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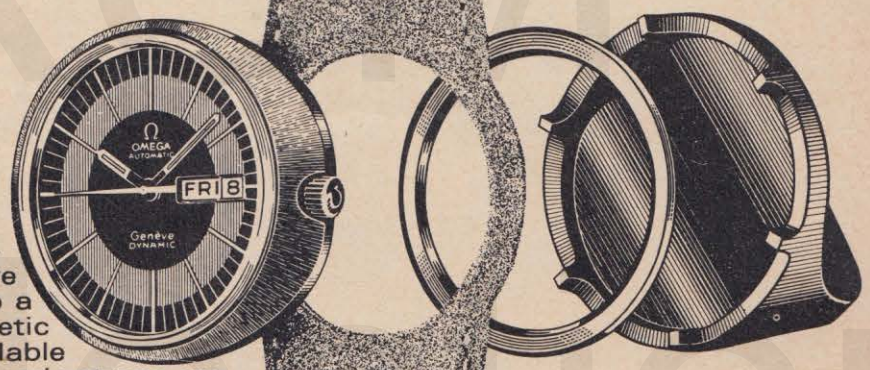
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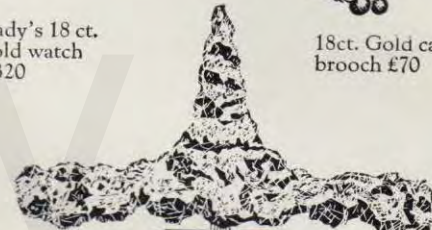
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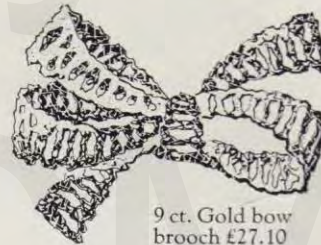
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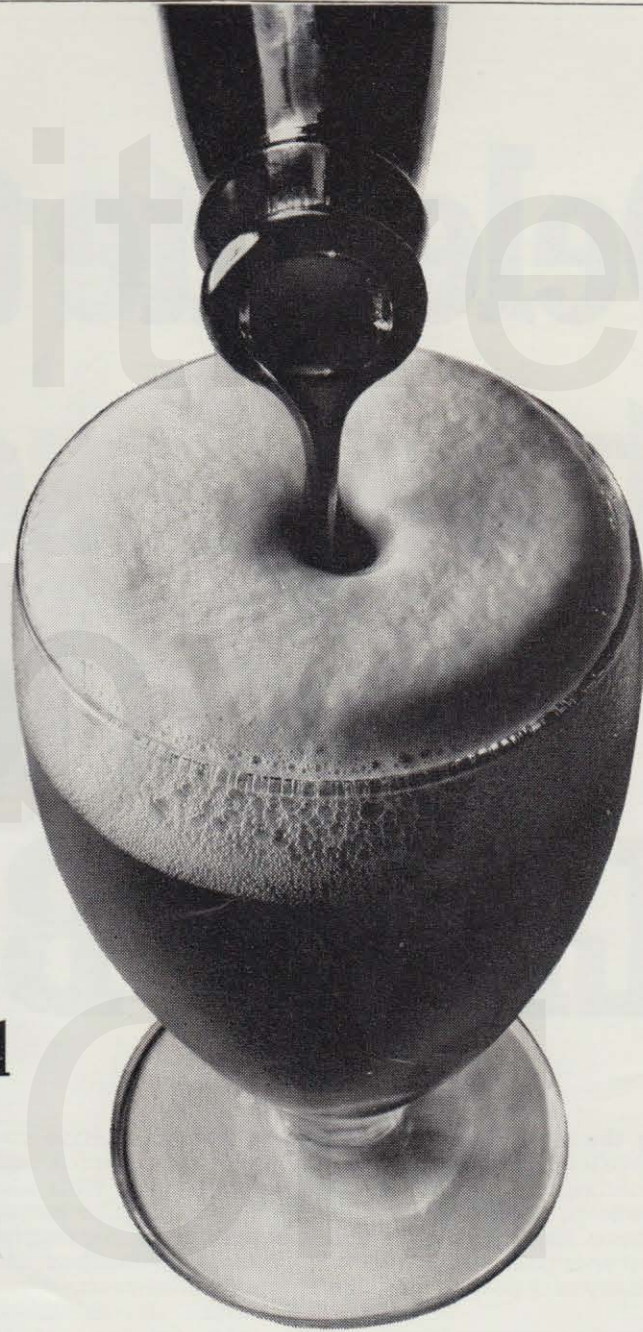
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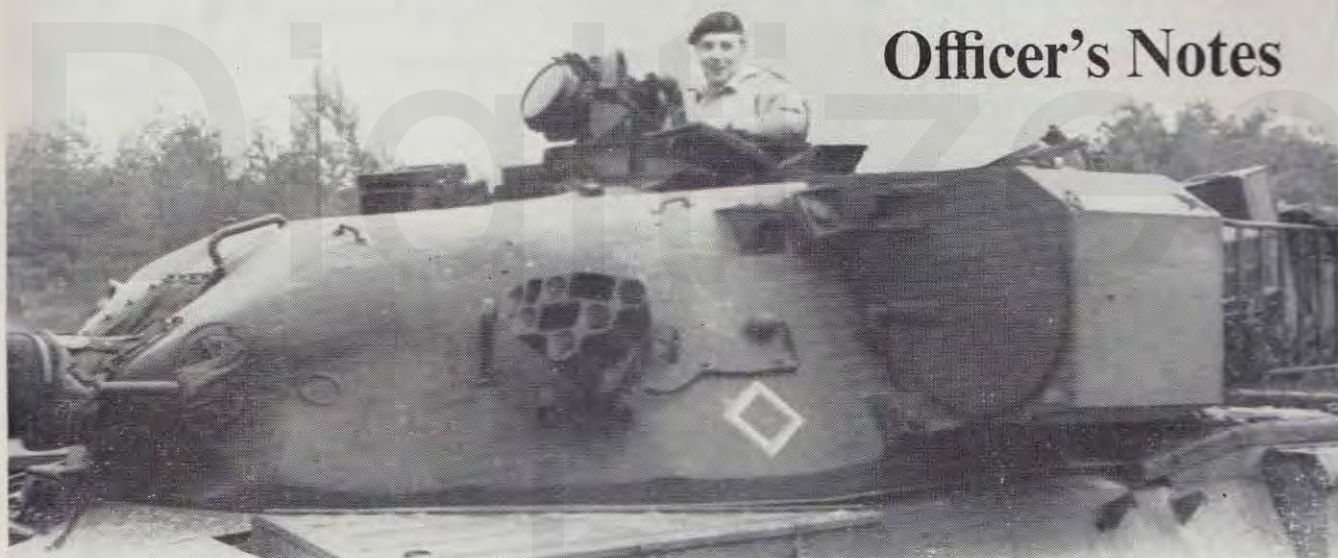
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The Commanding Officer's Trumpeter welcomes our first Chieftain

Commanding Officer's Notes



As forecast by my predecessor in these notes last year, this year has indeed been one of change, but for many members of the Regiment our move from Herford to York Barracks, Munster, at the end of June, our simultaneous conversion from being an armoured car regiment back to being an armoured regiment again, and our return under the command of Headquarters 4th Guards Armoured Brigade has been something of a home-coming. It is a sad fact of modern soldiering, and the advance of time, that there are now only five members of the Regiment still serving who were stationed in the pleasant surroundings of York Barracks when the Regiment was stationed in Munster 22 years ago. Our conversion back to tanks after only 4½ years in armoured cars is almost universally popular throughout the Regiment and this has been reflected in the enthusiasm shown and in the really hard work put in during the individual conversion training throughout the summer, and more recently during the tactical training at Soltau. It is eight years since the Regiment last had the privilege of being part of 4th Guards Armoured Brigade and they have given us a great welcome for which we are extremely grateful.

You will notice elsewhere in this Journal that two new squadrons, Support (or "S") and Logistic (or "L") Squadron, have replaced Headquarter Squadron. Support Squadron consists of Regimental Headquarters, Command Troop, Reconnaissance Troop and the headquarter element of the Light Aid Detachment REME and will also contain the Guided Weapon Troop when it is formed in 1972. All other parts of the old vast Headquarter Squadron empire form the new Logistic Squadron. Another change, this time very much for the worse, is the loss of the Air Squadron, although we still provide pilots and ground crew for many Army Aviation Squadrons throughout the world and hope that in the near future some members of the Regiment will be selected also for service as air gunners.

Because of the major changes already mentioned, the pattern of military events this year has not followed the normal Rhine Army one as far as we have been concerned. We welcomed the Colonel of the Regiment to Herford in November for his annual visit during which he attended the Union Brigade Dinner which was organised at Detmold by The Blues and Royals and attended by well over 100 officers from all the three regiments descended from those which fought alongside each other in the Union Brigade at Waterloo. December found the Regiment being given its annual Fitness for Role inspection by Brigadier Dixon, CRAC 1st British Corps. In the snow and cold of February we went to Hohne for our last annual firing in the armoured car role, during which 3rd Troop "A" Squadron, under the able leadership of Sgt. Colton, won the battle run phase of the Ansell Cup Competition and thus became the overall winners of the curtailed competition for 1970. After a summer spent on individual conversion training and the move to Munster which included moving 239 wives and 365 children, we went to Soltau for six weeks of troop and squadron training during the latter part of September and most of October where, in good weather for the time of year, much experience was gained in the use of our new equipment, much was learnt about basic armoured tactics and some enjoyment was also had judging by the cheerful and often smiling faces which were much in evidence. Towards the end of this period of training at Soltau all sabre troops competed in the tactical troop tests which formed the first part of the 1971 competition for the Ansell Cup and in which 3rd Troop "B" Squadron (Lt. H. C. G. Gabbey) narrowly beat 1st Troop "B" Squadron (2/Lt. C. J. R. Day).

It would be very wrong if no word of thanks was included in these notes for the excellent condition and most helpful way in which the 14th/20th The King's Hussars handed over their Chieftains and other equipment to the Regiment, especially when they were moving and converting to a new role themselves against a very tight timetable.

In spite of a full year members of the Regiment have found time to take part in most sports both traditional and

novel, for example orienteering, Anglo-German pistol shooting and motor racing, with considerable success. Full details appear elsewhere in this Journal; but in particular the following deserve the warmest congratulations on their successes: the Regimental football team, for being runners-up in the Cavalry Cup, the Regimental cricket team for winning the BAOR Inter-Unit Competition and the polo team for not only winning the Rhine Army Inter Regimental Challenge Cup for the first time, but for also winning the United Service Cup match against the Royal Hussars, the winners of the Inter-Regimental Competition in England.

Amongst our visitors during the year, all of whom it has been a great pleasure to have with us, have been General Sir John Anderson, who dined in the Officers' Mess during his farewell visit to BAOR as Colonel Commandant of the Royal Army Education Corps, Mr. Noble Johnson, Town Clerk of Enniskillen, who spent a morning with the Regiment in Herford during his visit to Brackwede, the "twin town" of Enniskillen for the Anglo-British Week, and Lt.-Col. Stanley, a former Commanding Officer of our affiliated Regiment The 3rd/9th South Australian Mounted Rifles, who was on a visit to BAOR from Marlborough where he is teaching at present.

Sadly every year sees many people who leave the Regiment never to return and, unfortunately, space only allows me to mention two by name who have left since the last Journal was published. Major Evans has left us after seven years as our Paymaster during which time he guided and helped all of us with kindness, and firmness when necessary, with our financial responsibilities. We thank Major and Mrs. Evans for all they did for the Regiment and wish them every happiness and good fortune in the future. After nine years as Bandmaster, WO1 Howe was posted in September to The Prince of Wales's Divisional Depot at Lichfield. It is impossible in these notes to pay full tribute to all Mr. Howe did for the Regimental Band and the Regiment and to thank him adequately for doing so. He could not have left the Band with a higher reputation, and the fact that they received one of the rare gradings of Outstanding on their five-yearly inspection by the staff of Kneller Hall in 1969 is some indication of what he achieved. We all wish Mr. and Mrs. Howe every happiness and success in the future and hope that one day Mr. Howe may be wearing his Green Trousers again as a Director of Music.

Another sad aspect of each year is the list of names contained in the Obituary column of the Journal of those who, in years gone by, have helped to build up the standing and heritage of the Regiment which it is the duty of the present members of the Regiment to maintain. This year the list contains the names of Brigadiers Anstice and Walker who did so much to inspire and lead those in the Regiment during their especially memorable and successful tours as Commanding Officer.

We congratulate Major Farmer and Major Keightley on their forthcoming promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel during 1971, and take this opportunity of thanking Major and Mrs. Farmer most warmly and sincerely for everything they have done for the Regiment during their attachment to it. Amid all the changes of the last two years they have been the rock upon which much has been built, their sound advice has been sought by many members of the Regiment and their families, and their unfailingly cheerful approach to life has been an inspiration to all. We wish them all good fortune in the future, especially during Major Farmer's next appointment starting in April next year as Commanding Officer of the Junior Leader Regiment Royal Armoured Corps at Bovington.

Although 1971 does not look as if it will be a year of great changes, it certainly looks as if it will contain much that will be different. On the training side, in April the Regiment visits Hohne to fire our Chieftain guns for the first time, followed in May by Combat Team training with our old friends 1st Battalion The Welsh Guards, and then another visit to Hohne for our annual firing in July. For once it looks as if we shall not be carrying out our traditional role of umpiring during the autumn manoeuvres, but instead will be taking part in an Anglo-German exercise in October. It is also hoped that it will be possible to have a large recruiting tour in Ulster in September as in spite of valiant efforts by our recruiters insufficient Irishmen have taken up my predecessor's invitation in these notes last year to come and join the Regiment. One of the main highlights of 1971 will be the visit of the Regimental Association in May and we hope that as many members as possible will be able to come over to Munster for that visit.



Despite our moves and conversion not everything changes. Do either of these photographs remind you of anything? The parade took place in York Barracks on June 18, 1948 and the 1926 Polo Team consisted of Wiley, Ansell, Keightley, Ford and Graham.

There is only room for this one Editorial comment and the reason is cost. Inevitably the expense of production has increased and a number of articles that should be in the Journal are not. Nevertheless it is hoped that the following pages will give you a full insight into the Regimental year.

“A” Squadron



Almost at the time of last year's Journal going to press a great sporting event took place. It was the first Inter-Squadron cross-country competition for many years which we won. On the left above Mrs. Farmer presents the shield to Sgt. Clarke and below that are some of the team: Tpr. Dillen, L/Cpl. McNeill, L/Cpl. Bartlett, Cpl. Schooley and Tpr. McGregor.

Winter came and with it the snow. Life in Hereford was peaceful over Christmas but in January the tempo increased. We sent out two border patrols which were made more amusing by the sight of several complete novices discovering that they were expected to patrol on skis. Lt. Zvegintzov, on the right, thought it much faster than the conventional means. Below Major Rucker and Cpl. Sharman can be seen enjoying gunnery at Hohne, but more of that later.





January also saw us preparing for the FFR and FMR competitions which led straight onto a fortnight at Hohne in February. Although the Squadron was unable to beat "B" Squadron in the FMR competition Third Troop with Sgt. Colton, Cpl. Brennen, Tpr. Wilkinson and Tpr. Jamison as commanders and gunners had very good results which they repeated at Hohne.

Soon after Hohne we initiated exercise "Last Wheel". This was a farewell exercise in our Saladins and we took on "B" and "C" Squadrons and having written the exercise, somewhat naturally we beat them. It was not all easy going and on the left L/Cpl. Beer and Sgt. Baker attend to a casualty (which the crew swore was the result of aggressive enemy action).

Sport at this time flourished in the Squadron and 2nd Troop did exceptionally well in the Mutti Ram Cup reaching the semi finals. We also reached the final of the Jack Warner Cup where we were beaten by HQ Squadron who had no less than seven Regimental footballers. On the right 2/Lt. McKenzie is seen on a canoeing course in Norway.



Undoubtedly our biggest achievement this year was winning the Ansell Cup. The team is seen above. Starting at the bottom left, L/Cpl. Gallivan, Tpr. Pollock, Tpr. Pollock (just two out of the six brothers in the Regiment), L/Cpl. Johnston, Tpr. Wisener, L/Cpl. Corbett, Sgt. Colton, Capt. Whitley (at present our Squadron Leader), Cpl. Brennen, Tpr. Jamieson and Tpr. Armstrong.

The presentation of the cup in June marked the end of our stay in Herford and we moved without vehicles to Munster.



There is little to report from Munster yet as the entire time has been spent in training crews for our Chieftains. We have had a families' open day and Tpr. Roberts and L/Cpl. Patterson can be seen on the left with two potential recruits.

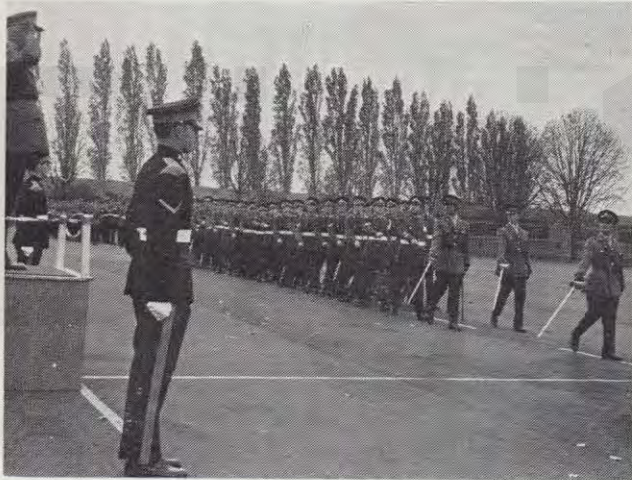
It is reported that Lt. Ward-Harrison is still in the Squadron although we have evidence, in the two pictures on the right, that this is not entirely true. He was a member of our extremely successful Regimental polo team and this has taken him to many parts of the country.



Throughout the year we have seen the departure of many old faces and the arrival of an equally large number of assorted ones, although it is only fair to the majority to say that some were more assorted than others. Amongst the more notable departures were Major Rucker, Lt. Zvegintzov, SSM Saggerson, SQMS's Booker and Price, Sgts. Clarke, West and Sgt. Ward (REME) who have all left us; and replacing them, Major Couzens (we hope), Capt. Whitley, SSM Moxham, SQMS Young, Sgt. McGinty and Cpl. Jennings-Bramly who have all arrived throughout the last year in a fairly uninterrupted flow in which, to coin a phrase, the SQMS still stands uninterrupted.

