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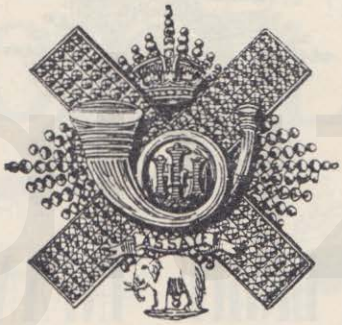

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EDITORIAL

THIS is the last edition of the CHRONICLE. It is also the first for which the present editor has been responsible, and he is certain that he cannot do better than quote the words of the first volume, issued in January 1893.

"To chronicle the life of the Regiment, that is our aim." It is a fine task, one well worthy of better hands and better brains than we bring to it. . . . We ask for a great deal of support, and we confidently appeal to the loyal help and encouragement of every Officer, non-commissioned Officer, and man . . ."

The CHRONICLE itself has faithfully carried out its task. Complete bound sets of its volumes will be placed in the Regimental Museum in Glasgow, in Ayr and elsewhere. Like the Regiment, it is amalgamating, and a new magazine will take its place. No suitable title for the new magazine has yet been suggested, and a prize of £10 has been offered—not by the editor!—for an acceptable name. The name must be decided by March 1959 and must be acceptable to the Royal Highland Fusiliers, 4/5 Royal Scots Fusiliers, 5/6 Highland Light Infantry, 1 Glasgow Highlanders, and the affiliated units of both Regiments. Suggestions will be most gratefully received.

Most subscribers pay for their copies of the CHRONICLE through Bankers' Orders. These should now be cancelled (the note in the last issue's editorial should be disregarded), and it would be a graceful gesture if cancellations could take place after 20th January. The CHRONICLE has always been self-supporting, but for some years has been running at a loss and eating into funds accumulated previously. This volume, being larger than most, is also more expensive to produce. It would be appropriate if its accounts could be wound up without recourse to a grant from other funds, but to do this it must rely on the generosity of its subscribers.

Next Spring, Order Forms will be issued for the new Magazine. It will be produced twice yearly in June and December, and the first volume will record the presentation of Colours to the new Regiment. It is earnestly hoped that present subscribers will support the new magazine.

In this last volume will be found a call to the Royal Highland Fusiliers; a history of the amalgamation; a precis of the proceedings of the Amalgamation Committee; a diary of most of the Regiment's major sporting achievements; an article on the disposal of the Regiment's property; the usual notes and other articles, and a record of the presentation of new Colours to the Highland Light Infantry of Canada by the Colonel-in-Chief, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret.

The Battle Honours emblazoned on the Colours of the Highland Light Infantry are listed at the front of the volume; those which will be carried by the Royal Highland Fusiliers conclude it. No other record of the traditions and fighting record of the Regiment and which the new Regiment will inherit is needed.

The Royal Highland Fusiliers

EARLY next year, on 20th January, the Regiment will change its name from the Highland Light Infantry to the Royal Highland Fusiliers, in amalgamation with The Royal Scots Fusiliers.

From that day, all regular soldiers serving in the Regiment will wear the new Lowland Brigade cap badge. The badge will consist of the thistle, cypher, and motto, *nemo me impune lacessit*, mounted on a St. Andrew's Cross. The Regiment will wear trews of the Mackenzie tartan, with spats. The Pipers' tartan will be the Dress Erskine as worn by The Royal Scots Fusiliers. Our 5/6th Bn. and 1st Bn. Glasgow Highlanders will remain unaffected by these changes, as will other units affiliated to us.

The 1st Bn., Royal Highland Fusiliers, will form, on 20th January, at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh. The Regimental Headquarters will be in Glasgow, with the Depot at Ayr, until a Lowland Brigade Depot is formed at Glencorse in about five years' time.

No ceremony will take place on 20th January, but in May or June it is intended to hold a ceremonial parade, at which it is hoped that the Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Highland Fusiliers, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, may present us with our new Colours. The Regimental Colour, royal blue, will have as its centre badge the Scots Fusilier grenade mounting the Highland Light Infantry monogram and crown, with the motto, *Nemo nos impune lacessit*. It will bear the names of 47 Battle Honours, unrivalled in the Line; the Queen's Colour, 28.

These events will mark the turning of a new and important page in the long and eventful history of our Regiment.

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2nd Bn. Highland Light Infantry at Levee at St. James' Palace July 1914

Names reading from *Right* to *Left* : Major Prentice, Major Hill, Captain Chichester, Captain Caussen, Lieut. Telfer-Smollett, Captain Hope, Lieut. Thackeray, 2/Lieut. Fergusson.

Location of Retired Regular Officers

VERY recently a request was made for retired officers addresses to be published in the CHRONICLE, so that their whereabouts could be made known to their friends. The following list is the result. The list is far from complete, and doubtless contains many inaccuracies, but it is as full and exact as the time and information available to prepare it have permitted. The editor will welcome amendments and additions, since it is hoped to correct and enlarge the list, republishing it either separately, or as part of the new magazine.

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Obituaries

MAJOR NELSON ROOKE

THE many friends of Nelson in the Regiment will be very grieved to read of his death at Badminton in September 1958.

Nelson Rooke came into the Regiment as a Captain direct from an appointment on the H.Q. Staff at Army Headquarters in Cairo soon after the conclusion of the first World War. He joined the 2nd Battalion in 1920 and served with it during its tours of Cairo, Turkey and Palestine, finally retiring in 1924 through ill health.

He became a Land Agent firstly to Lord Zetland at Aske, near Richmond in Yorkshire, and then later to the Duke of Beaufort at Badminton ; in this latter appointment he had much to do with the inauguration and expansion of the three day horse trials in which he was supported by his family—his daughters were generally marking at the various jumps, and the whole family made anyone in the Regiment very welcome indeed, both at Badminton and also at Aske.

He was always a stout supporter of the Regiment, attending the annual Regimental Dinners with great regularity. While he was in the Regiment he endeared himself to many, and particularly looking after the welfare of soldiers under his command.

To Marjorie, his wife, who was always so ready to help in the Regimental family doings, and to his daughters, we extend our deep sympathy.

PIPE MAJOR ROBERT RENNIE, H.L.I.

IT is with great regret that we have to announce the sudden and tragic death of Pipe Major Rennie on the 22nd June at Luneburg. He was 31 years of age.

Pipe Major Rennie started his Army career as a National Serviceman in the R.A.S.C., where he served in Greece. After his National Service he joined the Regular Army, originally as a Cameron Highlander. He was a piper in the Band at Fort George in 1948 when the Highland Brigade Training Centre was in being. When the 1st Battalion returned from Palestine, Rennie transferred to the Highland Light Infantry. He very soon earned accelerated promotion to Corporal in the Pipe Band and he served without a break in the 1st Battalion until his untimely death this year. In 1952-53 he attended the Pipe Major's Course and passed with distinction. In 1954 he was promoted to Pipe Major when the Battalion was serving in Egypt.

An excellent piper himself, he took great pains in the instruction of the younger pipers and his experience and ability played a large part in the high standards of the 1st Battalion Pipe Band. Whilst the Battalion was in Cyprus in 1956-57 it was very largely due to Pipe Major Rennie that the Band reached such a strength and technical proficiency. This was achieved in spite of many difficulties and under the trying conditions of Internal Security Operations.

The late Pipe Major was a keen sports player and in the Battalion Hockey team he was a valued and useful right half. In the Sergeants Mess he was a popular and enthusiastic member.

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Rennie and her three young daughters on their great loss.

(See photograph on next page)

FUSILIER MATTHEW CONNOLLY

IT is with much regret we announce the death of Fusilier Matthew Connolly.

Fusilier Connolly was nineteen years old. He had completed five weeks training with the first combined Royal Scots Fusiliers and Highland Light Infantry intake at Churchill Barracks.

We extend our sympathy to his mother and relations in Bellshill.

PIPE MAJOR ROBERT RENNIE, H.L.I.

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HISTORY OF THE AMALGAMATION OF THE HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY WITH THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS

By
Major-General
R. E. URQUHART, C.B., D.S.O.

THIS is an outline of the story of the amalgamation proceedings and the facts which finally led up to my resignation as Colonel of the Regiment. The first hint that we might be threatened with amalgamation came in a War Office letter from the C.I.G.S. dated 13th June, 1957, which said, "In the case of Scotland the army council has decided that the reduction will amount to two battalions, one of which must come from the Highland Brigade and one from the Lowland Brigade. It has also been decided that reductions will be carried out by amalgamation rather than by disbandment so this means that two Regiments in each of the Highland and Lowland Brigades will have to be amalgamated. Because of the rather special position of the Highland Light Infantry they may be considered for amalgamation in either the Highland or Lowland Brigades. If they are recommended for amalgamation with a Regiment of the Lowland Brigade then two other Highland Brigade Regiments would have to amalgamate."

Following on this letter the Highland and Lowland Brigade Colonels first met separately at Scottish Command on 26th June, 1957. The first item on the Agenda of the Highland Brigade Council was to decide whether or not the Highland Light Infantry should remain in the Highland Brigade. It was the unanimous decision of the Colonels that the Regiment should remain and that this decision should be communicated to the Army Council. The second decision required was which two of their Regiments should be amalgamated in the future and it was agreed that the best amalgamation would be that between the Seaforth Highlanders and the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

At the meeting of the Lowland Colonels their problem was to decide on amalgamation and in addition they recommended that in order to equalise the number of Regiments in each Brigade that the Highland Light Infantry should be regarded as available for amalgamation within the Lowland Brigade. They recommended that, if this was accepted, the Highland

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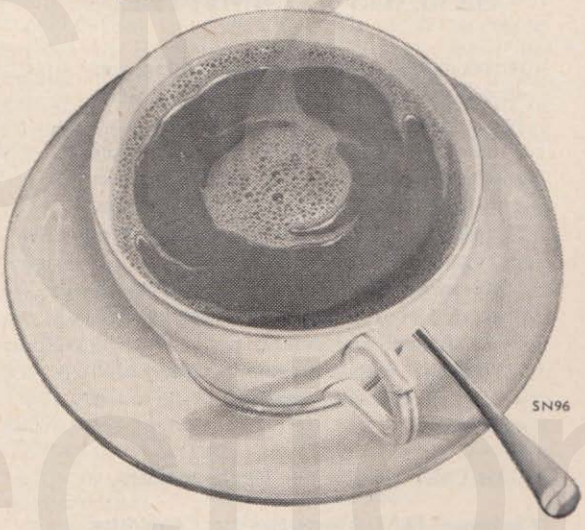

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Light Infantry should be amalgamated with either the Royal Scots Fusiliers or the Cameronians. Other than this they regretted that they had been unable to reach agreement on a pacific amalgamation within the Lowland Brigade Group.

Then followed a meeting of the combined Colonels and it was then obvious that influence would be brought to bear for the Regiment to be included in the Lowland Brigade and, if that was the case, recommendations put forward for it to be considered for amalgamation with one of their existing Regiments.

I then wrote to the C.I.G.S. on 27th June, 1957, saying that, with the agreement and backing of the representative Colonel of the Highland Brigade, I wished to represent the fact that my Regiment, except for the accident of having its Depot located in the Lowland District had absolutely no connection with any Lowland Regiment or anything in common with any Lowland Regiment. It had always been Highland and all its sympathies and activities had been with the Highland Brigade. I went on to say that to have survived the consideration which had been given to amalgamation within the Highland Brigade and then to be selected in absence by the Lowland Brigade as one of its alternative solutions from amalgamation is to say the least of it most inequitable. I asked that this possibility should be ignored by the Army Council. General MacMillan supported my submission saying, " I am afraid that the Lowland Brigade got the impression that the H.L.I. could be juggled about to suit their convenience irespective of what the Regiment itself might feel on the subject. I know that this is very far from your intention and I hope very much that you will be able to accept the desires of all the Highland Colonels that the H.L.I. should remain in the Highland Brigade."

The C.I.G.S. held a meeting at which the Colonels of all Infantry Regiments attended in London on 11th July, 1957. Before the meeting started I was handed a short note from the C.I.G.S. saying that the Regiment was to be amalgamated with the Royal Scots Fusiliers. His object in sending me this note was to warn me in advance of the decision. At the meeting the dates of amalgamation and the changes were announced also the War Office's policy as regards the re-organisation of the army. All Colonels of amalgamating Regiments were exhorted to do their best to make the amalgamation a success, and the C.I.G.S. expected everyone to loyally accept their fate.

I was faced with a difficult decision in that either I could, on behalf of the Regiment, accept the decision of the Army Council and go forward with plans for the amalgamation with the Royal Scots Fusiliers or take up the matter with the hope of having the decision over-turned. I felt however that the decision was so unfair and so grossly out of line with the arguments which had been put forward as to the selection of those Regiments for amalgamation, that it was my duty to see what I could do to have this reversed. It would have been easy to accept everything quietly and insist that members of the Regiment did likewise, but I knew that the feeling would be so strong that every effort should be made to see what could be done to get out of this most unfortunate situation. The Colonel of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, General Hakewill-Smith, was in agreement with my views and he also agreed to take exception to the decision and to help to have it over-turned.

On 22nd July, 1957, I wrote a letter giving the facts of the case to all members of Parliament who represent the constituencies in Glasgow. I pointed out the strong position of the Regiment as regards recruiting in the army, their position in the Highland Brigade and their past history. I also mentioned the fact that the arguments put forward by the Army Council and their reasons for amalgamating certain Regiments did not apply to ours. The combination of a Highland and Lowland Regiment might mean losing the kilt, the exclusion from the Highland Brigade and it was also an insult to the City of Glasgow. I asked that they should, with other representatives of the House of Commons, resist on behalf of the Regiment this threat of amalgamation. I also wrote to the Lord Provost of Glasgow and enlisted his help. He promised his fullest co-operation.

I wrote to the C.I.G.S. on 16th July referring to the decision which had been announced at the meeting on 12th July, 1957 and pointing out that there would appear to be no logical explanation or reason as to why the Regiment had been so selected. I asked that this decision by the Army Council be reviewed before the matter was made public by the White Paper on 24th July, 1957. The C.I.G.S. replied on 17th July, 1957, saying he appreciated very much what our feelings must be but it was pointless to argue the rights or the wrongs of the case. The decision would stand.

As a result of the efforts of Mr. Walter Elliott and Sir Thomas Moore and other members of Parliament, the Prime Minister agreed to receive a deputation on 1st August, 1957. General Hakewill-Smith and I attended and we were

called upon to put our case. With the Prime Minister was Duncan Sandys, the Minister of Defence and Hare, the Secretary of State for War, also the C.I.G.S. During our discussion a telegram was received from Glasgow Corporation saying that they had unanimously agreed to protest against this threat of amalgamation for the Glasgow Regiment. The Prime Minister promised to consider our case. We were later informed that the decision must stand and that the only alternative was that of disbandment.

In order to avoid a waste of time when consideration was being given to the future of the Regiment it was agreed with the Colonel of the Royal Scots Fusiliers to set up a Working Party to make recommendations on the assumption that amalgamation would be finally ordered. I opened the meetings and our representatives were Brigadier Montgomery and Major Carson. This Committee met on many occasions and their reports were most useful when the decision was made final as regards the amalgamation.

In the meantime I addressed a letter to all regular officers both serving and retired asking them for their views as to whether the Regiment should go forward with amalgamation or should choose disbandment. The voting was approximately two to one in favour of disbandment.

On 3rd November, 1957, General Hakewill-Smith and I met in Glasgow to reach agreement on the conditions of amalgamation on the assumption that this would be accepted as the future solution by both Regiments. We reached agreement on all points and the major items were that the title should be " Princess Margaret's Mar and Macleod Regiment," with a sub title of " City of Glasgow;" that the kilt should be worn and be of Erskine dress tartan ; the trews to be of Mackenzie tartan and the head-dress and buttons should be those worn by the R.S.F.

Considerable correspondence was carried out with the Lord Lyon King of Arms in Edinburgh as regards the title of the Regiment and also as regards the tartan which it should wear. Approval was also obtained from Dame Flora Macleod as regards the use of the name Macleod in the new title.

A meeting was sought with the C.I.G.S. and we presented our agreed memorandum to him on 6th November, 1957. In view of certain of our recommendations and the expected reactions of other Scottish Regiments the C.I.G.S. said he would have to put this to the Army Council.

On 14th November, 1957, we had another meeting with C.I.G.S. at which he said the Army Council were unable to accept our recommendations as regards the wearing of the kilt by the new Regiment but subject to minor modifications the other points were acceptable. We informed him that our memorandum stood or fell as a whole and that if the kilt was not accepted then there was no alternative but to recommend that the Regiments should be disbanded. The C.I.G.S. said that he would put our point to the Secretary of State and that no submission would be made to her Majesty on any point connected with the amalgamation until at least 72 hours after we had been advised of the Secretary of State's decision. At that meeting also C.I.G.S. said that if the Secretary of State confirmed the Army Council ruling that the amalgamated regiment would wear trews there was no alternative but to ask for our resignations.

On 19th November, 1957, a letter from Mr. Hare, Secretary of State for War, to both Colonels stated that the Army Council had given careful consideration to our case and he did not feel able to accept the alternatives which we placed before him ; the decision remained that the two Regiments should be amalgamated and that the amalgamated Regiment should wear trews. He said that it was his earnest hope that in the interests of the two Regiments and of their amalgamated successor we would find it possible to remain as Colonels up to the date of the amalgamation and do our utmost to make it a success. But if we could not do this he must of necessity ask us to resign our Colonelcys in order that some other officer may be appointed as Colonels who are willing to carry through the amalgamation in accordance with the terms of the Army Council's decision.

I replied to the Secretary of State on 25th November, 1957, and reminded him that when we waited on the Prime Minister we were informed that the Regiment had two alternatives, either to accept amalgamation or to disband. The views of all regular officers had been obtained and the result of the poll was a vote for disbandment by approximately two to one. In spite of the wish of the regular element General Hakewill-Smith and I had done our best to go forward with the alternative of amalgamation. All major points were agreed between us. When the scheme was put to the C.I.G.S. it was made clear that its success depended on it being adopted *in toto* and that any withdrawal or disagreement on the part of the War Office would cause the plan to fail. If, therefore, the Army Council are unable to allow the amalgamated regiment to wear the kilt, which is one of the main factors of the scheme, then our

agreement is upset and no longer exists. As our case falls apart on this non-approval of this factor we consider that there is no choice but to accept the second of the Prime Minister's alternatives and to opt for disbandment. Now I have seen from your letter this cannot be permitted by the Army Council and the decision of amalgamation is being forced, as is the decision also that the Regiment should wear the trews. In these circumstances etc., I am asking the Colonel in Chief to permit me to resign my appointment.

On 26th November, 1957, a deputation from Glasgow, as a result of the mass meeting which was held in that City, waited on the Secretary of State, led by Councillor Wingate. This deputation was organised by the City itself and regular officers of the Regiment had absolutely no contact with it in any way.

On 2nd December, 1957, I received a letter from the Secretary of State saying that he was satisfied that the Army Council should not contemplate disbandment of either Regiment and therefore he proposed to recommend to Her Majesty that my resignation should be accepted.

On 4th December, 1957, a press announcement was made by the War Office to the effect that the two Colonels had felt unable to agree with the Army Council on one issue, whether the amalgamated Regiment should wear trews or the kilt. The Army Council at this stage were not prepared to accept the fact that there was no alternative to disbandment and the two Regiments would therefore be invited to recommend successors to ourselves as Colonels of the Regiment.

Our resignations took place with effect from 20th December, 1957.

That is the story of the struggle to retain our identity. I think it was worth trying and in any case my conscience would not have allowed me to sit down and do nothing about it. Now that we have lost this battle there is no alternative but for all of us to make up our minds that we are going to make the new amalgamated Regiment a great success. Much as we dislike it, I am quite certain that all ex-members will sink their feelings and regrets over the decision and do whatever they can, whenever they can, to help the new Regiment on its way.

R. E. U.

Location of Retired Regular Officers

(continued from page 87)

O'Donovan, J. C. M. T., Maj., Green Lodge, 58 Sheffield Terrace, London, W.8.

Paterson, J. W. M., Lt.-Col., The Flat, Hagley Hall, Stourbridge, Worcs.

Percival, E. L., D.S.O., Brig., Army Information Office, 22 London Road, Gloucester.

Purvis, J. H., D.S.O., Lt.-Col., c/o Harrods Ltd., Banking Dept., Brompton Road, London, S.W.

Rose, R. C. L., D.S.O., M.C., Col., The Glack, Dunkeld, Perthshire.

Ross, J. A., Maj., Garpol Linn, Dalry, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire.

Ross-Skinner, H. C., D.S.O., M.C., Lt.-Col., Warmwell House, Dorchester, Dorset.

Russell, J. D., C.B., D.S.O., Brig., "Westcroft," Crail, Fife.

Ruthven, A. P., Lt., Ash House, Wincanton, Somerset.

Scobie, W. N. McN., Capt., White's Farm, White, Coln near Colchester, Essex.

Scott, A. N., Maj., 17 Kensington Gate, Glasgow, W.2.

Seagrave, E., Brig., Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1.

Simpson, R. R., Lt., 92 Westbourne Avenue, Hull, E. Yorks.

Smith, A. I., Lt., 34 Maxwellton Road, Glasgow, E.1.

Stewart, G. S., M.C., Lt.-Col., Inverwick, Nairn.

Telfer-Smollett, P. T., M.C., Maj., Cameron House, Alexandria, Dunbartonshire.

Thackeray, F. S., D.S.O., M.C., Brig., Melrose, Beereweeke Road, Winchester, Hants.

Titmarsh, W. G. I., Capt., 139 Autumn Street, Geelong, Victoria, Australia.

Trubshawe, A. M. T., Lt., c/o Coutts & Co., Park Lane, London.

Underwood, F. B., Maj., West Saanich Road, Royal Oak, B.C., Canada.

Urquhart, R. E., C.B., D.S.O., Maj.-Gen., Gairdrew, near Drymen, Perthshire.

Wallace, J. S., Col., Hillside Street, St. Georges Hill, Weybridge, Surrey.

Warren, A. K., Capt., 216 Woodlands Road, Glasgow, C.3.

Watson, Sir Daril, G.C.B., C.B.E., M.C., Gen., "Larch Wood," Hadlow Down, near Uckfield, Sussex.

Welman, G. D., Maj., 111 Pier Avenue, Herne Bay, Kent.

Wilson, D. J., Capt., Bodman, Dunkered Road, Saltcoats, Ayrshire.

Wingate, J. B., Capt., Clydesdale and North of Scotland Bank, Moore Place, Glasgow.

Wishart, D. F., Lt., 6 Lancaster Cres., Glasgow, W.2.

Young, B. A., Capt., 1 Ormonde Villa, London Road, Devizes, Wilts.

Young, J. D., D.S.O., M.C., Lt.-Col., Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, London, S.W.1.

Letters to the Editor

3 THE HOLLIES,
BROXBOURNE,
HERTS.
24*th Sept.*, 1958.

DEAR SIR,

It is sad to hear that the next number of the CHRONICLE will be the last publication after 65 years.

My husband, the late Brigadier-General R. E. G. PRENTICE, often told me that he took the first copy of it, dated January, 1893, out to the 2nd Battalion when he joined them in India, on first posting, and I have every copy from that date until October 1925 inclusive (two years after my husbands command of the 1st Battalion expired).

These numbers, consisting of 11 volumes are bound in dark green leather and may be of interest to someone in the Regiment.

I have been connected with the H.L.I. for over eighty years.

Yours faithfully,

V. R. PRENTICE.

(The Colonel of the Regiment replied to Mrs. Prentice, suggesting that, at a convenient time, her volumes of the CHRONICLE be placed in the Regimental Museum in Glasgow. Mrs. Prentice has kindly agreed.)

KARIND,
BOUNDSTONE,
FARNHAM,
SURREY.
30*th Sept.*, 1958.

DEAR SIR,

H.L.I. CHRONICLE—AUGUST '58—PAGE 64.

I leave the then Coy. Comdr. of 'D' Coy. to tell you—Fondy Cowan Douglas—as he was the O.C. at the time. I was one of his Subalterns in Malta in 1930-31. The Destroyer photo was, as far as I remember, adopted because of its palpable aptness—D-71. At that time there were two battalions and no reason to couple 71—74.

Yours faithfully,

P. U. CAMPBELL.
(Lt.-Col.)

302 ST. JAMES' COURT,
BUCKINGHAM GATE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

DEAR SIR,

I thought you might like to insert the enclosed photograph in the next number of the CHRONICLE.

It portrays the Levee held at St. James' Palace in July, 1914, when all the officers from the 74th Battalion at Aldershot attended. If you do not want to insert the photograph will you kindly return it to me in due course.

Yours sincerely,

EDITH CHICHESTER.

(It will be recalled that Captain Guy Chichester, who served in the 2nd Battalion from 1895 to 1914, was killed at Ypres in November 1914. Mrs. Chichester has at various times presented his medals, pipe banner, and other items to the Regimental Museum.)

LETTER FROM MAJOR T. JACKSON, C.B.E.

The Editor has been in touch with Major T. Jackson, C.B.E., the last surviving Trustee of 3rd H.L.I. He signed the Deed of Trust in 1924, and is now in his 80th year.

CORRESPONDENCE ABOUT OLD COLOURS.

Letters have been exchanged with the Rector of Old Kinsale Church where the Colours of the 71st Regt. which were laid up in 1840, hang over the monument to Major-General Sir Thomas Reynell, Bart., K.C.B. Efforts are being made to preserve these colours, which are regarded with proper respect by the congregation.

BACK NUMBERS OF THE CHRONICLE

A number of odd spare copies of old issues of the CHRONICLE is available for sale. Due to the increasing restrictions on space it may not be possible to keep these for much longer. If any are required it would be appreciated if they could be ordered now. Odd numbers go back nearly to the first issue, but we cannot guarantee any particular volume.

(Five complete bound sets are being retained.)

