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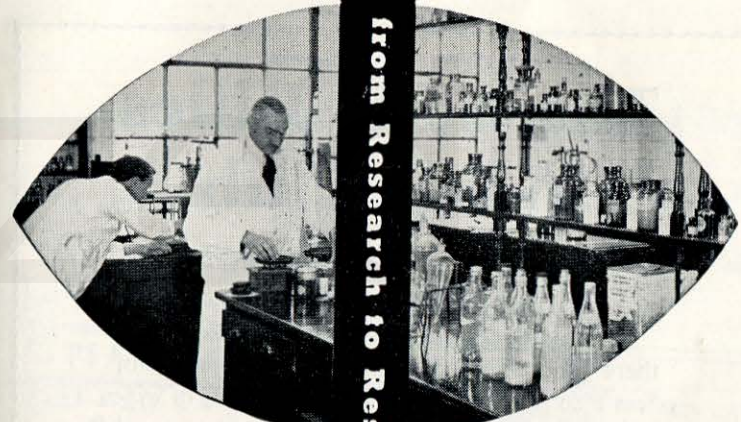
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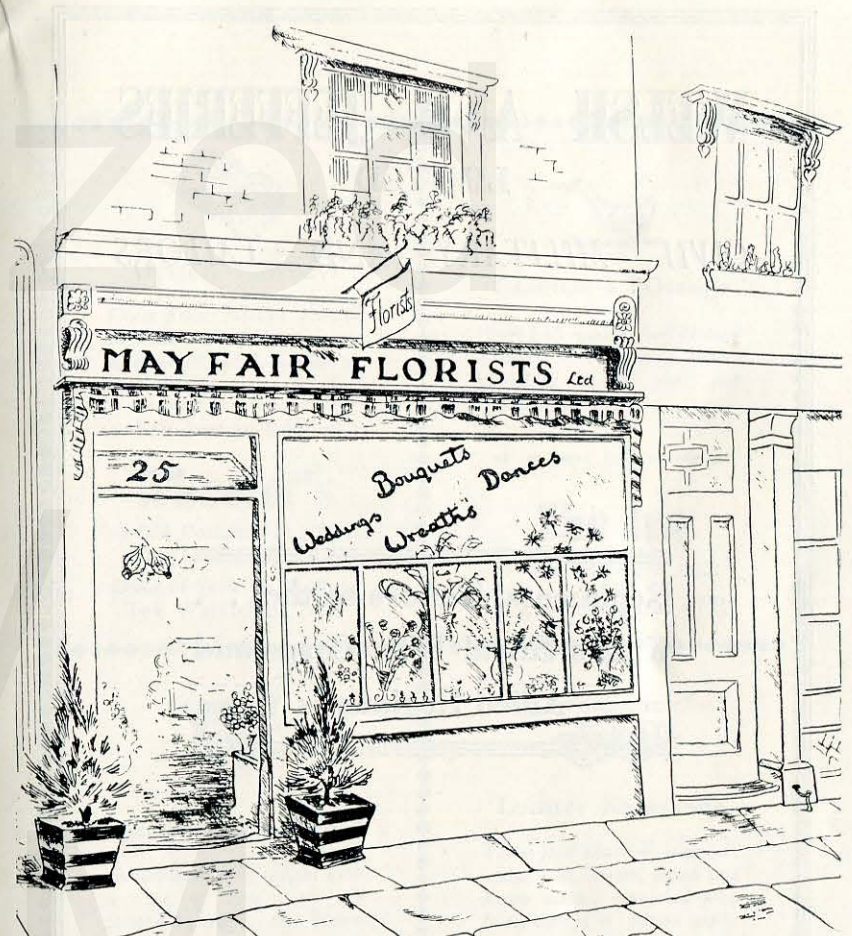
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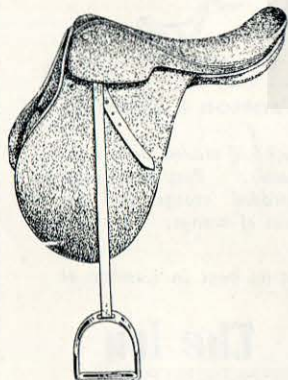
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"Ancre, 1916, '18," "Arras, 1917, '18," "Scarpe, 1917," "Arleux,"
"Messines, 1917, '18," "Pilckem," "Menin Road," "Polygon Wood,"
"Broodseinde," "Poelcappelle," "Passchendaele," "Cambrai, 1917, '18,"
"St. Quentin," "Rosières," "Avre," "Lys," "Bailleul," "Kemmel,"
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BICENTENARY OF THE REGIMENT

INSPECTION BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

Winchester, July 25th, 1955

PRELIMINARIES

Preparations for celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of the Regiment were taken in hand by the Colonels Commandant in the spring of 1954, when a special committee of twelve was appointed to deal with the matter, the Senior Colonel Commandant taking the chair. This Special Committee held almost monthly meetings in London, right up to the date of the parade at Winchester. Working at 32 Eccleston Square, Capt. Charles Timson acted as Secretary, a task which he and his staff, headed by ex-Sgt. Siddle, carried out most efficiently. The mass of correspondence with which they dealt increased as the date of the parade drew nearer. Her Majesty the Queen, who had recently assumed the Colonel-in-Chiefship of the Regiment, promptly decided to hold an inspection in person and the date arranged was the 25th July, 1955. The War Office promised that the 1st Battalion would arrive home on its way from Germany to North Africa in sufficient time to prepare for the event. After detailed consideration, it was decided to hold the parade on the Green Jackets Club Cricket Ground at St. Cross, Winchester, kindly lent for the occasion by the Green Jackets Club.

