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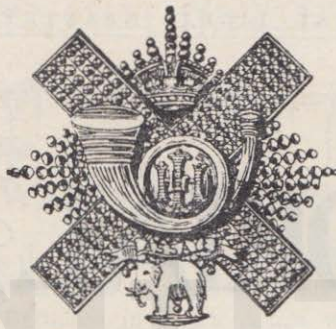
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# EDITORIAL



ALL Major Cathcart Bruce's friends will be pleased to know that he flourishes in Canada. He is Director of Training—Civil Defence in British Columbia, and hoping to be presented to the Colonel-in-Chief when she visits Canada this year.

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General Bramwell-Davis, who is shortly assuming the appointment of G.O.C. Aldershot District, was honoured in the New Year's List by being made a C.B. We would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Regiment of congratulating him on this well-deserved honour.

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Lt. Robin Crawford and Sgt. Schofield (SP Coy.) have both been mentioned in despatches for their work with the Battalion in Cyprus. These are the *first awards to be made to members serving with the Battalion since the war* and are indicative not only of the gallantry and persistence of these two individuals, but also, one feels, of the general sterling service given by the Battalion during their year in Cyprus.

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It is with much regret that we record the discharge on medical grounds of Sgt. Forbes following the loss of his sight in an unfortunate accident at the Depot. Sgt. Forbes visits the Depot often and is wonderfully cheerful. He is making rapid progress in Braille and has some good prospects. We are sure that everyone in the Regiment will wish Sgt. Forbes the best of good fortune in the days ahead.

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The date of the Regimental Dinner in London has now been changed to 3rd June at the Senior

with the Luncheon party on the same day at the Caledonian Club.

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Mention is made in this edition of the Discharge Certificate which will shortly be available to all soldiers who served in the Regiment—the rules are printed on page 10. This is a very handsome certificate in colour and was designed by Mr. D. N. Anderson. The prototype, if this is the correct expression, was shown to the 80 men who were released through the Depot in January with a view to obtaining their reactions. These were indeed favourable—every man asking to be sent a certificate when they were available.

As all the checking, completing, etc., in connection with these certificates has to be done in the very short-staffed Depot as an extra duty, it is to be hoped that those who apply for one will be patient and refrain from sending either pleading or threatening reminders. All applications will be dealt with as expeditiously as is compatible with the smooth-running of the active side of Army life and the longevity of the staff.

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## REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

MR. D. N. ANDERSON, who is well known in the Regiment, has kindly taken over the task as curator of the museum. Mr. Anderson helped a great deal in the founding of the Museum and is also the Regimental artist, having designed, *inter alia*, the recruiting posters and discharge certificates.

# O b i t u a r y

## Major WALTER LECKIE-EWING

THOUGH perhaps not unexpected, as the death of his nephew had been a severe blow to him, the news of Major Walter Leckie-Ewing's death came as a shock to his many friends.

"Old" Leckie joined the 1st Battalion in South Africa with the Volunteer Company of the Regiment for service in the South African War.

While with the 1st Bn. he was awarded the Albert Medal in 1902 for a gallant deed in saving the life of a soldier from drowning in the Orange River.

Thereafter he served mostly with the 1st Bn., but was at one time seconded to the West African Frontier Force.

In the 1914-18 War he was with the 1st Bn. in Mesopotamia, but was invalided home where he joined the 4th Bn.

He was a good piper, a member of both the Scottish Pipers and Piobaireachd Societies, and during his regime as Pipe President the Pipes and Drums of the 71st were quite first class.

He was a useful golfer, a keen fisherman and a good game shot.

On his retirement in 1922 he settled on Loch Lomondside at Cameron Cottage, a visit to which was always a delight. I am sure that all ranks of the Regiment would wish to express their sympathy to his widow in her bereavement.

J. R.

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## Lt.-Col. R. W. LECKIE-EWING

R. D. writes:—

The sudden passing of Rhoddy Leckie-Ewing has come as a great shock to many of us, and it is as one of his contemporaries and oldest friends that I would like to write a few lines.

It is difficult to think of anyone who had the Regiment so much at heart. His life—particularly in more recent years—was the Regiment. One doubts, for instance, whether anyone else could have started, organised and set up the Regimental Museum with such zest and enthusiasm. Many of us have enjoyed spending an odd quarter of an hour or more looking at this and that—the thought never crossing one's mind as to who was responsible for this pleasure. In fact, one knows what a great deal of hard work and energy he put into making the Museum such a first class shop window of Regimental history, and giving so many of us such pleasure in our visits to that part of the Depot. As Curator in particular he is almost irreplaceable.

One will miss, too, visits to his home—Arngomery—where one was always made so very welcome, and it was always the Regiment on which conversation at once started and never finished. Moreover, one was surrounded by pictures and ornaments all of which portrayed the love of the one thing which was his life. Indeed, his knowledge of Regimental history and affairs was second to none.

One cannot say he was a great games player, but he certainly played a vigorous game of rugger, and he was a prominent member of the 2nd Bn. XV at Cawnpore in the early '30s.

Of course his main hobby was the Regiment, but shooting was his chief amusement, and many of us can look back with pleasure on the days when he organised the week-end shoots of the 2nd Bn., again at Cawnpore. He was also a keen stamp collector.

His last military appointment was commanding the Depot, and I think the three years he spent there were the happiest of his life, because he was surrounded by all that was dear to him. For most of the war he served in various appointments in the Middle East. Much to his disgust he was unable for health reasons to join any of the active Battalions of the Regiment. He consoled himself by keeping close track of the moves and battles of the 2nd Bn., and recently he has written a short history of the Battalion covering the war period.

The Regiment has indeed lost a staunch and valued officer.

### 3299967 C.S.M. JOHN HOWE, M.C.

IN every walk of life there are personalities who stand out above others and are remembered, while their contemporaries are entirely forgotten. Such a man was John Howe, and there can be no doubt that he made a lasting impression on most people he came in contact with during his army career. He was a soldier very much above the average at a time when soldiering was not so easy as it is to-day, and although he was a disciplinarian in the strictest sense he was fairness itself, and it is certain if a man was punished in his Company the punishment was justified and fitted the crime. Many a budding young N.C.O. modelled himself after the Howe fashion, but very few managed to attain and maintain the dignity he did, and as any officer who served in the 2nd Bn. with him in his prime will readily admit, he taught them "most of what he knew." Of course, John Howe was not popular with everyone. For instance, he had strong views on the necessity for women being in the world at all, and so far as is known he never married, although in his later life he must have thanked his lucky stars that he had sisters to help him. This anti-female complex was reflected in some of his younger N.C.O.s, but they all, without exception, eventually succumbed.

Being such a conscientious soldier it would have been surprising if he had not been a crack shot. Of course he was, and represented his battalion for many, many years. If your name appeared on "A" Company's notice board as a marksman you could safely say you were indeed a marksman, for no help would be forthcoming from the Company Sergeant-Major either on the range or in the office, except perhaps in the shape of some good advice.

John enlisted at Hamilton in February, 1906, and having completed 21 years active Army service in February, 1927, he did what he always said he would, i.e., pack up, go back to Lanarkshire and start up a small holding of some sort. This he did, but the task he set himself at his Poplar Glen home would have frightened a man of lesser stature. He cleared the ground of huge trees himself and built big glass houses in which to grow tomatoes and some of the exotic fruits, but the first two or three years brought him nothing but hard work and blistered hands. He was truly an example to the chicken-hearted. He was first and foremost a countryman and it is difficult to imagine such a man bearing arms at all, never mind gaining distinction in battle. He was mentioned in despatches in November, 1916, and was awarded the Military Cross in February, 1917, and is the only other rank to have won this decoration with the Regiment. He was with the Expeditionary Force in France for 4½ years between 1914 and 1919 and also served in North Russia, Egypt, Palestine and India after that. It is a pity he got restive and tired of soldiering during the last two years of his soldiering; the call of the Scottish countryside was too strong for him, but he did do some duty with the Home Guard in World War II, something you would have expected of John Howe, since more active participation was not possible.

His passing came as a great shock to all who knew him, and he will be sadly missed at the annual gathering of the Sergeants of the Regiment which he attended regularly until last year.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his relatives. They have lost a loved brother, we have lost a soldier and a gentleman, and above all, a friend.

### THE LATE C.S.M. TOMMY SIMPSON, D.C.M.

THE late C.S.M. Tommy Simpson, D.C.M., was a native of Cupar, Fife. On enlistment he joined the 2nd Bn. at Fort George in 1908. Shortly after the First War started he was promoted Sergeant, and was wounded at the Battle of Festubert in 1915.

After the war ended he was C.S.M. Instructor of Musketry in the 1st Bn., and while in Egypt in 1920 he won the individual prize for the best shot in the British Command, Egypt. He won the Underwood Medal in the Sergeants' Annual Shoot in 1928. He also played football for the Regiment.

He retired on pension from the Regiment in 1929. His 21 years service was spent equally with the 1st and 2nd Battalion.

We extend our sympathy to his relatives.

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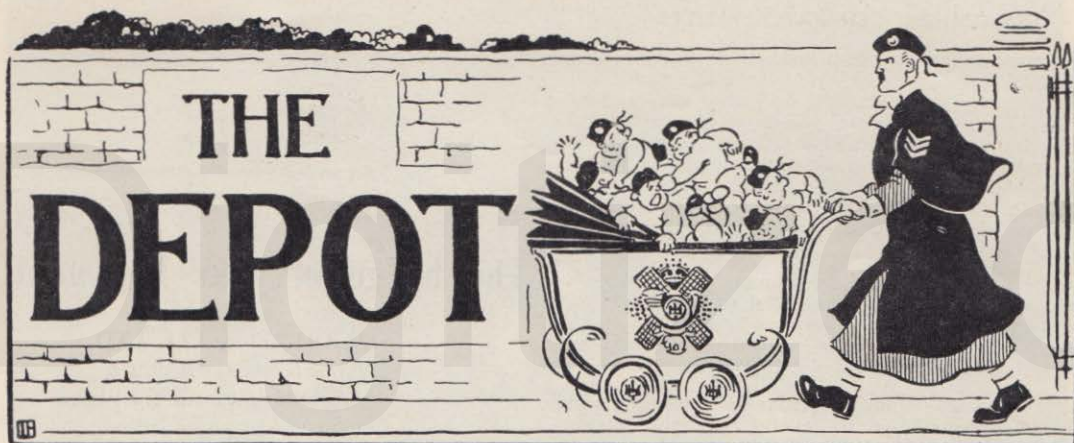


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<i>R. S. M.</i>	...	...	...	...	W.O.1 H. GATELEY, D.C.M.

HARD-PRESSED by the Editor who with commendable finesse has "passed the buck" in the shape of these notes, it is difficult to make order from chaos in order to beat the deadline. However, with some concentration and sly reference to past effusions, this is the result of our humble labours.

So far the I.R.A. have been daunted by our strong defences, but the Adjutant, taking no chances, had a practice alarm to test our alertness. This was quite satisfactory to everybody as those of us who were in the middle of luncheon were able to carry on eating undisturbed, and the Adjutant managed to hear it.

Everything seems to happen during a meal; lately the Commanding Officer, who had finished his luncheon first, exclaimed on looking through the window that the Orderly Room was on fire. This caused mild interest, and there was a pause in the rhythmic movement from plate to mouth. The Adjutant decided to make a cautious recce to the window. With a certain amount of dismay he announced that it was only a train getting up steam.

On December 13 we were very pleased to welcome the Lord Provost to dinner. The dinner, given by General Urquhart, went off most successfully. Other guests included the Lord Provost's secretary, Tom Weir; General Delacombe, Brigadier Montgomery, Captain Harry Warren and Colonel Alaister Pearson.

It was with great sorrow that we heard of the death of Lt.-Col. Leckie-Ewing, affectionately known as "Leckie." For many years he commanded the Depot, and much of his spare time was devoted to the Regiment; indeed, it would be impossible to find anyone with the same knowledge of Regimental history and affairs.

Mentioned elsewhere is the visit of the Depot to B.B.C. House, and we are told that there are also some photographs, although it is doubtful whether any will get past the censor, who likes to make a collection of these things.

The impetus given to recruiting by Army Week has not lasted, but there is still a steady flow coming in, and intakes vary between 15 and 25 Regulars. However, on the return of the Bn. this will doubtless increase, and in our next issue we shall be able to give more encouraging figures.

The football team had a very good year, out of twenty-three games winning 16, drawing 4 and losing only 3. They are in the semi-final of the Command Cup, and with luck should get through to the final. They are looking forward to the return of the Bn. and a chance to play them. O.R.Q.M.S. Brown is quite confident that our team will trounce them.

The author, in closing these notes, feels that acknowledgments for generous help and assistance are due to the present Editor for making him write them, and past Editors for showing him what to write.

### TRAINING COMPANY NOTES

YOUR present correspondent being new to the game has spent some of his valuable time going round and asking people what has happened during the last four months. The invariable reply seems to be "nothing" or "I can't remember," and it is only with considerable head-scratching that they remember so-and-so joined us from the Battalion or that we had a big parade on such-and-such a day. The most charitable explanation I can think of is that the rain and cold weather numb the brain.

However, in fact, there have been no startling events in our small world—there has been sufficient outside to hold our interest. The Company Commander, with mustachios bristling, has been heard to wonder why he is not watching affairs from No. 10 Downing Street.

Lt. Stevenson has joined us from the Battalion, and we have said good-bye to several National Service Officers on their way out to a short holiday in Cyprus taking with them drafts, each successive one of which was allowed less weight of baggage. We understand that the last was lucky to have its mess tins, knife, fork and spoon with it.

The Passing-out Parades during this quarter have been of the usual high standard and praise is due to the N.C.O.s with the platoons for "chasing them on."

In November the B.B.C. most kindly invited the Depot to attend "Scottish Magazine" in their studios. This was much appreciated by everybody as a break from normal routine, and the talented show was met with much cheering and other noises.

Christmas and New Year saw, as usual, the Company more or less deserted, though over the New Year—and the Adjutant will bear witness to this—one would have thought that everybody was returned from leave. It transpired, however, that it was only the Sergeants' Mess having a small celebration.

We look forward to welcoming the Bn. home shortly, hoping that like the First of Foot they won't have to pour their hard-won liquor down drains and sinks.

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## LIGHT INFANTRY CLUB

THE following are the dates of Social and Sporting Events for 1957, so far as at present arranged:—

### GOLF

ANNUAL MEETING, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 17th, 18th and 19th May, 1957, at Camberley Heath Golf Club.

AUTUMN MEETING, Saturday, 28th September, 1957, at Camberley Heath Golf Club. As an experiment the Autumn Meeting is to be held separately from the Dinner in 1957 in order to get the longer daylight of summer time.

It has been suggested that this be made a two-day meeting, and Friday, 27th September, 1957 (but *not* Sunday, 29th September) is available should Members so wish. Will any Member who is interested please write to the Hon. Secretary.

### "AT HOME"

Saturday, 6th July, 1957, at R.H.Q., The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, Cowley Barracks, Oxford.