Proceedings of the RSF/HLI Amalgamation Committee

In August, 1957, notwithstanding the fact that they were engaged in the attempt to preserve their Regiments intact, the Colonels, Generals Hakewill-Smith and Urquhart, ordered the formation of a Committee to make recommendations to facilitate the Amalgamation, should this take place.

The committee consisted of :—

(*a*) Representing the R. S. F. — Brigadier M. R. J. Hope Thomson, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. ; Major D. G. Carleton-Smith-Inglis, O.C., Depot R.S.F.

(*b*) Representing the H.L.I. — Brigadier E. J. Montgomery, C.B., C.B.E. ; Major B. S. M. Carson, O.C., Depot H.L.I.

and its items of reference were briefly,

"To consider the problems arising from the amalgamation of the two Regiments and to make recommendations for ultimate decisions by the Colonels of the Regiments."

Throughout their arbitrations the committee's guiding principle was " What would in their view most benefit the Amalgamated Regiment, particularly in respect of recruiting." There was no question of attempting to equate each item considered. It was their aim, however, to ensure so far as possible and practical, that the sum contribution of each should achieve a reasonable measure of parity overall. As will be seen this has proved the case.

The Committee met six times in all, and minutes of the various meetings were submitted to the Colonels for decision. A summary of these minutes has been madé and will be placed among the regimental records of both Regiments. This article is, in the main, an extract from the summary, and contains brief details of all the major decisions made.

TITLE AND SENIORITY.

The new Regiment is to be named, " THE ROYAL HIGHLAND FUSILIERS (PRINCESS MARGARET'S OWN GLASGOW AND AYRSHIRE REGIMENT)," its seniority in the Infantry of the Line being 21st, the Regimental numbers in the Army List being shown as 21st, 71st and 74th.

The Regimental Headquarters will be in Glasgow. A new site in Sauchiehall Street is being acquired by the War Office and it will consist of a recruiting office, the Regimental Museum, offices and rooms where members of the Regiment can see the Regimental records of both Regiments.

COLONEL-IN-CHIEF.

H.R.H. Princess Margaret has graciously consented to be Colonel-in-Chief.

COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT.

Major-General R. A. Bramwell-Davis, C.B., D.S.O., will become Colonel of the Royal Highland Fusiliers from the date of amalgamation. Brigadier A. I. Buchanan-Dunlop, C.B.E., D.S.O., O.B.E., will become his associate Colonel.

AFFILIATIONS.

The following existing affiliations with Allied Regiments of the Canadian Army and Union of South Africa Defence Forces will continue :—

R.S.F.	H.L.I.
The Scots Fusiliers of Canada.	The Highland Light Infantry of Canada.
Prince Alfred's Guard (U.S.A.D.F.)	

CREST AND BADGE.

This will be the R.S.F. Grenade with theH.L.I. Monogram and Crown superimposed, the Monogram being placed on the Bomb and the Crown at the base of the Flame. It will be used for all purposes including the Colours, jacket lapels, buttons, notepaper, Christmas Cards, etc.

COLOURS AND BATTLE HONOURS.

The existing Colours, with the exception of the Assaye Colour, will be laid up by the two

Regiments. New Colours will be presented once the new Battalion is ready to receive them. The Assaye Colour will be retained and carried in accordance with present Regimental custom.

The design of the new Regimental Colour will—

(*a*) incorporate all Battle Honours in chronological order (these common to both, namely "Sevastopol" and "South Africa 1899-1902," will appear once only);

(*b*) reflect the origins of the amalgamated Regiment by the incorporation of the following corner badges :—

Royal Cypher and Crown (Top Right and Left corners) ;

The Castle and Key superscribed "Gibraltar 1780-83" and with the motto "Montis Insignia Calpes;"

The Elephant superscribed "Assaye;"

(*c*) have as its centrepiece the new Regimental Badge, that is the R.S.F. Grenade superscribed with the H.L.I. Monogram and Crown ;

(*d*) be basically blue, the ground for a Royal Regiment, buff being retained in the Assaye Colour.

The Queen's Colour will contain all the Battle Honours won by each Regiment in World Wars I and II, those common to both appearing once. Some 47 Battle Honours, including "Archangel," transferred under War Office instructions, will be carried on the Regimental Colour, and 28 on the Queen's Colour. At the same time a request had been made that, unless there is some statutory reason against it, the Battle Honours should be arranged in the form of a St. Andrew's Cross rather than the customary Cross of St. George.

DRESS.

(*a*) *General.*

The headress will be the R.S.F. pattern Glengarry. It will be worn with the Lowland Brigade Cap Badge. On training and in the field, a Tam o' Shanter with Mackenzie tartan patch will be worn. The Trews will be Mackenzie, worn with Brogues and White Spats. The pipers will wear Dress Erskine kilts.

(*b*) *Battle Dress.*

This will consist of Glengarry, Battle Dress Blouse with Mackenzie tartan patches in Grenade shape, Trews, Spats, Brogues and web Belt. In the field, the Tam o' Shanter will be worn.

(*c*) *No. 1 Dress.*

This will be the Blue Lowland Doublet with Regimental badges and buttons, worn with the trews. It is hoped that the shoulder cords worn in Ceremonial Order will be those at present worn with H.L.I. Mess Kit. For the time being existing Cross Belt plates and Waist Belt buckles will be used by all ranks, including pipers and bandsmen.

(*d*) *Mess Kit.*

H.L.I. pattern Mess Kit will be worn, including the waistcoat, which may however be simplified for reasons of economy.

(*e*) *Claymores and Dirks.*

Existing Claymores and Dirks will be carried indefinitely.

(*f*) *Regimental Tie.*

It has been agreed that it should be a striped tie and not one with a small design like the Light Infantry tie. The actual pattern is not yet agreed but it is hoped to incorporate our buff and green with the Fusiliers Royal Blue.

(*g*) *Regimental Tailors.*

Messrs. Wm. Anderson, Wm. Jardine and John Jones will be appointed.

REGIMENTAL FLAG.

Owing to their originality and antiquity the R.S.F. Colonels, Lt.-Colonels and Majors (in command) flags which have as their base the St. Andrew's Cross will continue in use.

MOTTO.

The motto of the Royal Highland Fusiliers will be :—"NEMO NOS IMPUNE LACESSIT."

BANKERS.

Officers accounts will be handled by Glyn Mills, who will also be the Regiment's bankers.

FUNDS.

On amalgamation, funds will be grouped under the following heads :—

(*a*) Battalion and Depot Funds.

(*b*) Colonel of the Regiment's Fund or Regimental Account.

(*c*) Benevolent Funds.

A finance Committee has been set up now under the joint Chairmanship of Colonels J. L. Maxwell and M. A. Bell with necessary legal assistance, to prepare a draft for submission to the Scottish Court of Session. The Colonel John Graham of Lingo Trust Fund is exempt from this scheme and will continue as at present.

REGIMENTAL CALLS.

The following Pipe and Military Band tunes will be adopted, some of which are common to both Regiments.

(*a*) *Calls.*

Reveille	Johnny Cope
First Breakfast Call	Bundle and Go
Second Breakfast Call	Bannocks o' the Barley Meal
First Dinner Call	Brose and Brochan
Second Dinner Call	Hey, Jock, are ye glad ye 'listed
Tea Call	Jenny's Bawbee
Retreat	Banks of Allen Water
Officers Mess 1st Call	Up and Waur them Willie
Officers Mess 2nd Call	Heroes of Vittoria
First Post	Battle of Killiecrankie
Last Post	Lochaber No More
Lights Out	Soldier, lie doon on your wee pickle straw
Haul Up (C.O.s Orders)	A Man's a Man for a' that
Bn. Staff Parade	Cabar Feidh
Half Hour Dress	Mackenzies Highlanders
Fall in for Parade	The Gathering of the Clans
Conclusion of Regimental Guest Night—Pipe Prog.	Heilan' Laddie 71st Quick Step 74th Slow March

(*b*) *Pipe Marches.*

Regimental Marches	Heilan' Laddie Blue Bonnets
Slow March	My Home
March into Barracks	Scotland the Brave
Playing out a Draft or Regimental Farewell	Happy were we a'tegither

(*c*) *Military Band Marches.*

Regimental Marches	The British Grenadiers Whistle o'er the lave o't

(*d*) *Bugle Calls.*

A combination of existing calls.

PIPE BANNERS.

All available Pipe Banners of both Regiments will be pooled for use by 1st R.H.F.

Apart from their normal use on Dinner Nights the banners will also be carried out of doors on special ceremonial occasions.

REGIMENTAL PROPERTY.

All property including pictures, silver and trophies will be redistributed as follows :—

(*a*) Property of special historic or sentimental significance will be placed in the Regimental Museums.

(*b*) Property required by them will be retained by the new Battalion and Depot.

(*c*) Remaining property will be stored or disposed of, according to the wishes of the Regimental Trustees concerned.

(*d*) Two silver statuettes, representing an R.S.F. and an H.L.I. sergeant in post war No. 1 Dress, are to be presented by the Regiments to the Royal Highland Fusiliers.

DINNER CLUBS.

This matter is still sub-judice and all retired officers have been approached as to whether they wish to join the R.H.F. dinner club which will hold its first dinner in 1959 in London and continue subsequently. A Regimental luncheon or tea party for wives and relatives will take place as now. It is also proposed that the dinners now held annually or biennially in Scotland, should be joined together.

DISCHARGE CERTIFICATES.

The Regimental type of Discharge Certificate, suitably amended, will be used by the R.H.F.

REGIMENTAL JOURNAL.

A new Journal will be issued, the first volume appearing in midsummer, 1959.

MUSEUMS.

Museums will be regrouped with the object of ultimately providing a representative selection of trophies in Ayr, Glasgow and the Brigade Depot when it forms about 1963. These in Glasgow will ultimately be housed in the new Regimental Headquarters.

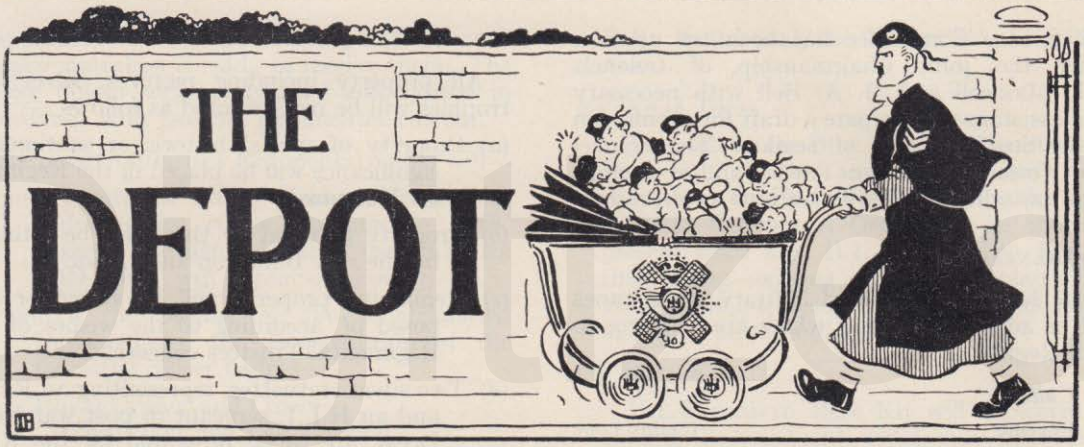
ANNIVERSARIES AND CELEBRATIONS.

Apart from St. Andrews night the R.H.F. will celebrate two anniversaries annually, though not necessarily on the actual dates as by chance they fall rather close together.

They will be :—

(*a*) Assaye Day (When the Assaye Colour will be trooped.

(*b*) Inkerman and Gheluvelt Day.



Commanding Officer	Major C. W. DUNBAR, M.B.E.
Adjutant	Capt. M. M THOMSON.
Quartermaster	Capt. (Q.-M.) A. MCINTYRE.
R. S. M.	W.O.1 A. WATSON.

THE Depot has left Maryhill, and is now establishing itself at Ayr. True, we always wanted to leave Maryhill, but now that the moment has really arrived heads are shaken, and the air heavy with nostalgic regrets. A few days after we left a tank transporter, optimistically trying to pass through the Garrioch Road entrance, laid low several tons of masonry and broken glass. It was an omen ! The place is no longer ours and is rapidly falling into neglect and decay !

In fact, the last few months have been a busy time indeed. Many distinguished visitors have called, " to see how things were going." There have been a Regimental Council, the Assaye Ball, a cocktail party, a dinner night, and two passing-out parades.

The first parade was held in bad weather—almost the first to be held indoors—but was well attended for all that. The last parade, in fair weather, was very well attended indeed. Some hundred all ranks were on parade, of whom thirty-five were recruits. They did great credit to the Regiment, being one of the best squads the Depot has ever trained. They must, however, share their laurels with R.S.M. Watson, who left the Depot on the day following the passing-out parade to be R.S.M. at the Staff College. With him go the respect and very best wishes of all at the Depot, for which he has done a magnificent job of work.

We were fortunate to have Colonels Cross and Carnegie as guests at our last dining in night, as well as Colonel Douglas Fraser. The occasion was a sad one, but those present bore up well.

The Assaye Ball this year was immensley

Permanent staff and Assaye Platoon march past

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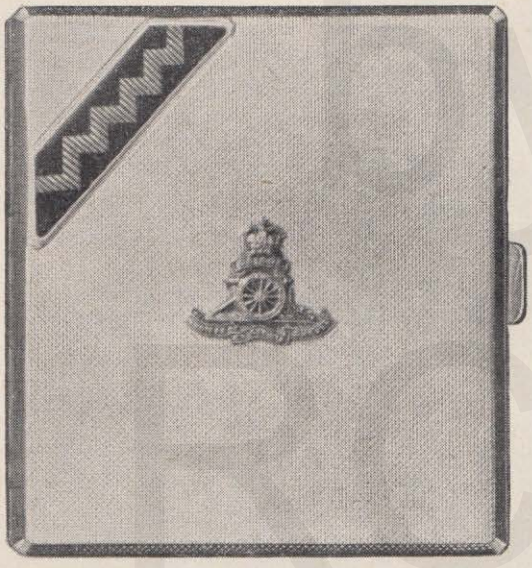

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Major C. W. Dunbar, M.B.E., inspects the Permanent staff pl. during the final pass-out parade on 26th September

Major C. W. Dunbar presents awards to the prize winners

successful and impressive, due largely to R.S.M. Watson's efforts.

Now we are at Ayr, but have retained the Officers' Mess Building in Maryhill. There, Tommy Weston reigns supreme ; the museum has been centralised, and its contents are being put in order, pending the move to the new Regimental Headquarters in Sauchiehall Street.

Visitors will still be welcome, but we must ask their indulgence over the next few months should they find their reception not as well organised as we would like it to be.

Congratulations are due to our Quartermaster, Alec McIntyre, who has marched us out of the barracks without anybody having to pay anything.

Churchill Barracks, Ayr, is a small Georgian Barracks, which houses the Depot and no more. It is on the shore, attractive from the outside, unmodernised, alas, but a good place to have a Depot. The first joint R.S.F./H.L.I. squad has completed five weeks training, at the time of writing, and all is going well.

The Royal Scots Fusiliers, and the Ayr County and Burgh authorities, have gone out of their way to make our reception as easy and pleasant as possible, and to make us feel at home.

Greatly heartened by a message of encouragement from the 1st Battalion, we have began the amalgamation.

Capt. "Tommy" Weston showing his son the gate he entered when he joined the Regt. 35 years ago.

Having put our hands to the plough, there can be no turning back. The new Regiment, the Royal Highland Fusiliers, inherits the finest possible traditions from its parents, and we in the Depot are confident of the future.

TRAINING COY.

As recorded in the Depot Notes, 26th September, 1958 saw the last recruits passing out parade. After many years the sausage machine has stopped receiving raw material and training it in the very short space of ten weeks into soldiers fit to take their place in the battalion.

The last parade was inspected by Major C. W. Dunbar, M.B.E., and was one of the best squads of recruits to pass out of the Depot. A point of interest was that the best recruit award was won by L/Cpl. Weston, son of Captain L. A. Weston. Both B.B.C. and I.T.V. featured the parade on their television news programmes and all the Scottish press had articles on, or photographs of, the parade.

Training recruits at times seems a dull and thankless job, but in fact it is one of the most satisfying ones in retrospect and all the training N.C.O.s and staff realise how worth-while their task is when they see " the end product."

One does tend to overlook the permanent staff and think more of the actual training staff, but Training Company has been all along a team, with the results obtained by the training N.C.O.s largely dependent on the work put in by the Q.M. Staff, Weapon Training Stores and other baek room workers on whom so much depends.

The Company found time to shoot in the Lowland District Rifle Meeting providing part of the Depot team. The team consisted of :—Lt. J. L. Howden-Ferme, Sgt. Ives (Recruiting Staff), Sgt. Stone, B.E.M. (R.E.M.E.), Sgt. McKay (R.A.P.C.), Cpl. Brown, Cpl. Holmes, Cpl. McFedries and Pte. Campbell.

In weather which was bad even by Dechmont standards the Depot won several prizes.

Brittania Trophy Reg. Inf.	2nd
Individual Rifle, Reg. Units	3rd—Sgt. McKay
Individual Revolver	3rd—Sgt. Stone, B.E.M.
Lowland District Quartet	3rd

Thanks are due to Sgt. Stone who worked very hard coaching and training the team to a standard which produced better results than any previous Depot team in this competition.

Although Training Company, Depot Highland Light Infantry is no more, several members of the team are carrying on the tradition in Training Company Depot Royal Scots Fusiliers and Highland Light Infantry in Ayr. Among those in Ayr are C.S.M. Turner, C/Sgt. Smith, Sgt. Schofield and Cpl. Holmes. The last three formed the first party to leave Glasgow and move to Ayr where the first combined squad of Royal Scots Fusiliers and Highland Light Infantry are now training. Also in Ayr are Cpls. McFedries, McColm Laird, Glencross, Rodger, Brown and Wilson, L/Cpls. Weston, Welsh and O'Hare, and L/Cpl. Mitchell, our Company Clerk who runs the Company Office on big business lines.

No notes from Training Company would be complete without our thanks to R.S.M. Watson for the vast amount of really hard work he did on the Company's behalf and our best wishes to him during his stay at Camberley.

A Diary of Achievements of the Regiment in Sport – 1884 to 1958

THE following diary lists most of the major successes which the Regiment has had in various sports. There have doubtless been more, and the Editor will be grateful for additions and amendments, since it is proposed to continue the diary in the future.

There is one deliberate omission. The remarkable successes of 2nd H.L.I. in polo and of individuals of both Battalions in various equestrian events have been omitted ; but it is hoped to include them in a later edition. At the time of writing, the 1st Battalion has added fresh laurels, having added the Mounted Infantry and Light Infantry Club Cups to the already formidable total of successes.

The unique achievements of winning outright the Durand and the Montmorency Football Cups, of winning the Evelyn Wood Cup four years running (and on one of them holding the first seven places) ; the remarkable records of Lt. Halswell and Bugle Major Bendy—these have never been equalled.

The Royal Highland Fusiliers inherits a tradition of success in sport, as in other things, which can have few, if any, equals. The list follows :—

FOOTBALL

1889	2 HLI	Durand Cup, India.
1890	1 HLI	Semi finalist Army Cup in U.K.
	1 HLI	Chatham Challenge Charity Cup.
	2 HLI	Durand Cup, India.
1891-2	1 HLI	Semi finalists Army Cup at home.
	1 HLI	Kent County Senior and Junior Challenge Cups.
1893	2 HLI	Durand Cup, India.
1894	2 HLI	Durand Cup, India. Murree Cup, India.
1895	2 HLI	Durand Cup, India (Now with 1 HLI). Murree Cup, India.
	1 HLI	Aldershot News Challenge Cup.
1896-7-8	1 HLI	Malta Garrison Football Cup.
1900	2 HLI	Army Cup. Aldershot Senior Cup. Aldershot Cup League.
1901	2 HLI	Aldershot Senior Cup. Aldershot Cup League Aldershot Junior Cup.
1903	1 HLI	Winners Egyptian Shield.
	2 HLI	Channel Islands Cup.
1906	1 HLI	Winners First Division Calcutta League.
1907	1 HLI	Winners Indian F.A. Shield.
	2 HLI	Elgin District Cup.
1908	1 HLI	Saima Cup, India.
1909	1 HLI	Rampur and Rufener Cups, India.
1910	1 HLI	Murree Cup, India.
	2 HLI	Finalists—Irish Football Cup. Munster Cup.
1911	1 HLI	Highland Brigade Cup, India.
1912	1 HLI	Finalists—Highland Brigade Cup. John Football Tournament Winners.
1913	1 HLI	John Football Tournament Winners. Punjab—Bengal Cup.
1914	1 HLI	Highland Brigade Cup, India.
1918	1 HLI	Armistice Day Cup, Mesopotamia. Section Cup, Bangalore.
1919	1 HLI	Inter-Coy. Open Championships, Tekut.
1922	1 HLI	Lothian Amateur League Cup—Edin.
1924	2 HLI	Robert Hughes Football Cup—Egypt. Command Football Shield. League Championship Cup. Army and Air Force Challenge Cup. Egypt Command Cup.
1925	1 HLI	Northern Ireland District Challenge cup.
	2 HLI	Madras Dist. Football T'ment Winners.
1927	1 HLI	Semi Finalists Army Cup in U.K.
	2 HLI	Finalists—All India Football Cup.
1930	2 HLI	Finalists Durand Cup, India. Murree Cup.
1931	2 HLI	Highland Bde. Football League W'nrs. Indian Football Association Shield. Murree Cup.
1933	2 HLI	Warizistan District Cup.
1934	1 HLI	S.E. Kent United Service League Cup (Seniors).
1935	2 HLI	De Montmorency Cup (All India).
1936	2 HLI	De Montmorency Cup (All India).
1937	1 HLI	Inverness and District Football Cup.
	2 HLI	De Montmorency Cup (All India). Peshawar District Football Cup.
1938	2 HLI	De Montmorency Cup (All India). Red Cross Football Cup—India.
1942	2 HLI	Football League Championship—Egypt.
1947	1 HLI	Egypt—3 Inf. Div. Championships. Shalaby Cup.
	2 HLI	C.S.M. Niblo, Ptes. Docherty and Diddams played for the Army in Egypt.
	2 HLI	Plastiris Football Cup—Greece.
1948	1 HLI	Jerusalem Football Cup. 1 Inf. Div. Football Challenge Shield.
	2 HLI	Lowland District Football Cup.
1950	1 HLI	Pte.Humphries played for the Army.
1951	1 HLI	Semi Finalists Army Cup—U.K. Eastern Command Champions. East Anglican District Champions. Old Contemptibles Cup—Colchester.
1952	1 HLI	Sgt. Daniels played for Combined Services.
1953	1 HLI	Unbeaten in Egypt. League Winners Egypt (53-54).

1954 1 HLI Middle East F.A. Cup.
Winners Canal North League, Egypt.
The Army Cup—Egypt.

1955 1 HLI Co-Winners Salisbury Plain Dist. Cup.

1956 1 HLI Cyprus Mail Cup.

1957-8 1 HLI Pte. Docherty captained B.A.O.R. team.

RECORD OF Lt. C. A. HARVEY.

Amateur Intern'l for Scotland *v.* Wales 1931–2.
Denmark 1931–2.
England 1933–4.
Ireland 1933–4.
Wales 1933–4.

Elected a Corinthian 1933–4.

Played for Corinthians *v.* Queens Park, Reading, Norwich, Exeter, The Army, Berkshire Amateurs, Athenians.

Played for the Army Officers—1926, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 34.

Sgt. W. MORRISON.

Played for the Army *v.* R.N. 1927.
French Army 1927.

C.S.M. H. DANIELS.

Played for 1 HLI from 1946 to 56-57.

SHOOTING

1884 1 HLI Inter-Regimental Challenge Cup.
C/Sgt. Menzies—1st Prize.

1887 Colonel Hopton, HLI.—Army and Navy Cup.

1894 1 HLI C/Sgt. Stevens won Army Cup and declared 'Champion of the Army.'

1895 1 HLI Lord Congletons Cup in Malta.

1900 Col. Hopton—Winner Hopton Cup (NRA) at Bisley.
2 HLI Evelyn Wood Cup.
Company Volleys Cup.

1901 2 HLI Evelyn Wood Cup.
Regimental Cup.

1902 2 HLI Evelyn Wood Cup.
Aldershot Challenge Cup.
Berdoe Wilkinson Cup.

1903 2 HLI Evelyn Wood Cup.
Inter-Company Shield.

1904 2 HLI Evelyn Wood Cup.
Inter-Company Shield.
Col. Hopton—Winner Hopton Cup (NRA) at Bisley.

1905-6 2 HLI Scottish Army Rifle Meeting—Winners Officers Team Match.

1906 2 HLI Grove Cup.

1907 Col. Hopton captained first British Rifle team to visit Australia.
2 HLI General Leach's Cup
General Tucker's Cup. } Scottish Army
Ilkington Shield. } Rifle Meeting

1908 2 HLI Minto Cup (Scottish Army C/ships).

1911 2 HLI CSM McFarlane 2nd in All Ireland Sharpshooter Cup.

1912 2 HLI 600 yds w'nr—Bdsm Mearing
500 yds w'nr—Pte Taggart } All
Sharpshooters Cup—Pte. Cole } Ireland

1920 1 HLI *Egyptian Expeditionary Force Rifle Meeting.*
2/Lt. D. W. MacPherson 1st Prize (Offr)
CSM T. Wilson, D.C.M.—C-in-C's Cup for best British Shot.

1922 Col. Hopton won the Gold Jewel of the 'English Eight Club.'

1923 Sgt Cole lost tie shoot for King's Medal by one pt.

1924 Col. Hopton won Hopton Cup at Bisley.

1925 1 HLI *Northern Ireland District Rifle Meet.*
Kilworth Challenge Shield.
Wo's and Sgt's Cup (RSM Leggate).
Inter-Unit Challenge Shield.
MG Cup.

