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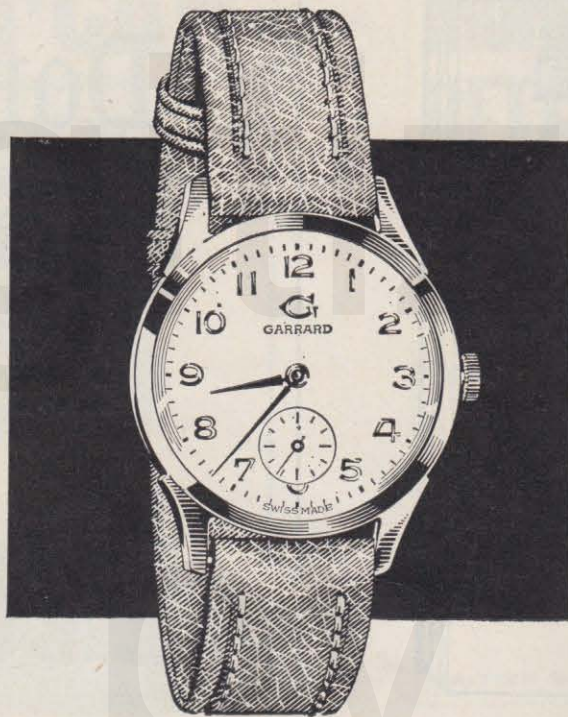
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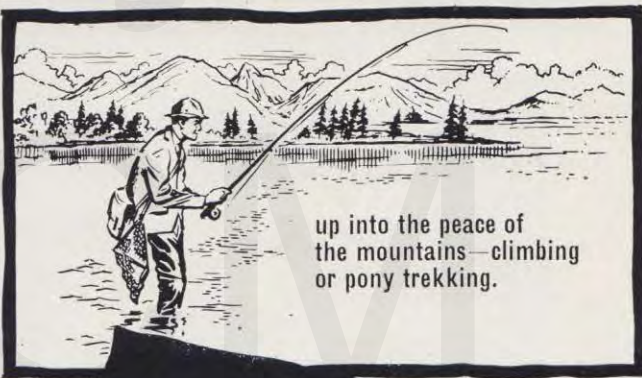
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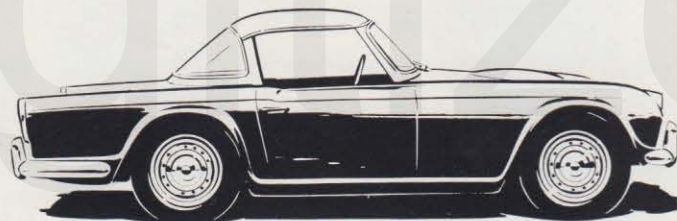


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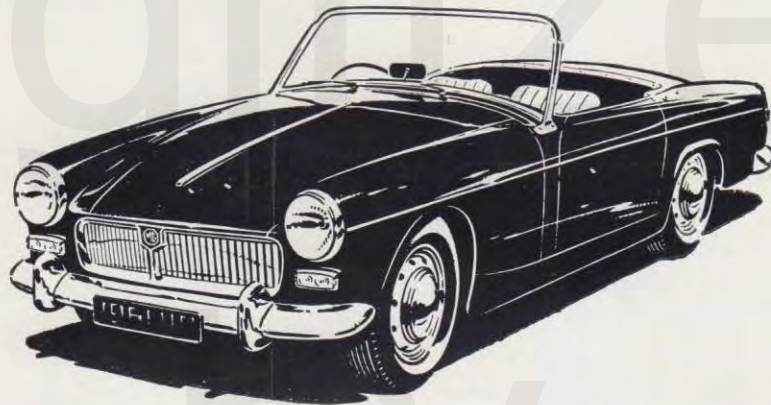
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Lieutenant-General Sir John Anderson, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

Lieutenant-General Sir John Anderson

K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

THE appointment of Lt.-Gen. Sir John Anderson as Colonel of the Regiment is both welcome and appropriate. It is welcome not only because he is easily our most outstanding serving soldier, but because his qualities have long been held in affectionate and admiring regard throughout the Regiment and the Army. It is appropriate because, at a time when our roots in Northern Ireland continue to grow deeper and more firmly set, our Colonel's home is at Ballyhossett, County Down.

John Anderson was a scholar at Winchester, and an exhibitor at New College, Oxford. He joined the Regiment in 1930, soon becoming one of the most prominent of a remarkable generation of officers, whose sporting prowess and military success in peace and war were unsurpassed by any regiment or corps. He made the most of cavalry life in the thirties, and with his horses, My Nell, Double Domino and Lecale Prince, he experienced more than his share of the "ups and downs of a soldier rider"—to quote the title of one of Colin Davy's contemporary books. He made friends among all ranks—and no officer has maintained his friendships more loyally over the years, nor proved himself more often to be a foul-weather friend.

The Colonel's endearing personal qualities have since those days earned him the description of "the nicest man in the Army"—a title which, though a true one, does less than justice to an incisiveness of which we junior officers would at once be made aware of if we overstepped the mark. His standards were uncompromisingly high; he could and did dispense honey, but was by no means unequipped with a sting. His memory was, and still is, formidable; he can reach back unerringly into the past for a name or a face and could—and still can for all I know—recite the pedigree of the most obscure racehorse with apparently little effort.

Our departure to France in 1939 found him Capt. Anderson, Second-in-Command of "C" Squadron. The War Office then inevitably decided that this outstanding soldier, at thirty-one years old, was being under-employed, and wafted him off to the Staff College. He emerged to win the D.S.O. as Brigade Major, 2nd

Armoured Brigade—a most unusual distinction for a Staff officer. He instructed at the Staff College, became a G.S.O.1, commanded the Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry and was wounded, for the second time in the war, on the Normandy beaches. He became Second-in-Command of two armoured brigades and as the war ended was awarded the C.B.E.

His career now began to fulfil its promise; command of a brigade, of a division, Chief of Staff Rhine Army, Director Royal Armoured Corps and then promotion to Lieutenant-General as Director of Military Training. There followed the key appointment of Deputy C.I.G.S. This post has seemed to the awed gaze of the writer, watching from a vantage point a safe distance down a War Office corridor, to be the most exacting one in the Army. Its holder has chief responsibility for manpower and weapons, probably the two most intractable, complicated and politically-loaded subjects in the military spectrum; the work is hard, grinding and potentially inflammable. Two successful years as D.C.I.G.S. represent public service of the highest order, and the K.C.B., which recognised his work in the War Office, was richly deserved.

Lt.-Gen. Sir John Anderson, Military Secretary to the Secretary of State for War, is in character and outlook the same man as Lt. Anderson of the pre-war days, utterly unspoiled by grandeur and high rank. His sense of humour and wit are unimpaired, and his feeling for the regiment, with which he has kept in close contact since he left it in France, is stronger than ever. He is a protagonist of cavalry sports and spirit, and has done much for Army riding. For some years now he has been painting in oils and water colour, and the quality of his work has been recognised by the Royal Academy hanging committee and by many other exhibitions. He is vice-chairman of the Army Art Society and one of its most talented members.

We are extremely fortunate to have him as Colonel of the Regiment, and we cordially welcome him and Lady Anderson, who shares his charm, kindness and interest in our doings. We hope his tenure will be a very happy one—that it will be successful can be taken for granted.



Editorial

THIS journal covers a year in the life of the Regiment very different from the preceding six. Apart from changes of command, station, equipment, role and dress, the Regiment finds itself for the first time spread over two counties. However, ample evidence to dispel any impression of a sense of separation in "B" Squadron at Warminster is contained in their excellent contribution to the journal of Squadron notes, photographs, an article, to say nothing of a poem.

We are also separated further than we would like from the 1st Guides; they, too, have provided us this year with very good material, which included a photograph of a certain well-known statue in Brussels going about his business in the full uniform of a 1st Guide—unfortunately propriety forbids its publication!

The climax of the Regiment's training this year was the exercise held in North Africa—probably the most ambitious exercise we have been involved in since the war. "Was" is, perhaps, the wrong word—at the moment of writing the Regiment "is" in North Africa, and by the time this journal is published, all being well, we shall be back in Tidworth. An account of at least part of the exercise appears elsewhere in the journal.

It seems very appropriate that now we are back in England our main successes in sport this year have been at cricket. We won the Divisional major units and the Southern Command knock-out competitions. For the same reason we must hope for an equal success in the

several fields of equitation, in which we can at least field a good side.

An event which in the confusion of leaving Germany regrettably passed almost unnoticed was the departure from the Regiment of the last National Serviceman. It is difficult to pay an adequate tribute to all those officers and men who over the years, despite being in many cases dragged unwillingly from civilian life into uniform, gave the Regiment such excellent service for two years of their lives; our last three worked in Regimental Headquarters and fittingly enough the tribute to them which appears in this journal was written by the Chief Clerk and can be regarded as our appreciation of all National Servicemen who have served with the Regiment.

Our connections with Ireland have been strengthened this year by two events: the presentation of a statuette of a 6th Inniskilling Dragoon by the Royal Irish Fusiliers and the all too brief visit of the North Irish Horse earlier in the year; both these events are noted elsewhere. Plans are afoot for a parade to be held in Ireland next year, but nothing is yet final.

Our thanks are due in great part to our publishers and printers; the journal this year was prepared under difficulties, the final stages in fact being done in Libya. The printers have risen to the delays thus caused and the publishers have done great work in finding new advertisers and rendering considerable financial help, which is warmly appreciated.

Commanding Officer's Notes

THE keynote of the past year has been one of change: a change of station, after a second tour of six years in B.A.O.R., bringing with it a complete change in the regimental way of life.

It was not without regret that we left our good friends in 4th Guards Brigade Group but we were soon to make many new ones in 3rd Division. In particular we were delighted to renew acquaintance with Brigadier "Jackie" Greenwood, the B.R.A.C., whom many of us knew well in Catterick days.

The "at home" feeling will, of course, be very strong indeed when Brigadier John Ward-Harrison replaces him as B.R.A.C., and Maj.-Gen. "Monkey" Blacker arrives to take over the Division. These facts are noted elsewhere but the Regiment takes much pride in congratulating both on their forthcoming promotion.

Militarily the familiar grounds of Soltau and Hohne have been replaced by the now almost equally familiar Salisbury Plain, except that "B" Squadron quarter the ground from their permanent base in the west at Warminster, while the rest of us habitually do so from the east.

Life in 3rd Division, the most "air-minded" division in the Army, has introduced us to a variety of new techniques, notably movement and supply by air.

This has proved to be an interesting change and already Recce Troop has exercised in North Africa and, at the moment of writing, the Regiment is preparing

itself to do the same. With the co-operation of the publishers some preliminary account of this venture may appear in this edition.

It may not be known generally that in the unhappy void caused by "B" Squadron's detachment to the School of Infantry the Regiment has Cyclops Squadron of the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment under its wing. That this liaison is a happy one is due entirely to the co-operation and friendliness of all ranks of this Squadron, who must, at times, feel very remote from their own kin stationed over in Ulster. The Regiment is pleased to act in *loco parentis*.

A first, and therefore historic, opportunity arose in June for the Regiment to meet and entertain The North Irish Horse. Having left their summer camp near Weymouth and crossed the Plain, we had the pleasure of their company for an over-night stay. Such an opportunity for the regulars and the "Horse" to meet is rare and with our departure for Aden in 1965, unlikely to occur again for some little time. The chance was eagerly taken.

During next year the highlight will be the laying-up of the Old Colours, now fixed to take place at Enniskilling, on June 14, in the presence of the Colonel-in-Chief.

Next summer, too, it is hoped to hold a gathering of Old Comrades in Aliwal Barracks.

It is the Regiment's hope that many of those reading these notes will do their best to attend these occasions.

Statuette Presentation

by

The Royal Irish Fusiliers

ON May 17, 1963, a page was added to the regimental history when Maj.-Gen. T. P. D. Scott, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Colonel, The Royal Irish Fusiliers (Princess Victoria's) presented on behalf of The Royal Irish Fusiliers a silver statuette of a trooper of The 6th Inniskilling Dragoons in 1815 to Lt.-Gen. Sir John Anderson, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Colonel, 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. The statuette is a replica of the Inniskilling Dragoon on the Wellington Monument in Hyde Park, and the inscription on the reverse of the statuette reads:

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The following is a copy of a letter dated May 23, 1963, from Lt.-Gen. Sir John Anderson to Major-Gen. Scott:

I do want to thank you most sincerely on behalf of my Regiment for the beautiful statuette of the Inniskilling Dragoon from the Wellington Monument which you have so very kindly presented to us. It will be among our most treasured possessions and will always be a reminder of the strong ties that exist between our two Irish Regiments. We much hope that you will come and visit our Regiment before too long and see the statuette in its new surroundings.

I shall be writing a short account of our little hand-over ceremony last Friday for our Regimental Journal and this will, of course, have photographs as well. I enclose a typed text of the inscription on the plinth of the statuette.

Again, on behalf of all ranks of my Regiment, thank you and all ranks of The Royal Irish Fusiliers for this very generous gift and for the very kind thought that lies behind it.

JOHN ANDERSON.



The Presentation of the Statuette at the War Office



The Statuette

Regimental News

“A” Squadron

ONE of the many pleasant aspects of serving in a Regiment such as ours is that during one's service the friends one makes stay with the Regiment, and indeed with the same squadron, for long periods and, even when they leave for E.R.E. tours, or release, often return to serve with their old friends again. It is thus that the friendships and loyalty which serve us so well in the stresses of war are forged. In this context it is good to welcome back to “A” Squadron the following who have served with us before:—Major Findlay and S.S.M. Ryan for their second tours as Squadron Leader and S.S.M., respectively, S.Q.M.S. Howes to become our S.Q.M.S. (even although he says he's “not a writing man”), Cpl. Julian from N.I.H., L/Cpl. Foster and Tpr. Mulligan—who have re-joined us after periods spent as civilians—and Tprs. Elliott and Foster (98) from E.R.E. Others whom we are glad to have with us on return from E.R.E. and who served in other squadrons before are Cpl. Dunlop (from N.I.H.), L/Cpl. O'Rourke, Tprs. Brown, Escott and Bowley. Sadly we have had to allow Sgt. Sutton to leave the Squadron after six years to go to the Officers' Mess and in one sweep the Quarter Master persuaded us into parting with Cpl. Fowles and Tpr. Loughran. In regretting this we are, nevertheless, glad to have these old friends working in such key positions and do not hesitate to make use of them. We know they will serve their new departments well.

Of those many who are still with us, Sgt. Ramsay continues to hold the record. Notwithstanding a change of cap badge he has served with the Squadron for 11 out of the last 14 years and during this period has risen from the rank of Trooper until he has now reached the position of acting as S.S.M. for some months. Sgts. Dye and Duval are still with us after some six and a half years apiece and Sgt. Gibson signified his displeasure at the transfer of the Band from “A” Squadron's strength by changing his accordion for a tank. Others who have now served with the Squadron for many a year are Cpl. Butterfield, Cpl. Parmenter (on whose engagement to Cpl. Butterfield's sister we congratulate him), Cpls. Astbury and Colton, L/Cpl. Primmer, Tprs. Sharp, Renwick, Hibbard, Donnelly, Hallam and Robinson (10).