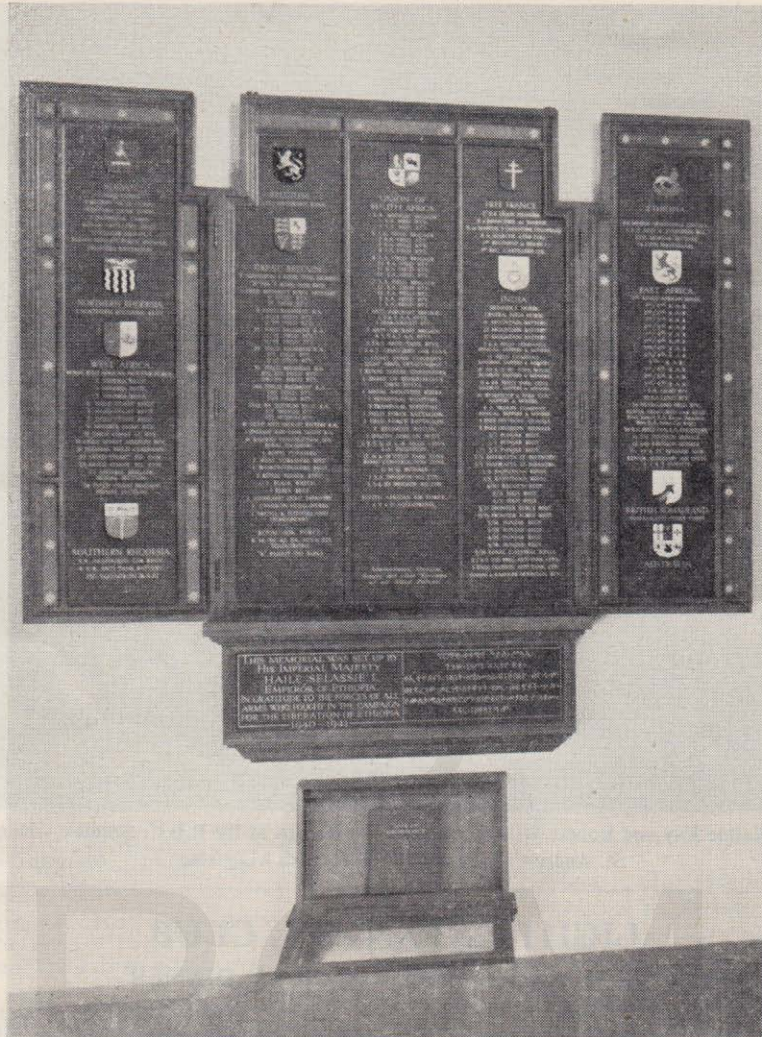
### ANNUAL DINNER

Friday, 18th October, 1957, at the United Services Club, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1.

### SKI TROPHY—Season 1956/57

Owing to uncertain snow and operational conditions it has been found impracticable to hold an Inter-Unit Team Competition for the Ski Trophy in Cyprus during the 1956/57 season. It has, therefore, been decided that the Ski Trophy will be awarded to the Member of the Club who finishes highest in the combined results of the Downhill and Slalom at the Army Ski Championships which are being held at Bad Gastein in Austria from 6th to 8th February, 1957—see ACI 440/56, para. 2 (b).

Members who are interested should apply for membership of the Army Ski Association (annual subscription for Regular, T.A. and Reserve Officers—10/-). Affiliation forms and further details can be obtained from The Army Ski Association, The War Office (A.S.C.B.), Stanmore, Middlesex.



### THE UNVEILING OF THE WAR MEMORIAL AT ADDIS ABABA

12th September, 1956.

DEAR MAJOR MAXWELL,

I must apologise for the delay in sending you the photographs of the church and war memorial which I promised you. It has not been easy to get good pictures, but I think that these which I enclose are not too bad.

The ceremony of unveiling and dedication took place on the 25th June. After a short service the Emperor made a short speech expressing his gratitude to the forces which had freed his country; then he unveiled the memorial, and it was dedicated by the Ven. G. H. Martin, O.B.E., Archdeacon of the Northern Sudan.

There were about twenty officers present. The Commander-in-Chief, East Africa, flew up from Nairobi and brought several officers with him. Air Vice-Marshal Sinclair, A.O.C. Aden, was also present.

Hoping that you will approve of the form of the memorial, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A. F. MATTHEW, *Acting Chaplain.*

## FINNIS and LAING

### “Who went West”

CAPTAINS Tim Finnis and Jamie Laing left the Regiment in June, 1956, and sailed to “seek dollars” in Canada on 3rd July, 1956. Jamie Laing has produced an account of their trip by sea and land to Calgary which is well worth reading. Numerous copies have been distributed by them to their friends, but for anyone interested who has not read this interesting, amusing and informative story there is a handsomely bound copy kept in the Depot Officers' Mess Library.

After describing their arrival in Chicago, U.S.A., Captain Laing goes on to say:—

“Our Chicago adventures were not over, for on the way back we got lost in the maze of neon signs and skyscrapers, and when we were eventually on the right road again, we were pursued by a car flashing a searchlight all around us, and I, thinking it was hot-rod kids playing jokes with the funny British car, took no notice until it overtook us with its siren screaming, and then realised it was de cops. It appeared that we had failed to stop at a flashing red light—with the whole place a mass of flashing lights of every colour, it is not surprising we failed to see that particular one. After demanding to see my driving licence, which I had not got with me (it was a British one anyway), and a lot of patter on our side about being new to Chicago, the cop relented and compromised by reciting the equivalent of the Road Traffic Act, and pointed out that more than 100,000 people (or some such figure) were killed on the roads each year, which (relishing their love for statistics) amounted to more than deaths from TB, cancer and many other diseases he named; then, having exhausted himself and us, he allowed us to proceed. We had gone about half a mile when we heard the familiar siren again, and this time were told “pull over, Bud,” by a motorcycle cop. It was the same mistake again, I gather, so this time I borrowed Tim's licence, which at first led to complications, but eventually settled the affair, because it baffled the cop with its “crown and things,” as he said, but what he could make out from it was that it was issued in Glasgow. This did the trick, as his father came from Glasgow, and so having heard the act again and about deaths from cancer, etc., we parted the best of friends, without a ticket. This was enough adventure from one city, and so the next day, July 31st,

we moved on, out of Illinois and into Wisconsin, headed for Madison.”

Eventually they reached Calgary where they are making a temporary stop. Both are working there and, one hopes, beginning to amass dollars and that knowledge which is essential if one is to remember to drive on the pavement and eat in the drug store; go down in the elevator and try to raise a smile while tackling waffles, maple syrup and bacon for breakfast—or have I got it all goddam wrong?



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H.L.I. DEPOT,  
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DEAR SIR,

On Saturday I had the pleasure of making an appeal to the men under your command, and subsequently our Mobile Unit attended at the Medical Quarters to accept donations. I am very happy to advise you that 78 people attended, the Blood Bank benefiting by the acceptance of 66 donations. At this time when the Bank is very low after the New Year holiday period, I would assure you that this contribution from the Army at Maryhill is of the utmost value, and I should be very grateful if you would be kind enough to record our thanks and appreciation to all the Officers and men who so kindly came forward to donate their blood.

In the course of the next ten days we shall be sending Registration Cards to each New Donor, acknowledging their donations and giving them their blood group.

I should also like to express the appreciation of the members of our Unit, who advise me that they received a great deal of help from your men in setting up their equipment.

This Service provides 1,300 transfusions every week to all Hospitals in the West of Scotland, including Military Hospitals, and the generosity shown by all at the H.L.I., Maryhill, will enable us to maintain supplies and answer all emergency calls.

Yours sincerely,

DOROTHY NELSON,  
*Organising Secretary.*

## Regimental Discharge Certificate

THE Colonel of the Regiment has approved the issue of a Discharge Certificate to all members of the Regiment, both Regulars and National Service, when they leave the Regiment. It is hoped, if the Certificate is ready in time, to include a photograph of the Certificate in this issue.

The qualifying terms for receiving a Certificate are as follows :—

- (1) A free issue will be made to all who left the Regiment on or after January 1, 1956.
- (2) Those who left prior to January 1, 1956, will be sent a Certificate on application to the Depot and there will be a nominal charge of half-a-crown. (When applying for the Certificate please attach a P.O. for 2/6 and ensure that the address to which the Certificate is to be sent is clear.)  
Particulars must include Regt. Number and dates of service.
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TO

**THE FIRST BATTALION THE HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY**

**on 28th DECEMBER, 1956, AT DHAVLOS, CYPRUS**

I AM very glad to have the opportunity to say a few words to you before you leave Cyprus and my Command, and I would be very grateful if you would pass it on to your comrades and all those not on parade to-day.

First of all I want to congratulate you, all of you, from the Commanding Officer down to the last-joined private soldier, on the way you have done your job since you came here. I have been very impressed by the way in which you have carried out your tasks and I was impressed by the way you settled down to the job when you first arrived here. From what I have seen it would appear that you have got your area in that settled state we would like to see in the rest of Cyprus. You have had a great variety of tasks to carry out; some of them have been tedious, difficult and dangerous, and you have taken them all in the spirit that I would expect from your Regiment and carried them out well. You have had casualties, but you have taken the rough with the smooth. So I would like to say to you all, Well Done. Well Done, The Highland Light Infantry.

The next thing is that I would like to thank you very sincerely and very warmly for the welcome you have always given to me when I have come here and for your loyal support ever since you have been here. Each time I have come, I have always felt welcome and at home, and that means a very great deal to someone in my position.

Now, when you get home and people ask you what you did in Cyprus, you can tell them that you have been playing your full part in restoring law and order and putting an end to terrorism and violence. You have played a big part towards the success of the job—it is not finished yet, but you have helped to bring its end nearer. You have done well, and you can tell people that when you get home. You can tell them that you have worthily maintained the traditions of your distinguished Regiment and upheld the good name of the Scottish people—and you can tell them that from me. And I shall tell these things to your Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. Princess Margaret, when I next meet her. When people ask you—tell them those things, and you can take great pride in the part you have played, and tell them I said so.

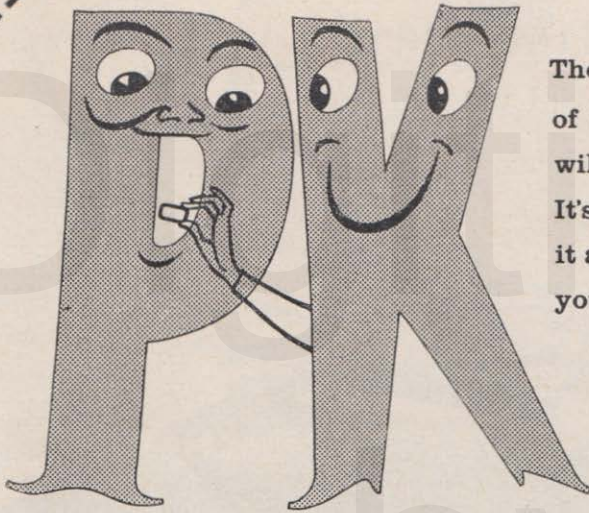
Once again I would like to congratulate you most warmly on a job well done, and I would like to thank you very much indeed for the loyal support and the good comradeship that you have always given to me. I hope to see you all again sometime in the future. I wish you all the best of luck wherever you go. I wish you a good voyage and a happy reunion with your families.

Well done! Good luck and Good-bye.

## **SPECIAL BRIGADE ORDER SENT TO THE BATTALION BY COMMANDER 51 INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADE**

ON the occasion of your Battalion leaving 51 Independent Infantry Brigade, I would like to thank you and all your officers, warrant officers, sergeants and men not only for the very fine way in which they have worked and kept the Kantara Hills and the Panhandle quiet, but also for the way the Regiment has conducted itself whilst in this command. You have at all times been an example of smartness, efficiency, and above all, alertness.

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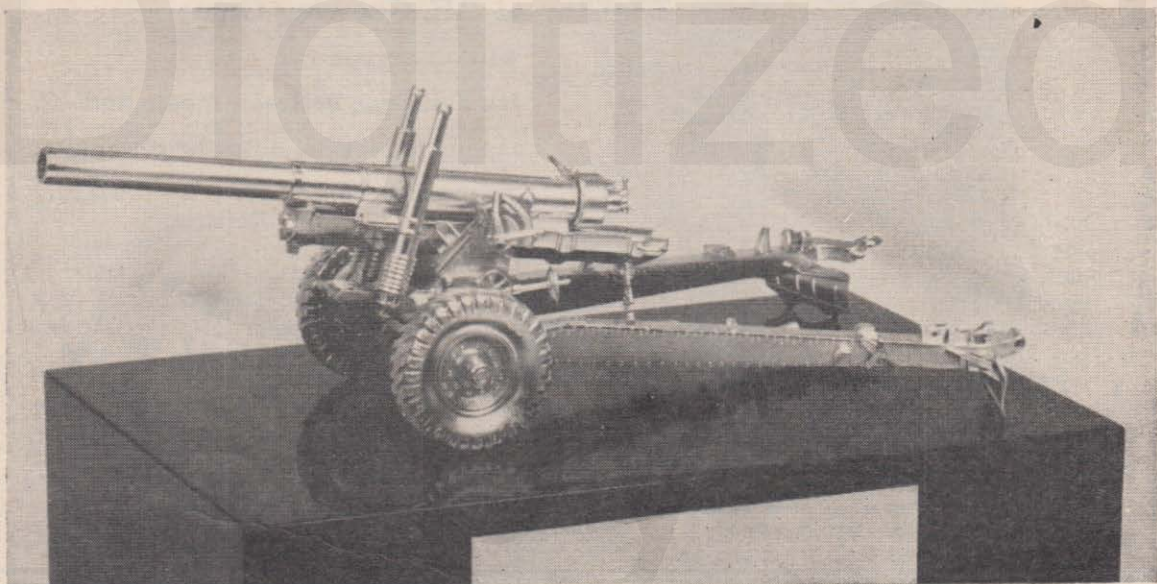
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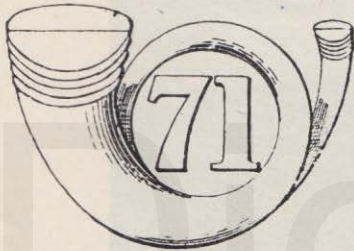
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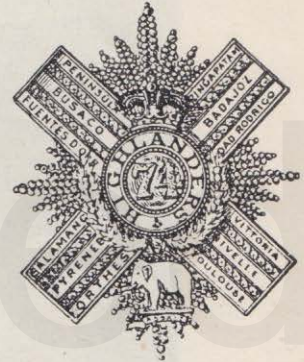
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THE period since publication of the last edition of the CHRONICLE has been an eventful one. The speculation and interest in the date that the Battalion would leave Cyprus produced at times elation, at others a certain air of despondency, especially as it was not until early December that definite news of our departure was heard.

One of the highlights of the year spent in Cyprus was the Assaye Day Games. In spite of the Unit having to remain Operational throughout the period of the Games, competitors from every detachment managed to attend. In addition to the normal field and track events, there were Piping, Dancing, Drumming and Bugling Competitions. In some competitions a very high standard was attained. H.Q. Coy. were top of the Games; C Coy. won the Eight-some Reel, and in the Piping and individual Dancing competitions Cpl. Aitken carried off the bulk of the prizes. The setting on Dhavlos football field lent an air of splendour to the occasion, which may have been noticed by those who saw the B.B.C. Television film. To those who, like the R.S.M., worked so hard to organise and lay out the ground, must go the credit for a very enjoyable meeting.

During the last fortnight of September the Regiment had the honour of providing the Government House Guard. A Guard, furnished by SP Coy. and commanded by Lt. Scrase Dickins, carried out this duty.