1926 1 HLI MG Cup. } NID Rifle
Curragh Challenge Cup. } Meeting
2 HLI *Madras Military, Naval, R A F T'ment.*
1st MG Cup.
1st Lewis Gun Cup.
Southern India Rifle Association.
Officers Cup.
Officers Championship.
NCO's Cup.
Baccala, Yuwarajah and Spencer Cups.
Col. Hopton won Hopton Cup at Bisley.

1927 1 HLI 1st Division Miniature Rifle League—Aldershot.
2 HLI *Southern India Rifle Association*
Madras and Southern Mahratta Cup.
Kolar Gold Field Cup.
Maharajah of Mysore's Cup.
Spencer, Marlem and Orr Cups.
Krishnia Chetty Cup.
Col. Hopton won Hopton Cup at Bisley.

1928 1 HLI The Earl Roberts Challenge Cup—Aldershot.
2 HLI 18 Hussars Cup (ARA).
India Shooting Cup (C Coy.).

1929 1 HLI 3rd out of 192 teams Army Small Bore Match.

1930 1 HLI Malta—RSM McMillan—Cmd Prize.
Lewis Gun Cup.
Sgts Shooting Match.

1931 1 HLI 1st— Duke of Connaughts Cup (ARA)
3rd—The King George Cup (ARA).

1937 2 HLI All India Revolver Cup.

1946 Major P. St. G. Maxwell, HLI—2nd Kings Prize Bisley.

1950 1 HLI Challenge Shield (Highland District).

1957 1 HLI Brigade Rifle Meeting Champions—Germany.

1958 — Bisley—Captain M. W. Park, late HLI, won Queen's Veterans Competition.

BOXING

1903 2 HLI Officers Middle Weight Boxing Champs. of the Army.

1906 1 HLI Lt. Spencer Acklom—Army Light Weight Champion of all India.

1912 1 HLI Pte. Bell winner open featherweight in Gordon Highlanders Tournament.
Kings Own Regtl Tournament.
Royal Fusiliers Tournament.
HLI Tournament.
Pte. Sayers Open Bantamweight (Amballa) (Gold Medal).

1914 1 HLI Pte. Sayers runner-up, All India and Burma Championships in Calcutta.

1925 2 HLI Bdsm Bendy—Heavyweight Champion of India.

1926 2 HLI Runners-up Madras Dist. Tournament.

1928 2 HLI Madras Dist. Tournament.

1929 1 HLI Bugle Maj. Bendy finalist for Army Heavyweight Championships.

1932 1 HLI *Bugle Major Bendy.*
Army Heavyweight Champion.
Heavyweight Champion I.S.B.A.
Represented the Army *v.* Ireland, Wales, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, and the Police.
Dover Garrison Championships.
Won bantam, feather and lightweights.

1949 1 HLI Scottish Cmd Boxing Championship.
Cpl McCartney boxed for UK *v.* BAOR, and for the Army *v.* Denmark, London ABA and Welsh ABA, Sweden.
Cpl McCartney—Middle Weight Champion ISBA.

1950 1 HLI Finalists Army Boxing Championships.

SWIMMING

1924 2 HLI Egypt Cmd Swimming Cup and Water Polo Championship.

1928 1 HLI Henniker Water Polo Shield—Aldershot.

1929 1 HLI 3rd Aldershot Cmd Team Champ'ships.
Army Swimming Championships.
B/M Bendy—1st in 400 yds Free Style.
Won Division and Aldershot Command Water Polo League.
B/M Bendy played water polo for Army.

1930 1 HLI Malta Command Acquatic Shield.
Malta Command Inter-Coy. Water Polo Shield.
Swimming team competed in all service meetings and were unbeaten.
B/M Bendy played water polo for Malta *v.* Southern Italy.

1931 1 HLI Malta Command Polo Cup.
Malta Command Acquatic Shield (Winners in every event.)
Amateur Swimming Association C'ships, Malta.

1932 1 HLI *Army Championships.*
440 yds free style—won by B/M Bendy.
100 yds free style—2nd B/M Bendy.
100 yds Backstroke—1st Pte McNicol.
Inter-Service Championships.
220 yds free style } Won by B/M Bendy
440 yds free style } who broke both rcds.
Half Mile—won by B/M Bendy (new record).
100 yds backstroke—3rd Pte McNicol.
B/M Bendy played Water Polo for the Army.

1933 1 HLI *Army Championships.*
440 yds free style—1st B/M Bendy.
100 yds backstroke—1st Pte McNicol.
Springboard diving—1st L/Cpl Gaynor.
Inter-Service Championships.
100 yds backstroke—2nd Pte McNicol.

1934 1 HLI *Army Championships.*
440 yds free style—1st B/M Bendy.
Half Mile—1st B/M Bendy.
100 yds backstroke—1st Pte McNicol.
Springboard diving—3rd L/Cpl Gaynor.
Inter-Service Championship.
Half Mile—2nd B/M Bendy.
100 yds backstroke—2nd Pte McNicol.
Dover Breakwater Swim.
Won by B/M Bendy.
Championship of Kent Swim.
3rd—B/M Bendy.

1935 2 HLI 27 Cups in Rawalpindi Swimming Championships.

1936 1 HLI *Egypt Command Swimming Ch'ships.*
B/M Bendy won 440 yds and 200 yds free style.
L/Cpl Gaynor won the diving.

1937 1 HLI B/M Bendy played water polo for the Army.
Cpl Gaynor 1st in high dive (Inter-Service Swimming Championship).

1946 1 HLI 3 Inf Div. Swimming Championships.

CRICKET

1897 1 HLI Malta Soldiers Club Tournament Wnrs.

1906 1 HLI Winners Calcutta League.

1907 2 HLI Winners North of Scotland League.

1922 1 HLI Winners Scottish Command Cup.

1926 1 HLI Winners NID Cup.

1958 Sgt Breslin played for Combined Services (Scot) *v.* RAF, RN and West of Scotland.

HOCKEY

1908 1 HLI Jelapahar Hockey League Cup.

1936 2 HLI Peshawar Dist Hockey Championships.

1937 2 HLI Peshawar Dist Hockey Championships.
Handy Side (Native and British Teams) Tournament.

GOLF

1895-6 1 HLI Won Scratch Challenge Cup—Malta.

1895-8 1 HLI Won Golf Challenge Cup open to Rgts, Departments and ships in Malta.

1904 2 HLI Army Golf Cup.

1905 2 HLI Semi Finals Army Golf Cup.

1914 1 HLI Runners-up—Amateur Championships India.

1920 *Army Golf Championships.*
Cpts Ross-Skinner, Carlisle, Lt McNab, Lt-Col Thackeray in first twenty.

1924 1 HLI NID Inter-Unit Cup.

1933 1 HLI Highland Brigade Club Cup, Lt C. A. Harvey won the Handicap Cup.

1934 1 HLI *Lt. Harvey.*
Won the United Services Handicap Cup at Camberley Heath, was runner-up for Highland Brigade Handicap Cup, and 13th in Army Championships.

LAWN TENNIS

1926 B/M Dungliston and Cpl West won Northern Ireland District (OR's) Doubles.

1930 Lt Percival—Semi finalist singles Tennis.

1932-3-4 Lt Percival—represented Army in the Inter-Services Championships.

1933 Ltd Percival and Harvey—Runners-up—Army Doubles.

1934 Lt Percival Semi finalist in Army Sgls C'ships.
Lt Percival (with Capt Clynton-Reed) won the Army Doubles.
Lt Percival and Harvey—Runners-up Inter-Regtl Doubles. Winners—Dover Garrison Inter-Unit Cup.

TUG-O-WAR

1887 1 HLI Royal Irish Military T'ment Winners.
Royal Jubilee Ex'b'n M'chester w'nrs.

1888 1 HLI Challenge Cup Glasgow Exhibition.
All Ireland Military Athletics Meeting (Tug-O-War).
Beat all mil. teams of note in Ireland.

1889 1 HLI Won all Ireland Army Competitions.

1890 1 HLI Won all Army Competitions Aldershot.

1894 2 HLI Winners Oudh District.

1896-7 1 HLI Won Inf Tug-O-War Malta.

1898 1 HLI Maj-Gen Churnside's Cup—Crete.
Runners-up—Royal Military T'ment, Islington.
1st Team to beat RM Artillery in 12 yrs.

1921-3 1 HLI Represented Scot Cmd at Olympia.

RACQUETS

1901-2-3-4-5-6-7 2 HLI Army Doubles Championships.

1904-5-7 2 HLI Army Singles Championships.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

1950 1 HLI Scottish Command Rugby Champions.

Captain J. A. Ross.

Played for the Army—

v. RN—1922-3-4-5-6-7.

v. RAF—1922-4-5-7.

v. French Army—1922-4-5-6-7.

BAYONET FENCING

1950 1 HLI CSM Richards 1st in Cmd Championship (1st five from 1 HLI).
Winners Scottish Cmd Team C'ships.
Winners Army Championships.
Winners Dyer Trophy.
Represented the Army in Inter-Service Championships.

BASKETBALL

1949 1 HLI Semi Finalists Army Cup.
Scottish Command Champions.
Highland District Champions.

ATHLETICS

RECORDS OF LT. WYNDHAM HALSWELL, 2 HLI (Killed in action 1915).

Olympic Games.

400 metres—2nd—1906		Athens.
800 metres—3rd—1906		Athens.
400 metres—1st—1908		London.

Amateur Athletic Championships.

¼ mile	1905, 1906, 1908.

Scottish Athletic Championships.

100 yds	1906, 1907.
200 yds	1906, 1907, 1908.
300 yds	1906.
¼ mile	1905, 1906, 1908.
600 yds	1906.

Scotland v. Ireland.

220 yds	1905, 1906, 1908.
¼ mile	1905, 1906, 1908.

Army Championships.

100 yds (Officers)	1904, 1905.
½ mile (Officers)	1904, 1905, 1906.
½ mile	1904, 1905, 1906.

NOTE—In 1906 at Powderhall he won 100 yds, 200 yds, ¼ mile and ½ mile. Heats and finals were run off in one afternoon. This feat has never since been equalled in first class athletics.

OTHER RECORDS.

1905 1 HLI Sgt Shaw—Mile champ. of India.
100 yds champ. of India.

1911 1 HLI Sgt Machie 1st in 600 yds—Bengal Presidency Athletics Association Meeting.

1919-22-3 1 HLI Scottish Command Champions.

1924-5 1 HLI Northern Ireland Dist Champions.

1926 1 HLI NID championships—Runner-up.

1924 1 HLI *Army Individual Athletics C'ships.*
Shot Capt Ross 2nd.
220 yds hurdles Sgt Morrison 2nd.
Pole vault Sgt Morrison 2nd.

1925 1 HLI Capt Ross represented Scotland in the "shot."

1926 1 HLI *Intern'l Triangular Contest—Glasgow.*
Capt Ross shot } Represntd
CQMS Morrison long jump } Scotland

1927 1 HLI *Aldershot Command Championships.*
2nd in Team Championships.
6th in Cross Country.
Capt Ross created new Army Record for the "shot."
4th in Army Unit Team Athletic Comp.
Capt Ross, CQMS Morrison, Pte Wilson represented the Army in the Inter-Services Athletics Championships.

1928 1 HLI Capt Ross and CQMS Morrison represented the Army in the Inter-Services Athletic Championships. Capt Ross won the "shot" breaking his own record.

1929 1 HLI 2nd in Aldershot Command Unit Team Championship.
Winners Malta Command Athletic Championships.

1930 1 HLI Malta Comd Champions.
Malta Comd Cross Country Cup.

1932 1 HLI Grijg Cup—Dover.
B/M Bendy—3rd in Army C'ships—discus.

1933 2 HLI Peshawar District Athletic Cup.
1 HLI Runners-up—Grijg Cup.
Dover Garrison Athletic Challenge Cup.
L/Sgt Carey—3rd in Army Athletic Championship in long jump.
Lt C. A. Harvey won 440 yds in Scottish Team Championships.

1934 1 HLI B/M Bendy 2nd in discus but broke previous record in Army Athletic Championships.

1957 1 HLI 7 Armoured Division Modern Pentatholon—Inter-Unit trophy winners.

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS
R.S.M. A. A. BENDY, H.L.I.

1923 Won Egyptian Command 100 yds, 220 yds and 440 yds Swimming C'ships in record times
Won Open 440 yds Swimming Championship of Egypt in record time.

1924 Won Heavyweight Championship of Egypt.
Won Egyptian Command Shot Putting C'ship.

1925 Won Army Heavyweight C'ship of India.
Won Southern Command India Weight Putting and Hammer Throwing Championships.

1926 Retained Heavyweight Championship.

1927 Won All India Amateur Heavyweight C'ship.

1928 Runner-up in Army Heavyweight Championship England.
Swam for Scotland in Olympic Trials.

1929 Won Army 440 yds Swimming Championship England.
Runner-up in 100 yds Championship.
Played for the Army Water Polo Team.

1930 Won Heavyweight Championship Malta.
Won 100 yds, 200 yds and 440 yds Swimming Championship Malta.

1931 Won 200 yds Breast Stroke Championship of Malta in record time.
Put up new record of 2 min 25 secs for Underwater Endurance.

1932 Won Army Heavyweight C'ship of England.
Won Army 440 yds Swimming Championship.
Runner-up 880 yds.
Won Imperial Services Heavyweight C'ship.
Third in Army Discus Throwing Championships.
Won Imperial Services 220 yds, 440 yds and 880 yds Swimming Championship in record time.
Won Dover Breakwater Swim in record time.
Played for the Army Water Polo Team.

1933 Won Army 440 yds Swimming Championship in record time. Runner-up in 880 yds.
Played centre half in Army Water Polo Team.
Boxed for the Army as a Heavyweight against Holland, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium, Germany and Ireland.

1934 Centre half Army Water Polo Team.
Runner-up 880 yds Free Style Swimming C'ship.

1936 Won Egyptian Command 220 yds and 880 yds Swimming Championships.
Centre half Army Water Polo Team against Egypt.

1937 Centre half Army Water Polo Team Gt. Britain.
Member of Army Swimming Relay Team.

1938 Centre Army Water Polo Team.
Third in Scottish Discus Throwing C'ships.

1939 Won Army Discus Throwing C'ship.
Joint Holder of Imperial Services Discus Throwing record.

1940 Won Scottish Command Discus Throwing C'ship.

1945 Runner-up Army Discus Throwing C'ship.
Represented British Army *v.* USA Army in Discus event.

1946 Won Western Command Discus Championship.
Runner-up Army C'ship Discus Throwing.
Won Imperial Services Discus Throwing C'ship.
Represented Combined Services in Discus *v.* BAOR Team Germany.
Won Western Command Plunging Championship.
Won Army Plunging Championship.

1947 Won Western Command Discus Throwing C'ship.
Won Army Discus Championship.
Won Combined Services Discus Championship.
Runner-up Combined Services *v.* Gt Britain in Discus Events.

1948 Third in Scottish AA Championship Discus Throwing.
Represented Scotland in Discus Throwing *v.* England—Ireland.

1949 Third in Scottish AA Championship Discus.
Represented SAA *v.* America.

1950 Represented SAA *v.* America Discus.

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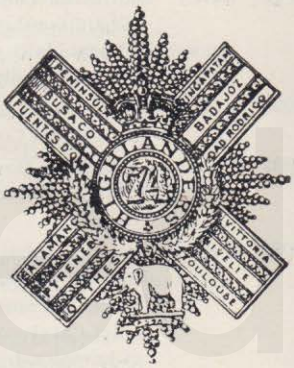
The Highland Light Infantry

(71st and 74th)



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Quartermaster	Lieut. (Q.M.) J. MACMILLAN.
R.S.M.	W.O.1. D. B. S. MACDONALD.

THIS will be the last time that we shall see the familiar green and buff Regimental CHRONICLE, and all members of the Regiment, past and present, cannot help but feel a great sadness at the amalgamation which is so near to fulfilment. Of one thing we are all quite certain and that is that the fusing of the Highland Light Infantry and the Royal Scots Fusiliers will produce one of the finest Regiments in Scotland.

Since the last CHRONICLE notes were written Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery visited Luneburg and the Battalion furnished a Quarter-Guard on the site of the historic surrender of the German forces at Victory Hill. The Field-Marshal gave an interesting talk to all officers in the Brigade on the current international situation. The visit was concluded by an inter-Brigade cricket match on the Battalion ground.

It is with great sadness that we record the sudden death of Pipe-major Rennie on June 22. He had been in the Regiment for twelve years and had been Pipe-major for five years. Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Rennie and her young daughters on her sad loss.

A detachment from SP Coy. took part in the Nijmegen marches in July ably led by Colin MacKenzie and Sandy Robinson, they acquitted themselves well and enjoyed a thoroughly interesting and entertaining week albeit a trifle wearing.

At the end of June Ken Shepherd was married in the Regimental Church in the barracks. We wish Ken and his wife every happiness in the future. The ceremony was preceded by an interesting and instructive cultural visit to Hamburg the evening before by most of his brother officers.

There have been the inevitable postings during the last few months. Dick Bromley Gardner left for Bahrein at the height of the Middle East crisis, but we hear with relief that he is almost on the way home now. In July, Allan Grendon left the Battalion on posting to a Staff appointment in Canada. We are sure

Ken Shepherd's Wedding

that the Canadian Army will benefit from the attachment. Hugh MacKay, who has filled the onerous task of Adjutant since January 1956, and Peter Larg are both in Nigeria now, and with Douglas Hendry already there and another officer posting to Nigeria in the offing, it seems that there will be a quorum for a new branch of the H.L.I. association in West Africa. Alistair Mack has left the Regiment for the rigours of a few years intense historical study at Oxford. The Regiment was very sad to say farewell to Peter Maxwell in October. He had been second in command of the Bn. since June 1956, and his loss will be keenly felt. John Spreull has left for service with 22 Special Air Service Regiment in Malaya. In the midst of all the departures we welcome Pat Steptoe who has arrived from R.M.A., Sandhurst, to solve many of the problems involved in amalgamation. He is to be the second-in-command of The Royal Highland Fusiliers.

At the time of writing these notes the Bn. Advance Party and Amalgamation Cadre are due to move to the U.K. on the 24th November, the main body on the 16th December, and the Rear Party on the 29th December. The present barracks are due to be handed over to the Germans on our departure and we shall be one of the last British battalions to quit Luneburg, thus ending a thirteen year association with the British Army in this area.

Training has continued apace during the Summer and Autumn. Although the Bn. has not taken to the field as a whole, both A and B Companies have acted as enemy forces on two large scale training exercises. The exercises involved frequent river crossings by night and we are glad to record that no mishaps occurred. Many officers and soldiers of the Bn. took part in initiative training in the Hartz Mountains and derived considerable benefit in the art of living rough and finding their way over unfamiliar countryside. This aspect of Military Training is apt to be neglected and some of the lessons learnt by the junior ranks of the Bn. will, we hope, not easily be forgotten.

On the 7th October the Bn. was reduced to two Companies. The specialist Platoons, MT Platoon and the old B Coy., have been absorbed into A Coy. which now rejoices in an unprecedented strength of Officers and other ranks.

In sporting activities the Bn. has maintained the previous high standard. Sailing has employed a dedicated cadre who have enjoyed cruising in the Regiment's chartered boat *Pirat*. She has been berthed at Kiel during the summer, and many officers have availed themselves of this opportunity to explore the Baltic and Danish coasts. The horsemen have been as keen as ever, and congratulations must go to the Commanding Officer on winning at the Army Hunter Trials, the Mounted Infantry Club Cup and the Light Infantry Club Cup, also for taking fourth place in the Rhine Army one day Horse Trials. It is the first time that an officer of the Regiment has ever won the Mounted Infantry Cup, which has been competed for since 1902. The Bn. Rugby Team, under the fervent and inspired leadership of Norman White, has played many good games and it is comforting to realise that more soldiers are taking part in the Bn. Rugby than before. Boxing training has now started in earnest and it is hoped that the Bn. boxers will acquit themselves even better than last season. The first match of the B.A.O.R. inter-unit team championships is due to be fought very soon. The Gordon Highlanders are in the Division now and an interesting evenings boxing should result if the two teams happen to meet.

The Soccer season is well under way, and although we have lost many of our stars from last year we are hoping that the Bn. team will achieve their usual high standard. The first round of the Army Cup is due to be played on 1st November and our opponents are to be the 4/7 D. G. If the hard work and enthusiasm displayed by the Quartermaster and Regimental Sergeant Major are any guide the team should have little difficulty in overcoming this first obstacle in the Army soccer world.

(Editor's note.—H.L.I. 7, 4/7 D.G. 4.)

The Assaye Day Games were held on 23rd September and a very successful day it turned out to be. The winners were Headquarters 1, closely followed by the combined efforts of A and B Coys. The standard of athletic performances was higher this year and the day was concluded with a very good though unrehearsed Retreat programme by the Pipe and Military Bands. This was due to the Military Band being in the United Kingdom on band engagements immediately prior to the Games and the Pipe Band participating in a highly successful engagement in Munich. The Pipe Band have also recently returned from an equally enjoyable engagement at Leiden in Holland.

To conclude the 1st Bn. notes we would like to wish all ranks a Happy Christmas and New Year in the United Kingdom and may Nineteen Fifty-Nine prove a most successful and happy year for all who serve in the 1st Bn. The Royal Highland Fusiliers.

W.O.s & SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES

THE Mess life has not been quite so hectic this past quarter. Members have been allowed to have a breather at the end of their arduous day duties. But needless to say Mess life has not altered in any way and many enjoyable evenings have been spent in the "Git sum Inn."

Although the Bn. has been on countless schemes these past months, only twice has the mess had to become mobile and set up shop in the field, the first time being our first summer camp which was in the same location as last year. We passed away those evenings sitting with jerseys heavy wool on, etc., and huddled around oil stoves. We have often wondered why they called that a summer camp. We also have a regular School of Solo going, notably the R.S.M., Bob McPhail, Geordie Moodie and "Killer." Their style of play was interupted one evening when "Big Kate" sat in for the R.S.M., "Killer" got away with murder that night, much to the disgust of Geordie.

Our second camp took place in a different location of the Soltau training area. The first evening we had a very welcome visit from "C" Troop of the 7th Tanks, who were working with us. Two evenings later they returned the visit and gave us an evening we won't forget, nor do we think will they. Each member gave renderings of good Scot's songs, (including a few others) such as Big Fred with "Dundee Weaver" and "Railway Porter," Geordie with "Key Hole in the Door," "Clota" and "Mrs. Mulligan" and Tommy Moores with "Humming Bird."

Sgt. McCrimmon, Sgt. Killon, C/Sgt. Moodie, C.S.M. Kisbee and C.S.M. Seivwright at the Tramp's Ball.

Our usual Thursday evenings Tombola sessions have been going strong. One certain member (I think it's the "Burrah Sahib") has now finished filling his *third* bottom drawer with raffle winnings. Some folk *are* annointed, aren't they ?

Our great occasion of the past quarter was the wedding reception held in the Mess of Sgt. John McTomnay and Miss Mavis Young. The whole recption went off in a wonderful style and was enjoyed by everyone present. We wish them both every happiness in their new life.

We have often written in our previous notes of Mess "Phantoms." We had always thought that we named the notable ones such as "Stitch" Tommy Moores, "Big Kate" (sometimes) and a few living out ones who we will not name for obvious reasons. But one more has come to light through the Mess grape vine, notably that old warrior "Ned Keel." The number of times he has dodged away of late (mostly to Hamburg) makes us believe that another Mess Wedding is about to take place. On being had up by an investigation committee as to his wanderings so late at night, all he gave was a wee chuckle. We are still watching you, Ned.

In this past quarter we have not participated much in the field of sport. I think the indoor sports have taken preference according to the T.O.S. Statistics over the past four months. We did play the Officers at cricket, they thought they were on a good thing until the R.S.M., Big Fred and Kate came on the batting scene, and of course not forgetting WO1 "Don" Young with his bowling. We won that match by five wickets. To the Officers Mess we say, "we will put on our second team next time."

H.R.H., with R.S.M. MacDonald, signing the Mess Visitor's Book.

At football we have done very little, but what annoys us is that the R.S.M. still has the nerve to play. Each time he plays he is getting put back further. We expect him to do "ball boy" next season. Someone was gunning for him in the last match he played as he came off the field with three cracked ribs. You'll never know when to give it up, Sir, will you ?

In the WOs. and Sgts. race at the Assaye Games, Q.M.S.I. Freddie Bartells (with 50 yds. start) narrowly pipped our youngest member, "Wee Willie" McGourty, for first place. We reckoned "Willie" must have been having some secret training sessions the way he flew up that track.

During the past two months the strength of the married members families has increased. We offer our heartiest congratulations to C/Sgt and Mrs. Satchell,. Sgt. and Mrs. Adair, Sgt. and Mrs. Earnshaw, Sgt. and Mrs. Davidson, Sgt. and Mrs. Killow and Sgt. and Mrs. Laird on new arrivals into the family.

The whole Mess was very pleased to see "Sammy" Graham and Joe Johnstone pop over from the United Kingdom and spend a short spell with us. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing old members and hope we will see more of them during our stay at Edinburgh.

We have said good-bye to Bob McPhail and 'Seaman' who are spending their last few months at the Depot

before departing into Civvy street, Sgt. "Paddy" Killow to the Recruiting Staff, and just recently to Jimmy Ramsay, who is taking up his post again with the T.A.

Sgt. Black, C.S.M. Kisbee, Sgt. Laird and Sgt. Davidson, after H.R.H. had signed the Mess Visitor's Book.

We close our notes on rather a sad note. As you all know after this edition you will no longer be reading 1st Bn. Highland Light Infantry, WO.s and Sgts. notes. But in all our notes we have kept you in the picture and hope that you have enjoyed reading our cackle as much as we have enjoyed writing to you. But still, most of us will be going into the New Regiment and will be ready in our first edition to tell you of our happenings. Until then we wish you all Good Luck and plenty of beer.

"GET SUM INN."

H.Q. COMPANY NOTES

IN considering what possible response one can make to the urgent demands of the sub-editor on this occasion, one is conscious that this is the last issue of the H.L.I. CHRONICLE—the last issue of the oldest regimental journal of its kind. The literary merits of the "Coy Notes" may leave much to be desired, but encouragement may be drawn from the reflection that, besides putting on record the humble achievements of individuals and Platoons, the notes interest and occasionally amuse those who have served and still serve.