We would like to congratulate the following: Cpls. Dunlop and Butterfield, L/Cpl. Rumsey, Tprs. Clarke, Renwick, Caughey and Robinson (10) on their marriages; Sgts. Dye and Gibson, Tprs. Abbott and Hibberd on the births of their children; S.S.M. Ryan on his appointment as R.Q.M.S., and L/Cpls. Foster and Rumsey on their appointments as Lance-Corporals.

The arrangement of the inter-squadron sporting activities is hampered by the varying commitments of squadrons and those of “B” Squadron at Warminster in particular. It was therefore unavoidable that we found ourselves obliged to accept as a date for the inter-squadron athletics a day, while convenient to the other three squadrons, was one on which Lt. Ingall, our premier athlete, could not be here. We missed him. Fortune favoured us however not long afterwards for the inter-squadron swimming and 2/Lt. Peppercorn is to be

congratulated for assembling and training a team which won virtually every event and thus the competition by a wide margin. The members of this very successful team were 2/Lts. Peppercorn and Attenborough, S.S.M. Ryan, Sgt. Duval, Cpl. Astbury, L/Cpl. Rainey, Tpr. Sharp, Cfmn. Doyle, Cpl. Colton, Sgt. Dye, Tpr. Caughey.

During the annual visit to the ranges, Castlemartin, this year, we ran an exciting and useful urgent targets competition. The winning troop was 1st Troop, with 2/Lt. Peppercorn and his crew (L/Cpl. Crawford and Tpr. Sharp) the winning individual tank. Sgt. Gibson, so recently transferred from the Band, did particularly well in the competition with his crew of Tpr. Chase and L/Cpl. Rumsey. While at Castlemartin we ran an inter-troop athletics competition which was won by 2nd Troop, by a short head from 4th Troop, and an inter-troop tennis competition for which some 20 pairs entered. This was won by Lt. Scott and Tpr. Clarke of 2nd Troop in an exciting final against Cpl. Price and Tpr. Brennan of 4th Troop.

During the summer, in recognition of their hard work on training, L/Cpls. O'Neill and Rumsey and Tprs. Mulligan, Elliott, Givens and Parris were chosen to represent us at the Royal Tournament in London. Cpl. Parmenter and L/Cpl. Sacre assisted in trials of tank landing craft and were commended for their work and interest. Cpl. Nesbitt did much to ensure the efficiency of the tank stable run at Tilshead for the Territorial Army as did Tprs. Escott and Dickson. Cpls. Edwards, Nesbitt and Parmenter have attended courses at the R.A.C. Centre and have been reported on well.

Since January every tank has motored some 400 or more miles. As virtually all this has taken place on Salisbury Plain most of us know even the map references of every tree. There is one wood, however, the whereabouts of which seemed a mystery to Sgt. Duval and the rest of 4th Troop. Various tanks have, of course, incurred complex and obscure faults as soon as Sgt. Dye climbed aboard. The 4th Troop (and some of 1st) spent a week on user trials of a somewhat Martian-looking new over-garment. Notwithstanding Sgt. Dye's presence they all motored several hundred miles without mishap, thanks to the efficiency of Tprs. Caughey, Stott, Brennan and Delaney, their drivers. Caves in the Mendips, water in Norfolk and mountains in Wales have been visited by various troops on training.

As this is being written we are looking forward to flying to North Africa for an exercise. Lt. Scott has been persuaded to stay in the Army long enough to attend and we are taking lessons in Libyan topography and desert navigation. Old lags like Sgts. Ramsay, Dye and Duval have been forced to admit that they have forgotten how to use the sun compass, as has the Squadron Leader. While discussing this point Sgt. Dye managed to introduce his usual Korean war story, to the derision of the others. For the future; we are hoping to welcome Capt. Ansell as 2IC and await a new S.S.M. Every Corporal and below is certain of the identity of the latter.

"A" Squadron



1, 2, 3. Stills from an epic motion-picture, starring Lt. Scott and 2nd Troop "A" Squadron 4. All from Ireland 5. 2/Lt. Peppercorn and 1st Troop—winners of the Urgent Targets Competition 6. The Squadron Leader and others who have returned from E.R.E. or civilian life.

“B” Squadron

NOVEMBER was a month of paint, packing cases and all the activity inevitable in preparation for a move after six years in Sennelager.

The late S.S.M. Garraghan's car was raffled and fittingly won by L/Cpl. Larkin. Our thanks are due to Major Connor and S.S.M. Sedgwick for the way they organised the raffle and for the £888 which it raised for Mrs. Garraghan.

On December 8, after being delayed by fog, the “Nuts Corner Special” took many of us away from Germany for Christmas leave before starting our new life at Warminster.

The Squadron re-formed at the School of Infantry mid-January. Our new Squadron Leader, Major Millen, was surprised to find that he was, apart from Mr. Packard and S.Q.M.S. Teague, almost the first to arrive. A week later, having taken over very good hangars and workshops but rather less good accommodation, we found ourselves launched headlong into our role of supporting the School of Infantry and the various courses it runs. At first we had to study our maps and instructions in detail, but quickly came to know familiar place names and to understand School jargon without trouble. Our breaking-in period is particularly memorable for the snow and ice that affected everything we did. Tank crews can remember many bitter days and nights spent sliding and slithering about the frozen Plain. It was conclusively proved that, despite its tracks, a tank is easily capable of alarming and not always controlled “twenty-four wheel drifts.” We were glad during this period, to be able to offer a night's shelter and succour to “C” Squadron, who had braved the weather to exercise on “our end” of the Plain.

Our distance from R.H.Q. at Tidworth was emphasised on the first regimental radio net when it became fairly clear that Pronto was taken rather by surprise to find “call-sign 2” on the air. However, this feeling of isolation was quickly dispelled by our taking part in the first regimental exercise soon after.

By early March we had been once through the School programme, and now regarded ourselves as experts in all forms of tank/infantry co-operation, tank gunnery and other drills and procedures.

We were then very happy to receive our first visit from the Colonel of the Regiment. To mark the occasion we paraded for inspection by the Colonel and later marched past in our tanks and other vehicles. On the day after our own mounted parade we took part, with the rest of the Regiment, in the Oates Sunday parade at Tidworth.

At the time of writing we have been three times through the course programme. Some idea of what this has involved can be got from a few Squadron statistics calculated from mid-January up to early August. We have driven 15,000 tank miles; used 62,000 gallons of petrol in doing so; fired 3,500 rounds of 20-pounder ammunition and 150,000 rounds from our machine-guns. Such continuous activity has placed a great load on the tank crews in keeping their machines fit. Breakdowns have been few, and it is to the lasting credit of A.Q.M.S. Winwood and his splendid fitters that on no single

occasion did a School exercise take place with less than a full Squadron on the road. To achieve this much midnight oil has been burned and over 40 major assemblies, including 10 main engines, 10 gearboxes, nine clutches and six auxiliary engines have been changed. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Forward Repair Teams of 3rd and 8th Infantry Workshops for their tolerance and willing good humour when called out at all hours of the day and night.

At the end of the football season (does it ever end?) we turned our attention to the Regimental Athletics Competition and, thanks to fine performances by Mr. Irwin, Sgt. Haigh, Cfmn. Morgan, Tpr. Malone and all those who represented the Squadron, we won the inter-squadron shield for the first time in at least 15 years. Later, representing the regiment at the 3rd Division inter-unit meeting Major Millen and Mr. Irwin provided half the record-breaking team in the high hurdles event.

Despite the indifferent English summer we have had some enjoyable afternoons playing cricket. Mr. Irwin, Tprs. Clarke (556) and Moore have represented the R.A.C., and Mr. Irwin played for Southern Command. Stalwarts of the Squadron team, which has lost only one match, include S.Q.M.S. Teague behind the wicket, L/Cpl. Nobes and Tpr. Willis.

1st Troop, under L/Cpl. Philson, won the inter-troop basketball competition. Their team must have been a strong one if they were able to do without their tall and otherwise athletic troop leader. Sgt. Stewart formed a tug-o-war team from some of the beefier members of the Squadron—Cpl. Hiscock, Cpl. Beeston, Cfmn. Merriman and other thugs—and made a valiant though unsuccessful effort in the district meeting. At the regimental swimming meeting even such experts as L/Cpl. Nobes and Tpr. Wilkinson were unable to avoid defeat by “A” and “C” Squadrons.

The Black Watch wives' club were kind enough to invite our wives to a games evening, which was enjoyed by all those who attended. On other occasions a large white station-wagon has been seen, loaded to capacity with wives, speeding across the Plain to join the parties at the other end. We all offer our sympathies to Mrs. Cochrane and her husband on the loss of their infant son so soon after his birth.

We have been most fortunate to be so stable during the year, very few postings in or out having taken place. Mr. Packard was removed to the Centre of All Wisdom and Knowledge in the Orderly Room, and both Cpl. Beeston and L/Cpl. Smyth went to the Army Air Corps. Cpl. Brandrick and L/Cpl. Dawson left the Regiment altogether and we wish them luck in their new occupations. Mr. Goodbody arrived from Mons and S.S.M. Love joined from The North Irish Horse to replace the late S.S.M. Garraghan so tragically killed in Germany.

4th Troop and S.H.Q. Troop, under Mr. Whitley and Cpl. Ward respectively each tried their hands at boating under the guise of adventure training. 4th Troop's expedition was, like all matters in 4th Troop, highly organised and included a short but heavy administrative tail and even radio communications to give warning of good or better beer downstream.

"B" Squadron



1. The Paymaster's popular visit
2. L/Cpl. Nobes, servicing
3. Wally Stewart jumps to it

4. On location
5. The Nuts and Bolts
6. The junior A.R.V. crew

“C” Squadron

SINCE the last edition of the Journal the thought prominent in everybody's mind was the move to England, which had been on and off for the last year. Nobody really believed that we were moving until they were actually on the plane, homeward bound, and even this had its problems due to fog. The Squadron Leader came to England with the Regimental advance party in October, and it was left to Capt. Shillington to organise the Squadron's hand-over to “C” Squadron of the 17/21st Lancers.

The C.I.V. was successful and the hand-over went without a hitch; and there was a sigh of relief when the last tank was handed over.

On arrival in England morale was high, accommodation was good, and we were all looking forward to serving in a different place. Two weekend bouts of Squadron training were organised to see how our vehicles behaved. Then it snowed! Nevertheless we set out the first weekend in bitterly cold weather onto that great skating rink, “Salisbury Plain.” It was found that the tanks went very fast downhill—usually sideways—and more often than not failed to go uphill. It was also found rather difficult to camouflage a large dark-green object in the middle of a large expanse of white.

The second time we went out it was decided to do a night march from one end of the plain to the other, and for some reason—which he cannot explain—the Squadron Leader decided to lead during the second phase and somehow we got involved with a hutted camp. The 3rd Troop leader was asked where he was; back came the reply, “Just turned right at the last crossroads”—a lot of help! Eventually our destination was reached, after valuable experience, learned from travel about the plain in the snow at night.

The Regimental exercise, “Pussy Foot,” went well, and is chiefly noted for the bitter weather. During the rest of the spring we met various infantry regiments for training, including the Ghurkas, the Buffs and the 2nd Green Jackets.

“C” Squadron went to Castle Martin in Wales for annual firing at the end of April, where the shooting was successful, and was only marred by the fact that we were not allowed to take all our own tanks.

At the end of May the Squadron Leader Major Fisher left us for a spell with the N.I.H.; we were all very sad to see him go, as he had been with the Squadron since

the summer of 1960. We wish him success in his new job. In the meantime Mr. Bovill took over the Squadron, pending the arrival from Malaya of Major Moore.

In the middle of June, 1st and 4th Troops disappeared to Aldershot to train with Sandhurst Cadets. This can only be noted as good practice for desert conditions, as the entire area of Long Valley was a complete dust bowl.

Exercise “July Handicap” was the Brigade exercise in preparation for Libya. “C” Squadron unfortunately did not have all that much to do, apart from a brief swan at the end, before the exercise was stopped.

Adventure Training is not quite as easy to organise as it was in Germany, but we have managed to get all the troops to the Norfolk Broads in R.E. assault boats. 2nd and 3rd Troops have now returned, with valuable experience gained about water navigation.

We provided 40 O.R.s for the lining of Victoria Street, during the President of India's State visit, which involved a certain amount of hard work, but the results in the end were very rewarding.

The Squadron swimming team trained by Mr. Hewetson came in second during the Regimental swimming gala, although we did not have very many swimmers; those that we did have did very well and were unlucky not to win.

The training for Regimental athletics this year was marred by wet weather but we trained a useful young team which came third and we have high hopes for next year.

The following have joined us during the year: 2/Lt. Hewetson, Sgts. Clipston, Haystead, Cpl. Logan, L/Cpl. Wilkinson, Tprs. Lennon, Fulton, Gallagher, Hardy, McGrath, Cox, Weatherill, Hull, Davies, Lewis, Hurley, Roberts, Halliday.

Many congratulations to L/Cpl. Butcher and Tpr. Tulip on the occasion of their marriages.

The following have left us during the year: Sgt. Stafford for Bovington, Sgt. Murkett for Lulworth, Tpr. Briggs 28 for Bovington, L/Cpl. Gundry, medically discharged, and L/Cpl. Clements who has left the Army.

Finally L/Cpl. Herbie has returned to us after a very expensive period of quarantine, looking very fat and lazy, but he is now fit and as slim as ever.

(This N.C.O. will not be found in the Regimental Gazette; he is a large black hound who is the Squadron mascot.—EDITOR.)



“C” Squadron



1. Tpr. Thorpe

2. 2/Lt. Hewetson and a group adventure training on the Norfolk Broads

3. Cpl. Ross, "Pancho" Holden, L/Cpl. Hunt

4. Capt. Brooking with Cpl. Smith and his tank on Open Day

5. Cpl. Smith, Tprs. Roper, Graham and Cpl. Hartley "obtaining" fresh vegetables during Canada Cup

6. L/Cpl. Herbie

“H.Q.” Squadron

THOSE who came back from B.A.O.R. imagining that they were in for an easy time in England soon had their illusions shattered. Many and varied have been the activities of “H.Q.” Squadron during 1963, starting with a month’s extensive training and fact-finding by Recce Troop, two echelon exercises and a regimental exercise—all in the middle of the exceptionally bad winter. Anyway, this gave us an opportunity to learn the geography of Salisbury Plain, even if it did bear more resemblance to Antarctica.

If some had Oates in mind during those exercises in the snow, it was only a week after the snow went that St. Patrick’s Day and Oates Sunday were with us. These fell on the same day this year and were marked by our first parade in No. 2 dress, by Lt.-Gen. Sir John Anderson’s first visit as Colonel and by the absence of the shamrock that mysteriously disappeared somewhere *en route* from Enniskillen. It was also a disappointment that the Mutti Ram and Warner Cups could not be competed for, due to the weather. In spite of this, Mr. Musk and Sgt. Thompson ran a most successful Inter-Troop Soccer Tournament, which was won by the Cooks in a spirited final against M.T. Tpr. McCormack had the misfortune to break his leg in this game and he is still “off the road” several months later.

It was also at this time that we took part in our first exercise with 19th Infantry Brigade Group from Colchester devoted to the testing of methods of resupply by air—either by helicopters or by parachute from transport aircraft. This was a new game for nearly all of us and it was to provide plenty of hard work throughout the summer.