Operationally the Bn. was engaged in two big operations outside the Bn. area in October. Both necessitated a curtailing of normal Internal Security patrolling within our own "Parish." In Operation "Sparrowhawk," mounted by 16 Parachute Brigade in the hills west of our Bn.

area, two Companies took part. This most successful operation resulted in the capture of a Terrorist gang, many arms and a considerable amount of ammunition; it also led to the recovery of the body of L/Cpl. Hill of the Royal Leicestershire Regt. by men of A Coy. L/Cpl. Hill had been missing from his Unit since December, 1955, and it had been claimed by EOKA that he had been executed in reprisal for the hanging of two convicted terrorists in May, 1956. In Operation "Plain-Fare," carried out in the dull, dusty plain south-west of Famagusta, a village EOKA cell was captured, and in addition terrorist arms and ammunition recovered.

On the 23rd October the Bn. suffered its first fatal casualties when an electrically detonated mine was exploded near the edge of a football field at Lefkoniko, at the end of a game in which soldiers from A Coy. were taking part. Pte. Neely was killed instantly and the following day Pte. Beattie died of wounds received in the explosion in B.M.H., Nicosia. We were all very sorry to hear that Pte. Doherty died in Cowglen Hospital after a hard six weeks struggle; his cheerfulness and good spirits had led us to believe he would recover from his wounds. As a result of the follow-up action by troops of A Coy. in the village of Lefkoniko immediately after the incident, there were a number of unsubstantiated allegations made by the Cypriots of ill-treatment. These were, however, repudiated by Government, and it is noteworthy that Legislation was introduced soon after this which penalised any Cypriot who made false allegations against the Security Forces. Pte. Neely and Pte. Beattie were buried with full Military honours in Nicosia Military Cemetery on 25th October. At the funeral, H.E. The Governor



A Musical Farewell



Men of the Battalion boarding Z craft at Famagusta



A Vocal Farewell



The good ship "Dilwara" is in sight, so who cares about a little spray

was represented as were also The C.-in-C. MELF, AOC-in-C., Flag Officer Eastern Mediterranean, and the Commander of 51 Independent Infantry Brigade.

The normal tenor of life was sharpened when in late October and throughout the period of the Anglo-French Operations in the Suez Canal zone, the Bn. remained at 24 hours notice to move elsewhere in the Middle East. However, our services were not required, and by mid-November we were once more fully engaged in the normal rather unrewarding but very essential Internal Security tasks.

On 12th November, the Commanding Officer was pleased to announce that Major R. Bromley Gardner, M.C., had been Mentioned in Despatches for Distinguished Services in Malaya. On 22nd November Major-General D. A. Kendrew visited the Bn. shortly after his appointment as G.O.C. Cyprus District. In early December, Lt. C. D. Craigie Halket left the Bn. for leave prior to assuming the appointment of A.D.C. to G.O.C. Aldershot District, Maj.-General R. A. Bramwell Davis.

After a false start on 22nd December the Advance Party finally left the Bn. on 27th December. Christmas was celebrated with a good Christmas Dinner in every post. The Padre had held a Christmas Service at every Coy. Camp and guarded Police Station on 23rd December culminating in a Carol Service of the Seven Lessons held at Dhavlos on the Sunday evening. In addition there was a Christmas Day Service at Dhavlos.

On 28th December H.E. The Governor visited Dhavlos and Mersinniki to say farewell to the Officers and men of the Bn. The full text of the Field-Marshal's address will be found elsewhere in these notes. After his speech at Dhavlos H.E. visited both the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes. The Bn. were greatly honoured that at a busy time the Field-Marshal was able to visit us and the pleasure and privilege derived from serving under his command will long be remembered by those who were with the Regiment in Cyprus.

On 2nd January Major-General Kendrew visited Dhavlos to say farewell, and in his address to all ranks of the Bn. the G.O.C. congratulated the Regiment on the great name it had made for itself in Cyprus. The General commented on the good work done by all ranks on Patrols and Internal Security duties and said that the untiring work of the Bn. denied the mountainous Bn. area to the terrorists as a refuge.

On 3rd January we were pleased to see the arrival of the 1st Bn. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment who had come to take over our area. After a quick turn round, all loading being done at record speed, the Bn. left the Posts and Camps which we had helped to build and sped south to Famagusta. No one noticed that we de-bussed by the small and pleasant green space known as Desdemona's Garden. With speed and alacrity Companies marched to the Z Craft moored in the shadows of the old Venetian Citadel—Othellos' Tower lay as the back-cloth to the quayside. But all eyes were facing seaward where the troopship *Dilwara* lay at anchor. The Pipe Band on the Z Craft and the Band of the 1st Bn. The Royal Leicestershire Regiment on the shore provided us with music as we edged out of harbour, and half an hour later we were aboard. Before the ship sailed Brig. J. A. R. Robertson, C.B.E., D.S.O., Commander of 51 Independent Infantry Brigade, said farewell to the Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants. By 4 o'clock the ship had rounded Cape Greco and we said good-bye to Cyprus without any sorrow or misgiving, but with a certain amount of pride that we had done a difficult and unpleasant task well.



#### W.O.s & SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES

At the moment of writing these notes we are somewhere off the coast of Portugal. At last all the rumours and stories have come true, and we are finally on our way home. Rather late for Hogmanay, but nevertheless, it will no doubt still be celebrated.

We were not sorry to leave Dhavlos, the rain and wind had commenced, making life very uncomfortable. It was no unusual thing to hear tent pegs being knocked in, in the wee sma' hours, accompanied by very lurid vocal comments. Quite a few members woke up to find their tent outers "comptee." The mud had to be seen to be believed, and C/Sgt. Bob McPhail had quite a busy time issuing rubber boots.

As can be expected social life in the Mess has been very quiet, although C.S.M. "Shugh" Morrell introduced the game of Charades. Anyone not familiar with it, and seeing the teams performing, would definitely think they were candidates for Netly. And any team who could successfully guess the "Mooch's" problems, were right on the ball.

A farewell dinner was given to C.S.M. Jimmy Riddell and C/Sgt. Len Mason, who were leaving for "O" Force and Civvy St. respectively. Shortly after the Suez business cropped up and Len was frozen! Still, it was a good dinner, eh, Len? With the Suez crisis came all kinds of flaps, but our services were not required. (Thank Heaven!)

New members to the Mess since our last notes are: from the Depot, C.S.M. Morrell and Sgt. Chick Conway, and on promotion, Sgts. McKinnon, Gillies, Hutcheon, Mulholland, Stewart and O'Brien. We extend to them a hearty welcome, and to the new promotions our congratulations.

After a "dry run through" the Advance Party finally left on the 27th. Too late to have Christmas with their families and friends, but at least they could see the New Year in at home. On the 3rd of January the Bn. embarked on the *Dilwara* in Famagusta Harbour and, providing the weather is kind we hope to dock at Southampton on the 14th. Then after a spot of leave, the Bn. reports to Redford Barracks for a short-while preparatory to moving off again, this time to B.A.O.R.

In closing all members of the Mess wish all past members a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

### ORDERLY ROOM NOTES

Now that the rush and bustle has quietened down a little, we find a few spare moments to give an account of the activities of "The Hub of the Hubs" over the last few months in Cyprus.

There have been two changes in the staff, L/Cpl. "Barney" Sloan leaving for "B" Coy. to show them how a Company Office *should* be run (ahem!), and the arrival of Pte. "Sleepy" McDonald from the Camerons—much to our regret, he has been given the appointment of Chief Parade State Clerk, and ever since the men have been growing weaker and weaker owing to the lack of food.

We would like very much to congratulate C/Sgt. "Paddy" Smith and L/Cpl. "Big-Head" Easton on their promotion.

We are still holding on grimly to C/Sgt. "Len" Mason and Cpl. "Sweetie" Thomson, but there is a strong rumour that they are being released when we arrive in U.K. For their (and our) sakes let's hope it comes off. We wish them all the best in Civvy Street.

Our only real major activity was in early November when we were going to pay King Hussein a visit, but fortunately it never came off. The experienced "Sharp-end" soldiers, of course, went out on I.S. operations with Bn. H.Q. (mainly to keep the I. Section running correctly).

The "big flap" was when a member of the B.O.R. (accompanied by one of his comrades) paid a visit to Kyrenia Leave Centre, but left it rather abruptly to take up his abode in the care of The Wiltshire Regt. until being returned to Bn. H.Q. The Substantive Roll was very carefully perused for vacancies, but he "crawled the lot" and got away with it.

The next thing to come along was late nights, or should we say early mornings? On the 10th December, somebody started a rumour that the Bn. was going home, so, not to disappoint them, B.O.R. did its stuff getting ready for the move. Everyone in Cyprus who has any say in these matters co-operated wonderfully,

even to the length of getting us away from Famagusta. I hardly think they can undo that rumour now, as at the time of writing we are steaming for Gibraltar, having had a four-hour stop at Algiers, and leaving with a complete Battalion, much to the Foreign Legion's Recruiting Officers' disgust.

We finished off last time by hoping to give abit of news about Edinburgh this time, but we didn't quite make it. However, we do hope to be able to let you know just a little bit about Luneberg in the next issue.

STENCILITE.



### H.Q. COMPANY NOTES

We concluded the last issue by saying our next notes would be from Blighty. How nearly right we were, as at the present moment we are looking forward with eagerness to the forthcoming sail back "hame."

Sports winnings never pass us by. In September we were victorious over Sp. Coy. (as usual) by winning 5-2. Of course, the game was played at Dhavlos! In fact, it would be true to say that H.Q. Coy. always seems to win.

As for inter-platoon—Coy. H.Q. drew in a friendly with Capt. Scobie's Wiry Wanderers, 3 each. The Platoon Commander, of course, showed great enthusiasm throughout the whole strenuous match. The stars of the day were Pte. (93) Docherty and safe keeping by Pte. Waterson. Arrangements were made by Lt. Robertson (R.S.V.P.).

The Knockout Competition is not as yet over, but it looks like an overall M.T. Platoon day. They have, of course, the stars of the Bn. playing—such as Ptes. Jackson from (Hearts), Neil "Blondie" Black, Deardley and 8 others.

The biggest highlight of the Dhavlos Sporting Arena was the Assaye Day Sports. Once again H.Q. Coy. led the field. With athletes and pipers, such as Cpl. Strickland, who won the 100 yards, and Cpl. Aitken, who won five cups for magnificent playing of the pipes. Also Pipers Hardie and Petrie in their Highland Dancing were worthy winners. We must not forget, however, Pte. Doctor for his strengthly try at tossing the caber. We won't discuss the outcome, but he put on a good show for the A.K.C. Anyway, as usual, H.Q. Coy. won fairly easily.

Since we had the pleasure (?) of coming to this land of sunshine and hardtack, we have lost some of those people called Demobbees. Among the late ones are: Cpls. Wullie "Any Letters" Pinkerton, Andy "Ababa" Laughland, Ptes. Andrew (Sigs.) and Morrison of the Officers' Mess. Next in turn were Cpl. "Woo Woo" MacFarlane, L/Cpls. Olly Phin and Cards Wilkie, Ptes. Smylie, Gordon, and Pollard (a remark made by one of them was "It does go in.").

The fifth of December brought the news of the Bn. going home. This made spirits high (Hic! Hic!). But the sixth of December drowned the high-spirited moods as the rain poured down. Through the long wet night, the cries and moans of some unfortunate individuals could be heard. Such remarks as: "Get a picket in Wullie," "Oh, look! the tent's ripped," "My God Geordie, I'm trapped!" Wailed Cpl. Johnston (I Sec.). So it went on. But the warm feeling of going home managed to maintain high feeling again in the lines.

Before we end this issue we would like to thank everyone responsible for a really wonderful and most enjoyable Christmas Dinner. How nice it is to be waited on.

To close the notes we are wondering how we will like being in Germany. We shall see; but let us hope that "Manoeuvres" do *not* catch up with us too soon.

GREEN & BUFF.

### M.T. PLATOON NOTES

WELL, here we are again, and we hope that this is our last edition from Cyprus.

We wish to congratulate Capt. M. M. Thomson (M.T.O.) and R.S.G. Harry (Sgt. Read) on the excellent way they handed over the transport.

We take this opportunity of saying *au revoir* to L/Cpl. Broadfoot after his splendid 3 years in the M.T. Platoon, and he will be missed by all. Also to "Bugs" Hendry, Oilly Jimmy, McCulley, Brankin, Martin 33, and Parks, who go on demob as soon as we reach U.K.

Congratulations to Sgt. Underwood in his new employment, and we wish him good luck on his course. We also congratulate L/Cpls Corcoran, Culliton, Findlay, Money, and Mitchell on their promotion, and L/Cpl. Mitchell on passing out fourth on the Junior N.C.O.'s Cadre. We wish the very best of luck and good fortune to L/Cpl. Paddy McBride on getting married.

The Platoon football team has had a good season, ably led by L/Cpl. Findlay. The team finished the Dhavlos season by winning the camp inter-platoon knock-out competition. The team are now wondering who has got their prizes?

We have had a little peace and quiet since "Electric Whiskers" (Sgt. Coward) went home on the Advance Party. The M.T. are grateful, and so are the Pay Clerks who now sleep in every morning.

We all look forward to West Germany where we hope to get new trucks with crash gear boxes, better roads, and better living accommodation.

Time flies, so we must finish off or we will miss the boat home.

SPEEDO PLUS.

### SIGNAL PLATOON NOTES

THE Bn.'s year in Cyprus has proved to us just how flexible the Signal Platoon must be. Possibly never before has our Signal Platoon been so lavishly equipped, or so widely dispersed, and the experience gained because of these factors has been of benefit to us all.

Of all the signal traffic dealt with during our stay here, about 95 per cent. has been routed by wireless.

This is quite a good indication of the inadequacy of the island's civil telephone system.

Finally, we salute the Army Postal Organisation which, in our opinion, has given an excellent service which was greatly appreciated.

Rumours about going home—the majority emanating from the Signal Platoon—have at last come true. Germany, here we come!

The last four months have been packed with incident. A large number of the Platoon were involved in operation Sparrowhawk, which received, because of its success, a great deal of publicity in the National Press. This was Sgt. Underwood's last operation before he left us to join the M.T. Henceforth his activities will be confined to riding around on noisy and dangerous motor-bikes. Another operation, Plain Fare, took place in the Liopetri area. This gave us an opportunity of airing the line kit, and although the bound-in joints were enough to bring tears to Pronto's eyes, the lines still worked. At one stage in the operation Walker (Johnny) took over Brigade control, and during this time even commanded the Brigade.

During the first week of November a riotous and very successful Platoon Smoker was held in the cinema. Cpl.—now Sgt.—O'Brien produced his tape recorder, and the result was later heard as a preliminary to a C.S.E. show.

At the Assaye Day games, shown on TV and news-reel, the Platoon again had a finger in the pie. Not only did the public address system work throughout the games, but we even managed to win some events. Sgt. Weir ran a very fast and exciting 220 yards, and even Cpl. Ferguson managed to complete the distance in the mile. Bucknall was very unlucky in hurting his leg before the games as he had a good chance of winning the high jump.

The soccer team has played a good many games, and despite Messrs. Docherty and Gallacher has won more often than it has lost. We have also disported ourselves on the basketball pitch with dubious results.

Yet another Cadre has been put through the sausage-machine and 75 per cent. of the starters finished the course (3 out of 4 starters!). McLean 76 joined the cadre half-way through after his rest in hospital. We hope his leg won't give him too much trouble in the future. This also applies to Sgt. Weir, who seemed to be trying for a rest in the same place, but without success.