The period between the issue of the last chronicle and this one has been full of interest, and the problem is to paragraph the highlights in condensed form.

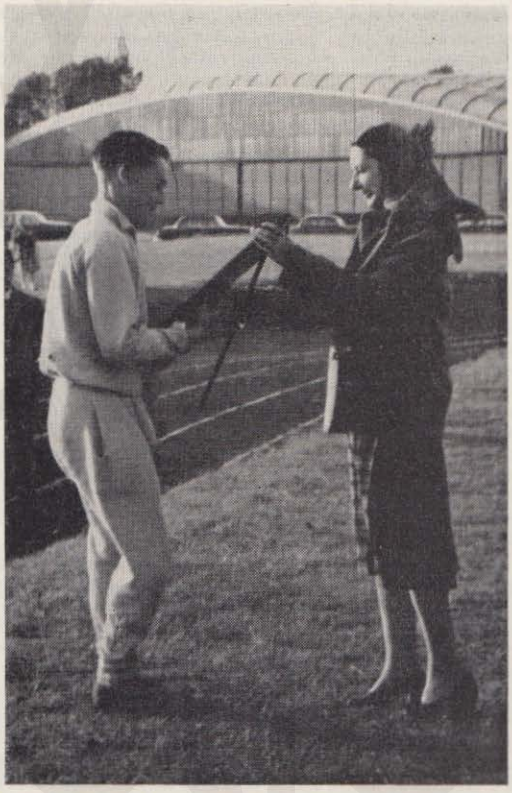
June brought the celebration of the Queen's Birthday in the form of a simple but impressive Parade in glorious sunshine—in contrast to the bleak wet summer at home. This warm, fine weather lasted over the period of the Luneburg Garrison Horse Show, which was held on our ground and which was enjoyed by all ranks Although not always in the money, 1st H.L.I. entries acquitted themselves well in team and individual events.

The later summer months were largely occupied by formation and group training, and in common with the Rifle Coys., the majority of H.Q. Coy. was in the field for much of this time. The training programme, though less arduous than last year, made heavy demands, as usual, on the Signal Platoon who had to provide communications for all exercises from Coy. to Div. level. Even the "employed" men—that delightful expression for those who carry the "unemployable" of the Bn. on their shoulders—turned out to do their stuff in the field —cooks, pay clerks and all.

And here, I think, is an appropriate opportunity to pay tribute to these same Cooks and Pay Clerks and all representatives of the Corps attached to the Bn. No R.E.M.E. or A.C.C. or R.A.P.C. notes appear in these pages—one hopes they contribute to their own respective journals—but they contribute much in duty and in sport to the activities of the Bn.

While others are at work, appropriately enough, the two Bands have been at play. The Pipe Band has successfully (triumphantly in one case) completed engagements at Munich, the Moselle Valley Wine Festival and recently in Holland. The Military Band have had two very successful engagements at Glasgow and at the S.S.A.F.A. Tattoo at White City in August—the latter resulting in a letter of enthusiastic appreciation from the organisers.

Both bands have suffered losses in recent months. In the case of the Military Band, Band Staff Sgt. 'Seaman' Watson departed to the Depot pending discharge after 25 years loyal and valuable service with the Band. His technical proficiency as well as his high standard of discipline and administration is a great loss to the Band. Fortunately, Sgts. Brigg-Watson and McTomney have been schooled to his standards and will help to mitigate his loss.



C/Sgt. Weir, H.Q. Coy., receiving the Stockwell Shield from Mrs. Noble, at the conclusion of the Assaye Day Games, 1958.

The second loss to the Bn. as a whole, and in particular to the Pipe Band, was the sudden death in July of Pipe Major Rennie. An obituary appears elsewhere in this issue. We are fortunate in having Sgt. Carver to fill his appointment and the proficiency and bearing of the Pipe Band is assured under him and Bugle Major Hopewell.

The Assaye Day Games held on 23rd September were won for the second year in succession by H.Q. Coy. in the face of keen competition from Sp. Coy. and a combined Rifle Coy Team. This was a very creditable performance, as H.Q. Coy. was obliged to field two teams (no " packing " permitted!) this year to even up the competition. H.Q. No. 1 Team (Signal Pl., Mil. Band and Bn. H.Q.) won the coveted Stockwell Shield by a narrow margin from the combined Rifle Coy. team, with H.Q. 2 in third place.

ORDERLY ROOM NOTES

DUE to some clerical error there were no Orderly Room notes included in the last issue of the CHRONICLE, so that gives us practically a years news to cram into the small amount of space allotted to us.

Although this is one of the smallest departments in the Bn. it must hold the record for changes in the staff, officers included. Capt. MacKay and Lt. Blamey have both left, their places being taken by Capt. Shepherd as Adjutant and Lt. Robertson, of Signal Pl. fame, as Assistant Adjutant. Jimmy Little has returned to the intricacies of Ship's plumbing with John Brown's, Red Devil McEvoy has gone home to Saltcoats, the Riviera of Scotland, Frew has been " got rid of " to the " I " Section while Big John Graham is now in "A" Coy.

When one goes, another takes over so the additions are Jackie McPherson on Docs., but who is now classed as " wasting away " and isn't trusted with any particular job. Joe Gillan is on Part Two's and Ginger Robinson is now on Documents. Kenny Mathers was sent to take over the warrants after disposing of the Bn. rum ration on one of the schemes. " Mutt " Campbell is the dispatch clerk and can usually be found in the midst of hundreds of letters shouting " That one's filed." Wee John McGarry is now our permanent runner and flashes all over camp like a beast of burden with everything " Mutt " can pile on him. Then we have, last but not least, Wee Davie Morris, who types Bn. Routine Orders. All this information is for the benefit of the many that fire questions at the Staff during their " leisure hours " so that they will know who to ask for and not just be told " I'll find out for you." Between ourselves, it's just one big bluff to get rid of them.

We were not well represented at the " Assaye Day Sports." Cpl. Anderson being the only member who attempted anything. This is not altogether true as the Adjutant, much to everyone's surprise, succeeded in winning the open Hammer, and the Assistant Adjutant won the open Highland Fling. We can't forget Sgt. Mooney in connection with the sports though, Wee Jimmy was a recorder.

As this is the last issue, it is with regret that we bid farewell to all members of the H.L.I. past and present. The Regiment as we know it will now pass into history as a Regiment second to none and it is hoped that the new Regiment will build up as fine a name for itself.

" STYLO "

SIGNAL PLATOON

IT is with much regret that we submit what will prove to be the last Highland Light Infantry CHRONICLE Notes.

We are at present preparing for a " Tels " inspection and hoping that the results will be as before.

Exercises as far as we can ascertain are a thing of the past and we can really get down to some further training.

Cpls. Cowan and Waterson are at present on an R.S.I. course at Hythe and having passed the entrance exam., we sincerely hope that they pass the " exit " exam.

Sgt. Stewart has just returned from a Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Warfare course. Result still awaited. (He hasn't inspected the Pl. gas masks yet !)

At the Assaye Sports, the Pl. supplied quite a number of competitors for the H.Q. 1 Team who won the Stockwell Shield for the second time running.

The Coy. Commander very kindly arranged for the team to " empty the cup " in the Sgts. Mess, where the team had a look at the silver.

A. AND D. RETURN.

Welcome and congratulations to Ptes. Weir, Gunn, Purdon, Frame, Guthrie, Calder, Murphy, Winning and Brannigan who have classified as 3-star Signallers. Well Done !

Sadly we say goodbye to Ptes. McMillan 39 and McCahill, two of our very few remaining " Komi Kebir " Bandits who departed for the wilds of " Civvy Street."

Cpls. McDiarmid, Wilson and Ptes. Boyle, Ferguson and Porteous will have joined them by the time these notes are published. All the best in the wide world.

CONGRATULATIONS TO :

Cpl. and Mrs. Cowan on the birth of their daughter (may you have many more).

L/Cpls. Wilson, Kay, Osborne, Murphy, Graham on promotion.

In conclusion we would like to thank all members, past and present of the Signal Platoon, 1st Bn. The Highland Light Infantry, for their part in earning the Pl.atoon the very good name it carries in the Regiment.

ZERO BEAT

INTELLIGENCE SECTION

SINCE last going to press there has been an almost complete turnover in the personnel of the Section. Mr. Allen returned to civilian like in June, having had a finger in most of the Bn's. Courts-Martial over a considerable period—surely one of our most successful barrack-room lawyers on record. In August, Cpl. McKinlay followed him along the primrose path to civvy street ; McGhee and Connelly, who had been pillars of the Section, left us shortly after for a breath of healthy Rifle Coy. air, although the former has now been elevated to Post Cpl's. assistant—perhaps Cpl. McDougall will now manage a few smiles occasionally. With the Section so sadly depleted, a rush of new blood was required : Sgt. Earnshaw returned to the fold after a lengthy spell as Sgts. Mess Caterer, and Mr. Robertson came from 'A' Coy. as I.O. More recent additions have been Pte. Simpson who was saved from a fate worse

than death in ' B ' Coy. Office, and Pte. Frew, a refugee from Bwana Russell's Orderly Room Jungle. The oldest surviving member of the Section, namely Pte. Gardner, has been dividing his time between attending a cadre (Trg. Wing's last fling?) and wandering the Harz Mountains in search of monuments, factories and the like. At other times he conceals himself in the Education Centre.

The work of the Section has followed the now familiar B.A.O.R. pattern : we are but a Cog in the vast paper-producing machine. During a training season which if not sweet, was certainly short, there has been little opportunity for Intelligence Training. Our activities have been confined to the routine work, leave, travel and bookshop facilities. In his capacity as Bn. Travel Agent, the I.O. has busied himself with excursions, passports, and so forth, while Sgt. Earnshaw has given Bn. H.Q. Pl. the benefit of a Platoon Book bigger and better than anything dreamed of in a rifle Coy. (such things as Rifle Coys. still exist at time of writing).

It is a long time since any aviator was foolish enough to attempt a landing on our airstrip—the last one, arriving at the height of the Horse Show, was persuaded to go elsewhere. But the other day the Air Safety Crew (Cpl. Anderson) left his typewriter to deal with a surprise aeroplane. The operation was successful : by coincidence the I.O. was not available!

At the moment we are being inundated with a flood of maps and pamphlets from rationalised companies, but before long we hope to pack them all up for good. With the prospect of a spell in U.K., and now that the Section is again up to Strength perhaps we might even get a chance to do some of our proper work before we find ourselves totally unable to remember what we are really here for. And the R.S.M. still could get his N.A.A.F.I. break brought to him on time :

MILITARY BAND

It is a sad moment when we realise that this is the last issue of notes as the H.L.I. Band, but on the other hand we are all looking forward to the forthcoming amalgamation with the Band of the R.S.F., where we will meet new friends in this big world of music.

We have not long returned from our tour in the United Kingdom, where we spent eight days in the dear old Glasgow Parks, and thirteen days in London for the S.S.A.F.A. White City Tattoo.

On the final performance of the Tattoo, it was announced that the Organising Director of Music was retiring from the Royal Air Force, and we were all rather annoyed at its not being announced that our Band Staff Sgt.—" Seaman " Watson—was also " doing his last job." He has left us after twenty-five years of loyal service in the Regiment. He was a good sportsman—particularly on the hockey field, where he was also an Official Army Hockey Umpire. Wherever he is now, we wish him every success in civilian life (and we hope that he may even get married ! ! !).

Previous to our leaving for the U.K., we lost Bandsman Ian Crumlin and Bandsman " Big Tam " Thomson, who were both good musicians and good sportsmen.

We welcome back to our ranks Bandsman " Topper " Brown (88)—who has been away from us for nearly two years. During that time, he spent nine months in

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hospital with tuberculosis, and we are all indeed glad to see him back quite fit and rarin' to go! We also welcome Bandsman Gordon Jeffrey, who joined us from the Signal Platoon.

Some people say it is quite an accomplishment having three brothers in the same Band, but in the New Year, Yet another Brown brother will be joining our ranks. This will beat the record for brothers in any one platoon. (Will someone please tell " Soldier.")

We offer congratulations to Sgt. Johnny McTomney and Bandsman Dennis Smith on their respective marriages, which, incidentally, took place on the same day.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of our dear friend Pipe Major Bob Rennie in early July. He will always be remembered by us.

We are very pleased to announce that Mr. Mitchell will continue as Bandsmaster in the new regiment.

We don't know what's come over our top clarinettist —L/Cpl. Jimmy Wood—he must be in love or something like that, because he has started smoking! Maybe he's slimming!!!

Well, it looks as if " that's yer lot " from the sittin' doon Band for this time; but we look forward to writing to you all from Redford Barracks, Edinburgh, when we are the Band of the Royal Highland Fusiliers.

DOTTED QUAVER

PIPE BAND

ON the 5th, 6th and 7th July the Band went to Kroev in the Mosel Valley to the Wine and Traditional Dress Festival.

The members of the band were billeted in private accommodation in the village. This may well be the reason that the smell emanating from the pipe bags for a month or so afterwards was most definitely not Glendure dressing. It is interesting to note that each family in Kroev produces its own wine.

A French Army Band was also at this engagement, and since this Cpl. McCabe has been seen in many postures, presumably attempting to copy their antics.

This engagement was followed by a beer festival at Munich where the Band were billeted very comfortably by the German Army. Also they were guests of the Festival Society and the sight of the Band consuming a complete chicken each was most entertaining. Davy Aitken's diet at this stage went the way of all flesh.

The King and Queen of Greece were only a few tables away from us but the band were more interested in their barbecued chicken—Connell, especially, was doing his " Oliver Twist."

In the Assaye Games, the competitions concerning the Band were won by the following:

Novice Piping—1st Pte. Connell, 2nd Pte. Moore: Open Marches—1st Pte. Petrie, 2nd Pte. McLaughlin (22): Open Strathspeys and Reels—1st Pte. Petrie, 2nd Pte. Noon: Novices Dancing—1st Cpl. McCabe, 2nd Pte. Hamilton: Open Dancing—1st Lt. Robertson, 2nd Pte. Petrie: Open Bugling—1st Cpl. McCabe, 2nd L/Cpl. Gibson: Open Drumming—1st Cpl. McCabe, 2nd Pte. Connell.

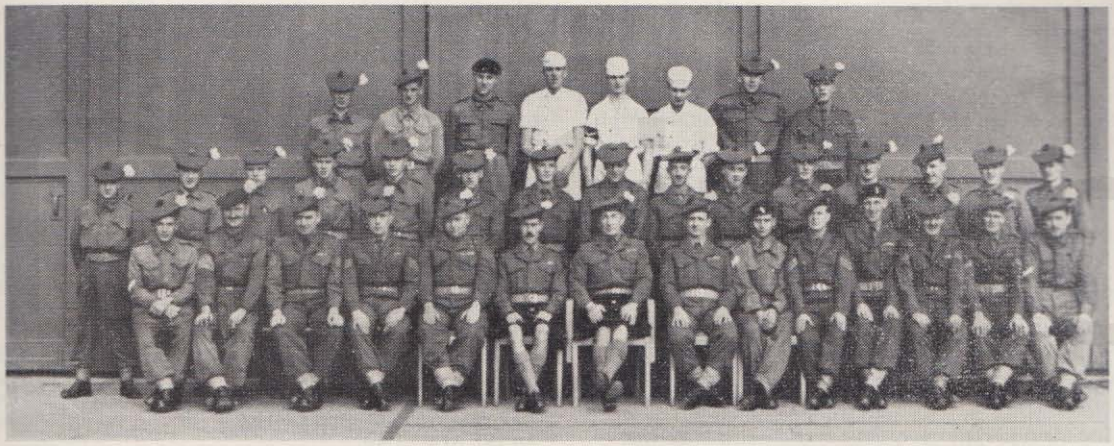
The last engagement of this year was at Leiden in Holland. In this case we were the guests of the Dutch Army who went out of their way to make the stay most enjoyable. Our most grateful thanks to them for the extreme kindness shown to us.

We bid a fond farewell to L/Cpl. McNiff and family, and also Pte. Anderson who depart from us to face the dangers and rigours of Civvy Street. We wish them luck and hope we may see them in Edinburgh.

As we now sadly say goodbye to our Regiment we can say we have indeed been honoured to serve in it.

GRACE NOTE

Pipers and Buglers, 1st Bn. H.L.I.—Luneburg, September 1958



Q. M. STAFF—October 1958

Q.M. STAFF NOTES

HEREWITH the final contribution from that little known (but hardworking) tribe who scratch a living from within the dark depths of Hangar No. 2.

We were all hoping that " Wiv a little bit o' luck it won't come orf." But at the time of writing we are well and truly in the throes of " amalgamania " with its attendant headaches, grey hairs and teeth gnashing.

Cpl. Philip and his crew are in the thick of it just now preparing our much used G.1098 for the 1st Middlesex to take over. He is an old hand at the Q game by the way, you can't quite see him behind that pile of vouchers in the corner but I can assure you he is a very good chap, His right-hand-man, Pte. McGillivray, has been with us for some time now and has proved himself beyond expectations. It appears, however, that he has been endowed with three elbows on each arm instead of the customary one. Most disconcerting when one observes him on the move.

Our accommodation Department, in spite of all, is running smoothly along under the eagle and sometimes bleary eye of Sgt. " Dinger " Mitchell. An amazing character, who, by picking up the phone and holding a conversation which sounds like something from the " Goon Show," can get anything out of anybody. He leaves us in the near future for the Far-East and will be greatly missed by everyone.

While we are on the subject of the inevitable staff changes, one particular inter-platoon shuffle comes to mind involving one Pte. Hart (13), who's efforts on the typewriter had the Q.M. in a state of nerves bordering the insane. He has been transfered to the ration store, (Hart, not the Q.M.) where he can be seen resplendant in " Coat White Medical " distributing food to the needy with remarkable efficiency—all five foot of him. His place in the office has been taken by Pte. Brain, an ex-Seaforth Highlander who has fitted in well.

The Servicemans' C. & A. or Clothing Store, as that much maligned Department is called, has the usual flow of problems. (A certain Colour Sergeant please note.) The Jocks seem to lose kit at such a rate that there must surely be somewhere in B.A.O.R. a Lost Property Office resembling Branston.

Our pioneers must be mentioned at this point. They are valiantly trying to keep pace with the demand for boxes and crates required by the vast number of people who are leaving, plus our backloading programme. Sgt. Ned Keel, who's fame like his stomach has spread far and wide, rumbles protests at every turn—(" I can't get any ??!**'%* nails from them ??!**'%* R.E.s)—but flogs on his depleted staff to great efforts and no sooner does a pram, cot, bicycle, rocking horse, kitchen sink or part-worn girl friend find its way through the portals of the " shop " than it is descended upon and in no time at all emerges in a serviceable but inelegant crate ready for despatch to the far corners of the empire. " Providing, of course, it doesn't weigh more than one hundred and sixty eight pounds."

The comforts of the families are in the capable hands of C/Sgt. Cope, L/Cpl. Mullen and Pte. McGhie, and in spite of this frightful handicap, very few of them are reduced to drinking their tea out of Libby's Milk Tins ! Only on one occasion was Armourer Staff Sgt. Burgess approached by someone who, obviously wishing to rise above the squalor, requested him to solder handles on a half dozen, with the added plea that in so-doing he would endeavour not to mutilate the rather picturesque labels.

The cover, protecting our next contribution will have the letters R.H.F. instead of the familiar H.L.I. monogram. I don't intend to end this on a sad note because our moment of sadness has passed and if we set about it the right way we will have in a very short time a Bn. which will be the envy of all who come in contact with us.

C.R.Y.

BATTALION FOOTBALL NOTES

THE Football Season is now in full swing for year 1958/59.

The month of September was mostly spent on trial games. The object was naturally to try and find players to fill in the gaps left by Ptes. Docherty (L.H.) Jackson (C.F.), Monaghan (L.B.) and Nicol (R.H.), all back to civilian life, I only hope the discoveries will play as well if not better than their comrades now settled in civilian life.

The Bn. Team, though still in 10 Inf. Bde., now play weekly in the 7 Armd. Bd. League consisting of 10 Major Units, one of which is 1 Gordons whom we have still to play.

To date only one league game has been played against 6 Field Rgt., R.A., away from home with a 5—1 win for the team published below with goalscorers.

BN. XI *v.* 6 FIELD REGT., R.A.

Pte. McMillan (H.Q.); L/Cpl. Walker (Sp.), L/Cpl. O'Harney (A); Pte. Gillespie (Sp.), Pte. Woods (H.Q.) *Captain*, Pte. Seivwright (H.Q.): Lt. A. J. Murray (A), L/Cpl. Geddes (H.Q.), Pte. Beer (Sp.), Pte. McCormick (H.Q.), Pte. Mulligan (Sp.).

Result.—6 Field Regt., R.A.—1. 1 H.L.I.—5.

Goalscorers.—Pte. Beer 2, Pte. McCormick 1, L/Cpl. Geddes 2.

Captain M. M. Thompson and O.R.Q.M.S. Brown will note that Ptes. Gillespie and Seivwright, who arrived from the Depot in the last Draft, have made their place in the Bn. XI. They are two strong defenders and hard footballers.

The team played exceptionally well in this game and for once made the ball do the work, and the long ball through the middle paid dividends, with Beer and Geddes running in to score. Unfortunately our centre half and team Captain, Pte. Woods, received an ankle injury in the second half and is now in the M.R.S. He is a great loss and everyone is hoping it is only a slight injury which will allow him to return to his position very soon.

We are both fortunate and unfortunate in having L/Cpl. Walker—fortunate to fill the berth of Centre Half and a keen Team Captain, unfortunate in the fact that we lose him at the beginning of November. His loss will be a blow to the Bn. Team as he is a strong, fit and a likeable player.

On Saturday at Celle we played a friendly game against a XI from our old friends the 94 Locating Regt., R.A. Last year we met them in the Quarter Finals of the B.A.O.R. Cup and it took us two games to beat them, on Saturday we managed to draw. They have still a very good team, and will want watching.

About this time each year in Barracks two things always happen. First the draw for the B.A.O.R. Cup is awaited with interest, second, the dutch wicket is ripped up from the cricket park, returfed and the goals put up. Well it's happened again.

Back—Pte. Gillespie (Sp), Pte. McMillan (HQ), L/Cpl. O'Harney (A).

Middle—Lt. Murray (A), L/Cpl. Carroll (Sp), Pte. Sievwright (HQ), Pte. Mulligan (Sp).

Front—Pte. Beer (Sp), L/Cpl. Geddes (HQ), L/Cpl. Walker (Sp) (*Captain*), Pte. McCormick (HQ).

The draw for the first round has been published and we are drawn at home to play against a XI from 4/7 Dragoon Guards, game to be completed by 15th November.

About our opponents the 4/7 D.G. On last years results they were exceptionally good and went quite far in the B.A.O.R. Cup. Whatever the result is the Bn. will be out to beat them from the first whistle.

This year, the first round and every round until we leave B.A.O.R. will be like a final, due to the fact that we must be unbeaten to get a place in the U.K. in the Army Cup, this is most important and will always be in mind before each game.

These will be my lost notes for the Highland Light Infantry CHRONICLE, and after amalgamation, I pray and hope that the Royal Highland Fusiliers will, on the first year of amalgamation, be the proud winners of the Army Cup.

LILLY WHITES

"A" COMPANY NOTES

"ABANDON all hope ye who enter here." Could this rather morbid phrase be uppermost in the minds of Support and 'B' Coys. as they enter the Brave New World of 'A' Coy ? Of one thing they can rest assured ; if they had to hurry for breakfast before, they can now take their time, with muster parade at 0830. There are, however, the usual little chores to be done first, room jobs, kit lays, block cleaning, area cleaning, Scale A Parades and Show Parades. Breakfast can really be eaten at leisure. Although one is uncertain of the effect of this gathering of the clans, it is a safe bet that it will lead to bigger and better conferences.

Now we must return to the small disturbances of the Summer, so " Steel Helmets on, Scheme stories!" The annual camp on Soltau was the first event. This was rather disjointed as it coincided with the shooting teams vacation at Fishbeck. We were well represented here by Mr. Brodie, Sgt McDonald, Ptes Allen and Christie. Mr. Murray, Sgt. Walker and L/Cpl. Merryweather also took part, but they were not members of 'A' Coy. at the time. The Coy. managed to survive without them and had a successful camp, the highlight of which was the march back to Luneburg which was completed without loss of life.

By now the summer activities were in full swing, and despite the rain there was a succession of Short Exercises ; a containing exercise, an exchange of exercises with 'B' Coy. and Watermanship training. The latter included flotation of equipment, but even Crilley's efforts failed to unnerve Mr. Murray ! It was during a lull in these activities that Capt. Shepherd left us for Bn. H.Q. and our best wishes go with him, also congratulations on his marriage.

We thought the season had finished with a visit to the excellent ranges at Sennelager (which really were interesting !), and the Group Training back on the now familiar Soltau area. The Group Training was carried out with the rain and the 7 R.T.R. Although the rain managed to stop the exercise it could not stop Cook or Wilson singing.

The comparative quiet of August was shattered the following month when we realised that there was still a great deal of the season left. 3 Pl. went away on Exercise Battle Axe which seemed to consist almost entirely of river crossings, some say five, others twenty-five.

Sgt. Tran was reported to live up to his name, or one of them anyway ! The remainder of the Company embarked for Capt. Spreull's Holiday Camp in the Harz Mountains, where Hutchison (15), Luke and Murray claim to have climbed every hill, no matter how big or small. The outstanding event of that fortnight was undoubtedly Mowatt's invention of a hard-boiled wireless valve.

The final exercise has just been completed now, and although we killed more mosquitoes than we saw enemy, the powers that be were quite pleased with our performance, so everyone can now recover in peace (comparative only) before the New Year in U.K.

