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COLONEL M. P. ANSELL, C.B.E., D.S.O.
Colonel, 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, 1957

Photograph by Anthony Buckley

Commanding Officer's Notes

IN many ways 1958 has been a year of more than ordinary significance to the Regiment, in that after nearly 20 years we have started to enlist a considerable number of long-service Regular recruits. At the time these notes are written (September 4) upwards of 80 recruits (including a few boys) have enlisted for the Regiment since February. Of these, the great majority have come from Northern Ireland and Sheffield, and much credit is due to our two special recruiters, Sgts. Taggart and Sedgwick. There is still a long way to go, however, and I would ask all past and present members of the Regiment to consider themselves as special recruiters.

As is generally known, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man have now been designated our permanent recruiting areas, and all our efforts are being made to establish, on the firmest possible basis, our links with those places. The foundations have been well and truly laid by Gen. John Anderson.

In this connection our affiliation to the North Irish Horse, which is effective from January 1, 1959, gives us the greatest satisfaction and pride. This affiliation is to be shared with the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars—a new Regiment but very old friends.

After 12 years it is sad that our happy and harmonious association with the Cheshire Yeomanry has come to an end.

We have started to collect together a small Regimental museum. Some notes about certain presentations will be found later in the JOURNAL.

On Oates Sunday, 1958, Maj.-Gen. John Anderson, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., was present and took the salute in appropriate Antarctic conditions. Oates Sunday in 1959

will be celebrated on March 15, when it is very much hoped that H.E. The Governor of Northern Ireland—Lord Wakehurst—will be able to be present. In June the Colonel of the Regiment paid us a visit and a great occasion it was. It is fully recorded elsewhere.

On the military side, the Regiment has remained in 20th Armoured Brigade Group which is in 4th Division. The training season in Germany has followed the well-established cycle.

Two appointments which should be mentioned are Major Duckworth's selection to train and captain the British pentathlon team for the World Championships, 1958, and Major Murray's leadership of the Public Schools Exploration Society's expedition to Labrador.

Congratulations to Maj.-Gen. Anderson on his appointment as Director Royal Armoured Corps, and to Brigadier Hon. G. W. R. Monckton on his promotion and appointment to the Armoured Brigade at Tidworth.

Major Blundell-Brown retired from the Army earlier this year. He is greatly missed and we wish him the best of luck in the brewing trade.

As the Journal goes to press it has just been announced that Lt.-Col. J. M. D. Ward Harrison, M.C., has received a brevet and at the same time after 20 years' most distinguished service in the Regiment is to transfer to the 10th Royal Hussars. Many congratulations to him and best possible wishes to him for the future.

I would like to end these brief notes by saying that our task over the next year or two is to build up an all-Regular Regiment. This transcends all other considerations and is one in which everybody can help.

J.M.H.R.T.

Editorial

THIS year we have changed the lay-out of the JOURNAL, and the aim has been to include more pictures at the expense of the written word. We have tried to include photographs of as many serving members of the Regiment as possible and we hope in this way to make the JOURNAL of greater interest to past and serving members alike.

After the usual inspections at the end of the year we managed to send a very great proportion of the Regiment on leave for Christmas. For those of us left here the Messing Officer and his staff produced an excellent Christmas dinner, and the decorations in the barrack rooms were of a particularly high standard. We had, as always, a party for all children of members of the Regiment. Judging by the numbers we should have no difficulty in recruiting in 10 or 15 year's time! Around Christmas-time, and, in fact, regularly throughout the winter the Regimental Drama Group were a great asset to our "long winter evenings." They staged a number of plays and shows and produced a very high standard of acting and entertainment indeed. Mr. Brooking is to be congratulated on his efforts and in particular for the way in which he persuaded, time after time, casts drawn from every corner of the Regiment to take part. In particular, we would like to thank those wives who helped so much to make the shows such successes.

During the early part of the year individual training went on apace and a large proportion of the Regiment were either trained in extra trades or upgraded in their original ones. Besides the obvious military advantages of this, the Army, fortunately, offers financial benefits to the recipients of the training! Every Troop, during February or March, spent a weekend out on the training area, camping in somewhat wintry conditions, and all seemed to enjoy it.

Oates Sunday was celebrated in the normal fashion, the parade being taken by Gen. John Anderson, who was then Chief of Staff at Northern Army Group Headquarters. It is fitting here to place on record all the kindness shown by Gen. Anderson to his Regiment while he was in Germany. We all wish him the best of good fortune as D.R.A.C. St. Patrick's Day was one of the most enjoyable we have ever had. Mr. Green, the Football Officer, organised, with great dexterity, a mammoth inter-Troop football competition which went without a hitch. Three grounds were used for the knock-out competition and the pace was terrific. It would be a fair guess to say that more than half the Regiment personally played football at least once during the day. A very fierce contest for the Muti-Ram Cup resulted in 3rd Troop, "A" Squadron, winning from the Quartermaster's Troop. And even the two Quartermasters were

quite polite to "A" Squadron about it! At midday, as a break in the competition, the officers played the sergeants. The clothing was most startling and the "noises off" more so. Nobody could remember who won, although the officers claimed they had. Their use of polo sticks was said to assist in this claim.

In April the Squadrons went off independently for a few days on to the Sennelager training area to shake down, and apparently spent satisfactory times there. This was followed by each Squadron going, in turn, to the Borkenberge training area. This was a new area to us and one which we all liked very much. We also had with us there "A" Company, 1st Royal Hampshires, who work with us in 20th Armoured Brigade Group, and so were able to do quite a bit of infantry-tank co-operation. It is, incidentally, reported on good authority that the natives were friendly—even to the tank commander who drove across the airstrip one Saturday night.

In June, Col. Mike Ansell, our new Colonel, visited the Regiment for the first time as Colonel. His first day here, June 13, he spent in walking round the barracks and meeting people, and on the 14th there was a Regimental parade complete with tanks, scout cars, half-tracks, lorries and even a motor-bicycle. On the Saturday evening the Sergeants' Mess had their Waterloo Ball, and on the Monday evening the Colonel showed the way to the Subalterns in such matters as "Cock fighting" and "Are you there, Moriarty?" in the Officers' Mess.

In July the Regiment went up to Soltau for a few days and then spent a fortnight on the ranges at Hohne. We are due to spend most of September and early October on Brigade Group training in the Brilon area and this will bring us back once again to the time of inspections!

During the year two particularly well-known and respected members of the Regiment have left us. Major G. T. Blundell-Brown, M.B.E., managed to persuade the Army Council that he was redundant and is now brewing in Northumberland. S.S.M. Gilliland, B.E.M., has also

left us for the great unknown of civilian life and, although he has kept his plans to himself, we feel sure that he will enable Major Blundell-Brown's new occupation to show a profit.

During the year we have regrettably had to say "good-bye" to the Cheshire Yeomanry, as we are now to be affiliated to the North Irish Horse. Those still in Cheshire will gradually be replaced by Carabiniers and we shall be sending permanent staff to Belfast and other places in Ulster shortly. We have received Conqueror tanks and some very smart new vehicles called "Tracked Carriers." These last are new to the Army and so far we are the only Regiment to receive them.

On August 9 we had a very successful open day for the families in barracks, "C" Squadron started off by showing our tanks to the families, and it is even now reported that at least two small boys are missing, believed to have been shut in the engine compartment of a tank. "B" Squadron ran a wide selection of races for the children and gave away a mass of prizes, and "A" Squadron put on a Fair which was heavily patronised by free-spending sons and daughters of members of the Regiment. Apparently all the married men had to put in to draw their credits as a result.

In concluding this report of the last year it remains to record the remarkable change in our make-up. Sgt. Sedgwick, in Yorkshire, and Sgt. Taggart, in Belfast, have carried out most successful recruiting drives, which have resulted in a considerable number of long-term Regular recruits arriving in the Regiment. The number of these arriving is most encouraging for the future of the Regiment, and we are now second only to one Regiment in our recruiting figures. With the decline and future demise of National Service these Regulars will be of the utmost importance to us. While it is sad to see the National Servicemen go, who have served us so well, it is satisfactory to feel that there are so many young Regulars coming to fill the gaps.



VISIT OF THE COLONEL

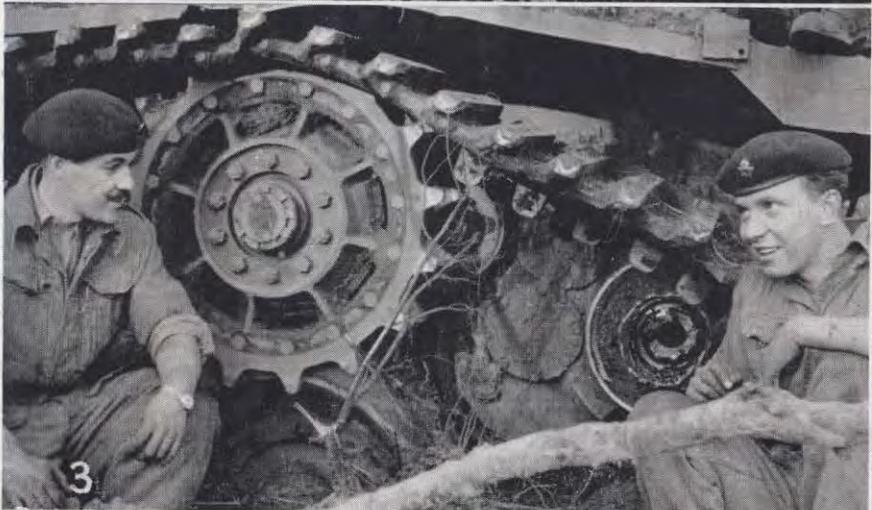


On Friday, June 13, we welcomed Colonel M. P. Ansell, C.B.E., D.S.O., our new Colonel, in barracks for the first time. He spent the day walking round the barracks and meeting as many people as possible. He visited R.H.Q., the Squadron offices, the barrack rooms, the dining hall, the N.A.A.F.I., the W.V.S. Club, the tank hangars and was photographed with the football team.

Saturday, June 14, was a lovely day and we all paraded with our vehicles as is shown in the photographs. "A", "B" and "C" Squadrons and R.H.Q. and Recce Troops paraded with Tanks, Scout Cars, A.R.V.s and half-tracks and "H.Q." Squadron paraded with a remarkable miscellany of vehicles, 3-tonners, tracked 5-tonners, 1-tonners, water carts, champs and motor cycles—we did not know they had so many. They also had a dismounted troop consisting of those whose tasks, even an armoured regiment, tend more to office chairs than vehicles—the cooks, the pay and orderly room staffs, carpenters, Q.M. storeman and the like. After the inspection by the Colonel and his address we motored off parade with great noise and, we hope, no dust!

On the Saturday evening the Warrant Officers and Sergeants gave a most enjoyable Waterloo Ball and their hospitality was, indeed, as unbounded as ever. On Sunday the Colonel visited the stables after church and on Monday dined in the Officers' Mess. During the course of the week-end the Colonel also found time to speak collectively to the Officers, to the Sergeants and to the Corporals,

"A" SQUADRON



In February of this year the Squadron unfortunately lost Major Blundell Brown to civilian life, Capt. Fisher who has been posted to Brigade Headquarters and 2/Lt. Ansell who has gone to Cambridge. Major Duckworth became our Squadron Leader but promptly (the day after he took over) rushed off to England to run the training of the British Pentathlon team and Capt. Findlay took over in his place. S.S.M. Gilliland has, unfortunately, left us also for civilian life and S.S.M. Bleach has stepped across the passage to take his place. His place as S.Q.M.S. being in turn taken by Sgt. Teague. We also, with regret, lost Cpl. Julian who is now Signals N.C.O. of "C" Squadron. The following are to be congratulated on their promotions, S.Q.M.S. Bleach to L/S.S.M., Cpl. Leech to Sergeant, L/Cpls. Freitag and Parmenter to Corporal, Tprs. Cowling, Musk, Cluff and Hood to Lance-Corporal. The S.S.M., Sgts. Clipston and Ramsey and Cpl. Parmenter have signed on, and we have received 13 long term regular recruits in the

Squadron to fill the gaps caused by the departure of the National Servicemen, all of whom we would like to thank for their work. Our pictures portray the various activities of the Squadron this year.

1. Mr. Welch discussing plans for the next meal while out on troop training, with his crew, Tpr. Howlett, Cpl. Parmenter and L/Cpl. Cluff. 2. The fitters waiting for someone to break down, Sgt. Vasper (R. Sigs.), Sgt. Ramsey and S/Sgt. Barwick. 3. A somewhat complicated recovery problem, Cpl. Julian and Tpr. Lees. 4. Dismounted winter training in February, Lt. Welch, Cfn. Hands, Tpr. Howlett, Sgt. Clipston, Tpr. Hill, Cpl. Jones, Cpl. Parmenter, Tpr. Blackham, L/Cpl. Butcher, Cfn. Wallace, Tprs. Whitford and Gray, L/Cpls. Musk and Cowling, Cpl. Julian, Tpr. Reeves, L/Cpl. Cluff and Cfn. Perrin.