While the Platoon were gorging themselves at the magnificent Christmas Dinner, Mr. Robertson and Sgt. Weir acted as operators and managed to avoid losing our unblemished reputation as the star operators on the net! We all enjoyed a bit of Pronto's Christmas cake, but failed to find any 25-mil. bits.

We welcomed back both Mr. Robertson and Sgt. Stewart (congratulations on his promotion to Sgt.) from their four-month course at Hythe. They are now playing havoc with the voice procedure of the established operators. We also welcome all those lucky soldiers who have joined the Platoon since the last notes.

To all members of the Signal Platoon who have passed on to greater things in the wide world, we extend our best wishes, tinged with envy.

Until our next transmission—Out.

PRONTO.



### PIPE BAND NOTES

We mentioned in our last notes that Ptes. Dewar and Mitchell were on their way to Civvy Street, but no; that old x...?! Nasser had to turn them back, and also held up "Jock" Dyet and Petrie 74 from even leaving the place; but never mind, as soon as we reach "Auld Reekie" they definitely will be on the road.

The Assaye Day Sports were quite a success, as you will probably have seen by the Paramount News. The winning Tug-o-War team (H.Q. Coy.) was coached by Pipe-major Rennie, and when the prizes were presented, 3 out of the 8 were Band members—Sgt. McDonald and Ptes. Sinclair and Roxburgh. Cpl. Aitken won all honours for the individual Dancing and Piping. C Coy. won the Eightsome Reel competition and Lt. Robertson won the Novices Highland Fling, while "Piper" Jock Dyet was commended on being 3rd in the Novices' Drumming competition.

The Piping, Drumming and Bugling were judged by Capt. Mackay and Capt. Shepherd and also by Pipe-major Campbell and Drum-major Burrellton of the Gordons.

As from Assaye Day the Band have had no big playing jobs, just the usual—fatigues and escorts. Although the Dancing team has performed twice, once at 51 Brigade H.Q. and at Kyrenia Leave Centre. During last week the Band played for the Junior N.C.O.'s Cadre Passing-Out Parade. May we now take this opportunity on congratulating L/Cpl. Roxburgh on his promotion.

In closing we would like to wish all our friends at the Depot all the best for the New Year, and that it won't be that long now till we see them all again.

Our next notes should be from the "Reich," so we sincerely hope we will have a wee bit more news for you then.

GRACE NOTE.

### INTELLIGENCE SECTION NOTES

ONCE again we bring to you the stop press news from that weird and wonderful Section, combining P.G. with a little humour. However, it's not easy to settle down to write notes owing to the forthcoming and long-awaited move to U.K., and the hustle and bustle that goes with it. So if these notes are a wee bit disjointed blame C/Sgt. H.Q. Coy., as the scribe keeps getting called away to hand in what is commonly called Accommodation Stores.

Since last going to press not a great deal of activity has been carried out in the Section. Some promotions have taken place, i.e., Pte. Stewart to L/Cpl.—"Congratulations, Stew."

A couple of operations have taken place, one at a village called Liopetri where the Bn. had quite a good

success, and once again a visit was paid to our old favourite Akanthou.

Then came a stand-by which brought everyone forth into song, something called "A Man's a Man for A' That," and with it visions of our journey home being scrubbed. However that did not happen and our hearts were uplifted once again.

The Christmas period was spent in a quite jolly mood, a good dinner being laid on by the A.C.C. with the Officers, W.O.s and Sgts. waiting on us.

And so we bring these notes to a conclusion, hoping the next ones will be written in better conditions. But before we go we must say cherio and the best of luck to Cpl. Hajiyiannis, who was the cause of many laughs, and we hope he enjoyed his stay with us.

HUSH AND SHUSH.

### SPORTS COLUMN

HELLO Sportsfans, this is the start of a new column which we hope will be continued in further CHRONICLES.

To strike off on a happy note the Bn. football team—feeling top of the world after last season's successes—beat the team of The Royal Leicestershires Regt. 10-1.

This was to be a trial game for new talent, and as the score suggests the selectors really found a "goodie," Jackson at centre-forward scoring six goals, and many a goalkeeper was to see more of him.

Owing to commitments the team only managed one more game before our departure, that was against the Island Cup Finalists—R.A.F. Nicosia. Result 0-0, with game rather mediocre, and neither side really shone on this occasion; bouquets go to Scoullar and C.S.M. Daniels on this showing.

Congrats go to M.T. Section 1st XI on winning the Platoon League competition—a good team with that dynamic punch at centre, "Cannonball" Jackson, who played a large part in their well balanced side's success. A real treat for the dull stands of the Dhavlos stadium was the new strips displayed by the Platoons and Companies, such as Green/White (H.Q. Coy.), Claret/Blue (Bn. H.Q.), Blue/White (Pipe Band), Black and White (with nine apologies to the Sergeants' Mess).

At this point it is tactful to say that the Sergeants' Mess won the Knock-out competition and sportingly stood aside to allow the vanquished 6 Pl. B Coy. to accept the prizes.

Football, of course, is always the top game amongst the Bn., but we must include the basketball match between the Officers and Sgts. After a shaky start this game became very popular, and even Company Commanders found time to play, and in fact they played a big part in these battles, as some of the scars foretell.

As we started on a happy note this edition of "Sports Column" will finish that way with a point in favour of the combined Officers and Sgts. XI, who left the Dhavlos Stadium undefeated. (I wonder why the M.T. XI did not challenge them?)

We hope to bring you the next edition having played on the green grass of Luneberg instead of the home-made pitch at Dhavlos.

On signing off we would like to thank the "tattie howkers" of the Bn. XI for their great assistance in making this stadium and wish all sports lovers of the Bn. a pleasant leave.

GLENDINNING.



### "A" COMPANY NOTES

A SEA voyage serves as a very definite punctuation mark in the life sentence. One hesitates to say that there is a state of suspended animation: that would be far from the truth; but a new routine and mode of life has to be mastered for a limited period, and it is easy to relate events as having occurred before, during, or after his temporary seaborne existence.

Few indeed of the Coy. would have any regrets at saying good-bye to Cyprus in general and Mersiniki in particular. Twelve months behind barbed wire, even in our own delightfully situated little camp, is enough to jaundice the brightest disposition. Many men did manage to get a change of air and a few days' relaxation within a different barbed wire perimeter at Golden Sands Leave Camp, but even that was a poor imitation of a real holiday.

The strength of the Coy. rose steadily throughout our tour, and latterly the ration strength of the detachment was in the neighbourhood of 150 plus one dog, tracker, by name Kelly '03, to distinguish him from '26, '44 and '52.

The Officer strength reached establishment with the arrival of Captain Ian Donnelly from the Depot. By this time there had been a complete turn over of the Coy.'s officers since January, 1956.

It is difficult to single out individuals for praise where all—or nearly all—pulled their weight, but thanks is due to the following for their work in different departments of the Coy. which did much to ensure the well-being of all ranks in conditions which were not always easy: Cpl. Goudie (A.C.C.), Cpl. Cameron (Signals), Cpl. Killen (M.T.), Cpl. Squires (R.A.P.C.), Cpl. Betsworth (R.A.M.C.), L/Cpl. Paterson (Canteen), and Pte. Ross (Cinema Operator).

CABER FEIDH.

### I PLATOON NOTES.

During the last stage of our Cyprus sojourn the platoon has continued to flourish. As before, our activities have centred mainly round anti-terrorist patrols and operations. We are disappointed to report that our success in the former can only be assessed from the absence of trouble in the Coy. area.

On operations, however, the platoon did have a small measure of success. Whilst searching an area near the village of Gastria during operation "Desert Breeze," we found a quantity of live shot-gun cartridges, fired ones, percussion caps and a filling machine. These were found in two of a maze of caves, all of which were diligently searched under the eagle eye of the "auld yin," Cpl. Thomson. While searching another part of the area, a "spoon, serving, 13-in." and an object, dubiously described by C.B.S. as a "bomb," were found. The former provided our C/Sgt. with a useful "buckshee." This time success was the more sweet

as they were found in an area that had already been "searched." The platoon also played its part in operation "Sparrowhawk," but this time without any concrete success.

On the 23rd October, the platoon played 3 Platoon football at Lefkoniko. After their exertions the players ran to quench their thirst at a drinking fountain, where an electrically detonated bomb was exploded. Pte. Matt Neely was killed, and Ptes. John Beattie and Ben Doherty were seriously wounded. Their wounds proved to be fatal. John Beattie died two days later at the B.M.H., Nicosia, and Ben Doherty died under anaesthetic at Cowglen Hospital, Glasgow, after a courageous fight which he won against all odds for 44 days. Our most sincere sympathy goes out to the parents of these three men, and to Mrs. Beattie. We are proud to have known and served with them.

In spite of having had his pre-release medical some time last August, Sgt. Milligan is still with us and working as hard as ever. We shall be sorry to lose him to the uncertainties of Civvy Street on our return to the U.K., but we wish him all the best.

Since the last issue, we have had to say good-bye to Cpl. Thomson, who has gone to look after the Bn's ammunition reserve, and to L/Cpl. Riley, who has gone to the Pioneer platoon. We wish them both the best of luck.

Our congratulations to Cpl. Longstaffe on his promotion, and to L/Cpl. Luke on his recent appointment.

We welcome to the platoon Ptes. Campbell 36, Luke, Brannan, Taylor and McCallum (from M.T. Pl.), not forgetting a special welcome for those "hielan' men" who joined us from the Camerons, Ptes. Cameron, Campbell 19, McKay, McLean, Masson, and Rogers, who has since left us for Bn. H.Q. We hope their stay with us will be a happy one.

### 2 PLATOON NOTES.

The biggest thing in recent months was "Sparrowhawk." The success of this operation must have been due in no small measure to the platoon's careful guard of the almost unassailable heights of the Malonda Forest. While less hardy members of the Coy. ensconced themselves in sunlit valleys or lounged in holiday-camp comfort along the beach, we of 2 Platoon trudged up and down the mountains, mostly up. The most memorable incident of the operation came when a certain N.C.O., who shall be nameless, made a tour of the whole battalion area dragging his section behind him in the scorching sun. If the shortest distance between two points is a straight line, we know who can find the longest with unfailing assurance.

Otherwise life has gone on normally. During the Suez crisis sudden panic gave way to resignation which soon ripened into anticipation of having a "go" at any of the Arab legions. The platoon worked hard at this time, and as a result became competent with many weapons which normally lie cocooned in grease in the armoury.

At the moment the prospect of home has carried us cheerfully through two wet patrols, and the presence of an observer from the Royal West Kent Regiment on our last excursion encouraged everyone in a mood of heroic stoicism.

Since our last issue the platoon has lost Sgt. Kenyon. In his place we welcome Sgt. Hutcheon and take this opportunity to congratulate him on his promotion along with Cpls. Boyd and Prophet. In recent weeks

we have welcomed to the platoon Ptes. Pirie, Henderson, McCormick, Kelly, Hutchison 15, and Baikie who has since left us for Bn. H.Q.

### 3 PLATOON NOTES.

DURING the period under review the most important event was Operation "Sparrowhawk." On this exercise the Company was privileged to work with the Parachute Brigade. During the Operation, lasting for nearly ten days, the Platoon sent out patrols and ambushes over a large area. Our Base Camp was right on the shore in some old granaries, which provided shade in the daytime and protection from the dew at night. Of course, the other less organised platoons merely said that the "beach bandits" had found the beach again. But we knew these remarks were spoken in envy. The only thing the platoon found was not very pleasant. High up in the Northern Range it was buried, and no one was sorry when it was evacuated to Nicosia.

I forgot to mention Joe O'Donnell's weather balloon. He found this while leading a small patrol and brought it back in triumph to our Base Camp—£25 worth of complicated machinery and dials. For a day it was "on view" and the Coy. Comd. and the C.S.M. duly inspected it. The next day disaster overtook it. Cricket is not a game the Jocks like, but this highly technical piece of equipment seemed to offer an ideal opportunity to learn the game. Spars were ripped off to serve as bats and valves to serve as balls. The last thing we saw of it was a spar that L/Cpl. Cook took out with him on patrol one or two days afterwards.

At the beginning of November, Lt.-Col. Nasser disturbed the Platoon life. It is a generally accepted fact, that the only important items of world news are the Saturday evening football results, but, for a short while the Platoon Commander and the Platoon Sgt. were being besieged with questions as to the strategical importance of places like the Gaza Strip and the El Ferdan Bridge. Rumour has it that the Bn. was going to somewhere in the Middle East, and a sight of the Second-in-Command's grim face or the C/Sergeant feverishly banding boxes seemed to confirm this. Egyptian "veterans" exchanged vivid and extremely doubtful stories and a few of them even volunteered to stay a little longer in the Army until the Suez crisis was over. However, the Suez Campaign came to an end and the events at Ibrox and Parkhead assumed once more their correct proportions.

Now the Cyprus story has come to an end. Although certain Field Officers and Captains in the Coy. may regret the ravishing of their pay by life in a home station they must be consoled by the prospect of cheap cigarettes and beer in Germany. No more will a quaking Akanthou wait in the night for the noiseless approach of 3 Platoon; no more will "Trapper's" smile flash on at the thought of a ten-mile march in the middle of a Cyprus summer; no more will "Black Bob" come snuffing for "Buksees Skoff" on patrol. On the whole though, 3 Platoon does not view our return home with dismay and there will not be many "glintin' een" when the trucks move out of Mersiniki for the last time.

Since the last issue of the CHRONICLE, Pte. Kerr has left us for D Coy., L/Cpl. Sinclair for B Coy, L/Cpl. Alexander for the Pipe Band. We wish them good luck in their new companies. We welcome to the Platoon Ptes. Fisher 66, Carroll, Marshall, Murray 34 and McCartney. We hope their stay with us will be

a long and happy one. We congratulate Ptes. Fisher 66, Hamilton and Wilson 89 on their appointment to L/Cpl., and especially Fisher who was top of the Cadre. We have not yet been able to say "good-bye" to Cpl. Alex. O'Harney and Tam Reid. They were among those who stayed on to see their country through the Suez Campaign. Rumour has it that they are due to be released for the wonders of Civvy Street. When that time comes we will wish them *Slainte Mhor* and wait for the sound of those Re-Enlistment Blues.

FIGHTING 3.



### "B" COMPANY NOTES

A GREAT deal has happened to the Company in the last quarter of the year—Operations, EOKA Finds, Football, Athletics, new arrivals and many departures, the most notable of which was the departure of our Coy. Commander, Major G. D. Welman, who left us at the beginning of September. Just before he left the Coy. we had a farewell dinner for him. The combination and hard work of our C/Sgt. Hopewell and Cook/Sgt. Kelly and his Cooks provided a really first class meal, the Menu of which is shown below:—

CREAM OF TOMATO SOUP.

GRILLED STEAK.  
FRIED EGG.

GRILLED TOMATOES.  
GREEN PEAS AND CHIPS.

FRUIT AND CUSTARD.

CHEESE AND COFFEE.

BEER AND WHISKY.

The whole Coy. managed to attend the dinner, and after a short farewell speech by the Sec.-in-Com. on behalf of the Coy., Major Welman thanked the Coy. for the Dinner. He said how sorry he was to be leaving the Coy. after the time he had been with it, starting at Carter Camp, Bulford, Gordon Barracks, Bulford, Parkhouse "A" Camp (the whole of the summer of 1955), the move out to Cyprus, the difficult time on the "Mud-Flats"—Komi Kebir, and finally Dhavlos. We wish him all the very best at his new job in the Glasgow Highlanders, and thank him for all the time and energy he put into B Company.