As we go to Press again we are preparing to go for a six-weeks training camp on Soltau. Our tanks are fit and our crews trained and so we look forward to putting our knowledge to the test. 2/Lt. Mackenzie is seen above demonstrating one of the finer points of vehicle maintenance to Tor. Wilson, Cpl. Hill, Cpl. Mc Nerney, Sgt. Gordon, L/Cpl. McAdorey, Tpr. Knight and L/Col. Holland.

“B” Squadron



At the end of September the Squadron was lucky enough to take part in the 20th Armoured Brigade exercise, which was enjoyed by all and was very beneficial to everyone as it was the only “outside” exercise we had taken part in for some years.

The late autumn found the Squadron busily preparing for UEI, and our efforts were amply rewarded by a good report. During this time we were honoured by a visit from the Colonel of the Regiment who took the salute on the church parade, seen above on the left, and asked many questions about our equipment and way of life. Cpl. Webster, right, provided some of the answers—he obviously hopes they were the correct ones.

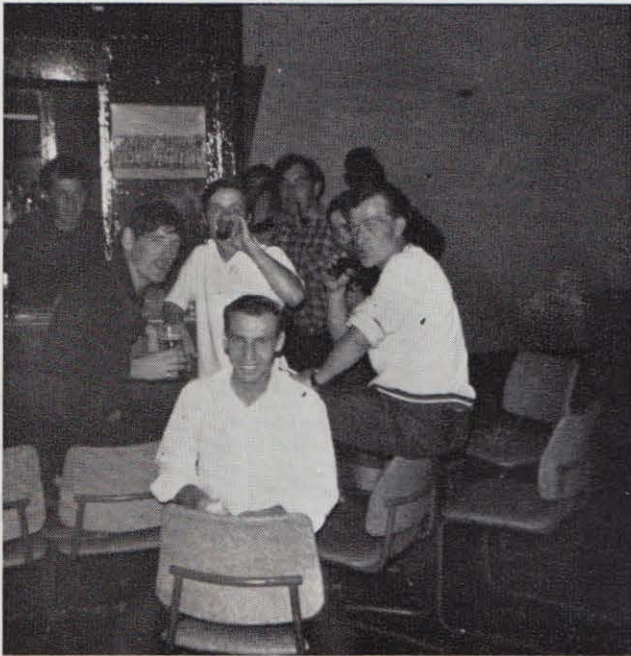


At Christmas many members of the Squadron took leave but those who stayed behind found plenty with which to amuse themselves.

During this time Cpl. Anderson and L. Cpl. Parnell went langlauffing in Austria and after a lot of hard work (it is cross-country running on skis) made the Regimental team which took part in the 4th Division Championships in Lermoos. Cpl. Anderson also became a proficient downhill skier and is seen on the right taking part in a Giant Slalom event. In other sports Cpl. Brown was a member of the football team which won the Cavalry Cup in Germany but lost the final in England; he was also a member of the cricket team who were the BAOR Champions. L/Cpl. Wells and Major Faulkner also played for the Regimental Hockey Team.



A freezing January was spent in training for Gunnery Camp, culminating in the FMR Competition which was won at odds of 100-1 (as he only had two days practice) by Cpl. Webster and Tpr. Higginson. In February we went to Hohne where we had all weather from blizzards to severe frosts (-14 degrees C on firing point) and fog which badly held up the battle runs. Here Sgt. McCleery had the best individual score although "A" Squadron had the winning troop. However, we had the best troop aggregate. Six of our Ferrets are seen above on one of the better days we had on the static firing point.



During April we had several exercises including one Counterpoint exercise where we mopped up "A" Squadron without much difficulty with a score of 96 to 30. At the end of the month we had our last fling in armoured cars. This was a very successful three days and although it was very fast moving our vehicles gave little trouble as can be seen from S/Sgt. Saunder's clean appearance on the right.

On the left Cpls. Parker, Knox and Hodges with L/Cpl. Pollock and Tprs. Price 30, Jackson and Caulfield are seen enjoying the Squadron bar shortly before our move to Munster.



Over the Whitsun break a party from the Squadron went to the Moselle for a weekend's boating! A group can be seen here on a starboard tack for a wine slope south of Cochem.

Two of the party have now left the Squadron. Mr. Copeman, whose affable incomprehensibility will be missed by all, to civilian life and Lt. Vigors to three years at Shrivenham. Also it was very sad to say goodbye to Sgt. Cooney who, after 11 years service with "B" Squadron, 10 of which were spent with 2nd Troop, has gone to the Army Youth Team in Northern Ireland.



One thing we shall miss, being in tanks, is our freedom to roam over the countryside wherever we wanted. On most of our exercises there was usually time to help the locals enjoying their Shutzenfests. Here SQMS Haig and Tpr. Reilly do their part—note that exercise kit invariably meant carrying civilian clothes as well.

Apart from the departures already mentioned, there have been many others. Converting meant cutting five troops to three, and because of this our Orbat has changed considerably. We have had to give much talent away and Sgt. Nesbitt has left us to become the Regimental Signal Sergeant. Cpl. Parker has gone to "S" Squadron and Cpl. Tracey has gone to run "L" Squadron Signals. Sgt. England has left us to recruit in London and Capt. Ingall went to HQ RAC early in the year and for some six months we had no Second-in-Command. Now, Capt. Morrison is back and with him Sgt. Kirby. Sgt. Cope is now our Signals Sergeant and S/Sgt. Woods has come to us to take over Third Troop when Lt. Gabbey goes to the Gunnery School.

But enough of our comings and goings, we are now off to Soltau to train to be the best Squadron in the Regiment and our next notes will undoubtedly be full of pictures of Chieftains covered in mud.



Our move to Munster and collecting our tanks both went very smoothly. We have many soldiers in this Squadron who remember tanks from our Centurion days and so the work entailed in our changing role was anticipated. Crew training had already started in Herford and continued as soon as we arrived in Munster.

It was at this stage that we lost the Stables Troop to "S" Squadron. We had them with us all the time in Herford due to the Squadron Leaders association with horses. Above, Tpr. Pancott, one of the grooms, holds Merciful Monk. Major Faulkner has had a very successful year racing on this horse.

Monday was Carlsberg day . . .

. . . so off we all went, nine members of "B" Squadron, for a short walk round the brewery on Carl's Mountain followed by a long inspection of the finished product at very close range.

We had arrived in Copenhagen two days before, on Saturday, August 22, some by train and some by car, and camped at Avedore five miles from the centre, where the supremely helpful camp-site warden showered us with information on the city's sights, including an enlightened pamphlet listing all the free entertainment available. Carlsberg was free, so, too, was the Museum of the Danish Resistance Movement, numerous other museums and art galleries, and all the public parks. Even Tivoli only cost a mark for entry and a chance to watch international variety shows, or listen to three different kinds of music.

International, too, was the camp site. We beat the Germans at football, lost to the Americans in their own version of the game, while Delaney and Jackson won altogether unnecessary admiration from the Dutch one night after they had managed to keep in tune for a complete rendering of "Liverpool Town". Erotic Italians, *en route* for home from the North Cape, antlers on the roof-racks of their Fiat 500s, would arrive as we were going to bed and wake us as they left.

Naturally, there were girls. To tell the truth, Macartney, Langley and Caulfield seemed to think of little else and Cpl. Gorry, with the asset of a fast car, did not appear to have time for thought.

We made many other friends, too—notably the American avoiding the draft, who, realisation suddenly dawning, said to Mulholland—"Say, you mean you *volunteer* for the Army?" The complacent grin that he received in return did nothing to dispel his horror.

Altogether we enjoyed a very pleasant week before returning to the hard realities of Site Guard and Soltau. The weather, surroundings, and people which we encountered made Copenhagen a memorable place. And, of course, we haven't told you about Thursday. Well, Thursday was Tuborg day. . . .

“C” Squadron



One of the first things to happen since our notes last year was the FFR. This was held on a particularly cold day with fresh snow lying on the ground. The inspection was carried out in what must be record time and included the evacuation of Sgt. McGarry (5th Troop leader) by air, having been “severely wounded” by the Brigadier.

As the nights grew shorter, preparations for gunnery camp and troop training became the “In Thing”. With all our vehicles fit, thanks to S/Sgt. Scott and his fitters, the squadron had a very amusing one-day exercise on Stapel Range, and left above, Tprs. Stock, Wilson, Cox, Sgt. Moseley, Tpr. Da Silva, Cpls. Keogh and McAlonan can be seen having a break during it. At the end of it 1st Troop, led by Sgt. Moseley, were in high spirits having acted as enemy as well as going down the run. Even this wealth of experience was insufficient to save Cpl. Keogh from capture by the cunning Tpr. Mimna (right).



The weather for the first week at Gunnery camp was superb but the second week was unbelievably foul. Sgt. Thomas assisted by Cpl. Walters, when not supervising shooting, achieved instant popularity by producing large quantities of hot coffee at a very reasonable price. S/Sgt. Haggar and L/Cpl. McCavery were praised in the gunnery report for the most impressive shooting and the squadron was also praised for its unique system of target indication. This was ably demonstrated by Sgt. Scott on the battle run, by whistling at Cpl. Martin, pointing and shouting . . . (censored). When Hohne finished we concentrated on troop and Squadron training.



It was during our last wheeled exercise that Lts. Anderson and Graham were handcuffed by the Squadron Leader with genuine Military Police handcuffs. When told to get on with it, Lt. Graham escaped very easily in about two minutes without assistance by opening the driver's bin and cutting them with an ordinary pair of wire cutters!

Before setting out on this exercise 5th Troop looked extremely smart as shown in the first photograph above. From left to right are Cpl. Walker, Tpr. Brown, Tpr. Marsh, Sgt. McGarry, Sgt. Manns and Tpr. Wilson. The second picture shows initial appearances are deceptive. From the number of photographs of bogged, ditched, and otherwise unserviceable vehicles offered for the journal, there must have been some form of inter troop bogging competition as part of the Ansell Cup and Sgt. Scott in the second photograph obviously thinks he has a winner.

From April onwards there was an intensive period of individual training and preparation for the move to Munster, which happened on June 23. Within the first week S/Sgt. Scott and the LAD had started lifting out power packs and Tpr. Weir, L/Cpl. Baker, Tpr. McBratney and Cpl. Hartley obviously reckon an empty engine compartment is the place to rest (pictures 3 and 4).

All our vehicles needed a certain amount of work done on them and L/Cpl. Conway and Tpr. Hall are seen sorting out? The Squadron Leader's Land rover. Often it was a case of the blind leading the blind and when necessary maintenance had to be done little groups could be seen on the vehicle park looking puzzled. Photograph 6 shows one such group consisting of L/Cpl. McCavery, Briggs and Cowan.



We have managed to get Sgt. Utton, L/Cpl. Jackson and Tprs. Marsh and Graham away to Norway for adventure training courses and we hope that next year they will all be able to help in major adventure training expeditions. Above Tpr. Graham practices rock climbing.

We are too near to Munster for much further news except to tell you the Squadron Club is a roaring success and a great improvement on the Herford Club. For this we have to thank the 10th Hussars and 3rd Carabiniers who put much work into it. We are at the moment doing some redecoration and minor alterations.



Tpr. Devonshire explains to Tpr. Bell how to drive a Chieftain and L/Cpl. Murray and Tpr. Broome get down to one of the normal tasks.

STOP PRESS



As we go to press we are preparing for Soltau. The Squadron Leader obviously considers a few moments spent in recruiting, with our fitters, is time well spent—even if it is his own sons that are being impressed.



We have all arrived at Soltau and to prove it here is the bridge layer. The Brigade Commander, Brig. Sir Ian Jardine, visited us shortly after our arrival, much to the delight of the Editor who had a gap to fill.

“HQ” and “L” Squadrons



We did more than support the Regiment at Gunnery camp this year. Everybody threw grenades and fired our bazookas. Various instructors from all over the squadron were called in to help, and the team was well led by SQMS Chester (now SSM) seen above with Major Farmer and Capt. Tomlinson.

The Regiment produced the Guard of Honour to say farewell to Lt.-Gen. Sir Mervyn Butler. Many members of the Squadron were in this guard. Below, Captain Courage escorts him on the inspection.

These notes are an obituary to HQ Squadron. For the thousands of you who have served in the Squadron you will be shocked to hear we no longer exist. Such questions as “can we exist without HQ Squadron?” obviously spring to one’s lips and fortunately the answer is yes. We have been split in two (which means we may not be winners of the Jack Warner Cup as we have been for years.) The hard-working part of the Squadron is now called “L” or Logistic Squadron and the playboys have been put out to grass in “S” or Support Squadron. Truthfully, it is sad to see such showpieces as RHQ “F” leave the Squadron and we no longer have the LAD.

Our last year has been one of glory and although these notes are short and include “L” Squadron, our beneficiaries, we will highlight the major events. For us the change to tanks and to Munster has meant sweat and tears for many months.

We had a moment of glory when the Colonel of the Regiment visited us and Tpr. Crothers showed him a Stalwart. We had also a change of command at this time and we said goodbye to Capt. Cowdy who will go down in our Squadron history as a person who did a fantastic amount to encourage pride in the Squadron block.



LOSS OF FALSE TEETH

As a way of saying goodbye to Cpl. Canning the Editor would like to remind you of the time he was asked to pay a large sum in order to replace his lost false teeth. Here is an extract from the correspondence that went on over the problem:

“On 1 November 1969 22540045 Cpl. Canning, E. J., was returning to Harewood Barracks at 0045 hrs. when he was seized by a coughing fit. In the discomfiture of his oncoming apoplexy his dentures were accidentally ejected from his mouth.

“When he recovered his composure Cpl. Canning, entirely on his own initiative, organised a systematic search of the area. Unfortunately, his hunt was of no avail and he had to return to barracks completely toothless.

“Foul play is not suspected.

“Cpl. Canning now finds that without his masticating equipment he is completely up a gum tree and if he remains in his present state, it is, in the long run, likely to prove detrimental to his health. Please arrange to issue him with a new set of dentures.

“I consider that he should be charged £1 towards the cost of replacement.”

Copy to: Molar.



RHQ "A" were runners-up in the Mutti Ram Cup. The team, L/Cpl. Baker, Sgt. Casey, Cpl. Noble, SSI Lawrence, Capt. Courage and Tpr. Graham, is seen on the left. On the right are two lines of Saladins.

These were the last of our wheeled "A" vehicles and the story of their departure must be told. We had to move 98% of our entire holdings in two weeks at a time when we were taking over vehicles from the 14/20 Hussars and moving them from Paderborn to Munster. We disposed of our Air Squadron to various places and gave our 15 guided weapons Ferrets to the Carabiniers. Our other vehicles went to Ordnance depots in Germany, Belgium and England. Three trains, two ships and 60 tank transporters were used. We handed over and received 420 vehicles of various types from Chieftains to motor bicycles. At the same time the families were completing an equally complicated move and Capt. Fitzsimmons and Capt. Bertrand and both their staffs did a truly fantastic job.

No sooner was this completed than HQ Squadron ceased to exist. Perhaps this was a fitting end and next year "L" Squadron, who are now settled in, will continue the story.

"S" Squadron



Remove the LAD, whose notes appear separately, and we remain a small but very distinguished group comprising Command and Recce Troops with a Headquarters to co-ordinate affairs. We sleep above the orderly room and the offices and stores are 200 yards away—on the other side of the square, which is a mixed blessing. This is due to change, but we wonder when.

We are now all capable of operating the variety of new vehicles we have been issued with, and at the time of going to press are preparing for six weeks in the field to give us the practical experience we still need. Recce Troop have already had a week's swan around the countryside, and Command Troop 432s are shortly to take the plunge on Dorbaum training area in a "swim in" before launching themselves on the Weser in October. We now know why two canoes and a sailing dinghy were kept in their hangar for so long.

Most married men are settled in their new houses and it was a great pleasure to see so many of their wives at the open day on August 18, perhaps they now have some idea of what their husbands get up to every day! Command Troop run the Balaclava Cinema in Block 20; maybe we will see some of the families there occasionally now they know where it is.

Command Troop has not really changed since it was RHQ "F" and many familiar faces can be seen above on the left. On the right RSM Saggerson inspects Tpr. Doyle's SMG during the stretcher bearer competition. With Tpr. Doyle are Cfn. Motley, Auan and Tpr. Colfer.



CHARGES FOR THE REGIMENTAL TOLL-BRIDGE

1. Closer scrutiny of the bridge issued for the Centurion Bridgelayer reveals that it is the Mk. II (Toll) version. Toll charges for its use are therefore to be raised in accordance with the table below (Crown exemption from toll charges having been waived as outlined in DCI (Gen) 169/69).

2. Charges are to be paid to the gatekeeper at the time of crossing as follows:

Children under 14	5 pfgs
Adults	10 pfgs
Parties of more than 10	5 pfgs each
Wheeled vehicles under 3 ton laden weight	20 pfgs
Wheeled vehicles under 10 ton laden weight	30 pfgs
All other vehicles including tracked and agricultural	50 pfgs

3. Tickets will be valid for a return journey on the day of issue. Vehicles in possession of F Mov 269 will be allowed to cross without charge as explained in DCI (Gen) 169/69.

4. Marching troops are to break step when crossing the bridge.

POTs POBs & POFs Registration Office
Logistic Squadron

Dear Sir,

I have to inform you that your application to register your "Centurion Bridgelayer" as a Mk. II Toll Bridge (publicly owned) has been unsuccessful. The reasons are as follows:

First: Applications can only be considered from owners of toll bridges sited in the United Kingdom.

Second: The toll bridge must be on a permanent site.

Third: The toll bridge must have been constructed before 1 Sep 1878.

The charges you propose to raise are therefore illegal and I must warn you that an attempt to collect any monies will be treated as an offence under the Prevention of Fraud Act 1963, paragraph 31.b.(1)(a) and liable to prosecution.

In view of the importance of this decision a copy of this letter is being sent to all addresses included in your letter of 30 July 1970.

Yours faithfully,

PS: It has been suggested that Messrs. Simon & Garfunkel may be able to give you further assistance on this matter.

Light Aid Detachment



We started the winter in true REME style with a UEI and repair programme with CREME's technical inspection to provide an alternative amusement. Yellow and black stripes appeared all over the hangars. Of course, the odd yellow footprint also appeared when a boot DMS came into contact with wet paint. Also we entered the Craftsman's Cup Football Competition and were narrowly beaten in the quarter-finals. This coincided with two feet of snow which the complete LAD spent a day removing from the pitch.

In February we said farewell to ASM Kay who went off to Aborfield to take a commission, and we welcomed Mr. Lambert as the new ASM. With him inspections and repairs started anew after Exercise "Pied Piper". It was rumoured that the two Prodigious Leylands which were lost and then found again were never lost. The EME thought otherwise.

We finally bade farewell to Herford after a "Summer-clean" during which everyone was given a paint brush. Sgts. Espin and Mason as Nos. 1 and 2 on the squeegee performed wonders on the high LAD windows. At the same time we said goodbye to S/Sgt. Fred Mills who continues his joking career in Singapore. We welcomed in his place S/Sgt. Beaumont from 11 Inf Wksp.

