marchioness Camden by the officers of the 3rd Batt. The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regt.), on the occasion of the presentation of new colours. Shorncliffe, 19th August, 1913" (applause).

Lady Camden was heartily applauded on rising to acknowledge the gift. She said: Colonel Boscawen and officers, you have taken me so much by surprise in presenting me with this beautiful gift that I feel I cannot fully express my sincere thanks to you for it, and for the great honour you have done me by asking me to come here and present new colours to your Regiment. I shall always value this gift greatly, although I feel I really have done nothing to deserve it. Colonel Boscawen and officers, I can only say that I thank you very much indeed (applause).

Replying to the toast, Lord Camden said he could only again assure them that it was a great pleasure to Lady Camden and himself to have been invited to come there that day. When his wife was taken ill he said to her: "I am afraid you will not be able to go down to Shorncliffe," but her reply was that she intended to do so if there was any possible chance (applause). He did not know what her London doctor would have said if he had seen her there that day (laughter), but he (the speaker) hoped that she would find that coming to Shorncliffe had done her good, and not ill (hear, hear). Since the old Militia had been done away with he, as Lord Lieutenant, had had nothing to do with it officially, but if he could help the Regiment in any way—by getting hold of young officers, or by any other means—he would be only too pleased to do so (applause). In concluding, Lord Camden referred to the presence of Lieut.-General Sir James Grierson, General Officer commanding the Eastern Command, remarking that Sir James had done honour to the Regiment by coming down to witness the ceremony that had taken place on parade.

Colonel E. T. Luck, a past Commanding Officer of the Battalion, next submitted "The 3rd Battalion The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment)." The toast, he said, was really that of "Our Hospitable Hosts" (applause). For his own part he felt rather like Rip Van Winkle in finding himself back at Shorncliffe, where 40 years ago he spent so many pleasant times. He was glad to think that those pleasant times continued, seeing how well they had been treated that day. When he first had to do with the West Kent Light Infantry (Militia), the Regiment trained at Maidstone because the permanent barracks were situated there. At that time the present barracks were cavalry quarters, and were occupied by the 3rd Dragoons, the 7th Dragoons, and the 7th Hussars. Their Colonel that day had referred to their Hon. Colonel, his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn. It was at Maidstone, at the time he was alluding to, that he (the speaker) first met Prince Arthur, as he was then. He (Colonel Luck) was quite a young fellow, but he was fortunate enough to be one of the three or four who met his Royal Highness on one occasion at dinner. He remembered that they had some whist after dinner—bridge was not then invented—and that he was lucky enough to win half a sovereign. He was not referring to his Royal Highness in saying that, but what he wished to say with reference to their Hon. Colonel was that he won the respect, regard, and esteem of all who met him at Maidstone as he had done ever since, whether in Canada or in other parts (applause). Colonel Luck added that he had not had much to do with the present Battalion, but he had seen enough that day to be quite sure that it would give a good account of itself if called upon at any time (hear, hear). He proposed, therefore, the toast of the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) with much pleasure, and coupled with it the name of Colonel Sir A. Griffith Boscawen, its commanding officer (applause).

Replying, Lieut.-Colonel Sir A. Griffith Boscawen said he desired first of all to read a telegram he had received from Sir Edmund Leach, Colonel of the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). The telegram was as follows:—"Regret being unable to attend presentation new colours to 3rd Battalion Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) to-day, Wish every success to Battalion, all circumstances and conditions." He (Colonel Boscawen) was sure they would accept with much pleasure the good wishes of Sir Edmund Leach, and that they



CONSECRATION AND PRESENTATION OF THE NEW COLOURS.

(Illustration by the courtesy of the "South Eastern Gazette.")

all regretted his being unable to be present with them (hear, hear). He had also received a letter from Colonel Hume, an ex-commanding officer of the 3rd Battalion, who was likewise very sorry that he was unable to be present. With regard to the toast, he (the speaker) thanked them most heartily on behalf of the Battalion. They had tried to do their best, and if they had given satisfaction they were amply rewarded. It was to him a great honour to be in command of the Battalion. They had difficulties in the Special Reserve, particularly in keeping up to strength, but they realised that if the present scheme of the organisation of the Army was to succeed the Special Reserve must not fall short in numbers (hear, hear). It had been his constant aim, and the constant aim of every officer, non-commissioned officer, and man of that Battalion to secure their proper strength and maintain their efficiency (applause). That day they had witnessed a solemn, and in some degree a sad, ceremony, To all of them now serving, and to many formerly in the Regiment, including Colonel Luck, Colonel Bonhote, Colonel Bailey, and other old officers of the Battalion, it was a pathetic thing to see the old colours marched off to "Auld Lang Syne." They had seen their old Kentish grey colours disappear behind the line, to re-appear only when they were carried to their final resting place in the Parish Church at Maidstone. The old West Kent Militia was at an end, but they had risen, phœnix-like, to the 3rd Battalion of that distinguished Regiment. The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent), whose battle honours they would bear on their colours in future—the battle honours of the Regiment called the Dirty Half-Hundred in the Peninsular War, the old 50th, and also the honours of the 2nd Battalion, the old 97th (applause). He had spoken of the difficulty under present circumstances of keeping the 3rd Battalion up to strength. As he had said, they had done their best and they were better off as regarded strength in men and strength in officers than many other Special Reserve Battalions ; but they would not realise their ambition till the Regiment was up to full strength in all ranks. They had present that day many who lived in the county, many who could help them, and he appealed to them to aid him and his brother officers to get the right sort of youngsters to join the Battalion as subalterns. He would promise any parents present that their sons should have a jolly good time, but they must not think service with the Special Reserve was all a pic-nic. They worked pretty hard now-a-days, but if they had to be strenuous they also managed to have a good time. Having mentioned that he always welcomed a Battalion cricket match, Colonel Boscawen said he found his duties difficult owing to the fact that he did not now live in the county, but he intended to continue to do his best, in the hope that the 3rd Battalion might be a credit to the corps of which it formed part, a credit to their King, and a credit to the British Empire (applause).

The proceedings then terminated, the officers and their guests afterwards assembling in the open to be photographed.

The Sergeants' Mess entertained a large number of their friends to lunch and tea, over 300 sitting down in the large marquee (kindly lent by Messrs. Simonds, of Reading). Photos were taken of the members of the Mess, Lieut.-Colonel Sir Arthur and Lady Griffith-Boscawen, with Major C. G. Pack-Beresford and Captain and Adjutant H. A. Waring being included in the group. Afterwards Lady Boscawen with the Colonel visited the Sergeants' Mess. While the guests were at tea the band, by kind permission of the officers, played during the afternoon. In the evening Sergeant-Major Grellier presided at a Smoking Concert to which many old friends and Sergeants of the Regiments in the Garrison attended ; Colour-Sergeant E. Mills was responsible for the catering arrangements, proving an efficient manager, being assisted by an able committee.

3RD BATTALION TRAINING.

The great event of the Training of 1913 was, of course, the Presentation of New Colours. A full account is given elsewhere, and we will say but little more on the subject. Ceremonial drill, of the standard required for such an occasion, is a high trial even to Regulars, but when it falls on "one-month-a-year" soldiers, the difficulties are naturally far greater. We hope, however, that we acquitted ourselves with credit, as Colonel Pink, commanding No. 10 District, spoke to the Battalion on parade the next day, and highly complimented it on the manner in which the ceremony had been carried out.

With close order drill taking such a prominent part in our work, manœuvre had to suffer, and little was attempted beyond elementary company training. The first ten days were spent at musketry, and here again the results were good. No third class shots, and a figure of merit that, we are told, stands high among those of the other Battalions in the District.

As to sport, several cricket matches were played, and we returned to Maidstone with an unbeaten record. Eight matches played, six won, and two drawn "with nothing in it." Captain Liebenrood and Lieutenant Anderson were mainly responsible for our success, and they hardly ever failed to come off with both bat and ball. The most exciting and enjoyable match was undoubtedly that played at Knowlton Court against Mr. Speed's eleven. It was cricket at its best, a great game in the most pleasant surroundings. Our adversaries looked like making a very big score, but we got them out for 262, and were left with just under two hours to get out or win. A draw seemed certain when Lieutenant Anderson went in, and, beating at every ball that came to him, he procured his own century in almost record time, and brought us out winners by six wickets within a minute or two of time.

3RD BATTALION CRICKET AVERAGES.

BATTING

	Innings.	Times not out.	Total runs.	Highest score.	Average.
Lieut. Anderson	8	1	349	109	49·85
Capt. Liebenrood.....	8	—	386	84	48·25
Capt. Barrow.....	5	2	79	43	26·33
Capt. Waring	7	1	135	59	22·5
Lieut. Fisher..... ...	7	—	153	43*	21·85
Lieut. Sewell	5	1	66	28	16·5
Lieut. Baker	4	1	35	27	11·66
Col.-Sergt. Merrick	3	1	16	16	8
Capt. Dinwiddy.....	2	—	15	8	7·5
Capt. Bonsor.....	8	—	53	21	6·62
Lieut. Whitehouse	6	1	23	13	4·6
Capt. Beeman	4	2	9	6	4·5
Lieut. Snelgrove	3	1	1	1	·5

Batted once :—Major Pack-Beresford (24), Dr. Lythall (0, not out) Sergeant Hannan (0), Corporal Welch (0).

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets	Avge.
Sergt. Hannan.....	3	—	19	2	9 5
Capt. Liebenrood	90·4	16	326	26	12·53
Lieut. Anderson	111·2	24	412	31	13·22
Lieut. Fisher	33	3	156	7	22·28

Also bowled :—Lieut. Baker (0 wickets for 69 runs), Captain Barrow (0 for 11), Lieut. Whitehouse (0 for 1), Captain Bonsor (0 for 10).

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

Major P. M. Robinson, C.M.G., has passed in part I., appendix XII., King's Regulations, May, 1913.

Lieut. F. J. Hearle is placed temporarily on the Half Pay List o account of ill health, dated 8th July, 1913.

The undermentioned have been permitted to extend their service to complete 12 years with the Colours :—

8566 Lce.-Sergt. W. Selves, 8434 Pte. W. Needham.

The following N.C.O.'s and men have been discharged at their own request after 18 years' service :—3584 Lce.-Corpl. R. Cruse, 4521 Pte. J. Tyrrell.

9681 Pte. A. Saunders has been transferred on probation to the 5th Royal Irish Lancers to serve with an elder brother.

No. 7181 Lce.-Sergt. A. Baker has been discharged as medically unfit for further service, 4th August, 1913.

No. 6287 Pte. A. Bankins has re-engaged to complete 21 years with the Colours, 6th August, 1913.

3419 Pte. J. Faulkner and 6252 Pte. W. Cripps have been discharged on completion of 12 years' service.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

Major C. E. Kitson assumed the duties of Senior Major vice Major O'Dowda, from the 16th July.

No. 4720 Sergt.-Major R. Thorne, 5619 Colour-Sergt. A. Elliott, and 5883 Colour-Sergt. H. Stevens qualified at School of Musketry, Changla Gali, on the 24th June, 1913.

8246 Lance-Corpl. J. Holland and 9271 Lance-Corpl. R. Brown have qualified as Assistant Instructors in Signalling, at Lower Topa, on 9th July, 1913.

No. 8885 Pte. F. Parker has been allowed to purchase his discharge on payment of £18.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s and men have been permitted to extend their services to complete 12 years:—8446 Lance-Corpl. H. Hall, 8447 Pte. H. Martin, 8096 Pte. W. Croucher.

The undermentioned are awarded Good Conduct Badges on dates as stated:—Privates 8526 H. Locke, 1st, dated 28th July, 1913; 9605 C. Smith, 1st, 8th June, 1913; 9624 F. Shaw, 1st, 14th July, 1913; 9025 P. Kettle, 1st, 26th July, 1913; 9062 W. Durrant, 1st, 7th July, 1913; 9017 W. Steel, 2nd, 22nd July, 1913; 9380 A. Spooner, 1st, 1st July, 1913; 9630 F. Payne, 1st, 28th June, 1913; 9637 E. Menlove, 1st, 6th July, 1913; 9638 E. Jones, 1st, 6th July, 1913; 8488 W. Brookman, 2nd, 19th July, 1913; 8996 J. Dennis, 2nd, 16th July, 1913; 9000 H. Field, 22nd July, 1913; 8915 J. Hardesty, 2nd, 19th July, 1913; 9014 H. Keating, 2nd, 16th July, 1913; 8272 C. Kerr, 2nd, 17th March, 1911; 8713 W. Angel, 2nd, 16th July, 1913; 9015 H. Colmar, 2nd, 20th July, 1913; 9043 T. Jasper, 2nd, 30th July, 1913; 7692 R. Pringle, one, 2nd July, 1913; 8378 F. Walton, one, 17th June, 1913; 8481 A. Blackbarrow, two, 1st July, 1913.

The following is the total number of points obtained by Companies in General Leach's Boxing Cup, up to 30th June, 1913:—D Company 84 points, E Company 74 points, G Company 70 points, A Company 44 points, B Company 44 points, C Company 23 points, F Company 7 points, H Company 7.

The undermentioned have been awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education, 19th July, 1913:—8206 Lce.-Corpl. H. Gibson, 8997 Dmr. R. Smith, Ptes. 8989 C. Wood, 9463 G. Barns, 9768 W. Lock, 9589 F. Willcocks, 9638 E. Jones, 8863 H. Lyons, 8787 W. Johnson, 9580 H. Dutnall, 9472 J. Winton.

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

No. 2837 Colour-Sergeant D. Leaver has been discharged to pension after 23 years' service. His vacancy on the regular establishment has been filled by the posting of 5534 Colour-Sergeant E. Kallend, from the 1st Battalion.

Corporal T. Welch has been re-posted to the 1st Battalion on his promotion to the above rank, dated 28th August, 1913.

NEW PLYMOUTH,
NEW ZEALAND,
28th June, 1913.

NEW ZEALAND MILITARY TRAINING.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

It may be of interest to some of your readers to know how the above is admininstered, recruited and trained. No doubt all have heard much about Conscription in our Colonies, usually from the anti-militarist both at home and on this side of the line; and of course the whole scheme as presented by them naturally appears as a blot on Britain's boasted freedom. In fact they tell us that that is just what it is. And unfortunately there has been no contradiction of these very much biased statements and misleading remarks. It may be that it is considered unnecessary. Now just a word about the so-called Conscript. He is generally a healthy robust youth of from 14 to 22 years of age, lives in the open practically, and as strong as a horse. Nearly everyone is a horseman and spends a third of his life in the saddle in many cases.

The above applies to the boys from the Backblocks. The towns do not boast of quite the same material, but to say the least of the latter is to say they are a good stamp of lad. They are very willing and enthusiastic.

In one of my centres I have a squad of 18, and 12 of them are riding in from distances ranging from 6 to 28 miles, and this on a Sunday to be on parade on the Monday. It is their enthusiasm and not the law that brings them in, because no one is compelled to ride more than 8 miles or walk more than 4 miles to drill. If they are beyond that distance they are exempt until they come within the radius. And the weather sometimes met with is vile. Many times when these lads have ridden in their horses are coated with mud up to their withers, for it should be understood that Backblock settlers aren't blessed with metalled roads. They are mere tracks and during winter they are two feet under mud. I mention all this because it shows what the "poor conscript" thinks of a couple of hours soldiering, and what he will undergo in preference to missing it; and this, mind, is entirely voluntary, and on top of that he loses a day's work, for it takes him the rest of the Monday to get back again. So much for his enthusiasm.

Now as to admission, etc. The country was divided into four Military Districts—Auckland and Wellington in the North Island and Canterbury and Otago in the South Island. Each district into four groups and each group into four areas.

A Proclamation was issued in March, 1911, calling upon all lads to register under the Defence Act between the ages of 14 and 21. Registration forms could be obtained at all Post Offices, Police Stations, and Area Defence Offices. When filled in the forms were forwarded to the nearest Area Sergeant-Major. The period for registration closed in July of that year, and anyone eligible who failed to comply were prosecuted, and were fined sums ranging from one to five pounds. This fine of course did not relieve them of their obligation; they were still required to register.

The whole were then mustered in convenient centres and medically examined. Those fit were classed under two headings: Cadets and Territorials—those 14 to 18 and those above 18 years.

The Territorials of each Area Group were posted to one of two units. As for instance this group (all Territorials) became either 11th Regiment (Infantry) or 2nd Mounted Rifles. They had choice of either. Those preferring the mounted had to provide their own horse and saddlery. Finally they were sworn in and clothed—cap, slouch hat, jacket and trousers or riding breeches, and a set of the latest web equipment, the Infantry being armed with the long and Mounted with the short rifle. They have to serve up to 25 years of age.

The year's training must be not less than 30 parades of 1½ hours, 12 parades of 3 hours, 7 full days in camp and a course of musketry, the time taken for musketry is in addition to the above. For the seven days in camp they receive full rations. Three very substantial meals, and meat ones at that, with tea at each meal and pay as under: Colour-Sergeants, 5s. 6d.; Sergeants, 5s.; Corporals, 4s. 6d.; Privates, 4s. per day. Mounted men, of course, get free fodder for their horses.

Tho Cadets are managed differently. Each Cadet Company's strength is not less than 50, with the O.C. Area Group as their Adjutant. Their training consists of one hour per week and a course of musketry, but no camp. Their dress consists of slouch hat, Garribaldi blouse, shorts and stocking puttees, and very neat they look.

On the 1st of June of each year the Proclamation is issued, as in the first year. Medical examinations, posting and taking the oath is again gone through with the recruits. We have all boys who have entered their 15th year coming into the Cadets, and all Cadets who have entered their 19th year going up into the Territorials.

It is at this period that the Sergeant-Major has to get a move on. Each man or Cadet receives a Record Book (small book) which contains

a true history of his yearly training. This is in duplicate, the S.M. keeps the duplicate.

At the expiration of each training year those who have not attended the minimum number of parades are prosecuted for "Failing to render the personal service required of him."

But these are not the only prosecutions that take place under the Act. If a man fails to attend a parade he receives a "final notice" to attend the next parade, and calling upon him to give a sufficient reason for his absence from the last one; failing this he is prosecuted. There have been a few prosecutions lately, the training year having just closed.

The punishments awarded range from £3 to £5, or in default military detention, together with loss of civil rights from three to five years. These cases are heard in the Magistrates Court, of course.

The difficulties met with, with regard to the actual training have been many. In the larger centres it is easy, and also in the smaller towns as New Pupmauch, but it is in country centres that the trouble commences. We call parades once a fortnight in the latter, and they are always three hour parades. Drill of any kind was difficult; we usually paraded in open Paddocks (fields) just recently cleared of bush. Dodging tree stumps, avoiding swamps, and jumping small streams was the usual amusement. A good deal of our time was devoted to small lectures, History, Regimental and otherwise, local geography, visual training, and plenty of physical drill. These short half days were made as interesting as possible, and the lads look forward always to their next parade. But the difficulty of the parade ground was not the only one. I have an area with a 95 mile sea front, and lays back landwards for from 15 to 30 miles. I had 18 drill centres, and each had to be visited twice a month. The method of reaching them was by bike; horse, or horse and gig, the latter only in extreme weather. The roads are decidedly bad and getting bogged up was a common experience. My biggest day was cycling 65 miles (fair roads), and 7½ hours' drill, visiting three centres, two country, three hours each, and one town 1½ hours. Can you imagine a man being fit for physical drill after riding half that distance, and half of that before breakfast, and usually against a steady head wind or rain, or a summer sun, and sometimes two of those elements. Things are changed though now. The Sergeant-Majors who needed it were given assistance in the shape of a Sergeant Instructor. I was given two, so things aren't quite so bad. Quite a number of us had experienced this, and a few much worse, for I believe, in what is known as the King Country, the going is shocking, settlers are bogged up for three and four months in the year. One can imagine the difficulties confronting the A.S.M. there, for we have to be on the spot regardless of the forces against us. And when we did get home, after perhaps four or five days away, we sometimes couldn't get the office door open, owing to the amount of correspondence that had passed through the letter-box on to the floor.

This clerical work was done in our spare time. Transfers in and out of the area are occurring daily, and with every transfer comes the two Record Books for alteration in the several places. Circular memo's from District Headquarters and from Group Headquarters were coming in by the dozen, "for your future guidance please pass en route, &c." There were many of course at the commencement of the scheme. Parade states, Record Books, absentee returns, increase and decrease Company rolls and musketry returns. What a feast! However, it has all subsided, and things are moving along much more easily. The boys are showing something for their training, and it will soon become a second nature to them. The stock is the same, and to do them justice they are a credit to themselves. That is from one on the spot.

I am, etc.,

O. A. BOND, S.M.

The following occurred at the recent Camp at Oringi. A mounted man for some reason was late in returning from the morning's manœuvres, in fact he only arrived about ten minutes before the afternoon's "fall in." He quickly got his horse a feed, but before the horse had settled down to it, the "fall in" sounded. Its owner quickly saddled it and dashed on parade. Of course the horse was a little upset and commenced shaking its head. The troop officer came down and said, "Look! that horse's bit's too big for him and its worrying him." The trooper very promptly replied, "'Tain't the big bit in his mouth worries him, its the little bit in his belly."

BIRTHS.

At Maidstone, on the 22nd July, 1913, the wife of Captain M. J. Dinwiddy, of a son, "Robert Edward."

At Dublin, on the 10th July, 1913, the wife of No. 5899 Sergt. G. Kemp, of a daughter, "Marjorie Joyce Eileen."

At Dublin, on the 1st July, 1913, the wife of 4990, Private J. Hannant, of a son, "John James Frederick."

At Maidstone, on the 30th June, 1913, the wife of 8359 Drummer J. Robertson, of a daughter, "Ivy Kathleen."

OBITUARY.

We regret to announce the death of two veterans of the Regiment, viz.:—

No. 184 Pte. Henry Leader, who died at Calne on the 22nd July, 1913. Enlisting on the 2nd July, 1857, Mr. Leader saw foreign service in Ceylon, Australia, and New Zealand, taking his discharge to pension on the 21st October, 1872. He was in possession of the New Zealand Medal.

No. 1338 Pte. James Hudson died at Peterborough on the 4th August, 1913. He enlisted on the 26th September, 1873, seeing service in East India, Egypt, Cyprus, Soudan, Gibraltar and Malta. The deceased veteran took his discharge to pension on the 26th September, 1894, and was in possession of the Afghan Medal (1879), Egyptian (1882), Clasp, Nile (1884 and 1885), and the Khedive's Star.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Colonel H. G. Fitton, C.B., D.S.O., Assistant Adjutant-General in the Eastern Command, has been selected for Appointment as Director of Recruiting and Organisation, Vice Brigadier-General F. R. C. Carleton, with the rank of Brigadier-General.

To be Lieutenants.—2nd Lieut. B. H. Bonham-Carter, dated 30th July, 1913; 2nd Lieut. P. F. Bell, dated 2nd August, 1913.—*London Gazette*, dated 8th August, 1913.

1st BATTALION.

Promoted Colour Sergeant.—5259 Sergt. F. Crossley, dated 25th August, 1913.

Promoted Sergeant.—7910 Lance-Sergt. H. Fuller, dated 25th August, 1913.

Promoted Corporal.—8740 Lance-Corporal T. White, dated 25th August, 1913.

Privates Appointed Lance-Corporals.—9697 A. Robinson, dated 16th August, 1913; 9267 J. Shaw, dated 22nd September, 1913.

Appointed Drummer.—10034 Boy J. Loftus, dated 18th June, 1913.

2nd BATTALION.

Promoted Corporal.—9342 Lance-Corporal T. Masters, dated 11th August, 1913.

Private Appointed Lance-Corporal.—8855 A. Brown, dated 2nd August, 1913.

THE EDITOR'S COLUMN OF REMARKS.

When New Colours were presented to the 3rd Battalion, many voices were raised in lamentation because, with the departure of the old Regimental Colours, the last official recognition of "Kentish grey" had gone. This made us ask "What is the origin of Kentish grey, and why should people grieve at its loss?" We gathered from its name that it was especially connected with the County. Further, we had heard that although we may be called "the blues" in the football field, this was a misnomer, and our regimental colours, when originally chosen, were the dark blue of a Royal Regiment and Kentish grey. We had even been told that the cover of our regimental paper is intended to be the nearest approach to Kentish grey that can be got, and yet, although we had so constantly seen and worn the colour, we could not say how we came by it! We consequently started to search for its origin and the result has been the excellent article from the pen of Colonel Bonhote that appears elsewhere in these pages. We have consulted other authorities, but so far they have not been able to give any information that is not also given by Colonel Bonhote.

The fact of the matter is that most of us are far too much inclined to take things for granted. We wear a badge or use a crest every day of our lives without giving one moment's thought to its significance. Mere trivialties some will say, but if they give the matter a little thought they will realize that such things are really among "the little things that count." Nothing is trivial that is connected with the history of the Regiment Disraeli once said something to the effect that the only use of the history of the past was to teach us in the present, and guide us in the future. Surely the chief use of regimental history is to teach us to be proud of ourselves and to bring up "the young idea" to take a pride in themselves. And how can we do this if we do not know everything about our history that is to be known? If we do not know our history, people say that it cannot be worth knowing, or, worse still, that it is best forgotten. There are a lot of little things connected with our history that we come across every day of our lives and simply take for granted. As an instance, we give below a few questions and we confess that we do not know the answers. Doubtless someone will be able to provide them, and perchance there are others who will have fresh questions to ask. Well, this column is always at their disposal to air their knowledge or, we hope, to dispel their ignorance. Here are the questions:—

Why do we wear the Lion and the Crown as a badge? (Colonel Fyler has given the date of, but not the reason for, its adoption).

Why did the 50th wear black, and the 97th sky-blue facings?

Why are the buttons in pairs on the Officers' tunic and mess dress?

Why did the 97th take the title of "The Earl of Ulster's"?

Why was "The Hundred Pipers" adopted as the regimental march?

If any facetious people send us a skit on the above on the lines of "Why did the chicken cross the road?" we shall send our office boy to strike them, even if he has to walk and swim to India to do it.

We notice in the Imperial Service Exhibition now being held at Earl's Court the following exhibits of Regimental interest:—

One Water Colour Painting by R. Simkin, "The Drums 1st Battalion R.W. Kent Regiment."

Nine Medals gained by men of the 50th and 97th Regiments, exhibited by Messrs. Spink & Son.

SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION
THE QUEEN'S OWN R.W. KENT REGIMENT.

It has been decided to hold the Annual Dinner at the Holborn Restaurant, London, E.C., on the 18th October. Tickets, price 3/6, can be had from the Hon. Secretary, Sergt. Daykin, The Barracks, Maidstone.

THE LAND-MARKS OF TIME.

OCTOBER.

3rd.—2nd Battalion arrived at Frankfort, 1900.

5th.—Presentation of Medals to Volunteer Active Service Companies, Maidstone, 1900.

10th and 11th.—2nd Battalion engaged in night attack at Groenplatz, 1900.

16th.—"SEVASTOPOL" ordered to be borne on Colours of 97th Regiment, 1856.

19th.—Motto, "Quo fas et gloria ducunt," added to Colours of 97th Regiment, 1826.

20th.—New Colours presented to 50th Regiment, 1815.

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KENTISH GREY.

It has been asked whether any solid foundation could be discovered for the edifice of sentimental affection in which "*Kentish grey*" has been enshrined by the Military Forces of the County. Until the facilities of modern locomotion lead to increased travel and the migration of families or individuals to distant parts, loosening the local ties of the civil population and diminishing their acquaintance with the traditions of their native county, I believe the same sentimental attachment to "Kentish grey" and an indefinite feeling of something approaching reverence, pride, or veneration, was also shared by civilians in common with the military forces of the County although neither could satisfactorily explain the grounds of their traditional feeling on the subject.