It was also decided that the Regimental Dinner should be held in June, and a Bicentenary Ball should be given by the Celer et Audax Club on 22nd July.

Early publication of the date enabled most of the important personages, with the regretted exception of the United States Ambassador, to arrange to be present. The first essential was the closest co-operation with the Mayor and Corporation of the City. They were most helpful to us and we were determined that the Regiment should play its part on the day in a manner worthy of the occasion. This being Her Majesty's first visit to Winchester, it was only right that the Mayor and Corporation should stage a

suitable welcome to this ancient City, which was celebrating the 800th anniversary of the granting of its first Royal Charter. This and the Queen's visit to Winchester College would occupy all the morning and conclude with a State Luncheon at the Guildhall, to which the two Colonels Commandant of the Regiment, General Sir Evelyn Barker and Lieut.-General Sir Euan Miller, and the O.C. Green Jackets Depot, Colonel The Hon. M. F. Douglas-Pennant, among others, were invited. It can be imagined that all these preparations involved a great deal of work. Finally, all details were settled, including invitations and presentations, cards and tickets, attendance of old comrades, and representation of affiliated regiments and reception of American members.

It was arranged that after the City Luncheon, while H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh changed into Field Marshal's uniform at the Depot Officers' Mess, Her Majesty would visit the 60th Museum. The Royal party would then drive through the City to St. Cross.

VISIT TO THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

On the day all went as planned. After luncheon at the Guildhall, Her Majesty drove up to the Green Jackets Depot to visit the 60th Museum, where Brig.-General B. J. Majendie, Chairman of the Committee, Major C. J. Wilson, Officer in Charge, and Mr. Cook (late 60th) were in attendance. Unfortunately, owing to the building being closed for repairs, it was not possible for Her Majesty to see the pictures in the Officers' Mess.

The Royal Party then drove through the crowded and decorated streets to the Green Jackets Cricket Ground at St. Cross, where the Parade was to take place.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE PARADE

A full record of the preparation of the 1st Battalion, kept by the Adjutant, Capt. R. M. Parker, has been filed at the Headquarters of the Regiment. The following extracts are of special interest:

The Drill

Lieut.-Colonel R. F. L. Chance, commanding the 1st Battalion, consulted with Lieut.-Colonel E. A. W. Williams, commanding the 2nd Battalion, and between them the actual drill of the parade was drawn up. This was evolved from a parade of the 2nd Battalion before their Colonel Commandant in the previous October, and was based on what was known of pre-war ceremonial in the Rifle Brigade, as well as in the 60th. Very little of the drill would be found in the drill book. Nearly all words of command were

replaced by bugle calls and the drum. Rapidity of movement and the short and few orders, which are characteristic of Rifle drill, were, of course, a distinctive feature.

Band Music

The Battalion marched past three times, first, as usual, in Company Column, secondly, returning in close column at the double, and lastly, in threes to leave the ground. The choice of Band Music (see Band Programme) is of interest. The playing of "The British Grenadiers" recalled the fact that this had been the original Regimental March of the Regiment before it became "Rifle". Incidentally, the two marches played during the Queen's Inspection had been written for the Regiment in the 1760's and were dedicated to Lady Amherst, wife of the Colonel-in-Chief of that date.

Dress

It was decided that Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants on parade, and the Band and Buglers, should wear No. 1 Dress (Green with cross-belts, medals and peaked caps), and other ranks battle dress. The old uniforms (see page 9) worn by four officers at the Saluting Base, had been arranged by Mr. Welsh, of Messrs. Welsh & Jefferies, Regimental Tailors. The scarlet and white, 1792 uniform, was a copy made by Mr. Welsh and afterwards presented to the Museum by him.

The Colonels Commandant wore their stars of Knighthood and decorations. Serving officers and other ranks of the Army, including members of our Affiliated and Territorial Regiments attending as spectators, were permitted to wear No. 1 or service dress. Retired Officers of the Regiment attending were directed to wear plain clothes with full sized medals, but not neck decorations.

Practice

Considerable rehearsal of the Parade had been possible in Germany. The 1st Battalion arrived at Tidworth late in May and were given 14 days' leave. The Company from the 2nd Battalion made up of personnel on leave from Germany, joined up later. The 2nd Battalion Band, being also at home at the time, joined the 1st Battalion Band. A week before the parade the Battalion moved to Winchester for final rehearsals and were put up at the Depot.

The total strength of the Battalion on parade was 16 officers, 486 other ranks (see parade state, page 7). The Old Comrades of the K.R.R.C. Association numbered a little over 500. The

largest contingent arrived by bus from London and others came from all over the country; some from Yorkshire and even Scotland. It was not, of course, possible to call the roll and ascertain the names of all those present.