We are all now firmly in Munster and above, from left to right, are Cfn. Talbot, L/Cpl. Sharpe, Cfn. Whalley, L/Cpl. Rawles, Cfn. Carroll, Motley and L/Cpl. Coltman.

Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess



SSM Christer and S/Sgt. Dye receive their Long Service and Good Conduct Medals from the Colonel of the Regiment

ONE of the great difficulties of writing the notes for the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess has always been thinking of a suitable opening theme. Not any more! All that happens now is that we repeat the one that we used last year, and the year before, and simply say, "Once again we find ourselves in a new Mess". Indeed, so adept are we becoming at this annual game of Musical Messes that it is hard to believe that we were ever at Herford at all, so smooth was the transfer to Munster. This is not to say that the usual amount of hard work and energy did not go into the move. On the contrary, the Mess members and the Mess staff applied themselves to the task with their renowned vigour and the results, as always, were rewarding.

Our new Mess is housed in a much smaller building than the one we had in Herford and it is anticipated that we will have to use all the ingenuity that we can muster to organise the larger functions. However, there is a large cellar underneath the Mess which can be used as a night club. Already plans have been made for one or two structural alterations and the wall-papering of the bar and ante-room is in hand. One hopes that we are destined to remain in Munster long enough to extract the full value of our labours.

As forecast in the last Mess notes, our social calendar has been very full, and looking back over the year there are not many blank spots. Before Christmas we held several functions including a South American evening, which, as a matter of interest, produced a useful purpose for those renowned inhibitors of passions, the Army issue pyjamas. As well as this a Roman Night was "organised". Prizes were awarded for the best costumes and

so inventive were some mess members that the task of judging was almost impossible.

The highlight of the whole year was our Balaclava Ball held in November for which the organisation and effort that went into the preparations, must go on record. Each Squadron was given part of the Mess to prepare and decorate and the results reflected the friendly rivalry for inventiveness. The overall result was, to say the least, probably unique in the history of the Mess. We were pleased to welcome as our guest of honour the Colonel of the Regiment, and among our other guests were the Regimental officers and their wives, members of the 1st Guides and also members of the American Army who had looked after us so well during our stay in Bavaria on Exercise New Maiden. When you realise that, in addition, almost every unit in the area was represented, it will give you some idea of the numbers present. It was a magnificent occasion long to be remembered and our thanks must be extended to Mr Hunt and his staff for the excellent buffet.

As usual, the Christmas festivities in the Mess were enjoyed by all who attended them and the Draw, in particular, was an outstanding success largely due to the exceptional quality of the prizes selected by SSM Clarke and his committee. The period following Christmas was fairly quiet except for the occasional dining-in nights interspersed with Saturday night socials. It could be said that we were preparing ourselves for the rigours of annual gunnery camp, which, unbelievably to those of us who are dormant during the German winter months, was held in February, at Hohne. Once again we took the opportunity of visiting our Armoured brethren in the area.



Mr Cook's farewell party, or our St. Patrick's Day match against the officers

With the onset of St. Patrick's Day the Mess went into feverish activity to plot the downfall of the officers during the Paddy's Day Fracas, sometimes laughingly known as a football match. With our plans duly made we took the field and proceeded to entertain the crowd. Unfortunately, one of our cleverer gimmicks, which involved RSM Cook being carried off on a stretcher to create a diversion while we mounted an attack, misfired, when the RSM took a heavy fall and succeeded in really breaking his thigh. The stretcher party gleefully dashed on to the field and the unfortunate RSM was nearly subjected to some of the most primitive first-aid yet devised as our trainer SQMS Chester sought to drown him in cold water. As a result of this unfortunate accident, Mr Cook was to spend the next five months off the road! We learned during this period that as soon as he was fully fit again he was to be commissioned and RQMS Saggerson, to whom we offer our congratulations, was promoted RSM. We cannot pass on without thanking Mr. Cook for all the help and support that he has given the Mess over the years and wish him well for the future.

The time was fast approaching for another move of camps and the business of cleaning up and packing up began. As our farewell to Herford we held a Cocktail Party followed by a dance, to which all our many friends in Herford were invited. At about this time also we attempted to dine-out the Commanding Officer, but unfortunately he was delayed in getting back from the United Kingdom. However, we were able to say goodbye to him, albeit informally, at a later date when we wished him every success in his new job and presented him with a barometer. We were very pleased to welcome back to the Regiment as our new Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. Taylor, and we wish him every success during his tour in command of the Regiment.

With regard to sport, during the past year we have had a fairly quiet time although the Mess football team did enter a league but a lot of fixtures were lost due to bad weather and training commitments. The darts team as

usual did us proud and under the management of SQMS Chester obtained third place in the Bielefeld area league.

Throughout the last 12 months several members of the Mess have been royally entertained by our friends the 1er Guides in Duren and at one time it was feared that RQMS(T) Edmenson had transferred to them.

Since arriving in Munster we have held an opening cocktail party and social, a feature of which was our newly acquired discotheque equipment. This equipment now provides the music for our very popular Saturday night socials and has proved to be a useful acquisition to the Mess, unless you happen to be property member.

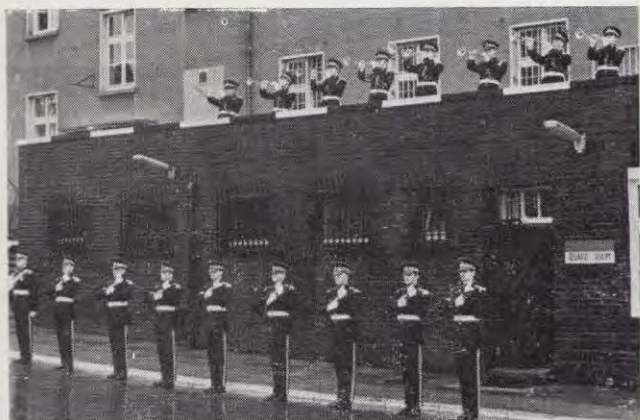
Owing to lack of space as well as the large turn-round of people on becoming an armoured regiment again, it is impossible to mention by name all the arrivals and departures over the last year. We would, however, like to say farewell to the following Mess members and wish them all good fortune as they leave us for the last time, Bandmaster Howe, ASM Kay, WO2 Ramsay, WO2 Derham, S/Sgt. Thurgood, S/Sgt. Stafford and last, but not least, Sgt. Taggart, who has been our caterer for the last seven years and whose occupancy of Rooms 46 and 110 will be well remembered by the ladies.

In addition, we would like to congratulate all those who have been promoted during the year and we welcome in particular those who have joined us from other Regiments and from the Corporals Mess.

Unfortunately for us, the year has been tinged with sadness once again and it is with the deepest regret that we record the untimely death of Mrs Jean Colton during the summer. All of those who were fortunate enough to know this very brave girl can do nothing but mourn her loss and extend to Sgt. Colton and his children our deepest sympathy.

We close these notes with the hope that next year we will not begin with the words, 'Once again we find ourselves in a new Mess' and that the author will be finding great difficulty with his opening theme.

The Regimental Band



A Guard of Honour and the Trumpeters for a visiting General

THIS was very much a year of business as usual. The winter months started with the Trumpet Competition. We were delighted to have as the adjudicators, the Colonel of the Regiment and Mr. Herbert, the Bandmaster of the 3rd Carabiniers, whom many will remember as our Trumpet Major. The winner of the Competition was L/Cpl. Kane.

We visited numerous Officers' Messes to provide music for dinner nights and two in particular come to mind, The Union Brigade Dinner, when we produced battle music complete with blood-curdling yells and sabre clashes, and one at the 1 (BR) Corps Mess in Bielefeld when the chief guest was a French General. A programme of a suitably French flavour was produced including a piece called "Bouquet de Paris". Musicians will know that this selection of French songs opens with the first two bars of the French National Anthem. It is believed that he is the first General who has stood to attention in the middle of the main course. (We had no idea that anyone ever listened to us!) We also retained our connections with friends in Brussels when we gave displays during their Remembrance Weekend.

The Dance Band worked extremely hard, even by their standards, and averaged two dances a week throughout the winter and S/Sgt. Dawson has produced a quite



The Tijuana Group—all of whom are mentioned by their "professional" names in the text

professional sound with his Tijuana Group. The line-up is John Dawson, tenor, Roy Wearne, organ/trumpet, Knocker Patterson, trombone/vocal, Ken Kane, guitar, John Etherington, bass guitar and John McAvoy on drums.

We have great things to report on the sporting scene and the "Mutti-Ram" cup is ours to prove it.

May, as usual, found us packing our bags for a summer tour, regarded by us as most successful and enjoyable. It started in Ulster and was high-lighted by a first prize in the Belfast Lord Mayor's Show for a Regimental float produced by the Model School in Enniskillen. We were proud indeed of this future generation of Inniskillings and delighted that their great effort on our behalf gave so many people so much pleasure, as was evident for the complete three miles of the procession. The bulk of the tour was spent giving goodwill concerts in schools, hospitals and old folks homes. The summer tour in London proved a great success and it was good to see so many old friends. With temperatures well into the eighties much of the time was reminiscent of Aden; however, the crowds were more friendly.



Miss Reg Howe talks to Bdsm. Pochin and Cpl. Ketteringham

We have arrived back in Germany to find ourselves in a new station, and I, as Bandmaster, am very reluctantly saying farewell to the best Band in the British Army (I confess to being slightly biased) after nine years of great happiness. I will always be grateful for the tremendous opportunities offered to me by the Regiment, with the great experiences of The Royal International Horse Show, and a continual stream of engagements at an international level. These musical experiences I am sure will stand me in good stead for the rest of my musical career. A special thanks to all the musicians of the Regimental Band who have given me such tremendous support and made any success that I may have had, possible. I hope that I may remain their sternest critic and staunchest supporter.

Before I leave we have a weekend in Luxembourg, and a week at the NATO Music Festival and, as is right and proper, my Swan Song will be a Regimental Guest Night here in Munster.

All good fortune to Mr. Parsons who joins us from Kneller Hall as the new Bandmaster.

Corporals' Club



"I'm glad to see the Cpls. have solved their accommodation problem"



Major-General Armitage presents Cpl. Cox with his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal at Herford

DURING the winter months the Mess was fairly active with dances and socials nearly every weekend. With the football season in full swing some matches were arranged with a German team from the Shulthies Club in Herford. They became regular visitors to the Mess and presented a photograph of Herford to us when we left.

In June we moved to Munster and had difficulty in finding another Mess. We were without anything for four weeks, and eventually we were allocated a part of the NAAFI. This we have started decorating and are holding "discos" on Saturday evenings. During the course of the month we hope to purchase our own disco kit. The families nearly all live within walking distance of the Mess which makes social evenings much easier to arrange and better supported.

The Mess had some members in the Regimental cricket team which won the BAOR Army Cup in September (Cpls. Carter, Brown, Casey, Roberts, Robertson and L/Cpl. Boyce). The Regimental football team also had a very good season, with nine Mess members in the team, and with the winter months coming upon us once more we hope to have a successful winter at sports.

During the past year we have lost quite a few members to the Sergeants' Mess and also to civvy street and we wish them all the best of luck.



... while Cpl. Howell (nearly a stranger in the Mess) is given his at Catterick by Major-General Ward-Harrison

The 1er Guides

THE journal year started with a flourish in September, during which period we went to Vogelsang. The latest newcomers went through their "battle inoculation", while "B" Squadron got ready for the manoeuvres "Grosser Rosselsprung" organised by the German Army. We have to admit that the honour of defending the Regiment's colours was too much for them and ended up by going to their heads: during a good month we heard of nothing else. Still, they finally got away, to the relief of the other squadrons. Their account of Rosselsprung was so swollen out of all proportion at their return that,

out of simple honesty, and in the interest of truth, we dare give you but the bare statistics of the war game: they covered 300 miles in five days using up some 12,400 gallons of petrol, 400 gallons of oil and seven tons of ammunition.

In October, as usual, we celebrated the most gallant action of the Regiment, the charge at Burkel, by throwing open our doors to the civilians and the parents of our recruits. We find this makes for a better contact and understanding between the nation and the army. The tactical manoeuvres and the demonstration of several tank platoons were an enormous success. Some other



Lt.-Col. Francisse says goodbye to his second-in-command Major Bioul at the mounted parade held on June 25

outstanding events of this past year were several fencing competitions, a guerilla exercise called Tenacity and a quick stay at the camp at Hohne.

Hohne was really the highlight of the season: a last sentimental "fare thee well gallop" with our aged yet beloved and faithful Patton M47 tanks. They have served us so well, and so often proved their worth and fighting mettle during many international competitions such as the Canadian Army Trophy, that putting them away felt almost like committing treason. So, a last adieu "un dernier hommage" to our old tired steeds who, like old soldiers, only fade away.

Faded away they have, though very slowly, to be replaced by the German Leopard tanks. These are undeniably splendid machines as far as their hull and engine are concerned. The rest is another story though the guns hold very true. As it is, our time is cut out trying to maintain them and get them into working order; we hope to be exercising again as a Regiment towards the end of November.

Interesting or quaint as the daily regimental life may

prove to be, we have to leave it be for the time being and come to its "official life", namely, the change of command which took place on June 25 of this year. Lt.-Col. Pierre Francisse has left us; he, who served and devoted himself so whole-heartedly to his "Guides" for so many years, is gone. The high command of the Army needs his exceptional talents, competence, leadership and enormous sporting experience at the head of the physical training department of the Army. Lt.-Col. BEM Chevalier de Neve de Roden now directs the Regiment with a firm but gentle hand along the path of chivalry and honour which ever was its own.

So, dear comrades and brothers in arms, we take our leave for another year from the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, our brother regiment whose magnificent traditions of courage and honour are an eternal symbol of all glorious Cavalry Regiments.



Members of the Regiment with our Colonel-in-Chief

Muscat Regiment Newsletter

IN last year's Journal Major Kinsella-Bevan gave us an idea of the work his Regiment was doing and also the countryside in which they did it. Now follows a short report on last year's work which could well be entitled "Out of the normal run of Army life".

The Regiment left Dhofar in what must have been one of the most protracted Battalion moves experienced by any of us. We left by sea, by air and by road, "C" Company in March and, finally, "A" Company in June. The road from Salalah to Haluf was "opened" twice and enough ammunition expended for half a day's fighting at Cassino or Imphal. The bangs were bigger and better than ever before, with the Sultan's Air Force using 540 lb-bombs for the first time. After the first initial surprise at this unfair use of air power the enemy became remarkably adept at dodging the bombs, and resumed their nuisance firing within minutes of the completion of a strike. They certainly do not lack courage, but our picketing was well-nigh perfect and whenever

the enemy showed themselves they were hit hard, and in the end our soldiers were disdaining to take notice of them.

It was splendid to leave with a bang, and with our tails in the air, as things had not always gone our way. In the wake of the 1969 monsoon increasing numbers of guerillas with Communist Chinese assistance had infiltrated into the thickly forested wadis of the central area. The stretch of military road linking Salalah with the Oman, dubbed the "red line" by the enemy, became the scene of increasingly fierce contacts. We began to encounter enemy groups of company strength, armed with 12.7mm Spaghin machine-guns and medium mortars in addition to automatic small arms. However, our operations gradually began to take a toll on the guerilla's morale. When the Desert Regiment arrived to relieve us, we had carried out 28 operations in two company plus strength, and 32 company operations, in addition to normal local company operations. In 135 contacts we had put 153



An amphibious assault on Sudh on St. Patrick's Day 1969



One of our 25 pounders in action

enemy out of battle at a cost to ourselves of 46 killed and wounded, including casualties in mine incidents. As the enemy are in the habit of taking their dead and wounded away with them after contacts, their casualties were probably rather more.

The Regiment is now deployed in the Oman with companies at Ibri, Nizwa and Saiq 6,000 ft up in the cool of the Jebel Ackdar. The absence of the 5-5in shaking the Mess regularly day and night makes Nizwa a strange place after Salalah. Young officers newly arrived complain of the lack of excitement and are packed off down to Dhofar on attachments as fast as possible to get it out of their systems. The phrase "active service with minimum paper work" became a hollow joke as the bump mounted to a frightening level. However, this was not to last. A group of dissidents roused the sleeping tiger in the Northern Frontier Regiment, when they chose to shoot up their company post at Izzki. They were promptly knocked for six and all accounted for in a follow-up action, in which, however, we lost two scouts. The Muscat Regiment mounted a series of minor operations

to arrest suspects and generally show the flag in our Battalion area, with the result that paper work has once again subsided and the illiterate officers are happy once more.

Since the Salalah coup the new Sultan, Qxaaboos (Qaboos), has made four visits to centres in our area. Planning and co-ordination for these has been entirely the responsibility of the Regiment, in addition to providing royal escorts, route-lining parties, guards of honour and pickets. These have all been spectacular occasions with many thousands of tribesmen, all armed to the teeth with daggers and Martini-Henry rifles, many of them mounted on colourfully decorated Arab stallions, in attendance. The Sultan visits the Regiment shortly to present awards for gallantry, and to watch a fire power demonstration by "C" Company before they return to Dhofar.

It has been an exciting and memorable 12 months, which has seen soldiers of the Battalion fighting guerillas in the jungles of Dhofar, tracking dissidents across the mountains of the Oman and finally escorting their new Sultan through crowds of jubilant and excited tribesmen.

93 Army Youth Team

93 Army Youth Team was formed in January 1970 and it completes the three teams in Northern Ireland with 91 AYT (Irish Guards) at Omagh and 92 AYT (R IRISH) at Lisburn. 92 and 93 share the same office, vehicles and stores and work as a combined group.

The members are WO2 Price, L/Cpl. Taylor, L/Cpl. Gallagher and L/Cpl. McKenzie plus one outsider from the QRH. We work with Youth Clubs and spend nearly every weekend canoeing, abseiling and mountain climbing. We attend various civil functions, fetes, summer fairs and shows and on weekday evenings visit youth clubs with our trampoline or volleyball and films. There are few villages not visited by the team in a year and most of the work calls for physical fitness, a liking for youngsters, long hours and much travel.

L/Cpl. McKenzie is proficient on the trampoline and at climbing, whilst L/Cpl. Gallagher has just passed his ACU Instructors (Canoeing). L/Cpl. Taylor is shortly off to England for a volleyball and gym course, and all members are encouraged to take outward bound courses. We do not recruit directly, but by having good press



L/Cpl. McKenzie demonstrates abseiling at Gardenmore House Flats, Larne

coverage and showing ourselves to the youth of Ulster, our presence helps the Army and especially the Regiment, in the recruiting drive.