"A" SQUADRON



1. The R.Q.M.S. checking our equipment after training at Borkenberge with Tprs. Robson and Dixon, Cpl. Dye, Tprs. Hill and VanZeller
 2. Cpl. Butcher putting the shot during the Inter-Troop Athletics. 3. At our farewell party for S.S.M. Gilliland. Mr. Dunbar, S.S.M. Bleach, Sgt. Teague, Ginty, Sgt. Clipston, Trumpet Major Herbert, Sgt. Sutton, Capt. Findlay (resting?), Sgt. Cooper. 4. L/Cpl. Hood doing the high jump (N.B.—He did!). 5. Capt. Findlay presenting the prize for the over 30's race to S.S.M. Gilliland, watched by Tpr. Spriggs, Tpr. Gray, Mr. Dunbar, S.S.M. Bleach and Mr. Lacey. 6. Ready to go at the Inter-Troop Athletics. Tprs. Middleton and Watson, L/Cpl. Moorhouse, Tprs. Dixon and Mulligan



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**“B” Squadron
 at Borkenberge
 April, 1958**
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1. In April the Squadron went to Borkenberge and the picture shows Cooper, Niel, L/Cpl. Rhodes, Sgt. Christer, Cpls. Holden and Campbell, L/Cpls. Spencer and Cunliffe, Rouse, Robinson, Symons, L/Cpl. Tomlinson, Orange, Currie, L/Cpl. Patterson, Welsh and L/Cpl. Tracy near the cookhouse. 2. During the summer we have been doing P.T. on two mornings a week. The casualty rate has been fairly high. 3. After church on Sunday at Borkenberge the Padre, the Officers and the Sergeants gathered for a glass of beer (or two). S.Q.M.S. Fitzsimmons, Mr. Oatley, Capt. Kelly, Capt. Cupper, Major Murray, Sgt. Cook, Mr. Foster, S.S.M. Fitton, Sgt. Millard, Mr. Hutton, Sgts. Moreton and Benton and the Padre.



1. Mr. Lockett with Sgt. Benton, Jones, Walker, Gerken, Cpl. Coleman, L/Cpl. Minvalla, O'Hara, Jack, Carroll, Eades, Worsley and McCabe on P.T. 2. Sgt. Christer demonstrating the Commander's Browning. 3. R.H.Q. Troop which is part of the Squadron: Cpl. Hancock, Sgt. Christer, Mr. Hutton, Pringle, L/Cpl. Minvalla, Welsh, Wilkinson, L/Cpl. Spencer, Hall, Oatley and Jones. 4. The beer bar with some customers: L/Cpl. Minvalla, Jones, Sgt. Moreton, Sgt. Cook, Sgt. Edm:nsion, Symons, L/Cpls. Samuel and Bray, Niel, L/Cpl. Pears and Turner. 5. L/Cpl. Spencer organised a very successful trip to see the Brussels Exhibition at Whitsun. Tpr. Skirrow, Kett, Jack, L/Cpl. Money, Worsley, Carroll, Wilkinson, L/Cpl. Venn, Stead, Cpl. Lawrenson, L/Cpl. Mitchell, Jones, Skipper, Niel and L/Cpl. Spencer setting off. 6. Tprs. Eades and Frayne on guard. 7. Sgt. Christer and Cpl. Hancock out on a Signals Exercise. 8. Cpl. Booker's idea of "hull down". 9. Mr. Foster takes unaccustomed exercise with McCabe, Cpl. Holden, L/Cpl. Howell, Currie, Marsh, Grieve, L/Cpl. Gibbs and L/Cpl. Patterson, Gray, L/Cpl. Pears, Summers, L/Cpl. Skuse and Swindells

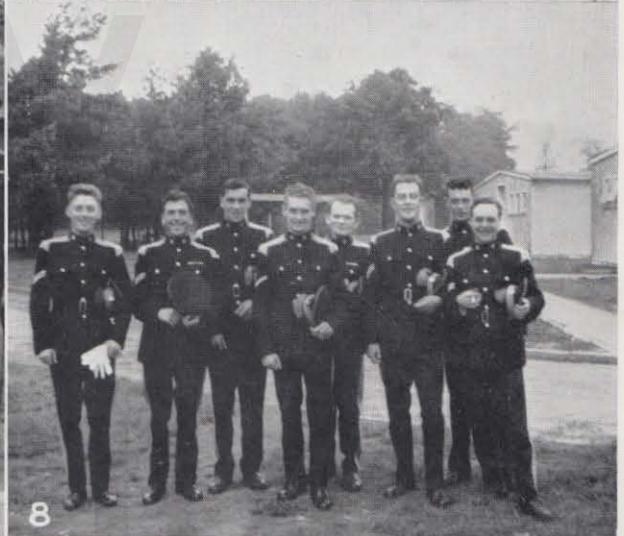
"C" SQUADRON



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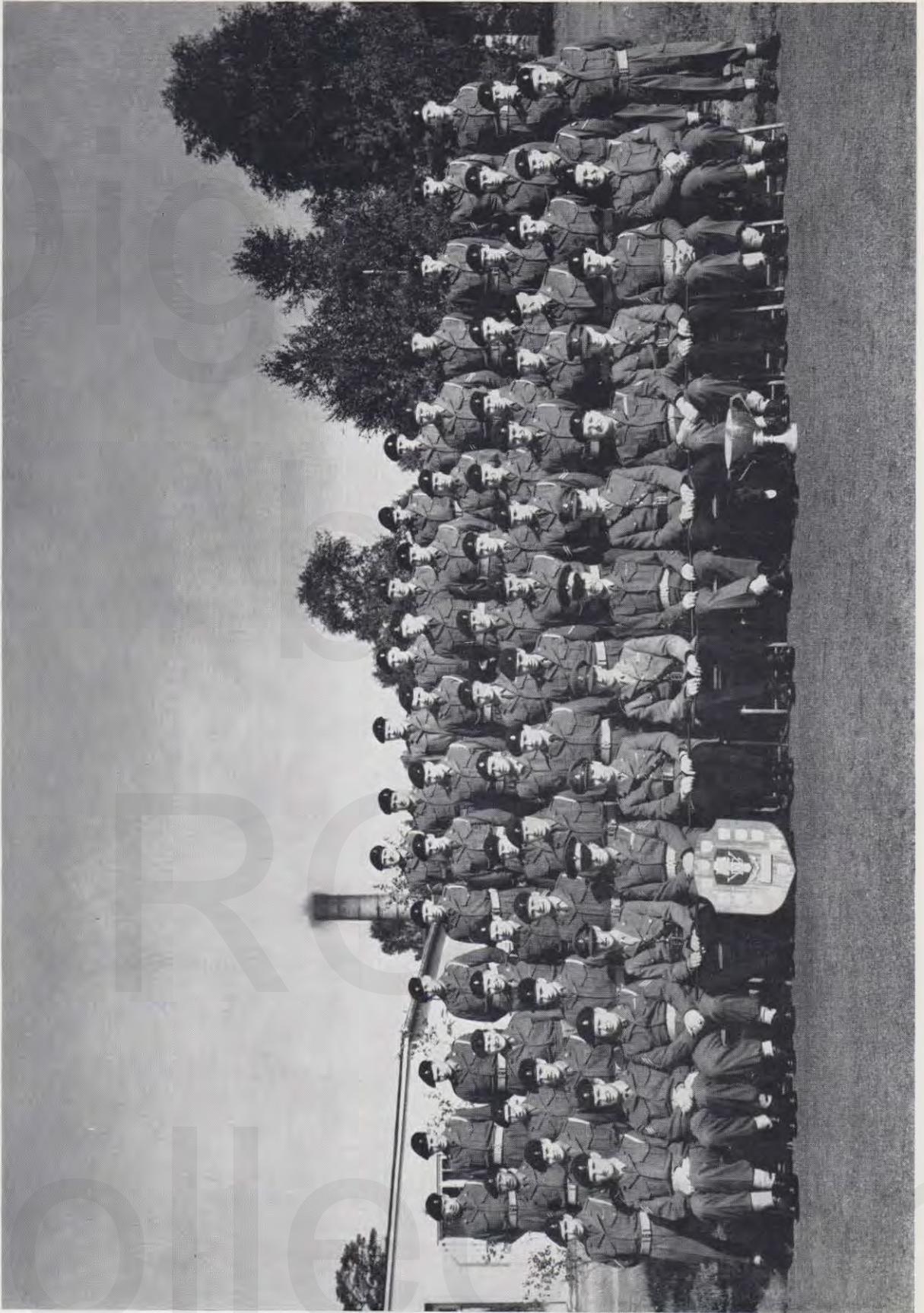
1. While the snow was still on the ground each troop went out for a week-end's winter dismounted training. Here 3rd troop are shown complete with military and not so military equipment. L/Cpls. Shepherd and Chisholm, Wood, Sgt. Moxham, Fraser, Mr. Barr, England, Barlow, Davis and French. 2. In April the Squadron went to Borkenberge for a week for troop training. The mud was fantastic but it was very enjoyable to go to a new training area. Cpl. McGlinchey, Hallam and Sgt. Williams with the scout car. 3. Major Wathen summing up the day's training to Sgt. Ranford, L/Cpl. Shepherd, French, Cpl. Strachan, Sgt. Moxham, Fraser, Sherbourne, L/Cpl. Gossage, L/Cpl. Chisholm, Cpl. Coldwell, L/Cpl. Honour. 4. In July after a short stay at Soltau we went to Hohne. Here S/Sgt. Polak, S.Q.M.S. Searle and McQuillan watching the firing. 5. During a few days' break in the firing we spent a week-end at Travemunde on the Baltic. French, Wood, L/Cpl. Barlow, Sgt. Moxham, L/Cpl. Chisholm, L/Cpl. Honour, L/Cpl. Spendlove, England, L/Cpl. Higgins, and L/Cpl. Shepherd are seen wearing the latest fashions. 6. Back in barracks "civvies" take on a more respectable look. Holdsworth, Walters, L/Cpl. Reason, Cook, Hallam, Cpl. Bale, Allen, Champion, Simmons, Hammond, and Jackson on a rather belated Bank Holiday. 7. On August 9 we had a very busy day. Cpl. Latham's wedding in the morning and demonstrating the tanks to the families in the afternoon. Here are the newly married Cpl. and Mrs. Latham. 8. Some of those at Cpl. Latham's wedding. Cpls. McGlinchey and Roberts, L/Cpl. Chisholm and Gossage, Cpls. Walsh, Stafford, Strachan and King. 9. The Squadron at the end of August. 10. No tick!

"C" SQUADRON



For captions see facing page

“C” Squadron



Regimental Band

Since the beginning of the year we have said goodbye to Bandsmen McEwan and Price, who have returned to civilian life. However, all of us feel that our greatest loss was that of our Band President, Major Blundell Brown, whose unenviable task has been taken over by Capt. Rowat.

Two of our members, L/Cpl. Summerfield and Bdmn. Dawson are at present completing a course of instruction at Kneller Hall, and should be returning to us in October. In the first six months we recruited four new bandsmen, these being Brown, Falcus, Wilson and Tooley, who have settled down very quickly to Band routine. The seven-a-side Rugby finals in Holland were again to claim our services in May. Staying in the transit camp at the Hook we entertained the Permanent Staff by giving a dance-band show.

On June 14 and 16 we were to be inspected by Colonel Ansell, however, this was not to be our last visit from him, as he turned up at the White City to wish us luck.

A Schützenfest in Brackwede is remembered by us all as the highlight of the Band's year. With mixed feelings we arrived in this

scenic village near Bielefeld to supply the music for their annual National Festival. We were received like old friends by the people. Lunch was served in German homes where many of us struck up long standing friendships with the families. Only too soon were we to leave such friendly people, but we will always remember our welcome and the organiser Ernst Lückel.

Time was drawing closer for our return to England for the engagement season, but before we left we were to visit Nijmegen in Holland. This beautiful little town is only 18 km. from Arnhem and has been almost completely rebuilt due to war damage. We were to play at various places along the route while the giant parade marched past. On our return to Sennelager only three days remained before we left for England.

Next month we lose one of our oldest members, Bdmn. Dunbar, who is going out to civilian life, so we all wish him the best of luck in his new work. Our congratulations are extended to Cpl. Hickland and Bdmn. Ketteringham who are getting married in a few weeks, and who, we hope, will enjoy married life.



The Band at the Brackwede Schützenfest

"H.Q." SQUADRON



The pictures for captions 7 to 12 appear on the facing page.

The Year in Pictures

1. Major Moore, who took over the Squadron from Major Duckworth in February, presenting the "Indoor Games" Shield to Cpl. Dennet of the Quartermaster's Troop. 2. Mr. Hargan equalling the Regimental High Jump record. 3. "Who is towing who?" Sgt. Sutton, Mr. Fitzmaurice, Tpr. Simister and Sgt. Jiggins at Borkenberge. 4. "Will she, or won't she?" The Colonel, Capts. Swindells and Law appear to be taking no chances of going under as they test one of the new tracked carriers. 5. The Cooks: Ptes. Boggett, Brown 847, Taylor, Herbert and Massey, Cpl. Wilson, Pte. Legge, Tprs. Robson and Miller, Sgt. Dixon (Ration Stores), Ptes. Brown 712, Blacklaws and Baker, L/Cpl. Suter. 6. "Home from home?" Tpr. Mayes seems doubtful. 7. Sgt. Jiggins demonstrates the finer points of field cooking to Tprs. Mayes, Briggs and Simister. 8. Recce Troop at Borkenberge. 9. It is always best to consider a military problem from all angles. Major Chapman taking the worm's eye view of Mr. Brooking's map. 10 and 11. Capt. Taylor and Sgt. Rafferty appear to have different views of haversack rations. 12. L/Cpl. Postles and Tpr. Ainley with an audience, peel potatoes.