The Staff of the Depot, under Major J. F. C. Mellor, carried out all local arrangements, including the preparation of the ground and supervision of seating, car parks, catering, traffic and police, with admirable efficiency. A detachment from the Depot was on duty around the parade ground and another party, under Captain G. C. Wemyss, Rifle Brigade, was on duty, lining the streets in the City. A full account of the Parade follows later.

Invitations

Invitations to be present were sent to nearly sixty widows or near relatives of deceased officers, many of whom were able to attend. The names of the principle guests of the Regiment and names of American Officers are given at the end of this account.

ROYAL AMERICANS: BICENTENARY OF 60th RIFLES NEXT WEEK

*From "The Times" of July 22nd, 1955
by Lieut.-Col. P. B. Earle*

"Next Monday, July 25, the Queen, as Colonel-in-Chief, will inspect the 1st Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps (60th Rifles) at Winchester on the 200th anniversary of the raising of the Regiment in America.

"In the forests and wastes of North America the red coat army with its ponderous movements, formal tactics, and heavy equipment had proved no match for the French and Red Indians in the Seven Years War. When in 1754 final disaster came with the massacre of General Braddock's force on the Monongahela River south of Pittsburg, the Government decided to raise in America a force more suited to the prevailing conditions. By special Act of Parliament commissions were granted to foreign officers, and four battalions of the 60th Royal Americans—the official title for nearly 70 years—were raised from the colonists of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Maryland, North Carolina, and New York State, together with Swiss and German mercenaries and volunteers from other Regiments.

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"The Royal Americans adopted light and inconspicuous clothing and equipment, a simple drill, open formations, and rapid move-

ments. Personal initiative was encouraged. These characteristics, combined with a more tolerant discipline based on a relationship of trust and respect between officers and men, distinguished the 60th from all Regiments of the eighteenth-century British Army. Henri Bouquet, a Swiss officer of distinction commanding the 1st Battalion, laid down the principles: 'to be loosely organised, lightly equipped and sombrely clad; to move quickly and quietly and to shoot accurately'. These remain principles governing the conduct and dress of the 60th Rifles to-day.

"As the regiment was intended solely for service far from home and was over 4,000 strong, organised in four battalions, a Colonel-Commandant—a post not unlike that of Colonel-Propriétaire of the old Royal Army of France—was appointed to each battalion and a new appointment, Colonel-in-Chief, was created, a title granted to the head of no other Regiment at the time. Each regular battalion had a Colonel-Commandant, as they have to-day. The first Colonel-in-Chief was Major-General the Earl of Loudoun. Since those days, for nearly 160 years, and in unbroken succession for the last 86 years, a member of the Royal Family has assumed this appointment. Between 1889 and 1921 five members of the Royal Family served in the regiment, two losing their lives on active service.

Canada Intact

"The 60th can justly claim a prominent share in curbing French and Red Indian power and, in the words of the American historian Parkman, 'in opening up once and for all the great territories west of the Alleghany Mountains and south of the Great Lakes'. In Canada in 1759 General Wolfe gave the Regiment its motto, *Celer et Audax*—Swift and Bold. Appropriately the 60th was the last British Regiment to leave Quebec in 1871. Frederick Haldimand, the first Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion, became during the American War of Independence the first Governor of Canada and 'preserved not only Canada intact but with loyalty to the British Crown'.

"The link with Canada, where seven militia Regiments are allied to the 60th, and with the United States remains ever strong. Before Pearl Harbour 17 American citizens selected from many volunteers were granted commissions in the 60th. Five survivors from the first American officer cadets will be present at the parade.

"The title 'Royal Americans' was tactfully dropped after 1783 but this did not deter George III from signing commissions into

'The Royal American Regiment' for at least 30 years after the American colonies had won their independence.

"The 5th Battalion, 60th Rifles, raised in 1797 under an Austrian colonel, Baron Francis de Rottenburg, and with 900 Austrian and German riflemen, was the first rifle battalion in the British Army, although the rifle itself had been well tried in the 60th from its earlier days in America. The Battalion was dressed in green with scarlet facings, and was armed with rifles and swords instead of the short-range musket and bayonet. Swords (still so called in the 60th) were never fixed on the new rifle and are never fixed to-day on parade. Black buttons and the Maltese cross badge date from this period; also the hunter's horn, now the insignia of all rifle and light infantry regiments. The horn was adopted from the German Jäger regiments, from which the 5th Battalion was largely recruited, as also were the regimental marches 'The Huntsmen's Chorus' from Weber's *Der Freischutz* and von Gehriech's 'Jagersleben' mixed with Lutzow's 'Wild Hunt'. The Regiment is still 'sombrely clad' in rifle green and its early American democracy is reflected in the custom by which officers do not wear badges of rank in the mess.

A Record of Change

"The order of things is changing; but change should suit the 60th. Its heterogeneous foundations in the New World and its truly European ancestry in the Old World together with its constant development of new fighting methods—tracker, rifleman, scout and skirmisher; mounted infantry in South Africa; mechanisation at home; and for the last 18 years specialists in close co-operation with armour—have given the Regiment traditions and characteristics, which should ensure for it a place of leadership in the many developments ahead."