May brought the Army Three-Day Horse Trials to Tidworth with praise for Recce Troop, who built the cross-country course and much extra work for M.T. and Officers’ Mess staff, who all contributed to the success of the week-end. At the same time, H.M. King Baudouin, son of the Colonel-in-Chief, and Queen Fabiola paid their state visit to London. It was a great honour for “H.Q.” Squadron to provide the Regiment’s contingent of three officers and 60 other ranks to line the route for the royal procession on the first day.

Less than a week later, many of the same men flew from Lyneham to El Adem for two and a half weeks’ training with the 3rd Green Jackets, The Rifle Brigade, in Libya. We sent an enlarged Recce Troop, which was mounted in Land-Rovers provided by our hosts and supported by men from nearly every department in the Squadron. The first week was spent with “C” Company, The Rifle Brigade, in the desert country south-west of Tmimi. This was followed by a six-day Battalion exercise which took us, as part of the “enemy,” through all the different types of country in Cyrenaica, starting in the thick scrub of the Jebel Akhdar and ending with a brisk withdrawal when Cpl. Minvalla distinguished himself by “shadowing” “A” Company unobserved for 50 miles across the desert. At one time the information being supplied by the Troop was so accurate that a certain umpire was accused—falsely—of collusion with the Troop Leader.

Few who took part will quickly forget the dust, rats and flies of the Bomba Base Camp or the warm hospitality of The Rifle Brigade, who were instrumental in arranging our trip and whose great enthusiasm did much to make it such a success. It was particularly refreshing to be free from the labyrinth of bureaucracy and petty restriction that appears to be such a feature of peacetime soldiering in England. As a result, we were able to do some really good training and learned many lessons that will, we hope, be of value when the whole Regiment goes to train in Cyrenaica in the autumn.

July saw the Squadron on exercises as far afield as Yorkshire, Lancashire, Devon and Somerset, with the echelons training on Exmoor and in Yorkshire, a composite Recce Troop opposing the Staffordshire Yeomanry in the Peak District and Recce Troop itself with the N.I.H. for the final exercise of their camp. On July 26, a contingent under Capt. Goschen took part in a parade, before Her Majesty The Queen, to mark the Centenary of the Royal Garrison Church, Aldershot, and the month ended with a Brigade Exercise on Salisbury Plain.

Now we are preparing once again to go to Libya at the climax of a varied and eventful year’s training.

While these events have been making the news, the normal routine of administration has gone ahead in all departments. Despite the drill parades, P.T. and acclimatisation training, the Regiment is still as well fed as ever; we still get paid; the wirelesses work and Orders are still produced. 1963 has seen the issue of the new clothing scale to all O.R.s and the temporary issue of K.D. This has meant many hundreds of hours of measuring, tailoring, fitting and paper work for the Q.M. and the S.Q.M.S. and their staffs—the success of the operation reflects great credit on both departments.

We were very pleased that the Band re-joined the Squadron when we arrived in Tidworth and also to see many familiar faces return from E.R.E. Among them were Sgt. Smith from Bovington and Sgt. Mucha from Kenya. Cpls. Petch, Eglen and Feakins have left the Army and their places in the Q.M.’s Troop have been taken by Sgt. Burgess and Cpl. Fowles.

Major Manning assumed command of the Squadron at the beginning of February and S.Q.M.S. Nunn came to look after our material needs. Two stalwarts of Recce Troop, Sgt. Haystead and Cpl. Price, left us for Sabre Squadrons, but we were pleased to see Cpl. Minvalla back from Catterick, where he was a D. & M. Instructor. Cpls. Bray and Campbell appeared on St. Patrick’s Day after two years as clerks with the Sultan of Muscat’s Armed Forces.

We heard with deep regret of the death of Sgt. Poynter, A.C.C., in Millbank Hospital, in May, after a long illness, and we were sorry to lose Tpr. Patterson (85) as a result of a medical board in August.

We would end on a happy note by congratulating Cpl. Campbell, L/Cpl. Hunt and Tprs. Hannan and Legge on their marriages and wishing them the best of good fortune in the future.

“HQ” Squadron



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1. Recce Troop, March (Tidworth) . . . 2. and May (Libya). 3. The Quartermaster with R.Q.M.S. Rowney and the Q.M. Staff. 4. S.Q.M.S. Rafferty and some of M.T. Troop. 5. The Officers' Mess Staff 'At Home.' 6. Lieutenant Musk with the Technical Staff—distinguished absentee T.Q.M.S. Fitzimmons,

Light Aid Detachment

THE L.A.D. is now more or less settled in U.K., although split between Tidworth and A.Q.M.S. Winwood's "private army" at Warminster. We left Germany in a whirl of activity with the C.I.V. closely following the last exercise there. The handover to the 17th/21st Lancers immediately followed the C.I.V. and the L.A.D. turned temporarily into interior decorators. Anyway, Christmas leave on our return to England made up for the hard work.

January and February were cold and the Squadron Sections mostly, and the "H.Q." Section slightly, froze on Salisbury Plain. One of the exercises developed into a snowball fight with A.Q.M.S. Hartland defending himself vigorously against the remainder of his staff.

During March "A" and "C" Squadron Sections and most of "H.Q." Section attended firing camp at Castle-martin. They expected, with their German memories fresh, to practice that language on the local inhabitants, who, we heard, favour it. Yaki Da was the inhabitants' reply. Most people enjoyed themselves and some did not really want to come back.

Since the New Year started there has been a noticeable changeover of faces. A.Q.M.S. Ivory left on commissioning to become, almost immediately, Capt. Ivory at 25th Command Workshop, R.E.M.E., Gainsborough. S/Sgt. Agnew stayed in B.A.O.R., Cpl. Stubbs (thought to be on the Regimental G 1098, after a stay of over five years) left quite suddenly for Aden; along with L/Cpl. Gilbert, who went to Malaya, Sgt. Winkworth to Yorkshire and Cpl. Glennie to Singapore. Cpl. Stewart, Cpl. Bufton, Conlon and Cooper all left the Army for the easy life of civilian employment. Last, but not least, in the departures was A.Q.M.S. Hartland on his way to Malaya, to whom we all wish the best of luck in his new job.

Arrivals provided the E.M.E. with a Second-in-Command, Lt. Wessendorff, who came to pick up a few tips before going on to further engineering training. W.O.2 Lagden is the new A.Q.M.S., S/Sgt. McGrillen took over from A.Q.M.S. Ivory and S/Sgt. Smith arrived as a belated replacement for S/Sgt. Agnew; S/Sgt. Kershaw took over "A" Squadron section and other gaps were filled by L/Cpl. Pittaway, Cfmn. Boath, Cowley, Sheppard, Byford, Smeath and Say.

Cpl. Stone, Cfmn. Ford and Heponstall represented the L.A.D. when Recce Troop and some of the M.T. visited Libya in May. Ford and Heponstall "stayed on" in the sun for a few weeks and we gave up hope of seeing them until we ourselves visited Libya on exercise this autumn. It was rumoured that the locals welcomed one of the trio with open arms.

During the middle part of the "summer" a dozen from the L.A.D. with Mr. Wessendorff in charge moved in company with a similar number from The Royals L.A.D. to provide R.E.M.E. L.A.D. Support for T.A. Armoured Regiments on summer camps. Work came in bursts at times of handover-takeover between T.A. Regiments and, finally, on hand back of the tanks to Ludgershall. Highlights of the camp were the birth of a son to

Cfmn. Bolland, a cricket match between the West-downers (L.A.D.s and 5th Inniskilling D.G. sponsor party) and "H.Q." L.A.D. at Tidworth, Cfmn. Massingham's new car, Cfmn. McGowan's motor bike and the various public houses (all visited by E.M.E.) in the Tilshead/Shrewton area. The camp was a varied experience and enjoyed on the whole by all concerned.

Despite the weather the L.A.D. cricket team had an active summer and a fair number of friendly games were played. Everybody enjoyed them but E.M.E. suffered from umpire trouble (this forms a basis for new L.A.D. umpires—Rule: Always come to attention and ask permission to give E.M.E. out if you think he is lbw). With the winter season approaching our footballers ("Seven Barrows F.C.") are straining at the leash and we are looking forward to plenty of fixtures.

"B" Squadron Section we see little of, except when they swoop down from the hills, demanding spares at odd hours of the day. S.Q.M.S. Winwood has assured us that they are all kept very busy and we, of course, believe him. Cfmn. Morgan represented the L.A.D. in the R.E.M.E. Corps Sports at Arborfield; he was unplaced in discus or shot but had an off day and we hope he will do better next time.

The handover between A.Q.M.S. Hartland and A.Q.M.S. Lagden proceeded smoothly, although A.Q.M.S. Lagden did not carry out a 100 per cent. check of the scrap dump. A.Q.M.S. Hartland arrives in Malaya in September (look out all scrap yards in that area). With his departure we welcome A.Q.M.S. Lagden and wish him a happy stay.

In July, Sgt. Last had the misfortune to be involved in a traffic accident whilst proceeding on leave and is at present still in hospital in Ipswich. All ranks of the L.A.D. wish him a speedy recovery.

We are now working hard preparing for Libya and look forward to a good exercise.



Captain Polkinghorne with (left to right) Cpl. Stone, Cpl. Hutton, Cfn. Whitney, Cfn. Smith, Cfn. Hamilton, Cfn. Williams, Cfn. Heponstall

Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess

THE last months of Mess life in Sennelager were rather haphazard. We had the accommodation stores laid over the ante-room floor in readiness for handover for six weeks, whilst a team of self-help decorators, led by Sgt. Clarke, applied self-help renovation to decoration. The conversation at this time varied between the hand-over, wives' tales from Tidworth and the best route home. Remarkably, everyone arrived safely, despite the weather, which closed down fast upon us. Well, apart from "Busty" Clifford, who broke down in Brussels and had to leave the car for repair; however, he did carry out Topsy's instructions to the full, "not to leave the budgerigar behind." "Busty" arrived carrying the bird and his washing kit.

The new Mess was wonderful; well heated and well furnished. S.S.M. Ryan, S.Q.M.S. Howes and Sgts. Burgess and Smith had really got the place in splendid shape: a word of praise is also deserved by our friends the 3rd Carabiniers, who had left the building in tip-top condition. By New Year, we had managed to organise a social, and S/Sgt. Gibson had managed to produce a buffet second to none.

"B" Squadron members are missed, though Warminster is only some 30 miles distant. It is just too far to go for a normal night out, but we do see them when we have a major function on in the Regiment. One or two senior members have been known to slip in for a noggin and a dry out when on training, too. To replace "B" we have a noble body of men from Cyclops Squadron of the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment; a happy and helpful lot they are too. They are full Mess members and take part in every Mess function; we are delighted to have them.

Our friendship with The Royal Dragoons has always been on the highest footing, dating back in our history to before Waterloo, when both regiments were part of the Union Brigade. It was this historic event which prompted us to get together this year and hold a joint Waterloo Ball. T.Q.M.S. Fitzsimmons was the leader of our team and, with his opposite number, produced a wonderful show. The Assaye Barracks gym was converted to accommodate 600 guests, the regimental bands of both regiments took part during the evening and a special card was printed to commemorate the event. Regrettably The Royal Scots were unable to attend and the splendour of their kilts was sadly missed.

In early May we suffered another tragic loss to the Mess and the Regiment. Sgt. George Poynter, our attached Cook-Sergeant, died. His obituary appears elsewhere, but suffice it to say that he enjoyed Mess life to the full and we were very sad to lose him. We offer our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Poynter and family.

Since The North Irish Horse were on exercise in the Tidworth area in June we were able to arrange a social meeting: The Horse kindly proposed to give us a dinner in our own Mess—a proposal readily accepted. This unique occasion, when we were the guests in our own Mess, was a great success—it was rounded off by a surprise visit of the Colonel, Gen. Sir John Anderson.

The move home caused quite a number of changes in personnel in the Mess. S.S.M. Ryan and Love returned



from E.R.E. appointments, the latter being replaced by S.S.M. Wing, now to be known as "Paddy" Wing. S.Q.M.S. Nunn is back after a tour with the Army Pay Corps and replaces S.Q.M.S. McKiernan, who has been posted as instructor at the R.A.C. Schools at Bovington. We welcomed back Sgts. Burgess, Smith and Mucha, whilst regretfully saying farewell to S.S.M. Bleach, who has taken over as R.Q.M.S. at Castlemartin, and Sgts. Stafford and Murkett, who are instructors at various R.A.C. schools. S.S.M. Eric Upright has retired to civilian life and we wish him every success. Our L.A.D. (R.E.M.E.) personnel are, of course, noted for their changes and this year has seen almost a 100 per cent. turn-over. A.Q.M.S. Dick Ivory was commissioned, A.Q.M.S. Joe Hartland has been posted to Singapore, whilst all the Staff-Sergeants and Sergeants have changed over. Sgt. Winkworth left his mark in the Mess by presenting us with a personal painting of Col. Ansell, whilst Joe Hartland went all Steptoe and constructed a magnificent wrought-iron coat and hat stand.

There are other moves afoot amongst the senior ranks but the publication of this journal is a little too early to make note. R.S.M. Cyril Benge, who has had a long tour with The North Irish Horse, will no doubt have completed his service with 27 years to his credit and the R.Q.M.S., Dick Rowney, expects to finish by Christmas this year. We wish them the very best of luck.

There have been no regimental promotions into the Mess but we did manage to winkle six senior Corporals out of their Mess to boost our numbers and gave them acting rank to do so. One temporary absence during the year has been the two-monthly vacation taken every five years by Sgt. "Pop" Williams; he flitted off to South Africa to recuperate after breaking his arm during the bad weather.

One final plea before closing. We are constantly requested to produce guards of honour at weddings, a happy duty and recently well rehearsed, but we have a shortage of cavalry swords. We would be delighted to inscribe the presentation details of any old comrade who would like to leave his mark in the Mess for ever.

North Irish Horse

THE past year has been rather a hectic one in many aspects. In October, 1962, we dedicated a Memorial Window in the City Hall, Belfast, to the members of the Regiment who were killed during the Second World War. The window was unveiled by the Honorary Colonel, Major-Gen. D. Dawnay, C.B., D.S.O., and the service was conducted by the Rev. Crooks, who is Chaplain to the Regiment, assisted by the Rev. Hughes who was the Regimental Chaplain during the war. The parade was attended by a large contingent of relatives and old comrades, many of whom had travelled from England.

After the usual Annual Inspections the pace quietened down until May when the new T.A. Centre at Lurgan, which is very modern, was opened by Major-Gen. T. P. D. Scott, which "C" Squadron, North Irish Horse, now share with "B" Company, 5th Royal Irish Fusiliers.

During May we held our Inter-Troop F.M.R. Competition which was a success and certainly helped to produce the results we expected during the annual shoot at Lulworth.

Annual Camp was at Chickerell Camp, Weymouth, and the first week was devoted to shooting at Lulworth, and support troop training. During the second week a Regimental three-day exercise was held with a welcome break to visit the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards who entertained us most royally; a visit we shall not forget for a very long time. The only thing that marred our excellent camp was the weather; out of the 15 days we only had three days of good weather. On the return to Northern Ireland the Regiment closed down for six weeks, during which time the Permanent Staff went on a well-earned leave.