"H.Q." SQUADRON



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Light Aid Detachment

The last year has been a fairly quiet one as far as the LAD is concerned, notable events being few and far between. Movement of personnel has been considerable as must be the case when National Servicemen form so large a percentage of the total strength. Of considerable loss, particularly in respect of sporting activities, was the return to civilian life of L/Cpl. Pygott, who was the holder of the Regiment's long jump record (20 ft. 3 ins.) as well as representing his Corps at football and his Squadron in running events (100 and 200 metres). On the entertainment side we have lost, once more to civilian life, Cfn. Sinden, a singer of some merit. Cfn. Sinden took part in the concert held here in the Regiment when B.F.N. technicians

made a recording of the show for transmission over the B.F.N.

There have been a few postings among the regular soldiers, new arrivals including A.Q.M.S. Stevens, A.Q.M.S. Hawkins, S/Sgt. Albon, departures including A.Q.M.S. Orr to München Gladbach, Cpl. McCoig-Lees to Singapore. To new arrivals we extend a welcome, to those who have left us we wish the best of luck in their new appointments. There have been some outings during the year, one to Berlin and another to Travemunde, to quote two of them. The Travemunde trip from Höhne being successful in all ways bar one—the cost of living (this being calculated with due respect to the cost of a glass of beer)—was just a little too high.



1. L/Cpl. Ellingham, Cfns. Fields, Piper, Peter, Lewis and Story somewhat off course. 2. Cpl. Griffiths seeing how far he can go. 3. Cfns. Loveland and Pummell at Höhne ranges. 4. L/Cpl. Fletcher, L/Cpl. Taylor, Cfns. Trainor, Jasper, Wroe, Howe, Ball, Howard eating last meal prior to leaving Höhne



(Left) The church ushers watching the Oates Sunday parade. Sgts. Love, Teague, Peacocke and O.R.Q.M.S. Edwards.

(Right) The standard being carried by S.S.M. Gilliland. The escort consisted of R.S.M. Clayton, Sgts. Roodhouse and Nunn

The Regimental Museum

This year we have started to form a small museum. The problem in our present barracks is space in which to accommodate it. Amongst other presentations received three are of particular interest:—

The original Embarkation State of the Inniskilling Dragoons on their return to England after the Waterloo Campaign on January 2, 1816. This is an exceedingly interesting document and was found in H.Q. London District, Horse Guards, Whitehall. At the time of Waterloo the War Office was housed there. The document was kindly presented to the Regiment by Mr. "Doggie" White.

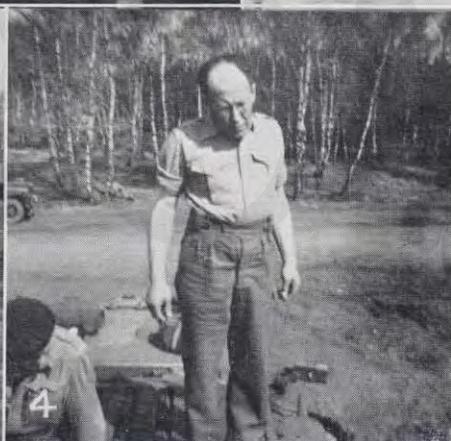
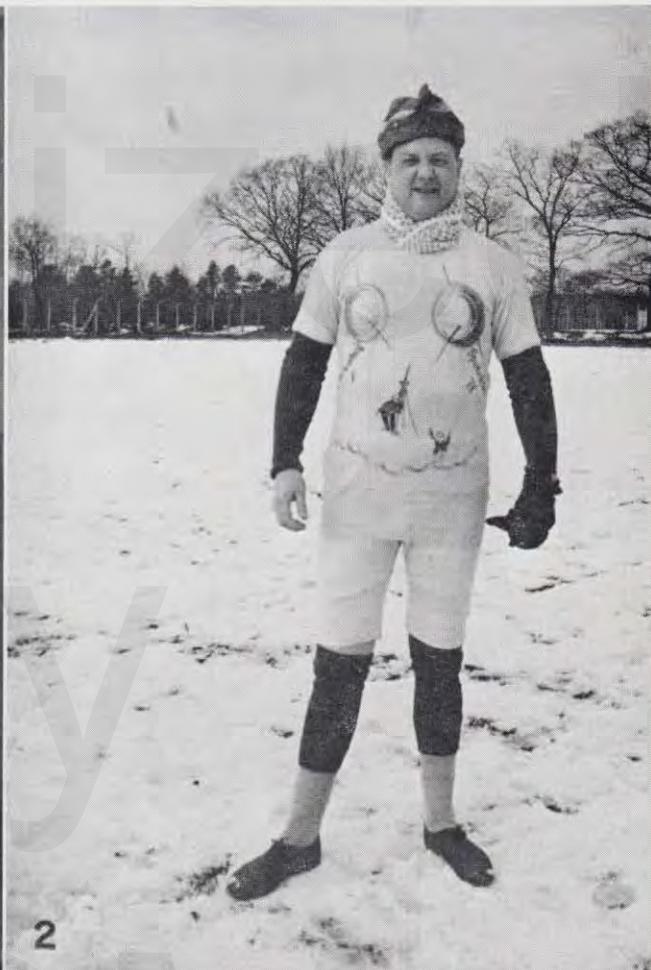
Another document of exceptional Regimental interest was presented by Mr. H. Bennet. This is a copy of the *Daily Mirror* of May 21, 1913, which covers the dis-

covery of the remains of Scott's last expedition to the Antarctic (which took place the previous year). It gives a graphic impression of the impact which the news made on the nation. The circumstances of its finding are also unique in that it was discovered at Dunkirk in 1940, in the steel helmet of a fallen French soldier, by Petty Officer Lucas, whose father, coincidentally, was an old Inniskilling Dragoon and served in Capt. L. E. G. Oates's troop between 1901 and 1907.

Finally, Lt.-Col. C. H. Blacker has presented the original operation order telling the Regiment in 1940 to destroy its tanks and equipment and to retire to the beaches of Dunkirk for evacuation to England.

Our grateful thanks are due to the donors of these very interesting possessions,
J.M.H.R.T.

WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' MESS



We are exceptionally sorry this year to record the disappearance from our Mess of "Ginty", known to some as S.S.M. Gilliland. As a mark of our esteem for him we presented him with a comprehensive set of fishing tackle before he left. We hope that he will have many happy hours fishing wherever he may settle now that he has left the Army. Also we have to record, with regret, the posting of A.Q.M.S. Orr of the R.E.M.E., who had been with us for many years. We are very glad that he is still in Germany and is able to come over to see us every now and then.

1. S.S.M. Gilliland and Sgt. Gibson in earnest discussion on the musical programme on St. Patrick's Day. 2. The R.Q.M.S. in special winter clothing for football games. 3. "We haven't got any, and if we had we wouldn't issue it!" The R.Q.M.S. and the S.Q.M.S. of "A" and "B" Squadrons, Searle and FitzSimmons. 4. S/Sgt. Polak looks resignedly at the next repair job. 5. "A fine pair of legs," owner untraceable.

WARRANT OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS



1. Mrs. Gottig, Sgt. and Mrs. Millard, S.S.M. Ryan, A.Q.M.S. Gottig, S/Sgt. Driscoll at a Mess night. 2. General Anderson inspecting the back rank of H.Q. Squadron on Oates Sunday. Sgts. Jiggins, Hepplewhite (A.P.T.C.), Mallet, S/Sgt. Driscoll and A.Q.M.S. Stevens. 3. General Sir Charles Keightley being "towed" away. R.Q.M.S.

Clarke, T.Q.M.S. Rowney, S.S.M.s Andrews and Benge, S.Q.M.S. Searle, A.Q.M.S. Orr, O.R.Q.M.S. Edwards, S.Q.M.S.s Bleach and FitzSimmons. 4. Officers v. Sergeants football (N.B. not Polo) on St. Patrick's Day. The Commanding Officer, S/Sgt. Gledhill, R.S.M. Clayton, S.S.M. Benge, T.Q.M.S. Rowney, S/Sgt. Polak, A.Q.M.S. Stevens.

CORPORALS' MESS



(Above) The Corporals' Mess photographed with the Colonel of the Regiment. (Below) Some Corporals in the W.V.S. Club. Cpl. Duval, L/Cpl. Archer, Cpl. Wilmott, L/Cpls. Steggles, Abbott, Cpl. Julian, L/Cpls. Pegg and Leeming, Cpls. Greenwood, Dye, Jones, L/Cpls. Taylor and Greatorax

WIVES AT PLAY



1. Sgt. and Mrs. Mallet, S/Sgt. Polak, W.O. I and Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Polak, S.S.M. and Mrs. Fitton
2. Mrs. Wathen

3. Sgt. and Mrs. Peacock, Mrs. Bleach, S.S.M. and Mrs. Andrews, S.S.M. Fitton and Mrs. Gilliland, Sgt. and Mrs. Raymond
4. Sgt. and Mrs. Cook, Sgt. and Mrs. Money

Recruiting

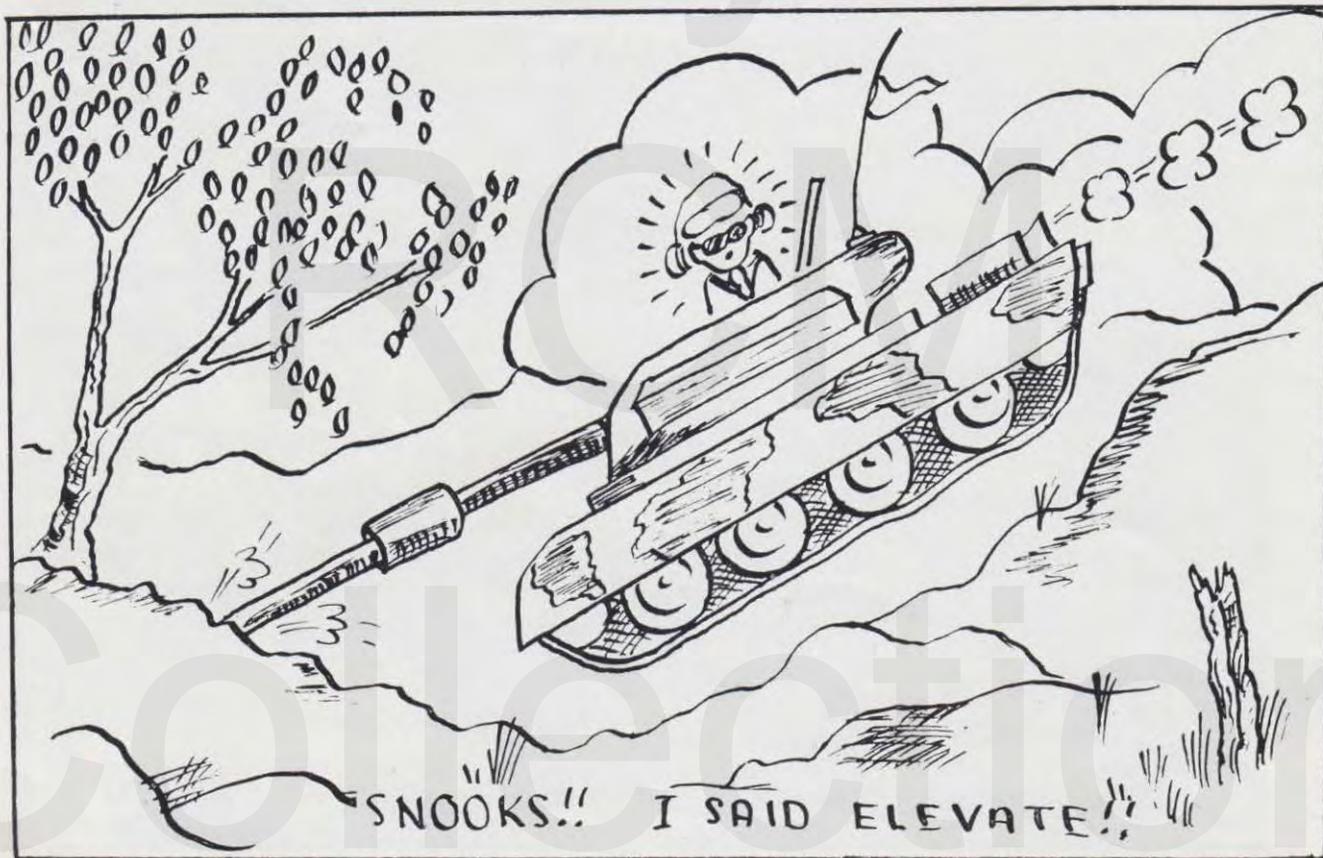
As is reported elsewhere we have been particularly fortunate this year to be able to send special recruiters to Sheffield and to Belfast. As a direct result of the activities of Sgt. Sedgwick at the former and Sgt. Taggart at the latter we have now gone almost to the top of the R.A.C. recruiting. Between January 1 and August 8, Sgt. Taggart had recruited 25 men and Sgt. Sedgwick 41.

It is encouraging that in nearly all our drafts we receive from the Training Brigade at Catterick a high proportion of them are long term regulars directly recruited for the Regiment.

A recruit's cadre was run in August by Capt. Taylor and S.S.M. Andrews for the newly joined and our two pictures show some of those on the cadre.