To attempt to trace a traditional and sentimental regard for "Kentish grey" to its source and expose it to the cold analysis of facts, documents and authorities, resembles the researches of the child with a taste for botany who unearths the bulb in his endeavours to account for the beauties of the tulip, and would savour somewhat of the iconoclast were it not that I hope, albeit imperfectly, to show some grounds for the 'faith that is in us' and perhaps to encourage others, better qualified, to add further facts bearing on the subject, from the store-house of history.

One of the chief industries of Kent in the olden days was the manufacture of cloth; this industry owed its foundation to the encouragement given by Edward III. to Flemings to settle in this country; in 1331, according to *Rymers Fœdora*, 70 families of clothworkers from the Netherlands settled in England, and in the tenth year of his reign (1337) many weavers settled in the Weald of Kent, especially about Cranbrook, Biddenden, Hawkhurst, &c. A large number of Flemish "dyers and clothdrapers" also settled in Canterbury in 1567 (on account of the Duke of Alva's persecution). The manufacture seems to have died out or been transferred from Kent about the middle of the XVIIIth. Century.

Philpot, who wrote in 1659, says "Cranebrook is a Town very populous, it was one of the first places where the manufacture of clothing was professed and practised, being brought into England in the reign of Edward III., who, by proposing rewards and granting many immunities, trained Flemings into the nation in the 10th year of his reign to teach the English that art of drapery, or weaving, and *making* woolen *cloth*, which is esteemed at this day one of the buttresses which sustain the Commonwealth, and certainly for making *durable broad-cloths with* very good mixtures and *perfect colours* Cranebrook doth with the most that way excell." *Archaeologia Cantiana, vol. 9, xcvi.*

It is said that one John Kemp was the first weaver of woollen cloth who accepted the invitation of Ed. III. to weavers, dyers, and fullers from Flanders to come over and settle in this country promising them his protection and favour on condition that they should carry on their trade and communicate the knowledge thereof to his subjects. Many other colonists followed and succeeded in establishing such a reputation for the "fine *Kentish broadcloths*" that the industry and those taking part in it flourished exceedingly in the Weald of Kent and the County generally. Hasted in his *History of Kent, vii., p. 92* says, "The occupation of it" (the cloth trade) "was formerly of considerable consequence and estimation and was exercised by persons who possessed most of the landed property in the Weald, insomuch that almost all the ancient families of these parts, now of large estates and genteel rank in life, and some of them ennobled by titles, are sprung from, and owe their fortunes to, ancestors who have used this great staple manufacture now almost unknown here. Among others the Bathursts, Ongleys, Courthopes, Maplesdens, Gibbons, Westons, Plumers, Austens, Dunkes, and Stringers. They were usually called from their dress, *the grey coats of Kent*, and were a body so numerous and united that at county elections whoever had their votes and interest was almost certain of being elected."

See also Dearns Weald of Kent p. 75, &c.

The use of "*grey coats of Kentish broadcloth*" as an article of military clothing dates back to the reign of Queen Elizabeth and "*grey*" continued the distinguishing uniform of certain regiments (amongst which, we may be sure, were included those identified with the County whence originated the colour and material) until the adoption of red as a universal colour for the bulk of the British infantry. When red became the general rule the old *Kentish Grey* was retained as "linings" "facings" and cuffs, by the Kent Militia Regiments; moreover for a long time after the adoption of the red for the rest of the Battalion the drummers continued to wear coats of the Kentish grey.

In the reign of Queen Elizabeth it is stated that "When the Earl of Leicester . . . landed at Flushing, 4,000 Londoners accompanied him in red, *the Queen's troops being generally grey.*"—*Gleig's Military History.*

Sir John Harington in describing the clothing of the Army employed in Ireland in 1599, includes in "apparel for an Officer in winter," "one pair of Venetians" (these appear to have been trousers) "of *broad Kentish cloth*, with silver lace," and in "apparel for a common soldier in winter," "a cassock" (or coat) "of *Kentish broadcloth*, lined with cotton, and trimmed with buttons and loops" and "one pair of venetians, of *Kentish broadcloth*, with buttons, loops, and lining of linen."

During the Civil War, especially at the commencement, various regiments on both sides wore divers colours, in most cases the livery colours of their respective Colonels or leaders being selected. We read of "*Colonel Meyrick's grey coats*" *Fairfax Corr. vol. ii. p. 415. Warburton's Prince Rupert, p. 428 note.* "*Sir John Gell's grey coats*" are also mentioned.—*Hutchinson's Mem. Frith's Edition, vol. i. p. 1.*

It is also recorded that *Colonel Ballard's regiment wore grey coats. Firth. Cromwell's Army, pp. 232-3*, and at the battle of Edgehill, "*Colonel Ballard's grey coats* did most singular good service all this fight and crowned a most

bloody battle with a most honourable victory" *God in the Mount or England's Parliamentarie Chronicle, by John Vicars, 1644. p. 200.*

In Symond's notes of the muster of the King's Army at Oxford, 13th Feb. 1643, some regiments are said to have worn *grey* coats. *vide Harl. MSS. 986*

Grose says *Grey* was generally worn by infantry at the end of the 17th Century, but this is inaccurate though some regiments were thus clothed.

In 1693 "*Lord Castleton's Regiment* was *dressed in grey* with purple facings" and "Galway's Horse always *wore grey coats* as well as Monmouths and the Inniskilling Foot." *Col. Walton's History of the British Standing Army, 1660-1700. page 363.*

In the original contract for clothing Lord Castleton's Regiment in 1693, the colour of the uniform is given as well as the prices, and Sergeants and Privates are shown to have been *clothed in grey*, and the drummers in purple coats and grey breeches. *Harleian MSS. No. 6844.*

In *1759 the Kent Militia* (which for the preceding century had probably worn coats of Kentish grey, though of this I have not hitherto been able to find any authoritative record), were clothed in red coats with *grey facings.* In 1778 the uniform of the West Kent Militia was "Red *faced with grey*, and silver embroidered buttonholes." In 1800 the uniform was similar, but it is mentioned that "the Drum-major and Drummers wore *coats of Kentish grey* with scarlet facings" these they continued to wear until comparatively recent times. The East Kent Militia, the 3rd or Supplementary Militia (1798, 1799), and the various Corps of Kent Volunteers raised about that period also wore *Kentish grey facings* and bore *Kentish grey* as the "field" or ground of their *Regimental Colours*, several of which were, until recently, preserved in Dover Castle and, for all I know, may still be stored there. About 1825 to 1831 the trousers of the West Kent Militia as well as their facings, were of *Kentish grey.* The *grey facings continued to be worn until 1881* when, in pursuance of the territorial scheme, the uniform of the Line Battalions allotted to the various Districts was ordered to be adopted by the Battalions of Militia affiliated to them.

The last outward and visible evidence of Kentish grey passed away when recently the latest colours of the West Kent Militia terminated their career, and, having survived the Force to which they belonged, were carried off from their last parade with all honours to find repose, shortly, within the sacred edifice where, long years ago, *loyal 'greycoats' fell, fighting to the last "For King and Kent." "Sic transit gloria —" vexilli**, but doubtless only to be revived, phœnix-like, beneath other emblems on whose darker folds will be emblazoned fresh honours won in days to come by worthy successors of the greycoated Men of Kent.

J. BONHOTE, Colonel
(late 3rd R.W. Kent Regt.)

* on the evening of the 1st of June, 1648.
** 'of the standard.'

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE

Training.

It need hardly be mentioned that we have been in the midst of a strike here in Dublin for the last four weeks Perhaps there is only one comment we would make on the account in the papers, and that is that they are all too lucid. Consequently anybody who came here to see the "deserted city" or the "commercial chaos" he had read about would soon go away disillusioned. On the other hand nothing could be gained by belittling the situation, and the pinch of poverty, always not far from the surface in Dublin, can now be seen only too plainly. From a military point of view we are concerned, as daily a piquet varying from 50 to 200 is confined to barracks with a proportion of officers. Fortunately our actual work has been practically nominal, the Royal Irish Constabulary and the Dublin Metropolitan Police having shown themselves so far masters of the situation.

At one time it looked as if the Battalion would be unable to proceed on Divisional Training owing to the unrest, and, as a matter of fact, the King's Own Scottish Borderers in this Brigade were left behind. However, as they appear to have been almost continuously confined to Barracks, they were really worse off than we were, for our existence was so strenuous as to make any question of not knowing how to employ our spare time quite unnecessary.

The chief feature of the Training was the number of night shows, we turned the night into day, and were not always successful in turning the day into night.

The Brigade won high praise from the Divisional General for their performance, and there is reason to believe that other Brigades were surprised at the spirit and dash we displayed.

The Double Company System.

This month we can briefly chronicle a change in our Army Organisation which must be very far reaching in its results—the abolition of the 8 Company system in the Battalion in favour of the 4 Company. These latter are further subdivided into four platoons each nominally under a subaltern. At first sight it would seem that this step would mean that it had been found necessary so to speak to raise the value of our unit of measure, but as a matter of fact the opposite process is likely to be the case. Thus, while in what will soon be the old days, the smallest self-contained unit was the Company of 100 men, the smallest unit in the future will probably be the platoon of 50 men. At any rate so it would be in a perfect military world where guards and fatigues did not exist; it remains to be seen how things will turn out in reality. Probably we will find that between the new regimee and the old, there is not the big gulf that we once anticipated. The four Companies are composed as follows:—

A Co. (former A & G Co's) under Capt. Lister.
B Co. (,, B & C ,,) under Major Robinson, C.M.G.
C Co. (,, D & E ,,) under Major Hastings.
D Co. (,, F & H ,,) under Capt. Buchanan Dunlop

CORPORALS' CORRESPONDENCE.

Richmond Barracks, Dublin.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Just a few notes of its doings of the Corporals for the past month. A smoking concert was held just before we commenced our Divisional Training for the purposes of presenting prizes won by various members at Kilbride, our Rifle Club being well accummulated in funds during the past year, there being no chance of having any shoots at Richmond Barracks, except on the miniture range. The prizes were kindly presented by our Commanding Officer Lieut.-Colonel A. Martyn, who also spoke a few words of praise to the members who were present on the importance of the musketry efficiency, which he hoped, with plenty of assistance from us all, to still improve next year. Each member was called up in turn according to the value of the prize won. Corporal Smith F Company was greatly applauded for being first, winning the Corporals' Shield, the competition was a very difficult one, and required some good shooting to win the shield. The committees were thanked for the good work they done in preparing everything, everyone joined in and done their very best to make the evening as enjoyable as possible. It is marvelous how you can find the singers when the case is put forward. We all thank Sergeant-Major Doe for kindly consenting to take the chair, and assisting us so well during the night, he also spoke a few words of encouragement to the Corporals, bearing especially on musketry. I managed to keep a list of the prize winners which I attach herewith, but am sorry I have mislaid the programme of the songs, etc., during the evening, which concluded at 11.30 p.m., but I must say that

at this particular time everyone appeared to be taking advantage of the easy chair, feeling tired I suppose?

Name.	Co.	Score.
Corpl. Smith	F	45
Lc.-Cpl. Stone	H	42
,, Seale	H	42
,, Bellfield	F	42
,, Friend	F	41
Corpl. Shaw	F	40
Lc.-Cpl. French	A	40
,, Guess	E	40
Corpl. Loft	A	39
,, Stanton	C	36
,, Davis	H	34
Lc.-Cpl. Turner	E	32
,, Pennell	G	32
Cpl. Smith	A	32
Lc.-Cpl. Pearce	E	32
Lc.-Cpl. Duffield	H	31
Cpl. White	E	30
,, Marslin	B	30
Lc.-Cpl. Hymers	F	30
,, Pink	A	30
Corpl. Ashdown	E	30
Lc.-Cpl. Johnston	C	29
,, Potter	C	29
Cpl. Miller	G	28
Lc.-Cpl. Harrison	D	28
Cpl. McNiel	D	28
,, Manning	E	27
Lc.-Cpl. Thomas	B	27
Corpl. Steele	B	26
Lc.-Cpl. Bellion	B	24
,, Steele	D	24
,, Gray	B	24
Cpl. Trait	A	24
Corpl. Culwick	B	23
,, Pane	D	22
Lc.-Cpl. Peace	H	22
,, Hyatt	H	20
Corpl. Smith	D	20
Lc.-Cpl. Soakes	F	20
,, Waters	G	20
,, Hardwicke	G	19
,, Doree	E	19
,, Sinnett	A	18
Cpl. Creighton	G	18
Lc.-Cpl. Noakes	H	18
,, Herbert	B	17
,, Rogers	G	17
,, Elkington	D	16
,, Robinson	G	16
,, Bull	E	16
,, Elliott	F	16
Cpl. Wilson	B	15
,, Burns	G	15
,, Eves	E	14
Lc.-Cpl. Blain	H	14
,, Rich	C	13
,, Bowyer	D	13
Cpl. Sullivan	C	11
Lc.-Cpl. Bishop	F	11
,, Noakes	G	10
Cpl. Hammond	F	10
Lc.-Cpl. Alexander	F	9
,, Brown	C	9
,, Baker	A	5
,, Scott, H, wooden spoon.		

CORPORALS' CORRESPONDENT.

RICHMOND BARRACKS, DUBLIN,
24th Sept. 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

A few more notes of our Company's doing since last I wrote. I say a few if I mention them all, I am afraid I should take far to much space up in your columns. Now to Divisional Training we entrained for Roscrea, a very pretty little spot, nearly in the centre of Ireland, then we went into camp until Monday, 3rd inst., up to which we were getting the camp (tents, etc.) straight. Monday we commenced operations, we had a very pleasant day to coax us with, but I think everyone had enough to finish with, this day was our first experience of air craft, one scouting over our heads, and of course giving all our movements away. During the next week we had some good practice at getting over and through hedges both by day and night, silent marching, and the necessity for keeping on the left of the road, but I think you will all agree that the best experience we had was the splendid dinner our portable cookery turned in such short notice. I know it was a bad light, but I don't think anyone felt any meat. At first it was thought to be tea we were getting. We were all glad to get back this day for a little sleep. So when the order was given out no noise in Camp before 12 noon, everyone took advantage of it in full force. On the following Monday we struck Camp and moved one mile East of Roscrea where we bivouacked for the night, this commenced our Divisional Training. Oh! what a nice feeling to wake up and find it raining as we went to cover our heads over the dewy edges of the blankets, gave us a beautiful chilly reminder that we had no tents. This was pleasant to what we experienced the remainder of the training. Some days it rained all day whilst we were marching along. We got wet through and dry again at times, and it was a very good example of what active service would be like. Now for the finish of training for a few months.

Our Colour-Sergeant has just gone to Hythe, and we wish him every success and good luck there, Sergt. Gilbey has taken over Pay Sergeant during his absence. Sergeant Taylor is leaving our Company to go to the depot for a tour of duty. We are all sorry to lose him, and we wish him also good luck and success. Corporal Smith leaves us in about a week's time, also for the depot (lucky). Well, Mr. Editor, this will probably be my last bit of news for D Company, for we leave our good old little for ever, I suppose, on the 1st October, and join E Company to form C in a 4-Company Battalion. There is terrible confusion in this new organisation, everyone is wondering what platoons they are going to be on, some calls them pontoons. The annual furloughs commence on the 29th for our Company, and it will no doubt come as a relief after the training, we wish everyone of the Company a good time whilst they are away home for a few week. Now, Mr. Editor, I must close or I am afraid I shall be taking too much space, so good-bye D Company and buck up C Company for the sporting shields next year.

D COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENCE.

B COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Having been duly appointed Company Correspondent pro tem, I will endeavour to give an account of the Company's doings for the month of September. To begin with we have by way of a change had a pleasant trip to the country for the purpose of indulging ourselves to the more or less pleasant pastime of tent pitching, and incidentally for divisional training, merely to prevent us from getting too stale, developing housemaid's knee, etc. The day previous to our departure to the training area, a considerable amount of excitement had been caused in barracks owing to the tramway strike in Dublin which had just begun. Troops were confined to Barracks and practically the whole Battalion were told off as strike picquet. On one occasion when the strikers were getting warm it was necessary to despatch one Company to the aid of the Police who had been having a pretty rough time of it.

However, the morning of the 1st arrived and despite the serious outlook in Dublin, we marched out of barracks at the appointed hour and entrained at Kingsbridge for Roscrea, having about three miles further to march to our camp at Goldengrove. Divisional training begun in earnest the following day and from then until the day we returned to Dublin we had a pretty stiff time of it. However, I am glad to say that despite the severity of the training "jolly B" lived up to its reputation and did not have a single "fall out" the whole time, which was indeed something we could really be proud of.

The day the Battalion returned to Dublin was one which we are not likely to forget for some time. The operations which had begun in the small hours came to a rather abrupt conclusion; meanwhile the rain, which until then had been comparatively slight, now began in earnest, and to cap the lot we had a 15 miler in front of us. When we arrived at our destination we were like so many half-drowned rats with the water running from our extremities as through a sieve. We were, without doubt, a picture no artist could paint. Luckily for us, our kits, which were on hand and contained a change of clothing, greatly relieved us. We remained in our temporary camp until the evening, when we once more entrained for dear, dirty, Dublin, "jolly B" being to the fore as usual with its rendering of that well-known ballad, "Here we are, here we are, here we are again," and it still rained.

Since arriving in barracks everybody has been busily employed in "getting the brasses round" for the General's inspection, due on the 25th inst., and there has been but little time to spare for sport. However, "everything in its season" as the the saying goes, and in my next I hope to be able to give you an account of the Company's doings in this respect in which I know it will, as in the past, uphold the reputation for sport which has always been such a characteristic of this "Jolly" Company.

B COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

CHERAT,
September 2nd, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Far be it from my desire or intention to stir up those so often latent feelings of jealously, brightening now and again into a more healthy rivalry, between our two Battalions, but I must own that your sarcastic reference in the July number of our "Gazette" to the lack of contributions to the Picture Fund has caused us no little pain. In fact the 97th have a grouse, a real solid one too. Why should we alone be banished to those "Castles in the Air" of which you speak, when our sister Battalion is enjoying and parading its old glory in the sunshine? Couldn't a type of the 97th have been obtained from those same mysterious sources from which have sprung no less than three or four of the 50th? Perhaps then we would feel more ready to support you.

Having got this off my chest and relieved my feelings, which I trust you will take in good part, I am presented with the same dismal fact that I have nothing to tell you. I am glad that you were able to find an odd corner for our Regimental tragedian to spread himself. I am sure those who read "The Wastrel" will be turning towards the Better Life

already. Our Artist who writes so nicely under the pseuponym of "Symphony" is, I am sure, greatly welcome to our pages and I could do with some more of these little touches of the artistic spirit, alas, so rare in our rather prosy journal.

The summer has now come and gone and those who have experienced a Peshawar hot weather will realise that we are beginning to breathe again. Manœuvres are once more winking at us over the horizon, and this month Cherat will be witness to many old struggles, struggled over so many times before, and the local shoemakers, the mineral water factory and the patchers up of broken knees will soon be busy again.

Our brother Dramatists from Peshawar brought up an excellent show last month, of which I have a glowing account by their indefatigable correspondent; but as it is a facsimile of one you have already got I have forborne to enclose it. Corpl. Quinlan, as a full-blooded brave, looked most imposing, and his costume—what there was of it—was as effective as it was audacious. The squaw, disguised as Pte. Dent, was a great score. Pte. Heier was amusing, though at one time one was rather frightened that it would fall off and regimental socks are nothing if not decorative. I heard her sing "you've got to go" so frequently that I really was half a mind to take her word for it (if *she* didn't). However, they were all quite good.

I will leave an account of our games to those who are more competent than I to write about them. I trust here, almost unreservedly, to my correspondents, who, at the present moment, all seem suffering from hot weather collapse.

2ND BATTALION CORKESPONDENT.

AMATEUR THEATRICALS AT CHERAT.

A very bright and breezy little sketch entitled "A Cushy Billet," was performed by "The Cherat Minstrels" on Saturday, 16th August. The scene opens in a farmhouse kitchen at Ringwood, Hants, and conjured up to many reminiscences of manœuvre episodes in the vicinity of "Picket House." A motherly and homely looking housekeeper prepares for the return of the testy old farmer who enters bewailing the inroad of troops on manœuvres into the village, fearing the demolition of his crops and fences. He is no sooner comfortably seated than an officer enters to announce that he and his party of four soldiers are billeted at the farm. The farmer frantically protests, but to no avail as "an order from the local authorities" cannot be disputed. The troops enter and the fun begins, Phyllis, the farmer's daughter, succumbs to the beguiling attentions of Lieut. Claude Cashless and decides to go anywhere with him, even to the dogs "I mean Jamaica." Dash, the officer's servant causes some laughter by spilling his master's baggage (a collar box and camera) also himself into a heap on the floor quite disturbing the officer who is "just sillilquising," which Dash avers is a "silly" pastime. Fling the housekeeper is captivated by Lc.Corpl. Dott as a sequel to a stroll through the orchard. Her latest capture amply compensates the loss of her dear Harry who was "such a darling." She does like the soldiers. The troops returning from the "Glue Pot Inn" whence they had taken the farmer to drown his fears regarding his crops, disturb the Officer and Phyllis who till then were lost in the wilderness of love untold and rather upset Dott and Fling who were likewise making a "close billet" of things. They are "all in the same boat" as it were—"nearly a shipwreck" in fact. The farmer when he fully understands the situation proceeds to make things hot for the courting couples. He is, however, too late as far as Phyllis is concerned, that young lady having plighted her troth to Claude who as "ten thou. a year," she is determined to "go to the dogs" so long as Claude goes too. Explanations follow—Fling gets her "red herring" in the person of Lc-Corpl. Dott while Phyllis and her hero receive the farmers blessing—the farmer bearing in mind that "ten thou. a year will run round nicely." A toast "To my dear Phyllis" which is heartily joined in by the troops, affirms the fact "That its really a Cushy Billet after all."

Corporal A. H. Steadman as "Lieut. Claude Cashless," acted the part to perfection—his ardent wooing being most realistic—he could be very regimental in the matter of issuing orders though. Drummer Watts was an ideal "Farmer," he was really "truly rural," one would have thought he had been specially imported straight from Hampshire when he mentioned "turmuts." Sergeant Stammers in the role of "Sergt. Snap," was a perfect snapper. Corporal Ballord as "Pte. Dash," was really a dashing young fellow—from the way he "dashed" things in general he might have been—well a policeman. "Dunn" the groom as impersonated by Corporal Hutt, R.G.A., would not be "done" where the girls were concerned, he being a "perfect devil with the girls," (he's married too!). "Miss Fling" and "Phyllis Farmer" (Lance Corporals Reeves and Clarke respectively) were both really charming damsels—Fling was a proper soldiers idol (she did like the soldiers), she did not believe in letting them get thirsty, dear old soul, no wonder "Dott" (Pte. Downs) thought her a peach. Phyllis was quite a captivating little person and would most certainly have been as much at home in Jamaica as in Ringwood or Cherat, but that of course only refers to while she had her "lovely tresses" on, when the show was over she got her "wool off" (also her rosy complexion), and "her" chin was of a decided blue hue. The whole act was well received and the success was entirely due to the hearty co-operation of each one taking part. It is hoped that "A Cushy Billet" will be again played at Mooltan.

During the summer months a series of Variety Entertainments have been held at Cherat. The most successful of these was that presented on Saturday, 16th August, 1913. The weather was none too promising, and up to the last moment rain threatened to fall. However, a fair evening resulted, and the preparations were hurriedly carried out, a very good evening's entertainment, amply rewarding the efforts of those who turned out to witness same. In addition to the items billed, several extra turns were put on. The programme was as follows:—Overture by the Band "The Queen's Own"—some lively "ragtime" to open the proceedings. Song by Corporal Stedman "Every Man a Soldier." This was a patriotic song, quite out of the usual run, being entirely free from "jingoism." The effect was greatly enhanced by a detachment of 1st N.W.F. Troop, Boy Scouts, with Patrol Colour and Union Jack, forming up on the stage for the final chorus. This number, which was rendered in good style was very well received. Song by Corporal Ballard "P C. 49," the gallant P.C. evidently was perturbed by visions of suffragettes, he lost his "beat." The next item, a banjo and mandoline trio (Sergeant Stammers and Co.) was a lively little musical selection which was well appreciated. A song "Seaside Swank," by Gunner Downie, R.F.A., was a great hit. The gunner looked an ideal "sea-sider," and there is no doubt he is a really great "swanker." His success called for an encore, and even then the audience seemed reluctant to let him depart. A display of physical drill by the N.W.F. Troop, Boy Scouts, was excellently carried out, thanks to Sergeant Bough, their trainer, whose untiring efforts were rewarded by the perfect unison which the boys observed in all the exercises. The Tower at the conclusion was a surprise to many in the audience. Next came the

interval which was essential on account of the scene of operations, having to be transferred from "The Boxing Stage, Cherat, India" to a farmhouse at "Ringwood, Hants, England," for a sketch "A Cushy Billet" which is described elsewhere. The sketch was followed by a song "The Pardon Came too Late" by Private Jones (Band). This called for an encore "Play that Melody Again," both songs being applauded. Then followed a clog dance by Private Salisbury. Private Salisbury is a dancer of no mean ability, and promises to develop into a first-rate performer. He has not long been "on his service," and as a Lancashire Clog Dancer should make a decided hit later on. A song by Private Downs "Vat a Game," brought to many of the rank and file recollections of Sunday morning visits to the "Spank" (Petticoat Lane of "ole clo" fame). As a "sheeny" impersonator Downs wants some beating. Corporal Hutt, R.F.A. received hearty applause for a song "The Trumpeter," and gave an encore. Gunner Downie rendered two ragtime items in first-class style which were enthusiastically applauded, and Lance-Corporal Osborne Royal Sussex Regiment sang "You Never Know" with fine effect. Private Lock of "The Queen's Own" deserves mention for three excellent extra turns, "Alice Where Art Thou" (Parody) provoking much laughter, as also did his other two songs. Praise is especially due to Gunner Copp, R.F.A. for his excellent accompaniment of all the songs. He has worked very hard all through the season in connection with the concerts, and will shortly leave to rejoin his unit much to our regret. On the whole this concert was a decided success, and is voted the best yet seen at Cherat this year.

CRICKET IN CHERAT.

The final of the Cherat Cricket Tournament was brought to an issue on Thursday, the 28th August. The result must be chronicled as being the most exciting finish of any cricket final played on the garrison ground. The finalists were A Company and attached, 2nd Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, and the 1st (Peshawar) Divisional Staff. The match was watched from the Club verandah by Major-General C. J. Blomfield, C.B., D.S.O., and officers and ladies of the garrison, the brilliant colours of the latters' attire lending great charm to the gathering.

On form, and by the study made by the local cricket critics (joke not intended) of the previous performances of the various players during this present season, on this verdant (?) sward (coco mat and zmakka), an easy victory for the Royal West Kent's appeared, to all interested, a foregone conclusion.

In every cricket eleven there is a "Jessop," whether in hiding or having been previously brought to light. On this occasion the "Jessopian" star appeared in the firmament of the Divisional Staff, and at a time when the hovering gloom most required its brilliance. "Brilliant" *is the* word for the display of batting made by Mr. Cowper, who, going in at a time when the gloom was most sullen, pulled the game out of the fire, and, with the ultimate assistance of Corporal Hadrill, who contributed a plucky and hard hit 19, won the tournament by 3 wickets and 2 runs. The bowling of Mr. Cowper was also excellent, as, remaining unchanged throughout the innings of A Company, he took 6 wickets for 46 runs. Appended are the full scores and analysis :—

A Company, 2nd Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment.