Every weekend is already booked to mid-November

and sometimes we attend camps for longer periods. Last month we entertained at a Joint Church Camp at Castle-rock, which consisted of 50 boys from the Falls and 50 boys from the Shankhill.

Jet Set: Pacific Style

ONE of the many attractions of my last 16 months has been the difficulty with which my bank manager has had to contend in establishing where I really live. Of the 70 or so weeks I have spent in Far East Command about one in five has been spent on the trot: I have cashed cheques in as distant places as Hawaii, Hong Kong and New Zealand, and were I ever to keep up a consistent correspondence with anyone, he would indeed have an unusual and decorative stamp collection. In these 16 months I have visited Australia no less than five times, the hurly-burly of sin-packed Bangkok thrice, and have travelled, all I am glad to say at Her Majesty's expense, some 100,000 miles. That my travels have consistently been in the wake of the Great; and that in such circumstances little irritations such as customs and immigration and long waits at airports melt away, makes for much of the pleasure and my now regrettably grandiose expectation of comfort.

First, for those looking for an island paradise, I can recommend a little island called Tabiteuea in the Gilbert Islands. The Gilberts are roughly on the International Dateline: nobody really cares or knows which side of it. The dark and lively girls who gave us an hour of welcoming dances in the village meeting house were, sadly and to our disappointment, clothed. The black grass skirts we expected; the white Marks & Spencer PT vests, insisted upon by some spoilsport missionary, we did not. On this island, with no white population at present, we were driven around on the back of the only vehicle. This, a three-tonner without sides, was equipped with three rows of unattached "chairs, folding flat". As we ducked under the palms and bumped over the island tracks the chairs certainly did fold—very flat. Those who bolt out of a cinema to evade God Save The Queen would have been surprised at the sight of 300 Gilbertese children, standing in a hollow square some 12,000 miles from London, singing our National Anthem three times, each time in a different language. We could hardly raise a totally dry eye between us. Having been refreshed with coconut milk straight from the nut we flew on to another Gilbert Island: Tarawa. Here, the hand of the British Raj has rested more heavily. As we peered out of the windows of the aeroplane, all still garlanded with flowers from Tabiteuea, we saw with horror a military band and the ladies of the party in long white gloves and hats. We dived for our swords and somehow managed to make an exit more or less worthy of the arrival of a new Viceroy in New Delhi in 1910. This little island, pitifully poor and almost totally dependent on copra, has, besides the maintenance of a large number of British officials, one other status symbol: the rough strip we landed on has at one side a small open-sided hut, upon which is borne the legend "Tarawa International Airport". I understand that air traffic control could hardly be described as a serious worry. After a day spent with the Tabitueans, full of laughter and uninhibited hospitality, followed by a

swim in the lagoon under the stars, dinner in a dinner jacket with luke-warm port (substitute?) in Tarawa, seemed just a shade anachronistic.

An interesting little group of islands of which I had never heard before I went there is the New Hebrides. These islands, whose destinies are jointly foreseen by Britain and France, lead a complicated life. By tradition the French speak no English and the English no French. The French play tennis, the English golf. Nobody, I fear, seemed to know what the islanders themselves did; but the flag-poles on the British and French Residencies are precisely the same height above sea-water.

Last November, we made one most successful and, of course, hard-working trip. That it happened to take in Hawaii, Pago Pago, Fiji and Bali is pure coincidence. Bali is strongly recommended, but therefore, inevitably, seems due for accelerated promotion: so go there quickly before it is spoilt. Entry to Bali is a confusing affair. We were met by four Indonesian officials, three of whom each made an entry on a form made out for each of us, and duly stamped it: the fourth man threw it in the wastepaper basket. On departure, because it was a Sunday, the airport was deserted. No officials appeared and I fear we remain Indonesian immigrants. At the next census they may be surprised to find that First Sea Lord on their books. Missionary zeal has not influenced the Balinese women into wearing PT vests except on State occasions. The sands are white hot and the palms wave even more gracefully than elsewhere in the East. Waikiki beach, Honolulu, has by contrast already received accelerated promotion. It remains, however, full of sun and a fine holiday resort if somewhat overcrowded by Bali standards.

It is a pity that Fiji is so inaccessible from Europe. A beautiful place with good, if few hotels, and populated



Tarawa International Airport



The author, right, enjoys sugar-cane in Fiji

with some of the toughest and most charming of the Pacific Islanders, this small island is centrally divided by a mountain range with completely different climates to the west and east: the growing of sugar by the largely Indian population to the west; rugger playing by the huge indigenous Fijians to the east. A proud if apocryphal story is told of a tough and genial Fijian dining with a white man who clearly did not support racial tolerance: the Fijian stoutly insisted upon English blood in his veins. On cross-examination by the surprised Englishman the Fijian firmly alleged that this had been achieved through his grandfather's consumption of a missionary for dinner one day. This custom is now, I am assured, extinct in Fiji; it continues, however, in Papua.

The night life of the whole of Bangkok closely resembles that of the Reeperbahn in Hamburg. Not an old city and thus with few buildings of note it is, nevertheless, immensely worth a visit (the ladies apart). Bangkok is indeed a shopper's paradise with silk and sapphires and rubies, and genuine ones at that, at ludicrously low prices. There is a floating market which really is worth visiting even if this does mean a 5.30 a.m. start. Deeper into Thailand is even more fascinating and we managed to penetrate to within a hundred miles of the Burmese border. Here at Chiang Mai, Thai silks are woven, furniture made, and silver beaten out, all in little rooms behind

the shops. It all seems a long, long way from the world and is indeed almost in the heart of Asia.

This scanty report of some of my travels since I came to Singapore makes no mention of some other delightful places we have been to: Hong Kong, with four million people clinging to the steep hills, and with hand-made leather shoes at £3 a pair; the Philippines, whose culture and equilibrium reflect the upsets of colonisation, first by Spain and then by the USA; and the Solomon Islands, scene of many famous battles in World War II, such as Guadalcanal, and now shark-infested due to the number of ships sunk off-shore, and where water ski-ing requires two boats: the second one to pick the skier up if he dismounts, before the sharks take a nibble. We are also



A Temple deep in the heart of Thailand

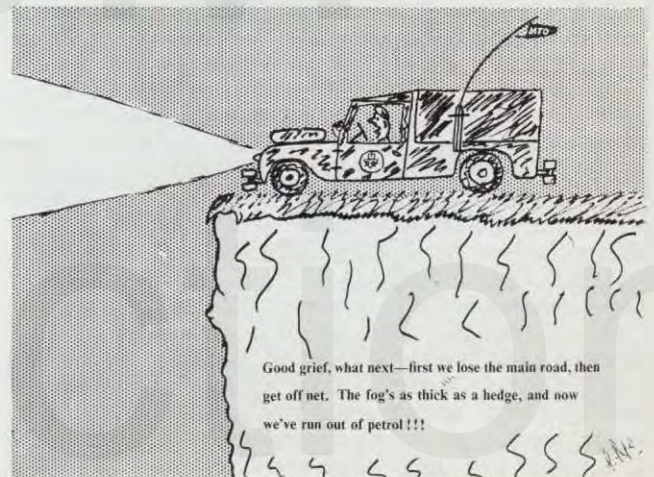
particularly lucky to live in Singapore which is a thriving, clean and hardworking city state. Water ski-ing and tennis fill our spare time, with polo and snipe shooting available for those who wish. Perhaps the greatest attraction in this island is that we are welcome here, which is a nice change for those who found themselves in Egypt or Benghazi or such-like at awkward periods in recent British history. Small as Singapore is, we can drive through the rubber plantations and fields of pineapple to the open beaches of Malaysia quite easily and enjoy a spot of leave there now and then, to ring the changes from the rigours of travelling between the night life of Bangkok and the dancing girls of Bali.

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D & M CONVERSION



"—Now for a few questions on the right of way at a cross-road—"



Regimental Sport

Football



The Commanding Officer and Capt. Bertrand, the trainer-manager, with the highly successful football team

THE season 1969-70 was a memorable one in the annals of Regimental football. We succeeded in reaching the final of the 4th Division Major Units BAOR/Army Cup Competition, and got within two matches of the Army Cup Final. We won the BAOR zone of the Cavalry Cup by beating the 16th/5th Lancers, 4th/7th Dragoon Guards and the 13th/18th Hussars and so reached the London final to lose only by the odd goal. We also won the Major League in the 4th Division, which is reputed to be the strongest league in BAOR.

The main lesson of the season was that success will only come if one is prepared to train hard, and this was certainly true of the football squad. An excellent spirit prevailed, and team work was the outstanding feature of our play. There were "Stars", it is true, at the start of the season, but as the weeks went by the hardest task for the football officer was to perm the correct 11 from 15. Two things that help morale are winning and support and in the latter case we would have liked more spectators at the league matches, but the crowds did arrive for the major fixtures in greater force than for many a year.

The characters involved must be mentioned. L/Cpl. Masterson was a very good goalkeeper whose brilliant anticipation drew much applause, and even more important, the bigger the occasion, the better he played. Cpl. Brown, who is also a Regimental basketball and cricket player, and an outstanding season at right-back;

formerly a winger, his conversion to defence was a great asset, particularly when we played in the four-two-four formation. Tpr. Murphy at left-back was a newcomer to Regimental Football and was, without doubt, the find and most improved player of the season; but the strength of any football team is always found in the halfback line, and during the season L/Cpls. McDowell, Farrell and Wood, Cpl. Fletcher and S/Sgt. Wyng always played with the greatest of skill. As our records show, we were certainly not behind in scoring goals and both Tpr. Wilson and



Another shot saved while L/Cpl. Wood looks on anxiously. This match, against 16/5L, ended in a draw

L/Cpl. Clydesdale were prolific, the former getting 45 and the latter finishing the season with 60 goals. They were ably supported in the forward line by Cpls. Carter and Noble and L/Cpl. Massey and Cfn. Carr.

The season record was as follows:

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals	
					For	Against
Friendly	19	15	3	1	85	19
League	16	13	1	2	77	32
Army Cup	5	4	1	—	16	8
Cavalry Cup	5	3	1	1	15	11
Total	45	35	6	4	193	70



So near yet so far. Some of the team with Capt. Bertrand after losing the 4th Divisional Final to the Carabiniers



L/Cpl. Masterson is congratulated by Major-General Pain after we had won the BAOR Zone of the Cavalry Cup

At the time of going to press we are training for the '70-71 season, and we have won our first two matches. A second team has been entered for the Minor Units League and this shows promise.

We have unfortunately lost the services of S/Sgt. Wyng, Cpl. Fletcher and L/Cpl. Massey and, with a six-week exercise at Soltau, we will face greater difficulties, but irrespective of what is to come, the efforts of the '69-70 team once again did establish the name of the Regiment in the army football world.

Cricket



WE must surely be the Army champions now, winners of the Army Cup in England 1968 and this year winners of the BAOR Cup. Next year, the winners of BAOR and England meet in the Army Final so we will have a chance to prove our point.

We have had a good all-round team. On the batting side, Major Keightley has been outstanding in Army Cup games finishing with 80 runs out of 143 in the final and winning the Man of the Match Award. Cpls. Roberts and Carter, the opening pair, have given us some sound starts and Cpl. Brown, at No. 5, has had some good innings, particularly in the Cup semi-final. Cpl. Casey, L/Cpl. Boyce and Tpr. Willis have also done well.

The four main bowlers have been Capt. Irwin, SSM Latham, Cpl. Robertson and L/Cpl. Boyce. All have bowled well on occasions, particularly Cpl. Robertson in the Cup Final.

The fielding, apart from two lapses, has been outstanding and was the deciding factor in the final, when there were three run-outs and four catches. Sgt. Hutton has been the umpire and S/Sgt. Bray the scorer.

The same team will be with the Regiment next year, strengthened by Capt. Ker.

The Army Cup team was Major Keightley, Capts. Courage and Irwin, SSM Latham, Cpls. Brown, Carter, Robertson, Casey and Roberts, L/Cpl. Boyce and Tpr. Willis.



Happiness is winning



Capt. Courage receives the cup after we had won the BAOR Final

RESULTS

Army Cup Matches

- 1st Round v. 1 LI on June 17, 1970—win by 61 runs.
 2nd Round v. 26 Fd Engr Regt on June 24, 1970—win by 143 runs.
 3rd Round v. 24 Msl Regt on June 27, 1970—win by 8 wickets.
 Divisional Semi-Final v. 7 Sig Regt on July 23, 1970—win by 2 wickets.
 Divisional Final v. 26 Regt RCT on August 12, 1970—win by 84 runs.
 Semi-Final BAOR Championships v. 20 Hy Regt RA on August 20, 1970—win by 24 runs.
 Final BAOR Championships v. HQ BAOR on September 2, 1970—win by 19 runs.

Friendly Matches

- v. 7 Sig Regt on May 6, 1970—win by 45 runs.
 v. 7 Sig Regt on May 9, 1970—win by 27 runs.
 v. 14/20H on May 23, 1970—win by 31 runs.
 v. RHG/D on May 27, 1970—win by 131 runs.
 v. 4 Div Sig Regt on May 30, 1970—win by 23 runs.
 v. 26 Regt RCT on June 3, 1970—win by 5 wickets.
 v. RHG/D on June 13, 1970—win by 20 runs.
 v. 71 AC Wksp on June 20, 1970—win by 8 wickets.
 v. 13/18H on August 5, 1970—win by 60 runs.
 v. 4 Gds Armd Bde on August 15, 1970—win by 7 wickets.

BATTING AVERAGES

	Innings	Runs	Average	Scores above 30
Major Keightley	7	226	37.6	80, 68, 48
Capt. Courage	16	415	27.6	76, 64, 52, 51, 32no
Cpl. Casey	8	85	21.25	35
Major Rucker	7	118	19.6	33, 33
L/Cpl. Boyce	12	195	19.5	73, 35 no
Cpl. Brown 54	14	184	15.3	
Cpl. Robertson	9	70	11.6	32
Cpl. Carter	14	169	11.1	56
WO2 Latham	9	38	9.25	
Cpl. Roberts	11	89	8.9	

Also batted: Major Packard, Capt. Cordingley, Capt. Irwin, Lt. Graham, S/Sgt. Haggard, S/Sgt. Wood, Cpl. Parker, L/Cpl. Massey, L/Cpl. Shelley, Tpr. Willis.

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Cpl. Roberts	37	7	99	15	6.6
Cpl. Robertson	63	10	166	24	6.9
Capt. Irwin	19	4	60	8	7.5
L/Cpl. Boyce	71	10	187	23	8.1
WO2 Latham	120	28	306	37	8.3
Capt. Courage	61	13	213	17	12.5

Also bowled—Cpl. Casey, Cpl. Bolton, Cpl. Brown, L/Cpl. Massey.

Catches—
 Cpl. Carter 10 Capt. Courage 8 Cpl. Brown 7 Cpl. Roberts 6
 L/Cpl. Shelley 6 Tpr. Willis 5 L/Cpl. Boyce 4

Hockey

THE Regiment played considerably more hockey than in the previous season. A team was entered for the Divisional League, the Army Cup, the Jubilee Cup (the Cavalry Cup of the Hockey world, originated this year) and two teams for the Divisional six-a-side.

The overall standard of the team varied considerably, hampered throughout the season by the unavoidable non-availability of star players. It never really managed to settle down; at its best it demonstrated its ability to play good tactical hockey, with fine shows of individual skills.

The Divisional League was never completed because the majority of matches were cancelled as a result of snowbound pitches.

In the Army Cup we met with a convincing defeat in the first round, losing 4—0 to the QDG, but we did reach the semi-final of the Plate and played 19 Field Regiment RA who were lucky to force a draw. In the resulting replay we were narrowly defeated.

The first round of the Jubilee Cup, played in near torrential rain against 1 RTR, was a disappointing defeat.



Sgt. Senior scores a good goal in the Divisional 6-a-side competition

The Regiment seemed to be the worse of the two sides in a scrappy game.

The season culminated with the Divisional six-a-side, for which the Regiment entered two teams. The "A" team fighting gallantly did well to "trounce" the opposition in two cases. The stronger "B" team reached the semi-final and were narrowly defeated after running out of steam, but this semi-final place qualified us for the

BAOR finals. In these finals we were not successful but thoroughly enjoyed the games.

Lt. Gabbey was selected to play for the RAC team in England, and this tour ended with the Folkestone Hockey Festival.



A successful 6-a-side team. Lt. Zvegintzov, Sgt. Senior, Sgt. Misikin, Lt. Gabbey, L/Cpl. Etherington and Major Farmer

Rugby

THE rugby team was resurrected after a lapse of seven years. The season got under way and a team was formed ably run by Capt. J. R. Drew and assisted by Sgts. Thomas and Utton.

Although no record of the friendly games was kept, the team played well all season and were never disgraced. In the Army Cup 1st Round we met 35 Engineer Regiment at Hameln and won 9—0. In the 2nd Round the Regiment met 24 Missile Regiment who, as we were quickly to find out, were the most disciplined side we were to meet in the season and they beat us 24—0 in a very exciting game. The team learned many lessons from this game.

In the Cavalry Cup we were to meet 5 RTR in the 1st Round, but due to their disbandment we achieved a bye.

In the next round we met 1 RTR. The game was played at Herford and after much excitement ended in a draw. The replay was played at Osnabruck after a long delay because of snow but sadly we could not match our previous form.

Lt. Ives has now taken over the running of the team for the 1970—71 season and we all wish him the best of luck.

Players of the 1969—70 season:

Cpts. Courage, Ingall, Drew and Cordingley, Lts. Anderson, Anderson QOH, and Gabbey, WO2 Moxham, Sgts. Thomas, Utton, McCauley, Senior, Cpls. McAlonan, Bartlett, McCallum, Corbett, Robertson, White, Fleming, L/Cpls. Gill, Gallivan, Ward, and Trprs. Judge and Aldrich.

Shooting

THE shooting team was reformed during May 1970 to take part in the Herford Stadt Annual Shooting Competition. Members of the team were enticed or cajoled by Capt. Courage and SSM Booker into giving up their evenings to practice. RQMS(T) Edmenson and Sgts. Thompson and Bayne were amongst those wrenched from their desks at a particularly dusty time. Our resident professional, L/Cpl. Sharpe did a good job of coaching, particularly at the standing practice with the .22 rifle.

The competition was held on June 14 and we were first team to fire pistol. Major Campbell and Capt. Courage both started with excellent scores of 48 and 49 respectively on the five rounds deliberate practice and the rest of the team followed keeping a good average. This was kept up on the snap practice and we won that part of the

competition, narrowly beating the very professional German Police. Major Campbell was unlucky to be beaten by one point for the individual prize. Sad to relate our .22 shooting fell below our practice scores and despite a good effort by Sgt. McCauley, who was pipped by 2 points for the individual rifle prize, we were short headed by the German Police for the Stadt Trophy.