(Left) Tprs. Simeon, Lee, Stanley, Elliott, Wrench, Wooley and Singleton. (Right) Tprs. West, Kitney, Cassels, Trickett and Law



Achievements of the Officers

WRITING ten years ago in the Regimental History, Maj.-Gen. Evans says: “. . . out of 28 Regular officers on the Regimental list at the end of 1933, two-thirds were Lieutenant-Colonels, or higher, 11 years later. In October, 1944, after five years of the most exacting warfare, that band of 28 could show three General officers, three Brigadiers, a Colonel, and 10 Lieutenant-Colonels, of whom six were commanding cavalry armoured Regiments in the field.” Below is a list of the major command and staff appointments held by Regimental officers since 1939:—

H. E. SIR CHARLES F. KEIGHTLEY, G.C.B., G.B.E., D.S.O.: Governor and C-in-C. Gibraltar, C-in-C. M.E.L.F., C-in-C. FARELF, C-in-C. B.A.O.R., D.G.M.T., Military Secretary, Commander 5 Corps, G.O.C. 78th Infantry Division, G.O.C. 6th Armoured Division, G.O.C. 11th Armoured Division, Commander 3rd Guards Armoured Brigade, and Commander R.A.C. Training Establishment.

M. B. BURROWS, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.: Commander 8 Corps, G.O.C. 9th Armoured Division, G.O.C. 11th Armoured Division, G.O.C. West Africa, Commander 1st Motor M.G. Brigade, and G.O.C. 2nd Armoured Group.

J. D'A. ANDERSON, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.: D.R.A.C., Chief of Staff NORTHAG., G.O.C. 11th Armoured Division, Commander 25th Armoured Brigade, C.O.S. Betfor, and Commander Cyrenaica District.

*R. P. HARDING, C.B., D.S.O. and Bar: G.O.C. 54th Infantry Division T.A. and East Anglian District, G.O.C. 49th Armoured Division T.A. and North Midland District, Commander 7th Armoured Brigade, and C.O. 23rd Hussars.

*R. EVANS, C.B., M.C.: G.O.C. 1st Armoured Division, and Commander Aldershot District.

*J. E. SWETENHAM, D.S.O.: Commander 8th Armoured Brigade T.A., and C.O. Royal Scots Greys.

*A. CARR, O.B.E.: Commander 7th Armoured Brigade Group.

*H. O. WILEY, M.C.: Commander 6th Cavalry Brigade.

*J. A. ANSTICE, D.S.O.: Commander 7th Armoured Brigade, Commander 8th Armoured Brigade, Commander 30th Armoured Brigade, and Commander Cyprus District.

*E. S. D. MARTIN, D.S.O., M.C.: Commander 28th Armoured Brigade.

R. N. CARTWRIGHT, D.S.O.: Commander West African Brigade.

F. J. S. WHETSTONE, O.B.E.: Commander 9th Independent Armoured Brigade T.A., and C.O. 3rd Carabiniers.

THE HON. G. W. R. MONCKTON, O.B.E., M.C.: C.R.A.C. 3rd Infantry Division, and C.O. 12th Lancers.

T. C. WILLIAMSON, D.S.O.: C.O. 16/5th Lancers, and C.O. East Riding Yeomanry.

*A. B. J. SCOTT, D.S.O., M.C.: C.O. 1st Armoured Battle School, C.O. 2nd Lothian & Border Yeomanry, and C.O. 2nd Fife & Forfar Yeomanry.

M. P. ANSELL, C.B.E., D.S.O.: C.O. 1st Fife & Forfar Yeomanry.

*R. DE C. VIGORS, D.S.O.: C.O. 1st Fife & Forfar Yeomanry.

*C. H. BLACKER, M.C.: C.O. 23rd Hussars.

C. P. D. LEGARD: C.O. 650th Airborne Armoured Recce Regiment, and C.O. No. 4 Commando.

*Commanded the Regiment.

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STAFF LIST

R.H.Q.:

Commanding Officer . .	Lieutenant-Colonel J. M. H. R. Tomkin, M.C.
Second in Command . .	Major H. K. Chapman
Adjutant	Captain R. C. Keightley
Technical Adjutant . .	Captain G. M. G. Swindells
Assistant Adjutant and Intelligence Officer . .	Lieutenant P. G. Brooking
Signals Officer and President of the Regimental Institutes	Lieutenant T. S. K. Goschen
Quartermasters	{ Captain F. Birchall Lieutenant L. W. Green, M.B.E.
Paymaster	Major D. G. Connor
E.M.E.	Captain J. D. Law
Padre	Reverend A. E. N. Ward
M.O.	Lieutenant J. S. Bamforth
R.S.M.	R.S.M. J. Clayton, M.M.
Bandmaster	W.O.1 H. W. Vince, A.R.C.M.
“A” Squadron:	
Squadron Leader . .	Major P. A. Duckworth

Second in Command . .	Captain W. F. A. Findlay
Troop Leaders	{ Lieutenant J. P. E. Welch Lieutenant A. H. W. Dunbar 2/Lieutenant J. N. Lacey
“B” Squadron:	
Squadron Leader	Major G. S. Murray, M.C.
Second in Command . .	Captain J. C. Cupper
Troop Leaders	{ Captain E. R. A. Kelly 2/Lieutenant I. Fairclough 2/Lieutenant J. B. Lockett
“C” Squadron:	
Squadron Leader	Major G. L. Wathen
Second in Command . .	Captain D. P. Rowat
Troop Leaders	{ Lieutenant A. B. McN. Campbell 2/Lieutenant J. Rich
“H.Q.” Squadron:	
Squadron Leader	Major A. W. Moore
Second in Command . .	Captain J. D. V. L. Phelps
M.T.O.	Lieutenant P. H. Donovan
Assistant M.T.O.	2/Lieutenant J. J. Hargan

SERVING OFFICERS (E.R.E.)

His Excellency General Sir Charles F. Keightley, G.C.B., G.B.E., D.S.O., Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Gibraltar.

Major-General J. d'A. Anderson, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Director of the Royal Armoured Corps.

Brigadier A. Carr, O.B.E., is specially employed at the War Office.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. Blacker, M.C., is Military Assistant to the Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. M. D. Ward Harrison, M.C., is G.S.O.1 of 5th Division.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. C. Walker, M.B.E., M.C., is instructing at the Staff College, Camberley.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. S. Long is commanding F.V.R.D.E., Kirkeudbright.

Major E. D. G. Oates is with the Cheshire Yeomanry. Major W. F. Garnett is at Headquarters North West District.

Major C. G. B. du C. Snell is in the R.A.C. Directorate at the War Office.

Major H. G. Woods, M.C., is a G.S.O.2 at the School of Infantry.

Captain J. H. Hobart is at the Staff College.

Captain I. G. Manning is at the Staff College.

Captain C. E. Taylor, M.C., is an instructor at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

Captain A. T. P. Millen is an instructor at the D. & M. School, R.A.C. Centre.

Captain J. K. Crookshank is A.D.C. to the Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Gibraltar.

RETIREMENTS

Major-General R. P. Harding, C.B., D.S.O.

Lieutenant-Colonel R. de C. Vigers, D.S.O.

Major G. T. Blundell-Brown, M.B.E.

Lieutenant W. A. Pepper.

A.E.R.

Captain M. F. Fane	Lieutenant C. S. Hall
„ J. D. K. Barnes	„ D. R. W. Harrison
„ C. M. C. Royds	„ N. G. P. Ansell
Lieutenant H. Lang	„ A. G. G. Barr

DECORATIONS

General Sir Charles F. Keightley, G.C.B., G.B.E., D.S.O.—French Legion of Honour.

Major-General R. P. Harding, C.B., D.S.O.—D.L. of Essex.

Major P. A. Duckworth selected to train the British team for the World Modern Pentathlon Championships.

Major G. S. Murray, M.C., selected to lead the Public Schools Exploring Society's expedition to Labrador.

Presentations to the Officers' Mess

THE following presentations have been made to the Officers' Mess during the year:—

From H.E. Gen. Sir Charles F. Keightley, G.C.B., G.B.E., D.S.O.: A pair of candelabra.

From Mrs. F. J. S. Whetstone: A painting, by Peter Biegel, of the late Brigadier F. J. S. Whetstone, O.B.E.

From Lt.-Col. C. H. Blacker, M.C.: A painting of Pointsman, winner of the Grand Military Gold Cup, 1954, ridden by Col. Blacker.

From Lt.-Col. J. M. H. R. Tomkin, M.C.: A painting of the Headquarters Detachment of the 5th Dragoon Guards at Athy on the line of march from the Curragh to Cahir, June, 1863.

From Major G. T. Blundell-Brown, M.B.E.: A pair of ivory-backed hairbrushes.

From past and present officers: A painting of H.E. Gen. Sir Charles F. Keightley, G.C.B., G.B.E., D.S.O., Colonel of the Regiment, 1947-1957.

MARRIAGES

HOLLIS—BUZZARD.—On January 5, 1957, at St. Wilfred's Church, Kibworth, Tpr. Hollis to Miss Pamela Jane Ann Buzzard.

WAY—KERNICK.—On January 16, 1957, at St. Michael's Church, Kingsteignton, Devon, Cfn. Way to Miss June Kernick.

LOVELL—DUNCKLEY.—On February 16, 1957, at Towcester Registry Office, Tpr. Lovell to Miss Audrey Ann Dunkley.

PENMAN—MCDONALD.—On March 5, 1957, at Dundee East Registry Office, Tpr. Penman to Miss Jessie Clark McDonald.

DAVIES—DORAN.—On May 4, 1957, at St. Adan's Church, Liverpool, Tpr. Davies to Miss Margaret Doran.

MARRIOTT—BOUSKILL.—On June 13, 1957, at St. Peter's Church, Mansfield, Notts, Cfn. Marriott to Miss Yvonne Bouskill.

DYE—LOWE.—On August 3, 1957, at All Saints' Church, Heaton Norris, Stockport, Cpl. Dye to Miss Joyce Lowe.

SYMONS—FLYNN.—On August 26, 1957, at Burnley, Lancs, Tpr. Symons to Miss Patricia Flynn.

TAYLOR—CLINTON.—On August 31, 1957, at Newart Hill, Motherwell, Tpr. Taylor to Miss Theresa Clinton.

CAMERON—CATHIN.—On October 26, 1957, at Fulham Town Hall, Fulham, Tpr. Cameron to Miss Doris Elizabeth Cathin.

ROWE—HODSON.—On January 4, 1958, at St. Luke's Church, Birmingham, L/Cpl. Rowe to Miss Sheila Hodson.

CARMICHAEL—MCALISTER.—On January 11, 1958, at St. Mary's Church, Primrose, Jarrow, Tpr. Carmichael to Miss Joyce McAlister.

HILL—HARRISON.—On January 18, 1958, at Emmanuel Church, Birmingham, L/Cpl. Hill to Miss Margaret Patricia Harrison.

BENNISON—JACQUES.—On February 12, 1958, at St. Andrew's Church, Bishop Auckland, Tpr. Bennison to Miss Ann Jacques.

OSBORN—O'SHEA.—On February 25, 1958, at Our Lady of Sorrows, Paddington, Tpr. Osborn to Miss Helen O'Shea.

DIXON—KOCH.—On March 6, 1958, at Belfast Registry Office, Sgt. Dixon to Fraulein Sonja Thea Koch.

SCATTERGOOD—HENDRY.—On April 18, 1958, at British Consulate, Düsseldorf, Sgt. Scattergood to Miss Elsie Calder Hendry.

DERHAM—VERHAGEN.—On May 9, 1958, at Lambeth Registry Office, Cpl. Derham to Miss Helena Petronella Verhagen.

HOWLETT—HAILSTONE.—On May 31, 1958, at All Saints' Church, Swindon, Tpr. Howlett to Miss Pamela Ann Hailstone.

THOMSON—PINNER.—On June 14, 1958, at Baptist Chapel, Houghton Regis, L/Cpl. Thomson to Miss Dorothy Mavis Pinner.

LATHAM—LAUMANN.—On August 9, 1958, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Sennelager, Cpl. Latham to Fraulein Martha Laumann.

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BY "ANNIGONI"

The photographs facing show two examples of the workmanship of our Regimental signwriter. Known by everyone as "Annigoni," he has greatly enhanced the barracks by his work. A German, employed by the Civil Labour organisation, "Annigoni's" interest in our affairs and his knowledge of our history would do credit to any member of our Regiment.

1. The detailed work on one of our side-drums.

2. One of the carved-oak boards now hanging in the passage outside the Commanding Officer's office. Other boards designed by "Annigoni" show details of past Commanding Officers, Adjutants, Quartermasters and R.S.M.s of the Regiment since the amalgamation in 1922.

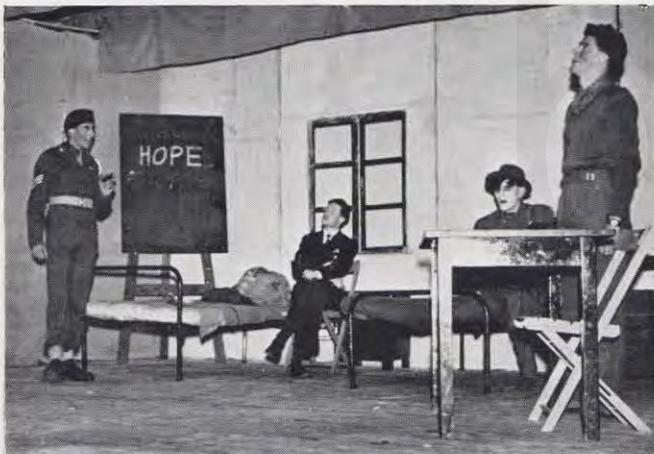
The Drama Group

DURING the winter the Drama Group staged three shows. After much perseverance Sgt. Sherwood collected enough people together to put on one act of "Reluctant Heroes," and with the assistance of the Band we had a very pleasant evening's entertainment. Not only did the Drama Group, on starting up, have to gather in enough talent to put on a show, but much work had to be done to the stage. A great amount of help was given by Cpl. Dennett and his carpenters. Our first picture shows Mr. Barr, Cpl. Packwood, Sgt. Sherwood and L/Cpl. Fanning acting in "Reluctant Heroes."