Private Brown, c Davis b Cowper	7
Corporal Startup, b do	1
Captain Joslin, c and b do	3
Major O'Dowda, b Hadrill	42
Private Cotgrave, b Briant	16
Private Winstanley, c Cowper b do	0
Private Horne, b Cowper	20
Private Ovenden, b do	4
Private Burt, c Hadrill b do	0
Private Hosier, not out	1
Private Shovelar, b Cowper	13
Extras	11
Total	118

Fall of Wickets :—1 for 11, 2-11, 3-22, 4-42, 5-42, 6-79, 7-85, 8-91, 9-100, 10-118.

Cowper, 6 for 44 ; Briant, 3 for 41 ; Hadrill, 1 for 22.

1st (Peshawar) Divisional Staff.

Lieutenant Davis, c Horne b O'Dowda	12
Corporal Briant, lbw b Cotgrave	5
Condr. Cresswell, b Cotgrave	9
Mr. Cowper, not out	58
Corporal Watts, c Burt b Cotgrave	2
Major Bradshaw, b do	7
Private Sarney, lbw b do	0
Sergeant Sharpe, c O'Dowda b do	0
Corporal Hadrill, not out	19
Total (7 wickets)	121

Lance-Corporals Bickle and Bingham did not bat.

Cotgrave, 6 for 46 ; O'Dowda, 1 for 27.

Fall of wickets :—1 for 15 ; 2-26 ; 3-55 ; 4-57 ; 5-76 ; 6-76 ; 7-121.

Peshawar,
6th August, 1913.

Dear Mr. Editor,

The company have been doing wonders this month as regards sport. The football medals and hockey medals have all come to the old company.

FOOTBALL.

H v. B (ROYAL SUSSEX).

The match proved quite the reverse to the hockey, for we were victorious to the tune of 2—1. Highams and Boniface scoring one goal each.

H v. D (ROYAL SUSSEX).

We were rather unfortunate in this match, as we were short of Highams who was at Cherat playing hockey for the wing. We done our utmost, but the game ended with a clean sheet.

H v. 86th BATTERY (R.G.A.)

The Battery played in splendid style and were by far the heavier team, but only managed to score one goal, and the little fellows also scored one, thereby sharing the points, Boniface doing the needful for H.

H v. D (R.W. KENTS).

A much looked forward match but after all, only proved a draw Boniface again scoring.

H v. F (ROYAL SUSSEX).

A very one-sided afair winning 12 to nil, scorers, Highams 5, Corpl. Doust 2, Watson 2, Lane 2, Mitchell 1.

H v. BAND.

The Band having to proceed immediately on furlough handed over the points, the team for H was as follows :—

Goal : Seal; backs : Peacock, Dr. Barber; half-backs : Mitchell, Strickland, White; forwards : Boniface, Corpl. Doust, Highams, Lane, and Watsan.

HOCKEY.

H v. D (R. SUSSEX.)

This proved a very even game, the Company winning 3—2. Goal scorers, Miller 1, Highams 1, Craddock 1.

H v D (R.W. KENT'S).

Once again victorions, to the tune of 4—1, there was a doubt about our superiority to D, so in a friendly way we decided the following evening, winning 5—1. The league game scorers were, Highams 3, Sergt. Craddock 1.

H v 86th BATTERY, R.G.A.

Bringing home two needful points by 5—1. Scorers Sergt. Craddocks 3, Clarke 2.

H v. F. (R. SUSSEX).

F tried their level best and were sportsmanlike losers by 9—1. Scorers Mr. Bonham-Carter 1, Highams 2, Lane 2, Clark 2, Sergt. Craddock 2. In this match our back, Barnard, was unfortunate enough to sprain his ankle.

FINAL.

H v BAND (R. SUSSEX.)

For days this long looked for match had been helping to keep our temperature up, and on the evening of Tuesday, August 5th, H Company and the remainder of the wing at Peshawar proceeded in the direction of the R.S.R. hockey ground, where we formed a very formidable line. The whistle sounded for the bully off and at once every spectator spontaneously roared for his team, and each felt his heart gradually becoming unhooked. The first half was a very trying one for the spectators whose temperatures were continually changing, and the wits upon the line, when they could find enough breath to speak, made good use of their powers of repartee. The game all round in the first half was even; once Clark made us hold our breath, slashing the ball a foot to the right of the goalpost, which was neatly stopped by a man wearing a red lined helmet, and when the whistle blew for half time we were all pleased of the rest.

The second half saw both teams come up strong, and H Company's usual spurt nearly had effect, but it seemed for the time that luck was against us. Anyway, after fifteen minutes, Highams hooked the ball into the net, and then it would be impossible to describe what really did happen.

Lame men danced, one man who had his hand in miles of bandages, etc., etc., clapped them and forgot that it hurt, others who were suffering from loss of voice shouted themselves hoarse. Cup finals at the Palace were no-where in it, and the rest of the spectators that were not R.W. Kent's looked very glum, and remained so to the end, and although the Band tried, and tried, owing to our splendid goalie (Price) they could not score. All our team in fact played exceptionally well and showed the Sussex what hockey really was. Unfortunately one of our backs (Barnard) was unable to play having had an accident with his ankle in the match previous, but the team excelled themselves, they were as follows:—Price, Sergt. Craddock, Lce.-Corpl. Rayfield, Lce.-Corpl. Loft, Mr. B. H. Bonham-Carter, Wharle, Milligan, Miller, Highams, Clark, Lane.

The above are undoubtably the happiest men in Peshawar and at the present time having won the North Western Frontier Hot Weather League Hockey Medals.

H COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

8391 Pte. W. Fuller has been transferred to the Army Reserve. Dated 9th October, 1913.

No. 9872 Pte. E. Holland, 9795 Pte. A. Churchill and 9801 Pte. A. Traill have been awarded certificates of proficiency as telephone switchboard attendants.

The following N.C.O. has extended his services to complete twelve years with the Colours:—8024 Sergt. A. Hutchings.

The undermentioned have been discharged for reasons stated:—6276 Pte. Cartwright, medically unfit, dated 22nd September, 1913; 6275 Pte. J. King, on completing 12 years, 5th October, 1913.

8752 Pte. S. Newson has qualified to perform the duties of Cold Shoer, 7th April, 1913.

8126 Sergt. Z. Barden qualified at the School of Musketry, Hythe, dated 23rd September, 1913.

" 6287 Pte. F. Rankins has been transferred to the Permanent Staff of the 6th Battalion Rifle Brigade (S.R.), dated 27th October, 1913.

2nd BATTALION NOTES.

Lieutenant A. S. Bredon has passed a course of instruction in the Army System of Physical Training at Ambala, and has been awarded a certificate. Dated 30th April, 1913.

Second Lieut. B. H. Bonham-Carter has been transferred to the Indian Army from 16th September, 1913, and is posted as Officiating Double Company Officer, 40th Pathans.

Lieut. P. N. Anstruther has been transferred from the 108th Infantry and is taken on the strength of the Battalion from 16th September, 1913.

Lieut. W. G. Yates has been seconded for service under the Colonial Office. Dated 30th August, 1913. Second Lieut. B. H. Bonham-Carter (now 40th Pathans) being promoted Lieut. in his place. Dated 2nd September, 1913.

Major J. W. O'Dowda has taken over the appointment of General Staff Officer (2) 2nd (Rawalpindi) Division from 3rd October, 1913.

The following undermentioned N.C.O.'s and men have been selected for premature transfer to the Army Reserve during the forthcoming trooping season:—8130 Pte. H. Hawkes, 8207 Pte. J. Davis, 8216 Pte. W. Obee, 8247 Pte. J. Saker, 8249 Pte. H. Upfold, 8118 Pte. J. Brushwood, 8119 Corpl. J. Burrows, 8135 Lce.-Corpl. E. Tranter, 8151 Pte. A. Streetly, 8160 Pte. J. Worsell, 8167 Pte. C. O'Neil, 8172 Pte. F. Thomas, 8182 Pte. B. Barnes, 8191 Lce.-Corpl. C. Russell, 8192 Pte. J. Turnbull, 8196 Pte. A. Tick, 8198 Pte. W. Vidler, 8206 Lce.-Corpl. H. Gibson, 8223 Pte. J. Payne, 8226 Pte. J. Rabbitt, 8236 Pte. J. Brennan, 8260 Pte. W. Shaw, 8265 Pte. J. Scott, 8288 Pte. S. Whiteman, 8295 Pte C. Jones, 8300 Pte. J. Turner, 8177 Pte. P. Ging, 8214 Pte. F. Archer, 8238 Pte. J. Whitehead, 8348 Pte. J. Downs, 8259 Pte. C. Gardner, 8121 Pte. H. Harris, 8120 Pte. H. Say, 8143 Pte. A. Cooke, 8161 Pte W. White, 8165 Pte. C. Manktelow, 8170 Pte. W. Wilson, 8176 Pte. C. Noble, 8183 Pte. J. Baker, 8197 Pte. J. Redding, 8195 Pte. H. Dolan, 8202 Pte. J. Nixon, 8222 Pte. R. Williams, 8224 Pte. E. Shovelar, 8228 Pte. S. Coleman, 8257 Lce.-Corpl. P. Rayfield, 8264 Pte. E. Moir, 8284 Pte. P. Crouch, 8292 Pte W. Jaikens, 8298 Pte. C. Harrison, 8308 Pte. E. Deering, 8307 Pte. W. Wellfare.

9249 Pte. A. Smith and 8783 Pte. C. Carr have qualified as Military Telegraphists, dated 10th and 7th July respectively.

8037 Corpl. A. Moody has been transferred to the Army Reserve (with his consent before the expiration of his period of Army Service). Dated 11th September, 1913.

Good conduct badges have been awarded to N.C.O.'s and men as under:—8734 Pte. T. Briant, granted 2nd, dated 15th September, 1913; 9028 Pte. S. Wood, granted 2nd, dated 19th September, 1913; 9428 Pte. S. Morris, granted 1st, dated 19th September, 1913; 9845 Pte. F. Bolt, granted 1st, dated 17th September, 1913; 9667 Pte. J. White, granted 1st, dated 24th September, 1913; 8350 Pte. J. McCarthy, granted 2nd, dated 30th September, 1913; 9027 Lce.-Corpl. C. Hart, granted 2nd, dated 24th September, 1913; 9486 Pte. S. Ridge, granted 1st, dated 11th August, 1913; 9020 Pte. G. Golding, granted 2nd, 10th September, 1913; 9517 Pte. W. Miles, granted 1st, dated 22nd September, 1913; 9045 Pte. H. Mitchell, granted 2nd, dated 12th September, 1913; 8735 Pte. A. Trussler, granted 2nd, dated 11th September, 1913; 9297 Pte. O. Johnson, granted 1st, dated 12th September, 1913; 9005 Lce.-Corpl. D. Hollands, granted 2nd, dated 4th September, 1913; 9368 Pte. C. Roberts, granted 1st, dated 22nd August, 1913; 9369 Pte. C. Pepper, granted 1st, dated 31st September, 1913; 8298 Pte. C. Harrison, granted 2nd, dated 10th September, 1913; 8826 Pte. W. West, granted 2nd, 24th September, 1913; 9283 Pte. O. Stammers, granted 1st, dated 6th October, 1913; 8466 Pte E. Akehurst, granted 2nd, dated 29th September, 1913; 6258 Pte. A. Rogers, granted 3rd, dated 19th September, 1913; 9655 Pte. F. Best, granted 1st, dated 25th September, 1913; 9093 Pte. W. Nowell, granted 1st, dated 23rd September, 1913; 8414 Pte. A. Topley, granted 2nd, dated 13th September, 1913; 8769 Pte. W. Dyer, granted 2nd, dated 9th September, 1913; 9225 Pte. J. Mitchell, granted 1st, dated 22nd September, 1913; 9507 Pte. H. Weston, granted 1st, dated 5th September, 1913; 9007 Pte. A. Medhurst, granted 2nd, dated 8th September, 1913; 8416 Pte. W. Latter, restored 1st, dated 23rd August, 1913.

Second Class Certificates of Education have been awarded to 9235 Lce.-Corpl. P. Baldock, 9206 Lce.-Corpl. T. Saunders, 9629 Pte. J. Woodward, 9513 Lce.-Corpl. G. Newlyn, 9068 Pte. E. Magee.

3021 Lce.-Corpl. H. Shrubsole and 8050 Pte. D. Evans have passed a course of Instruction in Supply Duties at Peshawar. Dated 5th October, 1913.

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

Pay of Recruits.—It has been decided that from 23rd August, 1913, all recruits who enlist or who have enlisted in the Regular Army shall be granted pay at the rate laid down in the Pay Warrant for their ranks, and that the boys' rate of pay shall be issuable only to boys enlisted as such either under paragraph 148 of the Regulations for Recruiting, or under the Special Authority of the War Office.

Previous to this order a recruit joining the Line from the Special Reserve after five months' drill on enlistment, at the age of, say, 17 years 9 months, received boy's rate of pay (8d.) until he attained the age of 18 years; under the above order he will now get the 1s. per diem. (N.B.—Recruits for the S.R. are taken at 17 years).

Captain C. Bonham-Carter has joined the Depot for duty vice Capt. C. R. Ingram to 2nd Battalion.

2nd Lieut. W. Nash, of the 4th Royal West Kent Regiment, is attached to the Depot from 1st to 28th October, for a course of instruction.

Sergt.-Instructor Bentley (Gymnastic Staff) has been posted to Bordon on promotion. He has been relieved by Sergt.-Instructor Stembridge from Dublin, who joined for duty at Maidstone on the 8th Sept.

6519 Pte W. Whittaker has re-engaged to complete 21 years' service.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s and men have arrived for duty on the Permanent Staff of the Regular Establishment:—4372 Sergt. H. Taylor, 8046 Corpl. H. Wilson, 9534 Lce.-Corpl. P. Elkington.

The following N.C.O.'s and men have been re-posted to the 1st Battalion on completion of their tour of duty at Maidstone: 5872 Sergt. W. Hannan, 7910 Sergt. H. Fuller, 9623 Pte. R. Stanton.

8557 Lce.-Sergt. A. Mockford has been permitted to extend his service to complete twelve years with the Colours.

Good Conduct Badges have been granted as follows:—9659 Lce.-Corpl. O'Donoghue, one badge, dated 30th September, 1913.

DEPOT FOOTBALL.

The Depot Football Club has this season gone into the Western Section of the Kent League, Kent Amateur Cup, Maidstone and District League, and Maidstone Hospital Charity Cup, rather a bigger programme than usual. In the first match with Cray Wanderers at St. Mary Cray, we had the assistance of Elliott and Ring of the 1st Battalion. After a very strenous game, "in which we were for three parts of the game slightly the better team," we won by four goals to one. The team showed an all round improvement from last year, and with our present defence I don't think too many goals will be scored against us, the attack at times was rather ragged, owing probably to not having played together before.

In our second match we met and defeated Our Old opponents the Royal Engineers, on the Lines at Chatham. The score of four goals to one in our favour hardly represnts the run of the game in midfield. The R.E's were without their regular goalie, and in the first half one or two rather luckly goals were scored for us, and at half-time it was not surprising to find us leading by four goals to one. In the second half the Depot apparently eased up quite content with their lead, and in consequence the R.E.'s showed to much better advantage, and eventually scored, leaving us victorious by the score as stated.

The third encounter saw us again facing the Depot Royal Engineers, but this time on the Barrack Field. The R.E.'s had made several changes in their team from the previous week, and we unfortunately had to take the field without Grant our centre forward, this causing us to re-arrange our team. The first half was very even, both teams scoring once, but the second half saw the R.W.K.'s fall all to pieces, none of the forwards seemed to be able to get into their stride, and in the end we were beaten by four goals to one, exactly the same score as on the previous meeting. Had our forwards taken their opportunities the score could have easily been altered, but on the run of the game as it was the R.E.'s throughly deserved to win.

In our forth match we visited Strood, and played the locals, on what was easily the worse ground we have ever played on. The game was very evenly contested throughout. The state of the ground made combination impossible, and the game had much of the Cup Tie order about it, at half-time there was no score, although a little judgement in the first minute of the game would have resulted in a goal. The second half like the first was very fast, but the Depot seemed more able to keep up the pace, and after twenty minutes play Strong was able to get his head to a pass from Grant and score, this being the only goal of the match, although Strood were very lucky towards the close, as the goalie run out to punch the ball but missed it, and saw it slowly rolling towards goal, just recovering himself in time to save it on the line.

Our record to date is:—Played 4. Won 3. Lost 1. Drawn 0. Goals For 10. Against 5. Points 6.

SHOOTING.

CUP SHOOT AT THE DEPOT.

On the 29th September, the members of the Sergeants' Mess held their Annual Shoot for the Challenge Cups, on the Boxley Range. The conditions were:—

Capt. Knox's Cup, 200 yards snap shooting, 5 rounds, 4 seconds exposure; Capt W. H. Annesley's Cup, 300 yards 10 rapid, time 40 seconds; Col. R. Style's Cup, 500 and 600 yards deliberate, 5 shots each range; Colyer Cup, Aggregate.

Name.	Snap Shooting 200 yards.	Rap'd 300 yards.	Deliberate 500 & 600 yards.	Aggregate
Col.-Sergt. Kingham	18	28*	17·17*	80*
,, Kallend	19	24	17·15	75
Lce.-Sergt. Mockford	16	24	19·14	73
Sergt. Taylor	15	22	18·14	69
,, Dorrell	15	23	13·13	64
Lce-Sergt. Harrison	18	20	13·13	64
Sergt. Collins	19§	16	15·13	63
Sergt. Major Grellier	15	22	15·11	63
Sergt. Harris	16	22	13·10	61
Col.-Sergt. McVicar	16	16	15·13	60
Sergt. Urquhart	13	21	11·13	58
Col.-Sergt Jarrad	13	25	15·3	56
,, Ashton	17	21	15·3	56
Sergt. Skiggs	7	16	15·11	49
Col.-Sergt. W. Wood	12	10	14·12	48
Sergt. Daykin	16	9	14·9	48
,, Hanlon	16	14	9·9	48
Col.-Sergt. Mills	10	22	7·7	46
Col.-Sergt. (O.R.S.) Burrows	14	5	11·10	40

§ Wins Capt. Knox's Cup.

* Wins Capt. Annesley's Cup, Col. Style's Cup and Colyer Cup.

N.B.—The winners have their names inscribed on the Cups. For Capt. Knox's Cup Col.-Sergt. Kallend tied with Sergt. Collins with 19 out of a possible 20, but in the shoot-off Sergt. Collins scored a Bull to which Col.-Sergt. Kallend replied with a "Magpie."

4TH BATTALION NEWS.

SHOOTING COMPETITIONS.

A friendly shooting match took place between a team of H Company, 4th Battalion Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, and the Chevening Rifle Club, on the Chevening Range. The Chevening Club, who used the new aperture sight, conceded 6 points per man to the Territorials who shot with the service rifle. After a very enjoyable shoot the Territorials won by 27 points.

H COMPANY.

	200 yds. slow.	500 yds. slow.	200 yds. rapid.	Total
Sergt. H. Martin	26	27	25	78
Sergt. J. Avis	29	22	25	76
Sergt. O. Lockyer	27	29	27	83
Sergt.-Instr. T. Martle	28	23	28	79
Pte. G. Wickenden	29	22	24	75
Pte. H. Gardiner	24	25	26	75
Sergt. J. Jupp	24	28	29	81
Pte. L. C. Rowe	24	27	22	73
				620
6 points given each man				48
				668

CHEVENING.

Mr. W. Moore	29	28	36	93
Mr. J. Smith	21	30	29	80
Mr. M. Chapman	27	26	27	80
Earl Stanhope	25	26	29	80
Mr. H. Meyerstein	27	22	26	75
Mr. P. A. Stockings	28	28	22	78
Mr. H. Gunn	26	25	25	76
Mr. W. Burfoot	23	30	26	79
				641

Counted out:—H Company: Corpl. C Lockyer 69, Color-Sergt. C. W. Hooker 60. Chevening: Mr. R. Stobo 68, Mr. H. Naden 67.

THE HENDERSON CUP.

TROPHY AGAIN WON BY WESTERHAM.

The annual shooting match between the Westerham and Sevenoaks Companies of the 4th Battalion, The Queen's, Royal West Kent Regiment for the Henderson Cup, took place on Saturday, 13th Sept., 1913. The following were the scores.

WESTERHAM.

Name,	200 yds.	300 yds.	600 yds.	Aggregate.
Sergt. O. Lockyer.....	30	22	26	78
Sergt. H. Martin	26	24	27	77
Col.-Sergt. Hooker	28	23	23	74
Pte. H. Gardiner	22	24	27	73
Pte. G. Wickenden	26	19	26	71
Sergt. J. Jupp	25	20	23	68
Sergt. J. Avis.....	21	28	19	68
Pte. L. C. Rowe	24	20	22	66
				575

Counted Out:—Cpl. Lockyer 63; Cpl. Hoath 47.

SEVENOAKS.

Capt. Smithers	25	25	23	73
Cpl. Piper	20	25	26	71
Cpl. Drapper	22	24	23	69
Sergt. Stokes	28	25	16	69
Pte. Davey	21	20	24	65
Pte. Zealey..... ...	21	22	17	60
Cpl. Zealey..... ...	23	21	15	59
Pte. Smithers.....	18	16	17	51
				517

Counted Out:—Sergt. Baldwin 51; Pte. Grant 47.

The teams consist of eight trained men and two recruits, and the feature of the shooting was the excellent form shewn by the two Westerham recruits. Sergeants Lockyer and Martin of Westerham won the two highest aggregate prizes of 10/- each, and the former also made the highest score, 30 at 200 yards. Having won one prize, however, he could not take the second of 5/-, and it, therefore, reverted to Colour-Sergeant Hooker who made 28. In this, Colour-Sergeant Hooker was tied by Sergeant Stokes of Sevenoaks, but Colour-Sergeant Hooker finishing with a bull obtained the prize. Sergeant Avis, Westerham, won the 5/- prize for the highest score at 500 yards with 28. At the 600 yards Sergeant Martin who scored the best 27 was, through having won an aggregate prize, debarred from taking the highest score prize 5/-, and Private Gardiner, whose score was also 27, thus stepped in. The best recruit was private Wickenden of the Sundridge Detachment of the Westerham Company, whose score of 71 was exceedingly good for a recruit. Much praise is due to the young marksman, who only enlisted in April. Private Rowe the other Westerham recruit who joined in May, also shot well for 66.

After the match the teams adjourned to the George Hotel, at Shoreham, where a substantial meat tea was served.

"DRAFTED ABROAD."

We were due to embark at Southampton on board the hired transport "Rohilla" on the 29th February, 1912. This meant leaving Dublin on the evening previous.

Many hand shakings took place on the Barrack Square as brothers bade good-bye to brothers and friends to friends. The officers also bade "bon voyage" to their men, some of them wishing, no doubt, they were going to India to see some life or may be, acting service with those tribes infesting the Frontier known to us as "loot wallahs" round about the Khyber Pass.

It was very often seen that a few hot tears found their way in some of the "draft's" eyes.

"Number! Form Fours- Right! Quick March!" and the band struck up. We were off.

The Guard turned out to see their comrades pass. Some they might not see again; others would no doubt meet them abroad when it became their turn to be drafted abroad. Outside the Barrack Gates we soon became hemmed in by the citizens of Dublin.

Not a few sweethearts were seen to cry, and mothers, sisters and even brothers could not hold back that strong visible emotion—a tear.

To pass through the streets of Dublin seemed like trying to force one's way through an immense crowd of football spectators to get a front seat.

In some parts of our route through the city traffic was held up on account of the vast crowd of beseigers. Every now and then the Drums struck up to give the Band a rest, for the Band to push its way through the masses and to play at the same time was very fatiguing.

At length we reached the quay and each man took his own kit bag with him aboard.

We had now to chance one of the Irish sea storms before Holyhead was reached. The L. and N.W. Railway "Express Passenger" soon found a bumpy, rocking and rolling road. Now and again a man, thinking himself safe from the ravaging waves would be washed across the deck, whilst it was quite common to see "spare kit bags parading" the deck by themselves, or having a swim or a shower bath.

Many of the draft were overcome by that beastly malady "sea sickness," or as it soon afterwards was called, a "physical kit inspection." Those who were unaffected by this "inspection" were thinking of those they had left behind. Some had left wives and in some case even children. Others thought of what India could be like, and were wondering if they should ever reach England again.

All felt cheerful when we reached Holyhead, for there the sandwiches and coffee found their "home" in no time.

Being cold, tired and rather wet, the two and a half hours' wait passed wearily.

At length our special steamed in and in a very short time we had nestled down and were fast asleep, thereby missing the sights of the famous Menai Strait Suspension Bridge and other views given by the Welsh towns of Conway, Bangor and others. It was early the same morning when we pulled up at Northampton, where breakfast was provided. We soon had the "sleepers" from our eyes, and had canteens ready for "char." Ham sandwiches again substituted breakfast, but all of us were of opinion that they were highly palatable. Well hardly a crumb was left.

It was seen that some of the draft had people living at this large bootmaking town—Northampton, and some people were at the station bidding a few more farewells.

Our next stopping place was Southampton.

We passed Rugby, and whilst passing through London, Wormwood Scrubbs contrasted sadly with the gaiety seen at the White City.

Train riding was now becoming rather a bore to most of us. We did not quite reach Bentley (change here for Bordon), but branched off for Southampton. Slumber again attacked us, which made us very dense to scenery, which was passed.

At last we reached our port of embarkation, and there, to the delight of everyone found our ship in her brightest colours, looking all that she proved to be—a fine, fast and worthy trooper.

The trooper, H.M.H.T. "Rohilla" is a British India Steam Navigation Company's boat and her dimensions are as under:—

Length, 460 feet; breadth, 56 feet; depth, 30 feet; whilst her tonnage is 7,365. She is also a twin screw.

Just before we embarked we were split up into messes of from 16 to 20 men, and were then conducted to our allotted place by the troop deck sergeant. As our draft were the last party of troops to embark shortly after our embarkation, the great "sea horse" drew her anchor and we commenced our voyage in earnest.

The pier was crowded and many a "swaddy" will probably have his photo shown at cinematograph palaces, for several of those instruments were in action on the pier head.

After awhile we went below for dinner, for eight or nine hours without "rooty" began to make us "athora" peckish, and ample justice was shown to the "khana."

The messes numbered ninety and were situated all over the ship on the main deck.

Our draft was on No. 3 Main Deck. About 5 o'clock we drew hammocks, and very shortly afterwards they were in use.

During this time the "Rohilla" had steamed out into Southampton Harbour, where she anchored until seven the next morning.

About an hour before this, however, we were up, for some responsible N.C.O. had been round at reveille shouting the usual Orderly Sergeant's phrase "show a leg everybody."

Very soon permanent fatigue parties were told off for various jobs and the Rohilla again resumed her journey across the "pauni."

Choppy weather favoured us as soon as we passed the Needles. The Needles looked very bold and certainly they seemed to have been christened descriptively, for there seemed little chance of a vessel escaping if ever one tried to "knock them over" by running on to them.

After hugging the land for an hour or so we began to have fears of what the Bay of Biscay would be like, for at this place we were being bumped and rolled a little.

Cape Ushant came in sight and then our trials of the Bay of Biscay were felt in earnest. Most of us had, by this time, made a "physical kit inspection," many fishes thereby having an enjoyable free meal.

This was trying weather for Mess Orderlies. Mess Orderlies falling down gangways with soups and spuds flying like aeroplanes all over the place, was quite a common occurrence. Consequently some messes very often were found wanting.

In one way this capering about of food was a very sensible idea, for some of us—and a great many too—thought it far better to let our Mess Orderlies throw the grub away, or overboard, rather than having to do it ourselves by taking "a short rush" for the side of the trooper.

Great coats were worn by nearly everyone, for the wind was very cold.

After being tossed about for two or three days we eventually reached and passed Cape Finisterre, after which quite a change in the sea took place. It became very pleasant now to be on deck watching the dolphins, porpoises and flying fish capering around the ship.