At the same time we would like to take this opportunity of welcoming Major R. Bromley-Gardner, M.C., into the Company. He arrived just before Major Welman left, and almost immediately went off with the Coy. on a Bn. Operation ("Desert Breeze"), the Coy. responsibility being the village of Vokolidha. The Coy. returned from this Operation, and the same day went off for a further Bn. Night Operation at Akanthou.



#### B. Coy. Patrol under the cmd. of Lt. Crawford

This picture was taken subsequent to this patrol capturing a Cypriot in possession of a shotgun, detonators and fuze.

On the first of October B Coy. once again did a spell of duty for SP Coy., when 6 Pl. went up to the tip of the "Sharp End" and spent three weeks at Rizokarpasso. The platoon enjoyed the change of scenery, but were kept pretty busy patrolling the area and providing Guards for the Camp which was now, of course, much smaller than when the Coy. were there for six weeks in April/May. Two days after 6 Pl. went off to Rizokarpasso, the Coy. started a seven-day operation, "Sparrowhawk." This operation was a combined effort of the Parachute Bde. and other Regiments and 1st H.L.I. It took place on the Kyrenia Mountain Range Area, with the Para's searching and sweeping East with their right hand boundary the mountains and their left hand boundary the Sea. B Coy., with A Coy. and C Coy., acted as a "stop" cordon, stretching about three to four miles down the Lefkoniko Pass to the Sea. The operation was a success, and part of an EOKA Mountain gang with its leader were captured and much arms and ammunition found. We returned from "Sparrowhawk" on the 9th October, and on the 13th were off again for another seven-day Bn. Operation, "Plain Fare." The Coy. Commander with 4 Pl. left Dhavlos on the night of the 12th, and with the Police did a midnight Snap Search of a village, joining up with the remainder of the Coy. the next morning at the village of Liopetri. B Coy. and C Coy. were given this village to cordon and search, and after seven days a great deal of EOKA arms and ammunition were found, 4 Pl. being responsible for the greater part of the haul. Through this find the whole village EOKA cell was captured.

We returned to Dhavlos on the 19th. Towards the end of October, the Bn. was put on 48 hours notice to move and the company got down to serious packing

of kit. It almost looked as if the move would come off, and on the first of November we found ourselves at 24 hours notice to move. During the stand-by period no patrols went out for longer than 4-hour foot patrols. We used the time in Camp to our advantage on the range, and by the end of the "Stand To" everybody had spent some time improving their shooting.

On the 12th of November we were off again on another night cordon and search of the village of Akanthou. Returning next day from Akanthou, just as we were entering the outskirts of Trikomo, Pte. Henderson fell off a 3-ton truck as it swerved to avoid hitting another truck. Unfortunately his left arm was broken, and his head rather badly cut.

He was flown by helicopter to the B.M.H., Nicosia, where he remained for a week, finally being flown home. We all send our best wishes for a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him back with us in Edinburgh.

Three days later most of the Coy., with assistance from H.Q. Coy. and under the command of Major R. Bromley-Gardner, M.C., spent the whole of the day doing a mobile M.T. Patrol between Ayios-Theodoros and Leonarisso searching both sides of the main road for a reported ambush position. Nothing was found.

On November the 28th we found ourselves in Kantara Camp with C Coy. in our place at Dhavlos. The Move of the Coy. went very smoothly, and we were lucky not to have any rain until we were well and truly "dug in" in our new camp. The rain did start, however, a few days later and with it the wind. One night nearly every tent outer in the camp was ripped off, and some tents were blown down, also two half-completed Nissen huts were flattened. Next morning the Camp looked as if it had been shelled, and large pieces of corrugated iron sheeting were found up to fifty yards from the destroyed Nissen huts, at the other side of the perimeter wire.

It was during this time that the dates for leaving Cyprus were given to us, and everybody was kept busy packing up and searching the horizon for the arrival of the good ship *Dilwara* which, on the 3rd of January, sailed full speed out of Famagusta Harbour with us on board. We expect to arrive home about the 14th, and look forward to being home again.

#### ASSAYE—SPORTS—ATHLETICS.

The Assaye Day Athletic Meeting at Dhavlos went extremely well, and everybody, both the spectators and the competitors enjoyed it. The Coy. team put up a first class show, only being beaten by H.Q. Coy. and SP Coy. teams, which was not surprising as they had almost twice as many people from which to pick their teams. The best and hardest race of the two days was undoubtedly the mile, which was won by Pte. Patrick who led the field throughout the eight laps. Well done, Patrick! Everybody in the team put in a lot of hard training and all did well during the meeting. The members of the team with the results were as follows:—

- 100 Yds.—Cpl. Mullholand, Pte. Watt 07, Lt. McNish-Porter.
- 200 Yds.—Cpl. Baxter, Cpl. Austin, Lt. McNish-Porter. (Both Cpl. Austin and Lt. McNish-Porter got into the final, Lt. McNish-Porter winning it.)
- 440 Yds.—Cpl. Baxter, L/Cpl. Laurie, and Pte. Barr. (L/Cpl. Laurie got into the final. Cpl. Baxter, having run the best time in the heats, went into hospital, therefore being unable to compete in the final.)

**ASSAYE  
DAY,  
1956**



Pte. Doctor M.T. Pl.  
in the Caber Event.  
Event won by Cpl.  
Simpson, R.P.



Pipes and Bugles beat Retreat after Assaye Day Games

880 Yds.—Cpl. Fraser, Ptes. Donaldson and Rushford.

1 Mile—Ptes. Patrick, McLaren, and Williams. (Pte. Patrick came first, with McLaren fourth, and Williams ninth out of a field of about 18. The Coy. won this event.)

Long Jump—Sgt. Turnbull, Sgt. Mulholland, and Watt 07. (Sgt. Mulholland came second.)

High Jump—Cpl. Baxter, L/Cpl. Laurie, and Pte. Taylor.

Discus—Cpl. Mulholland and Cpl. Austin.

Weight—Pte. Dartford, Henny and McDonald 16.

Hammer—Cpl. Stewart, Ptes. Dartford and Henny.

Cricket Ball—Ptes. McKenzie, Phinn, Mair. (Ptes. Phinn and McKenzie came third with a throw of 225 ft. 6 ins., the team came first.)

Relay Team—Major R. Bromley-Gardner, Lieut. McNish-Porter, Sgt. Mulholland, and Watt 07. (The team came third out of five.)

Tug-o-War—L/Cpl. McGuire, L/Cpl. McNairney, Pts. Bowes, Dartford, Knox, Henny, Rushford, and Donaldson.)

Eightsome Reel—Lt. McNish-Porter, Lt. Crawford, 2/Lt. Ferguson, 2/Lt. Gilchrist, C.S.M. Morrell, L/Cpl. McNairney, Ptes. Hendry and McDonald 85.

#### FOOTBALL NOTES.

In the past few months the Coy. team has improved a great deal. We are very fortunate to have in our team Pte. Sinclair, L/Cpl. Sloan, and not forgetting the latest additions, Pte. Connolly, Pte. Irven, and L/Cpl. Laurie. We are very sorry to lose Lt. Crawford who has been transferred to C Coy. We wish him all the best of luck and hope that some day the team will play against him.

We are sorry to announce that in the next few weeks we will have lost Cpl. Baxter (Ex-Captain) who will, we hope, find his place with Hibs; also Ptes. Forbes, Wilkie and Sinclair who, unfortunately, are going out into the big round world of civilian life.

One of our hardest games was the match played against A Coy. at Dhavlos. We have to admit that the result was against us (8-1 to be exact). H.Q. Coy. always gave the Busy-Bees their hardest games, and we have yet to have the pleasure of beating them. Maybe when the R.S.M. decides not to play we will stand a better chance of winning.

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During the past four months we have said Good-bye to numerous people. C.S.M. Riddell, whom we thank for his time in the Company; Sgt. Mulholland, who has gone to a new job as Recruiting Sergeant at the Depot, and whom we congratulate on his recent promotion; Cpl. Austin, whom we also congratulate on his promotion and whom we are truly sorry to lose. Good Luck at the Depot!

2/Lt. Gilchrist has left us after being a year and a half with the Coy., and we are sorry to see him go. We learn that his new job in civilian life is the painting of black swans on motor cars.

Lt. Crawford has also left us for C Coy., where he is doing the job of Sec.-in-Com. We wish him all the best, but miss seeing him in the Coy., especially in our football team.

A few other departures include Cpls. Malcolm and Logan, L/Cpl. McGuire, Ptes. McCamley, McCandlish, and Benson. We wish them all the very best in civilian life.

Pte. Dartford, R.A.M.C., who joined us in Cyprus, unfortunately had to stay behind. We will remember him for his hard work in the Canteen at Kantara.

We are very happy in welcoming C.S.M. Morrell who arrived in the Coy. the same time as Major R. Bromley-Gardner, M.C. Also Sgt. Conway. We wish them all the best and hope their stay is a long and happy one in the Coy. 2/Lts. Clark and Shaw have also arrived, and we wish them the best of luck in 5 and 6 Platoons respectively. The following have also joined us: Ptes. Easter, Findlay, Irven, Innes, Middleton, McDonald, Paley, Reid, and Smith, from the Camerons. We welcome them all and feel certain that they have chosen wisely in coming to the Best Company in the Bn.

BUSY-BEE.



#### "C" COMPANY NOTES

In early September, 7 Platoon (The Penguins), under the Command of 2/Lt. R. M. Borton, was transformed into a Platoon of Athletes, and it was no uncommon sight for anyone, who was awake at 0530 hrs. to see them, and occasionally the Coy. Commander, doubling and sprinting along the roads around Kantara. To a certain extent we were handicapped by not having a piece of ground larger than a tennis court to practice on, and the discus was frequently lost in the undergrowth. Nevertheless, on the day of the Assaye Games we managed to come third, equal with B Coy., and we are proud to say that we won the Inter-Coy. Highland Dancing Competition—2/Lts. R. B. Cunningham, M. W. Eekhout, Sgt. Bluck, Cpls. Gourlay, Rodgers, Glencross, L/Cpls. Kent and Buchanan had themselves splashed around the world on the Movietone and Television Newsreels. Pte. MacInnes also appeared "In the Pictures," though, fortunately, he could not be heard muttering "The Caber was not a caber but a telegraph pole." Anyway he is congratulated on coming second in the event and also in the hammer, though once again it was "not a real hammer." 2/Lt. Prowse and Pte. McBride ran memorable races, and the Coy. Tug of War team, after weeks of training, only just failed to pull the best team H.Q. Coy. could produce out of their grand Coy. strength of three, or is it four hundred men?

Since our arrival in Cyprus the Platoons of the Coy. have carried out no less than eighty-two patrols—the majority of which have been of three nights' duration. We have also sent platoons during the past four months to Operation "Sparrowhawk," curfewed Ayios Theodoros, Liopetri, and twice done the night march from Phlamoudi to Akenthou. While 8 Pl. can boast that Pte. Furey is one of the few soldiers on the island

to have been truthfully able to notch his rifle with a positive kill, 9 Pl. can at least claim that Pte. Quinn 06 found a shot gun, which made him £1 richer, while Sgt. McLeish discovered a rifle "growing" in a field of kale, but it was not up to Bisley standard.

During the past few days we have had the pleasure of taking Officers of D Coy. R.W.K. on our patrols. No doubt it is a new experience for them to be surrounded by Turks, Greeks and Jocks. The constant babble of different tongues and dialects must be, to say the least of it, confusing.

Our last Coy. Smoker was held in September—Sgt. Isherwood proved an admirable M.C. and, as usual, contributed his never-to-be-forgotten "Suicide Sal." Music came from Sgt. Bluck, Cpl. Gourlay and Pte. Taylor, while Pte. Clark with his guitar sang a realistic "Kantara Blues," and Pte. Reid 88 performed a song of his own composition, "The wee man with the big stick," in benefit of C.S.M. Shortt. Other items came from Sgt. McLeish, Ptes. Devlin, Duffy and Nugent.

Late October saw us preparing to go somewhere else, and we paraded each morning for a week in No. 2 Dress and FSMO fully expecting every dawn that we would be some other place in the evening. Fortunately all our efforts were in vain and the hundred-and-one inspections proved unnecessary. Nevertheless, we were ready for any eventuality.

Shortly after the Stand-To, our Sec.-in-Command, *alias* "Number One, The Bucky Officer or the Doc," left us and took up a practice at Glasgow University, where we understand he is now in the running for the post of Principal. We all miss him, and his loss has been felt by more than one section of the Coy. Guards are not referred to as Red, White and Blue watches, nor is the cry of "Beat to quarters" heard. Cpl. Rodgers does not have to listen to records of Katherine Ferrier, Cpl. King 27 has no more fencing scars to boast about, and the Officers can no longer be certain of an easy chess victory. We understand that Number One's main topic of conversation comes under the heading of "When I was in Cyprus with C Coy., 1st Battalion The Highland Light Infantry."

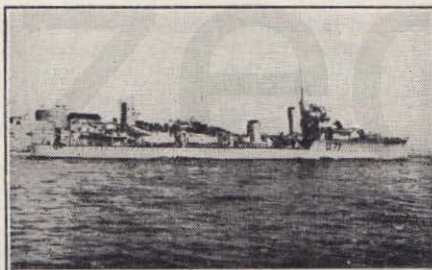
At the end of November we left Glasgow Picquet and descended to Dhavlos, leaving behind the huts which we had all talked about since June, the eagles, the mist and the snakes. Still we are confident they will all be looked after by B Coy. and eventually handed over. The change from Highlanders to Plainsmen has been more congenial than we imagined, and we have had far fewer guards, many more nights in bed, no M.T. swill, water, tent, electric light, civilian labour, rain or wind problems. C.Q.M.S. Satchell has lost his frown, sold the white racing donkeys, hung up his pearl-handled revolvers, and has for the past month lived a life of comparative ease if not luxury.

We have recently received welcome reinforcements from the Cameron Highlanders, and the Regiment. With a happy smile Lt. A. R. Crawford, our new Sec.-in-Command, is busy juggling with the P.R.I. stoppages, loading manifests and Company Administration. Cpl. Whalen has rejoined us from the depths of the Quartermaster's store, while Cpls. King 72, King 27, L/Cpls. Best, Buchanan, McNamara, McFedries and Smith 46 have all won their deserved promotion.

Though we don't claim to possess the best Coy. football team our Platoons have managed to almost sweep the boards in the Dhavlos Inter-Platoon Football League, and 7 Pl. are radiating quiet confidence, after beating Bn. Headquarters, that they can win the Inter-Platoon Knock-Out Competition.

In closing, we would like to say that we were very proud when R.S.M. MacDonald told us on his parade on 24th December that it was always a pleasure for him to drill the Coy. We hope that we will never fail him.

COCK O' THE NORTH.



### "D" COMPANY NOTES

To all past and present members of the Immaculate Dons we wish a Prosperous and Happy New Year for 1957. When signing off our last notes it was with the hope that we might be home for Hogmanay, but we have just missed that pleasure. Instead, the Bn. embarks on H.M.T. *Dilware* on the 2nd January, so it seems that we will still bring in 1957 from Dhavlos. But more of that later.