After the success and enjoyment we had from the first show we decided to put on the well-known farce, "Worm's Eye View." We were able to collect a particularly distinguished cast for this and some well-known stars. Our picture shows Tpr. Briggs, Mr. Brooking, S.S.M. Andrews, Mrs. Foster, Mr. Hutton, L/Cpl. Fanning and Cfn. Perrin. The third and last show of our

winter season was "See How They Run." The scenery was magnificently painted by "Annigoni" and made by the carpenters. This farce, which is set in a vicarage, enabled Mr. Brooking, Sgt. Wrayford, L/Cpl. Fanning and Tpr. Briggs all to appear as vicars, and Sgt. Peacocke to appear in the purple and gaiters of a full-rank bishop (acting, unpaid). Miss Lenane, Miss Shopland and Mrs. Polak put on splendid performances in this play, the last-mentioned in particular putting on an extremely amusing show.

Some of last year's casts have regrettably gone, Miss Billington, Mrs. Foster, Miss Shopland, Cpl. McGlinchey (the noises-off man), Sgt. Wrayford, L/Cpl. Fanning and Cfn. Perrin, but we have a good nucleus to build on for this winter and will be staging our first show in December. Of the others who have taken part in our shows whose photographs do not appear above, Mrs. McKiernan and Sgt. Ives deserve great credit for their parts.



Reluctant Heroes



Worm's Eye View

By "ANNIGONI"



BIRTHS

- MARTIN.—On July 14, 1957, at Tavistock Military Hospital, to the wife of Tpr. Martin—a daughter (Jennifer Ann).
- MASON.—On July 31, 1957, at British Military Hospital, Rinteln, to the wife of Cpl. Mason—a daughter (Tanya).
- CHRISTER.—On August 2, 1957, at Catterick Military Hospital, to the wife of Sgt. Christer—a son (Kevin George).
- TEAGUE.—On August 4, 1957, at British Military Hospital, Rinteln, to the wife of Sgt. Teague—a daughter (Sharon Elizabeth).
- LOWIS.—On August 13, 1957, at Stepping Hill Hospital, to the wife of Cpl. Lowis—a daughter (Susan Jane).
- BARTER.—On October 4, 1957, at British Military Hospital, Rinteln, to the wife of Cpl. Barter—a son (Stephen).
- MURKETT.—On October 9, 1957, at British Military Hospital, Rinteln, to the wife of Cpl. Murkett—a son (Neil).
- COWLEY.—On October 19, 1957, at British Military Hospital, Rinteln, to the wife of L/Cpl. Cowley—a son (Robert Andrew).
- ANDERSON.—On November 16, 1957, at Goulson Road Hospital, Coventry, to the wife of Sgt. Anderson—a son (Edward Creed).
- PORTER.—On November 16, 1957, at Military Hospital, Bovington, to the wife of Tpr. Porter—a daughter (Linda Jane).
- PHELPS.—On December 10, 1957, at British Military Hospital, Rinteln, to the wife of Captain Phelps—a son (Adrian Patrick John Lecky).
- PEACOCKE.—On December 18, 1957, at British Military Hospital, Rinteln, to the wife of Sgt. Peacocke—a son (Timothy).
- BASHFORD.—On January 8, 1958, at British Military Hospital, Rinteln, to the wife of Cpl. Bashford—a daughter (Marie).
- PETCH.—On January 11, 1958, at M.R.S., Sennelager, to the wife of Cpl. Petch—a daughter (Ann Ingrid).
- SYMONS.—On February 9, 1958, at Bankhall Maternity Hospital, Burnley, to the wife of Tpr. Symons—a daughter (Jacqueline).
- SEARLE.—On February 11, 1958, at M.R.S., Sennelager, to the wife of S.Q.M.S. Searle—a son (Frederick James).
- TIMMINS.—On February 26, 1958, at 19 Sarah Street, Hollinwood, Oldham, to the wife of Tpr. Timmins—a son (Garry George).
- WILLIAMSON.—On March 27, 1958, at M.R.S., Sennelager, to the wife of Cpl. Williamson—a son (Ian Peter).
- WEARMOUTH.—On March 31, 1958, at British Military Hospital, Rinteln, to the wife of L/Cpl. Wearmouth—a son (Robert).
- HARTLEY.—On April 15, 1958, at M.R.S., Sennelager, to the wife of Cpl. Hartley—a son (Robert Stephen).
- RAYMOND.—On May 22, 1958, at M.R.S., Sennelager, to the wife of Sgt. Raymond—a daughter (Helen Margaret).
- DYE.—On June 2, 1958, at Stockport Infirmary, to the wife of Cpl. Dye—a daughter (Susan).
- DONNELLY.—On June 6, 1958, at Belfast City Hospital, to the wife of Tpr. Donnelly—a son (John Alexander).
- MONEY.—On June 21, 1958, at 11 Brands Terrace, Richmond, to the wife of Cpl. Money—a son (Michael Patrick).

VISITORS TO THE REGIMENT

His Excellency General Sir Charles F. Keightley, G.C.B., G.B.E., D.S.O., Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Gibraltar, lately Colonel of the Regiment.

Colonel M. P. Ansell, C.B.E., D.S.O., Colonel of the Regiment.

Major-General H. R. B. Foote, V.C., C.B., D.S.O., Director of the Royal Armoured Corps.

Major-General J. d'A. Anderson, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., lately Chief of Staff, Northern Army Group.

Major-General W. G. Stirling, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., lately G.O.C. 6th Armoured Division.

Major-General D. S. S. O'Connor, C.B.E., lately G.O.C. 6th Armoured Division.

Major-General G. C. Hopkinson, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., G.O.C. 4th Division.

Major-General A. E. Brocklehurst, C.B., D.S.O., G.O.C. Rhine District.

Major-General Viscomte de Walchiers, Deputy Chief of Staff, H.Q. Northern Army Group.

Brigadier H. O. Wiley, M.C.

Brigadier G. R. D. Fitzpatrick, D.S.O., M.B.E., M.C.,

C.R.A.C.1 (B.R.) Corps, and Commander Lippe Garrison.

Brigadier A. W. A. Llewellyn-Palmer, D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C., Commander 20th Armoured Brigade Group.

Brigadier D. J. E. O'Flynn, D.S.O., M.B.E., Commander R.A.C. Training Brigade.

Brigadier A. N. T. Meneces, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.D., M.R.C.P., D.D.M.S.1 (B.R.) Corps.

Colonel J. A. d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, O.B.E., M.C., A.A.G. the War Office (A.G.17).

Colonel A. M. Mann, D.S.O., O.B.E., Army Council Representative on N.A.A.F.I. Board of Managers.

Colonel J. C. Barnetson, O.B.E., M.B., lately A.D.M.S. 6th Armoured Division.

Colonel J. Shields, M.R.C.S., lately A.D.M.S. 6th Armoured Division.

Colonel R. T. Shipman, M.R.C.S., A.D.M.S. 4th Division.

The Reverend C. G. Gregory, Q.H.C., M.A., Assistant Chaplain-General, H.Q., B.A.O.R.

The Reverend N. Maclean, O.B.E., M.A., Deputy Assistant Chaplain-General, H.Q.1 (B.R.), Corps.

The Cost of Living Index

NOT being employed in the Treasury the Editor finds it difficult to understand what the title of this article really means. He is informed, however, by a friend, who once opened the *Financial Times* thinking it was the *Sporting Life*, that the index is worked out on the present cost of buying certain essentials of life compared with what it cost King Henry VIII to keep his wives. What is far from clear is what are the essentials. A poll taken from a group of soldiers might indicate the following as essentials: 1, Cigarettes; 2, beer; 3, one wife (more than one is, at present, considered extravagant); 4, a football; 5, a television set (or, at least, an aerial); 6, a bed; 7, a motor car; and 8, food and clothing.

Number 5 on this list being inoperative in Germany, it may be of interest to such people as the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the motor-car manufacturers, and whoever is responsible for another phenomena called "The Trade Gap," to study the motoring habits of this Regiment. This list is definitely E. & O.E., as the bank managers say, as the Editor feels sure that it would be a sweeping assertion to say that "everyone registers his car at the guard-room." In any event, here are the cars owned by the Regiment, by makes and by ranks:—

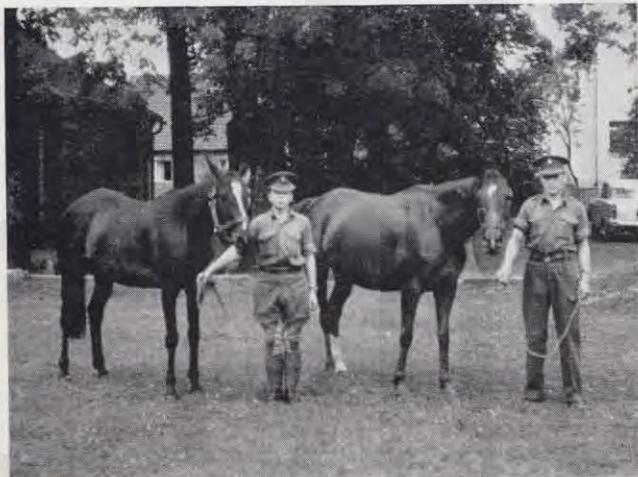
Make	Officers	W.O.s	S.Q.M.S. and Corporals		Troopers	Total
			Sergeants			
Opel	4	6	19	8	3	40
Ford	4	1	8	—	—	13
Mercedes	9	1	2	1	—	13
Borgward	1	1	1	1	—	4
Vauxhall	1	1	—	—	—	2
Chevrolet	—	—	2	—	—	2
Volkswagen	1	—	1	—	—	2
Austin	—	—	1	—	—	1
B.M.W.	—	—	—	1	—	1
Standard	—	—	—	1	—	1
Packard	—	—	1	—	—	1
Rover	1	—	—	—	—	1
Humber	1	—	—	—	—	1
Riley	1	—	—	—	—	1
Sunbeam	1	—	—	—	—	1
Morris	1	—	—	—	—	1
Tetra	1	—	—	—	—	1
Total	26	10	35	12	3	86

Equitation 1958

THE year 1958 has brought us successes in the show-jumping ring, in horse trials and hunter trials, on the race-course, and on the polo field. Throughout the year we have had about 16 horses in the stable. With the departure of Lt.Col. Blacker's string to England and the sale of two of our best show-jumpers to the Germans, we cannot produce as imposing a list of successes as we did in 1957, but we have been making steady progress with new material. In particular, we have begun to make our presence felt on the polo fields of Germany and we are gradually building up a string of Regimental ponies.

The show-jumping season starts early in Germany, with a series of winter indoor shows, including the international shows at Hannover, Berlin and Dortmund. 2/Lt. Ansell, who had already proved his worth on the polo field and on the race-course, partnered Hans, an old B.A.O.R. show-jumping committee horse, which the Regiment bought at the end of last year. After some intensive training in the winter, he put up some very creditable performances at Munster, Hannover and Berlin. Major Wathen's Enniskillen was frequently placed at these shows and was second to Goyoaga of Spain in Berlin, and Tolrock confirmed his early promise. Mention must be made of our team, consisting of Ansell on Hans and Wathen on Enniskillen and Tolrock, which took third place in the international team competition at Hannover, in which eight teams took part, including riders from Germany, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Denmark and Sweden.

Newcomers to our show-jumping string have been Major and Mrs. Wathen's Easter Hope and Montrose, and Lt. Welch's Four Farthings, who has much improved during the summer and who was second in the B.A.O.R. Championships at Lippspringe. These three have also taken part in horse trials, and Four Farthings has usually been well to the fore. Lt.-Col. Tomkin's Lady Royal has again given a good account of herself in hunter trials and on the race-course. Lt. Goschen's Porfin showed over hurdles at Hannover that he has a turn of speed which promises well for the future, and here Four Farthings nearly brought off a coup when losing by a neck in a hunter chase on his first visit to a race-course.



At the Lippspringe show in July we were represented in the horse trials and hunter trials, in the show ring and on the polo field. The Regiment was responsible for the show-jumping ring, and our policy of making the earlier courses easy but imposing paid dividends. Most horses jumped well, and by the second day they were jumping confidently over quite big courses. The show ended with an exciting win in the six-bar jumping competition by Hans ridden by Mrs. Wathen.

Of those not at present serving with us, we hear that Capt. Manning has not found race riding to be incompatible with the Staff College curriculum; we have seen Lt.-Col. Ward-Harrison putting up creditable performances in the jumping ring on Baccarat; and a stable (should we say manure heap?) rumour has it that Lt.-Col. Blacker's Workboy exercises some influence on the timetable of the Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Finally we congratulate Sgt. Power on his recent promotion and thank him and L/Cpls. Howell and Stefan, and Tprs. Ashmore, Collins, Mason, McGregor, Mealor and Shearer for all that they have done to keep the horses fit and well during the past year.

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VISIT OF SOME OF THE B.F.N. STAFF



In April the Regiment was visited by the singer Miss Lorrae Desmond and some of the staff of the British Forces Network.

Miss Desmond, pictured here, who is being shown round the tank park by Mr. Goschen, put on a show in the Gym together with our Band and some variety acts by members of the Regiment.

The evening was an outstanding success and, as it was recorded, we were later able to hear it all again on the wireless.