Land was kept in sight from now and until we reached the Key of the Mediterranean—Gibraltar. This we passed on Monday, 4th March, and with its myriads of lights, for it was night, looked very picturesque.

Just before we passed through the Straits of Gibraltar the sea became very choppy for half-an-hour or so, when the water suddenly settled down with hardly a ripple to be seen. We could not account for this, so we left it as a "wonder." We also spotted a snug little village at this place, but no one at hand being "hot at geography" we had to let this pass nameless; it had an island right in front of it, sheltering the village from the sea, and forming a natural harbour for small craft. A lighthouse was on the island.

As we all were rather excited to see Gibraltar we soon forgot everything else for the moment.

Suddenly a gun flashed and boomed. Instantly several search lights flashed over the harbour and around the Rock. "Old sweats" began to give us youngsters a gaff about the place, pointing out the positions of the town and promenade, and giving some of their adventures at Gibraltar.

The signalling light shone quite brightly, and messages were exchanged with the officer in command of our ship and those on shore. Flappers were, however, away from us, so we didn't get to know the conversation. We were quite positive it was not "Will women get the vote." We felt just as happy though all the same.

Africa had now loomed up very black on our right, and for three days we kept the coast in sight.

The mountains appeared slightly higher than "Point 500" or "Weavers Down," also higher than "Afridi Point." Some of these African mole hills had snowy glistening peaks.

The voyage was still very pleasant, the sea having quite a blue hue, and was quite smooth.

Very seldom liners passed us, as big as the "Rohilla," and those that did pass were quite a long way off.

Malta was now being spoken of very freely, and it was the slight of the island of Gozo that first gave us warning of its close proximity.

Windmills could be seen nearly everywhere on the island, which is about 120 square miles in area. Whilst we were passing its shore a flotilla of torpedo boats were seen cruising around it.

After following the coast for nearly twenty miles, Malta came in sight with its sandy coloured town and its church spire. "Old sweats" again began to tell us of times they had there when the 1st Battalion had such a crack football team. Some of those players now play for professional teams.

Some yarns were spun that made us youngsters think that now and again Malta was not such a nice place to soldier in after all, for by some accounts plenty of "gore" was shed.

However, Malta soon vanished over the "sky-line" and many eyes had nothing to do except peer into the depths of the "briny."

On Sunday, 10th March, we entered Port Said, at eight in the morning. The country appeared quite flat everywhere.

The Statue of Ferdinand De Lesseps was in a prominent position, De Lesseps' hand pointing in the direction of the Suez Canal.

He, it must be remembered, was the pioneer of that most famous canal—the Suez Canal—which shortens the journey to India or Australia from England considerably.

At Port Said we stopped for coal. During this period much amusement was caused by the natives coaling the ship.

Police boats abounded everywhere. The natives apparently delighted in knocking one another's heads off by the aid of "chunks of coal," in some cases quite two or three pounds in weight.

They were nothing more or less than savages. To see them eat meat ofi a bone was just like watching a hungry dog picknicking of the same thing. Of course no ceremony was thought of when eating, or of what they were eating. Coal dust, mud, and other delicious dainties went the "same way home."

It was quite worth the ha'penny to see 'em scrap over it.

They made the ship into a "black and white" sketch in no time.

Bum boats soon beseiged us, and "real ostrich feathers" were going for a "kick." One or two glee parties mixed with the crowd, and things were soon at "concert pitch."

On the shore native soldiers could be seen who apparently relieved themselves, for it appeared that when a sentry came up for relief—on his ownsome—the other just ordinarily walked off.

It was quite fun to see them searching the pockets of all (natives) leaving and entering enclosure.

After about eight hours' wait we raised anchor and we soon found ourselves steaming through the entrance to the canal. A powerful search light headed our ship which illuminated the route for quite five miles. The ship caused great suction as we passed along the canal for where she was passing the water would sink quite five feet down the banks.

Suez awaited us at the other end of the 91 mile canal, which was reached during the evening. We here picked up some details and after having the usual besiegers the bum boats, etc.—recommenced our voyage and entered the Red Sea. Of course, being night we had to wait until the following morning before we could hope to see land. Well, at daylight we did see it, although we left it a good way away to our left. The weather at this place was becoming quite warm, and we became glad to cast our clothes as much as possible over the ship. During our course a long trail of field service caps (home pattern) made this trail up. By the time our draft arrives home these will have no doubt "grown" into sculling "caps" for sea anemonies.

Four days passed without any excitement outside our ship taking place. Many concerts and boxing tournaments were got up by those on board to pass the time.

"Swabbers up" was very often heard, especially when the ship happened to roll. But whenever it was rough somebody used to say that "salt pork" was the fare, which did not at all seem fair to those who had Davy Jones' complaint.

However, times passed pleasantly and at the end of about four days we got close to "the parson's barrier," "Hell's Gates."

These appeared bald rocks seemingly without an atom of growing vegetation upon them. I believe "The Twelve Apostles" is another name for them. These rocks appeared on both sides of us.

After leaving these our next item of interest was found in the island of Perim. Dickeson and Co. here have formed a large supply depot for British troops.

From this place found us quite entering the Gulf of Aden and from now ownwards not another piece of "dirt" was seen until Karachi came in sight on the 20th March.

But during our journey through the Indian Ocean quite a sight was seen when a great whale made a dive about 200 yards from the boat. The whale's tail shot up into the air like a great swallow's tail, and soon disappeared beneath the briny.

As I said before we reached Karachi on the morning of the 21st March. Everything had now to be sorted out and troops separated for their various journeys to different parts of India.

Coolies again took our fancy by watching them unload the ship. We stayed the night on board, but during the evening of the 21st, after our train had been allotted, found us entraining for a three day's ride to Peshawar.

During the train ride "posi" made a great item of grub, and everyone had their share—I couldn't say about the Ration Corporal, for I believe he had somebody else's besides his own.

Halting places had been previously arranged and arrangements made with regards to washing, etc.

We halted for the Sunday at Rawalpindi Rest Camp, but as we had no "reds" to parade the place we had to be satisfied in camp.

Well, it was early the next morning that found us entraining a second time for the remaining seven hours' journey to Peshawar, and we were not sorry when some of our comrades were seen cheering or waving to us from Peshawar Fort, and when we eventually left the train for good.

Of course the Band and Drums were there to play us in, and no doubt many were astonished to find all the barracks scattered miles over the place.

A supper for dinner was provided for us "last draft," which ample justice was done to.

Segregation was a next place and continued to be so far about ten days, being placed under segregation no doubt to prevent any disease which we might have picked up from spreading.

Quite a memorable fact will be remembered by "our draft," for on the night following our arrival the terrible fire of Peshawar City broke out, which caused plenty of work and "graft" for our 2nd Battalion.

After the ten days' segregation was up every one of the draft melted amongst the 2nd Battalion, and each individual became known for at least six months, "the last draft."

Later, instead of asking "Who is for the next draft?" the question becomes "Who's for the first BOAT?"

"ONE OF THE LAST DRAFT."

BIRTHS.

At Cherat, on the 8th August, 1913, the wife of No. 5614 Sergeant J. Hayley, of a son, Leslie Leonard.

At Cherat, on the 12th August, 1913, the wife of No. 4289 Sergeant J. Redmond, of a son, Joseph William.

At Dublin, on the 2nd August, 1913, the wife of No. 4732 Sergeant H. Taylor, of a daughter, Noreen Dorothy.

MARRIAGE.

At Maidstone, on the 27th August, 1913, 8126 Sergeant Z. Barden, to Miss Agnes Eliza Mary Wheeler.

DEATHS.

At Cherat, on the 24th August, 1913, Jane, the wife of No. 6472 Bandmaster T. McKelvey.

At Cherat, on the 14th August, 1913, Alfred, the son of 3953 Private E. West, of Enteritis.

At Kingston upon Hull, on the 25th August, 1913, No. 750 Corporal W. Ellis, late 50th Regiment (served 15th September, 1858, to 15th September, 1868).

At Maidstone, on the 14th August, 1913, No. 4618 Lance-Sergeant J. T. Smith, late Depôt, and 1st Batt. Royal West Kent Regiment.

At Dublin, on the 3rd September, 1913, No. 8672 Private J. Ashford.

"The Queen's Own Gazette."

A MONTHLY RECORD OF REGIMENTAL DOINGS
OF
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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment :—Major and Hon. Lieut.-Colonel T. T. Burt, 3rd Battalion, resigns his commission and is granted permission to retain his rank and wear the prescribed uniform, dated 15th October, 1913.
(*London Gazette 14th October, 1913*).

Capt. C. Druce (2nd Battalion) retires on retired pay, dated 13th September, 1913.
(*London Gazette, 12th September, 1913*).

Capt. R. J. T. Hildyard has been appointed Brigade Major, 7th Infantry Brigade, at Tidworth, vice G. N. Cory, D.S.O., Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

To be Lieutenant :—2nd-Lieutenant W. M. Ogle, 1st Battalion, dated 3rd September, 1913.
(*London Gazette 26th October, 1913*).

2nd BATTALION.

Promoted Sergeant :—8593 Lance-Sergt. A. Wickenden, dated 6th September, 1913.

Appointed Lance-Sergeant :—7937 Coporal H. Funnell, dated 6th September, 1913

Appointed Lance-Corporals :—8483 F. Dadds, dated 12th August, 1913 ; 9303 J. Lee, dated 26th August, 1913 ; 9245 J. Mussell, dated 15th August, 1913.

BIRTHS.

At Dublin, on the 17th July, 1913, the wife of 4558 Colour-Sergeant W. Penny, of a daughter, "Alice Maud."

At Cherat, on the 15th September, 1913, the wife of 4666 Sergeant J. Teer, of a daughter, "Phyliss May."

THE LAND-MARKS OF TIME.

3rd. Old 1st and 2nd Battalion Colours laid-up in All Saints' Church, Maidstone, 1909.
5th. Battle of INKERMAN, 1854.
6th. Depot Companies of 97th attached to 50th, 1873.
8th. 2nd Battalion left South Africa for Ceylon, 1902.
10th. 50th Regiment entered France under Lord Wellington, 1813.
14th. 50th Regiment arrived at New Zealand, 1863.
15th. New Colours presented to 97th Regiment at Halifax, Nova Scotia, by Lady MacDougall, 1880.
19th. 97th Regiment landed in Crimea, 1854.
22nd. 97th Regiment landed at Calcutta, 1857.
30th. Prince Waldemar of Prussia's Cup, presented to the 50th Regiment by Lord Hardinge, on behalf of the Prince, Dover, 1848.

3rd BATTALION (OFFICERS) ANNUAL DINNER.

The 3rd Battalion (Officers) Regimental Dinner will be held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, on the Friday in Grand Military Week (Sandown). Full particulars will be issued later.

OLD COLOURS.

The Old Colours of the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), will be laid-up in All Saints' Church, Maidstone, on Sunday, November 23rd.

The ceremony will form a part of the ordinary morning service, commencing at 11.0 a.m.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

The Editor begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned subscriptions :—

Colonel Bonhote (extra Nos.) ; D. H. C. Homfray, Esq., to December, 1914 ; F. E. Adams, Esq., to August, 1914 ; Mr. G. E. Goulds to December, 1913 ; Miss Leckie, to December, 1914.

THE EDITOR'S COLUMN OF REMARKS.

We have received an interesting letter from Colonel Montague Wynyard in answer to our Regimental History questions of last month. The first question was : "Why do we wear the lion and crown as a badge?" Colonel Wynyard writes : "The first collar badges issued when the old order changed were, I believe, universal crown. When it gave place to the new, the White Horse of Kent being allotted to the Buffs, we were given the royal crest, the lion and crown, taking the white horse for our cap badge, the Buffs mounting the Chinese Dragon." We would, however, further point out that the 50th Regiment wore the lion and crown many years before this. Colonel Fyler states that it was adopted about 1809 as the crest on the button and breast plate of the cross-belt.

Our second question was : "Why did the 50th wear black and the 97th sky-blue facings?" Colonel Wynyard writes : "In the old days, before the introduction of the Territorial Army in 1881, the distinguishing mark of a regiment was its facings, not its royal or national facings, and every imaginable colour was used for this ; blue for Royal, and all the colours of the rainbow for less distinguished corps. In the distribution of these colours black fell to the 50th, 58th, 64th,

70th, 89th, R.B. and Ceylon Rifles. The 97th alone had sky-blue because, I fancy, when raised or re-established every other colour was appropriated. What did they wear in their previous incarnation?" We believe that the facings of the previous 97th were yellow. Colonel Bonhote, who has also written to us on the subject, suggests that the sky-blue of the 97th may have been taken from the light blue of the ribbon of St. Patrick, as the Earl of Ulster was probably a K.P., or even from the Garter blue, as the Earl was a K.G., and the Garter blue used to be lighter in colour than it is now. This theory, however, we fear will not pass muster, as the 97th took the sky-blue when they were raised in 1824, and did not become the "Earl of Ulster's" till two and a half years later.

We have not discovered why the 97th took this title but, as Colonel Bonhote points out, the Earl of Ulster was another title of the Duke of York, who for many years was commander-in-chief. This Duke of York was the brother of Kings George IV. and William IV., and so the Uncle of Queen Victoria. Had he lived long enough he would have come to the throne but, as it was, his death made way for his brother, the Duke of Clarence (William IV.) from whom the 50th, of course, took their old title.

Colonel Wynyard again comes to our help on the subject of "The Regimental March." He writes: "The 50th quick step was 'Garry Owen' till Colonel Weare took over command at Plymouth in 1869, when he changed it to the 'Hundred Pipers.'"

The question of the "buttons in pairs," we fear, will never be answered, It is a pity, as it is a marked peculiarity of the Regiment, and has been so for such a very long time. As we have previously observed, it is shown on prints that go back to the beginning of the 19th century.

In our October number the 2nd Battalion correspondent laments the fact that the pictures which appeared in recent numbers were all 50th, and none 97th. It has been whispered to us that the passage referred to was merely intended to "pull the editorial leg." This may be the case, in fact we have serious reason to believe that it is, but we cannot resist such an admirable opportunity of pointing a moral, even though no moral may be required. And so it is that we, too, to a certain extent, join in the lament. We must, however, point out that in these days, when the interests and traditions of the two Battalions are so closely interwoven, we should all take an equal interest in records of our past history, without worrying ourselves as to whether the men who made that history wore a "50" or a "97" on their badges. It is rather as if a child, on looking through some old family photographs, were to say "I've seen enough of father, I want a bit of mother now." We lament that there were no pictures of the 97th entirely from the fact that our series would have been more complete if there had been.

Thanks to a stroke of good luck and the kindness of others, we had the loan of the 50th pictures and there were no expenses beyond the making of the block. We know of no such source from which we can get pictures of the 97th, and consequently we should have to get the originals painted. It was the prospect of this expense that made us refer to the "Castles in the Air" written across our account book.

KENTISH GREY.

In our last number an article appeared from the pen of Colonel Bonhote, in which he traced the origin of "Kentish grey" as conclusively as it is likely to be traced. In our editorial remarks we said that we had always heard that "Kentish grey" formed part of our regimental colours, and this is definitely settled in the letter to us from Colonel Montague Wynyard which we have already quoted in our editorial of this month. He writes: "As regards the regimental cricket colours, they were selected during the period when I was Adjutant of the Regimental District and 3rd and 4th Battalions. They were undoubtedly "Royal Blue and Kentish Grey." They were selected by a Committe of, I think, Colonel Brock, the late much lamented Mr. Birch, and myself, and were sent to both the Line Battalions and Militia for approval."

We have some further notes on "Kentish grey" which are not of such pure regimental interest, and consequently may not appeal to all our readers. Those, to whom they do not appeal, need read no further, but for those who may be interested in the origin of our regimental traditions, we quote them for what they are worth.

The following is an old Kentish glee that we take from a book called the "Kentish Garland," but it originally appeared in the "Kentish Gazette" of October 16th, 1792. It is particularly interesting from the fact that the "Grey coats" (the pioneers of "Kentish grey") are considered worthy of being placed not only with, but before, the redoubtable Men of Kent and Kentishmen.

The lovers of freedom, of wine, and of women,
As Grey Coats, Kentishmen, Men of Kent, and Yeomen,
For William the Norman at sight of such foemen,
As Grey Coats, Kentishmen, Men of Kent, and Yeomen,
Tho' a conqueror left freedom, left wine, and left women,
To Grey Coats, Kentishmen, Men of Kent, and Yeomen,
Then drink, my brave boys, to our soldiers and seamen,
To Grey Coats, Kentishmen, Men of Kent, and Yeomen,
To lovers of freedom, of wine, and of women,
Like Grey Coats, Kentishmen, Men of Kent, and Yeomen.
May our Country still boast of such legions of freemen,
As Grey Coats, Kentishmen, Men of Kent, and Yeomen.

Some people seem to think that "Kentish grey" has entirely died out except among, what we may call, the military element of the County. This, however, is not the case. Lord Harris, writing on the origin of the colours of that famous Kent cricket club, the Band of Brothers, says that he at one time "indulged a fancy" that the colours were taken from the black of the East Kent Yeomanry and the light blue from "Kentish grey."

We also understand that when the original colours were selected for the Mote Cricket Club, Maidstone (not, of course, the present colours) Kentish grey was seriously considered, if not actually adopted.

OLD COLOURS OF THE 50TH REGIMENT.

The following letter appeared in "The Times" for October 31st:—

THE COLOURS OF THE 50TH REGIMENT.

To the Editor of the Times.

Sir,—The following may perhaps be of interest to your readers. When I bought this house in 1896 from the executors of the late Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Provo Wallis, I was

told of a story current in the village that the old colours of the 50th Regiment were buried in the garden.

General Sir James Duff, who died here in 1839, had been colonel of that regiment from 1798 to his death, and presumably had them in his possession. At any rate, at the time of his death, or of that of his widow some years later, they were said to have been disposed of in this way. But I could never get any exact information.

What was my surprise to-day, on returning home after a week's absence, to be told by my gardener that in the course of laying chalk under my tennis court to drain it he had found the remains of these very colours, and he has just shown them to me. I regret to say that very little is left ; only about 6in of each pole with the brass ornament at the end ; gilded tassels and cords, shreds of gold fringe, and several letters embroidered in gold ; also some small fragments of silk—that is all.

Yours truly,
JOHN A. GREENWOOD.

Funtington House, near Chichester, Oct. 29.

(Sir James Duffe was Colonel of the 50th, as stated above, from 1798 to 1839. During these years two sets of Colours were presented, viz., in 1804 and 1815. Colonel Fyler states that both these sets were burnt with military honours at the head of the Regiment. He adds, however, that in his early days he had a faint recollection of a rumour that the ashes of the 1804 Colours were preserved in a box forming part of the mess plate, but that it was only a rumour, and there was no foundation in the story of the mess plate. We wonder if these are the Colours referred to? It seems certain that there never was such a box in the mess, but perhaps the remnants of the Colours were taken away by Sir James Duffe with some such idea. This idea, however, was never carried out, and, on his death, his family, not wishing such sacred relics to be bandied about from hand to hand, gave them a funeral in the garden of the old Colonel of the Regiment. This is of course, mere conjecture, but we hope further light will be thrown on the matter. If these really are the Colours, they are those that were carried in the campaigns of Copenhagen, Vimiera, Corunna, Walcheren, and the Peninsula. Two officers were shot under them at Corunna, and the dying eyes of Sir John Moore were fixed upon them as they were carried through the village of Elvina.—Editor, Q.O.G.)

EMPLOYMENT OF EX-SOLDIERS.

From every point of view it is desirable that soldiers on the expiration of their service with the Colours, should obtain good employment.

The welfare of the Army depends to a great extent on this question of employment.

If employment in civil life, could only be guaranteed to every steady lad, who joined the ranks, the rush of recruits would be unprecedented.

If this question is an important one to the Army, it also affects us in The Queen's Own Regiment.

No regiments in the service have a finer record in the past than the old 50th, and 97th, and we venture to state that no Battalions in the Army are now in a higher state of efficiency than our present 1st and 2nd Battalions.

We cannot, however, live on the glories of the past, or on our reputation of the present, the future has to be considered, and that future depends to a very great extent on a steady, and constant supply of recruits of a good class.

If only something could be done to ensure employment to every man who leaves the Regiment with a good character, we should have no lack of steady well conducted lads wishing to join its ranks.

Idle theorizing on accepted facts is of little use unless it results in some definite scheme to cope with those facts, and I would therefore put forward the following suggestions, which I hope will find favour with the readers of the "Queen's Own Gazette."

Ex-soldiers of the Regiment from Generals downwards are scattered throughout the United Kingdom. Some of these are employers of labour, others are in employment, and some, alas, have nothing to do, yet all can in their own way help to further the welfare of the Regiment.

(a) The employer of labour, it is hoped, will in future always try to fill any vacancy which exists in his household or business with a man from the Regiment. There would appear to be men qualified to fill posts of all sorts, constantly leaving the colours.

The senior N.C.O.'s are almost invariably expert clerks, and are moreover eminently fitted for all positions of trust. In the lower ranks, muscle very often predominates over brain, yet the garden has to be dug, and an intimate knowledge of company accounts will not in any way assist in the tilling of the soil.

If any employer has a vacancy for a good man, let him communicate with the Officer Commanding the Depot.

(b) Those in employment undoubtedly form the largest class of our ex-soldiers, and they perhaps can do more than any one else in finding employment for others.

An employer who has ex-soldiers on his staff, must form his impressions on the value of ex-soldier labour by the conduct of those in his employ, and if one of those happens to be an ex-soldier of the Queen's Own Regiment, he will judge our Regiment by the behaviour and capabilities of that man.

Let every member of the Regiment bear this maxim in mind. If he does good work for his employer, he is doing, not only good work for himself, but also for his old corps. An employer well satisfied with the work of an ex-member of the Regiment, must wish for the assistance of others from the same source, and herein lies the opportunity for those now in employment.

If a vacancy occurs in any firm or business with which an ex-member of the Regiment is connected, let him approach those in authority with a view to obtaining the billet for a man from the Regiment.

Let him get what in business circles is known as the "option," and in sporting parlance the "first refusal" of the job, and then let him write to the O.C. Depot, and find out if he (O.C. Depot), knows of any man suitable for the job.

(c) Of those out of employment it is hard to write. Some of these are really good men, who through stress of circumstances, or lack of health, have found that this world's battles are hard to fight. For these we have the most profound sympathy, and can only hope that if any member of the Regiment can find employment for them, or help them in any way, he will do so.

There are, however, a certain number of men out of employment, who have only got themselves to thank.

These are the men who, heedless of the future, did not conduct themselves well, whilst serving as soldiers, and if they do nothing else to help the Regiment, they yet furnish us with an excellent text on which to preach to serving soldiers.

A good character on leaving the army is indispensable if future employment is wanted. Every civilian fights shy of employing those men, whose characters are "fair" or worse.

They know that army officers generally err on the side of leniency, when assessing characters.

Therefore, let every man make up his mind to keep clear of trouble during his career as a soldier.

Avoid excess of drink, as if it were a poison, and remember that most of the crime in the army used to be committed by men when under its influence.

Take every advantage of the Army Schools, and thus qualify yourself not only for promotion, but also for well paid employment in civil life.

Finally let it be remembered that members past and present of The Queen's Own Regiment form a large brotherhood, of which each member should be working for the general welfare of the Regiment.

We should try to apply the best principles of the trade unions, and thus ensure that work is offered to members before it is offered to men who are not connected with the Regiment.

P.B.

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

The members of the Sergeants' Association The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) held their annual dinner at the Holborn Restaurant on Saturday last, being accommodated in the Crown Room. Those present included the President, Major-General Sir Edmund Leach, K.C.B., Colonel of the Regiment, Colonels Maunsell and Harrison, Majors Pack Beresford and Wood Martyn, Captain Waring, Q.M.S. Alderman, Col.-Sergts. McVicar, W. Wood, Kallend and Pollard, Sergts. Johnson, Catt, Martle, Dorrell and Daykin ; Sergt.-Dr. Sayers ; O.R. Sergt. Burrows ; Messrs. Sillitoe, Hayworth, Hinds, Budd, Evans, Fowler, Rhoods, Powers, Curtis, Ingram, Pye, Cover, Maddocks, Sergeant-Major Brown, Messrs. Tiley, Richards, McGregor, Wise, Palmer, W. Bass, Baker, Dibden, McGee, Ralphs, Gilburd, A. Brown, Guess, Wilson, W. Dawson, F. Dawson, Nicholls, Moore, Maynard, Osman, Allen, Leaver and Crouch ; also Chelsea Pensioners Adams and Shearman.

An excellent menu was provided, and after justice had been done to this and the toast of The King honoured, the evening was given up to musical selections, toasts, and conversation. Mr. Sancto (Maidstone) was at the piano, and songs were given by Messrs. Allen, Budd and Dawson, jun., a musical sketch being contributed by a friend.

In proposing the toast of The President, Mr. Dawson said how pleased all were to see General Sir Edmund Leach, K.C.B,, there that evening. They all looked on him as their General, and he asked them to rise and drink his health.

This having been done with musical honours, General Leach replied, expressing the great pleasure it gave him to be amongst so many old friends. His mind was always with the Regiment, and he looked on the 50th Regiment as his home. He thanked them very much for the kind manner in which they drunk his health.

To Mr. Cover was entrusted the toast, "The Officers of The Queen's Own." He reminded them of the spirit of comradeship which existed between the officers and all ranks and which brought together so many old faces as they had before them that evening. There were with them Bill Adams, who had worn his medals for 68 years, the sole survivor of the Sikh Campaign ; and Roger Hunt, who served in the Crimea. Then there was their General, who earned the New Zealand medal 50 years ago. He could mention many instances of recognition between the officers and themselves since leaving the regiment, and they might rest assured that the honour of the regiment was in safe keeping and would remain untarnished. He coupled with the toast the name of Colonel C. E. Harrison.

Colonel Harrison, in the course of an impressive speech, referred to the early days of the Sergeants' Association, which was mooted just before he received the honour of commanding the 1st Battalion, and which, after being thoroughly discussed, became an accomplished fact. He for one wondered whether it would be continued when the Old Comrades' Association was started, and he was pleased to see it had not ceased to exist. He was of opinion that they would benefit by these Associations, and that the ties between officers and all ranks would become stronger as time went on. He had exceptional opportunities, as an adjutant, and as second in command, of intimately knowing the sergeants of the regiment, who could be compared with those of any other regiment in the service. He referred to an instance in the Expedition in Arabia, when he was invalided home through heart-stroke, when two officers and a few sergeants at a critical time saved the situation and prevented what might have been a terrible disaster. Whatever might happen in the future, they could never do better than follow the traditions of the past, remembering always they had the honour of serving in a regiment second to none.

Major C. G. Pack Beresford, in proposing The Sergeants' Association, touched on the question of employment. He saw there was very little done at the present moment except what was done per regulation : that was, there was kept at the Depot a list of those who registered their names on leaving the Service, but it was of little practical value. He thought much good might be done if the sergeants, when they heard of a vacant place, would write him personally, when he would do what he could to find a suitable man from the regiment. It was no good writing to the Adjutant. Adjutants had a lot to do and, he humorously remarked, were a mixture of red tape and typewriters. There were always plenty of men wanting jobs. He would like to add to the toast Employment, and gave The Sergeants' Association, Employment and good Employment to its Members (hear, hear).

Sergeant-Major W. Brown, responding, said the Association was in a sound financial position. In spite of the fact that neither the 1st nor 2nd Battalion was in England, they had a good muster that evening, and there was no reason why the Association should not continue and add to its present numbers.

The arrangements were in the hands of Sergeant Daykin and a Sub-committee, to whom thanks are due for the trouble taken to secure the comfort of those attending. The evening was voted a huge success and should give a fillip to the Association, removing any doubt existing amongst many as to its continuance in addition to the Old Comrades' Association. Membership is open to the sergeants of the Queen's Own Regiment, including the Territorial Battalions. Annual subscription 1s.