Parade State

Colonels Commandant

General SIR EVELYN H. BARKER, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.
Lieutenant-General SIR EUAN A. B. MILLER, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.

Commanding the Parade

Lieutenant-Colonel R. F. L. CHANCE, M.C.

Second-in-Command

Major C. S. MADDEN

Adjutant

Captain R. M. PARKER

Regimental Sergeant-Major
R.S.M. J. GARSIDE

No. 1. COMPANY
Major E. C. PHILLIPS, M.C.
Captain C. G. N. CAMPBELL
C.S.M. T. LYTTLE
C.S.M. K. EVANS

No. 2. COMPANY
Major N. J. WARRY, M.C.
Captain H. R. M. PORTER, M.B.E.
C.S.M. R. ROBBINS
C.S.M. W. PRICE

No. 3. COMPANY
Major R. C. GIBBS, D.S.O., M.C.
Lieutenant J. W. G. PIRIE
C.S.M. G. HALLETT
C.S.M. T. BYRNE

No. 4. COMPANY (2nd Battalion)
Major R. F. NIXON, M.B.E.
Lieutenant A. E. KARSLAKE
C.S.M. G. SHREEVE
C-Sjt. J. SANDERSON

The Band and Bugles of the 1st Battalion The King's Royal Rifle Corps:
Bandmaster E. W. JEANES, L.R.A.C., A.R.C.M.
Bugle-Major R. SILVER

The Band of the 2nd Battalion The King's Royal Rifle Corps:
Bandmaster R. RODGERS, A.R.C.M.

Form of Parade

1. The Parade, consisting of the 1st Battalion The King's Royal Rifle Corps and one Company and the Band, 2nd Battalion The King's Royal Rifle Corps, marches on and forms up in line.
2. Her Majesty The Queen arrives and is received with a Royal Salute.
3. Her Majesty The Queen inspects the Parade.
4. Speech of welcome by General Sir Evelyn Barker, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., senior Colonel Commandant The King's Royal Rifle Corps.
5. Her Majesty The Queen addresses the Parade.
6. The Parade marches past Her Majesty in column of Companies in quick time.
7. The Parade marches past Her Majesty in close column of double time.
8. The Parade re-forms line.
9. The Parade advances in Review Order.
10. The Parade gives a Royal Salute followed by three cheers for Her Majesty The Queen.
11. The Parade marches past Her Majesty in threes and marches off.
12. Old Comrades of the Regiment form up facing the Dais.
13. Her Majesty The Queen inspects the Old Comrades.

Programme of Music

THE MASSED BANDS AND BUGLERS OF
THE KING'S ROYAL RIFLE CORPS

1. **The Parade Marches on.**
QUICK MARCH "Punjab" (Payne)
QUICK MARCH "Mechanized Infantry" (McBain)
2. **The Arrival of Her Majesty the Queen.**
ROYAL SALUTE The National Anthem
3. **The Inspection of the Parade by Her Majesty.**
"Greensleeves" (Traditional)
"Eton Boating Song" (Kaps)
"Gold and Silver" (Lehar)
4. **The Parade forms Close Column.**
QUICK MARCH "High School Cadets" (Souza)
5. **The March Past in Quick Time.**
REGIMENTAL QUICK MARCH "Lutzw's Wild Hunt" (Weber)
6. **The March Past in Double Time.**
REGIMENTAL DOUBLE MARCH "Monymusk" (Traditional)
7. **The Parade Re-forms Line.**
QUICK MARCH "Sons of the Brave" (Bidgood)
8. **The Advance in Review Order.**
QUICK MARCH "British Grenadiers" (Traditional)
9. **The Parade Marches off.**
QUICK MARCH "Huntsman's Chorus" (Weber)
QUICK MARCH "Georgia" (Miller)
10. **The Inspection of the Old Comrades by Her Majesty.**
"May Blossom" (Weir)
"Royal Americans" (Arranged by Bandmaster Rodgers, 2nd Bn. K.R.R.C.
based on two Marches written for the 1st and 2nd Battalions in
America in the 18th Century).

Old Regimental Uniforms on Parade at the Dais and Saluting Base

1. **Officer. 60th Royal American Regiment, 1792.** (Captain R. Cavendish).
Three-cornered cocked hat laced with silver. Red coat with blue facings and silver epaulette on right shoulder only. Gorget and crimson sash. White shoulder belt with silver shoulder belt plate which supports the sword. White breeches and black leggings.
2. **Officer. 60th The King's Royal Rifle Corps, 1830.** (2nd Lieut. R. Snow).
Chaco with tuft. Dark green jacket with three rows of black buttons and brading. Pelisse. Pouch belt with silver ornaments, crimson sash, black gloves and overalls.
3. **Two Officers. The King's Royal Rifle Corps, 1914.** (2nd Lieuts. J. Studholme and J. Carver).

Busby with scarlet plume on black base. Rifle green tunic with scarlet collar and cuffs, with black braiding. Pouch belt, black gloves and overalls.