Polo

CONSIDERING the Regiment has only been playing polo for two seasons it may reasonably be said that great potential is available and that results have been good. In the handicap tournaments we did encouragingly well and the Captains and Subalterns team showed themselves capable of good team-work and fair striking power. Next year it is planned to put a team in for the inter-Regimental tournament as well as the Captains and Subalterns, so we can compare ourselves with the best that other Regiments can produce. The great difficulty at the moment is the shortage of ponies. This is starting to improve as three more were bought in England in August, so we now have six certain fully-made match ponies for next year and two more likely ones. Also we have three young ones, not yet match entered, but they may make the grade by the inter-Regimental in June. Those many past officers, who in their time helped to build up the Polo or Horse Fund, will doubtless be happy to know that the Regiment has the fortune to be in a station where polo is played and, therefore, the fund once again has come into its own. Members of the Regiment now playing polo are indeed grateful. It is most encouraging to view the great keenness that has been shown this year by all those playing. The Captains and Subalterns were more or less bullied into practice, but those not on that team were extremely patient when they had to ride club ponies, and much toil was done by everybody in the polo pit, which is now in full working order and seems just what is required. Of the individuals, Capt. Swindells started this season and promises very well, having a good eye. When he becomes quicker on the turn he will become extremely valuable. Mr. Dunbar is much improved and now has a good idea of positioning. Mr. Campbell has also improved a great deal after his equitation course. Mr. Welch has had his time taken up by his show jumping activities this season, but he would make an excellent No. 1 if he could find time to practice this as well. There are also two new recruits for next season, Mr. Brooking and Mr. Lockett. They have been

THE POLO TEAM



Captains and Subalterns



THE GROOMS

Tprs. Mealor, Mason, Collins, Sgt. Power, Tprs. Shearer, Ashmore and L/Cpl. Howell

in the polo pit and will be at riding school this winter to improve their "polo aids."

The Captains and Subalterns team had a measure of success. The first match was against the 14/20th Hussars which we won. This was lucky as several shots went wide and two bad fouls were incurred by us. However, the experience was valuable as the next match was against the 9th Lancers who had a good team. They beat us, but we had more than our fair share of the game and we should have won easily—again, our shooting was not all that it might have been. In this game Mr. Hutton, at back, played outstandingly, in fact, as well as he had done this season. The team consisted of Mr. Lacey, No. 1, Capt. Kelly, No. 2, Capt. Keightley, No. 3, and Mr. Hutton, back. Unfortunately Mr. Hutton has now left, but the other three will still be available next year.

During the Munster and Lippspringe weeks the Regiment had its share of representatives on the polo field. The Colonel played for a team of "Centurions," Capt. Kelly for "Last Year's Colts," and Capt. Keightley for "This Year's Colts." Six matches were played at Lippspringe and were fairly fast galloping games which helped to give our players experience. Capt. Keightley then went back to England in August to play at back for the B.A.O.R. Colts at Cowdray. This should have improved him, and we hope that the experience he has gained will be useful for our other players next year. At the time of going to press there is still a month of the polo season to go, but the ponies have had a hard season and the Regiment is to be on training for three weeks, so it is unlikely that much more polo will be played. As at the end of last year, our most grateful thanks are due to the Bad Lippspringe Club for their repeated kindness over ponies and advice, and also to Brigadier Llewellyn-Palmer, who took the Captains and Subalterns team under his wing and gave much extremely valuable help to them.



FOOTBALL AND BOXING TEAMS

(Above) The Colonel of the Regiment with the football team: Sgt. Rumble, Tpr. Cole, Tpr. Wastie, Tpr. Crampton, L/Cpl. Fricker, Cpl. Coldwell, Tpr. Walker, Pte. Westcott, Tpr. Hollis, L/Cpl. Archer, The Commanding Officer, The Colonel, Mr. Green, L/Cpl. Hulston, Tpr. Stead.
 (Below) The boxing team: Q.M.S.I. Arthur, Tprs. Taylor, Cox, Tafe, Cameron, L/Cpl. Rhodes, Tprs. Whittaker and Casey, L/Cpl. Pegg, Tpr. Fletcher, Tprs. Airie, McNeill, Tray, Capt. (Q.M.) Birchall, The Commanding Officer, Mr. Oatley, Tprs. Murphy, Pugh, L/Cpl. Pears

BOXING

THE inter-Squadron novices competition had to be postponed and did not take place until the beginning of November, leaving us little time to form a team before the first round of the 6 Armoured Division Championships. Many of the old hands of last year had left or were on the point of leaving, including Messrs. Morris, Hickey and Fleming, but a certain amount of new talent was found and we beat 12 L.A.A. Regiment in the first round Division match by eight fights to three, five on K.O.s (Cameron, Pugh, Fleming, Whittaker and Lovell).

The second round and semi-final was boxed against 1 R.H.A. at Munster, and won by six bouts to five. A very exciting match, only decided in the last fight, when Whittaker K.O.'d his opponent, other K.O.s were 2/Lt. Oatley, Pugh and Fleming.

The final was boxed against the 12th Lancers at

Wolfenbuttel on November 20, and won, again by six bouts to five. Notable contests were fought by Pugh, Tray, Cameron and Whittaker who all boxed extremely well. Having won the Division Championships it was decided that the best plan was to stop and not go on to B.A.O.R., mainly because the team on the whole lacked match experience. In fact the B.A.O.R. standard was far lower than expected and we might have shown up reasonably well.

Whittaker, Cameron, McNeill and L/Cpl. Pears were entered for the B.A.O.R. individuals, and L/Cpl. Pears did well to win at light-welter, and went to England where he was narrowly beaten by Stone, an extremely able amateur.

Both Whittaker and McNeill represented Paderborn in a civilian competition.



1. L/Cpl. Patterson and Tpr. McKenna
2. Tpr. Tray and L/Cpl. Pears

• Boxing •

3. Patterson collects his prize from General Sir Charles Keightley
4. L/Cpl. Pears collecting his prize

Cricket Season 1958

UNFORTUNATELY, 1958 has been one of the wettest cricket seasons on record and, as far as the Regiment is concerned, 10 matches had to be cancelled and three others were affected by rain.

Although the results have been disappointing, the Regimental team has played some very good and enjoyable cricket, and several of the matches which were lost could easily have resulted in a win, with a little more luck.

The Army Cup produced the two most exciting matches. In the first round we beat 3 R.T.R. by two runs and then lost to the K.O.Y.L.I. in the second round in the last over of the match.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the Berlin tour, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, due to the kindness and hospitality of the Inniskilling Fusiliers who were our hosts. We played two matches, the first against a very strong R.A.F. Gatau side, which we lost after a good game, the second against the Inniskilling Fusiliers, which resulted in a draw in our favour, rain once again interfering with the match.

It is impossible to mention all who played for the Regiment, but the following provided the mainstay of the team: 2/Lt. Lockett, a very sound and attractive opening bat, who played for Harrow last season; Cpl. Blinkhorn, a good all-rounder, who, if he could obtain a better control of length, could develop into a top-class leg-break bowler; Tpr. Mayes, a very good wicket-keeper batsman, who has played for Northants 2nd XI; L/Cpl. Musk, a medium-fast bowler and stylish batsman, who was on the M.C.C. ground staff before joining the Army; Cfn. Cox, a very consistent opening bowler and excellent field; and Trumpet-Major Herbert, another useful opening bowler. The following also played regularly for the team: Cfn. Binding, Tpr. Wood, L/Cpl. Hulston, L/Cpl. Pears, Tpr. Hanson, Tpr. Zeller and Tpr. Walker.

The detailed results and season's averages up to the time of writing, with a further match still to be played, are as follows:—

Opponents	Result	Scores
1 R.H.A.	.. .. Lost	1 R.H.A. 170 for 3. 5 Innis. D.G. 42 (Binding 23).
1st The Royal Dragoons	Draw	5 Innis. D.G. 171 for 3 (Rowat 62, Keightley 33, Mayes 30). Royals 26 for 6 (Cox 3 for 13, Musk 2 for 10).
3rd Bn. The Coldstream Guards	Draw	5 Innis. D.G. 37 for 2 (rain stopped play).
K.O.Y.L.I.	.. .. Lost	5 Innis. D.G. 51 (Walker 23). K.O.Y.L.I. 53 for 4 (Green 2 for 12).



The Teams for the Officers' v. Sergeants' Match
Sgt. Bertrand, S.Q.M.S. Nunn, Sgts. Howells and Gibson, Messrs. Donovan and Hutton, Sgt. Rayford, Capt. Kelly, The Commanding Officer, Mr. Lockett, Capt. Rowat, Dr. Bamforth, Mr. Fitzmaurice, Major Chapman, Mr. Foster, Capt. Swindells, Sgt. Vasper, S.Q.M.S. Searle, Sgts. Millard, Teague and Peacocke

1st Bn. The Hampshire Regiment	Draw	Hampshires 124 (Herbert 6 for 37). 5 Innis. D.G. 50 for 2 (Walker 24*).
3 R.T.R.	.. .. Won	5 Innis. D.G. 89 (Musk 26). 3 R.T.R. 87 (Blinkhorne 4 for 35).
1st Bn. The Coldstream Guards	Won	5 Innis. D.G. 54 (Hollis 17). 1st Coldstreams 45 (Hollis 7 for 8).
R.A.F., Sundern	.. .. Lost	5 Innis. D.G. 129 for 9 (Mayes 49*); R.A.F. 130 for 4 (Blinkhorne 3 for 31).
K.O.Y.L.I.	.. .. Lost	5 Innis. D.G. 108 (Rowat 20). K.O.Y.L.I. 109 for 7 (Blinkhorne 3 for 16).
R.A.F., Gatau	.. .. Lost	5 Innis. D.G. 108 for 5 (Rowat 24). R.A.F. 114 for 6.
1st Bn. The Inniskilling Fusiliers	Draw	5 Innis. D.G. 138 for 5 (Lockett 45). Inniskilling Fusiliers 103 for 5.

*Not out.

BATTING AVERAGES

	No. of Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Aver.
Capt. Rowat	6	0	155	62	25.8
Tpr. Walker	4	1	61	24*	20.3
Tpr. Mayes	8	2	101	49*	16.8
2/Lt. Lockett	10	1	145	45	16.1
1/Cpl. Pears	4	1	40	21	13.3
Tpr. Wood	6	1	57	25	11.4
L/Cpl. Musk	9	2	65	26	9.2
Cpl. Blinkhorne	6	1	44	15	8.8
Cfn. Binding	5	0	32	23	6.4
Tpr. Zeller	4	0	22	13	5.5
Cfn. Cox	5	2	11	5	3.6

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Aver.
Tpr. Hollis	6	2	8	7	1.1
T/M. Herbert	30	3	76	8	9.5
Cpl. Blinkhorne	48	5	160	16	10.0
L/Cpl. Hulston	20	2	69	5	13.8
Cfn. Cox	87	17	226	11	20.5
L/Cpl. Musk	48	8	150	7	21.4



The Regimental Team in Berlin
Tpr. Zeller, Cfn. Binding, S/Sgt. Weaver, L/Cpl. Musk, Cfn. Cox, Tprs. Hanson and Woods, Cpl. Blinkhorne, Mr. Lockett, Capt. Rowat, L/Cpl. Pears and Mr. Foster



(Left, l. to r.) Capt. Fisher, Capt. Phelps, Lt. Spicer 12L awaiting their turn at the Slalom. (Centre) Regimental Team: Capt. Fisher, Capt. Phelps, Capt. Swindells, Lt. Crookshank. (Right) Climbing to the start of the Slalom

SKI-ING

UNFORTUNATELY we were only able to enter a team for the Downhill and Slalom events, which meant we were not able to contest for the 6 Division Championships which required us to enter a team for the patrol and cross-country races as well. However, in the two events for which we did enter we did extremely well, coming first in the Downhill, in which Lt. Crookshank also achieved the fastest individual time. In the Slalom the team were placed second by 0.4 of a second.

Considering the very little practice that the team was able to put in, and the much more experienced teams we were competing against, it was a creditable result. Conditions were by no means ideal, the surface being for the most part sheet ice, it is likely that next year the championships may be held in Austria, and we hope that we shall be able to enter a full team.

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FENCING

THE Regimental team met with a very fair degree of success this season. In the Army competition we won the Divisional light-weapons and épée-team events and were third in both teams in the B.A.O.R. The following represented the Regiment:—

Major Duckworth	Sgt. Peacocke
Capt. Phelps	Sgt.-Instructor Hepplewhite
2/Lt. Bland	Tpr. Staples
Trumpet-Major Herbert	

We were very pleased to receive an invitation to take part in the IV International Épée Tournament, held at Luxembourg. Unfortunately not all the team could go, but those who did enjoyed themselves enormously, and were full of praise for the way in which they were looked after. The standard was extremely high but we did not disgrace ourselves. We all look forward to going again next year. We have made contact with the local German clubs, who have made us most welcome and from whom we should be able to learn a lot.

In conclusion I would say that we are always looking for new blood and anyone is most welcome; even if you have not fenced before and would like to learn, come along. To all those who have helped to make this season a success I would like to say thank you for all your efforts and I hope we do see you next year.

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ATHLETICS

ONE cannot say that this season we were highly successful in the athletic world. In the Army Inter-Unit Championships we were knocked out in the first round.

Starting from the beginning, on Monday, June 2, 1958, we had a very interesting Inter-Squadron athletic meeting. It ended by being a very close thing between "A" and "H.Q." Squadrons. The latter won with the result of the last race.