(*The above account is taken from the "Kent Messenger"*).

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE

At the commencement of another winter training season an important change in the organisation of the Infantry of the Line takes place. This is the introduction of the four company system which has been foreshadowed for some little time, and has, indeed, been adopted in an experimental way during the past collective training season.

But now, for good or for evil, the new system has been definitely decided upon, the Battalion has four companies only, and the platoon takes the place of the section. The word platoon is taken from the French "peloton." This particular unit appears to have been first adopted in the year 1630 by King Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden, and then consisted of 48 men.

Last month we gave a list showing how the old eight companies have been formed into the new four.

As all the world knows, Dublin is in the throes of a very bad form of "labour unrest." Not that there has been any great extent of rioting, but, as is usual nowadays, "Thomas Atkins" is called upon to perform many arduous duties which would not otherwise fall to his lot. However, a lot of hidden talent in coal heaving has been discovered in the work of this description which the Battalion has to carry out every fifth day.

A draft of 80 men left Southampton on the 22nd October for India.

Our old friends, The Buffs, left Dublin this autumn, and are succeeded in the 13th Infantry Brigade by the 2nd Battalion the King's Own (Yorkshire Light Infantry).

Congratulations to Brigadier General Fitton on his recent promotion.

Reports of athletic and sporting events appear elsewhere.

Personal.

Captain Buchanan-Dunlop is going through a five months' course at the London School of Economics.

Lieut. Newton is at the Hythe School of Musketry.

Lieut Palmer has also lately been to Hythe, doing a course in the Marindin Range Finder.

Lieut. MacNeece is learning to fly at the Bristol Flying School, Brooklands.

Lieut. Ogle is doing a signalling course at Aldershot.

Lieut. Irons, 3rd Battalion, has joined for a six months' attachment.

RICHMOND BARRACKS,
28th October, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Excuse the poor correspondence of Sergeants' Mess this month as the duty has been thrown at me the last moment.

The Sergeants of the Garrison have promulgated a Billiard Tournament, of which I am sorry to say that on our own ground we suffered defeat by four games to two in our first match v. R.O.Y.L.I. Sergeants Hundley and Maslin were the winners, both of whom performed well, the latter, one might add, marvellously. Six of the Mess have entered for the Army Billiard Championship, so later we may see some form and improvement in our billiards.

Our first dance was held on Friday, 11th, and although there were two other dances in the Garrison, we had a good attendance, and the dance proved a great success, for which great thanks must be tendered to our working committee. The Corporals gave a dance the following Friday, and I was very pleased to see so many of the Sergeants ptesent.

We had a good attendance at our first Whist Tournament, which was held on Wednesday, the 8th. Sergeant-Major Doe proved to be the winner of Gent.'s, and Colour-Sergeant Sanders managed to get the "booby," without any trouble. Other winners are not to hand.

Hockey is being started in the Garrison, but owing to the strike there is no headway, although the Messes have made a scheme on league system to be started as soon as the strike is over. We can, I think, place a good team in the field with a little practice, which some of our members are getting by assisting the officers.

A match is being played on our ground this afternoon with the Suffolk Regiment, who are a hot lot, and I shall be able to let you know later the result, and how our members performed.

Yours, etc.,
SERGEANTS' MESS CORRESPONDENT.

RUNNING.

The first road race held this year was won by Pte. Bresnahan, of C Company, who covered the course of 5½ miles in 35 minutes 15 secs. Pte. Pook, A Company, was a good second, and it was with regret that we saw him, one of our best runners, leave for India the same night. Pte. Kempster was third, and completed the course in good style. In future races this year Ptes Bresnahan and Kempster are to be handicapped so as to give some of the other runners a well-earned chance of carrying off a substantial cash prize I should like to mention that I have it on good authority that there are other teams in training who are determined to carry off the 13th Infantry Brigade Long Distance Race, and it will only be when we have fifty thoroughly well trained runners in the Battalion that we can offer them any odds they like against their winning the race.

B COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Not having been on the editorial staff of the "Daily Mail," "Pay and Mess Book," etc., I cannot promise to give you a very brilliant account of Company's progress in the various shporting engagements it has fulfilled during the past month. However, "the pleasure is mine," so here goes.

First and foremost I must tell you that we are at present in the happy position of being at the head of the Company Football League, having played two matches and winning both. Our first game was with "A" Company, whom we managed to "see off" to the tune of two goals to nothing after a good game, in which Jolly "B" clearly demonstrated that they have a really good all round team, who will no doubt more than hold its own this season. Of course "We've got a long way to go," but having made such a good beginning there is no reason why we shouldn't "continue the motion." Our second game, which resulted in a victory over "D" Company by one goal to nothing, was a very good one, both teams fighting hard for supremacy. Up to the interval there was no scoring, which about reflected the run of the game. After the interval, however, Jolly "B" took on a new lease of life and went about their work with a fervour that could only result in one thing—victory. Everybody played well, Pte. Woolhead did the "needful," and Jolly "B" went on its way rejoicing. Instead of the usual weekly Route March, Cross Country Running has been substituted, every available N.C.O. and man having to pass the Company running test. The test is to run six miles under the hour in "canvas and boots." It seems pretty plain sailing at first glance, but running in shoes is one thing, and running in boots is another, and when at the end of four miles you suddenly discover you've only a "quarter to go," one is apt to change one's opinion despite the encouraging shouts of "Hould that fellow" from the intensely amused urchin on the sidewalk. Despite this, however, nearly everybody who have undertaken the test have come through the ordeal successfully, which only goes to prove the general fitness of the Company. Up to the present our record in the Battalion Cross-Country Races is not as good as our football record, but it is only

a question of time before we are able to hold our own with the best. Natural modesty keeps many would-be competitors from entering, but which I trust they will have overcome ere these lines are in print. Everybody is at last beginning to settle down in their various platoons, and whereas in the old system a section was in most cases scattered over different rooms, under the new system each platoon has its own particular rooms, thus simplifying the work of the platoon commander and fostering good comradeship among the men.

"B" COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

D COMPANY.

Richmond Barracks, Dublin. 25th October, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The Company Sergeant-Major just rushed at me like a madman, and warned me to give the old Buster Bloke a Gaff. I tried to get a bye, and nearly lost my furlough over it. You want to be in our Company. They do not ASK you to do anything. You want to see our Notice Board. When you go for a dekko to see if it is Strike Picket or Coal Fatigue to-morrow (being as you have just come off "Vice Regal"), you find yourself Orderly Man in four different places, drawing Rations at 11.40 a.m., "Cocks and Hens" at 1.50 (under a Lance-Corporal when he comes off "Bridging Class," Bayonet Fighting Team Gaff at 2.45 p.m., Draw Teas, Cross Country Rum after tea (distance 13¾ miles), then when you get in properly creased, up comes the Boxing Trainer, and knocks it out of you, and you turn in "Kip" about 9 p.m., like a slab of pug. They are properly shoving it on us, sir. Of course you might think I am moaning—well you can't help having a peaceful poke at the "heads." We HAVE got some "heads." You want to be in our "Pontoon." I suppose you know all about this "Pontoon" Hookum? The Colour Bloke said it was to enable the Officers and N.C.O.'s to get a good number of men available to train when it couldn't be done under the old "Scourge." They've got them, I don't think. Old Jim Larkin has got all the "Fish Heads" in this Command. They borrow us for Fatigue in canvas, with helmets, with 50 rounds of ball. Proper cod passing "Liberty Hall." You don't half meet it. One bloke called me a scab, I think it was. I said "You'd have one if I stuck my bayonet." Well, you can't help sympathising, can you?

The troops have properly got a moan on. Well, look at the "Cocks and hens" gaff after coming off guard! I can't help laughing though. I'm not moaning, I'm in nine teams myself. When the "Flag" says "Come out," I "come out"; when he has finished creasing me, Sergt. Longfeller collects me up, and rubs it in. What did he say to me one day? He said "If you love your Company and have got any self respect, you should die for it." Bags of sympathy. DIE! Well, to tell you the truth, sir, I won't pack up myself if they won't. They're proper tactful blokes—I said one day passing the Coffee Bar, "Any hopes" "Sandows," I meant. The Colour Bloke said he'd "stick it," if I went round Lucan Cemetery after tea. Lucan is about 19 miles out. What hopes have we got. They come round every pay day measuring our calves. Old Jim Larkin is looking after them all right; don't you worry. Well, sir, I was going to write you some interesting news about the competitions, etc., but I'm afraid there won't be much more room. Is there "anything to go" for two columns of important news? I reckon this Secretary Gaff ought to be a paid billet. I must see the "Flag." Meet it again, I suppose. They don't half "climb it." Sergt. Longfeller never leaves off. He don't half like work. You can't help going your lot though. They do treat you a bit decent if you get a bit of a move on yourself, and when you come to sort it out, I reckon they do it for the good of the Old Troop. Only it is hard. Of course it's the strife. Have you heard about Old Jim. Pedlar Palmer is going to take his place. Here comes the Orderly Sergeant. I was going to send you a list of the teams up-to-date. THAT'S DONE IT. I'm for "Cocks and Hens" at 1.50 p.m. "Get the tools from the Sanitary Corporal." If I'm not on "Dining Hall" presently, I'll try to send you some interesting news; if the Strike Picquet don't mount at Retreat I will. Oh, I forget I'm playing in the Second Division League at 2.45. I'm very sorry, I can't tell you any more now. Good luck to the "Old Buster." Sir, we won't give in, but I've properly HAD IT!

"D" COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

LEINSTER SENIOR LEAGUE.—DIVISION I.

1st BATTALION ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT v. KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS.

The Inter-League match at Dalymount Park proved a big counter attraction to the game between Royal West Kents and King's Own Scottish Borderers, which was played on the latter's ground at Richmond Barracks, and in consequence the attendance, which was mainly composed of the military followers of both teams, was rather small. The rivalry existing between military teams is usually very strong, and a well fought out tussle can always be relied upon. The meeting of these elevens proved no exception, for though the game brought out only an occasional flash of really brilliant play, it was full of incident and excitement, particularly in the initial stages of the second half. The superiority of the Borderers, if not always apparent, revealed itself more frequently than that of their opponents, whose defence broke down badly towards the conclusion, leaving the Scottish regiment somewhat easy winners by three goals to nil. The score, however, conveys little of the keenness which characterised the play of both teams for nearly three-quarters of the game, as it was not until about twenty minutes after play had been in progress in the second half that Templeman opened the scoring. The West Kents gave a very convincing display in the game's earlier stages, the fast invasions of their forwards constantly keeping the home goal in jeopardy; but despite their proximity to the Borderers' goal, they, with the exception of an offside score, failed to achieve anything tangible, a great lack of initiative among their forwards when it came to shooting, giving the Borderers' defence the inevitable opening to clear. Several times Lieut. Gore set his forwards moving in splendidly combined runs, but the absence of any player with accuracy of aim completely negatived the dash and energy of the attack. Twice Lieut. Gore nearly scored, mainly the result of clever individual effort, but his shooting was moderate, and on one occasion, when nearly under the cross-bar, his failure was unaccountable. Towards the interval the Borderers put in some strong work, and no lack of enterprise on the part of Templeman, Quick, and Mason could be blamed for their inability to score. The home forwards played with unusual cleverness, and their short passing movements seldom lacked precision, their methods in general being a source of confusion to the West Kent's defence, but their shooting, like that of their opponents, was palpably at fault. Both teams played up strongly in the second half, and following a fast drive by Mason, which just only missed its mark, Templeman got in to score, but the point was disallowed. Mason again worked himself into prominence, and drawing out Kemp, passed the ball to Taylor and Keith, both of whom missed the ball when only only a couple of yards from the goal-line. Subsequently a series of exciting scrimmages in front of Kane gave the appearance of a certain score accruing to West Kents, but over-anxiety among their forwards ended in the ball being cleared to midfield. The attack of the Borderers' forwards was very persistent, and eventually, as the result of a centre by Mason, Templeman headed past Kemp for the opening score. From this point West Kents were gradually forced on the defensive, and their collapse was complete when Taylor shortly afterwards added the second for the home team. Occasionally the West Kents' forwards forced play to the Borderers' goal, but their efforts were for the most part wild and disconnected, and not even the artistry of Lieut. Gore could prevail against the unyielding defence of the home backs. Further disaster befell the visitors before the end, for in a strong attack on Kemp's charge an infringement occurred within the penalty area, and Templeman taking the kick, added the third. The victory of the Borderers was a very convincing one, and if at times their forwards sacrificed too much to the fine points of the game, their failure in this respect could always be counteracted by their defence, in which both Johnston and Parkinson at full back, and Leech among the halves, were conspicuous successes. The half line, as a whole, worked admirably, and of the forwards, Mason, Quick and Templeman were the best. West Kents were splendidly served by Kemp in goal, but neither Powell nor Still could be relied upon at the critical moment. Of a moderate line of halves Pease was about the most effective, but the forwards, with the exception of Lieut. Gore, displayed little real cleverness. Result:—

King's Own Scottish Borderers	3
Royal West Kent Regiment	0

Teams:—West Kents—Kemp; Powell and Still; Smyth, Pease and Bonfield; Scott, Herbert, Lieut. Gore, Hanley and Steel. King's Own Scottish Borderers—Kane; Johnstone and Parkinson; Leech, Burns and Renforth; Mason, Quick, Templeman, Taylor and Keith.

(N.B.—We are indebted for most of our 1st Batt. Football, to cuttings from the local (Dublin) Press, but must apologise for not naming the paper, as the name and date has been omitted by our correspondent.—Editor).

LEINSTER SENIOR LEAGUE.—FIRST DIVISION.

1st BATTALION ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT v. 5th (ROYAL IRISH) LANCERS.

The 5th (Royal Irish) Lancers, which are not regarded as a strong side, created a surprise by dividing the points in their game with the Royal West Kent Regiment at Richmond Barracks, the score at the close being two goals each. It was, however, a completely rearranged team which did duty for the West Kents, and the absence from the forward line of Herbert, Scott and Steele deprived the attack of much of its effectiveness. Indeed, all through the game there was a lack of cohesion among their forwards, and were it not for the individual cleverness of Lieutenant Gore it is doubtful if the home team could have avoided defeat.

On the run of the play the home team were undoubtedly lucky to have divided the honours, for, though they entirely monopolised the play in the opening half, they were forced to defend right through the second. The display given by the Lancers was always of a very moderate standard, but the indiscriminate kicking of their backs, which was followed

up by wild rushing tactics by the forwards, completely upset all the calculated and precise methods of the home team, whose goal in the second half was continuously bombarded, and underwent several exciting escapes. The superiority of the home team in the initial moiety was, however, unchallenged, but the failure of their forwards in front of goal rendered this superiority almost valueless, as, considering the number of chances lost, the two goals which rewarded their efforts were but a poor commentary on their play.

Five minutes from the start Lieutenant Gore, as the result of a grand individual run, opened the scoring, and then ensued a series of invasions to the Lancers' goal, which were maintained with monotonous succession, and all of which ended in failure. Lieutenant Gore, as pivot, distributed the play impartially, and his confreres seldom lacked an opportunity to shoot, but their marksmanship was very faulty, and had not Byrne vacated his charge a second score would not have been registered. To retrieve the goalkeeper's error Baker handled within the penalty area to avoid a certain score, but this eventually made no difference, as Pease, taking the kick, secured the goal. The cavalry had so far given no indication of the dash and energy they were capable of infusing into their efforts in the concluding half, but immediately on changing ends they attacked with an irresistible determination, repeatedly swarming in on the home goal, Hayes ultimately reducing the lead. Encouraged by this success, the Lancers played up with renewed vigour, and nearing the game's final stages Seymour secured the equaliser. Result:—

Royal West Kent Regiment 2
5th (Royal Irish) Lancers 2

Teams: Royal West Kents—Kemp; Shell and Bonfield; Smith, Powell and Pease; Pringle, Handley, Lieutenant Gore, Ring and Captain Phillips. 5th (Royal Irish) Lancers—Byrne; Blake and Baker; Purchase, Frost and Moss; Fason, Crawley, Heffernan, Hayes and Seymour. Referee—Mr. Bauress.

LEINSTER LEAGUE.—DIVISION I.

SHELBOURNE v. ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

At Shelbourne Park. Two changes had to be made in the side that beat St. James's Gate the previous Saturday, Pringle and Scott taking the places of Lance-Corpl. Herbert and Lance-Corpl. White. During the first half the play was rather in our favour, and Handley scored more a good centre from Pringle. On changing over the game became more equal and only good work by the backs stopped Shelbourne from scoring. Twenty minutes from the end our forwards broke away, and Steel centring well, Pringle ran in and scored our second goal. There was no further scoring, leaving us winners by 2—0. All the team played well, particularly Sergt. Kemp in goal, who gave another brilliant display.

ARMY CUP.—FIRST ROUND.

1st BATTALION ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT
v. KING'S OWN YORKSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY.

This match was played on Wednesday, 23rd October, at Portobello Barracks. One change was made in the team, Johnston taking the place of Bonfield at right half. There was little of interest in the opening stages of the game, play being confined mostly to midfield. Twenty minutes from the start Sergt. Kemp in catching a high dropping shot from the right wing, carried the ball over the line and the referee allowed a goal. Certainly a very lucky point. The game continued evenly until half-time when the score still remained K.Y.L.I., 1; West Kent 0.

In the second half play rather favoured the Y.L.I. Our play became rather scrappy chiefly owing to the bustling tactics of our opponents. Midway through the second half our forwards broke away and Handley headed a goal. This point put more life into the game, and both sides worked hard for the lead. This was obtained by the Yorkshire Light Infantry, who scored a good goal ten minutes from the end. Immediately after this Johnson unluckily handled in the penalty area and the Yorkshire Light Infantry scored their third goal from the penalty. Nothing further was scored and the Y.L.I. remained winners by three goals to one.

Results up to date.—Leinster Senior League: v. St. James's Gate, won 1—0; v. West Riding Regiment, won 1—0; v. Shelbourne, won 2—0; v. K.O.S.B., lost 0—3; v. 5th Lancers, draw 2—2; v. Standville, lost 1—3. Army Cup: v. K.O.Y.L.I., lost 1—3. Second Team.—Leinster Junior Cup: v. Clarence, lost 0—3. Leinster League. Division II.: v. Y.M.C.A., lost 0—1; v. St. James' Gate II., won 3—1; v. University College, drawn 0—0.

A Notice in Orders: A porcupine haunts the Cantonment Garden. The animal will be shot one night probably between the hours of 10 p.m. and 11 p.m.

There was a little porcupine
A homely little chap,
He used to haunt the garden fair,
And didn't care a rap.

They shot that little porcupine
With bullets made of lead;
But, oh! beware that garden fair—
His ghost "haunts" there instead.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

CHERAT,
October 1st, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

This is now Cherat's silly season, and I fear that all my correspondents have gone to sleep. On the 19th and 20th of this dreary month we had some sports, the Royal Sussex coming off with most of the prizes, including the trophy given by Colonel Pedley to the best athlete. But doubtless our athletes can explain the reason for this better than I can. There has been Field Firing out towards the independent territory of the Jowaki Afridis, and I have heard of no Jowaki having been shot up to the moment of writing. We return to Peshawar, I believe, on the 30th of this month. There you have my news in a nutshell. I enclose a poem from our local Laureate, who isn't really quite such a "Cynicus" as he makes himself out to be.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

I.

THE TRAGEDY OF AN S.A.

It is rumoured that once upon a time a bombshell descended upon the officers of a certain well-known Regiment, so well thrown indeed that they all failed to see in it a Good Fairy in disguise. It was almost like a liver pill swallowed in jam. And this is how it befel. The subalterns were asked to write an essay on Protection.

There was a stir in the subaltern world. The juniors came and went with scared white faces, the seniors managed to assume an air of lofty superiority not altogether justified.

The essay and how to write it was a subject of no small interest. There were those who thought they could write it and couldn't, and there were those again who were budding geniuses and knew it not. Reams of paper were bought from the local coffee shop, and the Subaltern's pen, a rusty curio unearthed from the back of a dusty pile of drill books, was proudly produced and coaxed into working order.

But somehow there was a delay. There was something it seemed of a plunge into cold water in this dallying with pen and paper. As the days sped by the fatal date approached on which the essay was to be "handed in," there were to be seen those who moved with blanched cheek and haggard eye, as though something haunted them. Some were driven to a mere statement of a bald, bad truth—"*I* can't write an essay." Others who foresaw disaster made the plunge, burned midnight candles, and sitting with wet towels tied turban-wise, set themselves with all the recklessness of despair to a life work. One was to be seen carefully copying the little red book we all know, or ought to know, so well, leaving out the "ands" and the "buts" in subtle disguise, or changing the paragraphs round so as to make a real good wholesome muddle of an otherwise orderly array. Platitude and (unconscious) paradox poured from the scratching heroic pens. Those who were either proud or stupid sat on the little book and refused to be advised thereby, deeming a flood of unintelligible English to be of more real value than a dull statement of what was required. But as you and I know, the human being is a curious animal—even the Subaltern, who is often confused with both.

At last the essay was "handed in," and the community breathed a sigh of relief.

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A month later, a time as you may judge of no small anxiety, the historical documents were returned to their owners, and many of those sighs of relief lengthened into groans of horror. Red ink and rude remarks put the original

script into the background so that it had to be searched for. But there was one which came back to its perpetrator *clean!* Can you imagine his joy? Alas, it was a joy that was doomed to be as short lived as his notoriety as an essay writer. The red ink was absent because the Corrector of those works of art had run short of it. How was the joyful one to know?

But the Subaltern saw his chance. He would read his essay in all its pristine beauty to his Company!

And so, one fine morning, a blackboard and a box of coloured chalks were produced by the Colour-Sergeant, and the Subaltern faced his excited Company. I say "excited." This was of course from the Subaltern's point of view. But Companies, whatever be their letter of the alphabet, show their excitement in various ways. Private Z. lazily and luxuriously rolled a fag and carefully licked the paper to add to the flavour of the tobacco. Private X. displayed all the symptoms of one about to take his after dinner nap. Private Y. merely scratched his head. He was a company scout. A Sergeant, Redkop, I think his name was, began to argue with an intelligent Lance-Corporal about Protection as applied to Aeroplanes and Umbrellas, and said that the new helmets were "no earthly." The lecture, or rather the "reading," began, and the Subaltern, a little nervous because of the weight of information about to roll from his lips to the ears or the eyes of his audience, began something like this:

"This, I must tell you, is a short paper (he said 'paper' because it sounded better) on the—the, er, Art—the Science, well—not exactly science—the means of Protection. As you all know, Protection means a Protective Force put out to protect a force from a hostile force which will have protective forces to protect it. When these protective bodies or forces meet, each protective body has to protect its own force from the other protective body protecting its own force. Do you see?"

Private Y. rose. "May I ask a question, sir?"

The Subaltern: "No, sit down. I'm reading a paper, not answering questions."

A dead silence—at least almost a dead silence, for a gentle snore was somewhere audible.

The reader continued.

"Now Protection is divided into two parts——"

Just then there was a knock at the door and an Orderly appeared.

"The Commanding Officer's compliments, sir, and would you please come to the Orderly Room and bring your S.A. with you."

Thank goodness that Orderly had never heard of an S.A., though he knew what a B.F. was, perhaps.

2ND BATTALION HOCKEY.

The following team represented the Battalion at the Annual Murree Hockey Tournament:—

G., Pte. Newton, D Company, Reserve Pte. Lane "C" Company.

R.B., 2nd Lieut. V. S. Clarke and L.B., Cpl. Chuter, C Company, Reserve, Pte. Brown, "A" Company.

R.H., Pte. Burt, A Company; C.H., Lieut. Kay; L.H., Pte. Barnard, H Company, Reserve, Pte. Cotgrave "A" Company.

R.O., Pte. Miller, H Company; R.I., Sergt. Craddock, H Company; C., Pte. Mepham, F Company; L.I., Pte. Clark, H Company; L.O., Pte. Baker, A Company, Reserve, Pte. Highams, "H" Company.

There were 20 teams in for the tournament, including three second teams, i.e., three regiments put in two teams.

The tournament commenced on the 15th of September. Two matches were played on each afternoon.

In the first round we met our old opponents, the Durham Light Infantry (who beat us in March, in the Sialkot Tournament). It was unfortunate that their side was not quite up to full strength. As it was, during the first half, we were all over them, and were continually in their circle, but only managed to net the ball three times. The passing of the forwards, in this match, was splendid, but the opposing goal seemed to be charmed. With a very little luck (or good shooting) we might have scored ten goals. The second half showed a much more even game. Our opponents played up very hard, and scored once, but at the end of time no further score was registered, so we returned victors by three goals to one.

In the second round we met an R.F.A. team from Pindi. This match was very exciting and very evenly fought out to the end. At half-time the score stood at 1—0 in our favour. Soon after resumption of play we scored two goals in quick succession. Our opponents played harder than ever and ten minutes before time they scored two goals in quick succession, thus equalising. However, in the last ten minutes of play two more goals were netted by us, and the R.F.A. did not score again. Final result, 5—3 in our favour.

In the third round we met the 31st Signalling Company. The match, as an exhibition of hockey, was not a good one. After a ding dong game we eventually won by 1—0. In all these matches the combination of the forwards was good. The halves, too, knew their game and fed their forwards continually.

We met the Sussex B team in the semi-final and had an excellent game with them. However, our forwards could not get going, and the halves, too, were very wild on occasions. The game was one of give and take. On the call of time the score stood at one all so we had to play an extra ten minutes each way. The game had not been started three minutes before the Sussex scored twice in quick succession, both goals being scored from fine centres by the right wing. Try as we would, we could not score again. The Sussex B were thus winners by 3—1.

In the final our victors met the 73rd Company of the R.G.A., and after a great match in their turn were defeated, leaving the Gunners to carry off the silver cup.

CHERAT HOT WEATHER HOCKEY LEAGUE TABLES.—FINAL.
Up to and for Saturday, 4th October, 1913.

Teams.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
A Company, 2nd R.W. Kent Regt. ..	9	7	0	2	16
C Company, 1st R. Sussex Regt.....	9	4	1	4	12
C Company, 2nd R.W. Kent Regt.	9	3	2	4	10
G Company, 2nd R.W. Kent Regt.....	9	3	2	4	10
A Company, 1st R. Sussex Regt	9	3	3	3	9
B Company, 2nd R.W. Kent Regt.....	9	3	3	9	9
Divisional Staff.....	9	3	4	2	8
Drums, 1st R. Sussex Regt.	9	2	4	3	7
E Company, 1st R. Sussex Regt.....	9	1	5	3	5
G Company, 1st R. Sussex Regt.....	9	1	6	2	4

2ND ELEVEN FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINAL.

Team.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
G Company, 2nd R.W. Kent Regt.....	3	3	0	0	6
Drums, 1st R. Sussex Regt.	3	2	1	0	4
Divisional Staff	3	1	2	0	2
C Company, 2nd R.W. Kent Regt.	3	0	3	0	0

THE PLAINT OF A "ONCE TIME EX."

India, Land of Milk and Honey,
Sandfly fever, and bad money;
From your palmy plains so sunny,
When shall I depart?

Once my name appeared in orders,
And I prepared to leave your borders;
Yet still among your black marauders,
I have to sweat and moan.

Once again all kinds of training
In weather sweltering or raining,
For another year remaining
I have yet to do.

'Got my "civi" kit together,
Hat, and boots of patent leather,
Now after all I don't know whether,
I'll ever wear the blanky things.

I think it's downright shameful, really,
And in the "House" they'll get it freely;
I'll personally "go for" Seeley
When I do get home again.

CYNICUS.

Below we give the football team and list of matches of the 2nd Battalion for 1892-93, the season when they won the Army Cup. The present season is in its infancy and we hope that this record of great success may incite our present footballers to do likewise. May it not be so very long before the Army Cup comes to us again!