On the 22nd of December we finished our last Cadre, this time for Junior N.C.O.s. The one previous was for Senior N.C.O.s, the students of which did very well, and a number have been promoted Sergeants. In all, since the Coy. has started training we have completed 5 Cadres, four of 4 weeks, and one of 6 weeks. Unfortunately the Senior N.C.O.'s Cadre was interrupted for a week, when the Bn. was on "stand by" for an unknown destination during the Suez crisis. Happily nothing happened, and the Cadre reassembled, the week's break making no difference as results proved. Also we were able to run 4 small Anti-Tank Cadres on the 3.5 Rocket Launcher, and the Energa, during which it was discovered that the Energa will not explode unless the Transit Cap is removed! To all the students who have attended the cadres, we wish the best of luck, and hope that their promotions come in leaps and bounds.

Once again the cycle of seasons has turned, and the wind and rains have started. On several occasions the storemen were almost without their tents. Cpl. "Cushy" Cunningham and Pte. "Lofty" Devine are thinking of buying Frogmen's outfits. After an hour or so's rain the whole Bn. area is one big bog, and rubber boots are in great demand. None of the sleeping tents were washed out, and the beds and kits were left reasonably dry, although a number of tent roofs were damaged with the high winds. We are leaving at just the right time, and wish our successors, The 1st Bn. The Royal West Kent Regiment, the best of British luck. They'll need it!

Capt. Green left for the Royal Military College of Science, and we wish him the best of luck on his course. In his place Major Grendon reigns, combining the difficult jobs of O.C. H.Q. and D Companies. Needless to say life is a "grind," but we get "on." The Office staff has changed slightly. From H.Q. to relieve Cpl. Kelman comes L/Cpl. Baxter, and to hinder him, Pte.

"Penguin" Carlin. In the Armoury Cpl. Cunningham is to be relieved by Pte. Henderson. By the time these notes go to press there will be even further changes. On return to the U.K. we lose on release Cpls. Kelman and Pte. "Rear Light" Dobbie, and our Frozen regulars, Cpl. Sellars and Pte. Halley. Also going, as P.S.I. to the 5/6th Bn. T.A., is C.S.M. Reehal, and coming from there to take over the Company is C.S.M. Kisbee.

The new football strips have been well aired. Our team has had quite a few games, and they even won one! The various cadres have mostly been our opponents, and though they didn't have much success the team more than held their own.

The C/Sgt. and Pte. Sammy Conway have left on the Advance Party, though two attempts had to be made. Still, they should be at home to hear the "bells" and see the New Year in. At the moment of writing the Ship's Advance and Baggage Parties have left with the baggage for Famagusta, and in two day's time we hope to sail. We are told that accommodation on the boat is rather crowded, but so long as it goes in the right direction we will not mind.

Congratulations to the following on their promotions: Cpls. Kelman, Cunningham, and L/Cpl. Baxter.

So hoping to see you at home very soon, this is your scribe signing off.

P. J. D. R.

### SUPPORT COMPANY NOTES

It is at this point that the chronicler of events regrets that a log has not been maintained, thus avoiding a period of frantic head-scratching in an effort to recall a reasonably accurate account from the fading mists of the past four months.

Casting the mind back to the glorious heat of September, as we shiver in our tents, we recall with pleasure the Assaye Day Games. The Company competitors acquitted themselves well. Thomson won the 440, L/Cpl. Kinney the discus, and Cfm. Wilson the high jump. In the 880, Ptes. Innes, Haldane, and L/Cpl. Neilson took all three places, a notable achievement. Pte. Ranger, our star entry for the long jump, had to catch a plane the same day, and jumped three feet short, but we hope he caught the plane. Space forbids mention of our other "placings," but L/Cpl. Price is to be congratulated on obtaining 2nd in the Novices Dancing. The Eightsome Team did well against formidable opposition, as also did the Tug o' War Team. Cpl. Simpson, on temporary loan to H.Q. Coy., scored some valuable points for our powerful rivals by tossing the caber. The final result was most satisfactory, and we record our appreciation of the excellent organisation which marked two very pleasant days.

Shortly afterwards preparations started to get together the Guard for Government House. The Guard was commanded by Lt. Scrase-Dickins, assisted by Sgts. Schofield and Nicolson. The number of men were increased to about fifty, so that a large proportion of the Company have now taken their share in this onerous but sought-after duty. At the end of September we were honoured by a visit from H.E. The Governor, who visited Akrales and Rizokarpaso Camps and addressed all ranks. Later we were also visited by the new G.O.C. Cyprus District.

One peaceful Sunday at the end of October, "The Flap" started and we barely touched ground till some three weeks later. Our outlying posts at Rizokarpaso

and Yialousa were taken over by 40 Fd. Regt. R.A. and the Coy. concentrated at Akrales and went through all the motions for take-off. In the end, however, we never left camp and had to go through the whole process in reverse. We look upon a period of happy co-operation with 40 Fd. Regt. during this period.

I.S. operations and patrolling have continued throughout the period. The village of Akanthou has now a well worn circular path around it tramped out by our cordons in dead of night. The path is still not without pitfalls, however. The Monastery at Cape Andreas has continued to receive our attention. On the last occasion our call was made strictly incognito in plain clothes and civilian transport. Judging by the general alarm and despondency expressed by the inhabitants this is obviously a secret weapon of some potentiality. Most of us have learnt that the task of removing illicit flags from buildings is a task involving much delicacy, and some luck, if a boomerang effect is not to be achieved.

During "off duty hours" life at Akrales continues in much the same vein. Platoon football is played with unabated enthusiasm. The twice weekly film shows are eagerly awaited, even though most of the "corny" films ever produced seem to have paid a passing visit to this island. The festive season is upon us and all Platoons and Coy. H.Q. have now held their own parties, which may go some way to remedy any deficiencies in Christmas and Hogmanay celebrations necessitated by the prevailing situation. C.Q.M.S. Cope and the cooks have indeed worked hard and deserve praise for the results. We are glad to award the diploma of the Pig Breeder Association to C.S.M. Turner. "Judy" has endeared herself to all during her perambulations around camp even though an ill-timed appearance during Remembrance Sunday Church Service caused a temporary cloud to pass over her popularity.

The past month has been filled with rumours about dates of going home, and unlike most rumours, our best expectations have been confirmed and the signs of imminent departure are all around. Everybody is braced by the prospect of 4 weeks' leave and a short stay at Redford before departure to Germany.

Consequent upon the reorganisation of the Bn. due to take place shortly, Support Coy. as such will have ceased to exist before the next publication of these notes and so it is fitting to record our own Requiem. We are happy to think, however, that we shall reappear in largely similar form as an adjunct to H.Q. Coy. and sincerely hope that they will be able to cope with their new acquisition.

And so—sadly—we record the closing of a chapter—the fourteen years of useful service given by Support Company.

### Anti-Tank Platoon

WELCOME to new faces—Sgt. Mullen, ex-Police, as our Pl. Sgt., allowing Sgt. Nicholson to return to his "gunners," and from the last draft Ptes. Dunn (who cooks very well), Mowatt, McCosh, and "Patter Merchant" Malony.

Cpl. McQuillan and L/Cpl. McCulloch are now both plain "Mister," and we wish them the best of luck in Civvy Street.

L/Cpl. Chambers is busy getting clued up on the B.A.T. at Sp. Wpns. Wing, and we look forward to seeing him again in B.A.O.R.

Congratulations to L/Cpl. "Dancing Cat" Stewart on doing so well on the last N.C.O.'s cadre. It seems it turned his hair grey!

The Platoon Commanders 17-pdr. Cadres, as well as being a good skive, produced some very creditable results. Well done, Rossi.

The Platoon were well represented on the Government House Guard, maintaining the high standard of the previous S.P. Coy. guard, and were congratulated by H.E. The Governor.

Before leaving to spend Christmas at Yialoussa the platoon held their Very High Class party, which was much enjoyed—even Brady 38 (Mr. Universe) had a beer. As well as this, a good meal was provided by Father Christmas himself on Christmas Day, and another birthday was well and truly celebrated at the same time!

BAT-MAN.

### M.M.G. Platoon

At long last our Platoon rumour merchant has got hold of the "Papa Golf" and at the moment we are very busy preparing to embark on the *Dilwara* next Wednesday, so cheer up you frozen Regulars and Reservists, you may soon be shaking the dust of Cyprus off your feet for the last time.

Since the last notes our Pl. Commander, Lieut. Stevenson, has left us for the Depot and we wish him every success in the future. We welcome to the Pl. 2/Lt. McKenzie, who took the Platoon over in September and who is standing in for Lt. C. A. F. McKenzie, at the moment at Netherhaven learning to be a "pukka" gunner. Cpl. Moore was snatched away from the Platoon in the dead of night whilst on patrol up at the "Sharp End" and is now at Netherhaven on the same course as his future Platoon Commander.

We have been kept busy as usual in the last few months with Guards, Patrols, I.S. Duties, and, of course, Yialoussa and Rizkarpaso. We enjoyed our stay at Rizo as usual, but I am afraid we cannot say the same about Yialoussa; however, we did manage to "skive" a few days when the Suez crisis was at its height and nobody was more pleased to see 40 Field R.A. taking over than us. We spent a pretty cramped fortnight at Akrades during the "Flap," but it gave us a very welcome break from Guard duties and fatigues and we spent our time doing small patrols and packing our kit ready to move at short notice. Luckily, however, we never moved and the camp went back to normal with the departure of the R.A. During that fortnight we managed to get up to Dhavlos (with kind permission of EOKA who threw their bomb at the Ration Run 100 yards ahead instead of at us) for a shoot at the rock which is still showing above the water after repeated efforts by the 3-in. Mortar Pl. to wipe it out completely.

In the Bn. Sports the Pl. did not let the Coy. down and the outstanding people were Pte. Thomson, who won the 440, L/Cpl. Neilson (880) and L/Cpl. Price in the Novices Dancing. In the Coy. Football Shield the Pl. got off to a bad start due to the fact that our first match was played immediately after returning from a fortnight at Rizo, but under the team captain they have been doing some secret training after dark, so watch out, Coy. H.Q., we will win it yet!

Congratulations to Cpl. Gillies on being made up to Sgt., and we wish him the best of luck with the Mortar Platoon; Pte. Merryweather on a successful junior

N.C.O.'s cadre and on reaching the dizzy heights of L/Cpl.; Sgt. Nicolson on returning to the Platoon after a successful guard at Government House; to the Anti-Tank Platoon who showed us one dark night at Yialoussa that their Bren gunners can still hit the target if given half a chance!

THUMB PIECE.

### Mortar Platoon

THE Mortar Platoon is higher now than it has been for a long time. We are all packed and ready to leave for home. At least our next notes will not be written from behind barbed wire.

Since our last notes we have said good-bye to Lt. Craigie-Halkett, who has given of his best to the Pl. over the past years. We wish him the best of luck at Aldershot, and hope he may have the success he deserves in the future.

We welcome to the Pl. Sgt. Gillies and congratulate him on his promotion, and congratulate Cpl. Lochhead on his, not forgetting our new Pl. Commander, 2/Lt. Richardson who has recently joined us; we hope his stay will be a happy one.

We had a few representatives in the Assaye Day Games, without much success unfortunately, but everyone enjoyed themselves. Mr. Craigie-Halkett demonstrated how a Highland Fling should be done, but we fear the judges must have been bribed.

At football we have not had great success, largely due to the lack of time to train, unlike Coy. H.Q. But "Keo" Conway still does his stuff together with "Granny" the Bull, L/Cpl. O'Donnell, and our new star, "Whiskers" Scullion.

Not long ago we had our Platoon "Smoker" which was a great success. The local "caterers," i.e., Fox and Dutchman, excelled themselves in the quality and quantity of the "Scoff." The stars of the evening were the singing barmen, Wyles and Ras-Berry.

Thanks to the practice gained in the earlier "flap," the packing for this move was completed at lightning speed under the eagle eye of Sgt. Schofield. We only hope that the equipment will not have to be unpacked under the equally eagle eyes of the Customs.

We had a few moments of anxiety when it was feared that our Pl. Sgt. was to go with the Advance Party. However, our fears were groundless. What would we have done without him on our sea trip back to the "Blight"?

One small point before we close: Who knows anything about "rifle slings"?

Finally we would like to take this opportunity of wishing all readers the very best of luck in 1957.

BASEPLATE.

### Assault Pioneer Platoon

FOR the second time in as many months we are handing over Rizo to another unit. The first time the camp was taken over by the gunners, but within two weeks the Anti-Tank Platoon had retaken it. We all sincerely hope that this performance will *not* be repeated, because at long last we are coming home—so I hear.

Since the last edition of the CHRONICLE we have done little Pioneer Training. This is due to lack of

time and also to the fact that we have lost our expert Cpl. Greenan, who has left us for demobilisation. We have heard, however, that there is an excellent Engineer Unit near our proposed barracks in Germany, so we hope that soon we will all be fully trained—and, of course, highly efficient.

There has been rivalry in the Inter-Platoon Football competition which has been under way since last month. Unfortunately it has not been completed due to there being two platoons permanently out of camp. At present we are placed 3rd in the League, having beaten both the Mortars and the Anti-Tank. We were beaten by Coy. H.Q. and drew 0-0 in a very level game with the Gunners at Plakoti, a nearby Radar Station, so, well played, the Chunkies!

Apart from Cpl. Greenan, we have also lost Pte. Robertson, bound for Civvy Street, and Pte. Thomas, who has gone to the Depot pending a compassionate discharge after twelve years' service. As soon as we return to the U.K., Cpl. Boyle, Ptes. Mitchell and Downie will leave us. So to them all we wish the very best of luck, and we are very sorry to see you all go. We welcome to the Platoon Ptes. Curran, Munro, Graham, McCaig and Reston. But heartiest congratulations go to Cpl. McGrath on his recent promotion.

In saying *au revoir* until our next epistle, we publish a poem which I may say was written by an "Over Hopeful" two months ago.

#### THE H.L.I.'s FAREWELL TO CYPRUS.

FARE thee well, Land of Melons,  
Of grapes and donkeys and schoolboy felons.  
To our Isle of Love our fond good-byes,  
Your KEO has caused many bloodshot eyes.  
The schoolgirls' jibes we took in good part,  
To reprimand them we haven't the heart.  
The flags you fly are of other nations  
But we bear them all with Scottish patience.

As we sail away from your sandclad shores  
We think of thugs behind closed doors.  
We put them there for the good of Cyprus,  
And hope the Isle is rid of their virus.  
In Kyrenia Castle and Trimithia they lie,  
They've learned to fear the H.L.I.  
If they're freed again and start more trouble  
Glasgow's Own will come back at the double.

THE DUFF.

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#### MEMORIAL PLAQUE

A PROPOSAL has been made to erect a plaque in the Church of Scotland Church in Rome, commemorating all ranks of Highland Regiments who were killed in the Sicilian and Italian Campaigns of the Second World War. Anyone who is interested and who would be prepared to donate should write to The Administrative Officer, Depot The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Stirling Castle, stating the sum he or she is prepared to contribute.

If the response is sufficiently wide, the proposal will be proceeded with. Those interested are asked to write before 30th June, 1957.

## 71st and 74th Service in ANTIGUA

RECENTLY a letter was received from the Hon. P. D. Macdonald, C.M.G., of Antigua, a cousin of the late Lt.-Col. R. W. Leckie-Ewing, who came across Regimental buttons of both the 71st and 74th on the island. He writes:—

"I and an American friend of mine who is resident in Antigua—Mr. Ogden P. Starr—have in recent months spent a good deal of our spare time digging and exploring the ruins of the many old forts here, for I understand that during the Napoleonic Wars Antigua was one of the most, if not the most, heavily fortified areas in the world.

"In the course of our diggings we have discovered a good many regimental buttons and some badges. In particular we have discovered numerous buttons belonging to the 71st Regiment of Foot—the 1st and 2nd Battalions of your Regiment."