On Sunday, June 22, 1958, the Regiment took on Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. It was a wonderful day's sport, though the Regiment suffered a beating, but nevertheless we were not downhearted as the Cambridge side included five "Blues." Some of the best performances were Cfn. Cox's javelin throw of 155 ft. 6 in., W.O.2 McKiernan's pole vault of 10 ft. 5 in., and L/Cpl. Pygott's long-jump of 20 ft. 3 in.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, June 24 and 25, 1958, the 20 Armoured Brigade Group Inter-Unit Team Athletics Championships were resolved at Detmold. The result was that the Regiment was placed fourth. However, several individuals put up very good performances. W.O.2 McKiernan cleared 10 ft. 9 in. in the pole vault, and L/Cpl. Pygott jumped his usual 20 ft. Mr. Barr, running first in the 4 x 800 metres relay, got away to a good start and soon had a lead of 50 yds. The rest of the field failed to reduce this to any extent, due to the efforts of the rest of the team, Tprs. Graham and Ward, and Bdsm. Warne.

It is hoped that the Regiment will do better in the athletics next year.

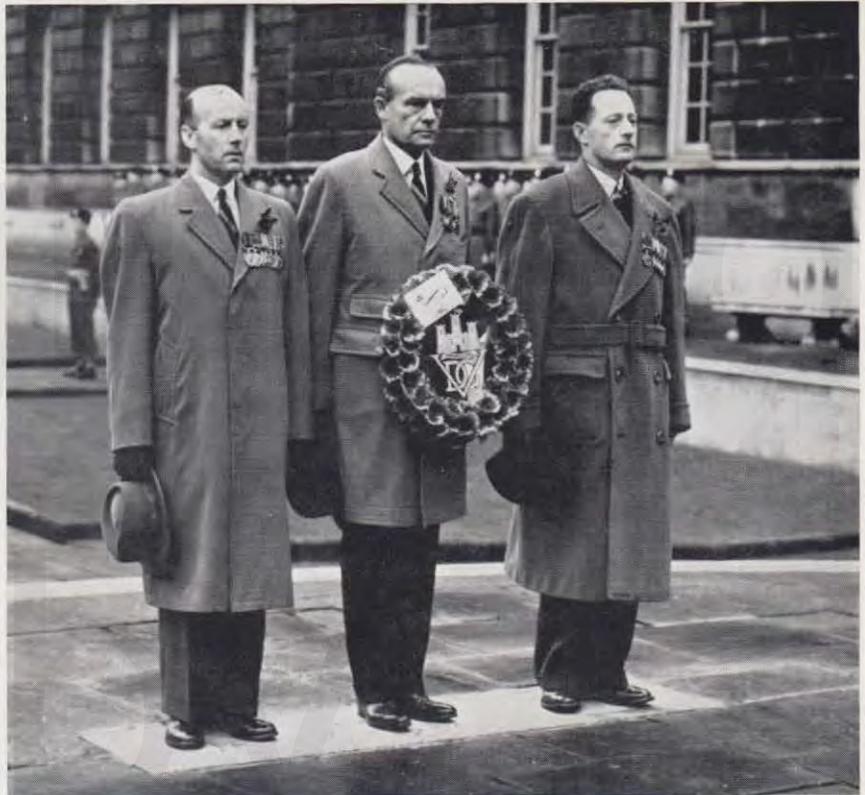
The Regimental Association



Notes from the Hon. Secretary



(Left to Right) Mr. Chalmers, Col. Murland,
Mr. Robb



(Photo: Northern Whig)

DURING the past year the Association has held the usual parades which have been well supported.

We would, however, appeal for stronger support for the Balacava Day Parade which, this year, will be held on Sunday, October 26, and *not* on October 19 as announced in our last newsletter. This change of date is due to the postponement of the visit to the Regiment, originally planned for October 24.

Our President, Gen. Sir Charles F. Keightley, G.C.B., G.B.E., D.S.O., A.D.C., has taken up his appointment as Governor and Commander-in-Chief at Gibraltar. The General has also completed his term of office as Colonel of the Regiment and has been succeeded by Lt.-Col. M. P. Ansell, C.B.E., D.S.O.

It is pleasing to note that two of our well-known members have taken over important appointments at the War Office, Maj.-Gen. J. D'A. Anderson, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., that of Director of the Royal Armoured Corps, and Lt.-Col. C. H. Blacker, M.C., that of Military Assistant to the C.I.G.S. The Colonel has been succeeded by Lt.-Col. M. R. Tomkin, M.C., as Officer Commanding the Regiment.

The annual reunion this year was a great success and members are requested to note the "permanent fixture." It will always be held on Cup Final night at the same location: Pimms Red House, 94 Bishopsgate, E.C.2.

It is with regret that we record the death of Major W. H. King, O.B.E., Mr. W. Wobschall and Mr. E. J. Carterer.

BALACLAVA DAY

OCTOBER 25

A wreath will be placed on the Cavalry Memorial in Hyde Park on Sunday, October 26, 1958. Parade at the Achilles statue at 11.45 a.m.

THE FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE

AND

ARMISTICE DAY

Wreaths will be placed on the Regimental plot in the Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey, at 12 noon, Thursday, November 6, 1958. Parade at 11.30 a.m., south of the Cenotaph, in Whitehall, S.W.1.

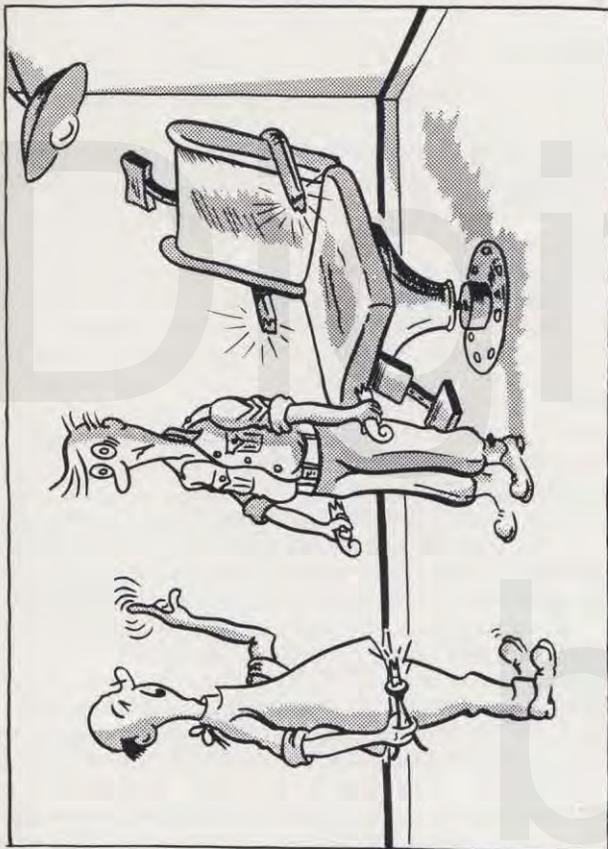
The Armistice Day Parade will be held at the Cenotaph on Sunday, November 9, 1958. Members wishing to take part should write to the Hon. Secretary at least one month before November 9. Please address correspondence to the Hon. Secretary, c/o Midland Bank Ltd., 66 St. James's Street, S.W.1.

The picture shows Col. Murland, Mr. Chalmers and Mr. Robb laying a wreath at the Belfast Cenotaph on Armistice Day.

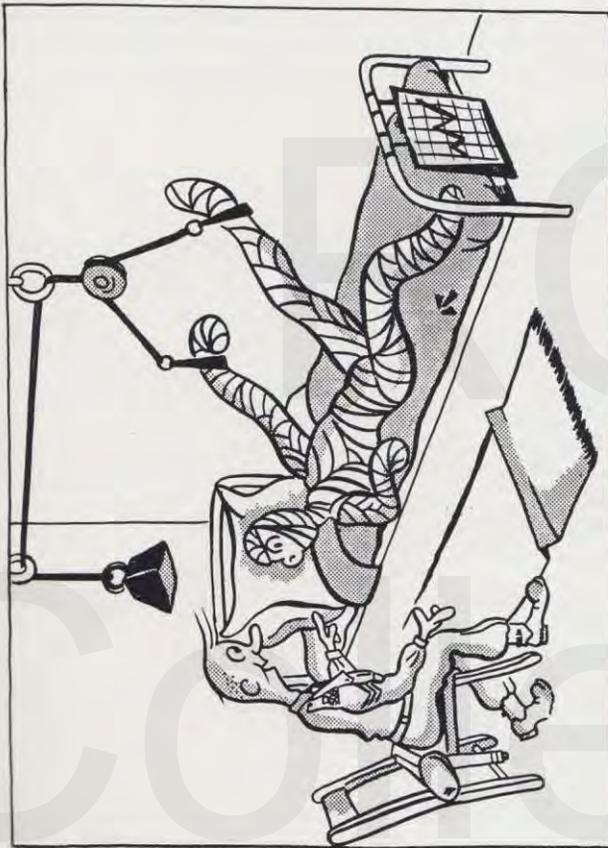
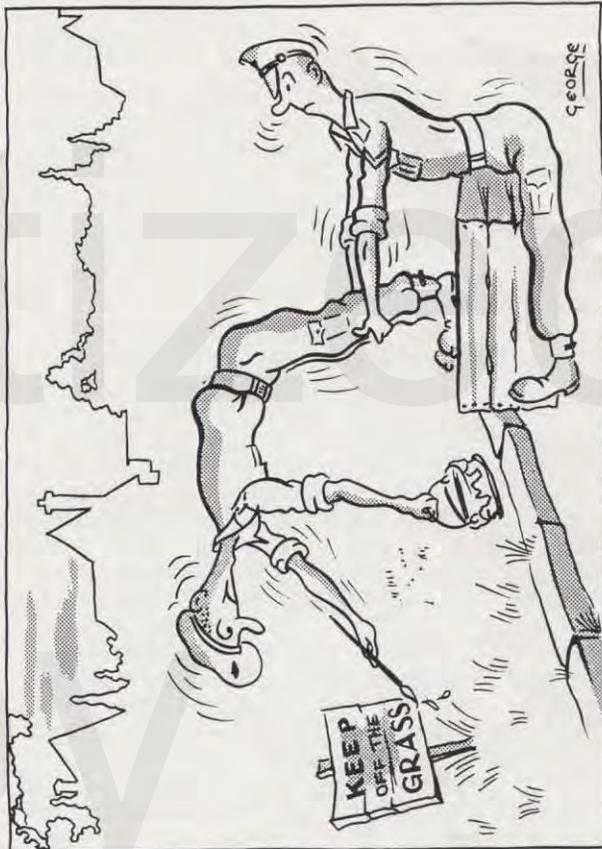
T. WILLIAMS, Hon. Secretary.

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

A Northern Ireland Branch of the association has been formed. The Secretary is Mr. R. W. Chalmers, D.C.M., 31 Kirkland Square, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim.



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Cheshire Yeomanry

IN the last issue of the JOURNAL we spoke of our reduction in numbers at the Cheshire Yeomanry because the Carabiniers became equally responsible for providing the Permanent Staff. Now, sadly, we have to record that the affiliation with our Regiment will shortly be severed altogether. However, although our task may be complete, I am sure that, because of pleasant tours many of us have spent with the Yeomanry, we will never lose contact with each other.

Major E. B. G. Oates, as Training Officer, is the only officer of the Regiment with us, while the strength of our warrant officers is being decreased with L/S.S.M. Slinger taking advantage of that well-used word "redundancy"—we wish him good fortune in civilian life.

Congratulations are due to Sgt. Clarke on his promotion; he now carries on the double role of D. & M. Instructor and M.T. Sergeant. We would like to thank Sgt. Causton for his good work as M.T. Sergeant and we are sorry that his unfortunate illness in January resulted in a medical discharge from the Army. We wish him a speedy recovery to perfect health and hope that he is successful in his civilian occupation in Chester. Sgt. Smith, whom we thought had convalesced so well here, and returned to the Regiment for good, has turned up for yet another tour with the Yeomanry and once again has been welcomed by them, as P.S.I. of "H.Q." Squadron. Cpls. Leech, Coleman and Duval have left us to rejoin the Regiment, but only the Gunnery Instructor, Cpl. Campbell, came from our Regiment, the others being replaced by Carabiniers.

Annual camp this year was at Castle Martin, South Wales, and in his address to all ranks the Colonel of the Regiment thanked the Permanent Staff for their hard

work and said how sorry they all were at the news of losing the Inniskillings. The anticipated trouble with the vehicle inspectorate, recorded in last year's JOURNAL, did not materialise and instead we obtained a very good report. Once again the Permanent Staff are working hard to obtain a similar result this year; indeed, many of our vehicles are already virtual show-pieces, because with the Territorial Army celebrating their Jubilee Year we have had several parades and recruiting drives. Finally, to those who are not mentioned by name and are still with us we wish to thank them for a job well done.

The following letter was received by Col. Tomkin from Col. Churton on the announcement of our change of affiliation from the Yeomanry to the North Irish Horse:—

"I am particularly sorry that we should have to lose the affiliation with the 'Skins.' In 12 years we have had the opportunity of getting to know your Regiment, and we have met a large number of very charming officers. We have also been very well served by those from your Regiment who have been sent to us as our Permanent Staff.

"I would like all your Regiment to know how much we have appreciated the work that those officers and other ranks who have been attached to us have put in to train the Cheshire Yeomanry. I do not think I am exaggerating when I say that the Cheshire Yeomanry is very well thought of as a Territorial Armoured Regiment. For a Yeomanry Regiment I believe and indeed understand that it is considered to be well-trained and efficient. This has been achieved largely from the instruction and assistance received from your Permanent Staff."

The British Columbia Dragoons

THE following correspondence has been exchanged with the British Columbia Dragoons, and we all very much welcome their further connection with the Regiment.