During July we had a visit from the Colonel of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, Gen. Sir John Anderson, who was visiting Northern Ireland in his official capacity as Military Secretary.

At the moment we are preparing for the Annual Inspections and the Regimental Rifle Meeting; so ends the cycle for another year.

The following personalities have left or joined the Regiment during the past year:

Major G. L. Wathen has left to rejoin his Regiment and we welcome Major I. C. S. Gilchrist-Fisher. Capt. M. D. Oliver, the Adjutant, has gone to the Military College in Australia and Capt. C. St. G. Rich has taken over that arduous task. R.S.M. J. Freeman has taken over from R.S.M. C. Bengel, who has gone to try civilian life. The following Permanent Staff instructors have been replaced:

S.S.M. J. Love by S.S.M. C. Wing (5 Innis. D.G.),
Sgt. R. Smith by Sgt. M. Webb (Q.R.I.H.),
Sgt. B. Julian by Sgt. N. Santry (5 Innis. D.G.),
Sgt. N. Santry by Cpl. J. Simpson (5 Innis. D.G.),
S.S.M. R. Nunn by S.S.M. W. Townson (Q.R.I.H.),
Cpl. J. Le Messurier by Cpl. R. Kane (Q.R.I.H.).

We congratulate the following members of the Regiment on their recent marriages: Major The Lord O'Neill, Capt. C. St. G. Rich (Queen's Royal Irish Hussars), and



R.S.M. Boardman talks to the Commanding Officer and Lt.-Col. M. W. McCorkell, T.D., North Irish Horse

Lts. R. D. Hayes, J. C. H. McFerran and P. A. T. Davidson.

Major E. W. Beaumont, T.D., has retired as Second-in-Command of the Regiment and Major R. F. M. Windsor has taken over.

Corporals' Mess

THE Mess has settled down to life in England very quietly after having left Germany. We miss the members of "B" Squadron but are always glad to see them at functions and other occasions. In their absence, we have the Cyclops Squadron, 2nd Royal Tanks, with us and are pleased to have them use the Mess.

The first function this year was St. Patrick's Day and Oates Sunday. A bar was run in the Mess, at which Cpls. Bray and Campbell made a well-timed re-appearance from the Arabian Peninsula. It was pleasing to see the Old Comrades again and to entertain them on Oates Sunday. Two "away" darts matches have taken place against the "Anton Arms," Andover, with the Mess beating the "locals" on both occasions.

A dance was held in June and for our first one in England it proved to be a great success. We were glad to see the members of the North Irish Horse in July, when they visited Aliwal Barracks on a break in their two weeks annual training.

We have lost some stalwart members, who have passed on to exalted ranks, and we welcome the new members of the Mess. Cpls. Julian, Walker, Butcher and O'Rourke have re-joined us. The number of members who have been discharged, posted, etc., has been fast and furious; among them Cpls. Brandrick, Hunter, Gundry and Crawford, to name but a few.

We congratulate Cpls. Dunlop, Butterfield, Hunt, Mitchell and Campbell on taking that step into married life and hope that they will not be lost to Mess life, like so many of the married members.

The Band

THE Regimental Band has had another extremely interesting and successful year. After our move from Sennelager we soon settled down to our new and very busy life in Tidworth. The first two months were spent in making ourselves known in the area; this we did by giving concerts at local schools and youth clubs and playing at dances. Then came the Oates Day Parade and Service here in Tidworth, followed a few days later by a Commemoration Service for Capt. L. E. G. Oates at the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. This was the first time that the Band had played in this historic Chapel and we sincerely hope that we shall have the honour of playing for many more services in this beautiful building. This brought us to the end of March, with our Kneller Hall inspection only a few weeks away. The Band was inspected very thoroughly by the Commandant and the Chief Instructor of Kneller Hall. The hard work that we put into this paid dividends when we received a very good report. In May we went to Bovington to rehearse for the Royal Tournament, a most enjoyable three weeks where we met many old friends from other Cavalry Bands taking part in the finale item with us. The tournament itself was a great success and those who saw the Massed Bands will long remember the spectacle and the music.

Our next major engagement was the Royal International Horse Show, where we were privileged to work under Col. Ansell. This year's show was an unqualified success and we were very proud to have been a part of it. Many kind remarks were made about our playing; to

quote a letter from Col. Ansell received after the show: "The Band was absolutely first-class and could not have done better." Praise, indeed, from a man who sets the very highest standards. At the time of writing we are looking forward to a visit to the Isle of Wight, where we are to perform at Newport and Ventnor. This concludes the main part of the summer engagement season. For the record, we have travelled well over 1,000 miles in the regimental bus this year. We hope that Capt. Campbell can now afford a holiday in the South of France. Irishmen will be interested to know that when we played in Blackpool we met the Mayor, and he came from Inniskilling, so it is holidays in Blackpool for us in future. The Dance Band has continued to give good service; amongst their many engagements this year was the 500th anniversary ball for the Worshipful Company of Saddlers. We welcome to our ranks Bds. Cox, Seely and Richards, and say farewell to Sgt. Scattergood, L/Cpl. Falcus and L/Cpl. Wilson. We are particularly sorry to lose these three N.C.O.s. Sgt. Scattergood and L/Cpl. Falcus to the Guards in London and L/Cpl. Wilson to civil life. We would like to specially thank Sgt. Scattergood for his long and loyal service which has been greatly appreciated by all members of the Regiment. We wish them all every success. In conclusion our heartiest congratulations to Mr. H. W. Vince on being commissioned as Director of Music. He has taken over at Bovington as Director of Music to the Junior Leaders Regiment. Also we congratulate our former Trumpet Major C. I. Herbert on passing his final examination at Kneller Hall for Bandmaster.

Military Essay Competition, 1963-1964

Bertrand Stewart Essay Competition, 1964. Prize: £80. Closing date: June 22, 1964. Subject:

"In both Allied and Soviet Armies, improvements in night vision equipment are tending to make movement by night in the Battle Area easier, particularly for armoured vehicles, than in the past. At the same time, improvements in battlefield surveillance techniques make this movement easier to detect.

"The need to conduct operations round the clock at an increased tempo and the difficulties of using the hours of darkness for routine supply, movement and reinforcement to the extent we have done in the past, pose a number of new problems to the Commander in the field.

"Discuss these problems in relation to training, equipment, manpower and morale and state what you consider their effects might be on the Tactics of Global War."

General conditions for this essay competition will be the same as for the 1963 competition and can be found in A.C.I. 399 of 1962.

George Knight Clowes Memorial Prize Essay, 1964. Prizes: 1st prize, £35; 2nd prize, £15. Closing date: March 31, 1964. Subject:

"The modern trend is to make the soldier's life much more attractive by giving him better accommodation, food, pay and amenities. Yet, at any moment he may be operationally involved in some country like Kuwait or Brunei, where toughness and hardihood are essential. Without the better conditions it would be difficult to get enough recruits. Without the hardihood the soldier is not efficient. Discuss the problem of these seemingly irreconcilable requirements."

General conditions for this competition will be the same as for the 1963 competition and can be found in A.C.I. 285 of 1962.

The British Columbia Dragoons

FOR the first half of the training year, September 1962 to August 1963, the Regiment's efforts and training were concentrated on the preparations for the presentation of the Guidon to the Regiment by the Governor General of Canada, His Excellency Major-General The Right Honourable Georges P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., C.D. This ceremony was to have taken place on May 18, 1963. However, in March all preparations had to be halted because of the Dissolution of Parliament and the uncertain health of the Governor General. This was a bitter disappointment to everyone in the Regiment, especially as the city of Kelowna was to have honoured the Regiment at the same time with the Freedom of the City. No future date has been planned, as yet, for eventual presentation of the Guidon.

In January 1963 a reception was held in Vernon, B.C., at which the officers and their ladies were presented to the Regiment's new Honorary Colonel, Lieutenant Governor Major-General The Honourable G. R. Pearkes, V.C., P.C., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., C.D. The Regiment is very honoured to have such a distinguished soldier as its new Honorary Colonel.

In July 1963, Major D. R. Cameron, C.D., succeeded Lt.-Col. Alan Moss, C.D., as Commanding Officer of the Regiment. Col. Moss has been appointed G.S.O. 1 at 27 Militia Group H.Q. in Vernon, B.C., and we are delighted that he has not left the area and can keep in touch with the Regiment. Major Cameron was pro-

moted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel on his appointment.

During the period of June 29 to July 6, 1963, the Regiment attended summer concentration at Glenemma Range near Vernon. The Regiment's strength at this camp was 78 all ranks. As the Regiment's role in an emergency continues to be that of a Mobile Survival Column, throughout the week re-entry exercises were carried out under the direction of T.A.H.Q. (Vancouver) with the R.C.A.F. assisting. Once again, Corps training using Sherman tanks was carried out. During the concentration selected N.C.O.s attended schools in Vernon and officers attend Ts.E.W.T. and other study groups at 27 Militia Group H.Q.

On July 5, 1963, a parade was held for the Regiment's newly appointed Honorary Colonel, Major-General Pearkes, who was presented with a cavalry sword as a gift from the Regiment by Lt.-Col. Alan Moss. At the same parade General Pearkes was presented with the Canadian Forces Decoration and two bars by the B.C. Area Commander, Brigadier E. D. Danby, D.S.O., O.B.E., C.D.

Of the social activities, November 30, 1962, was the Regimental Officers' Mess dinner in Vernon. January 1, 1963, saw the annual New Year's Day levée in the Officers' Messes at Kelowna, Vernon and Penticton and June 15, 1963, saw the Regimental Ball held at the Eldorado Arms, Kelowna.

3/9th South Australian Mounted Rifles

MUCH water has flowed under the proverbial since our last letter. Perhaps of major importance has been our activity within, due to the change in equipments from the 120-mm. BAT which was towed by a Land-Rover, to the American 106-mm. RCL which is carried in a modified Land-Rover. This equipment is fired from the Land-Rover.

Throughout the year the emphasis has been on home training, i.e. night parades of three hours' duration, weekend bivouacs, wireless, driving and servicing and tactics courses. This culminates with our annual camp—14 days—held approximately 250 miles north of Adelaide. The camp area is known as El Alamein. The topographical detail of the area is similar to what you experienced in Benghazi, but the flies more numerous. Ideal for tanks if we only had them. The enclosed photographs give a better idea.

We cannot report of visits by members of the "Skins"—but perhaps some may be able to wangle a tour with the Royal Ulster Rifles when they fly to Australia in 1964 for exercises with the battalions of Royal Australian Regiments.

This may be an excellent opportunity for us to let

you know that, with the influx of English migrants to South Australia, we would welcome any ex-members of the "Skins" to visit us or, if the bug still bites, perhaps join us.

We look forward to Capt. Ewan Morrison's arrival in Adelaide in the not-too-distant future. We are sure that the "green trousers" will raise many an eyebrow—and perhaps lower his matrimonial stakes with Adelaide's eligible set. If the "wager book" is still kept in your Officers' Mess, here is an excellent opportunity for an entry.

We send our best wishes to Col. Murray. Readers may recall that Col. Gavin instructed at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, in 1953-54. The Regiment was fortunate enough to have been visited by him when he was driving across our vast continent with Mrs. Murray at the end of his tour out here, so we feel that the personal contact will once again be established between our Regiments with the visit of Capt. Morrison.

As this newsletter should catch your Christmas issue, may we send Christmas and New Year greetings from all ranks here to all at the "Skins."

Our Affiliated Regiments



British Columbia Dragoons: Lt.-Col. Moss presents Maj.-Gen. Pearkes with the Regiment's gift of a sword on his appointment as Honorary Colonel of the Regiment



3/9th South Australian Mounted Rifles—scenes on the range and the Training Area—Annual Camp, 1963

Le 1er Regiment de Guides



Freedom of the City of Brussels. The Mayor of Brussels greets Princess Paola of Belgium.

THE year 1962 was for the 1er Guides marked by two main events. In Düren, on July 7, General Crahay, Commander-in-Chief of the 1st Belgian Army Corps, took the parade at which Lt.-Col. Ecuyer van Wassenhove handed over command of the Regiment to Lt.-Col. Thibaut de Maisières.

On October 19 the Regiment went to Brussels to receive the Freedom of the City. The Princes of Liège, Prince Albert and Princess Paola, made a special journey from Rome, where they had been present at the opening of the Oecumenic Council, in order to attend the big parade held on the Cinquantenaire. The Band of The 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards being on parade with us made a tremendous performance which was loudly applauded by all attending.

Besides the usual—Vogelsang, Hohne—the 1er Guides in their training put their effort into sport; and were thus rewarded by the highest military sports award, the "Challenge Chome." The Challenge Chome is a cup which can only be won every five years and is awarded to the unit most highly placed in all the competitions during the year.

Perpetuating the cavalry traditions, the 1er Guides organised many horse shows for their officers and men. An important steeplechase held on St. Hubert's day brought together many Belgian and foreign riders.

Commandant Francisse won the Fencing Championship of Belgium and was selected for the CISM Championships in Vienna.

On July 27, 1963, Lt.-Col. BEM Libion succeeded Col. Ecuyer Thibaut de Maisières as Commanding Officer. Lt.-Col. BEM Libion was born in 1911, commissioned Second-Lieutenant in 1935, took part in the 1940 campaign and spent five years as a prisoner of war. In 1945 he was back on active service with the 1st Belgian Armoured Car Regiment; shortly afterwards he was appointed as instructor at the Armoured School. In 1948 he was a student at the Military War School and after that at the Commander Staff College, Forth Leavenworth, U.S.A. Back in Belgium he was the instructor of Armoured tactics at the Ecole de Guerre till 1957, when he was appointed Chief of Staff of the Metropolitan Forces in Leopoldville, at that time the Belgian Congo.

He then became GIII at the Presidency of the Chiefs of Staff Committee in Brussels, and then Chief of Staff of the 16th Belgian Armoured Division in Germany.

Lt.-Col. BEM Libion is "Officer de l'Ordre de Léopold" and "Officer de l'Ordre de la Couronne." For courageous actions he was awarded the "Décoration Militaire" and the "Croix Militaire de Iere Classe."



The Regimental Band play a slow march in front of the Tribune

Le 1er REGIMENT De GUIDES



1. Prince Albert and Princess Paola in conversation with Colonel Thibaut de Maisieres at the Cinquantenaire.

2. Colonel BEM Schnitzler (*left*) takes the Parade at which Lieut.-Colonel BEM Libion (*right*) takes over Command of the Regiment.

3. Br. Lienard with the Regimental mascot "Colback."

4. Freedom of the City. The Standard Party. Carrying the Standard is Lieutenant de Fabribeckers de Cortils et Grace. In the background is the Arcade du Cinquantenaire.

Regimental Sport

Cricket

BEFORE dealing with the cricket this summer in England, a note must be added about the B.A.O.R. final last summer. This was played at Rheindahlen in glorious sunshine. Winning the toss and batting first, as indeed we had done on all previous occasions, we were soon in trouble when Mr. Ker was run out in the first over. Due to a well-hit 40 by Mr. Irwin and a useful last wicket partnership by Sgt. Latham and S.S.M. Sedgwick of 18 we reached a total of 92. Once again thanks to some excellent bowling by Mr. Irwin and Sgt. Latham, supported by brilliant fielding, the 1st Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry were dismissed for 26.