The Company's performance in the Assaye Day Games was a distinct improvement from last year, but the fact that we combined with 'B' Coy. was the first sign of our present situation. The arrivals and departures are too numerous to be given in full but Mr. Gamble's absence and the arrival of Support and 'B' Coys. cannot be overlooked ! It is with a welcome for them that your correspondent signs off for the last time.

CABER FEIDH

"B" COMPANY NOTES

SINCE last we put pen to paper we have been given many tasks to do as well as finding time for our normal training in between. In fact during the whole of the summer we have been more times out of barracks than in. These exercises have been quite varied, and some of them carried out over a hundred miles from barracks. All these tasks on the whole have been thoroughly enjoyed by all members, who at least were able to see a little more of Germany, and to see that there were better places than Luneburg.

Our second summer camp was held during the latter end of July. Training consisted entirely of Infantry/Tank co-operation. The weather was none too kind to us that week, and to make matters worse the tanks stirred the mud up still more. Everyone was coming back each evening plastered with mud. "Dapper" was the only man who enjoyed that week, he of course being at home in these conditions.

After this the Company went down to Sennelager for a weeks field firing, followed on our return by the Annual Range Classification. Overall some very good results were obtained. We had to, of course, leave Cpl. Smith off this, as we couldn't get enough safety officers at the time

Our next venture took us right down into Southern Germany to act as enemy to 11 Brigade of our division. This turned out to be a very realistic and enjoyable exercise, in spite of the fact that no one had much sleep, with the nightly crossings of the River Weser. Although we lost Cpl. Green and his section for a day, we still held the bridgehead at the end of the week, the exercise having to stop a day beforehand owing to the enemy losing our whereabouts.

A week ago we came back to barracks after being a fortnight in the Hartz Mountains. This time it was an exercise with a difference. A type of endurance training over the mountains for four days at a time. Although the men get scattered all over the local countryside, everyone came back safely and to time, bringing with them many sore and skinned feet. Somehow or other they must have all lived well on their meagre "compo" rations, as much of it was handed back untouched, especially the "Mutton Scotch Style." The only group who were a bit hard up for rations were L/Cpl. Downey's. He came back saying that the last meal he had was a tin of apple pudding for breakfast the previous morning. The C.S.M., of course, fried him a steak as soon as he heard this. Another person we were quite surprised to see come in safely was "Felix," everyone in the Central Hut was betting that he would land up in the Russian zone, which was quite near to us, but "Felix" sucked us all in.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Does "Jelly" really know what a compass is for ?

Who was the N.C.O. at the Ski Hut who fell in love while he was there ?

Who "knocked" three tins of survival rations ?

What made "Wee Mitch" sign on again for another three years ?

Why do 'A' Coy. personnel walk around with their hands behind them.

SOCIAL DIARY

Welcome.—Major F. J. Hawley as Coy. Commander vice Major R. Bromley Gardner, M.C. We wish Major Bromley Gardner every success in his new post, we were sorry to see him go.

From Companies.—Sgt. Adair, Cpls. Paton, Thomson, L/Cpl. Anderson, Ptes. McGhee, Pettigrew, McCormich (92), McCormick (34), Kirkcaldy, Strachan and Kelly.

From Depot.—L/Cpl. Gillespie, Ptes. Rae, McKenna, Bird, Hutton, Spence, Morrisey, Hart, Divers, Gray O'Neill, Stone and McLoskey.

Civvy Street.—L/Cpl. Smith, Ptes Leggat, Reid (75), Reid (93), Irvin, Laughlan and Hay.

Congratulations.—Sgt. Laird on a new addition to the family, Cpl. McCartney, L/Cpls. Shaw and Malone (promotion).

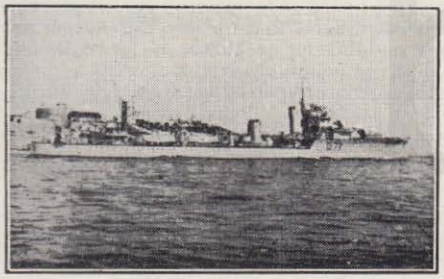
Posting.—To Capt. P. M. Larg we wish every success in his new posting in Nigeria. To Sgt. Killow to the Recruiting Staff and to Cpls. McFadden (Boys Bn.) and Laird (Depot).

SPORT

We promised to tell you in our last notes how our members who were picked for the Battalion Team got on in the Inter Unit Sports which took place in the early summer. Although the Battalion was not in the first three in the Brigade Sports, our members put up quite a good show for the Battalion. C.S.M. Kisbee won the Long Jump and was second in the Shot Putt. L/Cpl. Patrick came second in a team race. In the Assaye Games the Coy. combined with 'A' Coy. and were just pipped for first place by the H.Q. Coy. (1).

At football we have not done so well. We have played four games, losing on each occasion.

We finish off on a rather sorry note, as firstly, we have amalgamated with 'A' Coy., the new Coy. being called 'A' Coy. and secondly that no longer will you be reading notes headed 'B' Coy., 1st Bn. H.L.I. We hope though, that each and every one of you have enjoyed reading our notes as much as we have enjoyed writing them. We will be starting up again in the new Bn., so until you see the " Busy Bee " at the head of our little Column, aufweidersehn.



"D" COMPANY NOTES

IN the last Company notes the writer wondered where the photograph of destroyer D.71, which captioned these notes for so long, originated. Major A. Cathcart Bruce has written to say that he thinks he took the photograph about 1928 when he was with the 1st Bn. in Malta stationed in Floriana Barracks.

Owing to the Regiments close relations with the Navy, 'D' Coy. adopted D.71. Apparently they were happy days, the days when General Urquhart and the late General Telfer-Smollett were Adjutants, and of course when David Niven was a member of the Regiment. Thank you Major Cathcart Bruce for your reminder of 'D' Coy. 30 years ago. Perhaps some reader could now tell us the fate of destroyer D.71, no doubt she was scrapped well before the last war.

Now to 'D' Coy. of 1958.

In fact the Company was officially disbanded in July, and Major Grendon, the last Company Commander, closed it down. Still, the Company lingers on in the same spirit and traditions under the name of " Training Wing," officially part of H.Q. Coy., but soon to merge with 'A' Coy. It functions in exactly the same way, sponsoring training, and running cadres. The last N.C.O.s cadre finished on 26th September, 1958, a most successful cadre, the first for some time in which no soldier was returned to his Company : also noteworthy, because out of 22 soldiers only 5 were National Servicemen. For these who follow personalities, Sgt. Conway is still with us, Sgt. Adair pays fleeting visits to assist with cadres and other weapon training, and "Gaumont,, Buchan, Clayton and McLay still operate in the same departments. They have been joined by Pte.Trainer, who holds all Battalion typing records both Marathon and Sprints. C.S.M. Ramsay has now left for the T.A., and C/Sgt. Chisholm for an E.R.E. posting. Only those mentioned and Lt. Borton remain of the old firm.

It is sad to write the last notes for D.71, but long may the spirit live. Perhaps some enterprising person can send the new Editor a photograph of D.21, if such a ship exists, for the next 'D' Coy. notes.

SUPPORT COMPANY NOTES

As these notes are written the sad process of winding up Support Company is in motion. From today the Company ceases to exist as a separate entity and goes into "animated suspension," as it were, as part of 'A' Coy. for the move home, before re-appearing in new plumage early next year. Between now and the move home the elements of the Company will remain together and continue training specialists for the new regiment.

The summer made a brief appearance in early September, for one glorious hot spell, otherwise few of the exercises and events during the period have not been marked by an unseasonal allowance of rain. This began with our platoon training camp in Soltau in early May. Exercise " Cut Adrift " later in the month was aptly named. Exercise " White Knight " in the Verden Area brings back another week of watery memories. The weather did, however, keep up for the Queen's Birthday Parade, followed by the Garrison Horse Show, and shortly afterwards a farewell visit from Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery.

The M.M.G. Pl. spent a fortnight at Sennelager in late June, firing their course, and were later joined by the Mortars. The Mortars and the Anti-Tank Pl. also camped on Hohne ranges in conjunction with the South Staffords. Mention should be made of the six weeks hard work put in by the Assault Pioneers under Cpl. McLean in preparing the jumps for the cross country course, work which was favourably commented upon during the Horse Show.

A composite platoon under Lt. C. A. F. Mackenzie, and including C.S.M. Richards, carried out extensive practice throughout July for the Nijmegen marches, which took place from July 22nd to 25th, and all members of the team are to be congratulated on the standard attained which enabled them to march 25 miles on four consecutive days, the last day at the double, we understand.

The remainder of the Company endured another rather wet camp in the Soltau area during Ground Training with 'B' Sqn., 7 R.T.R., but in spite of heavy conditions most people enjoyed themselves. The latter half of August was spent on Victory Hill classification ranges, and during September preparations started for the Assaye Games. The unaccustomed hot spell apparently took the edge off our athletes as in spite of, an evenly contested meeting, we could not do better than last place this year. The Tug-O-War Team, with some M.T. stalwarts, won the day, however.

Football has continued in one way or another throughout most of the summer, and Sp. Coy. reign supreme and unbeatable whatever type of competition it may be. Training has also started for the Battalion Boxing Team for which the Company has a large number of aspirants.

There have, of course, been large numbers of departures during the summer, both from the Support platoons and the M.T., but we are glad to welcome a good number of replacements. In Company H.Q., Murphy now assists L/Cpl. Dunbar in the office while C.Q.M.S. Moodie's staff consists of L/Cpl. Torkington, Bald and Moore : Rennie has gone back to the Mortars. We wish good luck to the new regiment when it comes into being and feel sure that Support platoons and the M.T. of the H.L.I. will play their part in the new venture.

Some names for the record :—

Tug-O-War Team.—L/Cpls. Walker, Dunbar, Gillespie, McMahon, Reeves, Hill, Docherty, Rodgers. Trainer : C.Q.M.S. Moodie.

Javelin (Winner).—Morris.

Attended Junior N.C.O.s Cadre.—Cpls. Cronshaw, Rennie, Rogers, Kilmurry.

Company Shooting.—Best Shot Rifle, Cpl. Birt : Best Young Soldier, Gillespie : Best Shot L.M.G., Cpl. McLean.

3-in. Mortar Platoon

" SHOT ONE."

Since the last notes things have changed a lot—Sp. Coy. has disbanded and we are now Sp. Pl. in the big happy empire of 'A' Coy.

We have had a quiet summer and apart from a few exercises and some days firing, the tubes have been unused. However, we are rapidly dusting off the dust of ages to run a cadre for those in the Platoon who are untrained and some reinforcements from 'A' Coy.

Now where have we got to : we welcome Ptes Bain, Kerr (an old hand who has seen the light again) and Reid. We also welcome back after a long holiday (in the Company Stores and 'D' Coy's. holiday camp cadre) Pte. Rennie. There is also the likelihood of Pte. Moore returning to the Platoon under the new organisation—a long and happy stay to them all.

Goodbyes.—To Cpl. Findlay (now Mr. Findlay) and Pte. McVey, who went on leave and stayed at the Depot—goodbye and the best of luck.

Also goodbye to Ptes Gallacher and Waugh, and before next issue, to Ptes. Rice and McKenna, again the best of luck and good fortune to them all.

Now let us look into the crystal ball. The Colonel of the Regiment visits us in November and the Bn. moves back to Redford and leave. So farewell the Highland Light Infantry and hail the Royal Highland Fusiliers.

" BOMBS GONE "

M.M.G. Platoon

THE Platoon enjoyed a visit to Sennelager in June. Unfortunately Cpl. " Daddy " Lynch was injured in a car crash but is recovering in civilian hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him again soon.

After our return from Sennelager we went into training for the Nijmegen Marches. We were trained by our coach and captain, Capt. C. A. F. Mackenzie. Although our feet suffered at the start we all considered it well worth while at the end of the four days.

We are now attached to 'A' Coy. until our return to the United Kingdom. We shortly start a cadre to instruct some of 'A' Coy. in the mysteries of the Medium Machine Gun.

Personalities—Goodbye to L/Cpl. MacDonald, Ptes. Conlin, Campbell and Sneddon who have all been demobilised.

We wish the best of luck to Capt. C. A. F. Mackenzie who has gone to Malaya.

THE GUNNERS

Anti-Tank Platoon

SINCE our last notes the " Platoon "—total strength eight—has been carrying on with 17-pr. training and fired off the years entitlement of ammunition during three days at Hohne ranges. With the calls of leave, cadres and demob, both the platoon strength and training have fallen away. In the Assaye Day Games, Pte. Morris of the Platoon won the individual Javelin throw but unfortunately this and the Tug-O-War were the only Company wins for us to cheer.

Life now seems to be full of amalgamations. The Platoon now officially becomes a section and joins the Sp. Pl., which in turn is absorbed by the colossus called 'A' Coy., but it looks as though the Section strength is going to reach double figures, in other words, the Section is going to be stronger than the old Platoon.

With the passing of summer we have said goodbye to Cpl. Dunn but welcome Pte. Rodgers, an old member of the Platoon who has re-joined. We are now starting to train on the B.A.T. again and will soon be qualified to sign ourselves " Batman."

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SAILING

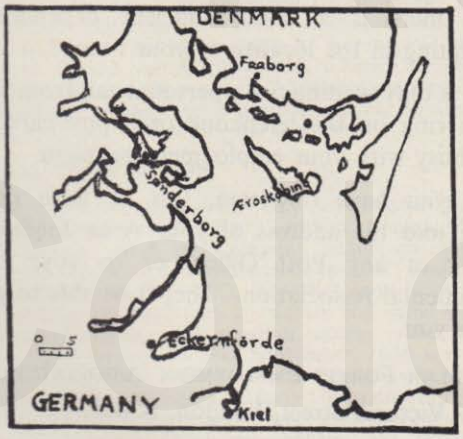
AMONG the many other sporting facilities available to the Services stationed in Germany is that of sailing. Near most stations there is a dinghy "venue." But for the man, like your correspondent, who prefers a boat in which he can stand, sleep, move about or spit, there are the unrivalled facilities of the British Kiel Yacht Club. Possessing a fleet of nearly twenty boats, ranging from 30 square metres of about 5 tons displacement to 100 square metres of nearly 20 tons, the club lies only thirty miles from the unsurpassed cruising ground of the southern Danish islands.

This season we were lucky enough to charter, as a Regiment, the 30 square metre *Pirat*. She is of some 30 feet length overall, not a fast boat as her class goes and damnably wet in any sort of sea. However she sleeps four, two in some comfort in the soloon and two in little comfort at all in quarter-berths. As a crowning luxury she is fitted with "heads." Admittedly, unless the boat is at sea and the operator can sit with his or her head and shoulders out of the fore-hatch, the performance was not very comfortable.

Many people had much fun in *Pirat* and an account of one of the first cruises she made under the H.L.I. burgee may serve as an illustration of them all.

The crew on this occasion consisted of David and Josephine Mackenzie, Bob Borton and Richard Cross. Richard had been stationed temporarily in Kiel and keeping an eye on *Pirat*, so there was none of the usual intensive cleaning up to do before the boat was habitable. After joining on Wednesday evening, the cruise proper started on Thursday morning. It was a sunny clear day with but little wind, but so different from the conditions experienced before that season, that morale was high as *Pirat* tacked slowly, (actually very slowly) out of Kiel Fiord.

By midday *Pirat* was about half-way across Eckenforde Fiord, heading North for her first port of call in Denmark, Sonderburg, when the first incident happened. For some time a submarine, a German, had been seen manoeuvering some mile to the North. Eventually it dived and attention on *Pirat* turned to other things like gin—it was midday, you remember. Scarcely were the Skipper's lips wet when, to his horror, he saw a periscope approaching on the port beam. He tried to brush it away, without result. It was real enough and even had a little red flag flying to prove it. Short of the boat by about 50 yards, it stopped, slowly turned ahead and then disappeared only to reappear and repeat the performance. At last tiring of us, or of looking at Josephine, or perhaps wanting to find another playmate, it sheared off altogether. On *Pirat* the gin was put away, hurried mobilisation orders were written and preparations made to "darken ship" that night.



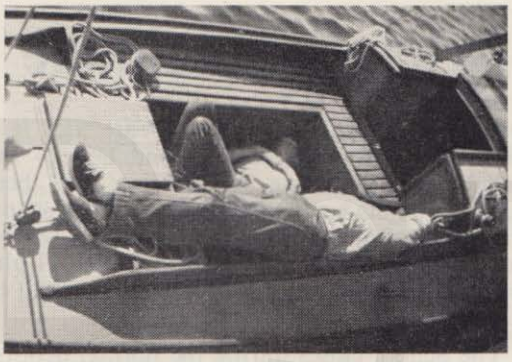
"Pirat's" Cruising Ground

"Pirat" in Sonderborg

All afternoon the wind fell light and four o'clock saw the crew paddling *Pirat* in a glassy sea and with sails slack, (extract from Skipper's log: "... first mutiny quelled with small loss of life"). Dinner (compo stew) was served in the Verandah Restaurant (cockpit) and hardly was it finished than a few puffs of air filled the sails again. In half an hour *Pirat* was reefed down and beating into a short steep sea which rises so quickly in the confined waters of the Baltic. The passage that followed was wet and bumpy. A particular buoy the Skipper was trying to find refused to reveal itself which caused him, if no one else, some anxiety. At last it was nearly run down and only then could the feeble light on it be made out. However this was the turning point as far as navigation difficulties were concerned and soon afterwards at one a.m. *Pirat* berthed below the castle in Sonderburg. Feeling well pleased with themselves, the crew drank rum whilst securing the boat and retired to sleep, happily anaesthetised.

The next day, Friday, was also fine and sunny but with plenty of wind. After a late reveille, the yellow "Q" flag was hoisted and an amiable Customs man who had been sitting on a bollard, waiting it seemed for just this moment, came over. Handshakes all round, a glass of whisky, and away he went, typical of the courteous and friendly welcome that all yachtsmen receive in Denmark.

That day was make and mend. Odd jobs were done on *Pirat*, including re-fixing one of the sheet winches which had torn off during the passage. Most important of all, the ship's company repaired to the chandlery of



Crew fatigue—a common nautical malady
Suffering are Bob Borton and Richard Cross

Hans P. Hansen where "caps, yachting style" for all members of the afterguard were bought, the captain's previous one having gone overboard the night before. Carlsberg, sleep, sightseeing and more Carlsberg, was the routine and during the last item the crew were able to watch the Trooping of the Colour on a television set in a waterside cafe.

The destination the next day was the small port of Aeroskobing and *Pirat* slipped from Sonderburg at 3 a.m. just as dawn was breaking. This passage was uneventful. Uneventful that is except for the pleasure of fair weather and wind, the pleasure of watching the morning sun light up the small Danish islands and the catching of *the* fish. Richard Cross had bought a hook and spinner in Sonderburg and despite much ridicule had rigged a line with the aid of a ball of string and an old spanner to act as a weight. Contrary to everyone's expectations, including his own, he hooked a fish. The size and specie cannot be vouched for except that whatever it was, it fed the crew for lunch and raised Richard's status as a fisherman.

Aeroskobing is difficult to find and reached via a winding channel across shallow ground. The Captain leapt up and down the cabin hatch like the Demon King in a pantomime, alternately leafing through the Baltic Pilot and making nautical calculations with a blunt pencil on the back of an envelope. However, once again, the right buoy was found and by midday *Pirat* was secured. Aeroskobing lived up to its reputation. A clean, picturesque harbour with a most delightful small town beyond. Quite unspoiled and a perfect place on such a sunny afternoon. After eating *the* fish, the crew collapsed where they were in the sun and slept a just sleep.

Once again the departure the next day was at 3 a.m. in order to reach Kiel in daylight if possible. The wind, at first promising, fell light and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Pirat* was virtually becalmed. The crew lay in the sun, slept or read as they felt like it and only the nagging thought that the next day required everyone back on duty spoilt the atmosphere. However, in the afternoon the winds relented and piped up from just the right direction and in just the right strength to get *Pirat* to Kiel. And so the cruise ended with *Pirat* banging along in her best style and everyone feeling satisfied with what had been achieved.

This then was the pattern of the several cruises *Pirat* made and although in the two passage races in which she took part she was never "in the money," all those who sailed in her will remember her and the splendid cruising of the Baltic with pleasure.

BOATHOOK

This photograph appeared in the German magazine "Blau Peter" with the caption 'Under the flags of NATO and Gordon's Gin are all three Services combined.' Combined ops. being carried out here by, at back, Gordon Pender and David Mackenzie.

REGIMENTAL DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE

REGIMENTAL Discharge Certificates are still available to all ex-members of the Regiment, both Regulars and National Service, who have left the Regiment.

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 1st January, 1956.
2. Those who left prior to 1st January, 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 Regtl. Number and dates of Service.
3. Minimum qualifying period with the Regiment, two years.
4. Anyone whose engagement ceased as the result of a Court Martial, or other disciplinary action, will not qualify.
5. T.A. Bns.—for those who do not carry out their N.S. with the Regiment :—
   (*a*) Must be volunteers. (*b*) Must have 2 years service with a T.A. Bn. of the Regt.

The Queen Victoria School, Dunblane

EVERY year there are almost twice as many boys applying for entry to this School as there are places available, but the proportion from the Scottish Regiments is not keeping pace with that from the rest of the Army or from the other Armed Services. It seems that the considerable advantages offered by the School to the sons of Scottish servicemen are not fully appreciated in the regiments with which we expect to be chiefly concerned. The Queen Victoria School is particularly valuable to the serving soldier. However good the day schools available in any station at home or abroad may be, they cannot overcome the great upset to education which results from children having frequently to move from school to school as their fathers move from station to station. A boarding school gives a continuity of educational progress which can be attained by a serving soldier for his children in no other way.

The School provides free boarding school education and board during term-time for the sons of soldiers who are serving or who have served in Scottish regiments and of Scotsmen who are serving or have served in any Regular branch of the three armed Services, or who while serving in any other branch of the armed Services have been employed on active service. The sons of officers who have not had considerable service in the ranks are not eligible for admission. It is run as a normal boarding school with a strong military bias. Although boys are encouraged to join one of the Services, if such a career seems suitable for them, they are in no way compelled to do so. Boys come in between the ages of 9½ and 12 and are kept until they are ready to leave school. A boy who qualifies for a Senior Secondary course, which means at present that he passes the 11-plus examination, can stay at the School until he is 18 and can go direct from it to one of the Service colleges or to a University. Other boys leave at the statutory leaving age, which is at present 15. At this age they can go straight from the School to one of the Service apprentice or junior leaders units if they wish to do so.

Parents who wish their sons to be considered for entry should write to the Commandant, Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, Perthshire, for a prospectus and application forms. Real compassionate cases caused by the death or serious illness of a parent can be considered at any time, but apart from that it is best to register boys between the ages of 7 and 9, although they will not be admitted until they are 9½. It is much better for the boy to send him to this School at 9½, before his progress has been retarded by his having had to move from school to school. Boys over the age of 11 are seldom accepted unless they have passed the 11-plus examination and are therefore likely to profit by staying at school beyond the age of 15.

The School closes during the normal Scottish school holidays. It is essential that every boy whose parents are serving abroad should have some relatives or friends in the United Kingdom to whom he can go in the holidays.

Selection for entry is done by an Interviewing Board which meets annually in the Spring to choose boys who will join the School in September. Although compassionate cases can be submitted at any time, normal applications must reach the School by 1st April of the year of admission. Boys who are in the United Kingdom are called to the School for interview and educational test. Boys overseas do the educational test only. Apart from compassionate cases, which are given special consideration, the bulk of the boys are selected primarily on the service record of their fathers, as is laid down in the Royal Warrant for the School.

THE LOWLAND BRIGADE CLUB

The Club has unanimously agreed to offer membership to :—

(*a*) All officers gazetted to The Royal Highland Fusiliers after the amalgamation will be eligible for membership of the Lowland Brigade Club. They will NOT be eligible to join the Highland Brigade Club.

(*b*) All officers who were commissioned to The Highland Light Infantry prior to amalgamation will be most welcome to join the Lowland Brigade Club if they wish to do so on the understanding that they retain their existing membership of the Highland Brigade Club.

Formal notices will be sent to all concerned shortly.

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NIJMEGEN MARCHES 1958

In April it was decided to enter a Team for the Nijmegen marches. The team of sixteen was to be found by SP Coy. By the end of May the M.M.G. and Assault Pioneer Platoons were to be seen exploring every road and track round Luneburg. We began with four twelve-milers to get into the swing of daily marching and then stepped up the distances to fifteen miles and finally twenty and twenty-five. To begin with there were a few blisters and sore legs, but they soon wore off and we settled down very well as a team, well led by 2/Lt. Robinson and his pipes. In training, early starts were essential, and 04.00 hrs. always saw us setting out before the sun became too hot. The distance at Nijmegen was to be twenty-five miles a day for four days, carrying 22 lbs. of kit. There was a time limit of eleven hours, but we found seven and a half hours ample time. Between 1st June and 19th July every man averaged three hundred miles of marching. Looking back on it I should say that this distance was essential and should be the basis of any training for future visits to Nijmegen. On non-marching days five-mile road runs and basketball strengthened legs and kept them loose.

On the 19th July we left for Nijmegen, full of confidence and everyone's pockets full of guilders! For the journey we totalled nineteen including a bicycle orderly, billet orderly and piper. Ten hours of train travel seemed a bit unnecessary as we finally reached Nijmegen at six in the evening. Our accommodation was in the Dutch R.A.F. barracks. Normally housing a thousand they had squeezed in over four times the number of troops. We slept in two-tiered bunks and shared thirty-two showers amongst us! Despite the cramped conditions life was great fun and there was no grousing. The first two days were spent in settling in and being briefed. The evening saw everyone in town having a whale of a time and being splendidly looked after by the Dutch. As you can imagine the only kilts amongst fourteen thousand competitors were more than just well looked after! On Monday there was the flag parade when all competitors marched past and the various bands played. The parade, held in the stadium, was most impressive. Each country's flag was broken as their national anthem was played; there were fourteen of them!