We then took part in the Brackwede British Week Shooting Competition, and although running a close second, we managed to win a silver cup. The shooting on this occasion turned out to be a preliminary to the excellent entertainment afforded us by the home team and the Burgermeister, and old friend of the Regiment, Ernst Lückel. We now look forward to some activity with the Munster Clubs and hope to enjoy it as much.

Tennis

AS last season we entered the Regimental team in the 4th Divisional Championship. We were in the largest zone in the competition and had some very good opposition. Our team had five of last year's players to build on, although Lt. Copeman was due to leave in the middle of the season. Early on we found that being a minor sport meant we would not get the cricketers in the team away to practise and as a result after the first match the formidable partnership of Santry and Latham had to be split. We were far more successful initially than we had expected and the first pair of Major Packard and Captain Irwin was extremely strong. Major Rich and Lt. Gabbey were difficult to

beat as the second string although Gabbey's play never quite lived up to his obvious ability as he is undoubtedly the most accomplished player in the team. Captain Cordingley, our captain, and S/Sgt. Gantry made the third pair but both, being used to established partnerships with Lt. Copeman and SSM Latham respectively, found it difficult to settle down.

We arrived unbeaten in the final of the zone but due to poor weather we were forced to play at a very late date and also Major Packard was away. As a result of this we lost heavily to the Green Jackets. The team had much potential and next year we should do well—if Second Division have a Championship.

Motor Racing



The Lotus Eleven

RACING cars are not normally linked to Cavalry Regiments, but during the last two years keen interest has been shown by some of them in this field. Initially, the Greys fielded three single-seater racing cars which they raced in England with some success. It has now been the turn of the Regiment to have a go this year in BAOR. The two notable protagonists of the crankshaft, Lts. Vigers and de Chair, decided that in addition to subjecting their brother officers to the delicacies of "4-5 in 3rd old boy" and exhaust back-pressure "poof", they, too, would take to the field (the hills, in fact) and indulge in a little racing.

Due to the inevitable lack of resources, the team elected to enter for hill climbs only, with the odd slalom thrown in. Lt. Vigers decided to hot-up his already red-hot Wolseley Hornet to white heat and run it in the 1300cc Group 2 Touring Car Category. Lt. de Chair became sentimental about a 14-year-old Lotus Mark Eleven which has been mildly altered to race in the sports prototype class.

The first entry of the team was on April 25, 1970, at the Teutoburger Renn—a hill climb near Detmold. The

Vigers car had gear selector problems in the first run, but managed 1.26 minutes in the second attempt. The Lotus ascended the first time with only two of the four Coventry-Climax cylinders firing, but the second run went a little better, in spite of a monsoon-type downpour. The time of 1.19 was good enough to win the class—a surprise to the driver as he could not see where he was going.

The next meeting was at Burgloh on August 2. This venue was more promising as the course was interesting and both the weather and countryside beautiful. The Wolseley was up to 1300cc Cooper "S" Standard, and going very quickly for a road car. Mr. Vigers had a little trouble with the scrutineers, or commissars as they are called in Germany, with the result that he had to remove certain demon tweaks *in situ*, and the Lotus was at first considered too old to classify as the officials had never heard of it—an out-of-date MOT Certificate did the trick! There was also a confusion over starting stickers and the unfortunate Vigers was only able to complete one out of three runs. De Chair had more luck and his three runs all had good times.

Efforts are now being made to arouse the interest of other members of the Regiment in four-wheeled racing, as it has much to offer, and is not as expensive (at our level) as many people imagine. Supporters, too, are being encouraged. This year several members of the Regiment and their wives spent a happy ear-shattering day at the events. Lunch each time was voted the best part of the day.



The Wolseley Hornet

Ski-ing—Downhill Racing

FOR the first time since the late fifties, the Regiment managed to raise a Downhill Team to compete in the 1969–70 Army Races. The four who could be spared the time off were Major Campbell (bottom left), Capts. Whitley (top left) and Poett (bottom right) and Lt. Vigors (top right). Being determined not to lose any valuable ski-ing time through unfitness or injury, they started their fitness programme fairly early in the autumn. The hours of physical exertion running up hill and down dale round Herford paid off, and between all of them they only lost two ski-ing days through injury.

Capt. Whitley and Lt. Vigors were fortunate enough to be selected for race training for the Army Ski Team and left for St. Moritz on November 22. There they spent a month of the best training they have ever had and are ever likely to receive. Lt. Vigors was extremely unfortunate not to get into the Army Team, but he subsequently showed his mettle by coming fourth overall in the championships later in the season.

The team met up on December 18 at Zermatt, where they spent three weeks in training. Although there was a shortage of snow, there was enough for them to put in a great deal of practice, and Major Campbell and Capt. Poett improved enormously. The first races began on January 9 at Lermoos in Austria. No amount of organising could make up for the pathetic snow conditions. It thawed for days on end and the slush and ice

slowly gave way to earth, mud, rocks and grass. The team came third overall, but nobody ski-ed particularly well. On January 18, the team went to Alpbach for the BAOR Championships while Capt. Whitley (being replaced by Lt. Copeman) went to Andermatt for the Inter-Service Meeting. At Alpbach the team astonished everybody by coming fourth overall with Lt. Vigor coming second and Major Campbell eighteenth.

After Alpbach, the final weeks ski-ing was at St. Moritz, the normal venue for the Army Championships, where the team came fifth in the Giant Slalom and Slalom. The downhill was postponed a day in order to improve the course and allow more time for practice. On first looking out of the window on the morning of the downhill, ninety odd hearts missed a beat. It was trying to snow and the slopes were in cloud and fog. The conditions improved slightly, but few could have enjoyed darting down the course unable to see the dips or bumps.

The team came fourth in the downhill and fifth, out of 15, overall, to conclude a most rewarding and amusing season's ski-ing. All the hard work, before and whilst on the slopes was well worthwhile and to produce better results would have been difficult. One of the troubles is that racing ski-ing is becoming too technical: there was even a rumour that one of the other competitors went to bed early the night before a race.

Langlauf

December 7 arrived all too soon and we were only just ready to go. Cordingley's and Copeman's cars looked like angry porcupines with skis and sticks protruding in every direction and each had four people on board as we set out for Lermoos. We had no plan to meet on the way and this was a good thing as "Roger", Copeman's newly acquired black Mercedes, lost a wheel passing Bielefeld. Three days later the team was complete in our somewhat basic accommodation outside Lermoos—but we had snow. We spent the first week learning to downhill ski. Some might say this was a luxury but downhill ski-ing when there are no uphill lifts working is far from entertaining. The second week came and our downhill skis were put aside; the real agony began. It very soon became apparent that not all of us would be good at the sport. Butler and Skillen appeared to be naturals and the rest of us struggled. We employed an instructor who was entertained by the sight of a pupil passing out with exhaustion, and we trained with a team from the 4th Royal Tank Regiment—who were an experienced team but extremely helpful to us.

A bleak picture has been painted but the hours after ski-ing were entertaining and Cpls. Anderson and Parnell were posing as ski instructors in the various night clubs after the first week. There was little danger of anyone learning the truth about them as only the Abominable Snowman would have gone to the places we langlaufed to. "Roger" and Copeman were also a fearsome partnership and at one stage they both spent time in the local police station.



Trpr. Butler in action during the 10km relay race



The 4th Division meeting was held in Lermoos and so we considered the event as 'at home'. The day of the first race arrived and this was a 10 kilometre with four people in each team. We had two teams entered. The start was massed with some 40 langlaufers racing for one narrow track. Our two starters, Cpl. Anderson and Tpr. Butler, had little idea of what was in store as they raced towards the single track. Every form of unpleasant tactics was used and our two gladiators were both lying face down in the snow after the field had left. We also had the wrong wax. Now for the expert the wrong wax might be an excuse for covering twenty kilometres in one hour rather than fifty eight minutes but for a beginner, who needs all the help possible, it is a disaster, and so it was.

The 15-kilometre race went very much better. We had persuaded Lt. Vigors to race in the 'A' team and L/Cpl. Parnell made up the fourth, with our two naturals. We came twelfth out of forty teams. We all ran in the novice race over seven-and-a-half kilometres and as expected Butler and Skillen did extremely well as did SSI Lawrence, L/Cpl. Parnell and Tpr. Marsh. The patrol race was held in appalling langlauf conditions and the team, seen in the photograph, started in a position low down the field. The track was bad by the time they went but they got round it in a very creditable time qualifying us for the BAOR/Army Championships at Oberjoch. Two members of the team did not come



Mr Copeman explains to our Patrol Team that there are much easier ways of enjoying life than langlaufing for 20kms

with us. Lt. Copeman sensibly joined the downhill team and SSI Lawrence had to return to Herford.

At Oberjoch we only competed in individual events but Butler, Skillen, Parnell and Marsh all improved and did well. Captain Cordingley and Cpl Anderson found they were better at downhill ski-ing (they came 5th and 6th in the novice downhill event at Lermoos).

With this good experience behind we look forward to our second year. It is a hard sport but very rewarding.

Equitation

THE year 1970 has been highly successful for the Regiment in the horse world in Germany. The polo players have carried all before them and the racehorses have often been in the frame. The departure of the Wathen string has somewhat curtailed our show-jumping activities, but Mr Anderson's young horse is coming on well and Major Ansell returns shortly, so we will have Regimental representatives competing again next season. This year the Keightley daughters have had to carry the flag on William and Chippy.



Tpr. Donaghy was a member of our successful Prix Caprilli team



Cpl. Horton is congratulated by Lt.-General Sir John Sharp after coming second in the open section of the Prix Caprilli

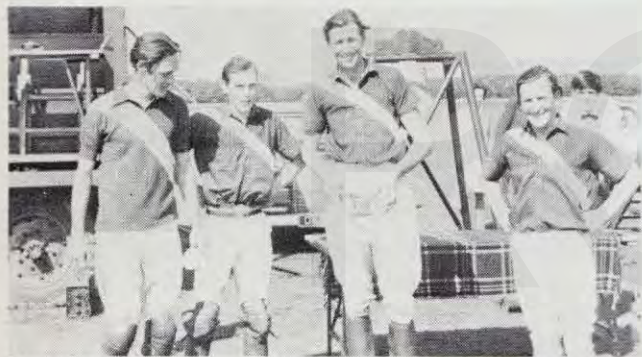
Sgt Power and his grooms have again given excellent service throughout the year. This has entailed very long hours with the racehorses and polo ponies. It is magnificent how willing they remain. Cpl. Horton, Tprs Hanna, Donaghy and Turnbull all took part in the Prix Caprilli. Mrs. Tomlinson very kindly instructed them and Cpl. Horton did extremely well to come second in the open section. Tpr. Donaghy came second in the novice section and the team, all four making it up, came second overall, being beaten by the Vets who were considerably more experienced.

Polo

THE 1970 season has been a memorable one for the Regiment. We have won the BAOR Inter-Regimental and the United Services Cup. We also reached the final of the BAOR Captains and Subalterns, but sadly were then beaten by the 14/20th Hussars. It is the first time that the Regiment has won the Inter-Regimental since the Inniskillings did in 1905.

At the end of last season we lost Capt. Bovill and his fine string but gained Major Keightley, so we started the year with a good team of players but a serious shortage of ponies. Capt. Tomlinson's trip back to England in April produced five—one Regimental, two for Major Faulkner and one apiece for Capt. Cordingley and Mr. Mackenzie. On the same boat travelling to England was a party of QDG officers with similar intentions. However, luckily for us Cirencester produced better ponies than Cowdray or Windsor.

The Inter-Regimental Team consisted of 1, Mr. Ward-Harrison (0), 2, Major Faulkner (1), 3, Major Keightley (2) and back Capt. Tomlinson (2). Capt. Cordingley generously lent his pony to help mount Major Keightley who was riding Regimental ponies. In the first round we met the Blues and Royals in a very shaky match in which Major Pitman with three beginners came out 6-all for the last chukka, however we then managed to win 9—6. The ball ran for us in the semi-final and we beat the Carabiniers 8—1. The final against the Queen's Dragoon Guards—a usually well-mounted team of identical handicap and expertly lead by Major Railton, started off with a bad first chukka. However, we settled down and with some sound defensive play by Capt. Tomlinson, good hits up the ground by Major Keightley which were well used by the forwards, and goals from everyone we won 5—2.



Major Keightley, Major Faulkner, Capt. Tomlinson and Lt. Ward-Harrison after winning the Inter-Regimental

For the United Services Cup we met the Royal Hussars who had won the Inter-Regimental in England. They played here on borrowed ponies but these were probably the pick of what was available in Germany. The Regiment, due to lameness and the unexpected pregnancy of Lt. Ward-Harrison's Misty, also had to borrow ponies very kindly lent by 4 Guards Brigade, the Royal Green Jackets and 4th/7th Dragoon Guards. A lot of inaccurate and optimistic shots at goal during the earlier stages resulted in a 3—2 lead by the Royal Hussars at the start of the last chukka. However, some good team play pulled us up and we won 4—3.



What a way to treat the United Services Cup

The Captains and Subalterns team consisted of 1, Capt. Courage (—2), 2, Mr. Ward-Harrison (0), 3, Major Faulkner (1), back Mr. Graham (—2). Beating the 4th/7th in the first (5—3) and the Carabiniers (9—3) in the semi-final they met the 14th/20th Hussars in the final and were beaten 4—2. This was not the strongest team we could have fielded as Capt. Tomlinson was playing in England. However, Capt. Courage, who had only previously played in Benghazi has now been bitten by the bug and has already bought two ponies with which to start next season. Major Faulkner had three very good games holding this team together.

The season has been memorable also because several new players have come forward. Mr. Graham has played in the Captains and Subalterns and in the Lipp-springe Tournament. Mr. McKenzie, who had never ridden before February, has started playing chukkas and should play in tournaments next year. In the Rhine Army Tournaments, aimed this year at improving the general standard of polo throughout BAOR, Capt. Cordingley had a very encouraging season. He played at Dusseldorf with Mr. Ward-Harrison and Capt. Tomlinson, and at Hohne. At Bad Lipp-springe, in a team with Mrs. Tomlinson and Mr. Ward-Harrison he won the QDG Cup and was also in the winning team for the Nelson Cup in Berlin. With this experience behind him he is well set-up for a good season next year.

Some visiting higher handicap players came from Argentina, Mexico and England for the August and September tournaments. The lack of good players to play with, in the past, has made it that much more difficult for Army players, who have played a season or two, to improve. Capt. and Mrs. Tomlinson, Major

Faulkner and Mr. Ward-Harrison all had an opportunity to play in eight-goal tournaments with them.

Major Keightley and Capt. Tomlinson both played for the winning BAOR Team at Tidworth for the Ranelagh Cup and Capt. Tomlinson was among four players who went to Argentina in March. It is hoped some fruit will be seen of this Polo liaison between the Argentine and British Armies in the future.

Capt. and Mrs. Tomlinson played at Cowdray in the Goodwood Week Tournament and did extremely well to win the low tournament and get to the final of the medium goal.

It is excellent that there is so much enthusiasm for the game in the Regiment. Provided we can get sufficient ponies to enable everyone to take part in tournaments next year this enthusiasm will carry those who have just begun to a reasonable handicap in the near future.



It's not only the players that make a winning team. Tprs. Hanna, McGurk, Donaghy, Cpl. Horton and Tpr. Turnbull share success with the team

Racing



Major Faulkner on Cahir Princess at Mulheim

THE Officers Racing Syndicate has continued to flourish, and at present still owns three horses: Boy Barnie, Merciful Monk and Cahir Princess. We have also had two Blues and Royals horses in training with us, so Major Faulkner has had a reasonable string to work every morning. His job is not as easy in Munster as it was in Herford, there are no steep hills nearby. However, recent results have still been satisfactory.

Our first runner was at Hannover on Easter Monday where Boy Barnie went well to finish third. This was followed up a week later by a good win at Mulheim. Cahir Princess also ran on that afternoon but the going

was too wet for her and she finished fifth (just in the money). However, Merciful Monk showed that he had quite recovered from his knee injury by winning first time out. He then ran at Neuss but, though strongly fancied, found the course too twisty for him and finished third. He followed this up with two more seconds, on each occasion being beaten by less than a length. In the meantime, Princess who, on the whole, has behaved much better this year, was in the money three more times over hurdles and ran a very good race first time over fences finishing third behind Merciful Monk, having been well handled by Ward-Harrison. Unfortunately,

she then met with an accident on the road which put her out of work for five weeks.

At the end of May, Merciful Monk won again at Mulheim. Boy Barnie had been running well to be in the money on five occasions and sights were now set for Hamburg where he was entered for the Sea Race. Alas, having gone very well until the lake, he found this too much for him and entering second came out last. However, all was not lost as he went on to finish fourth.

The fences at Hamburg take more jumping than any others in Germany and this suited Merciful Monk who ran his best race so far to finish second beaten by a short head. This was a great achievement considering he was running on bone hard ground, which he hates, and he struck into himself when hitting the front 150 yards from home.

We had a very enjoyable 10 days at Baden Baden. Both Merciful Monk and Boy Barnie had trouble with their first races, but we had three runners in the Chase on the second last day and luckily the race was split into two divisions. Merciful Monk ran in the first and finished second and in the next division Boy Barnie and Cahir Princess were lying in third and fourth places respectively when the leading horse fell bringing down Boy Barnie and hampering Cahir Princess. Despite this Princess finished fourth, her best race so far.

Apart from Faulkner, who rode the three winners, Ward-Harrison and Tpr. Carroll have also ridden on several occasions. L/Cpl. McNally and Tpr. Pancott have



Boy Barnie emerging from the lake at Hamburg

put in many long hours in the stables keeping the horses sound and looking well and done a great deal of the riding out in the early morning.

So, with only three runners out of the money so far, all horses fit, and several more races to come we hope for a good dividend at the end of the season.

Recruiting



Sgt. Pye and Tpr. McCormick with the caravan

A Recruiting Caravan, sponsored by the Regiment, has been touring the Province manned by Sgt. Pye and Tpr. McCormick (seen above). They accompanied the Band during their very successful tour and have been present at Shows, Civic Weeks and Point-to-Points, in Portadown, Craigavon, Carrickfergus, Portstewart, Ballymoney and Newtownards.

It is difficult to assess what results are obtained but enquiries are many and varied. They do achieve one thing and that is to bring the Regiment to the attention of the people of Northern Ireland.

Sgt. Hamilton is at present in the Army Careers Office, Belfast, and Sgt. Sheridan has taken over from Sgt. McGinty in Enniskillen. Outside Northern Ireland, Sgt. England has taken over from Sgt. Williamson in Golden Cross House, London.