He goes on to say that he would like to present a number of these buttons to the Regimental Museum, retaining the remainder for the Museum in Nelson's Dockyard, Antigua. For this latter purpose he asked if the dates when both Bns. were there could be ascertained.

On referring to old records it was found that the 74th were there from 9th November, 1834, till 3rd February, 1837, whilst the 71st arrived on 28th December, 1844, and left on 18th April, 1845.

It is of interest to note that during the 71st's three-year stay in the West Indies they lost one officer, eight sergeants, and one hundred and twenty-four rank and file from sickness—an extremely heavy loss. To any prospective visitor to these islands it will be encouraging to know that the Medical Services have advanced slightly in the last hundred years.

### UNWANTED KIT

Officers are reminded that there is still a great demand for articles of Uniform: the P.R.I. at the Depot will undertake to sell items of Uniform in good repair.



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We congratulate Mr. Allen on his engagement, Captain and Mrs. Ian Wirgman on the birth of a son, and Major Freddie Sieber who has at last married a wife (in which connection we also congratulate the padre who has been patiently suggesting this course for longer than he cares to remember). Major Sieber and the Doc have both taken up residence in Dundee, thereby extending our Front into territory which many of us have cause to remember with satisfaction.

### SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES

DURING the past quarter we have regretfully said good-bye to Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Fraser, T.D., as Commanding Officer, but this has been evened up by Lieut.-Colonel D. A. Skene-Smith, T.D., taking over Command. We congratulate him on his appointment to command the battalion and assure him of the whole-hearted support of the Sergeants' Mess.

The Mess held a farewell dinner for Colonel Fraser. The dinner itself was a great success and an enjoyable time was had by all, especially during the after dinner entertainment when even the R.S.M. was induced to sing!

The Depot Sergeants' Mess very kindly invited the Glasgow Highlanders' Mess and 5/6th Mess to take part in their Sergeants' Mess Shoot at Dechmont. We were fortunate enough to win the Falling Plate competition as it only consisted of one run down (any more and a certain O.R.S. would have to have been carried).

Our Christmas Draw was held on Sunday, 23rd December, and all members had a very pleasant afternoon, especially the Permanent Staff, who between them, carried off no fewer than nine prizes. Unfortunately the R.S.M. drew a blank (wishful thinking?).

The social life of the Mess is mainly confined to Sunday evenings and the success of these nights is mainly due to the efforts of C/Sgt. W. Adamson and Sgt. (Bumper Chitty) McGinn. We hope to stage a monthly event in the shape of a theatre night, Mess dinner, etc., during this year. It is also hoped to introduce a monthly .22 shoot with the Depot and Glasgow Highlanders Messes.

I would like at this point to congratulate C.S.M. J. C. Kane on being awarded the M.B.E. in the New Year Honours List. Well done, Jimmy! The whole battalion is honoured with you.

By the time these notes appear we will have said good-bye to C.S.M.s Wilson and Kisbee—we wish them the best of luck for the future.

At the time of going to press Hill Street is a hive of activity (the Bde. Adm. Inspection is due soon) and anyone who stands still for two minutes is liable to be dusted, polished, and packed in a cupboard. Reliable sources of information reported that even the R.S.M. was seen with a duster during this period. It is also rumoured that certain members of the Mess have a new theme song—"When I'm Cleaning Windows."

ARKAY.

### PERMANENT STAFF NOTES

LIFE has been going on much the same for that bevy of back-room boys whose names are affixed by the sign "P/S." For five days of the week we languish in our various closets, reading the sports page and drinking Mrs. Walker's tea, only to have our peaceful

existence shattered every Sunday by a hoard of soldier types who descend upon the Drill Hall at 0930-hrs, sharp ("latecomers and those improperly dressed will be sent home"), and *demand* to work. UNO have failed to find a solution to this monstrous situation.

C.S.M. Kisbee and Sgt. McCrimmon spent the last part of October wearing anxious expressions, and carrying mysterious and important looking papers. It appears that they were both suffering from a major irritant laughingly called "Edn Cert 1st Class." Best of luck Kes and Willie, for a successful exam.

October also brought trying times for one, C.S.M. Wilson, who, on an extremely bleak Saturday morning, was dragged from behind the safety of a well worn copy of Allowance Regs., and, in spite of his pleas of innocence, was banished to the hills of Cultybraggan (complete with haircut) to officiate at the Stragglers Camp.

The number of courses available to us is truly amazing. It surely is one of the advantages of a tour with the T.A. that one gets a first class opportunity to widen one's knowledge of what is going on in the present-day Army, whereas, with a Regular Bn. the opportunities are somewhat limited. We are all "clued up" on Atomic Weapons and Nuclear Warfare; Cpl. Prior is a fully-fledged Projectionist, and Sgt. Gray also is a Projectionist, and has just completed a Civil Defence Course. In fact the only members who haven't been on one course or another are the R.S.M. and C.S.M. Wilson, but both are responding favourably to a Course of Aspirins.

Our two stalwart drivers and jacks-of-all trades, Ptes. Lamb and Milne, manage to go about their business with a smile and a song in spite of being bombarded with a variety of jobs from all quarters. Pte. Milne hasn't been with us very long, but has settled down quite well in the M.T. At least, we think he is in the M.T. One sees him in the cab of a 3-tonner wearing denims and a devil-may-care expression one day, and next he is in the Bn. Orderly Room all "dickied up" in best B/D nonchalantly flicking switches on the telephone exchange with one hand, whilst filing masses of bumph with the other. No doubt he is beginning to realise that the letter "P" for Permanent is merely put where it is because an oblique stroke would look damn' silly without something in front of it.

Pte. Lamb, of course, is now an old hand. Just in case the reader may be misled by the name, it must be recorded here and now that there is about as much resemblance between our favourite driver and a lamb as there is between Marilyn Munro and a kipper. When he first came to us he had the unhappy knack of making mistakes faster than a dog gets fleas. The word "mistakes" cover such trivialities as truck accidents, denting Sgts.' Mess silver, and locking keys of Adjutants' cars inside Adjutants' cars, and disappearing. At one stage he had the R.S.M. driven to a state of nervous tension bordering on the insane. But, of course, those days are past. During the festive season a bottle of whisky was making its annual pilgrimage from A to B, carried by none other than our favourite driver. The R.S.M.'s instructions ended something like this: "... and for God's sake don't drop it," to which Lamb replied, with a look of hurt bewilderment: "But I didn't drop it last time, did I?" The R.S.M.s follow-up to that one would never pass the censor.

Which brings us to Christmas and the New Year festivities. The Children's Party was even better than last year, complete with Santa and all the gooeey,

sticky cakes, ice cream, etc., that go to making the kiddies day one to remember. Every one got a present, a good laugh, a tuck-in, and a tummy-ache; what more could the wee yins ask for?

The Sgts.' Mess Christmas Draw was highly successful, particularly from our point of view. The number of Prizes won by the P/S went something like this:—

Wullie	-	4
Kes	-	4
Davy	-	2
Tug	-	1
Tara		Nil

You must admit that even Melachrino couldn't pull off a nicer bit of fiddling than that!

At the time of going to press we are informed that C.S.M.s Kisbee and Wilson are leaving in February to join the 1st Bn., and the R.S.M. is going to the Depot later in the year. Let's wish them the best of luck in their new endeavours.

Last, but not least, we would like to extend our wholehearted congratulations to C.S.M. Kane, M.B.E., on his inclusion in this year's Honours List. Good for you, Jimmy!

LOLLY.

### SUPPORT COMPANY NOTES

FOR Support Coy. the winter training period from October to Christmas usually takes the form of driving instruction on Stuart tanks and carriers and, of course, the maintenance of these vehicles.

Road work is carried out on the wide surface of the Great Western Boulevard where passing motorists can give us a wide berth. Those waiting their turn at the tillers or wheel are lucky to enjoy the comfort and shelter of a workmen's hut which has been made available to us during those dreary darkening December Sundays. Here the good Sgt. Moore looks after the comfort of all by stoking the greedy stove and providing sandwiches and tea.

The vehicles are garaged at Shawfield—across the road from the Stadium—where Sgt. Finlayson comes in to his own, tracing faults and effecting repairs on those sorely tried machines. There is never a dull moment on Support Coy. Sundays with Sgt. Moore's tales of the happenings in his "close," Sgt. Peter Forrest's latest scandal from the railways, and the wartime battles refought by such veterans as C.S.M.s Armstrong and Goodwin.

### SIGNAL PLATOON NOTES

TRAINING for the latter half of the year consisted of a cadre for potential Signallers. The response from the Jocks was disappointing, but the officer support proved invaluable. Among the N.C.O.s, one of our most enthusiastic students was Vikki Black.

The future strength of the Platoon is very doubtful. At present we are too few in numbers. In the training directive signalling has been given top priority. If we are going to provide an effective communications network for the Bn. now, at camp, and in the immediate days of an emergency, we must have a hard core of volunteers around whom we can expand. All interested parties please contact Captain Laing Robertson or Sgt. McGinn.

### BASKETBALL NOTES

THE Basketball season for 1956-57 opened in October, and, sad to relate, we did not enjoy the same success as last season.

We are in the First Division of the National and Western Leagues, which include the top teams in Scotland—Elite, Outram Press, and Maryhill, to mention just a few.

We met Outram Press in the First Round of the West of Scotland Cup, and were beaten by a narrow margin. Last year we reached the final, but were beaten by King's Park.

In November and December we got down to playing League games, and managed to avenge some of our previous defeats. We beat Maryhill 29 pts.-24 pts, and they in turn defeated us in the National League 31 pts.-29 pts. Our other successes were against R.T.C., Vikings and Unicorns, but we were defeated by Outram Press, Elite, and Glasgow University.

In the Scottish Cup we had another mauling, being beaten by Elite in the First Round.

We hope to get really back to form for the rest of the season.

THROW UP.

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## Very Old Style Smoker

IN my young days in the T.A. there used to be a mysterious accumulation of money, a very small sum really, but no one could get the Jock to believe that. It was known as the Company Fund. Where it came from nobody—at least none of us humble Jocks—knew or cared. Some said it came from the unexplained portion of the NAAFI rebate. Others darkly hinted that it came from the accumulation of the one day's Royal Warrant and one day's pay of the bad boys of the company.

At all events, the money was there to be blown, and the sooner it was spent the better, before some Brass Hats got their hands on it.

So after my first camp a meeting was held by the Company to decide how to spend this windfall. The company commander was not too enthusiastic about it, because he had a good idea that the inevitable Smoker would be voted for. In vain did he try to steer their thoughts to the lovelies in the Empire Theatre revue, or to the joys of tripping the light fantastic with their wives (or other men's) in the Dance Hall.

No! The vote went unanimously for the Smoker. The poor company commander groaned, as he knew from past experience that he would have to make up the inevitable losses.

I was newly out from the Highlands at the time and was on boy service. This was my first experience of life in the raw. On the table in the kitchen was a big pile of loaves (unsliced) and a number of packets of margarine (not the nice flavoured stuff you get nowadays; it had a horrible fishy taste). Around 7 o'clock in came the Colour-Sergeant (there were no C.S.M.s in those days) and two sergeants. The Colour-Sergeant proceeded to melt the margarine in a large pot. The sergeants got cracking on cutting the bread into thick slices and laid them in rows on the kitchen table.

The Colour-Sergeant then got busy with a paint brush and painted them all liberally with this horrible margarine. At the same time the sergeants slapped on thick slices of bully beef. When the bully ran out they finished the job with fish paste.

The troops arrived about 9 o'clock already well lit up, as they had been gathering in the pub at the bottom of the street. When they came in they were issued with a ticket which entitled them to two pints of beer and a half of whisky. The bar was down below, in front of what is now the Q.M. Stores in Hill Street (the Stores were at that time a rifle range). The bar was presided over by one of the aforementioned sergeants who, in the meantime, had properly tested the beer for gravity and the whisky for proofness.

The officers were duly piped in by a piper who was just a wee bit unsteady on his feet. The O.C. had a very apprehensive look on his face and his subs. were smiling nervously, perhaps wishing themselves anywhere but in that Hall.

A decanter of whisky was placed at the O.C.'s elbow, then the battle proceeded. One or two songs and the tongues began to loosen properly. The O.C. at this stage thought it was time to make his speech before things got any worse. He was very popular with his men, and after praising them for all the good work they had done throughout the year he sat down amid

thunderous applause and singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

During this time the noble but inebriated Sergeant who was behind the bar down below was having plenty of trouble. The boys were handing him torn tickets and pieces of paper of all sorts. It did not matter; it was all currency to him, and the boys fairly revelled in it. The O.C. at this point officially closed the party and left hurriedly while the going was good.

Things were getting decidedly hot by this time. Some were singing, some were fighting, and others lay in various poses of slumber. The beer ran out owing to someone forgetting to turn off the tap. The floor was flooded with beer and the poor sergeant was wallowing in it. Empty bottles rolled about everywhere. Eventually we got them all out. The slumberers were duly wakened and set on their various roads for home.

At a subsequent meeting about a week later everybody voted it a successful evening, and the Committee passed a vote of thanks on themselves.

The only one who was not entirely happy was the poor O.C. who, as usual, had to fork out for the deficiencies. I expect the Q.M. did not look on it very favourably either, as he had to change quite a number of red doublets which had become more than a little stained.

O. M. S.

## The Highland Light Infantry

### OFFICERS' REUNION DINNER

A Dinner will be held in the City Chambers (by kind permission of the Corporation of the City of Glasgow) on Friday, 29th March, 1957, for all serving and ex-serving Officers who have at any time held a Commission in The Highland Light Infantry.

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AUTUMN and Winter are generally seasons dedicated to unspectacular "behind the scenes" activities, which one hopes will pay good dividends in due course. The present training year is no exception. A rigorous recruiting drive to start with, though it did not produce all that had been hoped for, brought a welcome number of new faces into the Contingent, and ensured that inevitable gaps made by graduating members were filled. A happy prelude to the year's work was the visit on 13th October of Major-General R. Delacombe, C.B.E., D.S.O., who came to present Certificates "B" to successful candidates, and to pin the L.S. and G.C. Medal on our R.E.M.E. Warrant Officer, A.Q.M.S. Rea. On the same day we were honoured by a visit from the Director, W.R.A.C., Brig. Dame Mary Railton, D.B.E., A.D.C., who presented parchment commissions to 2/Lts. Leitch and Ferguson. After the parade an opportunity was given our distinguished visitors to meet a number of senior members of the University who are good friends of the Contingent.

On Armistice Day the service of remembrance held in the University Chapel was attended by a large party, representative of all sub-units. The Pipes and Drums, now in new No. 1 Dress, made an impressive show in the bright Autumn weather, and gave reason for the belief that the Band is now out of the doldrums. We expect great things at the Scottish Universities Pipe Band Contest in May, when Glasgow will be acting as host to our friendly rivals.

The November Certificate "B" Examination though it saw fewer candidates than on previous occasions, produced nine good passes, which are always useful. This represents much good work on the part of our new Training Major. The Easter examination will soon be upon us. We have confidence in being able to maintain our good lead in this particularly important field.

The happy relations which exist between this contingent of the O.T.C. and other local units of the Regiment was evidenced at the Officers' Annual Dinner in December when the Commanding Officers of the 5/6th and the 1st Bn. Glasgow Highlanders were among the guests. The guest-of-honour on that occasion was Lieut.-General Sir Horatius Murray, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., who spoke in reply to the toast of the guests. Other speakers in good vein included Professors J. D. Mackie and C. J. Fordyce and the Commanding Officer.