Headquarters,
The British Columbia Dragoons,
R.C.A.C. C.A.(M.),
Vernon, B.C.,
Canada.
July 22, 1958.

Commanding Officer,
The 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards.
DEAR COLONEL,

It is the desire of the British Columbia Dragoons to change the Regimental March Past of the Regiment to the Regimental March Past of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards—"Fare ye well Inniskilling"—from the present March Past of this Regiment—"Colonel Bogey."

The reasons for these changes are as follows:—

- (a) The March Past—"Fare ye well Inniskilling"—is the March Past of our affiliated Regiment, the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, and as such would have a special meaning to our Regiment;

- (b) There is no Regimental attachment to "Colonel Bogey."

This move has the concurrence of the Honorary Colonel of this Regiment and past Commanding Officers.

The Commanding Officer would like very much to have the concurrence of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, as it is felt that the use of a common March Past would bring our two Regiments closer together. With your concurrence a formal application for this change will be made.

The Commanding Officer conveys the best regards and best wishes from the officers, warrant officers, N.C.O.s and men of the British Columbia Dragoons to the officers, warrant officers, N.C.O.s and men of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards.

Sincerely,
H. K. CLARKE, Lt.-Col.

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Lt.-Col. H. K. Clarke,
Commanding Officer,
Headquarters,
The British Columbia Dragoons,
R.C.A.C., C.A.(M.),
Vernon, B.C.,
Canada.

August 26, 1958.

DEAR COL. CLARKE,

Your letter addressed to the O.C., 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, has been sent on to me. We would be only too delighted that you should use the Regimental march "Fare ye well Inniskilling."

I think it a most excellent idea and it will bring our two Regiments closer together. I am asking Major Knox Chapman to send you the music and also the words.

I would like you to make it quite clear to your Regiment that it is our Regimental march and it is being used by you not only with our permission but also with every good wish from the Regiment.

Yours sincerely,
COL. M. P. ANSELL.

V.I.P. Travelling

MOST of us have seen the arrival of a V.I.P.—the outriders on motorcycles, the black, gleaming Rolls as it glides to a halt before the rather nervous reception party, and then the emergence of the Personage himself. At the same time, getting out through the less-fashionable doors, may be seen various minor beings, who then follow diffidently along in the slipstream of the great man.

Have you ever wondered about these hangers-on, and whether they are happy in their work? I don't suppose so, but having been one myself in recent months I can tell you something about journeys with a V.I.P. If you don't want to hear about them you should now turn to the bit about the football team, or admire the picture of Major Wathen jumping a fence. (If there isn't one the Editor will be guilty of a serious break with tradition.)

Journeys by Rolls are normal and rather commonplace, but there are plenty of other ways of getting a V.I.P. about. Sometimes he just goes B.O.A.C., at others a tarted-up Hastings aircraft is used, while for more informal occasions a helicopter or an Auster are brought into service. But if the V.I.P. is seriously pressed for time he can be squeezed into a Canberra, which, with helicopters placed at strategic points, can get him, as it did once this year, from a lunch table in Edinburgh to a conference table in Whitehall in two hours dead. Some day, I suppose, one will shoot them about in missiles.

But back to the Rolls, in which I have driven up to many unit guard-rooms in attendance upon my V.I.P. Having, until last year, always been on the receiving end of inspections by senior officers it is rather fun to view proceedings through the other end of the telescope. Sometimes we catch the reception party out by arriving slightly earlier than expected. On such occasions the guard-room in the distance wears a bleak and disinterested look, but suddenly the alarm is raised and then there is much scurrying. The guard pours frantically out of the guard-room, the R.S.M. makes his presence felt, and, in the distance, the Commanding Officer and his retinue can be seen advancing at a steady trot. On such occasions it is tactful to reduce the speed of the Rolls until the situation is more under control.

Flying about in a Hastings is splendid for everyone but the talkative, for the noise makes conversation virtually impossible. There are, however, many compensations, not the least being that its comparatively slow speed allows plenty of time for relaxation, and that it flies low enough for one to see what is going on

beneath. Sometimes, however, there is a mechanical hitch, and either one gets stranded somewhere not very gay, like El Adem, or the aircraft turns back, having dispensed with the services of one engine, from which, very spectacularly, upwards of a thousand gallons of petrol has been jettisoned. There are few greater anticlimaxes than a return to an airfield from which, an hour or two previously, all the local Generals and a guard of honour have paid the V.I.P. a ceremonial farewell.

But that is much better than an experience which befell my predecessor in Turkey. On this occasion a door of the Hastings flew open in mid-air and was blown off, ending embedded in the aircraft's tail. This caused the aircraft to indulge in the most hair-raising swoops and spirals, and all within it made ready to meet their end. Eventually, however, the door became dislodged and the aircraft, by then very near the ground, recovered and flew on. My predecessor then relates how a local Turk below, in a fever of excitement, swooped upon the door as it hit the ground, picked it up and ran with it after the aircraft, apparently shouting the Turkish equivalent of "Stop, stop, you've dropped something!" It makes a good story, anyhow.

We travelled once to Rhodesia as normal passengers in a Britannia. This was luxurious but bad for the liver, as for 24 hours we lay motionless in our seats, with beautiful air hostesses handing us a constant stream of different drinks and sweetmeats. It was on this trip that I realised how impossible it is for a V.I.P. in transit to slip through the intermediate airports without being noticed or his arrival proclaimed in advance. Whether it was 1 a.m. in the greenhouse-heat of Khartoum, or 6 a.m. and drizzling in Nairobi, immaculately-dressed Generals or Military Attachés would be there, present and correct. It was difficult at such hours to confront these splendid personages with confidence when one was in creased civilian clothes, half awake, unshaven, and suffering from the backlash of B.O.A.C. hospitality.

Usually, whenever you say to someone "Oh! how lucky you are to be able to do so-and-so" they retort with a list of disadvantages, beginning with "Ah yes, it all seems very good but what you don't realise is . . ." If, however, you said to me "How nice it must be to travel like that" I should only be able to say quite honestly, "Yes, it's very nice indeed." I enjoy my V.I.P. travelling, being quite clear that one of these days reality will catch up with me, and send me firmly back to my Champ.

C.H.B.

National Service

South American Style

AT some incredibly early hour one dull and heavy day early in 1955 the writer found himself reporting to the main barracks in Buenos Aires on the first stage of a year's National Service in the Argentine Army. It is far too complicated to explain here why he was there, but suffice it to say it was not his wish at all! None of us knew what our fate was to be. The posters had said we would find "happiness and comradeship," coupled with the honour of defending our country. The majority of us preferred to find our "happiness and comradeship" elsewhere, as sergeants with voluminous voices didn't exactly portray any sign of comradeship!

After much waiting, some of us were bundled off to a train, not knowing where we were going. Some 48 hours on a hard wooden seat later, we descended from the train into what seemed to us a desert. Goats and the odd human being comprised the only form of life to be seen until we got to our barracks some 20 miles from the station. There, awaiting us, were some 250 mules asking to be fed and watered, and occasionally hushed. Now, a nice tame mule is quite a reasonable animal to look after, but one who is half wild, and who most probably has never been touched by a man, somehow never seems to obey the commands of "Whoa" or "Come along now, nice little mule, settle down and let me get you clean!" Fortunately, there was never any occasion for me to ride any of these animals, as I found myself a job in the arms store cleaning rifles instead. This was a far safer job, even though some people never learnt to unload before putting their rifles away!

After two months of this sort of life, a transfer came for me back to Buenos Aires. The happiness part in the poster certainly came into force now! I secretly thought that now I could get the cushy jobs, such as chauffeur or batman, where I would only have to work half a day and spend the rest of my time at home. I got second best by being given a job as a clerk in R.H.Q. We worked a full day, starting at 5.30 every morning, with three hours off for lunch, and finishing at 6.30 in the evening. We did go home, though, every night, and the weekends were ours, unlike the rest of the Regiment, who could not step outside barracks without a leave pass, and those were few and far between. Life was very pleasant until mid-June, when some enterprising Air Force pilots dropped bombs outside Government House in an attempt to overthrow President Peron. A state of siege was declared and our Regiment was given a section of Buenos Aires to patrol. Here was the real thing! Searching people and making them produce identity cards seemed great fun to us, and the soldier, for once, got some respect which he normally didn't get. The revolution soon fizzled out, due to lack of promised support, but a sense of uneasiness prevailed, which came down to us in the form that we were not allowed out for lunch as before, and we even had to sleep in barracks on some nights! Then, in September, everything came to a head. One morning we found the Adjutant and two other officers had not turned up for work. Rebel stations came over the air declaring that certain towns in the country had been taken over by the revolutionary forces, and that the port of Bahia Blanca, where the navy had its ships, had been bombarded; also the policeman outside our barracks was shot one night. Bedlam was let loose! We didn't know on whose side we were if we should have to fight, but, luckily, that decision never had to be made. Once more we sallied onto the streets and patrolled the town. By this time I was out of my job in the office and posted to No. 4 on a 3-in. mortar, which meant I carried the bombs. I sometimes wished we could have fired those bombs and thus got rid of them, as they were terribly heavy to carry about. Finally, Peron fell, but we still continued our patrolling, mixed with the usual quota of fatigues back in barracks, which included the painting of every building in the place, which nearly sent us all crazy.

It was now getting to the end of our year in the army,

and, as patrolling was still going on, we wondered if we'd be allowed to leave at all. Our final bit of happiness came when it was announced: "Next week, you're out!" Crossing our fingers that no further disturbance would occur that week, we were eventually demobbed on December 5.

So 1955 proved to be quite a year. We came through two revolutions without firing a shot, and yet when the new President was installed we were received like heroes who had come through terrible battles. Perhaps we had! We certainly thought that our National Service was a terrible battle at times!

J.N.L.

New Zealand

THOUGH the ancient records have become somewhat vague in the mists of time, the credit for the discovery of New Zealand is generally given to a Polynesian named Kupe. With only his wife and a friend he set out in a double canoe on one of his many exploratory voyages about the year A.D. 925. His wife, who was the first to sight the new land, is said to have exclaimed "Aotearoa!" (The Long White Cloud), by which name it has since been known among the Maoris. Abel Tasman was the first white man to discover New Zealand, in 1642, but, after having suffered a savage attack by the Maoris, made a hurried exit without having really set foot into the land of The Long White Cloud. In 1769 Capt. Cook was instructed to explore Tasman's discovery and, later that year, carried out a very accurate survey of both islands. The wild pig that now roam the New Zealand bush are descended from the tame pigs released by Capt. Cook. Since those days the country has established itself and now supports a population of 2½ million. This population consists, in the main, of Maoris and Pakehas (Maori name for white man). The Pakehas are mainly of British stock. There are a number of Chinese living in New Zealand and, throughout the years with intermarriage, it is now possible to see a Maori with Chinese features and a Chinaman with a large, flat nose.

Maoris are not as dark as the American Negro, but probably the best way to describe their colour is to relate the following conversation which actually took place in Korea:—

Maori to Negro: "Hiya Midnight."

Negro to Maori: "What do you mean boy? Youse half past eleven youself."

Needless to say, all New Zealanders are known as "Kiwis," which is taken after a rather strange bird found only in this country; it has no tail, and no wings, consequently it cannot fly, its nostrils are at the tip of its long bill instead of at the base, it lives in a burrow like a rabbit, it sleeps during the day and comes out only at night like a bat, it sniffs like a hedgehog, its plumage is more like hair than feathers, in fact the kiwi is the most unbirdlike of any species of birds. The kiwi's eggs are remarkable for their huge size, which is out of all proportion to the size of the bird. They weigh from 13 to 16 oz and measure up to 5 in. by 3 in.

Maoris and Pakehas live happily together, and, these days, also fight together in the same army, as we have seen by attachments to the Regiment in Korea. However, less than 100 years ago the Maoris succeeded in giving quite a dusting to a number of British Regiments

and the New Zealand settlers. They fought to a definite code of honour, and when during one battle the British ran out of ammunition the Maoris themselves suggested a pause to allow their enemies to replenish. As they pointed out, they wanted a good battle and they wouldn't get one if the enemy had no more powder. One will, no doubt, recall the following "Kiwis" who served with "C" Squadron:

Tom George and Joe Waru.

Both these popular Maoris have now left the Army but even now speak of the very happy days they spent with the "Skins." Harry Russel, who served with "A" Squadron, is still serving in Wellington. Also in New Zealand are others who have been associated with the Regiment, such as Cpl. Borley, who served as long ago as 1919, and it will be recalled by some that his son also served with the "Skins" and was a member of the Regimental Police. A recent arrival in the New Zealand Army was a Lt. Aldridge, whose father was R.S.M. of this Regiment.

Because of the country's small population, it is inevitable that the present-day Army in New Zealand is a small one, being centred mainly in three training camps in the North Island and one training camp in the South Island. One of the camps is situated very high up and is overlooked by a very high mountain, which is always

snow-capped. Alongside the mountain there is an active volcano, and it is the fervent prayer of most who are stationed in Waiouru that eventually the boiling lava of Ngauruhoe will reach the camp, so that they can all enjoy a posting nearer civilisation.

H.K.C.

ANGLO-GERMAN

The Commanding Officer received the following letter from a firm in Paderborn recently. His answer is not published, nor is it known in what language it was written; Polish probably.

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2.3.58.

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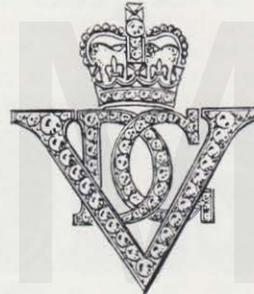
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 - 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards.
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