4. **Colour Serjeant. 60th The King's Royal Rifle Corps, 1850.**
(Cpl. Perry).

Small chaco (The Albert Pot). Dark green jacket with three rows of black buttons and elaborate badges of rank embroidered in a gold wreath. Black trousers, boots, and belt. (This tunic is blue, probably owing to bad dye).

5. **Other Ranks. The King's Royal Rifle Corps, 1914.** (Rfn. Walker).

Busby with small black plume on scarlet base. Rifle green tunic with scarlet trimmings. Black trousers, boots, and belt.

AT ST. CROSS

By Lieut.-Col. P. B. Earle

The day, the setting and the occasion were of surpassing brilliance and will live always in the memories of the many hundreds of Riflemen and their connections who were present.

It was a day of bright sunshine and gently moving white clouds. The smooth green lawns of St. Cross, framed by belts of trees in full foliage, provided an incomparable setting for military pageantry—a setting so much more appropriate for the many Rifle green uniforms than the stony grey and puce of the barrack square, towards which no Rifleman feels close affiliation or affection.

To the visitor perhaps the most prominent feature of the occasion was the easy informality with which the well-ordered and precise arrangements were put into effect, obviating long and uncomfortable delays, tedious waiting and objectionable marshalling. It was at once a vast garden party at which all were friends, and a military parade which, in novelty, spectacle and accuracy, conformed to the highest traditions of the Regiment.

The march on to parade

The march on of the band and buglers, followed by the battalion, was greeted by a wave of clapping. Few of us to-day have had the opportunity of seeing a 60th band and buglers dressed in green and nearly ninety strong. Across the wide expanse of grass the Bugle Major's cross belt and tall scarlet officer's plume, backed by the more modest seal-skin busbies and "shaving brush" plumes of the buglers, could be clearly seen.



THE ARRIVAL OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN AT ST. CROSS

Somehow the speed and precision of the Rifleman's march always comes as a renewed surprise and delight. The strident and urgent quality of the band with its light-hearted, gay and frivolous tempo, exhilarates and alerts any Rifleman as no other sound in the world can do. So many latent feelings and emotions are kindled by the band and buglers that the desire of all was to see them march past at close quarters. But this was not possible. There was not sufficient room for the Band to march past and it took up position in the centre.

Arrival of the Queen

At 3 p.m. the breaking of the Royal Standard, for the first time ever on the field of St. Cross, marked the arrival of Her Majesty the

Queen—Colonel-in-Chief—and the Duke of Edinburgh; Her Majesty wore the 60th brooch which she accepted from the Regiment on the assumption of her appointment.

Her Majesty, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, the Colonels Commandant and Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. Martin Charteris, mounted the dais to receive the Royal Salute. A few yards to the right of the dais sat the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, Hon. Colonel of the Queen's Westminsters and a Major in the Regiment in the First World War, and Lady Eden.

Speech of Welcome

The senior Colonel Commandant welcomed Her Majesty in the following words:

"May it please Your Majesty: We past and present members of The King's Royal Rifle Corps gathered here to-day humbly wish to express to Your Majesty, on this your first visit to the Regiment, our profound appreciation of the great honour bestowed on us by your Majesty in assuming the appointment of Colonel-in-Chief in succession to your father, King George VI, and your grandfather, King George V. It is my privilege to convey to Your Majesty and to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, our loyal thanks that you both saw fit to be with us here to-day on this celebration of the raising of the Regiment in North America two hundred years ago. It is right, therefore, and a special pleasure to us, that we have present here to-day representatives of the United States of America in the person of Lieut.-General Eddy, a Freeman of the City of Winchester, and five American citizens who served in the Regiment in the last war. May I, with Your Majesty's permission, say how much we cherish this close link between our two countries. In these days of rapid scientific changes in the methods of warfare it is impossible to see into the future. However, so long as our Regiment remains in being we shall strive to live up to the great honour Your Majesty has bestowed on us and to serve the Crown in like manner as have those who have gone before."

Her Majesty's Speech

Her Majesty then addressed the Regiment:

General Sir Evelyn Barker, Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Riflemen, past and present, of The King's Royal Rifle Corps.

I was very glad at the time of my Coronation to become your Colonel-in-Chief, and on this, the first occasion that I have met you on parade, it gives me great pleasure to join with you in the celebration of your Two-Hundredth Anniversary.

In the two centuries that have passed since you were first raised you have served your country in peace and war in many lands. Wherever you have been you have always brought honour to the name of England and fame and distinction to that of your Regiment.

The roles which you have been called upon to play have been as varied as the countries in which you have fought. But whether it has been as Scouts in the forests of North America, as Infantry of the Line in the trenches of France, or as Motor Infantry in the desert of Libya and in Europe, you have always held true to the motto—Swift and Bold—given to you by General Wolfe at Montmorency Falls below Quebec. That is the spirit that has made the name of "Rifleman" one well calculated to bring comfort to your friends upon the field of battle, and has earned for you the respect of your enemies wherever you have met them.