Already we know the time and place of Annual Camp. We go to Otterburn for the first fortnight of July. Those who have crossed the Border to that high and healthy spot are in high fettle at the idea of returning to a popular stamping ground.

## R.E. SUB-UNIT

THE term began with a recruiting drive with unit displays and much talk. The results were reasonable and a good start was made.

This sub-unit, with recruits and members of the R.E.M.E., is now up to strength, so we should give a good account of ourselves during the coming year.

The Miniature Range Competition has been completed and we finished 4th out of 7; this is not good enough, so much practice is in store for all. We have joined up with the Infantry for training in advanced wing and much all arms work has been covered. This gives both engineer and infantry cadets a good opportunity to display their skills, which is a good thing.

A Cert. "B" Course and exam. took place during the term and the sub-unit had 3 passes out of 5 entries. This is good, but not good enough. Cert. "B" is essential.

We take this opportunity to congratulate Sgt. Todd on his promotion to WO.II and L/Cpl. Tennock on his promotion to Cpl., and a pat on the back to Cadets Ridley, Johnson and McFarlane on obtaining their Cert. "B."

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### INFANTRY SUB-UNIT

SINCE our last report the Infantry Sub-Unit has settled down to the winter's work. A few recruits came our way in October—we could have welcomed many more—and are now finding their way satisfactorily. We have gone through our paces at Dechmont and on the miniature range, and have put in an appearance with some regularity on all occasions. At the moment plans are in hand for a week-end camp with the R.E. Sub-Unit which, if we may judge by previous efforts in that direction, ought to be most successful.

To mention individuals: we must congratulate Sgt. Price on his promotion and on his passing W.O.S.B. Sgt. Robertson's fine individual performance in the Henry Cup Competition calls for special notice. Such deeds refute our colleagues in other Sub-Units who proclaim loud and long that the Infanteers cannot shoot.

### R.A.M.C. SUB-UNIT

TRAINING for the year commencing November 56 got off to a good start and a 5-day intensive course in mid-December proved successful, and greatly appreciated by the newly-joined members who responded keenly to all subjects, particularly the "field training."

Our congratulations go to L/Cpl. Cochran on passing the Certificate "B" Examination in November thus increasing our total to eight members who possess this "Star."

In the shooting field—as always—we hold our own by retaining for the fourth year running the "Henry

Cup" in the Inter Sub-Unit .22 Competition. One member even "won" the wooden spoon—our first "win."

We are happy to know our Senior Cadet S/Sgt. (Dr.) W. Elder has decided to stay with us for his last year of freedom before "call up," and his presence will continue to be an asset to the unit.

To all members who have exams. during the next three months, we wish them success.

MEDICO.

### W.R.A.C. SUB-UNIT

RECRUITING this year is as yet not strong in quantity but excellent in quality. More recent news of our Cpl. McCaughey is that she has embarked on her career in the Regular Army and has made an excellent start by achieving first place amongst the Recruits during her five weeks at the W.R.A.C. Depot.

During the past three months our advanced Cadets have been attending a Civil Defence First Aid Course arranged by the British Red Cross Society, which we hope will end in a fine array of Certificates.

Out of the small profits from a W.R.A.C. Sub-Unit Dance in November the Sub-Unit devoted Five Pounds to the Lord Provost of Glasgow's Hungarian Relief Fund.

We are shortly to lose Cpl. Lawson who has decided to enlist in the Regular Army. Although we are very sorry to lose her we wish her all the very best—she should do well, and she hopes to take a Regular Commission. Good luck, Cpl. Lawson.

## CRICKET

To attempt to give a full history of Regimental cricket of the Battalion would be well nigh an impossible task, but a few extracts from the many records would doubtless prove interesting. To show how great the interest taken in the game, scores of all Regimental matches since the year 1865 were copied into books and kept in the Officers' Mess.

In the first of these books appear three matches between the 71st and 74th. In the first match, played on the 6th May, 1869, the 71st won by 22 runs, scoring curiously enough, 71. In the other two matches, however, the 74th had their revenge, winning the first on the 28th July, 1869, by an innings and 50 runs, and the second, on the 18th August, 1869, by 22 runs, all three being played at Gibraltar. Many are the matches and many the victories recorded in the old books.

In 1884 when the 71st were quartered in Dublin, they had a most successful season, having been reinforced by such sterling cricketers as J. de Lancy, E. D. Mansel, J. A. M. Gardiner, G. S. C. Swinton, Hon. H. J. Anson, B. Goff, J. Richardson, A. McMurdo, and Ptes. Bracewell, Hawkins and White.

One match which catches the eye is that v. 23rd Royal Welch Fusiliers which we won by

109 runs, and in which Lt. Gardiner made 102 not out in twenty-eight hits. Great matches were played also v. the 3rd Bn. Grenadiers in 1884 and 1885, but all doubts as to the superiority of either team were set at rest when, on the 18th August, 1885, we scored 408 for 8 wickets, the largest total ever made up to that date on the Garrison ground in Dublin, and kept the guardsmen in the field the whole day. Surgeon Power scored 89, Lt. Gardiner 82, L/Cpl. White 73, Lt. Swinton 52, and Hawkins 48.

At Belfast in 1886 and 1887, strengthened by A. Evans Lombe and A. D. Bannerman, the Regiment kept up its cricket reputation, and in August, 1886, a team was sent to Edinburgh. They played the 4th Hussars and the Edinburgh Garrison and beat them both, and then scored 297 v. the Grange, the strongest club in Scotland, rain preventing what would, almost to a certainty, have been a great victory.

At the Curragh in 1888 and 1889, where two real good bats in E. R. Hill and G. E. Begbie joined, and where we played many good matches v. our old comrades, the 93rd Highlanders, at Dover in 1890 and 1891, and lastly at Aldershot in 1892, we generally won more matches than we lost. G. M.

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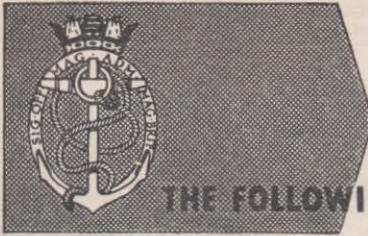
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OVER 120 members and guests attended the London Branch Annual Reunion and Dinner on 13th October, 1956.

Held at the Chatham Room, Victoria Station, S.W.1, for the third year running, members were once again proud to welcome the Colonel of the Regiment as Guest of Honour.

In the chair was the branch's hard-working chairman, Brigadier J. M. Latham, M.C., and among many notable guests were Maj.-General R. E. Urquhart, C.B., D.S.O., Colonel, Highland Light Infantry; Lt.-Col. and Mrs. G. M. Knight, and Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Kindersley.

As always, the occasion provided a welcome opportunity to revive regimental associations and to meet old friends who, for one reason or another, have become scattered far and wide since leaving the Regiment.

Guests were piped into dinner by Pipe-major W. Speedy of the Scots Guards who (in spite of the absence of haggis, which certain members claimed they had looked forward to) soon brought an authentic breath of the Highlands to the evening.

Brig. Latham proposed the toasts of "The Queen" and "The Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment."

Reviewing the year's regimental events ("it is the custom of Colonels of regiments") Maj.-General R. E. Urquhart spoke enthusiastically of the "magnificent show" put on by the 1st Bn. for the Colour Presentation by the Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

"Her Royal Highness," he said, "takes a terrific interest in the affairs of the Battalion, and I am constantly getting notes from her equerry inquiring about what is going on."

He also referred to the forthcoming march-past and presentation of the Pipe Banner in Glasgow when the Bn. returns from Cyprus "some time early in 1957."

On the personal side, the Colonel of the Regiment complimented Col. G. M. Knight, "that very faithful soldier," on being present, and also the oldest of them all—87-year-old former Orderly Room Quartermaster Sergeant, Richard Adcock, who joined the Regiment seventy-three years ago.

But, he said, there was a sad bit of news too. Everyone will mourn the untimely death of Colonel Leckie-Ewing. "He did a tremendous amount for the Regiment and it is a frightful loss to us all." The London Branch has lost a dear friend.

Paying tribute to the work of the Bn. in Cyprus the Colonel of the Regiment said: "The Governor, H.E. Field-Marshal Sir John Harding, went out of his way to tell me before I left that the Bn. is doing awfully well there in very difficult conditions."

After congratulating the Bn. football team on winning the Cyprus Mail Cup, Maj.-General Urquhart spoke about Regimental affairs at home—in particular, recruiting.

"It is the first time since the war," he said, "that we are open for recruiting from England." But, while members were invited to recommend anyone from London, or even other parts of England, "who might do us credit," it was pointed out that there is a higher

proportion of Scots in the Regiment than in any other Scots regiment. This news was received with enthusiasm by members of the London branch.

The Colonel of the Regiment ended with a word of thanks to Brig. J. M. Latham, M.C., for "the way in which he has, for year after year, kept the branch going. He also expressed thanks to the Secretary, Mr. E. R. Cammell, and to Mr. P. R. Boucher and Mrs. C. Mills and the Entertainment Committee for organising the Dinner.

Proceedings ended with dancing and a selection of Regimental tunes from Pipe-major Speedy.

Hon. Secretary would wish to express his personal thanks and that of all members of the London Branch to all members of the Entertainment Committee for their really fine show. Our Annual Reunion retains its attractiveness year after year and this due to the efforts and own time devoted by members of our Committee. Mr. P. Boucher and his committee have every reason to be well satisfied. "A real social and financial success." Thank you.

Coming to our Quarterly Meetings: these, as most members are aware, are held usually on the first Saturday of the quarter. We have a very fair attendance. I beg members to make a special effort to attend. A few new faces present on these evenings would be very welcome. Come along, take an active part in the affairs of your Branch and Regiment. An enjoyable evening awaits you.

On 10th November, 1956, a delegation from the London Branch attended the ceremony "Field of Remembrance" at Westminster Abbey; there a wreath was laid upon the Regimental plot in memory of our fallen comrades in all wars.

During the past year a deal of sickness has been prevalent involving many members of our branch. May I on behalf of members wish all concerned a speedy return to full health.

In conclusion it would be the wish of all our members I am sure for me to convey to Commanding Officers, Officers and all ranks of the Battalion, the Depot, and to our sister branches "A Happy and Prosperous New Year"; and further: "A safe and early return home to our Regiment."

May I remind all concerned that all matters referring to the London Branch should be addressed to the Hon. Secy., Mr. E. R. Cammell, 120 Stondon Park, Forest Hill, London, S.E.23.

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## PERTH-WATERLOO REGIMENT (H.L.I. of C.)

THE EDITOR,  
H.L.I. CHRONICLE.

GALT GARRISON,  
10th September, 1956.

SIR,

I respectfully submit the following for publication in the H.L.I. CHRONICLE, to which, I understand, this unit has not submitted information for some time.

A reorganisation of the Canadian Army (Militia), effective 1st October, 1954, brought about elimination, merging and amalgamation of a number of units.

Affected in these changes was the Highland Light Infantry of Canada (of Galt, Ontario), which was ordered amalgamation with the Perth Regiment (of Stratford, Ontario). Both proud, fighting units, rich in tradition, and tracing their histories about a century each in the neighbouring counties of Perth and Waterloo, the Highland Light Infantry was an affiliated regiment of the Highland Light Infantry, and the Perth Regiment an affiliate of the Cameronians.

Commanding the unit in Galt at the time of amalgamation was Lt.-Col. E. McIntyre, ED. Commanding the Perth Regiment was Lt.-Col. E. M. Hutchinson, a native of Ross-shire, Scotland, who had shortly before taken over command from Lt.-Col. W. H. Hemphill.

Command of the amalgamated regiment was given to Col. McIntyre. The name of the new unit was ordered to be "The Perth-Waterloo Regiment (Highland Light Infantry of Canada)."

Effective 1st September, 1955, command passed to Col. Hutchinson and headquarters was moved to Stratford garrison. Col. Hutchinson, during the preceding year, had been G.S.O. 1, 18 Militia Group.

Commanding Galt garrison is a Galt native and veteran soldier, Maj. C. D. Whittington.

Galt garrison, in its amalgamated years, has not for a moment lost its proud ties with the Highland Light Infantry, nor forgotten its heritage.

Illustrating the undying H.L.I. spirit are the constant thoughts and words and deeds of the unit's officers and other ranks. Toasts at St. Andrew's feasts and other officers' mess functions further remind us that the ties that bind across the sea are not lightly broken.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID GREEN, Lt.  
Historical Officer,  
Perth-Waterloo Regiment  
(H.L.I. of C.)

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GALT GARRISON,  
THE ARMOURY,  
GALT, ONTARIO.  
12th December, 1956.

SIR,

Enclosed please find photographs which I have taken recently of Lt.-Col. E. M. Hutchinson of Stratford, Commanding Officer of our Regiment, and of Lt.-Col. Edward McIntyre, first C.O. of the amalgamated unit and last C.O. of the H.L.I. of C.

You may wish to add some of the following information on our year's activities to my notes of 10th September, which I now see were too late to be included in the October CHRONICLE.

Outstanding accomplishment this year of Perth-Waterloo Regiment (H.L.I. of C.) committee of consolidation, aimed at helping our amalgamation, has been the adoption of a new shoulder insignia. This incorporates the black border of the Perths, gold lettering, and the green field and cipher of the H.L.I. of C., and these words: "Perth and Waterloo Regiment—Canada."

A new friendship is welding the garrisons into a truly magnificent regiment. The proud spirit shown in each now is directed at making us the "best in the brigade—nay, in Canada!"

In addition to week-end outdoor exercises of a highly successful nature, cloth models and other



Lieut.-Col. E. M. Hutchinson



Lieut.-Col. Edward McIntyre

schemes have provided diversified and interesting training for all ranks.

Concerning summer camp at Niagara-on-the-Lake, the 1956 historical report says: "This unit was able to field company strength and received excellent workouts in daylight and night movements, water obstacle crossing, weapons, drill—all providing excellent schooling in training generally, but equally important, in morale, discipline and co-operation. P-W Regiment carried away athletic honours in camp competition. A highlight in the lighter vein followed the brigadier's dinner in the form of a C.O.'s race, Lt.-Col. Hutchinson being runner-up. Brig. M. Pocock, mounted on the regimental pet horse of the day, "Fury," adjudicated.

The Unit Pipe Band, parading at Western Ontario Fair in London, Ont., won Band and Best Militia Unit Honours for the Regiment.

An annual highlight was the St. Andrew feasting. In Galt the feast was the 35th annual observance. In Stratford, officers heard a description of the Canadian campaign in Italy by Lt.-Col. G. W. L. Nicholson, deputy historian of the Canadian Army.

Particularly solemn in the light of the grave world situation were the garrison observances of Remembrance Day.

An experiment in 1956 was authorised for an idea originating in the unit, entitled Student Militiamen Training Scheme, involving 16 to 18-year-olds still at school. About 70 youths of good calibre entered into training which culminated in summer camp with the regular militia. The historical report states these youths have proven themselves quick learners and enthusiastic young gentlemen on the whole. A confidential report, including questionnaires and various manual and I.Q. tests, was prepared by Major R. E. Bolt of Galt. A colour movie film was prepared by Major C. D. Whittington, Galt Garrison C.O., and has been viewed with great interest. The scheme is likely to receive careful study for its bearing on the future training of militia on a Canada-wide basis.

Entering a new year, this unit salute the Highland Light Infantry.

I am, sir,

DAVID GREEN, Lt.

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