On Tuesday we set off at 05.30 hrs. on our first march. The roads were packed with marchers. Not only the one thousand five hundred British troops but six thousand from

other nations, and a further seven thousand civilians, some in teams and others as individuals. The marches are in no way a competition, but there is quite a lot of keenness between some of the British teams including the Q.O.R. of Canada. The first two days were very easy and were over flat country and through very pretty villages.

The locals packed the roads to watch the competitors go by—cheering and clapping all the time. The sight of the kilt always got us a big hand and a mass of photographers! Often I would look back and always individuals had joined on, especially girls—fascinated by the pipes and doubtless finding them a great help to their flagging energies! The third day was reputedly the hardest, being over hills part of the way. These obstacles merely seemed to spur on the team and we marched at a very much faster pace than the previous days. In fact the C.S.M. was heard to say he had never moved so fast since the Depot twenty-two years ago! All the way round commercial firms gave out free samples of cigarettes, soup, chewing gum, chocolate, eau de cologne and foot powder. These were "daily" issues and a great source of amusement. The last day came and with it a feeling of even greater confidence than before. There was nothing to stop us. Going between one hundred and forty and one hundred and sixty for most of the way we fairly shot along. The locals obviously sensed the feeling for they cheered like mad as we passed every team ahead of us except for two. The papers remarked on the speed of the British teams and we were no exception. About two miles from the finish we halted to change into Highland Dress and had a very welcome visit from the padre who produced, most opportunely, choc bars for every one. The next two miles were a triumph. The road was clear of any other troops as we marched at a more sedate pace this time. Crowds —at least six deep—lined the route. The whole time police had to clear photographers from our party, whilst children dashed to give us flowers including white heather. Some girls even took to kissing the Jocks! It was all over and one hundred per cent. successful. We all won our individual medal and a team one. From four o'clock Friday till Sunday morning it was one big party. The Dutch hospitality was overwhelming. As far as we were concerned there was not a blister amongst us! Though there were plenty of thick heads when it came to leave.

The team consisted of Lt. Mackenzie, 2/Lt. Robinson, C.S.M. Richards; Cpls. Birt and MacKinnon; L/Cpls. Hassen and McDonald; Ptes. Cuncliffe, Conlin, Campbell, Sneddon, Walsh, MacLaughlan, Hay, McAndrew, and Wanless; Pte. Stone, cycle orderly; Pte. Mitchell, billet orderly; Piper MacLaughlan.

Great credit must go to 2/Lt. Robinson for his piping. He played after little practice, and at Light Infantry pace many times. Try that in the pipe band! For the rest of the team it was a great show, and some even said they might do it next year.

LIGHT INFANTRY CLUB

The following extract from the minutes of the 46th Ordinary Meeting of the Light Infantry Club is published for information :—

The Committee unanimously agreed the following, after discussion, about both the Regiment and also the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, who have been transferred into the Green Jacket Brigade.

(*a*) Present members in the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry and the Highland Light Infantry should be granted Full Life Membership of the Club when the total of their subscriptions amount to £5.

(*b*) It is hoped that annual subscribers in these two Regiments will continue to support the Club and pay their subscriptions until entitled to the special terms of Life Membership set forth in sub-paragraph (*a*) above.

(*c*) They would always be most welcome at all Club functions. It is hoped they will continue to compete in the Golf meetings and Squash Tournament, etc., and that cricketing members will play cricket for the Club.

(*d*) The Hon. Secretary should notify members in these two Regiments who had thus become Full Life Members and that other members should be informed of the amount which they would still have to pay in order to do so.

(*e*) Officers joining these two Regiments in future will not be eligible for membership of the Club when their Regiment ceases to include " Light Infantry " in its title.

5th/6th BATTALION

Drill Hall, Hill Street, Glasgow, C.3

Commanding Officer	Lt.-Col. H. T. SHIRLEY, T.D.
Second in Command	Major I. B. H. MACLACHLAN, T.D.
Training Officer/Adjutant	Major R. R. C. MATHIE
Quartermaster	Major W. M. SMITH.
R.S.M.	W.O.I. H. MORRELL.
P.S.I.s	W.O.II. J. SHORTT. Sgt. J. MCLEISH. W.O.II. B. REEHAL. Sgt. W. WATSON.
R.Q.M.S.	R.Q.M.S. R. M. GIBSON.
O.R.Q.M.S.	W.O.II. R. KIRKWOOD.

IT is with mixed feelings usually that we gather together our Bn. notes for the CHRONICLE. The labour of doing so, and of adding an editorial comment, tends to outweigh the anticipatory pleasure of seeing our literary efforts in print—although we invariably forget what a sweat it has been when they do eventually appear!

This time, however, it is different, for we are all genuinely saddened at the thought that this is to be the last issue of the CHRONICLE. But there is no use bewailing the fact. We trust that the Royal Highland Fusiliers will start their own regimental magazine soon after they come into being, and that, as an associated battalion, the 5/6th H.L.I. will be able to contribute their notes.

While we regret the transition of the Regular battalion of our Regiment, we have, in recent months, become increasingly conscious of our new responsibilities for carrying on the traditions, titles, and dress of The Highland Light Infantry. During the past year or so the strength of the Bn. has grown very considerably, and it shows every sign of continuing to do so. This is most heartening, and we feel that it is in no small measure due to the fact that the citizens of Glasgow are beginning to realise that, after all, they still have their own Regiment which they can join, and in which they can wear the kilt.

Although we are not faced with such drastic changes as the 1st Bn., there are, none the less, some worthy of mention. Modifications to our slightly unorthodox organisation (which served a very good purpose in its time) are about to be made. These will make it easier to expand into an operational unit in the event of our mobilisation. Also, we have been transferred from 154 Brigade, in the Highland Division, to 157 Brigade in the Lowland Division. While we regret the termination of our long and extremely happy association with the Highland Division, and in particular the two Territorial battalions of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, we look forward with pleasure to a closer acquaintance with the Glasgow Highlanders and the 4/5th Royal Scots Fusiliers. Moreover, those of us who served with the 5th or 6th Bns. during the war are happy to back once again in our old brigade.

The Drill Hall is buzzing with activity, and the recruits are still coming in in good numbers. We are a "going concern," and the first thing we are going to do in the near future is establish ourselves as the most efficient battalion in the Lowland Division.

No. 1 Coy. Notes

In accordance with the policy that the Bn. should become one of specialists pending an increase in strength, No. 1 Coy. was entrusted with the task of training Medium Machine Gunners. "Once a Machine Gunner always a Machine Gunner," began to make sense before the end of camp. The gun is a better medium for group morale than any other weapon, and our machine gunners, though medium, are by no means mediocre.

At the outset the Coy. Commander, an ancient major, was horrified to learn that there are three pamphlets devoted to the gun, each couched in more unhelpful language than the last. However, he soon learnt to relax and listen with wonder to the profound learning of Capt. "Steve" Easton and his able assistants, Sgts. Sloan and Adamson. To them are due our grateful thanks. Praise is also due to Sgt. Williamson for having people and things (pronounced men and stores) at the right place at the right time.

It was a relief to all those who had spent so many hours with the gun in the Drill Hall—and spent them so well—to be on the range at last while at camp. The impression gained was that nothing mattered to any member of the Coy. save that the guns should be fired as often as possible. What did it matter if wet sand made judging distance difficult and, indeed, almost necessary? The urgent evacuation from flooded tents to Nissen huts (not on the maintenance list) was regarded as a slight inconvenience. L/Cpl. Muir, who had never before had a tent with running water, seemed almost disinclined to leave.

The rain may have damped our garments but not a drop touched our spirits. The rum ration was coincidental. "Once a machine gunner . . . . ." We hope our toys will not be taken from us as a result of a further change of policy. We have great hopes of the future.

Congratulations to:—Sgts. Sloan and Adamson, L/Cpls. Robertson, Kerr, Muir and Cartwright on their promotion. Sgt. Sloan for bringing in the highest number of recruits of the year.

"Vintage"

No. 3 Coy. Notes

Coy. Comd.	...	Maj. R. M. Dunlop, T.D.
M.T.O ...	...	Capt. W. I. M. Smith.
C.S.M. ...	...	C.S.M. Armstrong, E.
C.Q.M.S.	...	C/Sgt. Adamson, J.
Coy. Offrs.	...	Capt. G. M. Allen.
		Lt. R. McKay.
Coy. Sgts.	...	Sgt. Hutchison, A.
		Sgt. McKintosh, E.
		Sgt. Kilpatrick, J.

The weather at camp may have been damp but the spirit generally shown by the Coy. was certainly not. In fact, the catastrophic deluge was one of the finest training exercises one could hope for. Our drivers responded well to the extra burden thrown on to their already overladen shoulders and moved the Battalion like the proverbial dose of salts. Although they became the target of much critical, yet good humoured, comment due to their habit of parking their vehicles en couchant in one of Barry's many storm drains they deserve praise for manoeuvring their 3-tonners round rows of tents in the glutinous Barry mud to lift the Battalion's bedding and kit without damage to the tents.

In our first week at camp when conditions were normal the Coy. worked with the greatest of proficiency and justified the high opinion which we have always held regarding the capabilities of our organisation. The standard was so good that to give other Coys. a chance the whole Battalion is to be reorganised (we cannot vouch for the veracity of this statement).

C.S.M. Armstrong did a very good job with a Civil Defence demonstration nipping about the rubble like Old Bill. The C/Sgt. decided to take advantage of the prevailing conditions to carry out a practical demonstration of how to get a vehicle in and out of a bog. This went off well until he realised that he had forgotten how to get it out.

Camp is now a thing of the past and we have finally got rid of our webbed feet. The training season is about to commence and then once again the wheels will turn in earnest. At the present time we are restricted to the normal routine tasks of carrying the Bands and Football teams to their various functions.

Earlier in the year our Tech. Sgt. went away on an M.T. Documentation course and is now well equipped to blind everyone with science. Cpl. Kennedy, L/Cpl.s Johnstone, Black and McGrattan also attended courses and it is hoped that they can, in the future, impart their knowledge to those of us who remain blissfully ignorant of the finer points of driving.

Some new faces have appeared in the Coy., notably the two old-timers McKenna and Fleming and the not quite so old timer Drummond, who did a Robinson Crusoe act on the island which had been our M.T. Store, and to the new men we extend our official printed welcome. We must at the same time say farewell to a very promising young soldier, Pte. Davidson, who took such a liking to army like that he volunteered for the regular army. We wish him well in his service.

For the last time in our Chronicle we bid our readers adieu with a snatch of a misquotation for which we are obliged to the poet John Masefield:

"It's a damp camp is Barry Camp, when the tides begin to rise,
We never think of Barry Camp but tears are in our eyes."

No. 4 (Recruit Training) Coy.

At the time of writing these notes this company has just started a new training season. The training programme has been drafted and re-drafted three or four times (and if anybody asks why? we would refer them to Field Marshal Montgomery's memoirs, which tell of no less important and intricate military plans which had to be re-written a dozen or so times). Cpl. Campbell is signing on recruits as fast as he can, and outside the coy. office the boys are bashing holes in the square under the direction of the most highly competent team of N.C.O. instructors in the T.A.

The season which has just ended was one of the most fruitful the battalion has ever known, and for that we gives ourselves a big pat on the back, for No. 4 Coy. has passed on a large number of trained soldiers—most of whom had had no previous military experience—to the other companies. In addition, Lt. (now, most deservedly, Capt.) Brockbank ran a highly successful cadre for potential N.C.O.s.

As a result of their good work in the cadre, the following have been promoted lance-corporal:—Ptes. J. Booth, W. Craig, J. Forrest, J. Prentice, W. Park, W. Steele, R. McDougall.

The company commander is reported to have been in some confusion over the last-named, as his name seemed to appear twice on the promotions list. It eventually transpired, however, that there were, indeed, two Ptes. R. McDougall for promotion, the first of that ilk being the company storeman and father of the second. Is this a record ?

Other promotions include those of corporal McFarlane to sergeant and lance-corporal Campbell to corporal.

L/Cpl. Booth won the prize for the best recruit.

Sgt. Sloan won the recruiting competition, and Cpls. Allison and McLean were runners-up.

The company chronicler, unhappily, was not able to attend camp this year, so a large number of interesting personal experiences must go unrecorded (perhaps it is best that it should be so). There is no doubt, however, that the company's morale was extremely high in spite of being flooded out and having to spend the second week in the camp cinema, which, having four large doors kept permanently open and several electric fans, was at least as cool and airy as a tent. The C/Sgt. and L/Cpl. McDougall, snr., are to be congratulated on having the best company stores at camp. We also provided a guard for the G.O.C., which was highly complimented by him. In recognition of their first class turn-out and performance they were given a day off by the Commanding Officer.

Having completed one very successful year as recruit training company, we have embarked on the second confidently determined to do still better this time.

PERMANENT STAFF NOTES

To record the events and happenings of the permanent staff one needs a diary, and the perseverance of a Samuel Pepys to keep it going. Or, the memory of Leslie Welch !

As your scribe has none of these he must make shift as best he can.

The most outstanding events so far have been the T.A. Jubulee at the Kelvin Hall, and the Annual Camp at Barry. The P/S. contribution to the T.A. Jubilee was a stand at the Kelvin Hall. This was in the shape of an exhibition of silver and Infantry weapons and a centre piece of a Landscape target, complete with theatre backdrops, and model tanks, at which the public were able to aim a 120 mm. B.A.T., to which was attached a synchronised .22 rifle. For the two weeks previous, the Drill Hall was a hive of industry, the R.S.M., C.S.M. Reehal and Sgt. McLeish swopped pens, pencils and cleaning rods for hammer, saw and nails. " Jimmy " McLeish had his share of bashed fingers, but the air was really blue when he saw his weapons take on a most untactical shine ! Then the R.S.M. went to a shipyard and reappeared with a huge steel plate over his shoulder. It seemed strange when a ship sank at its moorings shortly after. Major Smith was quite pleased with the layout, but his attendance at the A.C.C. stall made us wonder : still, he must be the only Q.M. who couldn't produce a cuppa from the cooks. Major Mathie was very safety minded, and had all kinds of danger and " firing in progress " signs set up, which brought forth a remark from Col. McKellar, that the stand looked like a flag day in Moscow.

To end the Centenary celebrations, H.M. the Queen took the salute at the Royal Review in the Queens Park, Edinburgh, as no doubt you have read elsewhere in the CHRONICLE. The " professionals " congratulate the Bn. contingent on their turnout, bearing and steadness on parade. They well deserve the cheers of the public lining the roads. The R.S.M's. guidance and patience was well rewarded. A very good effort all round.

Then came the Annual Camp at Barry, when from the comforts of the Drill Hall we upped stakes and ventured forth, or would it be right to say " adventured on the Forth," because that is what one could liken it to. Did it rain ? Glory be ! It never stopped. It was more like Drip camp than Barry camp. Even C.S.M. Shortt (two t's) was heard to mutter, " Kantara was nearly like this." Anyway, all that water put him in the right frame of mind to deal with any " mutinies over the ..... " Eventually the Bn. moved to Buddon, ten miles down the road, and into huts. The joker who said " go west young man " knew his onions : we were glad to go—back to Glasgow.

Two of our stalwarts, Ptes. Kane and Logue have left to try their luck in civil life. We wish them the best of luck. To their reliefs, Ptes. Davidson, McCrickett and Patterson, we extend a hearty welcome and hope their stay with us will be enjoyable.

To Pte. and Mrs. McCrickett we offer our heartiest congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Sgt. Bill Watson had a rude awakening during the wee hours of Friday night, when the police informed him his house had been burgled. That's the worst of all this publicity about the rise in Forces pay, some people think we have too much ! Cpl. Sweeny has had a loss too—all his teeth ! It was bad enough trying to understand him before he had them out. Never mind, it's all the more room for the fitting o' the fut.

By the time this issue comes out, the festive season will be on us, so to you all we wish a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

SERGEANTS' MESS

SINCE our last notes a number of new members have joined the Mess, and the 1st Bn. will be pleased to learn that among them are Bandmaster Kirkland and Sgt. Howe, who not so long ago were with the 1st Bn. Band.

John Kirkland has made a grand job of building up our Military Band. Displays by the combined Pipe and Military Bands at Camp made us very proud indeed.

Pre-camp activity was confined to the weekly " Guest Night." The entertainment on these occasions being the responsibility of C/Sgt. W. Adamson and Sgt McGinn.

Just before camp our Mess President, C.S.M. (P/M) Joe Ford, resigned from the Battalion owing to pressure of business. Sgt. Bobby Mason also left us to take up employment in England. To these two old faithfuls, we say " good luck." C.S.M. Vic Black was appointed Mess President, an honour rightly bestowed on one who has put in a lot of work on behalf of the Battalion and the Mess.

Visitors to the Mess lately, noted the smart turnout of our members in their Blazers and Flannels, complete with Regimental Badge. This is entirely due to an arrangement between the C.O. and the R.S.M.

On the 18th May, the Mess went on the " Water Waggon " in the shape of the good ship " Duchess of Hamilton." All ranks of the Bn. and their families were entertained to a "Trip Doon the Watter" by the Glasgow Territorial Army and Airforce Association as part of the

Days outing on the Duchess of Hamilton

Territorial Jubilee Celebrations. The weather was kind to us, and all had a very enjoyable day. The music of our Military Band added to the enjoyment.

Camp this year was held at Barry, Angus, and although the weather was not so kind to us, the harmony in the Mess was high. Even " Taxi " Laird managed to spend an evening with us.

The Annual Dinner was held at camp, and in keeping with previous Dinners it was a great success. The after dinner harmony will long be remembered. A performing elephant, laid on by C.S.M. Reehal justified the cost (1 syphon of Soda). Freddie Welsh was knighted " Sir Frederick Whitbread " by the R.S.M. " Sir Fred." was also presented with a medal. Now the R.Q.M.S. has a job searching clothing Reguiations to chech if this can be worn with No. 1 Dress.

In a football match against the Jocks, the Mess team lost by the odd goal in three. " Doc." Meiklejohn wanted to hold a special sick parade afterwards but was discouraged by the R.S.M.

Vic Black arranged for a number of the Mess to escort children from a local Home to Chipperfield's Circus, and the smiles on the kiddies faces made Vic's effort well worth while.

Paddy Reehal got his wish at last, a " Tramps " Ball. This was held at Headquarters on 31st October in true " Tramp " style, and turned out to be one of the most enjoyable functions ever held in the Mess.

R.S.M. Morrell, complete with tails and top hat, complained that his shoes (one time property of a gentleman called Kisbee) were pinching his feet. The original " Humphy Backit Coorie Doon " remained unidentified until the bar opened, then for obvious reasons, the mask came off to reveal the profile of Pat Reehal. Joe Docherty put his garter to good use when he appeared as one of the Marx Brothers. To those who were worried about Mrs. Docherty's " Keeker," well, its what an eyebrow pencil can do.

Mrs. Moran won the Ladies prize for the best Lady tramp, the gents prize going to Sgt. Lenn. We offer our sincere thanks to the ladies of the Mess who prepared the Buffet. Johnnie Kirkland and his " Twelve in Harmony " provided the music

The members who were privileged to attend the "Assaye Ball " at the Depot had a very enjoyable evening thanks to R.S.M. Watson and his Committee.

Very soon now the " amalgamation " will take place, and the honour of retaining the title Highland Light Infantry will fall to our old friends, the Glasgow Highlanders and ourselves, a title we will bear with great pride.

To those who will carry the great name of the old Regiment into the new, we wish them success.

PIPE BAND NOTES

We have now " a sittin' doon Baun." Ah well ! we can stick anything.

Massed Band and Dancing rehearsals for the T.A. Jubilee Show in the Kelvin Hall kept us busy. Recruiting parades, and " Retreat " at Edinburgh Castle with the Glasgow Highlanders put us in the public eye. Camp was the real test for us. We played out on several occasions, combining with the Military Band and from, all reports, we made a great impression. The Piping Competition at camp was again a " needle " affair, L/Cpl. McInnes just pipping Piper Black, with Piper Langan third. John Langan just joined us this year and we were all pleased to see him taking on the " big guns." Congratulations to the winners. The five note musicians also held their contest. This was won by Bugler Clark, well done Bobby.

Cpl. Taffy still entertains us with his Welsh songs, and he is quite pleased that he has a fellow countryman from the land of song in the Military Band, Sgt. Howe.

" Old Man " Joe Docherty is still the leading riveter and we were all pleased when he received his third tape.

We nearly became " a sittin' doon Baun " one morning in camp. Was it because the Pipe Major and Bugle Major had to walk back from Arbroath ?

Joking aside, we are very proud of our Military Band. Here's to our joint success.

R.S.M. to Boy Bugler found in bed after Reveille—" Did your batman not waken you ?"

Boy Bugler—" Sir, Ave no' goat a batman."

MILITARY BAND

Well folks, here we are at last with a few notes since the Military Band was formed.

We only manage to rehearse with the full Band on Sundays, and on Wednesdays a few of the young hands turn up. The spirit in the Band is absolutely wonderful. During the Pageant in the Kelvin Hall in June, we had the honour of supplying the Dance section of the Band to play in a N.A.A.F.I. scene which was a new experience to some of the Band.

We have been equipped with No. 1 Dress and the Band look very smart indeed ; of course most of them have never worn the kilt before (Bds. Hunter agrees).

During our camp fortnight at Barry, the Military and Pipe Bands certainly had plenty of work to do. The weather was absolutely shocking, the second Monday was a wash out, kit floating all over the place, the Band stores kit was rescued by Cpls. Robinson, Sharp and our budding Bass Trombone player, Bdsm. Fraser. (Well done lads.)

Both Bands performed retreats in Carnoustie, Arbroath and Dundee, and I'm sure an excellent job was done by all, even Sgt. Freddie Welsh and his specially made Whitbreads Euphonium.

We must acknowledge the magnificent efforts of Bandmaster J. S. Kirkland who, in such a short space of time, has moulded together a first class ensemble, and how could we have the Sunset Ceremony without our soloist Band Sgt. " Taffy " Howe, who would also make a great recruiting Sgt. in any army.

We also did a Concert at the Maryfield Hospital, Dundee, then a Dance for the Nurses and Jocks, Bdsm. Hunter was giving hot choruses on his Bassoon. Sgt. Axford, our alto Sax player, kept losing his teeth, we wonder where he puts them (Eh, George).

We returned to Glasgow on the 2nd August and now we are looking forward at starting our practice again. Before I close I would like to thank all members of the Bn., from the Officers Mess down to the Jocks Mess, for their full support, everyone has certainly given all their backing to the Band and we, the Band, certainly appreciate it very much. We send our kindest regards to our fellow musicians in the 1st Bn. Band, and we look forward to meeting them in the near future.

Commodo

Pipe and Military Bands

CIVIL DEFENCE

CIVIL Defence training was included in our training programme and much was learned about this vital need.

Demonstrations by members of the Casualties Union did bring home to the Battalion and in particular to the young soldier, the necessity for a high standard of efficiency.

Camp this year gave us the opportunity to try out our learning. C.S.M.s Armstrong and Kane laid on a demonstration on a "Mock Up," and while this "Mock up" lacked a great deal of realism, the difficulties and hazards presented, proved most instructive.

EXERCISE IN SIGNAL PROCEDURE

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3. After a pause of 2-3 officer repeats last movement,
4. Officer repeats movement until arm becomes tired,
5. Officer replaces hand set and about turns,
6. Officer walks to tent flap and looks in direction of Exchange tent,
7. Officer sees signaller digging outside exchange tent and calls in a loud voice, "Exchange, there is a call for you,"
8. Signaller stops digging and vanishes into exchange tent. Officer at same time retraces steps into office tent,
9. Officer repeats movement 2,
10. Signaller answers and says, "Exchange is closed down indefinitely,"
11. Officer replaces hand set and considers alternative plan.

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DISPOSAL of the REGIMENT'S PROPERTY

MANY enquiries have been received regarding the Regiment's property, especially from members or friends of the Regiment who have loaned or gifted items to the Battalions, the Depot, or elsewhere. This article is an attempt to allay their anxiety by explaining, in broad terms, the policy which the Regimental Committee have put in hand. Needless to say, individual enquiries will always be answered in full, but a general article may help by removing any impression that the property is to be disposed of, or stored away in some damp cellar for the rest of time. A very great deal of thought has been given to the matter and the Trustees are confident that the following principles are right, and will receive general support.

Record.

A record of all the Regiment's property at the time of amalgamation is being compiled. This will include the location of all the Colours carried by the Regiment since its formation; the outline history of pictures and silver, and a description of them, illustrated by photographs wherever possible, and their disposal. When completed, in about a year's time, the record will be placed in the new Regimental Headquarters.

Colours

Steps are being taken to preserve the Colours and Banners. Where necessary they will be encased in perspex vacuum sheaths.

Territorial Battalions.

Silver and property of 5/6 H.L.I. and 1 Glasgow Highlanders will, of course, remain with these battalions, which continue unchanged.

Silver and property of all other Battalions and units of the Regiment, whether Regular, T.A., Militia, or those specially raised for World Wars I and II will be regarded as property, and disposed of as a whole, by a Silver Committee, as follows:—

(*a*) 1 R.H.F. will be given first choice.

(*b*) Depot R.H.F. will be given second choice.

(*c*) In making their selection, the committee will pay due attention to items of special historic, sentimental, or sporting value, and a selection of these will be set aside for display in the Regimental Museum.

(*d*) 5/6 H.L.I. and 1 Glasgow Hrs. will be offered a choice of the remainder.

(*e*) Certain items have been set aside for loan to R.M.A.S., St. Cyr, Headquarters Scottish Command, The Army School of Physical Training, The Caledonian Club, and to 157 (L) Inf. Bde. (4/5 R.S.F., 5/6 H.L.I., 1 Glas. Hrs.). A cup has also been presented to this Brigade, for competition.

(*f*) A number of items have been offered for sale, the proceeds to be put towards the cost of a silver statuette of a soldier in No. 1 Dress as worn by the Regiment at the time of amalgamation. It may be that a further list will be offered next year.

(*g*) A few items which are used at the Regimental Dinner and similar functions will be stored at the R.H.Q.

The Regimental Museum.