The honours you have gained for your country and your Regiment have not been earned without loss and I think it is right that, on this day—although it is one of rejoicing—we should also remember with pride and gratitude those who have given their lives, or their health, whilst serving in your ranks.

I am confident that in the future you will maintain and enhance the fine traditions of service, courage, good conduct and initiative which have been so strongly built by you and by your predecessors. I wish you all success and happiness.

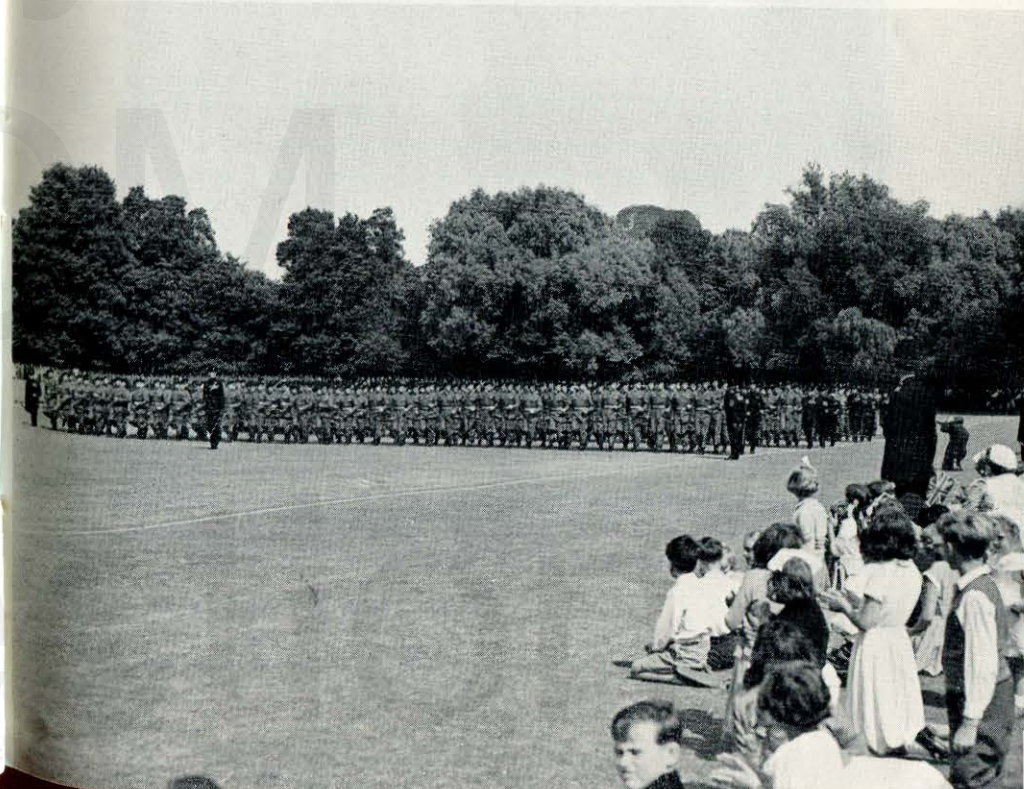
Her Majesty's Inspection

Accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, the Colonels Commandant and Lieut.-Colonel R. F. L. Chance (commanding the Parade) Her Majesty then inspected all three ranks of the battalion, occasionally stopping to talk to individual Riflemen.

The March Past

To quote from the K.R.R.C Association News Letter: "Here came the moment we had eagerly been waiting. Here at last was the chance to show Her Majesty and everybody present, the sort of drill that can be produced by a Regiment so strong with History and Tradition as ours. The performance given fulfilled our wildest hopes, and it would have been almost impossible to improve on the standard of drill."

THE DOUBLE PAST





(L. to R.) The Prime Minister, Lady Eden, The Duke of Edinburgh, Lieut.-Gen. Sir Euan Miller, Her Majesty, General Sir Evelyn Barker.

The precision of the drill, its silence and speed and the control of the movements by bugle and drum commended themselves to Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh no less than they did to the vast and expectant audience. The march past in Column of Companies at 146 paces to the minute to the wildest of all marches—the Regimental March, Lutzow's "Wild Hunt"—brought a spontaneous outburst of applause and a thrill to every Rifleman of every age on the field.

If the march past was impressive—and few will deny that it was—the return journey at the double in close column was exhilarating to a degree and was accompanied from the outset by prolonged applause.

Back in Review Order again the battalion advanced twenty paces to "The British Grenadiers" and halted in line before Her Majesty for the final Royal Salute.

The effect of the parade on the onlookers was interesting to observe. The absence of the ponderous beat of rolling drums and the proud, sentimental score of a military brass band had something to do with it; the speed and jauntiness of it all: the lightness and gaiety of the music, left the majority of the spectators in a state of jovial exhilaration. Quite unlike, for instance, the passive silence which follows the conclusion of the Trooping of the Colour at the Horse Guards Parade.

Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh, smiling and talking, appeared to be in exact sympathy with this general mood.