There has not been a lot of regimental cricket played in England owing to parades, exercises and most of all the weather. In the 1st round of the Andover knock-out competition we were somewhat surprisingly beaten by St. Mary Bourne and then in the supplementary competition by Ludgershall. We did not seem to have the correct approach to village cricket.

However, in the 3rd Divisional major units knock-out competition, we acquitted ourselves somewhat better. In the 2nd round, having had a bye in the first, we beat the 3rd Divisional Signal Regiment by 10 wickets. They took a long time to score 91 on a very docile pitch. The wickets were shared by Mr. Ker (3 for 17), Mr. Irwin (3 for 19) and Sgt. Latham (3 for 43). Mr. Ker (45 n.o.) and Cfmn. Wood (41 n.o.) hit the runs off without much difficulty. The final of 51st Brigade was played at Tidworth against 5th Regiment, R.A. We were, somewhat surprisingly, put in to bat on a plum wicket. Sgt. Blinkhorne was out with the score at 12. Mr. Phipps joined Mr. Ker and the score rapidly rose to 50, when the captain was out lbw for 25 runs. Next to bat was Clarke, who made another quick score of 33. Moore came in to join Clarke after Mr. Phipps was out lbw for 50. Mr. Irwin followed Clarke and together with Moore (8) and Sgt. Sutton (18 n.o.) pushed the score up to 265, when we declared. Mr. Irwin scored a very entertaining 102 not out.

The opposition were bowled out for 79, mainly due to good spells of bowling by Sgt. Latham (4 for 33) and Puckerin (3 for 3).

On August 28 we travelled down to Colchester to play the Divisional final against 2nd Regiment, R.A. Fortunately, it was one of the few sunny days this summer and, on losing the toss, we were put in to bat on a fairly soft wicket. The first hour was rather tedious as their opening bowlers bowled extremely accurately but Mr. Ker and Sgt. Blinkhorne stuck to their task and put on 31 for the first wicket, when the latter was unluckily bowled off his pads. Mr. Phipps then came in, and the best cricket of the afternoon was seen. Ninety-four runs were added in the next 45 minutes before Mr. Phipps was run out for 49. Mr. Ker was out just before tea for a valuable 63, Moore hit a useful 30, and we declared at 171 for 8. The opposition were all out for 28, due to a splendid bit of fast bowling by Mr. Irwin (5 for 19), Sgt.

Latham (3 for 7) and Tpr. Bowley (1 for 0). This was supported by first-class fielding.

During the summer the following have played for the R.A.C.: Mr. Ker, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Phipps, Tprs. Moore and Clarke. S.S.M. Sedgwick and Sgt. Latham played for the Division on several occasions. The most notable achievement of these representative games was Clarke's 96 against the R.A.P.C. at Winchester.

1963 RESULTS

Lost to St. Mary Bourne by 12 runs. St. Mary Bourne 87 (Tpr. Puckerin 5 for 28); 5 Innis. D.G. 75 (Lt. Phipps 26, Sgt. Blinkhorne 23).

Lost to Ludgershall Sports Club by 31 runs. Ludgershall Sports Club 74 (Lt. Irwin 5 for 20); 5 Innis. D.G. 43.

Won against 6th Regiment, R.A. by 52 runs. 5 Innis. D.G. 123 (Lt. Evans 36, Cfmn. Wood 22); 6th R.A. 71 (Lt. Irwin 6 f or 5).

Won against 3rd H.Q. and Signals Regiment by 10 wickets. 3rd H.Q. 91 (Lt. Ker 3 for 17, Lt. Irwin 3 for 19, Sgt. Latham 3 for 19); 5 Innis. D.G. 92 for 0 (Lt. Ker 45 n.o., Cfmn. Wood 41 n.o.).

Lost to Royals by 6 runs. Royals 81 for 8 dec. (Tpr. Bowley 2 for 15); 5 Innis. D. G. 75.

Won against 5th Regiment, R.A., by 183 runs. 5 Innis. D.G. 262 for 5 dec. (Lt. Irwin 102 n.o., Lt. Phipps 50, Tpr. Clarke 33, Lt. Ker 25); 5th R.A. 79 (Tpr. Puckerin 3 for 3, Sgt. Latham 4 for 33).

Drew with Tidworth British Legion. 5 Innis. D.G. 91 for 5 dec. (Lt. Ker 51 n.o.); British Legion 73 for 8 (Tpr. Bowley 2 for 9).

Won against 2nd Regiment, R.A., by 143 runs. 5 Innis. D.G. 171 for 8 dec. (Lt. Ker 63, Lt. Phipps 49, Tpr. Moore 30); 2nd R.A. 28 (Lt. Irwin 5 for 19, Sgt. Latham 3 for 7, Tpr. Bowley 1 for 0).

Played 8; Won 5; Lost 2; Drawn 1.

AVERAGES

(Qualification average 10)

	BATTING			Highest score	Average
	Innings	Times not out	Runs		
Lt. Irwin	5	1	148	102*	37.0
Lt. Ker	8	2	218	63	36.3
Cfmn. Wood	4	1	71	41*	23.6
Lt. Phipps	6	—	135	50	22.5
Sgt. Blinkhorne	6	—	78	23	13.0
Sgt. Sutton	4	1	37	18*	12.3
Tpr. Moore	3	—	38	30	10.2

BOWLING

(Qualification 5 wickets)

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Ave.
Lt. Irwin	28.4	15	68	20	3.0
Tpr. Bowley	17.2	3	39	6	6.5
Tpr. Puckerin	26	4	84	11	7.6
Sgt. Latham	54.2	13	137	12	11.4
Lt. Ker	24.5	2	99	6	16.5

SOUTHERN COMMAND KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

Semi-final v. School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers:

5 Innis. D.G. beat S.E.M.E. by 10 wickets. S.E.M.E. 33 (Lt. Irwin 6 for 12, Tpr. Bowley 2 for 0, Sgt. Latham 2 for 21); 5 Innis. D.G. 34 for 0 (Lt. Ker 25 n.o.).

Final v. 6th Regiment R.A.:

5 Innis. D.G. beat 6th R.A. by 9 wickets. 6th R.A. 49 (Lt. Irwin 5 for 17, Tpr. Bowley 3 for 12); 5 Innis. D. G. 50 for 1 (Lt. Ker 31 n.o.).

Sport

GOLF IN BELGIUM

THE Colonel-in-Chief kindly invited a representative Regimental Golf Team to come to Belgium to play what has virtually become an annual match against the 1er Regiment de Guides at the end of July. The teams and their wives, were invited to stay with King Leopold at the Chateau de Ciergnon.

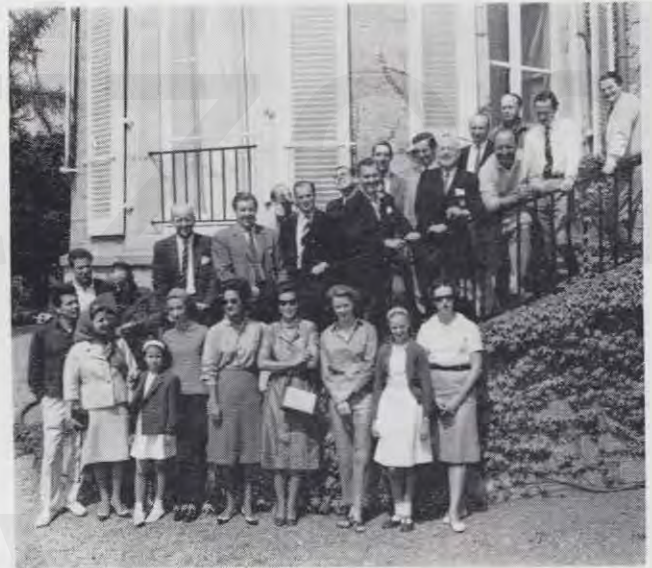
Three car loads set off on July 24 by air for Ostend—Capt. Shillington and Lt. Irwin with Major Rowat, Major Fane in splendid isolation with Mrs. Fane and Major and Mrs. Barnes cramped in the third car with Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Walker. Lt. Calvert joined the party in Brussels, where he now works.

After an evening spent either in the Casino or in savouring the gastronomic and other delights of Brussels we played a practice round at the Royal Golf Club, Chateau Ravenstein, at the invitation of the Comte du Parc, and M. Jack du Vivier, the leading light of Belgian golf, without whose assistance our first match, or any of the succeeding matches, would never have taken place.

On the following day we were met by the Colonel-in-Chief, King Leopold, and his wife, Princess Liliane, at the Chateau d'Ardennes Golf Club for luncheon before playing our match. The course is laid out within the park of the Chateau—a beautiful setting with superb views towards the Duchy of Luxembourg. We had played on the course two years previously in a similar match and so were fully aware of the numerous hazards with which the majority of us were about to renew intimate acquaintance.

We found that the so-called 1er Guides team had been strengthened by the inclusion of the Belgian Amateur Champion, Princess Liliane, whose handicap is three, and two other low-handicap players, one of whom, Philip Washer, is probably more widely known for his tennis. We, therefore, considered ourselves fortunate to draw the match. Results (given by pairs) were: King Leopold and Lt.-Col. Walker lost, Major Fane and Capt. Shillington halved, as did Lts. Calvert and Irwin, Major Barnes and Major Rowat won.

Chateau Ciergnon, the Colonel-in-Chief's country estate, is only a few miles away. We spent three most amusing and comfortable days there: there was plenty to



The Regimental Team in a group which includes the Princess de Rethy, Mrs. Walker, and Jack du Vivier. The photograph was taken by King Leopold.

do when not playing golf—fishing, swimming or even admiring the “tame” wild pig.

The handicap competition for the Princess Liliane Cup was played over two days in glorious weather. We were well looked after in typical Belgian style by the numerous friends that we had made on previous visits. The Cup was won by the Colonel-in-Chief, who had discarded the late Commanding Officer as a partner in favour of the Spanish Amateur Champion! The best we could do was for Lt.-Col. Walker and Major Barnes to gain third place.

On our final evening we played parlour games until the early hours of the morning: during this Mrs. Fane successfully managed to persuade another guest to lacerate his nose on an empty match box—her charm fortunately dulled the full fire of his Spanish blood so all was well!

In the morning we set off: some for home, others for Le Touquet. Everyone had thoroughly enjoyed themselves and was most appreciative of the hospitality, kindness and the real friendliness with which we were received by His Majesty and Princess Liliane. We hope that we will be able to repay this hospitality in a small way if we can arrange to play the 1er Guides' match, for which the Colonel-in-Chief is giving a new cup, in England next summer.



Football

REGIMENTAL football last season proved to be very disappointing for those participating, in whatever capacity. The reasons were three-fold: exercises in Germany up to October 12—Canada Cup, the move of the Regiment to Tidworth during November to January, and the Arctic conditions during the first three months of 1963. In spite of all this, and the fact that the Regiment during the whole season played only 24 matches, the football team put up a very creditable performance; no league football was possible either in B.A.O.R. or U.K.; of the 17 friendly matches played we were not beaten once.

In the Army Cup, the Regiment were beaten in the 3rd round by 38th Corps Engineer Regiment after a replay and without the services of Lt. Ker and L/Cpl. Duckett. In the Cavalry Cup, in the first round against the Life Guards at Windsor the Regiment won 6—2. In the 2nd round (U.K. Final), against our old and reputable rivals, the Royal Dragoons, we won 2—1 at Tidworth. In the semi-final against the 10th Royal Hussars (P.W.O.) at Bad Lippe Springs, B.A.O.R., we

were well beaten by an excellent team to the extent of five goals to one.

We would like to congratulate the 10th Hussars on completing a very noteworthy double of winning both the Army Cup and the Cavalry Cup and respectfully warn them that we are endeavouring to emulate their feat without delay.

It is with quiet confidence that we look forward to the forthcoming season but again, due to exercises, six weeks of football will be lost during September and October.

The following played for the Regiment during the last season:

Lt. Ker	Pte. Myles
Tpr. Loughran	Pte. Rutherford
Cpl. Brocklehurst	Cfmn. Howard
L/Cpl. Reid	Cpl. Colton
L/Cpl. Duckett	L/Cpl. Cock
L/Cpl. Cameron	Cfmn. Hawkins
Tpr. Orr	Cpl. Leggett
Tpr. Palmer	Sgt. Sutton

Equitation Racing

“OH to be in England now that April’s here.” For the first Spring for many years the Regiment was; and, moreover, at a station which affords wonderful racing facilities. But our reappearance on the English racing scene was a quiet one; the four officers who rode in point-to-points and under N.H. rules could muster neither a winner nor a broken bone between them at the season’s end. However, all had some enjoyable rides and Capt. Ansell and Messrs. Faulkner and Bovill were all “in the frame” on more than one occasion.

Two regimentally owned and ridden horses paraded in the Sandown paddock for the Grand Military Gold Cup. Capt. Ansell rode Brigadier Blacker’s Pointsman. Paddy Sleator turned the old warrior out with his coat gleaming and his muscles like steel; he looked half his 15 years and appeared to feel it too as he gave a little buck every three or four strides. Mr. Faulkner rode his horse Malacca III on whom ten days before he had had a great first ride round Cheltenham when finishing third in the Kim Muir. The key to the race as far as both horses were concerned lay in the first half-mile. Malacca III broke from the starting tape as if this were the Nunthorpe Stakes at York and there were others in the field only too ready to contest his claims to the five furlong “crown.” After this early stampede Pointsman, gallantly as he tried and particularly in the last mile when he was beginning to peg them back, never got close enough to the leaders to get in a blow, while it was a very tired Malacca III whom Pointsman passed going to the second last. They finished fourth and fifth.