2ND BATTALION FOOTBALL TEAM.

Sergt. Pepper (Goal); Corpl. Jones and Musician Ball (Backs); Sergt. W. E. Bass, Lieut. Burbury, and Sergt. Taylor (Half Backs); Pte. McGregor, Sergt. McGregor, Sergt. Sharp (Centre), Corpl Richardson, and Corpl. Spooner (Forwards). Staff Army Sergt. Hadgkiss (Trainer).

WINNERS OF ARMY CHALLENGE CUP 1893.

RECORD FOR SEASON 1892-93.

Date. 1892.	Club.	Ground	Result.	Goals F	Goals A
Sept. 10	Folkestone	Folkestone	Won	3	1
,, 13	Cameron Highlanders	Shorncliffe	Won	1	0
,, 20	School of Musketry	Hythe	Won	7	0
Oct. 3	R.A. Sheerness	Sheerness	Won	5	3
,, 4	Sheppey United	Sheerness	Won	9	1
,, 6	Royal Arsenal	Plumstead	Lost	0	3
,, 8	5th Fusiliers (K.C.C.)	Folkestone	Won	9	1
,, 10	Provisional Battalion	Shorncliffe	Won	2	1
,, 12	Border Regiment	Dover	Won	11	0
,, 15	Chatham (E.C.)	Chatham	Drawn	2	2
,, 18	School of Musketry	Hythe	Won	6	1
,, 22	Chatham (E.C.)	Chatham	Drawn	3	3
,, 24	5th Fusiliers (A.C.)	Dover	Won	12	2
,, 26	Chatham (E.C.)	Maidstone	Won	2	0
,, 29	Millwall Athletic (E.C.)	Millwall	Lost	0	2
Nov. 2	Sittingbourne	Sittingbourne	Won	5	0
,, 5	17th Co. R A (K.C.C.)	Dover	Won	3	0
,, 12	Ashford Victoria	Shorncliffe	Won	7	0
,, 14	Inniskilling Fusiliers	Dover	Won	4	0
,, 19	Folkestone (K.C.C.)	Folkestone	Won	11	0
,, 22	R.A. Sheerness	Shorncliffe	Won	4	1
,, 23	Royal Marine Depot	Walmer	Won	1	0
,, 26	Chatham	Chatham	Won	3	1
Dec. 3	Erith (K.C.C.)	Folke-tone	Won	1	0
,, 14	Maidstone	Maidstone	Won	6	1
,, 17	Ashford United	Ashford	Won	4	3
,, 19	R.A. Dover	Dover	Won	4	1
,, 21	Border Regiment	Shorncliffe	Won	12	1
,, 24	Tunbridge Wells	Tunbridge Wells	Won	4	2
,, 26	Tonbridge	Tonbridge	Won	6	2
,, 31	Sheppey United	Sheerness	Won	3	0
1893.					
Jan. 11	Chatham	Folkestone	Won	4	0
,, 23	Training Batt. R.E. (A.C)	Chatham	Won	6	0
,, 25	Kent County	Maidstone	Lost	1	2
Feb. 11	St. Columbs Court	Londonderry	Lost	3	4
,, 22	1st Scots Guards (A.C.)	Belfast	Drawn	2	2
,, 23	1st Scots Guards (A.C.)	Belfast	Won	4	1
Mar. 18	2nd Scots Guards (A.C.)	Crewe	Won	3	2
,, 29	Sherwood Foresters (A.C.)	Alder-hot	Drawn	1	1
,, 30	Sherwood Foresters (A.C.)	Aldershot	Won	1	0

Matches Played 40. Won 32, Drawn 4, Lost 4, Goals for 177, against 44.

K.C.C. Kent County Cup. E.C. English Cup. A.C. Army Cup.

DEPOT FOOTBALL FOR OCTOBER, 1913.

We, the supporters of the Depot F.C., are quite proud at the doings of our team for the first two months of the season, as up to the present we have only met defeat on one occasion (in any competition), and that at the hands (or feet) of the famous Depot Battalion R.E., of Army Cup fame, although in fairness to the R.E.'s they are not the team that some of our older hands remember during the Rev. J. T. Hale's times as their secretary. So far this year we are equal with the R.E.'s, as we beat them 4—1 on their ground and they reversed the result when they visited us at Maidstone. During October we have been fairly successful, drawing two Kent League fixtures with Snodland and Woolwich Reserves, viz., 2—2 and 1—1 respectively. The latter match was played on the old Arsenal ground at Plumstead, and from what I can hear we had more support from the spectators than the home team, for as our readers know there are a lot of the Regiment whose relatives reside in or near Woolwich, who turned up in force with their friends. On the 11th of the month we met and defeated Atholstone Rovers to the tune of 4—1 in the first round Kent Amateur Cup; in the second round we are drawn against Mount Pleasant from Sevenoaks at the Barracks. We have now started the Maidstone League fixtures, our first match being with Halling Institute (holders of the Kent Junior Cup). We were leading 3—1 when the game had to be abandoned owing to darkness, this being caused by the late arrival of the visitors due to the lamentable accident at Waterloo Station on October 25th. Our team were quite value for their victory had full time been played. The team are a well balanced lot, and during the first six weeks of the season we had the assistance of two of the 1st Battalion reserves, namely Lance-Corpl. Elliott in goal, and Pte. Ring forward. I must take this opportunity of thanking them for their valuable assistance, Lance-Corpl. Elliott on several occasions coming some distance to play for us. Of the defence there is nothing to complain, but the forwards are not as we should like to see them, the same old complaint existing, "no combination," but I think that now, with the old war-horse (Dr. Sweeney) in their ranks, he will, with his knowledge of the game, put this defect right. There is a line recruit assisting us. We know we cannot have him all the season, as he will leave us for the Battalion about December; but what is our loss will be the Battalion's gain, as I fully believe he will make a Regimental player. Pte. Loader, for that is his name, is on the small side, but makes up for his lack of pounds and inches by his pluck. Pte. Mickey Free is our hon. secretary, with the assistance of Steve Cook as second in command, and between the two of them every recruit is asked if he can play football, and if the answer is in the negative his name is noted for a trial. Congratulations to Sergt. W. Keeble, having gained his county cap for representing Kent on five occasions. He has also played for the South v. North of England (amateurs), and was also first reserve for the Amateurs of England v. Wales.

I feel I cannot conclude my notes without mentioning the sad loss sustained by the K.C.F.A. since our last number, namely, the death of the hard working secretary, Mr. F. Lockwood. He had done a lot for football in Kent, and his place will be hard to fill.

I have appended the League table (Western Section) up to and including November 1st :—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	P.
Maidstone Depot	6	3	2	1	14	9	8
Woolwich Reserves	5	3	1	1	8	6	7
Training Batt., R.E.	6	2	3	1	10	7	7
Snodland Town	4	2	2	0	12	8	6
R.D. Fusiliers Res.	5	1	2	2	14	11	4
Depot Batt., R.E.	7	1	2	4	12	17	4
Strood	3	1	1	1	2	1	3
Dartford Reserves	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Essex Regiment	3	0	1	2	5	14	1
Cray Wanderers	3	0	0	3	3	10	0

Our matches for November are :—

1st—Wouldham, M L., Home.
5th—Essex Regiment, K.L., Away.
8th—Snodland, M.L., Home.
15th—Mount Pleasant, K.A.C., Home.
22nd—Dartford Reserves, K.L., Away.
29th—Halling, M.L., Away.

TWO BLUES.

Maidstone, October 29th, 1913.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

Bandmaster G. Davis is permitted to continue in the service until 24th March, 1916.

8919 Lce.-Sergt. F. Mills (acting schoolmaster) has been transferred to the Army Reserve, with his consent, before the expiration of his period of Army Sevrice.

4490 Col.-Sergt. G. Press, 4428 Col.-Sergt. E. Ashton, 4410 Col.-Sergt. S. K. Reeves, 4460 Sergt. W. J. Raines, 4170 Sergt. G. Harris (P.S. 3rd Battalion), 8441 Drummer W. Baker (P.S. 3rd Battalion) and 4493 Pte. W. Cridland have been awarded the medal for long service and good conduct (Army Orders, October 1913).

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s and men have been awarded 2nd class certificates of education: 9811 Lce.-Corpl. W. Harrison, 8890 Pte. A. Benfield, 9931 Pte. H. Fitzgerald, 10098 Pte. E. Duffield.

2nd BATTALION NOTES.

4957 Sergt. H. Childs has been selected to fill a vacancy on the Permanent Staff, Kent Cyclist Battalion, Tonbridge, and 6001 Sergt. H. Russell is selected to fill a vacancy on the Permanent Staff 3rd Battalion at Maidstone from 26th February. 1914.

The following N.C.O.'s and men have extended their service to complete 12 years with the Colours: 8119 Corpl. J. Burrows, 8520 Pte. F. Hibbett. Dated 29th September, 1913.

5251 Corpl. J. Dormand has been transferred to the Indian Unattached List. and has been promoted Sergeant for employment in the Army Clothing Department from 2nd August, 1913.

Leutenant P. N. Anstruther, 8327 Lce.-Corpl. J. Burns, 9364 Corpl. E. Ballard, 8814 Lce.-Corpl. C. Nicholls, 9584 Lce.-Corpl. S. Brooks and 9020 Pte. G. Golding, passed an examination in Pushtu language (elementary standard), held at Cherat on 1st October, 1912.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s passed the examination for promotion held on Saturday, 4th October, 1913: For rank of sergeant: No. 9414 Corpl. E. Bamblett, 8443 Corpl. T. Franklinde. For rank of Corporal: 9079 Lce.-Corpl. A. Watkins, 8495 Lce.-Corpl. W. Williams, 9198 Lce.-Corpl. J. Rice, 9237 Lce.-Corpl. W. Kempton, 8840 Lce.-Corpl. T. Bax, 9553 Lce.-Corpl. T. Ward, 9245 Lce--Corpl. J. Mussell.

The following is the detail for the 2nd boat, H.T. "Dongola" sailing from Bombay on 22nd October, 1913:—For discharge, 3627 Pte. H. Smith, wife and children, A Company; 6169 Pvt. F. McKay, F Company; 6203 Lce.-Corpl. H. Maynard, C Company; 4447 Col.-Sergt. R. Rose, C Company; 3697 Col.-Sergt. G. Barden and wife, A Company; 6178 Lce.-Corpl. R. Falkner, C Company; 6258 Pte. A. Rogers, E Company; 9031 Pte. A. Stribling, B Company. For transfer to Army Reserve; 8370 Pte. A. Lucas, A Company; 8371 Pte. W. Hall, B Company; 8369 Pte. H. West, A Company. Six months' furlough to the United Kingdom: 8240 Drummer C. Guess, D Company.

7376 Lce.-Corpl. E. Peacock, 8565 Pte. H. Page, have been awarded 2nd class certificates of education, dated 27th August, 1913.

No. 8885 Pte. F. Parker has been discharged by purchase.

5885 Sergt. H. Cousins, E; 9086 Pte. T. Morley, B; 8905 Pte. G. Edmonds, E; 7593 Pte. A. Card, F; 8965 Pte. H. Smith, F; 9325 Pte. H. Rose, G; 9023 Pte. G. Barber, H; 8812 Pte. J. Way, H; 9472 Pte. G. Winton, H, have completed annual machine gun course and qualified as first class gunners, 12th September, 1913. 8877 Pte. A. Towner, C; 8465 Lce.-Corpl. W. Allen, D; 8901 Pte. H. Hewitt, D; 8762 Pte. E. Turner, E, have completed annual machine gun course and qualified as gunners, 12th September, 1913.

9133 Pte. G. Young, A; 9201 Pte. F. Couchman, E, have passed course of instruction in rasping and cold shoeing and awarded certificates dated 17th September, 1913.

DEPOT CONCERT.

On the 29th October the Recreation Room at the Barracks was the scene of the first of an exceedingly popular series of concerts given by the various members of the Depot Staff assisted by a few civilian friends. For the last three years concerts have taken place at convenient intervals with continuous success, not only at the Barracks but at outside institutions with the sole idea of increasing the popularity of the Depot (I was not thinking of recruiting but must admit it looks like it), and giving as much amusement as it is possible with the few talented artists at our disposal to those who cannot obtain it otherwise, meaning, of course, the outside institutions. So much for the purpose of the concerts. The opening item was that popular selection "The Bohemian Girl," and was rendered with great effect as a pianoforte solo by Mrs. Kallend, who I might mention is considered "The Catch of the Season" as far as the abilities of the troupe are concerned. Miss Southon appeared next with two songs (1) "Be British" and (2) "The Sweetest Singer of All," which were very much appreciated. Following this came the renowned "Bonny" Francis with his latest, entitled "Sammy Sharp." The usual roars of laughter naturally occurred at this talented member's turn. Corporals Wilson and Brockett gave us the ever famous duet "Marguerite," followed by Corpl. Cozens in a song entitled "Don't Forget Old Ireland" (he's never been there), which, by the strength of the applause appeared very popular. One of the best turns of the evening then took place, namely an exceedingly sweetly rendered song, "Once." The impression which Mrs. Kallend made on us all is surely a praise which should suffice all requisitions. Along came Drummer Gregg next with his popular song, entitled "The Collier's Life," an appropriate one when one considers the recent accidents. We then listened to our miniature string band, composing of Mrs. Kallend at the piano. Drummer Francis (banjo), and Pte. Clark (mandoline), after which "Bonny" did his usual tricks with the bones. This turn absolutely set the house "on fire." "When other Lips" was then sung by Corpl. Wilson, who it might be mentioned, possesses an extremely good bass voice. We were then given a star turn by Corpl. Cozens, with "Good-bye Australia," which was well applauded, and "My Home is Far Away," assisted by Brockett, Wilson and Gregg, who harmonised the chorus, left nothing to be desired. It is unanimously agreed that this ARTIST (Capitals, please Mr. Editor), is at home with this style of song, and it is to be hoped that the latest craze will not affect his talent and that rag time will be left alone for the present. Following this all the artists appeared again with other songs as here mentioned: Drummer Gregg, "Could we but see the future"; Corporal and Miss Wilson, "Larboard Watch"; Mrs. Kallend, "The City of Light"; Drummer Francis, "The Park Keeper" and necessary patter, "Twenty-one to-day." The programme was concluded by a pianoforte solo, delightfully rendered by Mrs. Kallend. I might state that congratulations and thanks are due to the performers and the manager (Col.-Sergt. Kingham). Special praise and thanks are reserved for Mrs. Kallend for her brilliant performance at the piano during the whole period, and we hope that she will continue to be connected with the Depot Staffs' efforts to amuse audiences and encourage the soldiers' entertaining abilities. We heartily thank the outside help and hope for their efforts at our next concert which is booked for Coxheath Infirmary on the 5th November next. We sincerely sympathise with Colour-Sergeant Kallend at being unable to appear as a turn owing to his indisposition.

ONE WHO ENJOYED IT.

OBITUARY.

We regret to announce the death of No. 3586 Private George Haines, late 97th Foot, which took place at Kilnhurst, Yorks., on the 11th October, 1913. The deceased veteran enlisted in March, 1851, taking his discharge in November, 1862, and saw service in India and The Crimea, being in possession of the medals for Sevastopol, Lucknow, and The Crimea.

Also of 1415 Private A. Nash, late 97th Foot, at Sandwich, Kent, on the 30th September, 1913. Deceased enlisted on the 17th October, 1857, and was discharged on 21st February, 1873, seeing foreign service in India.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

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

To be Brevet-Lieut.-Colonel :—Major Hubert Isacke (temporary Lieut.-Colonel), The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), a General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade, at the Staff College, Quetta, dated 26th November, 1913 (*London Gazette 25th November, 1913*).

To be General Staff Officer, Second Grade :—Major J. W. O'Dowda, 2nd Battalion (Royal West Kent Regiment), dated 3rd September, 1913 (India Office 28th October, 1913).

Supernumerary Captain G. Elgood is restored to the Establishment, dated 1st November, 1913 (*London Gazette, 18th November, 1913*).

The undermentioned Lieutenants to be Captains :—R. G. C. Brock and C. F. Adams, dated 3rd September, 1913 (*London Gazette*).

3RD BATTALION.

Captain Charles Dene Barrow to be Major, dated 15th October, 1913 (*London Gazette, dated 11th November, 1913*).

C. A. M Holloway (late Cadet Sergeant O.T. Corps) to be 2nd Lieutenant (on probation), dated 1st October, 1913 (*London Gazette, 28th October, 1913*).

1ST BATTALION.

APPOINTED LANCE-SERGEANTS—6184 Corporal H. Paul, dated 29th October, 1913 ; 10204 Private G. Walker Promoted Corporal and appointed Acting Schoolmaster Sergeant, dated 14th November, 1913.

LANCE-CORPORALS PROMOTED CORPORALS—9228 G. Stedman, dated 12th November, 1913 ; 9545 W. Grimley, dated 15th November, 1913.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS—10035 G. Tiller, 10054 E. Peill, dated 4th November, 1913.

2ND BATTALION.

APPOINEED LANCE-CORPORAL—7283 Drummer W. Earl, dated 29th September, 1913.

3RD BATTALION (S.R.)

CORPORALS APPOINTED LANCE-SERGEANTS—8376 W. Kill and 9311 F. Cozens, dated November, 1913.

3RD BATTALION (OFFICERS) ANNUAL DINNER.

The 3rd Battalion (Officers) Regimental Dinner will be held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, on Friday, February 27th, 1914, at 8 p.m. Officers wishing to attend, are requested to communicate with Major Hitchins, 30, Pembroke Gardens, Kensington, W.

THE LAND-MARKS OF TIME.

DECEMBER.

1st—West Kent Militia embodied, 1792.
9th—Passage of the NIVE, 1813.
10th—Unveiling Screen in All Saints', Maidstone (in memory of those who fell in the N. W. Frontier of India Campaign), 1898.
11th—3rd Battalion embodied, 1899.
14th—West Kent Militia disembodied 1762 (embodied since 1746.
18th—Battle of MOODKEE, 1845.
21st—Battle of FEROZESHAH, 1845.
26th—52nd became 50th, 1756.
29th—Battle of PUNNIAR, 1843.
30th—Battle of Ginniss, 1885.

THE EDITOR'S COLUMN OF REMARKS.

We have received an interesting letter from Colonel Brock on the questions of Military History that we have been discussing in this column. He writes on the subject of the black facings of the 50th, "In the 18th century every Regiment was dressed by its Colonel, and he practically did what he liked in the matter of lace, facings, etc. As to the sky-blue of the 97th, this was fixed by authority, but probably was suggested by its first C.O. As to the buttons in pairs, I have old prints in my possession showing buttons in pairs in 1790, 1827, 1840, and 1853, and when I joined in 1872 the mess jacket had buttons in pairs and cuffs as at present worn ; for this reason I suggested our reverting to this when the present jacket was introduced in 1894 or '95." Colonel Brock also writes that when he joined, the Regiment marched past every morning and the Band played "The Hundred Pipers" ; if, however, they were absent, the Drums always played "Garry Owen."

We regret that we made some misleading remarks last month on the subject of the date when the regimental colours were adopted. Our attention has been directed to the *Q.O.G.* for April, 1881, from which we quote the following :—"On the 17th ultimo a meeting of the Officers of the Regiment was held to decide upon matters connected with the forthcoming cricketing campaign. It was decided without a dissenting voice that the Regiment should adopt colours both for cricket and lawn tennis, and a proposal that they should be a combination of Royal Blue and Kentish Grey was carried unanimously." The Regiment was at Colchester at the time and its cricket team was at its best.

When the two Battalions were amalgamated, the 2nd Battalion agreed to adopt the colours, but we understand that the 1st Battalion at the same time said that any future

flannel that was made should be of dark and light blue (not Kentish Grey), and this was done.

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Under the title of "Success and Sacrifice," an article has appeared in the *Observer* on the subject of the fate of Scott and his comrades at the South Pole. The writer weighs the value of the deeds of such men as these; men who failed in achievement of their object, but who by their failure have left a glorious example to those who come after them. He then writes:—"Did man balance profit and loss too nicely, how many of the heroic deeds of the world would be undone! There was a sergeant of the West Kent Regiment in the South African war who, wounded in a skirmish, was making his way to the field hospital when he found himself cut off by the enemy, who ordered, 'Hands up!' Had he obeyed none would have blamed. He chose rather to die fighting. Did he throw his life away? Some will say so. Some will talk of useless bravery, of needless sacrifice. It may or may not have been the result of his example, but not one single man of that regiment was made prisoner in that war of easy surrender."

THE OLD 50TH COLOURS.

As will be seen in the 1st Battalion correspondence, the remains of the old Colours, which were found buried in a garden, will not, at any rate, for the present, come back to the Regiment. It seems that they are part of the 1804 set, from which the snuff box, that is still in the Officers' Mess, was made. A good deal has appeared in the Press on the subject, and we print some extracts below:—

From "THE TIMES."

THE COLOURS OF THE 50th REGIMENT.

With reference to the letter from Mr. John A. Greenwood which appeared in "The Times of October 31st, recording the discovery of what are believed to be the remains of an old set of colours of the 50th Regiment buried in the grounds of Funtington House, near Chichester, the "South Eastern Gazette" states that during the time the 50th Regiment (now the 1st Battalion the Queen's Own, Royal West Kent Regiment) was under the command of Sir James Duff, two sets of colours were presented to it, one in 1804 and the other in 1815. It was the custom in those days to burn the old colours at the head of the regiment, and it is thought that the remains discovered at Chichester are shreds of the 1804 set which were not consumed, and which Sir James Duff had collected with a view of placing them in a box for preservation in the regimental mess. It is surmised that when Sir James died the remains may have been still in his possession, and may then have been reverently buried by his widow.

This supposition is based on a statement in the Journal of the Royal United Service Institution quoted in a footnote by Colonel Fyler in his history of the 50th Regiment published in 1895 by Chapman and Hall. The statement referred to is that, "On the 50th receiving new colours in 1827 from Queen Adelaide, then Duchess of Clarence, the old colours, which had been carried in the Peninsular War, were cremated and the ashes preserved in a box forming part of the mess plate." Colonel Fyler points out that this must refer to the 1804 colour, not to the 1815 one, which preceded the one presented by the Duchess of Clarence in 1827, and adds:—"I wish some confirmation could be obtained of this. I have a faint recollection of hearing a rumour of this kind when I first joined the regiment, but it was only a rumour, and there is no foundation for the story of the mess plate."

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TO THE EDITOR OF "THE TIMES."

Sir,—I see that in your issue of yesterday there is a quotation from the "South Eastern Gazette" stating that it is thought that the remains of the colours lately discovered in my garden are "shreds of the 1804 set which were not consumed and which Sir James Duff had collected," etc.

May I state that there is no appearance of charring or burning on any of the fragments found? At the time I wrote you previously I was under the impression that the six inches of wood remaining of each staff were simply all that remained of original staff, the rest having perished from decay; but on closer examination it is apparent that the small lengths of wooden staff found were cut off—i.e., the whole length of staff was not buried with the colours.

Yours truly,

JOHN A. GREENWOOD.

Funtington House, near Chichester.

November 6th.

P.S.—With the exception of the cords and tassels and part of staff and ornament, the remains found seem all to have belonged to the regimental colour and not the King's colour.

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TO THE EDITOR OF "THE TIMES."

Sir,—The letter published in your issue of Saturday last from Mr. John Greenwood raises a great question whether the remains discovered in his garden at Funtington House, Chichester, are fragments of either of the two sets of colours which were presented to the 50th Regiment (now the 1st Battalion of the Royal West Kent Regiment) during the time it was under the command of Sir James Duff. Colonel Fyler, in his history of the regiment, states definitely that both these sets of colours, presented respectively in 1804 and 1815, were burnt when replaced.

The two references in Colonel Fyler's book are as follows:—

". . . Colours were again received in 1804, on receipt of which the old colours were burnt with military honours at the head of the regiment."

"On new colours being presented in 1815, the old ones . . . were burnt with military honours at the head of the regiment, thus following the precedent that had been set with the 1786 colours."

In the face of the above extracts from the history of the 50th Regiment the absence of any signs of burning in the remains discovered by Mr. Greenwood is difficult to explain.

Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS R. CONNOR,

Editor of the "South Eastern Gazette."

Maidstone.

November 10th.

FROM "TOWN TOPICS."

There has been some correspondence in the columns of this paper as to the whereabouts of the colours of King James the Second's Irish Guards, and a suggestion was made that register might with advantage be compiled giving, where known, the whereabouts of the old colours of British regiments. Had such a list been in existence such an incident as the digging up from under a tennis lawn of the old colours of the 50th Regiment would not have been likely to happen. General Sir James Duff, who was a colonel of the 50th, died in the house near Chichester. The colours had become his property when new ones were given to the regiment, and either he or his widow had the unhappy idea of burying them.

When the 50th returned from a tour of service in Jamaica in 1827 they were presented with new colours by Queen Adelaide, and these are probably the colours the remnants of which have just been dug up. One of the "tales of the Service" always has been that this regiment was determined that their old Peninsular colours should not meet any undignified fate, that they were cremated and the ashes kept in a casket amongst the other trophies in the officers' mess. No officer of the 50th I have ever talked to has ever seen this sacred casket; but there are in the mess some snuff boxes turned from the wood of old colour staves.

An interesting chapter in any book on colours could be written about those of the 50th, for that corps is one of the few regiments in the British Army that have in their career been given the right to carry three colours. The 50th at the battle of Vimiera captured the staff of a French eagle, and this was always carried in action by a sergeant between the King's and regimental colours of the battalion. It was in the Peninsula that the regiment obtained one of its nicknames, "the dirty half-hundred," from the black facings it then wore. It was also known as "the fighting half-hundred," for under Sir Charles Napier it was a terror to the French in the Peninsula, and in Egypt in 1801 it was "the blind half-hundred," for so many of its men suffered from ophthalmia.

FROM "THE SKETCH."

AN OLD PAIR OF COLOURS.

The buried and decayed colours of the 50th, which have just been dug up in the garden of a Sussex house, are a proof of the foolishness of the custom which made the old colours of a regiment the property of the Colonel commanding that regiment when new ones were given to the corps. No doubt Sir James Duff, the officer into whose hands the old colours of the "Fighting Half-Hundred" were thus confided, thought that flags, like men, should be put under the earth when worn out; but the present custom of giving the old flags of regiments into the charge of the clergy of the town with which a regiment is associated, to be hung in the cathedral or the parish church, is the better way, its only drawback being that, if a church is damp, the silk of the old flags crumbles away. The United Service Institution, which occupies the banqueting-house in Whitehall, and the Armoury at the Tower, and the great hall and chapel of Chelsea, are resting-places for many of the old flags of distinguished regiments, and quite a small industry in needlework has been developed in the repair of the old colours which hang in these public buildings.

THE NEW ZEALAND CAMPAIGN.

Some time ago we published articles on the Peninsula Medal Rolls of the 50th and 97th Regiments. The same contributor has very kindly sent us some notes on the New Zealand Medal which we print below :—

The grant of a medal for services against the Maoris, in New Zealand in the years 1845-47 and 1860-66, was notified by General Order No. 17, Horse Guards, 1st March, 1869. The medal was conferred on every surviving officer, non-commissioned officer and soldier of the regular forces who actually served in the field against the enemy during those periods, but excluding those who may have been dismissed for subsequent misconduct or have deserted and are absent.

No clasps were given with the medal, but the period (in years) of the recipient's service in the country was placed in raised figures between the sprigs of laurel on the reverse of the medal.

A very large number of the medals were issued without the date. From close observation it appears that the dated medals were only given to those applicants whose names were returned as being on the effective list when the claims were made out, while those who were non-effective at the time received undated ones. These latter were also issued to those who for some reason or other made late applications. There are exceptions possibly to either case.