It is proposed to lay this out as follows:—

(*a*) *Main Hall*—having a founders' section, and sections depicting the Regiment's part in: Spanish Succession War (R.S.F.); India (all campaigns); Peninsula and Waterloo; Crimea, and 19th Century Campaigns; South African War; World Wars I and II; 20th Century Campaigns; Amalgamation; V.C.s and Trophies will be displayed in the centre.

(*b*) *Colonel of the Regiment's Hall*, used also for Council Meetings, and having pictures and effects of former Colonels and members of the Regiment, Rolls of Honour, Banners and Colours.

(*c*) *Medal and Uniform Room.*—The Regiment's medal collection is probably unequalled in Regimental Museums.

(*d*) *Library and Record Room.*

It is hoped that the Museum will be set up by the end of 1959, at the latest.

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R.Q.M.S.	R.Q.M.S. J. RAE.
O.R.Q.M.S.	O.R.Q.M.S. W. M. KERR.

THE autumn notes for the CHRONICLE always seem to be the hardest to write. We had thought that Camp and all its associated sweating activities were long forgotten, but no—the Chronicle Notes are due, and we have been directed to recall the details from the happy blur.

The first week of camp was spent in what was laughingly called Civil Defence Training. This term does not describe the vast joy of lowering our Sergeant-majors from windows on encouragingly thin bits of rope, of bandaging our company commanders firmly (as it says in the pamphlets), and of spending that difficult first hour of the day snugly wrapped in blankets, trying hard to pretend we were unconscious. We now know all about electrons, neutrons and so-ons ; we feel at home in demolished buildings and we are eagerly anticipating the first casualty in our drill hall.

The second week saw us resuming our normal training, but not without one last C.D. exercise. With great spirit we charged at the double to evacuate casualties from a factory suffering from a near-miss from an A-bomb. Even if the C.D. corps did not altogether approve of our methods of evacuating dummy casualties from roof-tops—(Hey, below ! Catch this one)—we cleared our area with rapidity and without noticeably diminishing our haversack contents.

Perhaps Millom was not our idea of a beauty spot, but we learned a great deal and we saw the Battalion beginning to look as it should and the promise for the future is now bright.

Recruiting Week was again successful, and at the moment our Pipe Band and Drill Squad are preparing for the Festival of Remembrance in the Kelvin Hall on the 9th November.

We are also saying a sad farewell to Lt.-Col. Hendry, though it is very strange to use the word sad connected with him. More than anything else it has been the cheerfulness of his command which has meant so much to us. We hope we will still continue to see much of him.

We congratulate Major Lewis on becoming our Commanding Officer, and we wish him every success.

This being the last CHRONICLE we would like to express our admiration for the Editors' work, past and present, and their consideration in including our efforts in the Regimental annals. We hope that a new magazine will spring up with renewed vigour, as we know the new Regiment will, and we offer all concerned our heartfelt good wishes for the future.

ERYTHROCYTE.

H.Q. COY.

As usual we formed the backbone of the Bn., before and at camp, our influence stretching into almost every sphere of the unit's activities. Q.M. Capt. Paton, R.Q.M.S. Rae and their staff ably supplied our requirements of accommodation, stores and rations, and their department showed its usual efficiency at camp. Their greatest triumph, however, is the provision of " stay-brite " buttons, a great boon, and we look forward to issue of similar cap badges, belts and boots ! O.R.Q.M.S. Kerr had an excellent " one man " show at Bn. H.Q., with Capt. Donald and C/Sgt. Cairns at the M.I. test next door. C.S.M. McDonald and C/Sgt. Green were responsible for Coy. H.Q., with the able assistance of Sgt. Brims, P.R.I. Sgt., who typed " detail " and acted as clerk and runner—and enjoyed it ! Sgt Niblo most successfully carried out the " inferior " duties of Provost Sgt. Our congratulations must surely go to Sgt. Johnston, Cpl. Finlay and their cooks who not only gave us excellent food at the Bde. cookhouse but also cooked for the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes most acceptably. They contributed greatly to the success of the camp despite great drawbacks, including the loss of Pte. Higgins' spectacles !

The signal Platoon under Capt. Ritchie, Lt. Cunningham and Sgt. McElveen trained hard before camp, and showed a high standard, particularly as some of their personnel were new. After a week's C.D. training they were to be seen industriously operating wireless sets and laying lines in the camp area, and they had several useful schemes, including a C.D. exercise in which they remained " on net " remarkably well. It was nice to see C/Sgt. McKinley back with them " on loan " from his " ghost " Coy. Capt. Carnegie, Lt. Gilchrist and the M.T. Platoon also underwent C.D. training for the first week, during which the transport was run by our P/S drivers under certain difficulties caused by the weather. This was followed by a week of M.T. training, the culmination of last season's programme, and which seemed to take them out of camp a good deal ! It is rumoured that they have sent a complaint to British Railways about the lowness of a certain bridge ! We all enjoyed camp, although we now know that English weather is worse than our own—did someone say that Maj. Philips was seen wearing rubber boots !

PIPE BAND

THIS has been a most successful season, and has seen a considerable increase in our strength. The Band is now fairly strong, and beat Retreat on its own at Edinburgh Castle on 10th June.

Intensive training in piping, drumming and bugling was undertaken at camp, and our standard is high. The Band was in demand, and Retreat was beaten in several centres round Millom, including Ambleside and Morecambe, these visits being enjoyable for other reasons in addition to playing ! The greatest event was the Cowal Games, when the Band was beaten by a short head for a place in the T.A. Championship, they were, however, successful in winning the Milton trophy for the best dressed band. Cpl. Forbes is continuing his dancing successes, and we would congratulate him on winning trophies at several Highland Games. We are preparing for another successful year's activities.

OFFICERS' MESS NOTES

DESPITE the vagaries of the weather we can report a most successful camp season, with a larger number of officers than we have had for some time. The camp at Millom was a tented one, but as usual we made ourselves at home. Our dinner and guest nights, and our cocktail party were a great success, with plenty of "amusement" by the younger element. It is rumoured that Robin Robinson is still paying instalments for a torn marquee panel, while Bobby Taylor's celebrations resulted in his going to hospital ! Our guests seemed to enjoy the fun. But we had our serious side in C.D. training in which all officers were involved, and dress regulations were stretched to the limit at breakfast time !

We were sorry to say good bye to C/Sgt. Morrison the arbiter of our fate for many years, and a member of the Bn. since 1923. We are glad that he is continuing with the Bn., in a less responsible capacity and wish him well in his new job. We are fortunate in having Cpl. Thomson to succeed him and maintain the worthy traditions. Alastair Calder has left us also, having been Padre since 1944, and will be greatly missed. His help and kindly interest and influence have been much appreciated. We are glad to welcome Neilson Peterkin as his successor. Our two regular " attachments " left us after camp, Gerry Welman going into civilian life and John Taylor to Aden. Our thanks and very best wishes go with them and their wives and families to their new spheres. John Dixon is ably carrying out both their duties ! We have broken our long connection with the officers of 6/7th Cameronians who have left 157 Bde., but are looking forward to our closer association with 5/6th H.L.I.

We are glad to report success in the competitive field, having won the Offrs./Sgts. triangular competition and trophy this year. The Sgts. Mess are still our superiors at football, but we won the cricket and shooting matches. We are now in the midst of arrangements for our winter functions, and look forward to another successful season.

SERGEANTS' MESS

THIS is indeed a sad occasion in that we submit notes for the last time, it is hoped that through these lines we can convey to our friends of the Depot and 1st Bn. Messes our best wishes for their success when the forthcoming merger takes place and that the new W.O.s and Sgts. Mess of the Royal Highland Fusiliers soon produces the loyalty and comradeship we all associate with the " Mess."

We of this Mess are fortunate that we will be able to carry on the proud tradition and name of the Regiment, we would like to think that members of the old Messes will visit us when they can and keep alive their memories.

The coming amalgamation means to us the loss of our popular P.S.I., C.S.M. Daniels, who has been selected as one of the W.O.s for the new Battalion, we all wish " Danny " the best of luck.

Small and irrelevant as it may seem on such a nostalgic occasion, we feel that the news of our doings over the period should be recorded as fully as possible in this last edition of the CHRONICLE.

Annual Camp of 1958 found us in strange places, doing strange things and bringing into the Mess an unusual line of patter which included such things as " lashings, knots, splints, stretchers, fractures, burns, etc.,' the result of a hard week of Emergency Training at Millom in Cumberland, that left us " auld yins " just wondering how young we really were ?

We had a bus run to Morecambe on our free week-end and the R.Q.M.S. voted it as one of the best sight seeing tours he had never seen ! ! ? ? He found the back seat very comfortable, *in the horizontal position.*

Willie Morrison, who has now given up the reins of the Officers Mess after many years was the receipient of yet another honour, having already been awarded the B.E.M. for his services. The battalion was paraded at camp for his award by our Hon. Colonel, of the Glasgow Corporation Certificate of Merit having completed 35 years with this battalion. Well done Willie, but he soldiers on as chief adviser to R.Q.M.S. Rae ! !

We were narrowly defeated in our annual tricornered competition which takes place at camp *v.* the Officers Mess. This competition covering Football, Cricket and Shooting was first won by us last year but the handsome trophy changed hands after a keenly fought contest.

Other news include the arrivals and departures of P.S.I.s. Our redoubtable armoury " wallah," Sgt. Nicolson, is about to take the high road " hame tae the hielan's " (complete with moustache). We wish "Nick" the best of luck in the coming battle with civvy street. A welcome is accorded to C.S.M. Ramsay on his appointment as P.S.I. No stranger to T.A. life as his Green and Buff medal ribbon shows, he also had a sojourn with 5/6th Bn. Looking for football talent, the R.S.M. had C.S.M. Ramsay out of kilt and into football kit sharpish to take part in a Bn. win.

The recent Assaye Ball attended by several of our members was voted a grand night and the said members, C.S.M.s Ennes, Blyth, P/M Copeland, C/Sgts. Green and Cairns, wish to thank R.S.M. Watson and members of the Depot Mess for the wonderful night they had. Is this to be the end of a memorable celebration? We hope not.

As we come to the end of our final contribution to the CHRONICLE may I, on behalf of my fellow members, wish all the Mess members of the Highland Light Infantry the best of luck, whether they may be going on to other postings or preparing to start-a-fresh with the new Regiment. And now, Good Luck—The Royal Highland Fusiliers.

"A" COY.

Now we have blossomed out into a Rifle Company we are beginning to form a team and life is a lot more interesting. Annual camp provided a good opportunity for all members to indulge in some really hard training. The field exercises not only entertained the Company but the local lifeboat crew as well. (Why didn't someone tell them we were doing exercises with Red Verey Lights !) Regardless of the rain a good time was had by all and now the winter season has started we are gaining strength rapidly. Our aim is to produce one recruit for every man on the Company strength. Then the fatigues won't come round so often. Our motto is now—" Bash On Till Barry."

"B" COY.

As 'B' Coy. is still in a state of suspended animation we have no camp story to tell. However, we have a small Company Headquarters who boasted of an office, till we invited 'A' Coy. to share it. We understand that Maj. Ramsay denies the rumour that his Company have made good their pamphlet deficiences from our once well stocked library.

Since our Company Commander has been seen around Firhill Football Park with attestation forms, it has been whispered that a bid has been made for the celebrated Johnny MacKenzie and a few other of the Partick " Thistles." We have no confirmation of this report, but we can announce one capture of note, namely, our new Colour Sergeant, C.Q.M.S. MacKinlay. We welcome him warmly and congratulate him on his well earned promotion.

"C" COY.

BEING the Training Company of the Battalion, the personnel of 'C' Coy. change frequently. Before going to camp we transferred many stalwart members to 'A' Coy. where they gave a good account of themselves.

Our numbers in camp were few, but the training which was varied gave everybody plenty to do and yet allowed a fair time off.

Pte. Jeffrey is to be congratulated on being selected as the most promising recruit at camp, having had no previous military service.

Pte. Knox should never need spectacles. He proved on individual training to be able to search ground better than most.

Many new members have now been enlisted and the coming season should be both entertaining and instructive.

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NEWS FROM THE LONDON BRANCH

DEAR EDITOR,

May I crave space in your last issue of our Regimental Journal for a few notes from our London Branch.

We down here have been very distressed and turbulent over the War Office decision to merge our Regiment with the Royal Scots Fusiliers. We are well aware that no avenue has been left unexplored in an effort to avert this happening. The ding-dong battle that has taken place at high levels was aptly explained to us on the night of our Reunion Dinner by the Colonel of the Regiment. But alas, all to no avail.

The amalgamation is now certain and two very fine and famous Regiments join hands and become one. May I on behalf of the members of the London Branch, despite our disagreement with the War Office decision, express the hope that the amalgamation will take effect in the most cordial relations and that the magnificent past records of both Regiments will be preserved in every sense—forming a Regiment second to none and one in which we shall have partnership.

Our Branch activities have continued in the well preserved London fashion. Quarterly meetings have been well attended. The interest of our members is best shown by the distance to be travelled by some in an effort to be present, no easy matter in the London of to-day. Through the good services of our entertainment committee assisted by branch member Mr. Elliot two very good outings have recently been possible. Mr. Elliot conducted a party round a brewery, a most popular outing for members, and a very interesting and instructive afternoon was spent. Recently an evening outing was made to an R.A.F. Club. A very pleasant evening was spent by all. Mr. Elliot, members appreciate your good services very much. We hope to enlarge on this type of activity as time goes on.

It is not all good news from London.

We regret to announce the passing of two very dear and staunch members of our Branch—Col. Knight and Mrs. Vercoe. Both were very long standing members of the Association and the London Branch. Their passing will be mourned by many members of the Association. Apart from the London Branch, their interest in the affairs of the Regiment was very personal. We in London are going to miss them both very much. Members of the Branch wish to offer to relatives their sincere sympathy.

On 8th November, 1958, the Branch, in conjunction with other Light Infantry Regiments, paid homage to our comrades who gave their lives in the two World Wars. A parade was held in the "Garden of Remembrance," Westminster Abbey at 3 p.m. A deputation from the London Branch attended.

On 11th October, 1958, we held our Re-union Dinner at Chatham Room, Victoria, S.W.1. This function is gaining popularity year by year. The event was quite up to the standard of previous years. Our company added up to approximately one hundred and thirty members and friends. It is getting a little tiresome offering Mr. P. Boucher, Mr. E. Smith, Mrs Mills and others of the entertainment committee our thanks for the splendid evening afforded us all. You've done it again. This latest Re-union was no exception. The meal provided was good, the subsequent dancing most enjoyable and for those who did not dance there was ample refreshment and opportunity to air the same old stories of battles lost and won. And well they did it.

A telegram of loyalty and greetings was despatched to our Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. Princess Margaret from whom a reply was received, wishing members a pleasant evening.

Telegrams were also received from Mrs R. E. S. Prentice and Mrs Crammond wishing members a pleasant evening.

A telegram was sent from the Branch to the R.S.F. (London Branch) who were also holding their Re-union Dinner, wishing them a very pleasant evening.

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After the usual toasts had been called by our Chairman, Brigadier J. M. Latham, M.C., the assembly was addressed by the Colonel of the Regiment, Major General R. A. Bramwell-Davis, C.B., D.S.O. The General gave us a most illuminating account of the fight put up by various bodies and individuals to obtain a reprieve from amalgamation. Despite the efforts from the highest levels it was apparent that the merger had to go forward. The General informed members that the arrangements for the amalgamation had been conducted in a most agreeable atmosphere and in consequence both Regiments had retained a degree of their old tradition, this in the matter of badges and dress. The General stated that new Colours would be presented to the Regiment in May or June, 1959, he hoped by H.R.H. Princess Margaret. The amalgamation would take place in Mid-January, 1959, at Edinburgh. The General continuing said, that two Regiments with such outstanding traditions, united, would form a Regiment of which Scotland would be proud, and second to none. The General spoke of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to the Regiment at Luneburg in Germany ; of her pleasure at being present at the Trooping of the "Assaye" Colour; also of the sporting activities of the Regiment. He concluded that he hoped the London Branch would continue on its present lines and that it would give recognition to the activities of the R.S.F. Association, London Branch by attending when possible. The General's address was received with great satisfaction and prolonged applause.

It had been hoped that the Regiment might be represented at our Re-union by some members making the journey from Germany. At the last moment this was found not to be possible. We hope to make acquaintance with serving members on their return to U.K. in December.

We were all very pleased to see and welcome our guests from the Depot. We trust they had a good time. I'm sure they did from personal observation. Glad to see you made it again Dick Adcock and all pleased to see the fruit come your way.

I would conclude with the best wishes of our members to all sister branches of the Association and to serving members in Germany. May I remind all concerned that the Secretary's address, London Branch is:—

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The Highland Light Infantry of Canada

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IN many respects, the early history of the Highland Light Infantry of Canada is parallel to that of the Perth Regiment. There are records which attest to the formation of the Galt Rifle Company —1851—a volunteer group, organised and commanded by Captain J. Date, an oil portrait of whom hangs in the Officers' Mess. From this painting we see the first dress of the militia unit—rifle green. It is interesting to note that at this time there was trouble in Lower Canada and the 71st (Highland Light Infantry) were stationed in Fort Henry at Kingston, on their second tour of garrison duty in Canada. According to the official history, "Proud Heritage," the Highland Light Infantry on this occasion joined up with the Glengarry Fencibles, from the Brockville-Cornwall area, to put down some of the French Canadian rebels. This partnership, begun at such an early date, was later to be firmly re-established by the long and bloody campaign in the Second World War when the Highland Light Infantry of Canada and the Stormont Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders formed part of the 9th Canadian Highland Brigade.

The personnel of the Galt Rifle Company came from the landed gentry and the farmers' sons. They were not paid, but paraded week-ends to take training and gain proficiency in skill-at-arms. Through a keen sense of public duty, various men, including the Honourable Wm. Dickson, of Kirkmichael, gave this Company the encouragement and funds which permitted it to flourish, with the result that, in 1857, a Battalion of Waterloo Militia was formed. The true organisation of an effective force dates from 1866, however, when the 29th Waterloo Battalion was authorised. Companies were raised in Galt, Waterloo and New Hamburg, at first, but five more to include additional ones at Galt and Waterloo, and new organisations in Berlin, Cross Hill and Ayr soon followed with the threat of the Fenian Raids. The Galt, Waterloo and New Hamburg Companies were mobilised and served for three weeks of active service at Port Erie. Here they repulsed an invasion attempt from the United States and were afterwards sent home.

In 1868, the 29th were presented with its first Colours by the ladies of Galt. These Colours in 1901 were deposited in Trinity Church, Galt, for safe keeping and, although now somewhat battered by the ravages of time, are still there for all to see. A certain badge and the motto, "Defence—Not Defiance," was adopted and approved in 1898. This motto, throughout succeeding changes in the badge, has been retained.

During the South African War, a number of volunteers from the 29th fought with the Canadian Contingent, more particularly the Canadian Mounted Rifles and the Queen's Own Regiment.

This period of the Regimental History is brought to mind by the several beautiful silver trophies presented to the Mess by Captain W. Jardine, an officer of the Unit and an extremely fine shot who was a member of the Canadian Army Bisley team on a number of occasions.

In 1912, a reorganisation of the Canadian Militia took place and the 29th became an eight company unit with the Regimental Headquarters in Galt. From this time, Headquarters has remained here.

With the outbreak of the Great War in 1914, the resources and energies of the Regiment were directed to the task of caring for and assisting in the training of recruits who flocked to the Colours. The 29th, as was the case in all the smaller County Regiments, were never called to serve overseas as a unit. However, they contributed many thousands to the 1st, 18th, 34th, 71st, 111th and 122nd Battalions in Western Ontario and to many Highland Units in other Military Districts. In all, 34 Battalions, representing all four Divisions in the field, received reinforcements.

The Highland Light Infantry of Canada perpetuates the 34th and 111th Battalions and, through this affiliation, was granted the following Battle Honours for the Regimental Colour:

Mont Sorrell, Somme 1916, Ypres 1917, Arras 1917-18, Hill 70, Amiens, Hindenberg Line. The Unit honours the memory of Lieutenant W. Honey, V.C., D.C.M., M.M., who won the decoration with the 34th Battalion. When, in 1916, the 34th Battalion, commanded by Colonel A. J. Oliver, proceeded to England, it was felt that an affiliation with a Scottish unit, long desired in Galt, should be consumated. Discussion with the proper authorities took place and an understanding with the Highland Light Infantry, the second senior Highland Unit of the British Army, yet unique because it is also Light Infantry, and a Regiment famed for its long and distinguished service throughout the Emp're, was reached. In 1920, a reorganisation of the 29th took place and the new name and establishment of the Highland Light Infantry of Canada, with Regimental Headquarters in Galt, resulted. In 1923, King George V conferred the honour of affiliation, officially, on the Highland Light Infantry of Canada, and, from this date, the ties between the two Units have grown increasingly stronger. A new badge, which incorporated many features to commemorate this union, was designed. The St. Andrews Cross, right angled and etched as with the Highland Light Infantry, Scots Guards and the Royal Scots, was superimposed on the Star of India. On this was set the Light Infantry Bugle of the 71st with the cipher Highland Light Infantry of Canada and the Maple Leaf. The motto, "Defence—Not Defiance," was retained, and the Canadian beaver adopted to further emphasise the Canadian nationality. Above the bugle and Unit name the Crown was mounted to indicate that this was a Royal Regiment as designated by Queen Victoria.

In 1925 the Highland Light Infantry of Canada were presented with new Colours by the Highland Light Infantry of Canada, Chapter I.O.D.E. (Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire).

During the years between the First and Second World Wars, the Highland Light Infantry of Canada carried out normal peace-time training. The Unit had adopted the dress of the 1st Battalion Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regiment) and paraded in McKenzie tartan trews, glengarries and white spats. In 1935, as a result of local enthusiasm for the kilt, permission was granted the Unit, by Canadian authorities and the Colonel, the Highland Light Infantry, to adopt the dress of the 5th Battalion Highland Light Infantry, a British Territorial Battalion, which wore the McKenzie tartan kilt with glengarry and diced hose-tops as well as the ancient Highland Light Infantry type sporran. Galt now had a kilted Battalion, and, although interest in the Militia throughout Canada hit a new low, the Highland Light Infantry of Canada had sufficient numbers to turn out at Summer Camps at Pinehill, and take part in church parades throughout the area. In 1935, a visit to the National Guard Battalion at Medina, New York, was arranged. On this most successful occasion, some 220 all ranks enjoyed unforgettable American hospitality. Another memorable parade was the Garrison Church service at Stratford, when some two thousand militia troops from Western Ontario, including approximately 200 from the Highland Light Infantry of Canada, participated.

The spirit of the Unit, throughout this most disheartening period, was maintained by the unselfish devotion and prodigious effort of Colonels A. J. and A. R. Oliver, A. Wendell, J. N. MacRae, R. W. Meikleham and J. A. McIntosh.

With the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939, the Regiment stepped-up its training programme to meet the crisis and handle the many new recruits who hastened to enter the service. Many of the senior N.C.O.s, generally men who had served through the peace-time period, joined with the Units of the First Division, more particularly the Royal Canadian Regiment, and the 48th Highlanders. Recruits also joined the Perth Regiment and, in the later mobilised 2nd Division, the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry when it appeared that the Highland Light Infantry of Canada might not be called up.

On May 31, 1940, however, the Regiment was ordered to mobilise as a Battalion of the 3rd Division, under the command of Lt.-Col. J. A. McIntosh, D.S.O., a distinguished officer of the First World War, who had continued to maintain close affiliation with military matters in Galt. In the record time of three weeks, the Battalion recruited 1,150 all ranks with two of the Companies coming from the Scots Fusiliers of the Kitchener area. Several months later, whilst billeted at the McLagan Barracks, Stratford, the Highland Light Infantry of Canada were officially brigaded with the North Nova Scotia Highlanders and the Stormont Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders as the 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade. This fighting force later became officially designated the 9th Canadian Highland Brigade—the only one in the Canadian Army, which covered itself with glory in all the decisive battles in the advance from Normandy into Germany.

Hard training at Stratford was somewhat interrupted by a Scarlet Fever epidemic which quarantined all ranks. A six weeks' stay in

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Quebec at Cove Field Barracks was followed in February, 1941, by the move to the newly-built Debert, Nova Scotia, camp. Here, with the other troops of the 7th and 9th Brigades, the Battalion took part in further exercises, including the final touches to the camp buildings, roads and landscaping.

The high point of the early training was the Overseas move on 21 July, 1941, when, with the Queen's Own Rifles and Le Regiment de la Chaudiere, the Highland Light Infantry embarked on the cruise ship *Strathmore*. After an uneventful crossing, the Battalion was welcomed at Glasgow by Lt.-Col. Sir Charles Buchanan, Officer Commanding the Highland Light Infantry Depot at Maryhill Barracks, Lady Buchanan, and the Depot Pipe and Brass Bands. There was early evidence given of an interest in the Battalion affiliation which grew closer with the war years and culminated in the death of several Highland Light Infantry of Canada members who served as Canadian-Loan officers with various Battalions of the Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regiment). One of the present officers of the Highland Light Infantry of Canada, Major D. Struck, M.C., earned his Military Cross when, as a Lieutenant, he served as Scout Officer with the 10th Highland Light Infantry.

With a strength of 1,170, two trains were required to move the Regiment to Aldershot after a stirring send-off at Glasgow by the Depot bands. From Aldershot, for the next two years, the Highland Light Infantry of Canada moved to billets and camps in various areas of Southern England, including Camberley, Bognor Regis, Horam, Horsham, Strood Park, Wykehurst Park, Winchester, Bournemouth, Po tsmouth, Gosport, Botley and Southampton. Some camps were good, some terrible, some had to be built, but, as a result of the experience and shared hardships, no group of men had higher *esprit de corps* and were more battleworthy.