TWO YEARS IN OUR LAD

From Blackpool to Germany in February we came
Two weeks from arrival, a Gunnery Camp game.
To Hohnwe we went, in convoy we moved
Our EME's vehicles needs cover he proved.
Whilst soldiers and seniors enjoyed a dry run
The EME was shivering in a Ferret Mark One.

Whilst the work there was steady—not very much
Only one section stuck on a Saladin "clutch"
A few more schemes in preparation were made
For Bavaria, in August, we needed top grade.
Heading south so we went to the American zone—
The 5th Inniskillings all on their own.

The moves they were fast by day and by night
The casualties many, the workload was tight.
Then in the middle, two says were for free
Just north of Munich we went on the spree.
Then we prepared for the long journey back
The Yanks were amused by our working half-track.

We recovered the vehicles, all together again
All those classed unfit, went back on the train.
And then there was Admin, UEI and the Tels,
Plenty of hard work, but it all went so well.
The comings and goings are too many to tell
And the Asum's commissioned—we all wish him well.

As for the rest who came and who went
The change-over is nearly one hundred per cent.
For now the Regiment's returning to tanks
To all those who are leaving we say "many thanks".

*(To avoid correspondence—Saladins do not have
clutches but "flywheel" doesn't rhyme with "much").

Soldiers of the Regiment



Cpl. Eddie Walsh, seen above receiving his long service and good conduct medal from Maj.-Gen. Armitage, is one of the rocks post-war "C" Squadron is founded on. For 20 years he has travelled round the world with them, from England to BAOR, Korea, Egypt, Hong Kong and Benghazi. Now the Regimental Sports Store has been moved to "C" Squadron so that Cpl. Walsh can fill the appointment of its storeman. He is a native of Eire and is married with a family of three.

L/Cpl. Dennis Jackson, on the right, is another "C" Squadron man and he joined the Regiment in Benghazi. He has been with the Squadron in Weeton and now BAOR. He is a keen games player and a good footballer. He is one of the few Englishmen in the Squadron and he is married and has a son.



L/Cpl. Pete McCormick (right) and Tpr. Joe Gibson are both in Command Troop and are seen here with Shamrock, the Colonel's tank. L/Cpl. McCormick joined the Regiment three years ago and has been in RHQ "F" Command Troop all the time. He is a keen amateur photographer and is a member of the Regimental Langlauf team this year.

Tpr. Gibson joined the Regiment when it was in Aden and then moved to Benghazi, during which time he got married. He was in "B" Squadron until he joined Air Squadron in Herford. He is a keen footballer and plays in the Regimental "B" team. Both Tpr. Gibson and L/Cpl. McCormick are Belfast men.

Officers' Mess Silver

THE WHITEHALL DOD CUP

This very beautiful cup, made by Paul Stoor, was presented to the Officers of the Inniskilling Dragoons by Capt. Whitehall Dod. This was done on his retirement in 1849.

He had joined the Regiment in 1841 when it was at Birmingham and Coventry and he spent his eight years at Regimental duty. It was a quiet time marked only by the changing of the helmet three times. In 1842 the Regiment moved to Edinburgh and Glasgow and in September of that year Capt. Whitehall Dod's Squadron escorted Queen Victoria on a tour of Scotland.

In 1843 the Regiment moved to Leeds and then, in the following year, to Brighton. This move entailed the dismounted party travelling by "railroad conveyance" for the first time. The posting was short and as so often at this time the Regiment found itself yet again in Ireland and Whitehall Dod served with it in Longford, Newbridge and Dublin until his retirement.

He was a man of substance (the cup is now valued at £2,000) but sadly he only lived until November 1878, dying at the age of 54.



POLO TROPHIES

Until 30 years ago it was customary, when winning a tournament, to be presented with a cup which was then yours to keep. In the past, both Regiments were extremely good at polo and decorating the Mess with silver went from tasteful to vulgar and now some of the trophies are on loan elsewhere.

The polo player, bottom left, was won by the 5th Dragoon Guards in 1895 at the North-West Provinces Tournament. This was at a time when polo was thriving in the Regiment and the large cup in the centre was presented by Lt. Garrard for an Inter Squadron challenge cup.

The Shield and mug were the results of two extremely successful years at Hurlingham (the Inter-Regimental) by the Inniskillings in 1897 and 1898 and the large cup on the right, The King Emperor's Cup won also by them at Delhi in 1911. One member of the last winning team, Captain Ritson captained the English team against America in 1913. In 1935 Colonel Sir Michael Ansell, an eight goal player, also played for England against America.

In 1904, the year before the Inniskillings again won the Inter-Regimental, the 5th Dragoon Guards won the Polo Challenge Cup at Bloemfontein. That cup is seen at the left back and the other two cups at the front of the table are, right the Inter Allied Cup won at Cologne in 1920, and, on the left, the present Inter-Regimental.

Regimental

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Lt.-Col. C. E. Taylor, MC
Major M. G. Farmer
Capt. W. J. Courage
Lt. R. P. Ives
RSM V. Saggerson

"S" SQUADRON

SHQ

Major R. C. Keightley
Capt. G. S. Tomlinson
Lt. D. G. de Chair
SSM Latham
SQMS Haggart

Cpl. Parker
L/Cpl. Atchison
L/Cpl. Gibson 47
L/Cpl. Khan
L/Cpl. McDowell
Tpr. Allen
Tpr. Doyle
Tpr. Dunkley
Tpr. McClatchey
Tpr. Merrick
Tpr. Newberry
Tpr. Padgeon

Command Troop

Capt. P. A. J. Cordingley
Lt. R. N. C. Harrison

S/Sgt. Bray
S/Sgt. Nesbitt
Sgt. Tiernan
Cpl. Bentley
Cpl. Boylan
Cpl. Carter
Cpl. Law
L/Cpl. Hassett
L/Cpl. Masterson
L/Cpl. Kay
L/Cpl. McCormick
L/Cpl. Ward
Tpr. Coalter
Tpr. Collins
Tpr. Gibson 49
Tpr. Hawthorne
Tpr. Judge
Tpr. Moore
Tpr. Maloney
Tpr. Richardson
Tpr. Smith
Tpr. Villa

Recce Troop

WO 2 Chester
Sgt. Thomas
Cpl. Walker
Cpl. Padmore
Cpl. Burns
L/Cpl. Gallivan
L/Cpl. Wilson
L/Cpl. Fuller
Tpr. Balfour
Tpr. Brown 36
Tpr. Donnelly
Tpr. Dunlop 85
Tpr. Dunlop 06
Tpr. Gallagher
Tpr. Gough
Tpr. Lyle
Tpr. Stewart 81
Tpr. Lambe

LAD

Capt. J. R. Drew
WO 1 Lambert
S/Sgt. Bates
S/Sgt. Beaumont

S/Sgt. Hunter
Sgt. Aspland
Sgt. Carter
Sgt. Espin
Cpl. Cook
Cpl. Billeness
Cpl. Glover
Cpl. Clinton
Cpl. Robertson
Cpl. White
Cpl. Winward
L/Cpl. Coltman
L/Cpl. Cowdery
L/Cpl. McConnell
L/Cpl. Oldfield
L/Cpl. Richmond
L/Cpl. Rawls
L/Cpl. Sharpe
L/Cpl. Sparrow
L/Cpl. Slade
L/Cpl. Stowells
Cfn. Allan
Cfn. Arnold
Cfn. Carr
Cfn. Carroll
Cfn. Clark
Cfn. Collings
Cfn. Delapp
Cfn. Hardie
Cfn. Motley
Cfn. Moore
Cfn. Talbot
Cfn. Thorpe

Stables

Sgt. Power
Cpl. Horton
L/Cpl. McNally
Tpr. Carroll
Tpr. Donaghy
Tpr. McGurk
Tpr. Pancott
Tpr. Turnbull
Tpr. Hanna 59

"A" SQUADRON

SHQ (F)

Major B. Couzens
Capt. D. O. S. Whitley
SSM Moxham
Sgt. McGinty
Cpl. Blacker
Cpl. Sharman
L/Cpl. Drake
L/Cpl. Delahunty
L/Cpl. Patterson
L/Cpl. Madden
Tpr. Colfer
Tpr. Houston
Tpr. Roberts
Tpr. White

SHQ (A)

SQMS Young
Cpl. Delaney
Cpl. Lawler
L/Cpl. Robinson
Tpr. Leatham
Tpr. Bentham
Tpr. Mc Fettridge
Tpr. Boyd
Tpr. O'Hare
Tpr. Nolan
Tpr. Ross
Tpr. Gibson

1st Troop

Lt. M. B. Ward-Harrison

Sgt. Senior
Cpl. Jennings-Bramly
Cpl. Bartlett
Cpl. Brown
L/Cpl. Capes
L/Cpl. Gilmour
Tpr. Grace
Tpr. Dullee
Tpr. Siddall
Tpr. Reid
Tpr. Murphy
Tpr. Lewis
Tpr. Foster
Tpr. Davison
Tpr. Dunlop 50

2nd Troop

Sgt. Colton
Sgt. McCauley
Cpl. Brennan
Cpl. Corbett
L/Cpl. Gill
L/Cpl. Finn
L/Cpl. Johnston
Tpr. Pollock 36
Tpr. Wilkinson
Tpr. Spence
Tpr. Coombe
Tpr. Jamison
Tpr. Wisener
Tpr. O'Neill
Tpr. Armstrong
Tpr. Kennedy

3rd Troop

2/Lt. A. J. MacKenzie
Sgt. Gordon
Cpl. McNeerney
Cpl. Hill
L/Cpl. Holland
L/Cpl. McNeill
L/Cpl. McAdorey
Tpr. Knight
Tpr. Rafferty
Tpr. Cullen
Tpr. Pollock 96
Tpr. Pollock 78
Tpr. Wilson
Tpr. Carey
Tpr. Maguire
Tpr. Dillon

Fitters Troop

S/Sgt. Morden, BEM
Sgt. Baker
Cpl. Ransom
Cpl. Titterington
Cpl. Godley
Cpl. Beer
L/Cpl. Chatfield
L/Cpl. Foden
L/Cpl. Hood
Cfn. Mills

"B" SQUADRON

SHQ (F) Troop

Major R. H. W. Faulkner
Capt. E. C. W. Morrison
SSM Christer
Sgt. Cope
Sgt. Kirby
L/Cpl. Armstrong
L/Cpl. Birbeck
L/Cpl. Brodie
L/Cpl. Hayter
L/Cpl. Wells
Tpr. Brown 99
Tpr. Hagan

Tpr. Hughes
Tpr. Jellie
Tpr. Price 30
Tpr. Wylie

SHQ (A) Troop

SQMS Haigh
Cpl. Brown 54
Cpl. Pulford
L/Cpl. Sweeney
Tpr. Carson
Tpr. Sherry
Tpr. Wills
Tpr. Wray

1st Troop

2/Lt. C. J. R. Day
Sgt. Smith
Cpl. Dickie
Cpl. Knox
Cpl. Webster
Tpr. Caulfield 00
Tpr. Caulfield 20
Tpr. Crowley
Tpr. Gordon
Tpr. Grimes
Tpr. Langley
Tpr. Llewellyn
Tpr. Mitchell
Tpr. Mulholland
Tpr. Ponting
Tpr. Stewart

2nd Troop

Sgt. Palmer
Sgt. Todd
Cpl. Anderson
Cpl. Gorry
Cpl. Smith
L/Cpl. Parnell
Tpr. Brown 52
Tpr. Cawley
Tpr. Clyde
Tpr. Daly
Tpr. Higginson
Tpr. Irvine
Tpr. Louis
Tpr. Martin 01
Tpr. Martin 68
Tpr. Norris
Tpr. Pollock 39
Tpr. Reilly

3rd Troop

Lt. H. C. G. Gabbey
S/Sgt. Wood
Cpl. Bohanna
Cpl. Duggan
Cpl. Dunne
L/Cpl. Pollock
L/Cpl. White
Tpr. Delaney
Tpr. Jackson
Tpr. Kane
Tpr. Lennon
Tpr. McCartney
Tpr. Milthorpe
Tpr. Scott
Tpr. Worley

Fitters Troop

S/Sgt. Saunders
Sgt. Miskin
Cpl. Clark
Cpl. Fenton
Cpl. Tucker
L/Cpl. Wilson 81

Gazette

L/Cpl. Wiseman
L/Cpl. Woodard
Cfn. Harvey
Cfn. Windrass
Cfn. Toole

"C" SQUADRON

SHQ (F)

Major E. J. Rich
Capt. B. H. Poett
SSM Leech
Sgt. McGarry
Sgt. Scott
Cpl. Butler
L/Cpl. Hull
L/Cpl. Jackson
Tpr. Graham
Tpr. Brown
Tpr. Pollock
Tpr. Onions
Tpr. Bleeks

SHQ (A)

SQMS Minvalla, BEM
Cpl. McAlonan
Cpl. Thorpe
Cpl. McCamley
L/Cpl. Jessop
L/Cpl. Conway
L/Cpl. Mitchell
Tpr. Hall
Tpr. Averall
Tpr. Devlin
Tpr. Bowler
Tpr. Yeo
Tpr. Kay

1st Troop

Lt. I. M. Graham
Sgt. Moseley
Cpl. Hartley
Cpl. Keogh
L/Cpl. Shelley
L/Cpl. Murphy
Tpr. Young
Tpr. Hutton
Tpr. D'Silva
Tpr. Marsh
Tpr. Stewart
Tpr. Jameson
Tpr. Hughes
Tpr. Weir
Tpr. Molden
Tpr. McBratney

2nd Troop

Lt. B. R. Anderson
Sgt. Utton
Cpl. Martin
Cpl. McKee
L/Cpl. McGann
L/Cpl. Duncan
Tpr. Uhl
Tpr. Devonshire
Tpr. Hill
Tpr. Stone
Tpr. Wilson
Tpr. Bell
Tpr. Collins
Tpr. Matthews
Tpr. Pennell

3rd Troop

S/Sgt. Strachan
Sgt. Manns
Cpl. Walters
Cpl. McCallum
L/Cpl. Murray

L/Cpl. Cowan
L/Cpl. McCavery
L/Cpl. Briggs
Tpr. Mimna
Tpr. Graden
Tpr. Stock
Tpr. Broome
Tpr. Dickson
Tpr. Jacobs
Tpr. Hesford

Fitters Troop

S/Sgt. Scott
Sgt. Udell
Cpl. Leadbetter
Cpl. Robbins
Cpl. Stannard
L/Cpl. Baker
L/Cpl. O'Brien
L/Cpl. Bowerman
L/Cpl. Corry
Cfn. Perkis

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WO1 Parsons
WO2 Shelley
S/Sgt. Dawson
TM Patterson
Sgt. Acton
Sgt. Hickland
Sgt. Wearne
Cpl. Bashford
Cpl. Ketteringham
L/Cpl. Blake
L/Cpl. Etherington
L/Cpl. Hymer
L/Cpl. Kane
L/Cpl. McAvoy
L/Cpl. Nolan
L/Cpl. Payne
L/Cpl. Seeley
Bdsm. Anderson
Bdsm. Browne
Bdsm. Burns
Bdsm. Carroll
Bdsm. Eccles
Bdsm. Kirkpatrick
Bdsm. Pochin
Bdsm. Semple
Bdsm. Vance

"L" SQUADRON

SHQ

Major C. J. Packard
Capt. J. J. Irwin
SSM Booker
SQMS Poulton
SSI. Lawrence
Sgt. Breeze
Cpl. Kelly
Cpl. Taylor
L/Cpl. Brown
L/Cpl. Holloway
L/Cpl. Weekes
Tpr. Coulter
Tpr. Lyons
Tpr. Smith
Tpr. Walsh

MT Troop

Capt. B. H. Clipston
S/Sgt. Raymond
S/Sgt. Arkle
Sgt. Morton
Sgt. O'Connor
Cpl. McCartney
Cpl. Thorpe
Cpl. Tracey

L/Cpl. Baird
L/Cpl. Barlow
L/Cpl. Lindsay
L/Cpl. Wood
Tpr. Boreland
Tpr. Carruthers
Tpr. Carser
Tpr. Church
Tpr. Dunn
Tpr. Ferguson
Tpr. Ferris
Tpr. Garland
Tpr. Gilmour
Tpr. Guilfoyle
Tpr. Henry
Tpr. Lewis
Tpr. Mallon
Tpr. McCaw
Tpr. Morrison
Tpr. Murphy
Tpr. Nelson
Tpr. O'Halloran
Tpr. O'Shea
Tpr. Patterson
Tpr. Pearce
Tpr. Philpot
Tpr. Pollington
Tpr. Rafferty
Tpr. Richardson
Tpr. Rigby
Tpr. Skillen
Tpr. Taylor
Tpr. Turner
Tpr. Waite
Tpr. Willis
Tpr. Wray
Tpr. Cranston
Tpr. Harrison
Tpr. Gallagher

Stalwart Troop

S/Sgt. Dye
Cpl. Anderson
Cpl. Lappage
L/Cpl. Bourke
L/Cpl. Primmer
L/Cpl. Telford
L/Cpl. Sugden
Tpr. Cox
Tpr. Crothers
Tpr. Orr
Tpr. Murray
Tpr. Price
Tpr. Scanlan
Tpr. Shannon

QM Troop

Capt. B. J. Fitzsimmons
WO2 Clarke
S/Sgt. Ranford
Sgt. Bayne
Sgt. King-Harris
Sgt. Lowery
Sgt. Murkett
Cpl. Cox
Cpl. Ferguson
L/Cpl. Clydesdale
L/Cpl. Croft
L/Cpl. Kennedy
L/Cpl. McAvoy
Tpr. Fitzpatrick
Tpr. Giraud
Tpr. Rogan

QM (T) Troop

Capt. J. Bertrand
WO2 Edmenson

Sgt. Mellor
Sgt. Thompson
Cpl. Clayton
Cpl. Grimshaw
Cpl. Kett
Cpl. Richards
L/Cpl. Carr
L/Cpl. Shane
Tpr. Brown
Tpr. Mallen
Tpr. Walsh

Orderly Room

Sgt. Hutton
Sgt. Casey
Cpl. Hobson
Cpl. Noble
L/Cpl. Baker
L/Cpl. Boyce
Tpr. Nicholson
Tpr. Shearer

Officers' Mess Troop

S/Sgt. Santry
Cpl. Loosemore
Cpl. Hodges
Tpr. Burns
Tpr. Cullen
Tpr. MacIntyre
Tpr. Scott
Tpr. Steen

Sergeants' Mess Troop

Sgt. Taggart
Sgt. Thompson
L/Cpl. McCullough
Tpr. Butler
Tpr. Hudson
Tpr. McCormick
Tpr. Murphy
Tpr. Roberts