Dated medals for the earlier war are consequently exceptional in the Army, if indeed any were issued, as all the claimants with perhaps the exception of a few officers, would be non-effective at the time the medals were given.

Medals were also given to the Royal Navy. These are dated, except in the case of late applicants or of a duplicate being issued.

50TH REGIMENT.

The services of the Regiment in New Zealand were from 1863 to 1866, during which period they took part in the latter part of the Waikato Campaign, and in the Campaign on the West Coast.

The following interesting summary of the services of the Regiment have been kindly written by Major R. Roche formerly Quartermaster, in a letter, additional information from the Medal Roll being added in brackets :—

"The Regiment arrived from Colombo at Auckland (Nov. "15th, 1863), and after a short delay at Otahuhu Camp, took "the field and was engaged to the finish of the (Waikato) "campaign. Rangawhea and Wairo were both 50th battles, "absolutely, to say nothing of minor skirmishes, especially "Pataranga, where the bathing party were attacked in the "river.

"After wintering at Otahuhu, where (on Dec. 31st) a draft "joined (taking the place of men who had been withdrawn in "the previous October), the Regiment was moved by detach-"ments and conveyed in gunboats and a transport to "Wanganui and at once marched up country and pushed on "till the coast to Taranaki was reached and intermediate "posts established. This occupied the time till 1866, when "hostilities ceased. The principal affairs to the credit of the "regiment during this latter period were :—

Nukumaru	24 and 26 Jan., 1865.
Kakaramea	13 March, 1865.
Putahi	7 Jan., 1866.
Katarmari	13 Jan., 1866."

The medal roll shows the following numbers as claiming the medal :—Effective list (medals probably dated)—

Years of service.	Officers.	N.C.O.'s & men.	
1863-64	2	7	
1863-65	2	1	
1863-66	20	322	
1864		1*	
1864-65		1	
1864-66	3	99	
1865-66	2		
1866	5	3	
	—	—	
	Totals 34	434	468

*A supplementary claim sent 1670 possibly not dated.

Non-effective (medals probably without date)—

	Officers.	N.C.O.'s & men.	
1863-64	4	44	
1863-65	1		
1863-66	2	194	
1864-66	1	28	
1865-66	1		
Not given		1	
	—	—	
	9	277	Total 745.

THE ORIGINAL 97th REGIMENT.

A short time ago a lecture was given at the R.U.S.I. by Captain C. T. Atkinson, of the Oxford University O.T.C., on the foreign element in the British Army. In the report of the lecture in "The Military Mail," the following account is given of the origin of the 97th :—

"When in 1798 Charles Stuart captured Minorca, there were among the prisoners over a thousand Swiss who had been taken by the French from the Austrians in Italy, and had literally been sold to the Spaniards at two dollars a head. Out of these men a battalion was formed, originally called Stuart's, after its colonel, or the Minorca Regiment. In Abercromby's victory at Alexandria it did really well, standing up to the charges of the French cavalry in gallant style and repulsing them. It had over 200 casualties and one of its men received a special reward for his gallant conduct and capture of a French colour. In recognition of its good conduct the regiment was honoured in 1802 with the title of "The Queen's Germans." Placed in the Line as the 97th Foot in 1804, the regiment was renumbered as the 96th in 1816, when the Rifle Brigade was taken out of the Line, and was disbanded in 1818; but when the 2nd Manchesters, then the 96th, were raised in 1823, they claimed to be a revival rather than a new corps, and the subsequent grant to them of the Egyptian and Peninsula honours of the Queen's Germans, even if open to cavillings from sticklers for legitimism, did at least preserve some memory of a gallant corps which deserved to escape oblivion."

Presentation of Colours to the 50th Regiment

By Mrs. Waddy on board the troopship "Himalaya," at Melbourne, November 5th, 1863.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

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3rd BATTALION THE QUEEN'S OWN (ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT).

LAYING UP THE COLOURS.

IMPRESSIVE SERVICE AT MAIDSTONE.

IMPOSING MILITARY PARADE.

One of those interesting historic services which are held in the grand old Parish Church of All Saints', Maidstone, from time to time, occurred on Sunday, when the ceremony of "laying up the old colours of the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), took place. The event was the occasion of a striking military display, and the proceedings were most impressive. The ceremony was arranged for a Sunday because the members of the 3rd Battalion are engaged in civilian work throughout the year with the exception of their one month's training, and it is not usually convenient for either officers or men to assemble during the week. The large attendance showed the interest in the proceedings, and that the men appreciated the opportunity afforded of being present on such an auspicious occasion, while every officer of the Battalion attended with the exception of two who are in Ireland and one other.

HISTORY OF THE COLOURS.

Ever since the West Kent Militia has had Colours—and the first set dates back to 1759—the Regimental Colour (or, as it used to be called, the County Colour), has been of Kentish grey, but this was in all probability the last time of this distinguishng mark of the county being borne by Kentish soldiers. The Colours were presented to the then newly-formed 2nd Battalion of the West Kent Light Infantry Militia by Lady Sydney, at Maidstone, on October 30th, 1877. Under the Army re-organisation scheme of 1881, the title of the Battalion was changed to the 4th (Militia) Battalion, The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), the 1st Battalion of the West Kent Light Infantry Militia becoming the third Battalion of the County Regiment. In 1894 the 3rd and 4th Militia Battalions were amalgamated and became the 3rd Battalion of the Regiment, and for a time the colours of both the old Battalions were carried. Eventually the Colours of last Sunday's ceremony were alone retained as the official emblems of the Battalion. In 1908 the Militia ceased to exist, and the Special Reserve took its place, but the Colours were still kept on until August 19th last, when new Colours, bearing the honours of the battalions, were presented at Shorncliffe, by the Marchioness Camden.

THE PARADE.

With regard to Sunday's procession, the local Territorial units and the National Reserves assembled at their respective headquarters about 9.45, and proceeded to the Barracks Square, where they united with the men from the Depot. Then the full procession, composed of nearly 600 men, marched to the church, via Week Street, High Street, and Mill Street, as follows:—

The Regular Recruits at the Depot;
The 3rd Battalion (Special Reserve);
The Staff of the Maidstone Military Hospital;
The West Kent Yeomanry;
The 4th Battalion (Territorials);
The Kent Cyclist Battalion;
The Kent Brigade Co., A.S.C.;
The 1st Home Counties' Field Ambulance R.A.M.C.;
Maidstone Grammar School Officers' Training Corps;
The National Reserve.

Three bands accompanied the procession—that of the 4th Battalion, under Bandmaster McGee; the Field Ambulance, under Drum-Major Hart; and the National Reserve, under Bandmaster Hunt.

The old Colours—which, as they were carried with the regiment for the last time, were naturally objects of interest—were borne by Lieuts. J. H. Whitehouse and D. C. C. Sewell, Colour-Sergeants Wood, Jarrad and Merrick forming the colour party.

The parade was under the command of Lieut.-Colonel Sir Arthur S. Griffiths-Boscawen, commanding the 3rd Batt., and the other officers of the Battalion present were: Major C. G. Pack-Beresford, Major C. D. Barrow, Captains A. C. Beeman, C. M. Allfrey, and C. Bonham-Carter, Major C. F. Hitchins, Captains A. J. Bonsor, P. A. Wilson, M. J. Dinwiddy, Fitz H. Liebenrood and G. D. Hall, Captain and Adjutant H. A. Waring, Captain and Quartermaster J. Couch, Lieuts. F. Fisher, J. S. N. Snelgrove, C. K. Anderson, A. G. Balbernie, J. H. Whitehouse, C. C. Waddington and D. C. C. Sewell.

The retired officers of the Battalion who attended were: Colonel Bonhote, Lieut.-Colonel Burt and Major Neve, while the other officers present were Major Wroughton, Medical Officer in charge of the Barracks; Captain Bertram Stewart, and Captain and Quartermaster Knowlden (West Kent Yeomanry); Lieut. H. I. Robinson, 4th Batt. Q.O. (Royal West Kent Regiment); Captain Lattimer and Lieut. Harold J. Fletcher (Army Service Corps); Colonel Rogers Tillstone, Captain Potts, Lieut. Johnston, and Lieut. and Q.M.S. Okill (Field Ambulance); Captain Cross and Lieut. R. W. Dowell-Lee (O.T.C.). Colonel Cornwallis, together with Major Wood-Martyn and Major Wright, attended with the National Reserve, and the Kent Cyclist Company were led by Sergt.-Major Tapp.

As the procession approached the church the band struck up "The Low Back'd Car," the regimental march of the 3rd Battalion, and in the Old Palace Gardens the colours were moved to the side and the men saluted as they marched past.

As soon as the troops were seated the Colours were carried into the church and remained in charge of the Colour Party near the north door.

THE JUDGE AND CIVIC AUTHORITIES.

The usual accommodation in the church was supplemented by chairs wherever possible, but it proved insufficient for the large congregation desirous of attending. At eleven o'clock, Mr. F. Wilson Parish, who was at the organ, commenced playing the National Anthem, and shortly afterwards the choir and clergy, who had met the civic procession in the churchyard, entered by the south door. The surpliced clergy present were the Ven. A. T. Scott, Archdeacon of Tonbridge and Vicar of St. James's, Tunbridge Wells; and the Revs. D. L. Lycett and F. C. Dickson (curates of All Saints'). Then came the Mayor (Councillor A. T. Epps), accompanied by the Town Clerk (Mr. S. L. Monckton), Dr. C. E. Hoar, Messrs. J. Arkcoll, G. B. Bunter, T. C. Dunning, and F. J. Oliver; Aldermen J. Clifford and W. Morling, Councillors W. Day, T. D. J. Lyle, J. Tomlin, R. Wakefield, Dr. Johnston, H. Clark, W. H. Martin, W. Egerton Martin, J. Rayner Betts, J. Hillier French, S. Dyke and W. T. Beale, with Chief Constable Mackintosh; Councillor F. E. Wallis and Mr. Robert Hoar (churchwardens), Mr. F. R. Howlett (Under-Sheriff), the Rev. E. H. Hardcastle (Acting Sheriff's Chaplain and Chaplain at the Depot), Sir

Mark Collet (High Sheriff), and Mr. Justice Bucknill, who was in Maidstone for the Assize. In addition to those already mentioned the congregation included Lady Boscawen and the wives of most of the officers, Commander and Mrs. Bellairs, Lieut.-Colonel Lushington, Viscount Castlereagh, M.P., Colonel Warde, M.P., and Mr. Vivian Phillipps also received invitations to attend, but were unavoidably prevented.

The service proceeded in the usual form, the Archdeacon reading the lessons, and the collection being made during the singing of the first hymn, "The Son of God goes forth to war." Before the sermon, "Onward Christian soldiers," was sung. Meanwhile the clergy and choir walked down the south aisle, and returned by the centre aisle, followed by Lieut.-Colonel Boscawen, with Lieuts. Whitehouse and Sewell (who wore their helmets), bearing the colours. At the altar rails, the Colonel, in tones which could be clearly heard throughout the church, said :

> "We present these colours of the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), to the safe keeping of this church."

Taking the Colours from his Lieutenants, he handed them to the Vicar, who passed one to each of the Assistant Clergy (the Revs. D. L. Lycett and F. C. Dickson), standing on either side of him. The scene presented was imposing and picturesque, as the Vicar replied :

> "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we accept these Colours to be laid up in this church as a token of faithful service and duty well performed. Amen."

Mr. Hardcastle then received the Colours again from the Assistant Clergy, and solemnly placed them upon the altar, where they remained during the sermon. The Lieutenants removed their helmets, and after the reading of two special prayers the Vicar proceeded to the pulpit, where he repeated the "Bidding Prayer" before delivering a discourse peculiarly appropriate to the occasion.

WHY ——?

The Vicar selected as his text, "And I saw, and behold a white horse, and He that sat thereon went forth conquering, and to conquer, and He was clothed with a vesture sprinkled with blood, and He was called Faithful and True. And the armies which are in Heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and pure" (Rev. vi., v. 2, and xix., part of v. 11 and 14). He said :—We are taking part to-day in one more of those impressive military functions which have taken place from time to time within the walls of this ancient Parish Church of All Saints', the central home of the religious sentiment of the Royal West Kent Regiment. We are depositing to-day, in the safe keeping of Mother Church, the old colours of the 3rd Battalion, formerly the West Kent Militia, and thus adding to those already placed in 1883, 1886, and 1909. It is not difficult to imagine some of our matter of fact friends, saying, "Why all this parade and ceremony? Just send the Colours down to All Saints' that they may be placed in the church as a safe place for their preservation. Why, particularly, this religious ceremony? Why the marked solemnity, the handing of the Colours over in the Name of the Blessed Trinity—laying them on the altar, the most sacred spot in the church? And when they are handed over to the church, why the solemn church procession as the Colours are borne with ecclesiastical honours to their resting place?" My brethren, it is easier perhaps to feel the answer than to express it; and, thank God, if you do feel it, for the answer is based on military idealism which has a deep religious significance. Every great institution of a Christian nation has its religious ideals, and not least the Army, and every regiment in the Army. And those ideals are expressed in outward ceremony and symbolism. It has not always been so. In former days the Colours of a regiment belonged by custom to the Colonel to decorate his hall, or to lie dishonoured in a lumber room—at best to be reverently burnt. Those were days when imagination ran cold, when all religious ceremonial was distrusted, and high idealism was despised as visionary and unpractical. In this respect times have changed, and are changing, for the better. What, then is the meaning of this service? The answer lies deep in the heart of every soldier, for none but soldiers can fully understand what the Colours of their regiment mean to them. They represent the highest ideals of the soldier's profession. They are the most richly sacramental symbols on earth, outside the ordinances of the Church. Around the King's colour gathers all that is strongest and deepest in loyalty and devotion to King and country; within the folds of the regimental colour are enshrined the highest traditions of honour, chivalry, heroism, comradeship, and esprit de corps known among men. The colours represent to a soldier living realities, perhaps living memories of tragic incidents, when brave comrades, but yesterday the cheeriest of companions, fell at his side in the service of the King. In them are gathered up all the sacred records,

THE STIRRING TRADITIONS

of the past history of the Regiment, which enter into the heart of every soldier, and make him proud to feel that he had a share in that tradition, and is responsible also for upholding it, and passing it on with undiminished glory. That is why they are received and honoured by the Church in the presence of God, Who, we know, in His infinite sympathy for all that is noble in human life, acknowledges and accepts what they stand for. . . There is a particular and somewhat pathetic interest attaching to these colours, especially the Regimental colour which we are laying up in the Church to-day. In the first place they are the colours of the Old Kent Militia, the oldest constitutional force of the county of Kent. The Regiment has a clear history of nearly 300 years, from the reign of James I., and can go still further back in its origin to the trained bands of Queen Elizabeth. To-day the old Kent Militia colours have been carried for the last time. The new colours of the 3rd Battalion are similar to those of the 1st and 2nd Battalions, and will inherit the battle honours of the old 50th and 97th Regiments, but, except for its permanent preservation in this Church, the old Militia tradition will henceforth have no visible memorial. There is also the fact, which most people must regret, that with the passing of the old colours, the traditional regimental colour of Kentish grey also disappears, and the long historical connection between the Kentish soldiers and the Kentish grey, expressed in the old grey coats, and later grey facings, is finally severed. Until now the Kentish grey has survived in the military history of Kent in this Regimental colour, which is carried to-day to its final resting place. We shall always honour it here, and who knows but that some day the very fact of its preservation in this Church may suggest the idea of its restoration to the Kentish regiments? The next point of interest is the fact that

THE WHITE HORSE OF KENT,

emblazoned on the Kentish grey of the old Militia colour, has also been carried for the last time to-day. Let us give this subject our thought for a few moments in the hope that the White Horse, which is still worn on the regimental caps, may live in the hearts of Kentish soldiers as a symbol of high ideals in the service of the King. The emblem of the White Horse is believed by tradition to have been first brought to Kent by Hengist and Horsa, our Jutish chiefs and ancestors, when they landed at Ebbsfleet, in Kent, about the year 450. The motto "Invicta" is, as we all know, the proud motto of Kent, which boasts that is was never conquered by the Normans, and since the days of Hengist and Horsa has never been subjected to foreign invader. But proud as we may be, as Men of Kent, of this fact, as members of the Kingdom of Christ we must be still more proud of the fact that the White Horse of the heathen Jutish leaders, who claimed descent from the god Woden, has in truth been conquered by the Cross of Christ, through the missionary invasion of St. Augustine. . . . We have no heathen symbols in this church if we can help it; and if the old White Horse of the Jutish chief is brought to his well-earned rest in this holy temple of Christian worship, it is only that he may rise again and live on as a Christian symbol of high significance. What, then, is the Christian symbolism of the White Horse of Kent, and what does it stand for in the ideals of a soldier's life? Let us turn to our text for the answer. He who rides the white horse in the eternal warfare of Heaven's battalions against the forces of evil is Christ, the Son of God, not Horsa, son of Woden. His motto is still "Invicta," for He was never once beaten by sin, and He overcame even death; but it is also something better than Invicta. "He went forth conquering and to conquer." The coincidence of this similarity must strike us all as remarkable. "Invicta" looks back on a proud unbeaten past, but He who rides the White Horse of Heaven in the age-long battle between good and evil commands not the past only, but the present and the future, "He goes forth conquering and to conquer." . . . . You may feel inclined to say: "The Army may be a school of strong manhood, but it is certainly not a school of Christianity." Well, don't say it. The ideal of a soldier's life may be too high to achieve; no one can succeed in being a perfect Christian. But it is not too high to pray for, to try for, to fight for; and when a soldier has the pluck and determination to pray and try and fight for what he knows is right, and does so in cheerful, straightforward, simple sincerity, he is respected by all his comrades who are worth anything, and he had a tremendous influence for good. The preacher concluded with a reference to Captain Hedley Vicars, a famous officer of the 97th Regiment.

THE "LAST POST."

At the conclusion of the sermon, the hymn, "For all the saints who from their labours rest," was sung. The Vicar took the Colours from the altar, and gave one each to the Assistant Clergy, who, bearing them across the right shoulder, and preceded by the choir, carried them to their temporary resting place near the font. Here they handed them to the Churchwardens, who passed them to Mr. T. Bonny (sidesman), and he placed them in the sockets attached to the last pillar on the north side of the nave. As soon as the procession had returned to the chancel, and the hymn was finished, the buglers of the Battalion sounded the "Last Post" from outside the west door, which had been flung open. The memorable service closed with the National Anthem and the Blessing.

As the troops filed out, the organist, Mr. Wilson Parish, gave a fine rendering of the "Men of Kent," this being the slow march of both the East and West Kent Regiments, while as the troops marched off to the Barracks through crowded streets, the band played "Auld Lang Syne."

Subsequently, on the Barracks Square, Colonel Griffith-Boscawen presented long-service and good conduct medals to Colour-Sergt. Ashton, Sergt. Harris and Drummer Baker, of the permanent staff of the 3rd Battalion; and also to Lance-Corporal Smith, of the Special Reserve, who, by the way, is one of the few men left in the Battalion who were with it when it was embodied in Malta in 1900-01. Sir Arthur congratulated them and expressed the hope that the honour conferred upon them would be an inducement to others to follow their example. Some people said war medals could be gained by luck, and to some extent that was true, because a man obtained his medal if he was lucky enough to be present at an engagement, but this was never the case with long service and good conduct medals.

The band afterwards played on the Barracks Square.

(From the "Kent Messenger," Nov. 26th).

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

The month of November is not an eventful one in Dublin. Two Companies are on furlough, as are also the men of the next draft for India, due to sail on the 19th of next month.

The Officers who have been on "first leave" will shortly be returning, when the other half will be able to get away.

It is understood that the remnants of the old Colours of the 50th Regiment. which were recently dug up in a garden near Chichester, are unlikely to pass into the possession of the Regiment at present, but we may express a hope that they will do so at some future date.

Lieut. MacNeece obtained his aviation certificate at Brooklands the other day. We hope that the luck which attended him when he and his machine came into contact with the roof of a house, will not forsake him when he undertakes the more ambitious forms of flying which he hopes soon to be engaged in.

The strike drags on week after week. Everyone will be glad when employers and employed have come to an agreement.

Accounts of football, running, etc., appear elsewhere.

LEINSTER LEAGUE.—DIVISION I.

TABLES TO DATE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals. F.	A.	Pts
Bohemians	9	6	0	3	21	7	15
Frankfort	9	5	2	2	23	10	12
West Riding Regiment	8	5	3	0	20	8	10
Strandville	9	5	4	0	11	15	10
West Kent Regiment	8	4	3	1	8	11	9
Chapelizod	9	4	4	1	13	11	9
5th Royal I. Lancers	7	3	2	2	5	9	8
St James's Gate	8	3	3	2	8	8	8
Shelbourne	9	4	5	0	8	16	8
Trojans	8	2	4	2	11	16	6
K.O.S.B.	7	1	4	2	11	16	4
Dublin University	9	0	8	1	4	17	1

SECOND DIVISION.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals. F.	A.	Pts.
Athlone	8	8	0	0	39	4	16
West Ridings II.	6	5	1	0	21	16	10
St. James's Gate II.	7	4	3	0	16	13	8
Strandville II.	7	3	2	2	9	9	8
Chapelizod II.	8	4	4	0	20	17	8
Bohemians II.	8	3	3	2	23	22	8
Frankfort II.	7	3	3	1	20	22	7
Ulster	5	2	1	2	12	11	6
West Kents II.	5	1	3	1	4	12	3
Y.M.C.A.	6	1	5	0	4	24	2
University College	6	0	4	2	3	15	2
Trojans II.	7	1	6	0	16	23	2

LEINSTER LEAGUE.—DIVISION I.

ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT v. FRANKFORT.

Team.—Sergt. Kemp; Sergt. Powell and Still; Smith, Pease, and Steel; Herbert, Handley, Lieut. Gore. Ring and Captain Phillips.

November 1st, at Richmond Barracks. This proved to be quite a good game, but we were beaten by a better team. The visitors' forward line combined admirably and were too good for our halves, whose tackling was poor. The first half was fairly even, though in favour of Frankfort, who scored once. In the second half our team fell away and Frankfort added two more goals though had their shooting been better they would have scored more. Result: Frankfort 3; West Kent Regiment 0.

ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT v. CHAPELIZOD.

November 15th at Richmond Barracks. Team: Sergt. Kemp; Sergt. Powell and Bonfield; Smith, Lce.-Corpl. Pease and Johnson; Herbert, Ring, Lieut. Gore, Still and Catchpole. For this match several alterations were made in the side that had played previously. From the start the team played better than they had done for some time, and play was mostly in the visitors' half, our forwards showing much improved combination. Ring and Herbert both came very near to scoring with good attempts. Halfway through the first half some good passing among the forwards ended in Catchpole sending across a fine centre, from which Herbert scored a good goal. From this until half-time we still continued to press and the Chapelizod goal had several narrow escapes. However, nothing further was scored in this half. During the interval, the light became very bad and it poured with rain. After play had been commenced ten minutes in the second half the conditions became so bad that further play became impossible, and the game was abandoned. Royal West Kent, one goal; Chapelizod, nil.

ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT v. BOHEMIANS B.

November 22nd at Dalymount Park. One change had to be made, Sergt. Stroud taking the place of Lce.-Corpl. Pease. We won the toss and played down the slope, but we were very soon on the defensive, our opponents soon showing themselves to be about the best side we have met this year. A quarter of an hour after the start Munro scored for the Bohemians, who quickly added another. We now had more of the game and were unlucky not to have scored on at least two occastone. Half-time: Bohemians 2; West Kent Regiment 0.

Playing against the slope we did better, Herbert scoring from a centre from Ring. However, the Bohemians again got going and made their total up to six, though two of their goals were very lucky. We scored once more through Lieut. Gore. Sergt. Kemp in goal brought off some good saves, the backs played well, particularly Bonfield, who showed great improvement, but the weakness was the half-back line. They were never able to hold the Bohemian forwards and so our forwards suffered in consequence.

LENISTER LEAGUE.—DIVISION II.

Results.—Athlone 6, Royal West Kent II. 1; St. James's Gate II. 5, Royal West Kent II. 5.

COMING EVENTS.

December 3rd or 4th.—Second Round Irish Army Cup; Royal West Kent Regiment v. East Surrey Regiment.

December 6th.—First Round Irish Intermediate Cup. Royal West Kent Regiment v. Chapelizod (away).

RUNNING.

As we are determined to win the 13th Brigade long distance race this year, we are trying to arrange for a long distance run once a week so as to keep ourselves fit. So far, owing to our numerous duties and engagements this has been difficult to arrange, but we are pleased to see that whenever we do fit one in everyone responds loyally and a large number of runners get off the mark; all of whom appear to run their very best whether it is for their own benefit or for the reputation of their companies. Up to the present we have had two individual long distance runs, one company team race and one young soldiers' race. The company team race was won by D Company by a narrow margin from C Company; third and fourth places being taken respectively by B and A Companies. Three of these companies got a complete team of eleven men home within seven minutes of the winning individual. In the young soldiers' race some remarkably good form was shown, the winner's time showing a specially creditable performance. As a final word we should like to thank all Colour Sergeants and others for the trouble they have taken, whether by turning out men to run, by taking points on the run or by running, to support this branch of sport in the battalion up to the date of writing and hope they will continue their efforts (in the intervals of sending in returns, doing coal fatigues or picquet), till we have safely attained to the summit of our ambition.

SERGEANTS' MESS NEWS.

Dublin, 22nd November, 1913.

During the past month we have been having a most busy time both in and out of doors.

On the 12th we held our second whist drive of the season. Twenty-one tables were filled and after a very enjoyable evening prizes were awarded as follows: — Gentlemen — 1st Mr. Rumgay, 2nd Col.-Sergt. Saunders, sealed number Sergt. Drummer Coe, booby Sergt. Lander. Ladies—1st Mrs. Press, 2nd Miss Lipscombe, sealed number, Mrs. Turner, booby, Mrs. Crossley.

Some months ago we started a Mess Billiards Championship. Owing firstly to the various trainings and manœuvres and latterly to the heavy duty brought on by the labour unrest in Dublin, very little progress has been made. The results of the 1st and 2nd rounds were as follows:—First Round.—Q.M.S. Mackintosh 250, S.D. Coe 161; Sergt. Bishop 250, Sergt. Barden 170; C.S. Collins 250, C.S. Brown 154, Sergt. Hutchings 250, C.S. Stringer 158; Sergt. Mason w.o., C.S. Kallend scr. The remainder received byes. Second Round.—Sergt. Hundley 250, C.S. Collins 142; S.S. Benwell 250, Sergt. File 208; Q.M.S. Mackintosh 250, Sergt. Fitzgerald 177; Sergt. Fittall 250, C.S. Croucher 147; Sergt. Fermor 250, Sergt. Hutchings 171; Sergt. Wood 250, Sergt. Selves 221; Sergt. Hotson 250, S.M. Doe 176; C.S. Penney w.o., C.S. Selves scr.; Sergt. Bishop 250, Sergt. Skeer 126; Sergt. Maslin 250, C.S. Press 187; C.S. Saunders w.o., Sergt. Ransome scr.; Sergt. Lander w.o., Sergt. Glazebrook scr.; Sergt. Gillespie w.o., Sergt. Gilbey scr.; C.S. Crossley 250, Sergt. Kemp 245; Sergt Young w.o., Sergt. Gurr scr.; Sergt. Powell w.o., Sergt. Mason scr.

In the Army Championship there were five entries from the Mess viz., Q.M.S. Mackintosh, C.S. Saunders, Sergts. Maslin, Hundley and Bishop. Only one game so far has been played—Sergt. Maslin versus Serg. Clarke, Army Pay Corps—and in this our man had to acknowledge defeat by thirty-two points.