The Presentations

The informal presentations to Her Majesty and the Duke



Presentations (Left to right): Lt.-Col. J. C. Cain, John Tuttle, Mrs. Fowler, Harry Fowler, Ted Ellsworth, Bill Channing, Mrs. Alsop, Stuart Alsop



The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh
with Lieut.-Gen. Sir Euan Miller, talking to Capt. R. Cavendish

followed immediately after the parade. Those who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty were:

The Prime Minister and Lady Eden.
The C.I.G.S. and Lady Harding.
General Sir Montagu and Lady Stopford.
Lieut.-Colonel the Lord and Lady Penrhyn.
General Sir George and Lady Erskine.
Major-General Sir Hereward and Lady Wake.
Major-General and Mrs. H. O. Curtis.
Major-General and Mrs. L. A. E. Price-Davies.
Brig.-General Sir Charles and Lady Howard.
Colonel the Hon. and Mrs. M. F. Douglas-Pennant.
Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. R. F. L. Chance.
Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. E. A. W. Williams.
Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. J. A. Hunter.
Lieut.-Colonel M. J. Gilliat.
Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. P. B. Earle.
Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. F. L. Knight.
The American Officers (*see p. 23*)

Inspection of Old Comrades of the King's Royal Rifle Corps Association

While the presentations were being made more than 500 members of the K.R.R.C. Association had been marshalled, without any

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh inspect the Old Comrades, accompanied by Major-General Sir Hereward Wake and the Colonels Commandant



noticeable orders or instructions being given, under the command of Major-General Sir Hereward Wake. The Band played and Her Majesty walked down all three ranks and spoke to a large number of those on Parade. It was noticed that an uncommon medal, such as that for North Russia, 1919, attracted Her Majesty's quick attention. The Queen also recognised several officers, beginning with Lt.-Col. Lord Penrhyn, on the right of the line, the oldest on parade and shortly to celebrate his 90th birthday.

Three cheers for the Queen

Then occurred a very impressive incident: it had been noticed that the three cheers for the Queen after the Royal Salute at the end of the Advance in Review Order had not been given. The Commanding Officer realised his omission too late. But after all it was far from being the only departure from the drill book on that parade and a remedy was at hand which enabled the three cheers to be given by the Old Comrades at the end of the inspection. The veterans seized their opportunity and the "three mighty cheers for Her Majesty which they gave, and in which the spectators spontaneously joined, made (to quote again from the News Letter) a fitting and indeed a moving finish to a memorable day in the history of the Regiment."

After the Parade

As soon as the Battalion had marched off, the Officers who had been on parade were lined up outside the tea tent and were presented to Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh immediately they had finished the Old Comrades' Inspection.

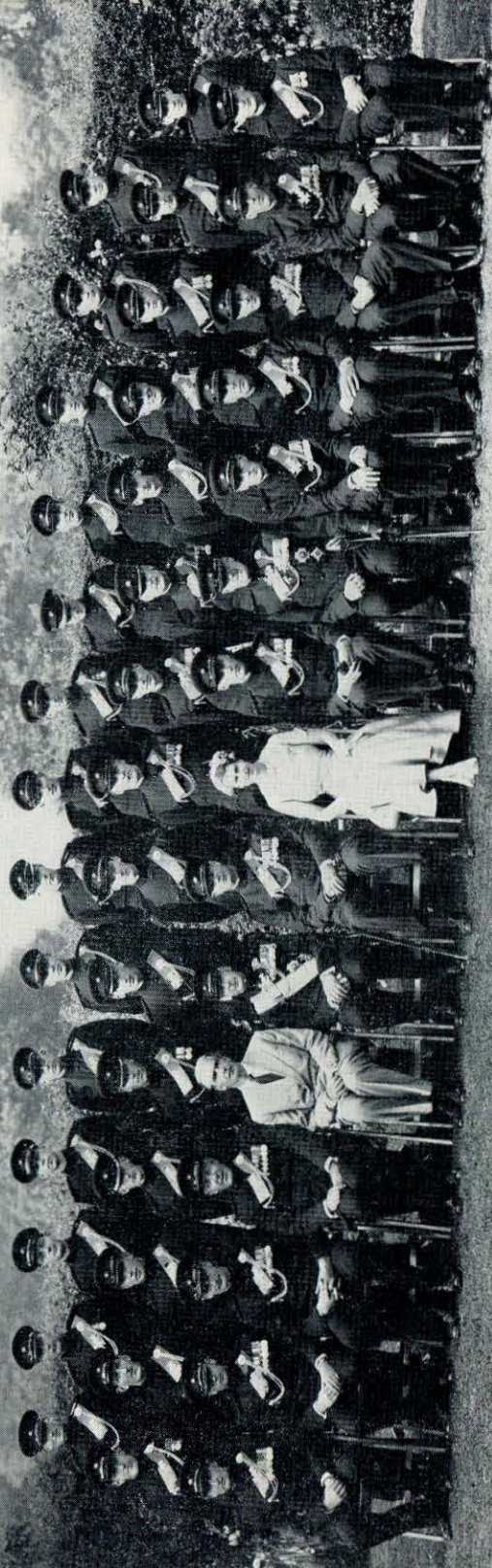
Her Majesty then repaired to the tea enclosure. Here there was some confusion as the waitresses had all, loyally no doubt, deserted their posts in order to get a close-up view. Fortunately the staff of the Royal tent had stuck to their posts and the Queen knew nothing of what had happened. In the Royal tent the Lord Lieutenant, the C.I.G.S. and Lady Harding, the Mayor of Winchester, the Dean of Winchester and Mrs. Selwyn, the Colonels Commandant with Lady Barker and Lady Miller and Sir Hereward and Lady Wake were among those present.