The Grand Military Hunter Chase on the following

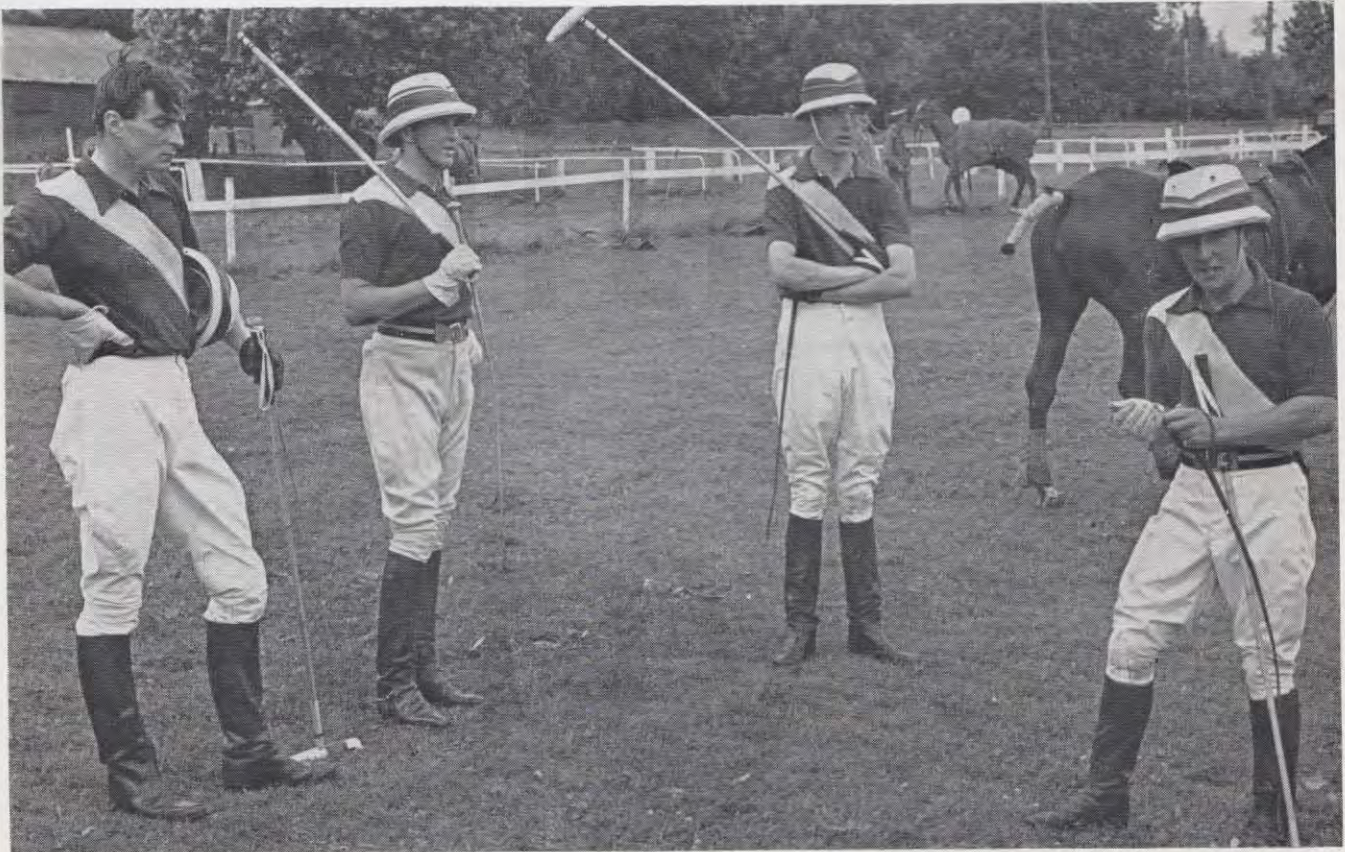
day saw a real tussle for second place and an unofficial bottle of champagne, between Mr. Faulkner riding Mr. Bovill’s Lucky Rain and Capt. Ansell on Brigadier Gurney’s Fergus Foam. Lucky Rain, goaded into producing the most strenuous exertions of his life, just prevailed.

Messrs. Bovill and Brook both whetted their appetites in point-to-points. Mr. Bovill was twice placed third in military races on his Lucky Rain; with such a grand horse to start on it was sad for him that his amateur’s permit did not come through in time for Sandown. Capt. Ansell and Mr. Faulkner rode a variety of horses in point-to-points. Both found that sleek “swans” whom they had so looked forward to riding before the season’s start either grew “goose” feathers or were reduced to three legs with distressing rapidity. Mr. Faulkner was six times placed; Capt. Ansell, without a winner for the first year since he was 17, only persuaded one of the nine different horses he rode to reach the first three.

As these notes go to press another National Hunt season has started. As usual hopes are high. Mr. Bovill still has Lucky Rain. Capt. Ansell is the new owner of an old campaigner Oakleigh Way and a young Mossbrough gelding Mosstime, both of which he is training himself. Mr. Faulkner has Malacca III and an unknown quantity called Kamal. By the time the N.H. season was a mere two days old the four last-named horses had all had a Devon airing at Newton Abbot. All ran promisingly, and Oakleigh Way, conceding lumps of weight, was only beaten into third place by a neck and a neck.

N.G.P.A.

Polo



The Polo team—after a defeat it would appear! From the left: Lt. Brook, 2/Lt. Kent, Lt. Bovill, Lt. Faulkner

THE 1963 season, if judged by results, cannot be called very successful, but without doubt some very sound foundations have been laid for the future. We brought seven ponies home from Germany, which, despite the hard winter, came from Major Bovill's care in excellent condition. From this nucleus we have now built up our string to 13, the most the Regiment has had since the war.

The season started on the right foot with the Regiment taking both prizes in the Polo Pony Classes at the Army three-day event; Mr. Faulkner winning the lightweight class and Mr. Bovill the heavyweight class. The two most important competitions of the year as far as Army polo is concerned are, without doubt, the inter-regimental and the captains and subalterns tournaments. In both we were represented by a team consisting entirely of subalterns, which is the first time this has happened during the history of the tournament. In the inter-regimental we were knocked out of the competition in the first round by The Coldstream Guards by four goals to two, which, if played a handicap could have meant a draw. However, the game was played on a very wet ground and although Brook scored a very good goal in the first minute the side struck an off-day and, badly handicapped by lame ponies, were never in control. The captains and subalterns tournament was a much more successful venture. In the first round we met the Royals,

who, like ourselves, were playing their first season in England, and it was encouraging for us to beat them 8—3. The Regiment was well on top throughout, Faulkner scoring 6 goals, one of which was for the wrong side! In the semi-final we met The Coldstream Guards, who were an unchanged team. This time the experience gained during the summer showed well and, after losing two quick goals in the first five minutes, we caught up and were three all until the second last minute, when they scored the winning goal.

Apart from these two tournaments the Regiment reached the semi-final of the Whitbread Cup and have twice visited Woolmers Park and Taunton. Apart from playing with the regimental side, Bovill and Faulkner gained very valuable experience in medium and low goal tournaments at Aldershot, Cowdray and Toulston, whereas Brook and Kent were in the winning side for the 10th Hussar Cup during Tidworth Week.

Apart from the inter-regimental side of Mr. Brook (1), Mr. Kent (2), Mr. Faulkner (3) and Mr. Bovill (back), Capt. Dunbar and Mr. Mann, who is showing great promise, have both played for the regimental side. These notes would be far from complete without thanking Sgt. Power and the grooms for the excellent work they have done in keeping the ponies fit and in better condition than ever before, and for Brigadier Hobson who has taught us all a great deal.

Ski-ing

In January of this year one of those messages which nobody pays much attention to arrived in the Chief Clerk's office: it appeared to be about ski-ing with the French Army at an unheard-of place called Briancon. This message led to six members of the Regiment spending three weeks in the French Alps at a ski-ing resort, and taking full advantage of all that goes with a ski-ing holiday.

Amply assisted by adventure training funds, and thanks to a reduction in their usual prices the party were able to go to Moss Bros. in London and be fitted out in that firm's customary elegant attire.

On arrival in Briancon the prospect looked grim. The sky was clouded over, and when we had fought our way through the snow to a small Army outpost in Montgenèvre, at the top of a pass between France and Italy, in the best traditions of armies everywhere, our arrival was unexpected. Furthermore, the French Army do not permit themselves much in the way of luxury and we were greeted by thick canvas sheets, basic near-raw food, and plumbing which could best be described as fundamental. However, the next day dawned a cloudless sky and from then on we never looked back. We attacked the slopes with a fervour which on the first day rewarded L/Cpl. White by breaking an ankle—after having it set very competently in the Military Hospital, it was difficult for the other aching, sweating members of the party to sympathise with him: L/Cpl. Hamilton and others would drag themselves off the slopes with their ears full of snow to be greeted by L/Cpl. White, who had spent the morning basking on a verandah in the hot sun absorbing beer and listening to the juke-box. Nor did it appear to prevent him twisting when we went round the night-life of Montgenèvre, guided by our social secretaries, Cpl. May and Cfmn. Doyle.

However, quite definite progress at ski-ing was made by the remainder of the party. With the exception of Capt. Campbell and Cpl. Haggar, no one had skied before, and by the end of the holiday we were all capable of the main run down from the slope opposite the outpost. Whether or not our French made as much progress



At Moss Bros.—at least we can look the part!



Outside the outpost (left to right) Cpl. May, L/Cpl. White, Capt. Campbell, L/Cpl. Hamilton, Cfm. Doyle, Cpl. Haggar

is in doubt, but some of the French soldiers learned some Irish.

However, the end of the trip came all too soon, and after a brief stay in Paris, which included a tour of the Louvre and other places, we were back in Tidworth, resolved to go again next year and hope that the same Tahitian girl would be dancing "le tamouret" in the Café Rafale.

The Regimental Association

Notes from the Hon. Secretary

DURING the past year the Association has held the usual parades which have been well supported. The Regiment's Oates Memorial Service was held at Tidworth on March 17 and a small party of London members were present.

This occasion was also the first official visit of the Colonel of the Regiment, Lt.-Gen. Sir John Anderson, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., to his Regiment, and we Old Comrades were very impressed with the parade, at which the salute was taken by the Colonel.

Our own Oates Memorial Service was held at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on March 24, and we were pleased to welcome a strong detachment of the Regiment under the command of Lt.-Col. G. S. Murray, M.C. The Regimental Band, under the direction of Mr. J. H.

Howe, A.R.M.C., took part in the service, which was conducted by the Rev. L. V. Headley, O.B.E., B.A., and a very inspiring address was given by The Venerable Archdeacon I. D. Neill, O.B.E., Q.H.C., M.A. Chaplain General to the Forces.

On May 4 our annual reunion was held at Pimms Red House, Bishopsgate, and we were pleased to have as our guests serving members and their wives, who thoroughly enjoyed the evening's festivities. We were honoured by the presence of Lt.-Gen. Sir John Anderson, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Colonel of the Regiment, Lt.-Col. R. de C. Vigers, D.S.O., chairman of the Regimental Association, and Lt.-Col. G. S. Murray, M.C., commanding the Regiment. We were also pleased to welcome a number of serving officers and their ladies, whose continued

Miscellany

CAPT. GOSCHEN has very generously presented the Regiment with a block for this year's Christmas card. It is in the traditional style and consists of a colour print made from a picture in the Officers' Mess of a mounted officer of the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons. These cards can be obtained by writing to the P.R.I.

The P.R.I. is also in possession of a 16-mm. colour and sound film of the standard presentation parade. This film is for sale for the sum of £20 12s. 6d.

Copies of previous journals of all years are badly needed by the Regiment and by the National Army Museum at Sandhurst. If anyone has any old copies of the journal they will be gratefully received.

Finally, there are still some colour prints of the standard parade available in the P.R.I., either unframed or framed very attractively. They can be left in London if so desired.



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support of this function is very much appreciated.

The following morning we paraded in Hyde Park under the command of Lt.-Gen. Sir John Anderson on the occasion of the thirty-ninth anniversary of the unveiling and dedication of the Cavalry Memorial. The service was conducted by the Rev. Neville Metcalfe, D.S.O., Senior Chaplain to the Forces, Royal Garrison Church, Aldershot, and the wreath was laid by Field-Marshal H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., P.C., K.T., G.M.B.E.

On July 26 Messrs. W. C. Chiles, A. Cook and H. Preston accompanied me to Aldershot for the centenary thanksgiving service at the Royal Garrison Church of All Saints, which was attended by Her Majesty The Queen.

During the afternoon we visited Mons Officer Cadet School for the commissioning parade, which was attended by H.M. The Queen, and had the pleasure of seeing on parade Mr. M. P. W. Vigers, son of Lt.-Col. R. de C. Vigers, D.S.O., chairman of the Regimental Association. Mr. Vigers has been posted to the Regiment, and we would wish him every success in his career.

Essex and Suffolk O.C.A. Reunion

AT the Essex and Suffolk O.C.A. Reunion, Mrs. A.H. O. Wiley entertained a goodly gathering of Old Comrades and their wives at her house, Spring Hill, Capel St. Mary, near Ipswich, on Sunday, July 14. She gave the company tea and they very much enjoyed the freedom of her garden, which was looking beautiful; and the weather played up well. Present were:

Mrs. H. O. Wiley	Mr. Rogers
Gen. and Lady Anderson	Mr. and Mrs. Barker
Gen. and Mrs. Harding	Mr. and Mrs. Youngman
Col. Williamson	Mr. and Mrs. Kelly
Col. Brooke	Mrs. Hamilton
Major and Mrs. Barran	Mr. Ward
Mr. N. Barran	Mr. Mortlock
Major Kaye	Mr. Vance
Major and Mrs. Yorke	Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard
Mr. and Mrs. Reed	Mr. and Mrs. Cooper

All present were most grateful to Mrs. Wiley for such a pleasant afternoon and for entertaining them so generously. It had been hoped that Mr. Knott of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, would be there too but he was unfortunately away.

The End of an Era



THE habitués of the Bahnhof Guest House in Altenbeken were certainly nonplussed on October 12 last when 15 members of R.H.Q. Troop walked in, commandeered five of the best tables—one quite literally from under the cigarette ash of a native—and proceeded to drink out the three surviving National Service men in the Troop.

Because of the upheaval which had already commenced in Athlone Barracks, and the hard work and uproar consequent upon the severing of six-year-long roots, the fact that the Regiment's move to U.K. also marked the end of an era—the era of National Service within the Regiment—was forgotten by many. It is impossible to name the many thousands of National Service men who have served with, and still remain part of, the Regiment since conscription began. It is possible, however, to name the four, who by the very fact that they were the last, will be remembered for some time.

The Orderly Room which for years had relied on conscription to provide most of its clerical staff were to lose L/Cpl. Smith and Tprs. Bulmer and Hall. M.T. Troop were to say goodbye to Tpr. Metcalfe. Unfortunately for those concerned, however, they were not leaving us to go home for discharge, but instead were to move to Detmold to finish the extra six months which politicians, in their infinite wisdom, had decreed they should do, with the 3rd Carabiniers.

If many had forgotten, the members of R.H.Q. Troop had not and, because of this, a part of the history of the Regiment was celebrated, as so many other occasions in the history of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards are celebrated in Germany: on a wet October night, in a small guest house on a hilly back street.

R.P.I.



A Ghost Story

IT is often thought that Alfred Tennyson had suffered pangs of remorse for the way he had immortalised the Light Brigade after its epic charge at Balaclava, but had not similarly honoured the Heavy Brigade for its less glamorous though much more successful charge on the same day.

Those who knew the great poet were aware of his constant hope that one day the Heavy Brigade, or part of it, might provide him with an opportunity to salve his conscience and so allow him to die at ease.

Tragically he died before he had righted this wrong, yet his spirit is known to have continued the search so that at last he might rest in peace.

At the Cavalry Memorial Parade in Hyde Park this year, a lonely figure in a dark suit and bowler was seen lurking in the shadows, apparently making notes, it was thought, for some foreign power.

When approached by security men he moved off into the crowd, never to be seen again, but left behind him a scrap of paper, signed A.T.P.M., which is now interpreted as Alfred Tennyson Post Mortem, on which was written the following:

I

Half an hour, half an hour,
Half an hour early,
All on the edge by Hyde Park
Stood the old Comrades.
“Remember the war?” asked the bold;
“Which war do you mean?” said the old.
There on the Broad Walk East
Stood the old Comrades.

II

“Forward!” the General cried,
“At last” with relief they sighed.
Not tho' the Colonel knew
Someone would blunder.
Theirs not to question the deed,
Theirs not mistakes to heed,
Theirs but to follow the lead.
Down from the Broad Walk East
Marched the Old Comrades.

III

Cameras to left of them,
Philip to right of them,
Their banner in front of them
Showing the way.
Their step was so fearless and strong,
How could this march go wrong?
Into the finishing straight,
Following blindly along,
Swung the Old Comrades.