Just to keep things on the move a Married v. Single Team Match was arranged and resulted as follows:—Married.—C.S. Crossley 71, C.S. Saunders 150, C.S. Penney 150, Sergt. Lander 150, C.S. Croucher 150, Sergt. Hotson 136, Sergt. Hannan 150, Q.M.S. Mackintosh 150; total 1117. Single.—Sergt. Bishop 150, Sergt. Hutchings 79, Sergt. Paul 134, Sergt. Wood 100, Sergt. Skeer 75, Sergt. Hundley 150, Sergt. Lowry 77, Sergt. Maslin 134; total 899.

Our second dance, which was held on the 14th, proved to be one of the most successful since we have been in Dublin. For once in a way we were favoured by good weather, and our visitors after a very enjoyable night were not forced to go home in the rain. This factor and good music were probably the chief reasons for one and all advocating the Oliver Twist theory.

On the 28th the single members are down to try to obtain revenge for their drubbing at billiards. This time the "Battle Ground" will be the Football Field.

In conjunction with the officers we are running a Hockey Team. At the time of writing four games have been played—two won and two lost. The Mess representatives in the team are S.M. Doe, C.S. Stringer and Sergts. Skeer, Bishop, Paul and Hodge.

SERGTS.' MESS CORRESPONDENT.

B COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Here are my usual items of interest concerning the Company for the month of November. I am glad to say that the good things I anticipated in my last contribution in respect to our progress in the football world are being realized, and despite the keen competition, we are still "nulli secundus" in the Company League (Division II.). In Division I. we have yet to make our initial appearance, but the Company are brimful of confidence, and I feel sure that when we do "open the ball" there will be quite a different state of affairs in Division I.

During the month we have played five matches, which realized seven points out of a possible ten. Not too bad a record, what! The following Companies provided the opposition, with scores respectively: A Company twice, "The old Company" winning on both occasions, the scores being 2—1 and 5—3. Against D Company it was a case of "all square," as after we had beaten them 1—0, in the return encounter we succumbed by the odd goal in five. Our last game was provided by C Company, a drawn game of two all resulting. Our record in the competition is as follows: —Played 5, won 3, drawn 1, lost 1, goals for 12,

against 8, points 7. Evidently Jolly B mean to make their presence felt this season.

We are steadily improving with our team of cross-country runners, a few of the modest ones having decided to emerge from their retirement and don the romantic garb of the harrier. Our best runners to date are Pte. Lusher, Bridger, Robinson, Swinyard and Webb, the last named being a rare plodder. The team of gymnasts under the able supervision of Sergt. Hylands are progressing in the right way towards attaining premier honours in the forthcoming competitions. During the month the whole of the Company N.C.O 's have been struck off duty for three weeks' winter training, which proved thoroughly interesting and beneficial to all. On the conclusion of same, the N.C.O.'s were examined by the Commanding Officer, who expressed satisfaction at the progress made in the many subjects.

Corpl. Jenner having passed at the School of Gymnasia, Aldershot, has been awarded a certificate to that effect. The Company's hearty congratulations are due to Sergt. Raines on his being presented with the medal for "Long Service and Good Conduct." The presentation took place on the occasion of the Battalion mobilization parade, Brigadier-General Capper presenting it with a few well chosen words befitting the occasion.

Congratulations are also due to Sergt. Glazebrook and his Platoon on winning the first prize in the Platoon Competition (Miniature Range). This competition was open to every Platoon in the Battalion, and No. 7 are justly proud of their fine achievement. No. 5 Platoon (Lieut. MacNeece's) were second in this competition.

Having exhausted my stock of information, I will conclude, hoping to have the pleasure of being in the position to send you at least equally as good results in my next contribution.

B COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

C COMPANY.

RICHMOND BARRACKS, DUBLIN,

25th November, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDSTOR,

A very heavy pressure of work prevented me from sending you an account of the Company's doings during October. The Company—or at least all those who could be spared—proceeded on furlough at the end of September, consequently sport in the Company was at rather a low ebb. However, those who were left in Dublin more than upheld the name of the old "E" Company as runners. In all there have been four Battalion road races to date. In the first, a race of 5½ miles, sporting "C" provided the 1st and 3rd in Privates Bresnahan and Kempster, Lance-Corporal Seale 9th, Harding 11th, Gadsdon 13th, Avery 14th, Lance-Corporal Steel 16th, and Baraine 18th, all ran well. In all we had 30 starters from the Company, and of these 19 finished in the first 40. The second race saw 19 of the Company face the starter. Bresnahan was handicapped to give the remainder of the Battalion on this run, 1½ minutes start. Despite this heavy handicap "Young Peter" finished 8th, Marchant, Harding, Gadsdon, Clarke, Baraine, Lance-Corporal Seale and Depose all finished in the first 20. The 3rd Race was one for Company Teams, and although so many of our stars were away, either on furlough or duty, we just managed to scrape home first. The result was: "C" 151, "D" 186, "B" 284. Our first eleven men in were—Bresnahan, Harding, Baraine, Clarke, Puttock, Gadsdon, Lance-Corporal Seale 71, Smith, Depose, Avery, and Blackman, all finished in the first 25. The 4th, a young soldiers' race was run on the 10th, and once again we supplied the winner. This time Harding, better known as "Salmon" or "Sammun" was the culprit. Clarke was 2nd, Baraine 4th, Puttock 6, and Blackman 10th.

Last Thursday we played our first match in the Battalion Football League, Division 2, "B" Company, who by the way at present are on top, supplied the opposition. After a very fast game with the honours about easy, we had to rest content with a draw, as "B" equalised in the last three minutes. The final score was two all. Both of our goals were scored by Letton. Our team was: Fenney, Crowhurst, Green, Needham, Merchant, Lance-Corporal Bull, Jenkins, Letton, Lance-Corporals Belton and Jewhurst and Wells (Bombardier).

On Wednesday next we are down to play "B" Company in the first Division. Play up "C."

The Company congratulates Corporal Stedman on his promotion, and Private Cridland on being awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

C COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DRUMS.

PESHAWAR, INDIA,
25th October, 1913.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Herewith a few notes about our doings for the last month. Having just returned from the hills, we have tried our luck at football; once we took our own Band on which was a very interesting game and resulted in a draw 1 goal each. Our next match was against our Sergeants, who had a fairly good team out, including Col.-Sergt. Walker, our most dangerous opponent, he having beaten our goalie, Drmr. Whitehorn, in a previous match. He was trying to repeat the performance, but being so closely watched by the halves he was unable to score. This match was watched by a very large crowd including a lot of the fair sex who were out to watch their respective hubbys perform. Sergt. Chrisford was the pick of the Sergeants' forwards, missing the goal by inches several times, but his efforts were not to be frustrated, as he believed in the old maxim "If at first you don't succeed—try again," which he did, fastening on to the ball from (Hooker) and steadying himself, he sent in a shot which gave our goalie no chance; thus a very interesting game was brought to a close, score one all. In these two matches we were without our centre-half, Drmr. Dewson, whom we have had on the injured list for some time, but were assisted by Drmr. E. Phillips, who has just returned from furlough in England looking all the better for his holiday, which he says he thoroughly enjoyed. We are all very pleased to see him looking so well, and pleased to have him back with us. We next tried our skill at hockey, this time against our old opponents the Sergeants. Our record being, played 9, won 7, drawn 1, lost 1, it was a foregone conclusion amongst ourselves that the Sergeants were in for a good tubbing, which we endeavoured to do but only managed to win 3—1. This game was pretty even until Drmr. Dewson opened the scoring for us, and just after Drmr. Phillips scored our second goal and Lce.-Corpl Earl added a third, and so another win has to go to our credit. During the forthcoming trooping season we are loosing three of our drummers, namely Lce.-Corpl. Bishop, Drmr. Watts and Drmr. Rapson, the last named being one of our best sportsmen, having played regularly for our football and hockey teams, and we are all sorry to lose him. All that we wish him is that he will find good employment in civilian life and get on as well as he has always done in the Service. We all hope to have plenty of sport in our new station, namely Multan, and hope to give you some favourable reports as to our doings more regularly than we have done of late. The following are the teams that played in the foregoing matches. Football—Drmr. Whitehorn, Goal; Drmr. Barber and Lce.-Corpl. Baker, Backs; Drmrs. Hill, East and Smith, Halves; Lce.-Corpl. Earl, Drmrs. Cahill, Phillips, Batchelor and Rapson, Forwards.

Hockey—Pte. Fenwick, Goal; Lce.-Corpls. Baker and Rapson, Backs; Drmr. Hill, Lce.-Corpls. Whitehorn and Furnell, Halves; Lce.-Corpls. Earl, Cahill, Drmrs. Phillips, Dewson and Whitehorn, Forwards.

DRUMS CORRESPONDENT.

C COMPANY.

ROBERT'S BARRACKS,
PESHAWAR,
INDIA,
N.W.F.P.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Just a few notes on the doings of the Company, after an elapse of six months. Somehow or other the pen pusher was left on the plains for the summer, and nobody seemed inclined to forward any news, etc., while the Company was taking their turn up in the hills, far away from the sandflies and mosquitoes, etc. I am afraid I cannot give exact details of the past months, so I will endeavour to make a report from what I collected from the Company since their return. On October 15th the company with A, B and G, proceeded from Cherat by route march to Peshawar, arriving at that place on the 17th inst., all looking the picture of good health. The march was a splendid one according to their ideas, also the songs, which was given by some of the "Knuts." "Chin" (Pte. Boxall) rendered some extremly fine selections, with just a mixture of moaning, concerning the extra year. Now, as regards sport, there is the "Cherat Hot Weather League" of football and hockey to report, which C should have won throughout, but misfortunes will occur, so it was C Company's fate to finish up third in both leagues. After some good and exciting games by both teams, perhaps the hockey team was the most unfortunate, owing to their losing their goalkeeper, Pte. Lane, who, during the latter part of the league, had to proceed to

Murrel Hills as a reserve man for the Regimental hockey team. Lieut. Hardy was a great help to the Company as centre forward and scored most of the goals. Dr. Cahill, H Company, was also a great help to inside right. The team on the whole, worked extremely well. Of the football team, practically the same can be said of them. Pte. Walker did some pretty work in goal. Lce.-Corpls. Mitchell and Combes of H Company, were also a great addition to the team. At the end of this report will be found the results of both leagues also names of the teams. Next month I hope to render an account of the Novices' Boxing. The Company hopes to see their "Old Veteran," Sergt. Redmond (Pay Sergeant), who has lately joined the Company, turn out with his shooting boots on, in the future leagues.

HOCKEY TEAM.—Goal, Private Lane; backs, Corporal Chuter and Private Brisleden; half-backs, Smith, F. Wesborne, and Lance-Corporal Horsman; forwards, Lieutenant Hardy, Lance-Corporal Faulkner, Privates Carter, Bone, and Dr. Cahill.

FOOTBALL TEAM.—Goal, Private Walker; backs, Bone, Bridger; half-backs, Lance-Corporals Mitchell and Combes, Private Green; forwards, Lieutenant Battye, Lance-Corporals Faulkner, and Maynard, Mus. Todd, and Private Knevett.

C COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

Good Conduct Badges have been awarded as follows: 9102 Pte. R. Peake, two badges dated 23rd October, 1913; 8995 Pte. W. Holmwood, two badges, 8th July, 1913; one badge to 9671 Lce.-Corpl. C. Duffield, 8th September, 1913; 9687 Lce.-Corpl. F. Hyatt, 20th September, 1913; 9672 Pte. C. Blain, 8th September, 1913; 8669 Pte. P. Jarvis, 16th September, 1913; 9675 Pte. H. Woolgar, 6th September, 1913; 9700 Pte. W. Potter, 6th October, 1913; 9734 Pte. G. Thomas, 20th October, 1913; 9697 Lce.-Corpl. Robinson, 25th October, 1913; 9422 Pte. G. Russell, 16th October, 1913; 9733 Pte. T. Kennard, 10th November, 1913.

Colour Sergeants Croucher, Saunders, Penney and Crossley have been appointed Acting Company Sergt. Majors, dated 29th October, 1913; and Colour Sergeants Stringer and Press acting Quartermaster Sergeants.

No. 8786 Lce.-Corpl. French and 10116 Pte. A. Goff have been awarded Second Class Certificates of Education.

5259 Col.-Sergt. F. Crossley qualified at Hythe School of Musketry (Rifle), 18th October, 1913.

Lieutenant W. Palmer has qualified in the one man (Marindan) Range Finder.

8983 Corporal W. Jenner has been awarded a Physical Training Certificate dated Aldershot 31st August, 1913.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s and men have been discharged on completion of first period of engagement: 6342 Pte. R. Bowell, 6343 Pte. J. Renwick, dated 4th November, 1913; 6348 Corpl. A. Hammond, 14th November, 1913; 6349 Lce.-Corpl. B. Sharp, 17th November, 1913.

3624 Col. Sergt. W. Collins, No. 3593 Pte. W. Hanson and 3591 Pte. F. Webb have been discharged to pension on completing their second period of engagement.

10041 Pte. W. Ogden, 9971 Pte. R. Pobgee, 10032 Pte. A. Barton and 9918 Pte. W. Norton have been awarded certificates for proficiency in duties of telephone operators.

7963 Pte. A. Higgins has been transferred to the Army Reserve, 21st November, 1913.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s and men have been awarded Second Class Certificates of Education: 9076 Lce.-Corporals T. Swain, 9027 J Hart, 9272 W. Stewart, 9200 B. Dawson, 8495 C. Williams, 9281 Pte. A. Rich, 8135 Lce. Corpl. E. Tranter, 9552 Pte. W. Dorsett, 8939 Lce. Corpl. W. Whitehorn, 8868 Pte. C. Harland, 9269 Pte. F. Smithers, 9039 Lce.-Corpl. J. Parsons, 8945 Pte. J. Curd.

8227 Lce. Sergt. C. Stammers and 8731 Pte. W. Stedman have been permitted to extend their service to complete 12 years with the Colors.

The name of 6472 Bandmaster T. McKelvey has been added to the list of those mentioned in Battalion Orders dated 22nd March, 1913, as coming home for discharge during the 1913-14 trooping season.

Major C. E. Kitson proceeded to Multan on 11th November to take over charge of the draft from 1st Battalion, which arrives at Karachi

The Battalion left Peshawar for Multan on the 19th November.

Good Conduct Badges have been awarded as under:—9067 Lce. Corpls. T. Swain, two, 8th October, 1913; 9079 A. Watkins, two, 13th October, 1913; 9121 Privates T. Atwood, two, 19th October, 1913; 9713 H. Cheesman, one, 14th October, 1913; 9086 T. Morley, two, 19th October, 1913; 9063 G. Purcell, two, 2nd October, 1913; 9111 Pte. H. Brigden, two, 31st October, 1913; 8579 T. Hember, two, 25th September, 1913; 9105 G. Hemsley, two, 29th October, 1913; 9106 A. Hemsley, two, 27th October, 1913; 9735 H. Langton, one, 20th October, 1913; 9355 A. Rumacres, one 12th September, 1913; 9705 A. Jewhurst, one, 20th September, 1913; 8916 Lce.-Corpl. F. Kemp, two, 11th October, 1913; 9701 Pte. G. Haffenden, one, 6th October, 1913; 9069 Lce.-Corpl. A. Lind, two, 7th October, 1913; 9069 Pte. W. Young, two, 14th October, 1913; 9275 Pte. T. Graysmark, one, 28th October, 1913; 9092 Pte. J. Amos, two, 22nd October, 1913; 9089 Pte. A. Divall, two, 22nd October, 1913; 9104 Pte. W. Funnell, two, 27th October, 1913; 9010 Drummer A. Smith, two, 30th October, 1913; 9108 Pte. A. Peters, 26th October, 1913; 9023 Pte. G. Barber, two, 17th August, 1913; 9068 Pte. E. Magee, two, 9th October, 1913; 9095 Pte. F. Price, two, 9th October, 1913; 6627 Lce.-Corpl. F. Baker, two, 8th October, 1913; 9075 Pte. T. Ellis, two, 5th October, 1913; 8388 Pte. W. Murrant, two, 3rd October, 1913; 8937 Pte. J. Sandford, two, 13th August, 1813; 8358 Musician A. Barden, two, 26th October, 1913; 8787 Pte. W. Johnson, one, 8th Septemner, 1913; 6151 Pte. A. Streetly, one, 2nd October, 1913; 9067 Pte. F. Tickner, one, 10th October, 1913; 6911 Pte. T. Passby, one, 16th October, 1913.

The following is the detail for the 4th Boat, H.T. "Rohilla" sailing from Karachi on the 19th November, 1913:—For Discharge: 6339 Pte. D. McFarlane, 9277 Pte. E. Martin. For Transfer to the Army Reserve: Privates 8387 F. Walton, 8375 C. Ruth, 8381 W. Hand, 8388 W. Murrant, 8395 C. Ransom, 8373 B. Rogers, 8383 J. Hutton, 8382 W. Lee, 8386 B. Slackford, 7948 E. Payne. For Premature Transfer to Army Reserve: 8811 Pte. T. George. For Posting to P.S. Kent Cyclist Battalion: 4666 Sergt. J. Teer (wife and three children). For Posting to 1st Battalion, Dublin: 8745 Drummer (L.C.) R. Bishop, 6795 Pte. S. Gorman, 9793 Pte. A. Feast, 7149 Drummer C. Watts, 7413 Pte. C. Mercer, 7659 Pte. F. Vincent.

Good conduct badges have been awarded as follows:—9334 Pte. S. Hanes, one badge, dated 22nd August, 1913; 9693 Pte. T. Payne, one badge, dated 6th September, 1913; 9694 Pte. G. Smith, one badge, 18th September, 1913; 9022 Lce.-Corpl. C. Weller, two badges, dated 31st August, 1913; 8344 Pte. E. Condon, two badges, 17th September, 1913; 9259 Pte. W. Everett, two badges, 28th September, 1913; 9664 Pte. J. Walden, one, 18th August, 1913; 9676 Pte. W. Taylor, one, 6th September 1913; 9678 Pte. H. Fullbrooke, one 11th September, 1913; 9337 Pte. F. Potter, one, 9th September, 1913; 8741 Pte. J. Dallas, one, 9th September, 1913; 9003 Pte. A. Caulder, two, 31st July, 1913; 9382 Pte. W. Freeman, one, 16th September, 1913; 9117 Pte. F. Norton, one, 26th August, 1913; 9037 Pte. P. Cudmore, two, 7th September, 1913; 9297 Pte. O. Johnson, one, 12th August, 1913; 9031 Pte. W. Stribling, two, 29th August, 1913; 9682 Pte. D. Gillespie, one, 5th September, 1913; 9034 Pte. G. Hazel, two, 5th September, 1913; 4394 Pte. M. Fisher, three, 27th August, 1913; 9035 Pte. G. Fox, two, 7th September, 1913; 8999 Pte. H. Highams, two, 20th July, 1913; 8475 Pte. T. Lee, one, 2nd October, 1913; 8537 Pte. L. Pallett, two, 10th August, 1913; 9056 Lce.-Corpl. G. Reeves, two, 22nd September, 1913; 8514 Pte. W. Seeds, two, 15th August, 1913; 8739 Pte. G. Howe, one, 17th September, 1913; 9303 Lce.-Corpl. H. Lee, one, 25th September, 1913; 9253 Pte. H. Puplett, one, 4th September, 1913; 9172 Pte. H. Ward, one, 24th May, 1913; 9277 Pte. E. Martin, one, 22nd July, 1913; 6339 Pte. D. McFarlane, two, 28th September, 1913.

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

DEPOT FOOTBALL NOTES FOR NOVEMBER, 1913.

During the past month our team have played up to expectation, as we have only one defeat to record and that was at the hands (or feet) of the 2nd Battalion Essex Regiment at Chatham in the Kent League. To say that we should have won would be unfair to our opponents, as they played the better football, but as our team had a lead of two clear goals at the end of the first half, we are entitled to think that we might at least have effected a draw. As it was our opponents ran out winners 3—2 On this occasion 32 of the (heads) accompanied the team by motor 'bus, but their enjoyment was spoiled by a downpour of rain during the whole of the game. The team therefore did not receive their little Ragtime Ditty ("On the Ball the Depot"), which is a very catchy air which the Recruits sing at all matches. Our other Kent League match during November was at Dartford last Saturday and there we divided the points 2—2; a very creditable performance. Of our other matches Mount Pleasant were defeated 4—1 in the Kent Amateur Cup after a very pleasant game, the losers when leaving by motor 'bus for Tunbridge Wells wishing us the best of luck in the competition and also cheering us for the sporting game we had given them. I might say that during this game both sides played good clean football, the referee having an easy task. While on the subject of the Kent Amateur Cup I regret to say we have had to withdraw from the Competition owing to our large number of fixtures.

In the Maidstone League we have met and defeated Wouldham 3—2 after being two goals to the bad just on time. We should have lost this game but for Sergt. Keeble, who came up from back to outside right. By doing so he turned what looked like a defeat into a victory for us.

The match with Snodland in the Maidstone League had to be cancelled owing to Snodland playing in the Kent Senior Cup.

We journeyed to Halling on the 29th in the Maidstone League Competition and returned winners by 2—1, after a very hard game, Sweeney and Grant finding the net.

The players are much the same except for accidents, which we have been very free from. There are several recruits anxious to get their Blue, and I should not be surprised if before the season is much older, we have four Recruits in the XI., Ptes. Millen, Hipkins, Roud, West and Cunningham are quite good. Our team is as follows: Hedley (R.A.M.C.), Keeble, Thompson, Lord, Edwards, Strong, Kallend, Loader, Grant (R.A.M.C.), Sweeney and Cozens.

KENT LEAGUE TABLE.

(Western Section).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	—Goals— F.	A.	P.
Depot R.W.K.R.....	9	3	9	2	19	15	10
Training Batt., R.E.	8	3	3	2	14	12	9
Woolwich Reserves	6	3	2	1	11	9	8
Dublin Fusiliers Res.	7	2	3	2	19	15	7
2nd Batt Essex Regt	6	3	1	2	13	17	7
Strood	5	2	2	1	6	4	6
Snodland Town	5	2	2	1	13	11	6
Dartford Reserves ...	4	2	1	1	6	4	5
Depot Batt., R.E. ...	9	1	3	5	14	21	5
Cray Wanderers.....	5	0	1	4	6	14	1

Up to 6th December, 1913.

No. 5418 Lce.-Corpl. J. Smith (S.R.) has been awarded the Special Reserve Long Service and good conduct medal.

8046 Corpl. H. Wilson has been permitted to extend his service to complete twelve years with the Colours.

A Good Conduct Badge have been awarded to 9672 Lce.-Corpl. A. Baldwin and 9666 Lce.-Corpl. W. Warnett; two badges, 9081 Pte. G. Fox; three badges, Pte. W. Pink.

Second Class Certificates of Education have been awarded to 9126 Lce.-Corpl. C. Drury and 10159 Pte. A. Cottington of the Regular Establishment; also to 8802 Pte. D. Cavender, 8838 Pte. J Ashdown, 8837 Pte. H. Smith, 8817 Pte. A. Kneller, 8782 Pte. A. Nutt, 8821 Pte. J. Jarvis and 8822 Pte. A. Greenslade, of the Special Reserve, dated 9th October, 1913.

6305 Drummer a Price has been discharged on completion of twelve years' service, 8th October, 1913.

8608 Corpl. E. Dyer has been reposted to the Home Battalion on completion of his tour of duty, being relieved by 9561 Corpl. A. Smith, 1st October, 1913.

At the Competitive Examination of Officers of the Special Reserve, etc. for Commissions in the Regular Army, held in October last, the name of Lieutenant A. G. Balbernie, 3rd Royal West Kent Regiment, appears among the successful candidates.

INDIAN HEAT.

We take the following from "The Weekly Telegraph" (15th March):—

Whilst in India, I was told by natives the following stories in regard to the excessive heat experienced in some places:—

The town of Sibi, at the southern end of the Bolan Pass, is in the summer time about undoubtedly the hottest place in India, being 130deg. to 140deg. in the shade. So the tale states that a man of that town, who had led an exceedingly bad life, died, and went to Hell. Now the Devil punished him in every way he could think of, but came to the conclusion at last that the man had been so wicked on earth that it was impossible to punish him sufficiently in Hell for his misdeeds, so the Devil sent him back to Sibi.

Multan is also noted for its great heat, in respect of which, it is said, that hundreds of years ago, a fakir (religious mendicant) arrived there, and, being hungry, begged for some mutton, which was given to him. Not having any means of cooking it, he requested several persons to allow him to cook it on their fires, but in every case was refused, and told to go away. At last he knelt down and prayed to the sun to come closer to the earth, so that its heat might cook it. This the sun did, and when his food was cooked he prayed the sun to remain where it was as a punishment to the people of Multan—and the native of Multan says that in his opinion the sun is nearer there than any other town in India.

ROYAL ARMY TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION CORRESPONDENCE.

2nd Battalion R. W. Kent Regiment,
Peshawar,
N.W.F.P.,
November.

Dear Mr. Editor,

After an absence of correspondence for the Gazette of the above branch I have at last found time to let our many readers know how our branch is getting on. By the time

this appears in print we shall be at our new station, Multan, after an eventful stay of three years at Peshawar. I think most of us are glad to get away. We are in hopes of doing great things at Multan towards our branch. We are still compaigning to increase our numbers. I am glad to report that our numbers are increasing every month, and when the draft from the Home Battalion joins us, we hope to have at least 425 on our books. Our President and Vice-President have both worked hard to increase our numbers, and have also done a great deal of work in making the rooms of the branch inviting. Our Secretary has done his share, and we hope he will still continue to show the great zeal he has done in the past. We hear there is a nice room at Multan, let us hope the rumour is correct, as we are anticipating making "ours" one of the finest branches in India. The sports of the above branch has been slightly neglected, but our dancing club on the plains was a great success during the summer months. I am sorry to report we are losing some of our very old members, but I hope the members from the 1st Battalion will show us as great zeal, as we shall be looking to them for support. I hope to have some really important news for our next issue, and that you will find room for this in our Regimental Gazette.

I am,

THE R.A.T.A. CORRESPONDENT,

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2ND BATTALION.

ROLL OF OFFICERS OF THE ABOVE CORPS SHEWING STATIONS.

Lieutenant-Colonel S. H. Pedley, Peshawar.
Major R. J. Woulfe-Flanagan, England (leave expires 4th December, 1913).
Major C. E. Kitson, Peshawar.
Captain F. J. Joslin, Peshawar.
Captain A. K. Grant, Peshawar.
Captain E. H. Norman, England (leave expires 3rd November, 1913).
Captain C. R. Ingram, Peshawar.
Captain H. D. Belgrave, Peshawar.
Captain C. W. Case-Morris, Peshawar
Captain C. F. Adams, Peshawar.
Lieutenant A. K. Searight, Peshawar.
Lieutenant M. W. Graham, England, posted, but not joined.
Lieutenant N. I. Whitty, England (leave expires 19th Nov., 1913).
Lieutenant R. B. L. Bazley-White, England (leave expires 1st December, 1913).
Lieutenant A. E. Hardy, Peshawar.
Lieutenant A. S. Bredon, Peshawar.
Lieutenant J. B. B. Ford, Peshawar.
Lieutenant J K. Kay, Peshawar.
Lieutenant P. F. Bell, Peshawar.
Lieutenant P. N Anstruther, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant C. F. Battye, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant V. S. Clarke, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant J. E. G. Brown, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant O. G. R. Barnes, Peshawar.
2nd-Lieutenant N. B. Howell, Peshawar.
Hon. Lt. & Qr.-Mr. F. Grey, Peshawar.

N.B.—The Battalion arrived at Multan about 20th November.

Peshawar.
1st November, 1913.

MARRIAGE.

At Peshawar on the 14th October, 1913, 8438 Sergeant F. Bovis to Army School Mistress Lilian Violet Bird.

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