On two occasions, the Battalion moved to Scotland for special training. In December, 1942, when for six weeks in snow and rain, they became mountaineers, sleeping in the heather and bracken often in the snow and manhandling all weapons over the Western Highlands, along the Road to the Isles near Glenfinnan and Dorlan. This was said to be in preparation for a further attack on Norway. Again, in September, 1943, specialised landing exercises with the Royal Navy and Royal Marine Commandos were ordered for the 9th Highland Brigade. The Highland Light Infantry of Canada moved to Rothesay on the Clyde and, for a month, a daily soaking became routine. We wondered why it was necessary to have our timings so perfect, particularly with the pill-box attack which crept into every landing.

The Battalion participated in all the large exercises in England in which the Canadian troops were engaged. The most notable of these impressed upon the minds of the participants because of the hardship and foul weather, were Tiger, Beaver II, Spartan, Pirate and Fabius. Visits with Highland Light Infantry Battalions in Scotland and England were common and the bonds of friendship formed. The Battalion was reviewed by the King, Sir Winston Churchill, General Eisenhower, Maj.-General Sir A. J. McCulloch, Colonel, Highland Light Infantry, Maj.-General C. R. Russell of Department M.I.5, The War Office, and a Highland Light Infantry Officer.

But all this was in preparation for the great test. On June 6, 1944, the Battalion, as a unit of the 3rd Canadian Division, landed with the first troops to attack "Fortress Europe." Under command of the 1st British Corps, it pushed within sight of Carpiquet on D 1, after encountering an attack by German paratroops on the night of D Day. At the bloody battle of Buron, one of the key villages to Caen, the men of the Highland Light Infantry of Canada met their first real baptism of fire. Although suffering over 100 casualties, there were some 300 German Panzer Grenadier corpses counted after the Battalion had finally entered Caen. From this point, the Division reverted to the 2nd Canadian Corps and, with that formation, the Battalion fought through to the Armistice. After crossing the Orne at Vaucelles, the Highland Light Infantry of Canada engaged the enemy at Bras, Ifs, St. Hilary, Liaison River and Falaise Gap where, in one day, they captured almost 10,000 panic stricken and battle crazed Germans. In the pursuit across France, the Highland Light Infantry of Canada, almost without exception, led the Division and consequently the Canadian troops, liberating Vimoutieres, Orbec, Brionne, Elbeuf, Rouen, St. Saens, Eu, Abbeville, Samer and crossing the Somme on September 4. The 9th Brigade were sent to clear up Boulogne and the Channel Ports. At Cap Griz Nez, the Battalion had considerable success and captured the huge naval-gun batteries there. When Major J. King, of B Company, accepted the surrender of the German Admiral in command, the Unit sent his sword, dagger and Nazi flag to the Lord Mayor of Dover as a gesture to commemotate that city's freedom from further shelling.

From Cap Griz Nez, the Regiment moved in

a single day to Ghent, where they immediately took part in an amphibious operation across the Savoy Plaat. They landed near Biervliet and, after fighting in a series of actions at Driewegan, Sasput, Breskens and Schoondijke, liberated Knocke sur Mer and the Scheldt estuary. This operation ended on November 1 and the whole Unit moved to Ghent for a rest—the first they had been given as a Unit since D-Day. They were well entertained by the townspeople for a week and the city of Knocke presented the Battalion with a beautiful banner in thankfulness at its liberation. This beautiful flag is preserved in the Galt Armouries and carried by veterans of the 1st Battalion, Highland Light Infantry of Canada, at Regimental Reunions.

From the rest, the Battalion moved up to Nijmegen, where the American Airborne Regiment, which had seized the bridges in the airborne drop, were relieved. This liaison resulted in a great many Winchester carbines being left with the Highlanders.

The Battalion positions at Nijmegen were very exposed in the low-flats and it was an unhappy period. However, in the subsequent operation to clear the West bank of the Rhine, the Highland Light Infantry of Canada fought at Cleve, Udem, and the Hochwald Forest. After a rest in the Reichwald Forest, under sporadic shelling, the Battalion was placed under command of the 51st Highland Division for the crossing of the Rhine. This was a great honour, and, with this move, the leading part played by the Highland Light Infantry in the fighting through France, Belgium and Holland, was officially recognised. They thus became the first Canadian troops to cross the Rhine, and in doing so joined up with four other Highland Light Infantry Battalions which had earned a similar honour with the British Army. Naturally, our men are very proud of this great honour and welcomed the opportunity to again meet up with their namesakes.

The fighting, after the crossing, saw the Battalion engaged at Speldrop, Bienen, Emmerich, Hoch Elton, Bieks, Zeddam, Detinchem, Zutphen, Oest, Dalfsen, Leewarden, Leer and Aurich, where the war ended.

Victory parades at the Hague, Utrecht and Knoche sur Mer were held. Then the Battalion went into billets at Aurich and later Baarn to await their triumphant return to Canada. They finally reached New York on the *Queen Elizabeth* on December 27, 1945, and Galt on the 28th. Thousands of townspeople turned out to greet the homecoming troops, under the command of Lieut.-Col. R. D. Hodgins, an original with the Unit. Great rejoicing was mixed with sadness as memory brought to mind the grievous losses sustained in the long bitter fighting. The Regiment lost 26 officers and 293 other ranks were killed. 46 decorations were awarded to members of this fighting group through which 7,000 men had passed from the date of mobilisation. None were missing, none made prisoner, no ground once taken was ever given up.

Three Battalions of the Highland Light Infantry of Canada were active during the Second World War. When the 1st Battalion moved to the United Kingdom, a 2nd Battalion (a reserve Battalion) was raised under Lieut.-Col. E. G. Warnock, E.D., and remained in Galt as a recruiting centre for the 1st Battalion, and in 1945, the 3rd Battalion was formed in England by Lieut.-Col. D. N. Durward for occupational duties in Germany. This Battalion remained in Germany as a member of the 3rd Division Canadian Occupation Forces until Canadian occupational duties were terminated in 1946.

The Regiment has now returned to its peacetime militia role and is based in Galt with another company in the neighbouring town of Preston.

In 1950, through the effort of Lieut.-Col. G. A. M. Edwards and Major-General Telfer-Smollett, Colonel, the Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regiment), a visitor to Galt during war-time, and a personal friend of Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief the Highland Light Infantry, graciously consented to become Colonel-in-Chief the Highland Light Infantry of Canada. Thus a further link in the strongly forged war-time chain of respect and affiliation was secured. On birthdays and on St. Andrews Day, greetings are exchanged with Her Royal Highness as well as other Battalions of the Highland Light Infantry.

In 1954, Hon. Col. H. L. McCulloch, the Highland Light Infantry of Canada, presented a pipe banner, beautifully made by Scottish artists, to the 1st Battalion the Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regiment) at the annual Assaye Ball in Glasgow. This gift will replace the age-ravaged pipe banner of the 71st which commemorated the Canadian service of 1824 and 1834 and features the Highland Light Infantry of Canada badge with a Canadian moose and maple leaf. It will be carried on the pipe-major's pipes at all ceremonial parades and in a small way acknowledged the many gifts sent to the Canadian unit from the parent Regiment throughout the years of affiliation.

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THIS year has been a memorable one for the O.T.C. for two reasons: firstly the terms of the War Office letter of the 19th June have the effect of making most members of the Contingent eligible for a T.A. commission, secondly, the Shooting Team has performed very creditably in a series of Rifle Meetings.

To deal with shooting first, we are now beginning to show results for the patient and skilful coaching of R.S.M. Gaffney, whose work has been carried on by C.S.M. Gunn, A. & S.H. The team won the Inter-Varsity competition at the West of Scotland Rifle Meeting, won a satisfactory amount of prize money and places in individual and team events at the Scottish Rifle Association and Bisley of which the outstanding performances were the following:—

S.R.A. Rifle Meeting, 1958—T.A. Team Match: 2nd place. Aggregate 200 and 300 yds. —Cpl. Johnston: 5th place.

Bisley, 1958, *T.A. R.A.*—T.A. Championship (Young Soldier)—Cpl. Ridley: 2nd.

Sgt. Robertson and Cpl. Park were selected for the T.A. Team in the Inter-Services Matches. The Territorial Army were placed in the matches as follows: Burdwan Challenge Cup—3rd: Inter-Service XX Match—1st: Inter-Service Long Range March—1st.

Bisley Team Matches (*S.R.(b)*)—Inter-Varsity Cup, 5th; Inter-Varsity Long Range 4th; (*S.R.(a)*)—Inter-Varsity Snap, 4th.

West of Scotland Wapingshaw, 30th Aug., 1958 —Class 'B'—Cpl. Johnston, 1st. Aggregate—Cpl. Johnston, 2nd.

The Team now looks forward to rounding off the season's successes at the District Meeting.

Ability to commission would seem an essential power in an officer-producing unit, but for the past ten years we have for practical purposes not had it. It was therefore with great satisfaction that we took immediate action on receipt of the War Office letter of June. By the end of the year about a dozen officer cadets should have been granted commissions. Many others are qualified, but prefer not to become candidates at an early stage of their courses. It is understood that the forthcoming new directive for the O.T.C. will include valuable incentives for men holding Certificate 'B,' but recruiting will continue to be difficult for us since many cadets will qualify for commissions in their first year with the Contingent, so that we shall no longer be able to count on an average term of three years service from the average annual intake of about thirty.

The R.E. sub-unit has been able to make a useful contribution to the University's search for knowledge. At a week-end camp on a site selected by an archaeologist of the Hunterian Museum the sub-unit carried out an exercise in searching an area with mine detectors. The metal objects located by the R.E. are presumed to be prehistoric in origin and excavation (probably next year) is expected to uncover something of interest to the prehistoric archaeologist and the R.E. sub-unit had a valuable week-end's training which may prove very productive in other ways.

INFANTRY SUB-UNIT

WHILE it is no doubt a desirable thing that a soldier should be inured to all weathers, it is still a fact that training time can generally be most gainfully employed when our British summer is in one of its kinder moods. This year, Annual camp at Buddon was a successful one, largely because the sun shone for most of the fortnight.

Other factors which contributed greatly were good quarters and first rate messing. Those who have had experience of camps in this country will agree that such a combination of good fortune is unusual.

On the adverse side of the record must be set the recurrent theme of low numbers. In previous years this has curtailed sub-unit training of any very ambitious kind. This was again evident at Buddon, though overall programme gave priority to Certificate 'B' (Part 1) committments. Yet there were glimpses of what might be done if our ranks were fuller. Those who took part, towards the end of the camp, in Mr. Cunningham's platoon attack must have realised how many valuable lessons can be learned from exercises of that kind—but to be at all realistic, numbers are essential. T.E.W.T.s are all very well in their way, but for the junior leaders the best training is the handling of actual bodies on the ground. But lest we appear too sententious, let it be said that even with slender resources, good work was done, and enjoyed, by all concerned.

It would be ungracious to speak of camp without making allusion to brothers-in-arms then with us, the Contingents of the Universities of Aberdeen, Durham and Sheffield. With the first of these, Glasgow has a long tradition of friendship; for, until 1939, the two Contingents met annually at camp. The association now formed by a new generation seems to be picking up the threads that were broken off with the coming of the Second World War. With the English universities we were strangers, and perhaps a little shy; but there was much cordiality and good will on every hand, and we look forward to seeing more of them.

Events which stick in the mind from the camp period cover the sub-unit's part in our two ceremonial parades, the helicopter display, the trip by sea from Dundee to Aberdeen—under the patronage of the R.A.S.C.—the inter-contingent shooting competition, wherein the sub-unit were, to take the kindly view, unlucky. On the social side, there was the Infantry dinner, now an annual event. This year the function was held in the Seaforth Hotel in Arbroath, where the sub-unit entertained a number of distinguished guests, including the Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. A. Treloar, T.D., and a very "new boy," Maj. J. F. Slater, who joined us at Buddon as Training Officer. As ever, the evening was a memorable one.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY O.T.C. — BISLEY, 1958.

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PRESENTATION OF NEW COLOURS

to the Highland Light Infantry of Canada

BY H.R.H. THE PRINCESS MARGARET

On behalf of the Commanding Officer I wish to extend thanks of the H.L.I. (Canada) to the Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regiment) for their good wishes and assistance in our recent reception of new Colours from Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret.

Our Colonel-in-Chief, most gracious and charming, captivated each heart in her Regiment on her visit to Canada.

The sun beamed its best and our militia soldiers paraded their best in honour of the event in Hamilton on August 1, and 20,000 people in the Civic Stadium and millions more via television echoed their praise of the Regiment's performance.

Hindered by lack of time the H.L.I. of Canada was forced to drop its public trooping of the old Colours as part of the stadium ceremony. Massed pipe bands of four militia regiments, and the military band of the Perth Regiment, Stratford, led the four 60-man guards into the stadium. The streets along which the guards paraded were jammed with applauding and cheering spectators, and once in the stadium the adjutant was shocked and a little amused to find the audience applauding his commands and then the execution of these by the men.

Receiving the parade, Maj. W. D. Gerrard, M.C., C.D., awaited the arrival of the Princess, then invited her to inspect the guards. The old Colours were marched off to "Auld Lang Syne," after which the unit formed hollow square and the new Colours were dedicated.

The regiment then marched past in column of

guards, and officers and their wives were presented to the Princess, who consented to sit with the officers for a formal photograph.

As her car left the stadium, Major A. P. Graham, second-in-command, led the troops in three cheers, the shouts filling the large arena and echoing out to the thousands lining the streets.

Back in Galt that night the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes and Pibroch Club threw open their doors to some 600 special guests for a gala triple-social. Heading the tri-service guest list in the Officers' Mess was Maj.-Gen. John Rockingham who had commanded the 9th Canadian (Highland) Brigade for a time in North-West Europe.

A guest at Hamilton was Lt.-Gen. Clarke, whose appointment as chief of the Canadian General Staff became effective that day.

Receiving in the Sergeants' Mess were R.S.M. and Mrs. George Rutherford and A/R.S.M. B. Houghton, both former unit Regimental Sergeant-Majors. Mr. Rutherford, visiting in Scotland in June, cabled his acceptance to take the August 1 parade following the sudden death of R.S.M. Henry Regehr.

Now the affair is a memory of the individuals involved. Soon our historical officer will have it compiled as a splendid chapter of the H.L.I. of Canada's history. The chapter will close with the laying-up ceremony of old Colours in Trinity Anglican Church, Galt, and a rumoured charter of the Freedom of the City of Galt for the city's Regiment.

To-night marks the end of the third year of student militiaman training. As in the past two years, the Regiment's senior major, Major C. D. Whittington, E.D., has been in charge of the seven-week scheme. The H.L.I. was limited to 60 trainees this summer.

Missing this year was summer camp, chopped as the Defence Department economises. A few unit personnel were attached to regular force units for qualifications or training, but the old gusto is gone. Next summer we may be attached *en masse*, in which case I dare say things will be pretty lively—an H.L.I. of Canada trait.

This week "G" and "A" chiefs in the unit are locking (and banging) heads in efforts to set up the 1958-59 training schedule. We'll be making it a busy, and, we hope, exciting year.

THE HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY OF CANADA SALUTE TO H.R.H. THE PRINCESS MARGARET, Colonel-in-Chief

For the occasion of the Princess's visit to Hamilton, Ontario, to present new Colours to her Regiment, The Highland Light Infantry of Canada, Galt, 1st August, 1958.

FAR from the old mother sod,
Far from the native hearth,
Dwells yet the Scottish spirit
In a soil of newer birth.

'Tis a land of peace and happiness,
A great land, waxing more
By the blood and brawn and sapience
Derived from the distant shore.

Scorning fool's war, but ne'er afraid,
The seed of Scotland stands,
As in far hills, prepared
To die for newer lands.

When sounds the curved horn,
Shrilling through darkened sky,
The plow drops, and city stops
For the call to the H.L.I.

Ours not the boast of Assaye;
Gibraltar knew us not:
But our shots rang out on Amiens;
At Buron our guns were hot.

We inherited Seringapatam,
Glasgow's our home o'er the sea:
Her Regiment evermore will live
In our Highland Infantry.

To us, too, are the honors,
The will to do and die
Ours the designation
Of Margaret's H.L.I.

All hail, our Princess's Regiment:
Salute our Colonel fair:
Galt's Own stands ever ready
As Scotland's far-off heir.

by DAVID GREEN,
Captain and Adjutant The Highland Light Infantry of Canada.

Extracts from Canadian Newspaper & other Reports of the Presentation of New Colours to the H.L.I. of Canada

From the Programme.

Battle Honours Emblazoned on the Regimental Colour.

MONT SORREL	THE ORNE (BURON)
SOMME 1916	FALAISE
YPRES 1917	BOULOGNE 1944
ARRAS 1917-18	THE RHINELAND
HILL 70	NORMANDY LANDING
AMIENS	BOURGUEBUS
HINDENBURG LINE	THE LAISON
PURSUIT TO MONS	THE SCHELDT
CAEN	THE RHINE

On Parade.

Comding. Offr.	Maj. W. D. GERRARD, M.C., C.D.
Field Offrs. for New Colours.	Maj. C. D. WHITTINGTON, E.D.
	Maj. D. H. STRUCK, M.C., C.D.
Adjutant.	Capt. D. A. GREEN.
R.S.M.	W.O.1 G. T. SUTHERLAND, M.B.E.

Old Colour Party	*New Colour Party*
Lt. R. Chippendale.	Lt. J. G. Warnock.
2/Lt. C. M. Clarke.	2/Lt. L. R. Lumber.
C.S.M. J. W. Craig.	C.S.M. G. F. Stuck.
C/Sgt. W. R. Harrington.	C/Sgt. R. G. Bennett.
Sgt. A. Finlayson.	Sgt. H. MacManian.

Field Officer Keeping the Ground
Maj. H. J. RISK, C.D.

No. 1 Guard—Maj. B. E. BRYANT, C.D.
No. 2 Guard—Maj. D. S. Barrie.
No. 3 Guard—Maj. F. H. SNYDER, C.D.
No. 4 Guard—Maj. A. P. GRAHAM.

From the Toronto Telegram, Aug. 2, 1958.

20,000 JAM STADIUM

PRINCESS PRESENTS COLORS TO HER HAMILTON TROOPS

HAMILTON

HONORED yesterday by Princess Margaret was one of the fiercest fighting units in two World Wars—the Highland Light Infantry of Canada.

The Regiment was created early in the 1800s amid peace-loving, God fearing, Scottish immigrants who protested vainly that "they shouldn't be given arms."

The Regiment which received the Royal and Regimental Colors from Her Royal Highness, their Colonel-in-Chief, overcame those early day apprehensions to achieve one of the greatest records in military history: never a man posted missing or taken prisoner and never ground lost which had once been taken by the Regiment.

Under a blazing sun, more than 20,000 persons jammed the Civic Stadium here to witness the solemn and dignified ceremony.

With one exception and that caused by the roars of the crowd, nothing marred the splendid military ceremony.

The one incident in the otherwise perfect drill was when the order was given to "Present Arms."

The Regiment was in four guards of 100 men each. The troops had come to the Slope Arms and when the "Present" was given, some didn't hear, and the National Anthem was played with part of them still at the Slope.

PRESENT AND CORRECT

And in spite of the great heat and the fact that twice the men had to stand at the "Present" for nearly five minutes at one time, none wilted or fell out.

Under command of Major W. D. Gerrard, M.C., the Regiment was marched into the Stadium facing the saluting base. Then the parade was handed over by the Adjutant, Captain D. A. Green, to the commanding officer, who ordered the ceremonial "Fall-In" of officers and warrant Officers.

In slow time the old Colors, the Regimental Color bearing the names of many great battles of World War 1, were marched in, to take their place in front of No. 1 Guard.

The new Colors and their escort were in the rear of the centre of the Regiment.

The arrival of Princess Margaret, a tiny figure alone on the dais, signalled the start of one of the oldest and most solemn of military spectacles.

First, Lt.-Gen. S. F. Clark, Chief of the General Staff, was presented. He in turn presented senior officers of Central Command, and of the Navy and Air Force.

MASSED PIPES

Princess Margaret then inspected the Regiment, walking slowly along the lines, while the massed pipe bands of the 54th L.A.A. (Scots Fusiliers of Canada), Perth Regiment, Highland Light Infantry of Canada and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, played " Flowers of the Forest."

Next came the marching off of the old Colors. With the Regiment standing at Present Arms, the color bearers and their escorts marched off in " slow time " to the tune of " Auld Lang Syne " by the brass band of the Perth Regiment.

It was a sad moment, particularly to those veterans of the Regiment who helped emblazon the names of MONT SORREL, ARRAS, YPRES, HINDENBURG LINE, SOMME, AMIENS and the PURSUIT TO MONS on the regimental flag presented to them in 1925 by the Highland Light Infantry Chapter I.O.D.E.

The old colors, with the original ones presented in 1868 by the " Women of Galt," will now " remain forever " in Trinity Anglican Church, Galt.

The whole great audience rose in tribute as the revered Colors were dipped in salute as they passed the Princess.

The quaint old ceremony of piling the Drums for the presentation of the new Colors followed next.

This was quite a drill, and never performed better. While Guards 2 and 3 remained stationary, Guards 1 and 4 inclined to the right and left, respectively, and marched inwards, forming a hollow square. This ceremony is almost as old as the army.

In ancient days, when many soldiers couldn't read, they had to know what their flag looked like because they always fell in on the flag. Thus the hollow square, where they all could take a good look at their flag and remember it.

What some people viewing the ceremony on television might have thought was a mistake, was quite in order. When the casings were taken off the new Colors they were dropped on the ground, and were picked up afterwards by a man of the Regiment. That is the custom.

The new Colors were laid across the Drums and consecrated by Colonel the Rev. J. W. Forth, M.B.E., Director of Chaplain Services (Protestant) of the Canadian Army. He was assisted by Lt.-Col. the Rev. J. P. Browne, Major the Rev. J. M. Cardy, M.C., Major the Rev. J. M. Anderson, M.C. and Captain the Rev. David Gowdy.

IN GOOD HANDS

Amid a silence that could almost be felt, Her Royal Highness accepted the Queen's Color from a senior Major of the Regiment, walked across to the kneeling Lt. R. Chippendale and placed the staff in his hands. Then accepting the regimental Color, she gave it to Lt. J. G. Warnock.

Addressing the regiment, Princess Margaret said she was greatly impressed by its smartness and drill, " I have no doubt the colors will be in very good hands," she said. " During the Second World War you admirably fulfilled your responsibility to the Crown and to your country, and fought brilliantly throughout the campaign in Northwest Europe.

In World War 2 the regiment lost 26 officers and 293 other ranks and won 46 decorations.

From the Hamilton Spectator, Aug. 2, 1958.
PRINCESS Margaret met her regiment for the first time yesterday at 4.45 p.m. when her car entered Civic Stadium to thunderous applause and cheers from a crowd of not less than 16,000.

The troops were lined up in two columns across the arena facing her dais on the north side. Facing her in front of his men was the commanding officer, Major W. D. Gerrard.

At the top of the stand behind the royal dais and overlooking the area was a battery of signal lamps set up by the Signals Corps. Much of the ceremony was carried out behind the commanding officer's back and the lights above the dais kept him informed of what was happening.

Princess Margaret had to leave the stand again to meet the colors on the arena forecourt and make her presentation speech. In this she said : " I am greatly impressed with your smartness and bearing and by the high standard of your drill and I congratulate you most sincerely on this fine parade."

This was a sincere Royal compliment. For she departed from her prepared speech to make it. She ended by saying :

" I now commend these colors to your keeping. I know you will guard them well not only with bravery in battle but with resolute service in times of peace."

When the new colors had been marched off the field the regiment's officers were presented to Princess Margaret. Then she posed with them for photographers and Major Gerrard, on behalf of the Regiment, presented her with a silver cigarette box bearing the regimental insignia with the motto "Defence is Undivided."

From the Galt Evening Reporter, Aug. 2, 1958

THE dainty princess, the focal point of all eyes in the blistering heat, then received the two new colors from Senior Majors C. D. Whittington and Del Struck, placing them in the waiting hands of Lts. J. G. Warnock and L. R. Lumber. With guards Color Sgt. R. G. Bennett, C.S.M. George Struck and Sgt. Harry MacManian, the new colors were later escorted to their regiment, front and centre.

Margaret's words, clear and well put, reached everyone in the stadium. They were spoken with sincerity, seriousness.

"This is a solemn moment in the history of this battalion . . . you have said goodbye to one set of colors and have dedicated new colors." She also complimented the Highlanders on their "smartness and bearing and high standard of drill."

Her clear voice was firm as she urged the H.L.I. of Canada to carry them in honour, as they had carried others in battles of the past. "I know you will guard them well," she remarked, speaking of the unit's fine record in the last war. "You fought brilliantly . . . with high standards of courage," she said.

"Remember," she stated, "these colors symbolise your three-fold loyalties—to Queen, to country and to your regiment." Then quietly she stepped back a few paces.

NEVER BRING DISHONOUR

Major Gerrard, who performed his many functions on this great day with capability, remarked, "Never by word or deed shall we bring dishonour to these Colors," after noting that it was appropriate that the presentation was made by Princess Margaret on her first visit to Canada. He believed the event would prove an inspiration to members of the unit that day and in the future.

After a general salute, performed with excellent snap and precision, the colors took their place with the H.L.I. of Canada.

Two-end 60-man guards, which had formed hollow square for the consecration and presentation then reformed line.

One of the finest, most spectacular events then followed, as the regiment swung past the Princess in a march past. They were led by the large massed pipe bands. Waves of applause, especially from wartime ex-H.L.I. of Canada veterans and other Galt and Preston people, broke the silence and the floating, shouted orders. Reforming their ranks, the H.L.I. of Canada then moved forward in an advance in review order.

An excellent job was done by the five-man new colors party, as they were marched off the field. The Princess followed the progress of the group with her eyes, watching until they crossed the cinder track to the right.

This concluded the official military performance of the presentation of new colors by H.R.H. Princess Margaret Rose.

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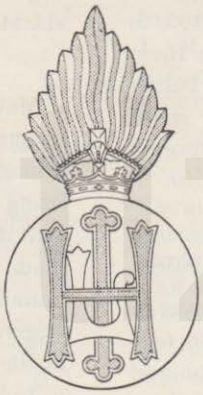
THE ROYAL HIGHLAND FUSILIERS



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