IV

Flash'd all their bald pates bare,
Flash'd as they turn'd in air
Saluting the Royalty there,
Changing direction while
All the crowd wonder'd.
Turn'd as the cymbals clash'd
Right thro' the band they crash'd.
Flautist and drummer
Reel'd with their music dash'd
Shatter'd and sunder'd.
Other regiments march'd on, but not
Skins Old Comrades.

V

When can their glory fade?
etc.
etc.

“ Two Zero Alfa ”

(To those unlucky enough not to have witnessed the event chronicled above, I feel I should explain that when the Band wheeled right, the Skins contingent inadvertently followed them. Thus when the Band counter-marched, they came face to face and the Skins performed the unusual drill manoeuvre of marching through the ranks of their own band, the latter blowing hard the while—Editor.)

A Visit to the Irish Army Equitation School

BY MAJOR H. E. D. HARRIS, R.A.O.C.

WHILST on leave in Ireland in March 1963 I paid a visit to the Irish Army Equitation School. An account of this may be of interest to the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards because of a connection with the barracks and also to learn a little of the background of Irish riders who may be in the news in the future.

The barracks were built in the 1890's and are, therefore, one of the last built for the British Army in Ireland: they look very pleasant and are sited in the north of Dublin, alongside the Phoenix Park. Originally known as Marlborough Barracks they are now called after Brigadier Dick McKee, an Irish leader of the war of independence 1920-21. The walls of the Officers' Mess are hung with portraits of Irish Leaders, from Michael Collins onwards, as well as a portion of the important Chester Beatty collection of oil paintings.

I have a personal interest in the barracks and the Regiment. Soon after The 5th Dragoon Guards came to Dublin after 30-odd years abroad their drum horse, Mary, a survivor of Ladysmith, died. A stone to commemorate her was placed in the barracks wall near the gate to the Park. Some time after this happened my mother, then a young girl, went by with a friend and passed a jocular remark about it. She was overheard by my father, then the Sergeant-Major, and reproved! From this encounter a romance developed and they married.

Surprising as it may seem the Irish Army has made little use of the horse. A horsed cavalry regiment was formed in the early days under somewhat romantic beginnings but does not appear to have lasted long. The Cavalry Corps was motorised at an early stage and field artillery was horsed up to the late 1930's, when it was converted to portee. Although the nature of a great deal of the country and the comparatively short distances would suggest ideal employment for mounted infantry, they have never been part of the permanent forces.

In 1932 a ceremonial mounted escort was formed by bringing together personnel from units retaining horsed transport. They were dressed as Hussars, the uniforms



McKee (late Marlborough) Barracks, Dublin. The 5th DG Drum-horse memorial stone and (left to right) Lieut. J. F. Whelan, Lieut. R. Campion, Major H. E. Harris, Colonel J. F. Neylon, Capt W. A. Ringrose, 2/Lieut. W. Hayes and Lieut. E. O'Donohue

being said to have been designed personally by Mr. de Valera. They did duty at presidential inaugurations, visits of papal legates and state drives to the horse show. They were a popular and colourful sight in Irish social life and their replacement by motor-cyclists in 1948 was regretted by many lovers of the horse and of pageantry.

The Equitation School (An Scoil Eachaiochta) is now the only horsed unit in the Irish Army. It has a recognised establishment to which men are posted from Arms and Services for periods of duty. The present Commanding Officer is Col. J. C. Neylon of the Cavalry Corps, the Administrative Officer is Capt. M. J. Dolan, Adjutant is Capt. R. Moloney, and the leading riding instructor is Capt. W. A. Ringrose.

At present the school has 30 horses of international or

potentially international class, 17 riding horses (at the Curragh) and 15 working horses distributed among units for transport purposes. The Class I horses are purchased from an annual grant by a Government Board, which includes the School Commanding Officer, a member of the Department of Agriculture, and of course a member of the Department of Finance. The school's activities have been officially recognised for some years as having national prestige value and somewhat belatedly appreciated as valuable training for all young Officers. For this latter purpose the 17 riding horses are kept at the Curragh and Army Cadets receive a minimum of 90 hours' riding instruction in their two-year course. As part of the prestige plan, three places are now reserved in each intake for "riding cadets," young men whom the authorities have their eye on as future national jumping team members.

The main recreational riding for Officers is at point-to-point, which is now almost all fly and hurdle due to the scarcity of good horses. Those stationed at the Curragh (the Sandhurst, Camberley and Warminster combined of the Irish Army) have opportunities to ride the school animals during holiday periods.

Apart from the riding programme mentioned below the school has no other official duties except, as and when the O.R. grooms can be spared, when they provide mounted orderlies for crowd control at Fairyhouse and

Punchestown race meetings. (There are no mounted police, either military or civilian in the Irish Republic.)

The annual programme begins with a lot of schooling and weekend gymkhanas for young horses. These phases are followed by attending agricultural shows, usually one in each county and always including Cork, Limerick, Dundalk, Athlone, Sligo and the Spring Show at Ballsbridge. The main foreign events entered in 1963 are the Nice and Rome shows, Harrisburg (PA), New York, and Toronto, plus appearing in the Dublin Horse Show in August.

This year's riders include Capt. Ringrose, Lts. E. V. Campion, E. V. O'Donohue and J. F. Whelan.

Horses in this year's team include Loch an Easpaic, Loch Garman and Cloyne. These have all competed in the last four years in London, Nice, Rome, Spain, U.S.A. and Canada, as well as at home. There are a number of promising new horses and the school is looking forward to a very competitive year.

To visit an Irish Army Unit and be in an Irish Officers' Mess does not seem so very different from being in Aldershot. There are the same topics, much the same conventions, the same mixture of enthusiastic and serious officer, the same buildings and rooms except that the fires are stoked with turf and there is a strange-looking word on the door leading to the cloakroom!

Libyan Exercise

SINCE the Exercise in Libya was cloaked in paper secrecy not a great deal can be written about the mechanics of the exercise itself; also the account cannot be completed since the exercise is only half-way through. However, the journal would not be complete without an account of the Exercise up to the time of writing, which is during the "C" Squadron gunnery phase in Area 19.

The cycle began with the shipment from Southampton to Tobruk of "A" Squadron's tanks, and some vehicles from "H.Q." Squadron and the L.A.D. The loading was completed in spite of a dock strike and the arrival of the *Queen Elizabeth* at the same dock; a second dock strike was nearly precipitated when one of the ship's officers started to move a tank on the deck, with his own crew and tackle, a quarter of an hour before the dockers started work; a watchful shop steward ran up the gang plank and honour was saved. The tank hung in mid-air for a quarter of an hour until work was resumed (with, of course, the same crew and the same tackle). 2/Lt. Peppercorn and L/Cpl. Rainey travelled on board with orders to "look after the tanks" during their nine-day pleasure cruise, which involved an unforeseen two-day stay in Gibraltar, due to a split condenser. With the vehicles despatched by sea, the Regiment, in stages, or chinks as we learned to call them, began to fly from various airfields in Southern England under the auspices of the Royal Air Force. No band playing, no streamers from the ship's side departure this; but an anonymous midnight flit, involving hour-long drives, five-hour waits and long delays for grounded aircraft. We were asked to

believe that the reason our personal arms had to be bundled and put in the hold was in case some of us went berserk and tried to shoot the pilot—though by the time we reached the aircraft this did not seem so far-fetched. We were also informed that steel-shod boots could not be worn—we had visions of ourselves going on board the aircraft barefoot with our boots slung around our necks, but the army provided us with some excellent lightweight rubber-soled boots.

However, once in the air, morale was raised and when we emerged into the burning heat at El Adem airfield we had, for many of us, the first glimpse of our enemy for the next six weeks—the desert. Of the many hazards we expected to meet in the desert, probably the very last was the one which caused the most discomfort: rain! Below the desert sand is solid rock and when the rain falls it stays, with the result that at Camp Pilastrino, where we were based initially, in some places it was 2 ft. deep. The Paymaster, on rising in the morning in a foot of water, knocked over a box of washing powder; the wind blew in one end of his tent and bubbles streamed out of the other. On wading over to the water truck to collect his shaving water, however, he found it empty! In fact, the sun shone bright enough to provide some magnificent sun-tans and some equally magnificent burns. The main hazard was the dust, which got into everything, and reduced a clean shirt to a dust-soaked rag in a day. It found its way into hair, eyes, ears, food, bedding, engines, and everywhere it was not wanted. The only answer was a daily bathe, which most



Libyan Exercise

1. Apres-vous alongside the Benalbanach.
2. A tank being slung aboard.
3. The dockside at Southampton.
4. Making fast at Tobruk.

of us managed to achieve.

Many of us also made our first acquaintance with the natural inhabitants of the desert, namely donkeys, camels, tortoises, wild dogs, chameleons and large black beetles, desert rats, scorpions, and snakes.

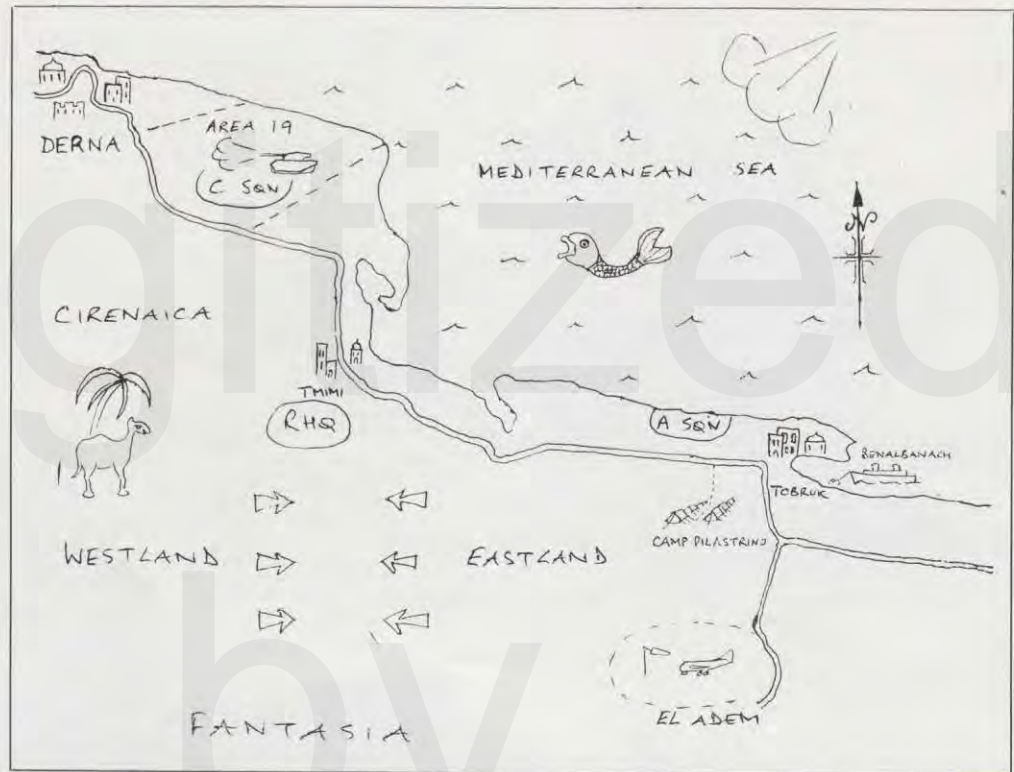
Feelings are stirred by many reminders of the Second World War that we pass in the desert, in the shape of derelict vehicles, petrol "flimsies" and war memorials. Many visited the British War Memorial at Knightsbridge, not far from Tobruk.

We have learned how to plot a course navy-fashion for a night compass march, and how to use a sun compass—when the guns of "C" Squadron have finished pounding we move out on the exercise proper to put this into practice. The Regiment is concentrating at Tmimi in the first phase of the exercise, which promises to be exciting—with fantastic originality, not only have we Eastland and Westland, but our old enemy, Fantasia, lurking in the background. It will be interesting to work off a map which is little more than a blank sheet of paper—tactics become as naval as the navigation. The exercise is comparatively short and after it we begin the long preparation for handing back vehicles, and then home.

Postscript

"C" Squadron's shooting, preceded by the clearing of the range by Recce Troop and our attached troop of the Life Guards, assisted by a Cyrenaican Defence Force section mounted on Arab stallions, was most successful, and ended with a shoot in which the A.O.C. 38 Group, R.A.F. and the Station Commander, R.A.F. El Adem, acted as gunners watched by the G.O.C. 3rd Division.

The tactical exercise started on October 3 when the Regiment, with the 14th/20th Hussars out in front, advanced on a compass bearing to occupy the prominent Ras El Eleba feature 20 miles west. Relieved later by the Sherwood Foresters, the Regiment then moved 15 miles south-east to Bir Es Sfiri. On October 4 the Regiment attacked the enemy who had closed up during the night, forcing them some 30 miles to the west by nightfall, and posing a pretty problem in desert navigation in the dark over some very rough country for the echelon. Before dawn on the 5th, "C" Squadron moved rapidly to El Ezzeiat, 15 miles north-east, and then successfully attacked Medinet Bu Hindi in support of the Foresters. In the south "A" Squadron ran up



against the strongly defended Garet El Giaafer, which was captured at last light with the support of "B" Company, the Foresters, who had arrived by helicopter. The mining of two "A" Squadron tanks in an old wartime minefield added realism but fortunately no casualties.

October 6 saw a truce which was abruptly ended by an air raid in the "C" Squadron area, and on the 7th the whole force withdrew, in accordance with a political decision, in the face of an attack by enemy armour. By midday, Recce Troop having located an enemy outflanking movement to the south, "A" Squadron were switched rapidly back to Bir Es Sfiri, where an armoured battle took place in which both sides suffered some casualties and darkness fell on a somewhat confused situation. Meanwhile "C" Squadron had been battling in the centre. On the 8th, "C" Squadron held the northern flank while "A" Squadron advanced rapidly to counter the enemy threat in the centre, both squadrons withdrawing by night as the exercise drew to a close.

There followed a week of maintenance at Pilastrino for "C" Squadron, while "A" Squadron moved their tanks direct to the ship at Tobruk, and the bulk of the Regiment had flown back to Tidworth by October 21. The Libyan venture had been valuable experience. Long distances had been covered at great speed, confidence gained in desert navigation by day and night, a healthy sun-tan acquired by all.

Round many an Ulster fireside, this Christmas will be enlivened by stories of bathing in the tepid waters of the clear blue Mediterranean, of visits to Tobruk, Derna and the old Roman city of Cyrene in the cool plateau of the Djebel Akhdar—perhaps even by the shaking out of a little gold desert dust!

**S.S.M.
J. N.
Garraghan**



INSERTED in the flyleaf of last year's edition of the Regimental Journal was an Obituary for S.S.M. J. N. Garraghan, who was knocked down by a civilian car whilst guiding tanks across a main road during an exercise, on the evening of Wednesday, October 10, 1962; he died of his injuries on the morning of the following day. Though it is not intended to reprint the obituary notice, it was felt that a more permanent tribute should be paid to one of our best remembered senior ranks. This paragraph and the above photograph serve to remind us of Jim Garraghan in typical, cheerful pose.

OBITUARY

Sgt. G. R. POYNTER, A.C.C.

IT is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Sgt. Poynter, A.C.C. He died after an intermittent illness, which lasted over a period of two years, at Millbank Hospital, on May 2, 1963, at the early age of 42 years.