Provost

Sgt. Hartley
Cpl. McDonald
L/Cpl. Lee
L/Cpl. Mein
L/Cpl. O'Shea
Tpr. Stanley-Gonzalves
Tpr. Stevenson

Messing Troop

WO2 Hunt
Sgt. Gibbs
Cpl. Evans
Cpl. Felton
Cpl. Marlow
Cpl. Rogers
L/Cpl. Casey
L/Cpl. Farrell
L/Cpl. Greer
L/Cpl. Masters
L/Cpl. O'Reilly
L/Cpl. Troake
L/Cpl. Allport
Pte. Brown
Pte. Edeson
Pte. Grasby
Pte. O'Reilly
Pte. Sommerville
Pte. Way

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Lt. J. Johnston
S/Sgt. Evans
Cpl. Bolton
Cpl. Godley
Cpl. O'Connor
Cpl. Roberts

Officers of the Regiment at ERE

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Major-General J. M. D. Ward-Harrison, OBE, MC	Chief of Staff to GOC in C, HQ Northern Command, York.
Brigadier H. G. Woods, MBE, MC	Commandant RAC Centre, Bovington Camp, Wareham, Dorset.
Lt.-Col. H. S. Long	MVEE, Chertsey, Surrey.
Lt.-Col. G. L. Wathen	Tactical School, RAC Centre, Lulworth Camp, Wareham, Dorset. (MA Rome designate March 1971).
Lt.-Col. A. T. P. Millen	Commanding The Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers), Hong Kong, BFPO 1.
Lt.-Col. W. F. A. Findlay	PSO to C in C Far East Command, c/o GPO Singapore.
Lt.-Col. D. P. Rowat	Commanding The Royal Yeomanry Regiment, 1 Elverton Street, London, SW1.
Major P. A. Duckworth	ASPT, Aldershot, Hants.
Major J. W. F. Rucker	MOD ASD 17, Old War Office Building, Whitehall, London SW1.
Major A. B. MacN. Campbell	655 Aviation Sqn. AAC, BFPO 41.
Major N. G. P. Ansell	The Staff College, Camberley, Surrey.
Major P. G. Brooking	MA to the Commander 1 (BR) Corps, BFPO 39.
Major H. A. Vince, ARCM	Director of Music, The Junior Leaders Regiment, Bovington Camp, Wareham, Dorset.
Capt. W. A. Evans	RMCS Shrivenham, Nr. Swindon, Wilts., prior to attending The RAF Staff College, Bracknell, in January 1971.
Capt. R. E. C. Cowdy	HQ 39 Inf. Bde., Thiepval Barracks, Lisburn, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland.
Capt. I. C. T. Ingall	HQ 1 (BR) Corps, BFPO 39. To RMCS Shrivenham, Nr. Swindon, Wilts., in January 1971.
Capt. J. S. Ker	ADC to GOC in C, HQ Northern Command, York. (RD December 1970).
Capt. R. D. Kinsella-Bevan	The Muscat Regiment, Sultans Armed Forces, BFPO 63 A.
Capt. (QM) P. A. Musk	HQ Land Forces Hong Kong, BFPO 1.
Capt. C. Boardman	HQ Theatre Aviation UK, Netheravon, Wilts.
Capt. D. E. Edwards	RAC Record Office, Friern Barnet Lane, Whetstone, London N20 OLT.
Lt. P. D. Zvegintzov	The Junior Leaders Regiment RAC, Bovington Camp, Wareham, Dorset.
Lt. P. M. D. Vigors	RMCS Shrivenham, Nr. Swindon, Wilts.
Lt. P. R. G. Pearn	Exeter University, Exeter, Devon.
2/Lt. R. G. Kettle	Exeter University, Exeter, Devon.

Soldiers at E1 and E2 Duty

<i>RAC Centre Regiment</i>	651 Avn. Sqn.
Sgt. Beeston, Cpl. Howell, L/Cpl. Roofe.	Cpl. Lang.
<i>JLR RAC</i>	663 Avn. Sqn.
Sgts. Butterfield, Ross.	Cpl. Davies.
<i>D & M School</i>	665 Avn. Sqn.
S/Sgt. Mucha.	Tpr. King.
<i>Gunnery School</i>	667 Avn. Sqn.
Sgt. Campbell.	Cpl. Hamilton.
<i>Signals School</i>	<i>HQ NORCO</i>
WO1 Rafferty, Sgt. Gorry.	S Sgt. Fowles, Tpr. McCracken.
<i>RAC Trg. Regt.</i>	<i>HQ 1 (BR) Corps</i>
Sgts. Edwards, Farrell, Houston, Cpls. Hunt, Fletcher.	L/Cpl. Scott 99, Tpr. Scott 61.
<i>RAC Para Sqn.</i>	<i>HQ 1 Div.</i>
L/Cpl. Ashman, Tprs. Burns 57, Butler 70, Frazer, Kirby.	Cpl. Scott, Tpr. Angley.
<i>RYR</i>	<i>HQ Rheindahlen Gn.</i>
S/Sgt. Brown, Sgts. Lawder, Taylor, Williamson, Cpl. Gibson 59.	L/Cpl. Fulton, Tpr. Devlin 69.
<i>Recruiting Staff Northern Ireland</i>	<i>UNFICYPR CYPRUS</i>
Sgts. Pye, Hamilton, Sheridan.	Cpl. Hanway, L/Cpl. McBratney.
<i>93 AYT Northern Ireland</i>	<i>HQ Bahrain Gn.</i>
WO2 Price, L/Cpl. Taylor, Tprs. Gallagher, McKenzie.	L/Cpl. Higginson.
<i>34 Cadet Trg. Team</i>	<i>JSSC</i>
Sgt. Cooney.	Cpl. McDowell, Tpr. Bygrave.
<i>Depot R IRISH R.</i>	<i>MONS OCS</i>
Sgt. Blinkhorne.	Tpr. Neve.
<i>CLRD</i>	<i>MVEE</i>
Sgt. England.	WO1 Ramsay, Tprs. Merrick 10, Halliday.
<i>17/21 L</i>	<i>AAC Chepstow</i>
Tpr. Galbraith.	Sgt. Barter.
<i>1 Div. Avn. Regt.</i>	<i>CPO BAOR</i>
L/Cpl. Hunt.	Tpr. Irvine.
<i>3 Divn. Avn. Regt.</i>	<i>P & EE</i>
Tpr. Jenkins.	Tpr. Lavelle.

Marriages



Major and Mrs. Campbell leaving St. George's, Hanover Square

BORELAND—FERGUSON.—At Little Broughton Church, Cumberland, on August 16, 1969, Tpr. Boreland to Miss Mary Elizabeth Ferguson.

STEWART—HUDSON.—At St. Thomas Church, Garstang, Lancs., on September 12, 1969, Tpr. Stewart to Miss Elizabeth Hudson.

MAHONEY—CALVERT.—At St. Catherine's Church, Belfast, on September 20, 1969, Tpr. Mahoney to Miss Elizabeth Calvert.

MCCORMICK—HAMILL.—At Parish Church, Ballyscullion, N. Ireland, on September 24, 1969, Tpr. McCormick to Miss Joan Hamill.

HOUSTON—SUGDEN.—At St. Joseph's Church, Kirkham, Lancs., on October 25, 1969, Tpr. Houston to Miss Joan Therese Sugden.



Capt. and Mrs. Ker with their Guard of Honour commanded by Mr. Rafferty

POLLOCK—HARRISON.—At Parish Church, Ballyrashane, Londonderry, N. Ireland, on November 28, 1969, L./Cpl. Pollock to Miss Mary Harrison.

KENNEDY—GRIFFITHS.—At Registry Office, Blackpool, Lancs., on December 20, 1969, L./Cpl. Kennedy to Miss Linda Griffiths.

NEWBERRY—MCCAW.—At The Registry Office, Belfast, on December 22, 1969, Tpr. Newberry to Miss Joan McCaw.

GILMOUR—BENNETT.—At Parish Church, Lytham, Lancs., on January 3, 1970, Tpr. Gilmour to Miss Maralyn Bennett.

STEEN—FITZPATRICK.—At All Saints Garrison Church, Hereford, on January 17, 1970, Tpr. Steen to Miss Elizabeth Fitzpatrick.

MITCHELL—CURRY.—At St. Joseph's Church, Kirkham, Lancs., on March 11, 1970, Tpr. Mitchell to Miss Elizabeth Ann Curry.

BROWN—HANKINSON.—At All Saints Parish Church, Doncaster, on April 4, 1970, Cpl. Brown 90 to Miss Julia Hankinson.

MCCALLUM—SAUNDERS.—At St. Andrew's Parish Church, Helensburgh, Scotland, on April 13, 1970, Cpl. McCallum to Miss Valerie Elizabeth Saunders.

WAITE—FELLBAUM.—At The Registry Office, Wokingham, Berks., on April 29, 1970, Tpr. Waite to Miss Regina Fellbaum.

WARD—BARTELS.—At Registry Office, Schmeideberg, Kreis Dippoldiswald, West Germany, on May 15, 1970, L./Cpl. Ward to Fraulein Herta Karin Bartels.



Major and Mrs. Faulkner with their Guard of Honour (SSM Moxham has just noticed Sgt. England slipping away)

STANLEY-GONSALVES—SMITH.—At Parish Church, Drypool, on May 16, 1970, Tpr. Stanley-Gonsalves to Miss Joan Smith.

SMITH—ROBSON.—At Parish Church, North Newington, Hull, on May 16, 1970, Tpr. Smith to Miss Georgina Robson.

BROWN—BISHOP.—At Registry Office, Leeds, on July 4, 1970, Tpr. Brown to Miss Rita Maud Bishop.

NOLAN—WOODHAMS.—At Church of the English Martyrs, on July 27, 1970, L./Cpl. Nolan to Miss Jean Ann Woodhams.

MCGANN—RODGERS.—At Sacred Heart Church, Omagh, Co. Tyrone, on August 4, 1970, L./Cpl. McGann to Miss Anne Rodgers.



Mr. and Mrs. Gabbey (the car was all they had to live in when they joined us in Munster)

Births

- BRAY.—To S./Sgt. and Mrs. Bray at Fulford Maternity Hospital, York, on September 13, 1969, a daughter, Debra Claire.
- DICKSON.—To Tpr. and Mrs. Dickson at Templemore Avenue Maternity Hospital, Belfast, on August 12, 1969, a son, Gary.
- MARTIN.—To Cpl. and Mrs. Martin at Glenroyd Maternity Hospital, Blackpool, on August 7, 1969, a son, Darren John.
- WELLS.—To L./Cpl. and Mrs. Wells on May 18, 1969, at Glenroyd Maternity Hospital, Blackpool, a son, Jason.
- ARMSTRONG.—To Tpr. and Mrs. Armstrong at BMH Rinteln, Germany, on September 17, 1969, a son, Christopher Alan.
- HILL.—To Cpl. and Mrs. Hill at BMH Rinteln, Germany, on September 19, 1969, a daughter, Nadine Julie.
- CHURCH.—To Tpr. and Mrs. Church at BMH Rinteln, Germany, on September 19, 1969, a daughter Angela Marina.
- KIRKPATRICK.—To Bds. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick at BMH Rinteln, on October 15, 1969, a son, Aron.
- FLETCHER.—To Cpl. and Mrs. Fletcher at BMH Rinteln, Germany, on October 16, 1969, a daughter, Debra June.
- GIBSON.—To Tpr. and Mrs. Gibson at Lytham St. Annes Maternity Hospital, Lancs., on July 16, 1969, a son, Gary Scott.
- DUNLOP.—To Tpr. and Mrs. Dunlop at BMH Rinteln, Germany, on October 18, 1969, a daughter, Sonya Elizabeth.
- PAYNE.—To L./Cpl. and Mrs. Payne at Princess Alexandra Hospital, Essex, on October 28, 1969, a son, Christopher Graham.
- HUTTON.—To Tpr. and Mrs. Hutton at BMH Rinteln, Germany on October 19, 1969, a son, Graig Adrian David.
- MEIN.—To L./Cpl. and Mrs. Mein at BMH Rinteln, Germany on November 16, 1969, a son, Christopher Kenneth.
- HANWAY.—To Cpl. and Mrs. Hanway at BMH Munster, Germany, on December 9, 1969, a daughter, Anne Maria.
- RAFFERTY.—To Tpr. and Mrs. Rafferty at BMH Rinteln, Germany on December 4, 1969, a daughter, Debra Alma.
- FERRIS.—To Tpr. and Mrs. Ferris at Jubilee Maternity Hospital, Belfast, on July 31, 1970, a son, Samuel Steven.
- PHILPOT.—To Tpr. and Mrs. Philpot at Blackpool Maternity Hospital, on September 20, 1969, a daughter, Sarah.
- WEEKES.—To L./Cpl. and Mrs. Weekes at BMH Rinteln, Germany on December 31, 1969, a son, Kieran.
- LOWERY.—To Sgt. and Mrs. Lowery at BMH Rinteln, Germany on January 3, 1970, a daughter, Tina.
- STEWART.—To Tpr. and Mrs. Stewart at BMH Munster, Germany on December 5, 1969, a daughter, Andrea.
- MCNERNEY.—To Cpl. and Mrs. McNerney at BMH Rinteln, Germany, on June 17, 1970, a son, Paul Anthony.
- DELANEY.—To Cpl. and Mrs. Delaney at BMH Rinteln, Germany, on July 6, 1970, a daughter, Sandra.
- HOBSON.—To Cpl. and Mrs. Hobson at BMH Munster, Germany, on July 26, 1970, a daughter, Tania.
- KETT.—To Cpl. and Mrs. Kett at BMH Munster, Germany, on July 30, 1970, a son, Robert Michael Greed.
- CONWAY.—To L./Cpl. and Mrs. Conway at BMH Munster, Germany, on July 6, 1970, a daughter, Heather.
- RICHARDS.—To L./Cpl. and Mrs. Richards at Bradford on Avon Maternity Hospital, on July 27, 1970, a son Mark Gordon.
- MCNEILL.—To L./Cpl. and Mrs. McNeill at BMH Munster, Germany, twins, both daughters, Karen Anne and Linda Michelle.
- McAVOY.—To L./Cpl. and Mrs. McAvoy at BMH Munster, Germany, on August 18, 1970, a son, Philip John.
- KELLY.—To Cpl. and Mrs. Kelly at BMH Munster, Germany, on September 6, 1970, a daughter, Allison Marie.
- WEARNE.—To Sgt. and Mrs. Wearne at BMH Munster, Germany, on July 30, 1970, a son, Stephen Charles.
- BAIRD.—To L./Cpl. and Mrs. Baird at BMH Munster, Germany, on August 26, 1970, a daughter, Georgina Lillian.
- CLAYTON.—To Tpr. and Mrs. Clayton at BMH Hannover, Germany, on August 11, 1970, a daughter, Carmen Elisabeth Helena.
- GILMOUR.—To Tpr. and Mrs. Gilmour at BMH Munster, Germany, on August 1, 1970, a daughter, Sally Ann.
- LAWLER.—To Cpl. and Mrs. Lawler at BMH Rinteln, Germany, on February 8, 1970, a daughter, Sandra.
- WEST.—To Sgt. and Mrs. West at BMH Rinteln, Germany, on January 23, 1970, a son, Stephen John.
- HAYTER.—To L./Cpl. and Mrs. Hayter at Corby Maternity Hospital on February 9, 1970, a daughter Lorraine.
- CARR.—To L./Cpl. and Mrs. Carr at BMH Rinteln, Germany, on February 11, 1970, a daughter, Paula Jane.
- COX.—To Tpr. and Mrs. Cox at BMH Rinteln, Germany, on February 17, 1970, a daughter, Karen Tracy-Ann.
- NELSON.—To Tpr. and Mrs. Nelson at St. Richards Hospital, Chichester, on February 12, 1970, a daughter Isabella Faie.
- COLLINS.—To Tpr. and Mrs. Collins at Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, on December 13, 1969, a daughter Katherin Christeen.
- McAVOY.—To L./Cpl. and Mrs. McAvoy at RMH Rinteln, Germany, on November 5, 1969, a son, Colin Andrew.
- ATCHISON.—To L./Cpl. and Mrs. Atchison at Frau Clinic Osnabruck, Germany, on March 21, 1970, a daughter, Sarah Louise.
- DEVONSHIRE.—To Tpr. and Mrs. Devonshire at BMH Rinteln, Germany, on March 10, 1970, a daughter, Pauline.
- BROWN.—To Cpl. and Mrs. Brown at BMH Rinteln, Germany, on March 25, 1970, a son, Anthony Thomas.
- COLFER.—To Tpr. and Mrs. Colfer at Lambeth Hospital, London, on November 13, 1969, a daughter, Debora Anne.
- BROWN.—To L./Cpl. 999 and Mrs. Brown at BMH Munster, Germany, on March 26, 1970, a daughter, Fiona Catherine.
- MURRAY.—To L./Cpl. and Mrs. Murray at Frau Clinic Osnabruck, Germany, on March, 9, 1970, a daughter, Michelle Theresa.
- BOYLAN.—To Cpl. and Mrs. Boylan at BMH Munster, Germany, on April 12, 1970, a daughter, Karen Margaret.
- WARD.—To L./Cpl. and Mrs. Ward at Kreis Krankenhaus, Soltau, Germany, on February 14, 1970, a son, David.
- GRIMES.—To Tpr. and Mrs. Grimes at Hackney General Hospital, London, on May 1, 1970, a daughter, Corrina Marie.
- BALFOUR.—To Tpr. and Mrs. Balfour at BMH Rinteln Germany, on May 22, 1970, a son, Mark Andrew.
- POLLINGTON.—To Tpr. and Mrs. Pollington at BMH Rinteln, Germany, on June 2, 1970, a son, Antonis.
- CROTHERS.—To Tpr. and Mrs. Crothers at BMH Munster, Germany, on May 29, 1970, a son, Alan.
- NESBITT.—To S./Sgt. and Mrs. Nesbitt at BMH Rinteln, Germany on June 19, 1970, a daughter, Suzanne Sarah.

Obituary

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the deaths of the following members of the Regimental Association:

- Mr. P. Sullivan, London, June 21, 1969.
 Capt. H. Ford, Hants., October 1, 1969.
 Mr. C. D. Watt, London, October 18, 1969.
 Mr. P. J. Callan, Kent, November 1969.
 Mr. T. W. Cox, Sussex, January 5, 1970.
 Brigadier H. C. Walker, MBE, MC, Scotland, January 19, 1970.
 Mr. A. Thornborough, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, January 21, 1970.