Sgt. Poynter joined the Regiment in Sennelager in 1959 from The Green Howards stationed in Hong Kong.

He quickly established himself as a key member of the messing staff; his flair for producing good buffets for regimental activities was a proven asset.

Of a very quiet and reserved nature which belied his obvious abilities, his loyalty to duty, although suffering physically, was an excellent example to all who served with him. He will always be remembered by the Paderborn/Sennelager Youth Club for his unstinted support.

The sympathy of all members of the Regiment, both past and present, goes to his wife and three charming daughters, who are now happily residing in the Brighton area.

ROLAND OLIVER NEWTON

THE death has occurred of Roland Oliver Newton, who joined the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards at Colchester in 1937. He was posted to the 7th Queen's Own Hussars, and was captured at the battle of Sidi Resagh in 1941, and taken to Italy as a prisoner-of-war. He later escaped and made his way over the Alps into Switzerland, arriving back in England in October 1944. He died in his sleep on March 14, 1963, aged 42 years. Our sympathy is extended to his relatives.

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- (ii) To promote the welfare of discharged members of the Regiment by helping to establish them in civil life.
- (iii) To assist members of the Association and their families and dependants and the families and dependants of deceased members who are in need.

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Membership of the Association is restricted to past and present members of the Regiment and such other persons as may be elected by the Committee of the Association, e.g. members of Royal Signals, R.E.M.E., R.A.M.C., Chaplains' Branch, etc., who have served with the Regiment, may be elected to Honorary Membership.

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The subscription rate for officers, past and present, is £1 1s. per annum; for all other ranks, a minimum of 2s. 6d. per annum.

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Tpr. Roberts
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2nd Troop

Lieutenant A. P. Scott
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L/Cpl. Sacre
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Tpr. Clarke
Tpr. Fanning
Tpr. Smith (83)
Tpr. Hill
Tpr. Johnston

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Second-Lieutenant W. J. Attenborough
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Tpr. Delaney
Tpr. Foster
Tpr. Givens
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Tpr. Stott
Tpr. Hall (97)
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L/Cpl. Samuel
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L/Cpl. Purvis
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Tpr. Graham
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2nd Troop

Sgt. Stewart
Cpl. Morton
L/Cpl. West
Tpr. Black
Tpr. Boyce (842)
Tpr. Humphries
Tpr. Knox
Tpr. Malone
Tpr. McDonagh
Tpr. McShane
Tpr. Pulford
Tpr. Southam
Tpr. Vickery

3rd Troop

Sgt. Booker
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L/Cpl. Hatfield
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Tpr. Pass
Tpr. Sayers
Tpr. Shannon
Tpr. Wilkinson

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L/Cpl. Langley
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Tpr. Houston
Tpr. Irvine
Tpr. King (701)
Tpr. Philpot
Tpr. Trotman
Tpr. Wade 619

M.T. Troop

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Tpr. Cowles
Tpr. McMillan
Tpr. Morley
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Tpr. Young

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L/Cpl. Stephenson
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Cpl. Leech
L/Cpl. Brown
L/Cpl. Holden
L/Cpl. Scott
L/Cpl. Porter
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Tpr. Johnston (34)
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Tpr. Wade
Tpr. O'Mahoney

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Lieutenant W. J. Phipps
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Cpl. Ross
L/Cpl. Butcher
L/Cpl. Farrel
Tpr. Mosley
Tpr. Tiernan
Tpr. Thorpe (96)
Tpr. Halliday (62)
Tpr. Roper
Tpr. Davies
Tpr. Deeds

2nd Troop

Sgt. Poulton
Cpl. Smith
Tpr. McClure
Tpr. Halliday (81)
Tpr. Gibson
Tpr. Keenan
Tpr. Briggs
Tpr. Carr
Tpr. McKee
Tpr. Henry
Tpr. Fulton

3rd Troop

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Cpl. Haggart
Tpr. Cox
Tpr. Beety
Tpr. Linton
Tpr. Wheeler
Tpr. Thorpe

Tpr. Graham (26)
Tpr. McTaggart
Tpr. Hull
Tpr. Lewis

4th Troop

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Cpl. Logan
Cpl. Strachan
L/Cpl. Norton
Tpr. Tobin
Tpr. Cunningham
Tpr. McCullough
Tpr. McFarland
Tpr. Hardy
Tpr. Keogh
Tpr. Walters

R.E.M.E. Fitters

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L/Cpl. Cock
Cfmn. Bolland
Cfmn. Mortimer
Cfmn. Mackechnie
Cfmn. McGowan
Cfmn. Riches
Cfmn. Warren
Cfmn. Wood

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L/Cpl. Wilkinson
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Tpr. Floyd
Tpr. Roberts
Tpr. Lennon

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Cpl. Bray
Tpr. Ibbeson
Tpr. Palmer
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Tpr. Ridge

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Tpr. Gibson (19)
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Tpr. Patterson (22)
Tpr. Saddington
Tpr. Weir
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Tpr. McCallum
Tpr. Scott (03)

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Tpr. Noble
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Tpr. Weekes

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Tpr. Kelly

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Cpl. Stavers (12) (R.A.P.C.)

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Tpr. McDonald
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Cpl. Leggett
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Sgt. Thompson
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L/Cpl. Hunt (86)
L/Cpl. Quinton
L/Cpl. Revell
L/Cpl. Walker
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Tpr. Conlon
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Cpl. Fowles
L/Cpl. Breeze
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L/Cpl. Salt

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Cpl. Mackett
Cpl. Sellen
Cpl. Stone
L/Cpl. Barker
L/Cpl. Cracknell
L/Cpl. Hunt
L/Cpl. Pittaway
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Cfmn. Byford
Cfmn. Cowley
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MARRIAGES

- BUTCHER—CLARKE.—At Weston-super-Mare Registry Office, on September 15, 1962, L/Cpl. Butcher to Miss Janet Clarke.
- LEGGE—ROCHUS.—At St. Stephens Church, Kingston Lacy, on October 31, 1962, Tpr. Legge to Miss Sigrid Marie Louise Rochus.
- MULLIGAN—SIZER.—At St. Patricks Church, Middlesborough, on December 15, 1962, Tpr. Mulligan to Miss Beryl Sizer.
- HURLEY—MCWILLIAMS.—At St. Albans R.C. Church, Derby, on December 29, 1962, Tpr. Hurley to Miss Nuala McWilliams.
- LEIGH—OLD.—At St. Marks Church, Bow, on December 29, 1962, Tpr. Leigh to Miss Georgina Old.
- DAVIDSON—MUNNICH.—At Newtownends Registry Office, on December 31, 1962, Tpr. Davidson to Miss Anneliese Munnich.
- WELCH—HALL.—At St. Denys Church, Rotherfield, on January 12, 1963, Captain Welch to Miss Florence Elaine Hall.
- CLARKE—DUCKETT.—At St. Patricks Church, Belfast, on March 2, 1963, Tpr. Clarke 829 to Miss Anna Elizabeth Duckett.
- SADDINGTON—HADDOCK.—At Registry Office, Rotherham, on March 23, 1963, Tpr. Saddington to Miss Jennifer Diana Haddock.
- DUNLOP—SLOAN.—At Leicester Registry Office, on March 23, 1963, Cpl. Dunlop to Miss Dorothy Sloan.
- STEPHENSON—BLAKE.—At Colinton Parish Church, Edinburgh, on March 30, 1963, L/Cpl. Stephenson to Miss Cynthia Anne Blake.
- BUTTERFIELD—CROSS.—At St. Cuthberts Church, Bedlington, on April 13, 1963, Cpl. Butterfield to Miss Norma Cross.
- HUNT—MOLLETT.—At St. Thomas Church, South Wigston, on June 1, 1963, L/Cpl. Hunt to Miss Brenda Jean Mollett.
- HYSLOP—HOLMES.—At Burnley Register Office, on June 1, 1963, Cfmn. Hyslop to Miss Marian Holmes.
- KELLY—GIBBONS.—At St. Columbas Church, Belfast, on June 8, 1963, Tpr. Kelly to Miss Elizabeth Gibbons.
- RENWICK—ANDERSON.—At St. James Church, Belfast, on June 10, 1963, Tpr. Renwick to Miss Hannah Anderson.
- HANNAN—MCFIE.—At St. Joseph's Chapel, Dundee, on June 22, 1963, Tpr. Hannan to Miss Williamina McFie.
- PURVIS—MACDONALD.—At St. George's Parish Church, Glasgow On August 23, 1963, L/Cpl. Purvis to Miss Winifred Macdonald.

BIRTHS

- STOTT.—On August 5, 1962, at 88 Merrill Road, nr. Rotherham, to the wife of Tpr. Stott—a son (Shaun).
- ALLEN.—On August 24, 1962, at B.M.H., Rinteln, to the wife of L/Cpl. Allen—a son (Martin Anthony).
- CLAYTON.—On September 9, 1962, at Andreas Krankenhaus, Neuhaus, to the wife of Tpr. Clayton—a son (Michael Thomas).
- THORPE.—On September 29, 1962, at B.M.H., Rinteln, to the wife of Tpr. Thorpe—a daughter (Valerie Elizabeth).
- WARNE.—On October 4, 1962, at M.R.S., Sennelager, to the wife of Cpl. Warne—a son (Martin Paul).
- GIBSON.—On October 4, 1962, at Belfast City Hospital, to the wife of Tpr. Gibson (759)—a son (Richard).
- WHITE.—On October 20, 1962, at 16 Glenroy Terrace, Nottingham, to the wife of Tpr. White—a daughter (Christine).
- BLACK.—On October 21, 1962, at B.M.H., Rinteln, to the wife of Tpr. Black—a son (John Lewers).
- HONEY.—On November 16, 1962, at Cresswell Maternity Hospital, to the wife of Tpr. Honey—a son (Kevin James).
- LITTLER.—On November 25, 1962, at M.R.S., Sennelager, to the wife of Sgt. Littler—a daughter (Frances Jayne).
- CASEY.—On December 2, 1962, at Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham, to the wife of Tpr. Casey—a daughter (Angie Bernadine).
- SMITH.—On December 8, 1962, at Tidworth Military Hospital, to the wife of Tpr. Smith (273)—a daughter (Caroline Janette).
- IBBESON.—On December 12, 1962, at St. Helen's Hospital, Pogmore, to the wife of Tpr. Ibbeson—a daughter (Denise).
- COOK.—On December 29, 1962, At Tidworth Military Hospital, to the wife of S.Q.M.S. Cook—a son (Anthony Ramon).
- ANSELL.—On January 2, 1963, at Nuffield Maternity Wing, Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to the wife of Captain Ansell—a son (Mark Picton).
- RAYMOND.—On January 6, 1963, at Nuffield Maternity Wing, Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to the wife of Sgt. Raymond—a daughter (Diane Eileen).
- CHESTER.—On January 13, 1963, at Greenaways Maternity Hospital, Chippenham, to the wife of Sgt. Chester—a daughter (Jane Anne).
- MOXHAM.—On January 15, 1963, at Tidworth Military Hospital, to the wife of Sgt. Moxham—a son (Gary Stephen).
- VOISEY.—On January 22, 1963, at Tidworth Military Hospital, to the wife of S.Q.M.S. Voisey—a daughter (Lisa).
- LARKIN.—On March 8, 1963, at Belfast City Hospital, to the wife of L/Cpl. Larkin—a son (Frederick).
- ACTON.—On March 12, 1963, at Tidworth Military Hospital, to the wife of L/Cpl. Acton—a son (George Edward).
- BOOTH.—On March 13, 1963, at Maternity Hospital, Bradford-on-Avon, to the wife of L/Cpl. Booth—a daughter (Cynthia Philomena).
- HICKLAND.—On March 14, 1963, at Tidworth Military Hospital, to the wife of Cpl. Hickland—a daughter (Jane Susanne).
- HATFIELD.—On April 4, 1963, at Maternity Hospital, Bradford-on-Avon, to the wife of L/Cpl. Hatfield—a son (David Patrick).
- TAGGART.—On April 4, 1963, at Royal Maternity Hospital, to the wife of Sgt. Taggart (244)—a daughter (Carolyn Leonora).
- WALTERS.—On April 7, 1963, at Tidworth Military Hospital, to the wife of Tpr. Walters—a son (David Andrew).
- BURGESS.—On April 11, 1963, at Ormskirk County Hospital, to the wife of Sgt. Burgess—a son (Andrew).
- WILLIAMSON.—On April 11, 1963, at Military Hospital, Tidworth, to the wife of Cpl. Williamson—a son (Gavin George).
- LEWIS.—On April 13, 1963, at St. Luke's Hospital, Bradford, to the wife of Tpr. Lewis—a son (Phillip Brian).
- WEST.—On April 24, 1963, at the Royal Maternity Hospital, Belfast, to the wife of L/Cpl. West—a son (Eugene Anthony).
- DYE.—On May 7, 1963, at Tidworth Military Hospital, to the wife of Sgt. Dye—a daughter (Glynnis).
- BOOKER.—On May 23, 1963, at the Maternity Hospital, Bradford-on-Avon, to the wife of Sgt. Booker—a son (Anthony).
- ABBOTT.—On June 13, 1963, at Tidworth Military Hospital, to the wife of Tpr. Abbott—a daughter (Helen Marie).
- LOWERY.—On June 19, 1963, at Odstock Hospital, to the wife of L/Cpl. Lowery—a son (Mark).
- COCHRANE.—On July 8, 1963, at 10a Alfred Street, Westbury, to the wife of Tpr. Cochrane—a son (John James). (Died July 9, 1963.)
- CLIPSTON.—On July 15, 1963, at Tidworth Military Hospital, to the wife of Sgt. Clipston—a son (Simeon John).

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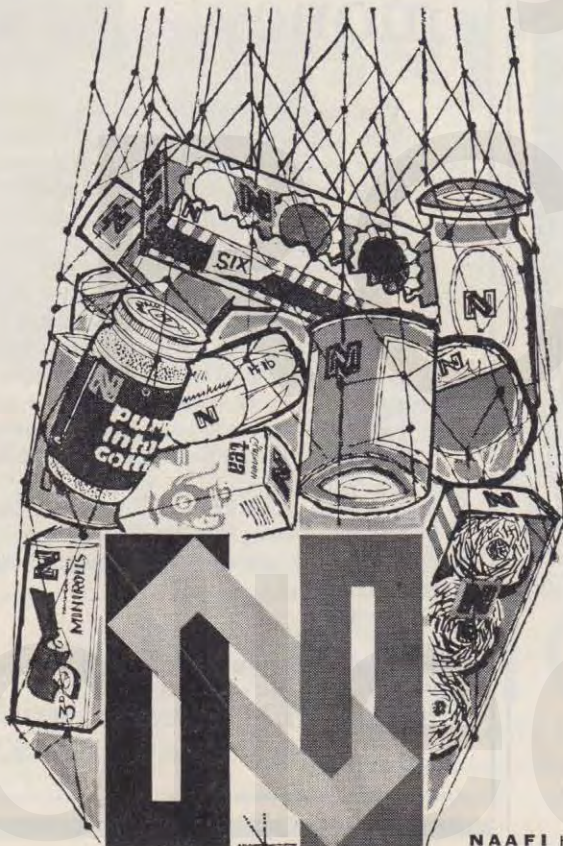
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