- Major H. C. Soundy, MBE, MC, TD, Bucks., January 1970.
 Mr. N. A. W. Gill, S. Wales, January 27, 1970.
 Brigadier J. H. Anstice, DSO, Essex, February 10, 1970.
 Capt. H. de B. C. Garfit, Sussex, February 19, 1970.
 Major J. G. Wilson Heathcote, London, February, 1970.
 Major H. Almond, York, February 1970.
 Major F. E. Gillett, Eastbourne, March 10, 1970.
 Mr. W. Gauld, Northants., March 1970.
 Mr. W. Fletcher, Norfolk, May 24, 1970.
 Major E. W. Imms, DCM, Bournemouth, September 8, 1970.

BRIGADIER JACK ANSTICE, DSO

Jack Anstice was by nature so withdrawn and retiring that his death in February 1970 will have meant little to the present generation. But those of us who served him cannot let this moment pass without remembering that in 1940 he commanded the Regiment during what, in all its long history, must have been one of its finest hours.

I had never met him till he returned to the Regiment as Second-in-Command in 1938. My seniors told me he was efficient, quick-tempered and inclined to be difficult; for some reason they had always known him as "Lucy". We subalterns quickly learnt the accuracy of their assessment, but we never dared address him as Lucy—and nor, we noticed, did they. He became Commanding Officer in the hectic autumn of 1939 when Lt.-Col. "Ugly" Martin, who had with energy and skill mechanised us, was posted to his war-time appointment.

As Signal Officer and, later, as Adjutant I got to know Jack Anstice in France during the so-called "phoney war" period of September 1939 to May 1940, and during the subsequent battle. I never knew him well, I do not think that anyone did. His mainspring was intense nervous energy, which crackled and exploded with frequency and violence. His standard was nothing less than perfection, and since this was seldom attained in those early wartime days the Colonel's arrival in a Squadron area would provoke general, and usually well-justified, apprehension. Once roused—and his flash-point was low—he had no inhibitions at all about what he said or to whom he said it; his rockets were memorable expositions of an art which now, probably fortunately, has become much less practised.

This insistence on perfection and the vigour with which he pursued it were extremely effective in preparing the Regiment for battle, and for this no gratitude is too deep. But it did not earn him popularity. Some commanders can be fiery and yet loved; Jack, sad to say, was not one. He was basically shy and introverted; he did not seem able to relax and "get himself across", and this obscured the kindness and the devoted loyalty to the Regiment and everyone in it which served us so well in the crisis ahead.

Jack Anstice was a regimental officer of a type now extinct. Although an intelligent and forceful man, quite capable, as far as I can judge, of promotion to high ranks in most types of military employment, he had not considered a tour at the Staff College to be necessary or desirable. Despite this, his staff work was meticulous, as his Adjutant very soon discovered. But a staff job outside the Regiment was not to be considered; the Regiment was his life and he seemed to have no ambition outside or beyond. Presumably because of his attitude towards officers senior to him was spiky; he must have been a trying subordinate. His two Divisional Commanders in France, Major-General Dudley Johnson, VC, and Major-General Bernard Montgomery, were tolerated; the first because of his VC and the second because, after the battle got under way, there was a grudging admission that the General seemed to know what he was about. He served under two Brigadiers during my time with him for brief periods (we were normally Divisional troops) and gave them both a very rough passage indeed. Few full Colonels ever came near him again after one encounter.

He would deal, as has been related, roughly with erring subordinates, but if anyone outside the Regiment criticised them it was an entirely different matter. He once told me that he had learnt very early in life from his first squadron leader that as far as higher authority was concerned your subordinate was always in the right, and innocent of any offence of which such authority, ignorant, of course, of regimental standards and anyway incompetent, might be accusing him. You might know perfectly well that your subordinate was far from innocent, but it was up to you to deal with that, and then to defend him uncompromisingly against subsequent attacks from above. This was regimental loyalty, on which he had been brought up and which, much to the comfort of anyone in trouble, he practised.

I had personal experience of this loyalty after some unfortunate happenings outside Lille connected with the write-off of the Padre's car, which I had borrowed for the evening. No details need be recounted here, but the case escalated rapidly to GHQ and I was soon in grave trouble. The Colonel was not pleased, but he and Mike Ansell, the Second-in-Command, set energetically about exonerating me, finally showing their contempt for higher authority by making me Adjutant. The Colonel did this long before the threat of disciplinary action which hung all too clearly over my head had died away and, indeed, this threat only vanished some weeks later when GHQ had to evacuate Arras so hurriedly that they left the relevant papers behind.

On May 10, 1940, when the Germans marched into the Low Countries and the phoney war ended, our Commanding Officer became a changed man. Vanished were the explosions, the irritability and the impatience, and in their place was a calm, understanding, far-seeing commander of brilliant tactical flair. Through all the increasingly chaotic circumstances of the withdrawal through Belgium and the contraction of the front round the port of Dunkirk, the Regiment was almost constantly, as part of the mobile rearguard, in contact with an enemy which out-numbered us, out-flanked us, and out-gunned us. Never once, in crisis after crisis, did we lose our cohesion as a regiment, nor in the process did we suffer more than comparatively light casualties. This was, of course, a tribute to our Squadron Leaders, Perry Harding, Alec Scott and Tom Williamson—each soon to command a regiment of his own—but it was above all a tribute to our training for which the Commanding Officer's driving perfectionism was largely responsible, and to his quick reactions, tactical sense and cool head.

Underneath this calm exterior there of course boiled the nervous energy of the real man, clamped down by a self-control at which I, standing by him as Adjutant, could only marvel. Very rarely did it break, and then only within the circle of RHQ; normally he was kind and, though far from physically tough, tireless through circumstances which would have tested the most phlegmatic character. These circumstances are recounted in the regimental history and are well known; they ended at Dunkirk, where, with the remaining Squadron of the 4/7th Dragoon Guards under command, the Regiment was the sole armoured force left in the perimeter until it was evacuated on the last day.

Six months after our reassembly in England Jack Anstice left to command a brigade. He walked quietly and with dignity out of our Mess—he was not the sort of man for whom a noisy farewell was appropriate—and most of us never saw him again. It was as if he had closed and locked a door behind him.

He took command of a brigade in the newly-formed 11th Armoured Division and fell foul, immediately and entirely predictably, of his formidable Divisional Commander, Major-General Percy Hobart, was demoted to full Colonel and sent to the desert war as Second-in-Command of a brigade. After campaigning there he was sent to Burma in time to command the British armoured brigade in General Alexander's fighting withdrawal to India, during which he doubtless put into practice many lessons learnt in Belgium and France in 1940. After that

he returned to England and was never noticeably employed again until he retired at the end of the war.

It was a source of sadness to those of us who had admired this complex and unusual character, who remember his handling of the Regiment during those dramatic six weeks—handling which can, without exaggeration, be described as classical—that he cut himself off so completely after the war. He lived abroad for a while but after his return he never, to my recollection, attended a dinner or made any attempt to re-establish contact. Sad for us, but he was a man of decision and he, evidently and for some reason beyond our knowledge, wanted it that way. I shall personally always feel proud that I had the privilege to serve at close quarters, and at such a moment, a figure to whom the Regiment owes so much.

C. H. B.

BRIGADIER HARRY WALKER, MBE, MC

It was with the greatest sadness that the Regiment, as well as his many friends outside, heard of Harry Walker's sudden death on January 19, 1970. By his passing we have all lost one who proved himself not only a born leader in war and in peace but also a most loyal, generous and faithful friend to officers and soldiers alike. Born in October 1920, he joined the Territorial Army in June 1939, apprehending as many others did the coming conflict, and being determined to play his part in it. The outbreak of war found him a junior subaltern in the 1st Fife and Forfar Yeomanry, and with them he joined the BEF in France in January 1940. His gallant bravery in action, under the difficult circumstances of the retreat to Dunkirk, was recognised by the immediate award of the Military Cross in August 1940. Between 1940 and 1944, the Fife and Forfar Yeomanry was in England and stood ready to resist invasion, at first ill-equipped with everything but spirit. As 1942 passed, the emphasis and tempo changed, since every exercise, every equipment, and the offensive tactics of the time spoke loudly of the return to Europe by the Allied Forces. In the early autumn of 1944 Harry Walker, as a Squadron Leader, took his Yeomanry Squadron to NW Europe, and led it through the closing stages of the campaign in Belgium, Holland and Germany.

He transferred to the Regiment in the summer of 1945, and combining his vigorous personality with his war experience, he soon became a notable influence in the life of the Regiment. In December 1946 he joined the staff of the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, as an instructor for two years, a post ideally suited to his concepts of practical leadership. He attended the Staff College during 1949 and was subsequently appointed GSO2 Headquarters 2 Infantry Division with Rhine Army. In July 1951, after only 18 months on the staff, he returned to the Regiment and took over "C" Squadron prior to the Regiment's move to Korea.

Throughout our time in Korea, "C" Squadron's spirit and dash in all they did reflected the vigour of their Squadron Leader. In particular the aggressive élan displayed by the Squadron in Operation Jehu was noted and praised by senior commanders of the Commonwealth Division. He spent the first part of 1953 with the Regiment in the Canal Zone of Egypt. In September 1953 Harry Walker became GSO2 of MT4 in the War Office,

a post he occupied for two years before returning to another spell as Squadron Leader at Catterick from where he went as an Instructor at the Staff College. In July 1959 he was appointed Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel, a very well merited distinction. He returned to the Regiment as Second-in-Command to Lt.-Col. Mike Tomkin, before he assumed Command of the Regiment in May 1960, and under his skilful leadership, the Regiment's high reputation continued to flourish. Every officer and man knew that only the best standards would satisfy, and that fierce but short condemnation would descend on anyone who was not going flat out and achieving 100% results. The climax of his time in command was the Presentation of the Standard to the Regiment on September 1, 1961. The meticulous precision and thoroughness as well as the careful organisation of this great occasion stemmed entirely from his will and personality.

In September 1962 he handed over Command and became an Instructor at the Joint Services Staff College. His gift for training was yet once again noted, this time in a "joint" atmosphere. He was promoted Brigadier and commanded the RAC Centre for 16 months from November 1965 before ill-health forced him to retire. The Army thus lost an outstanding leader.

His enthusiasm for life and for flourishing efficiency continued unabated even in retirement at Lundie Castle in Scotland. Our fullest sympathy goes out to his family, for in their midst, as well as to the world, he was so much an inspiring figure. He seemed in personality as well as in physique to be almost larger than life, and thus the absence of his intense loyalty to family friends and the Regiment, as well as his extrovert zest for life, will be very sadly felt by all who both knew and admired him.

H. G. W.

MAJOR E. W. IMMS, D.C.M.

Ted Imms joined the Regiment in India in 1927 and he was a most popular and cheerful soldier. He played hockey and tennis for the Regiment and was an extremely good rifle shot.

After spending a few years as Officers' Mess Sgt. he became one of the original WO III Troop Leaders when the Regiment was mechanised. He took his troop to

France with the BEF in 1939 and was awarded the DCM during the withdrawal to Dunkirk in 1940.

He was later promoted to RSM after Maurice Peters was commissioned as Quartermaster. In 1942 he was commissioned into the Regiment and went to Normandy in 1944. There he was wounded and out of action for a short time.

After the war he had a spell as 2I/C HQ 27th Armd. Bde. and from there he went to Bovington as Admin. Officer in the D & M School.

MAJOR F. E. GILLETT

"Gilly" Gillett joined the Regiment from the 5th Dragoon Guards after fine service in World War I. He became one of the most faithful and devoted members both of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards and of the Regimental Association, for which he did such yeoman service, becoming a Vice-President. In World War II he rejoined the Regiment, in which his son John was also serving.

He was working on Regimental connections with the Parish Church in Esher until within a few weeks of his death. He will be sadly missed by his many friends in the Regiment and in the Association to which he devoted so much time and such thoughtful attention.

MAJOR H. C. SOUNDY, MBE, MC

Cecil Soundy joined the Regiment from the Inniskilling Dragoons, after distinguished service in World War I in which he won the MC. He became one of the most loyal and hard-working members of the Regiment and the Regimental Association, for which he worked tirelessly and of which he became a Vice-President.

He rejoined the Regiment and served in World War II, after which he resumed his "active" work for the Association. For many years he acted as an official at the great London Horse Shows. He will be sadly missed by his many friends in the Regiment and by the Association for which he did so much.

Regimental Association Secretary's Report

OATES Memorial Service was held in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on Sunday, March 15, 1970, by kind permission of the Governor, General Sir Charles Jones, who inspected the pre-service parade which was commanded by the Colonel of the Regiment. The Service was conducted by the Reverend R. A. W. Hambly and the address was given by the Reverend D. H. Whiteford. Trumpeters from the Junior Leaders Regiment RAC sounded Stables, Last Post and Reveille. After the service there was a presentation of a photograph of Captain Oates. This had very kindly been given to the Hospital by Mr. Fletcher.

The Regimental Reunion weekend started on the Saturday morning with the Regiment playing the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars in the final of the Cavalry Cup at Burton Court near the Royal Hospital. It was a good, well-played match and the Regiment eventually lost by three goals to two.

The Reunion was held in the Green Jackets' Club, TA Centre, Davies Street, off Bond Street. There was a tremendous atmosphere and it was well attended. The buffet was excellent with liquid refreshments at normal bar prices. A dance band provided music and there was also a Draw with additional prizes which had very kindly been donated by the Colonel of the Regiment, the Chairman of the Association, Lt.-Col. R. de C. Vigors, the Treasurer, Lt.-Col. J. M. H. R. Tomkin, and His Honour Judge F. A. Stockdale.

The Club has been booked again for the 1971 Reunion on May 1.

The Annual Combined Cavalry Old Comrades Memorial Parade was held in Hyde Park on Sunday morning, May 3. The Regimental Association commanded by the Colonel of the Regiment had a very good turn-out. The combined parade was commanded by Major-General R. Younger and the salute was taken by



General Sir John Anderson has been appointed the first Colonel Commandant of the newly formed Ulster Defence Regiment which is a locally recruited part-time force under the control of the GOC Northern Ireland. Its task is to support the Regular Forces in the protection of life and property in Northern Ireland as circumstances may require

It draws its recruits from both Protestant and Catholic communities and those who have had Regular Service are particularly welcome. Some ex-members of the Regiment have already joined

H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester. After the service there was a luncheon in the Royal Air Force Club and the Green Jackets' Club.

The Regimental Association membership continues to improve and with the serving soldiers' one day's pay scheme and the Army Benevolent Fund the scope of assistance given to members has greatly increased. The number of members in the Association is now 1,323,

made up as follows:

Serving officers	48
Retired officers	186
Serving soldiers (One day's pay subscribers)	451
	(£349 17s. last quarter)	

OCA members 638

With the help of the Oates Fund and the Army Benevolent Fund, 27 old-aged ex-members or their dependants receive a small supplementary allowance, and grants have been made to 33 cases in need (May 1969 to April 1970). The total amount paid out was £383 10s. plus a grant of £350. We were given a grant of £10 from the Royal Armoured Corps Benevolent Fund.

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Museum—Carrickfergus Castle

The Regimental Museum, which is now established in the Main Hall of the Keep is due shortly to take in half the space of the floor below it.

The present set-up displays items up to and including the Boer War, but with the expansion it is hoped to bring it up to date and include items of interest from the Great War, World War II, including the Palestine Campaign, and the Korean War.

Will anyone who has any articles whatsoever that they think may be of use, please send them or get in touch with the Secretary, Home Headquarters, 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, Dunmore Park Camp, Antrim Road, Belfast BT15 3FP.

Old Standards and Guidons



Our first Standard is laid up in the Cathedral of Enniskillen. Presented to the Regiment by the Duke of Gloucester during our final mounted parade, it marked the end of the Guidon. Dragoon Guards always carried Standards and Dragoons Guidons, so from 1922 until the spring of 1938 both were carried on parade by the Amalgamated Regiment. With the new title, gained in 1937, a comprehensive Standard was designed with the Battle Honours of both Regiments on it.

The 5th Dragoon Guards' Standard, which had originally been presented in Dublin in 1910 by the Viceroy of Ireland, was laid up in the Warriors' Chapel of the Royal Garrison Church, Aldershot, where it remained until 1964. It was then presented back to the Regiment for display in the Museum.

The Inniskilling Dragoons' Guidon was escorted back to the town of Enniskillen where it was handed over to the Urban Council to be hung in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall. It remained there until August 12, 1969, when the Mayor, Alderman R. A. Barton, JP, kindly presented it back to the Regiment to be placed in the Regimental Museum beside the Standard.

The Lord Mayor's Show—Belfast

THE Regiment sponsored a float in this year's Show, which represented the theme of our Regimental March, "Fare Ye Well Inniskilling". The front was a mock-up of the Castle with Dame Flora flanked by two miniature Inniskillings standing on the steps waving goodbye to her sweetheart, Sgt. William, who was riding away with his troop of mounted Inniskillings. The latter were dressed in period uniform with swords drawn and Dame Flora was in a blue satin gown.

The participants were all pupils from the Model School, Enniskillen. The brain who thought it up was Mr. Cowan, one time EME with the North Irish Horse and now a technical teacher in Enniskillen, and his wife, who is a teacher in the Model School. They were very ably assisted by the parents and tradesmen in the town of Enniskillen.

In a very strong class, the float, backed up by music from the Regimental Band, won a major award, The Junior Chamber of Commerce Cup for "Enterprise". Capt. R. J. Gordon represented the Regiment at the Lord Mayor's Banquet in the City Hall later in the



evening and received a most magnificent cup with parchment certificate which were later presented to the school by General Sir John Anderson on behalf of the Colonel of the Regiment.

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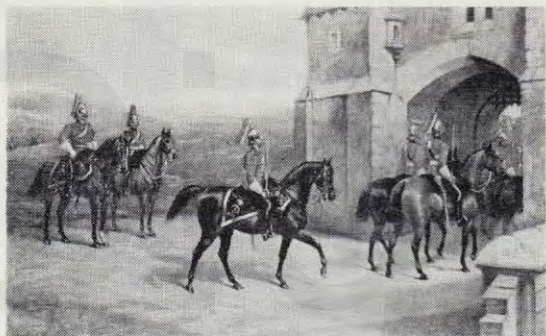
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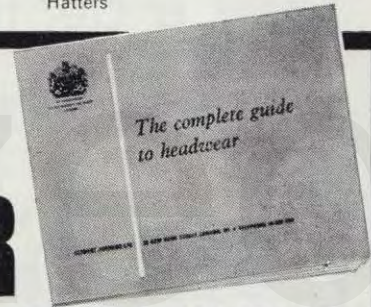


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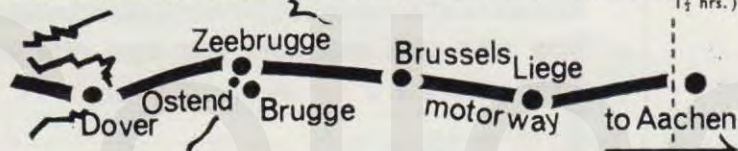
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