After tea the following had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty:

Major-General and Mrs. J. F. Hare.
Brig.-General and Mrs. F. G. Willan.
Colonel and Mrs. G. W. White.
Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. R. G. H. Sutton.

Major and Mrs. R. H. Keeling.
Major J. G. Harrison.
Major R. F. Nixon.
Captain R. M. Parker.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN WITH OFFICERS OF THE REGIMENT



Brigadier and Mrs. K. H. Collen.
 Lieut.-Colonel E. F. Campbell.
 Major and Mrs. J. F. C. Mellor.
 Major and Mrs. C. S. Madden.
 Major and Mrs. H. R. G. Howard.
 R.S.M. and Mrs. Garside.
 Bandmaster and Mrs. Jeanes.
 C.S.M. Lyttle.

Captain and Mrs. C. Timson.
 Captain and Mrs. F. N. Voysey.
 Lieut. and Mrs. L. Grout.
 Mrs. D. G. Wilson.

C/Sgt. Rich.
 Sgt. and Mrs. Wolland.
 Rfn. and Mrs. Phillips.

Her Majesty was then photographed with the Officers and Sergeants. Before the Sergeants' photograph was taken, Her Majesty signed the Sergeants' Mess Visitors' Book which had also been signed by her father when he visited Bushfield in 1950. The Prime Minister was also in both the Officers' and Sergeants' photographs and General Barker had the pleasure, while the Sergeants' group was being marshalled, of giving a peremptory order, the executive word of command of which was "Come here, Prime Minister". During the photograph the Battalion, under the Corporals, was lining the route for the Queen's departure.

Her Majesty finally drove off through the lines of cheering Riflemen and other spectators on her way to visit the Cathedral.

VISIT TO WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Winchester Cathedral is, of course, full of historic associations dating back to Saxon times, and Her Majesty could only pay it a hurried visit. But the Dean was ready to point out some of the 60th Memorials, including that of the South African War and also the Book of Remembrance giving the names of 14,014 Officers and Other Ranks of the 60th (including that of his own gallant son) who laid down their lives in the two World Wars which followed. Nor must we forget to mention the well-known statue of the Rifleman near the West Door.

CONGRATULATORY

It was characteristic of the Queen to send to General Barker the same evening the following message:

"I was greatly impressed by the high standard of drill and the excellent bearing of all ranks of the King's Royal Rifle Corps on parade this afternoon. Please convey to them my warm congratulations.

(Signed ELIZABETH, R., Colonel-in-Chief.)

Two days later a further message was received from Her Majesty:

BUCKINGHAM PALACE,
 27th July, 1955.

Dear General Barker,

Before I left Winchester I sent you, by hand, a message from The Queen to all who were on parade last Monday. Her Majesty has further commanded

me to write to you to thank you and to ask you to convey her thanks to all who were concerned in making the admirable arrangements for her visit to the Museum, for the Parade itself and for the tea afterwards.

The Queen, as I am sure you realised, was most interested in all she saw in the Museum where the history of the Regiment is so ably illustrated, and is grateful to you and the others for explaining everything so clearly.

As you know, the Queen was very impressed by the Parade itself. Her Majesty was also particularly happy to see such a large number of Old Comrades, and to have the opportunity afterwards of meeting so many officers and other ranks.

As Colonel-in-Chief, Her Majesty was indeed glad to see that her Regiment was in such good heart and to learn that it is maintaining its traditions so well, not least in the realm of rifle shooting.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) MARTIN CHARTERIS.

(Private Secretary to Her Majesty The Queen).

Among the many letters of congratulation received after the Parade, we print two.

10, Downing Street,
 Whitehall.

29th July, 1955.

From the Prime Minister

My dear General,

Thank you so much for your letter. I do not feel that it is for you to thank me for coming to the Bicentenary Parade, but rather for me to say how much I enjoyed it. It was a great joy to see the Regiment on parade again and looking so well. I thought that the whole Parade was admirable and all the arrangements as good as they could possibly have been. I do think that all those concerned are very much to be congratulated.

I am sure that the Queen enjoyed the Parade as much as my wife and I did. I hope that we shall have another opportunity of visiting the Regiment later on.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) ANTHONY EDEN.

From the Mayor of Winchester

Winchester,

27th July, 1955.

Dear General Barker,

I do want to thank you so much for inviting me to represent the City at your bicentenary celebrations. May I add my congratulations to the hundreds you must be receiving on the magnificent parade. I was delighted that the sun came out for the afternoon, and made the setting so unsurpassable.

I would like to add how much we have appreciated the friendly co-operation between your Regiment and the City during all the months of preparation which have been so richly rewarded.

Yours sincerely,

BARBARA THACKERAY,
 Mayor.

Letters of appreciation, among many others, were also received from Lieut.-Colonel R. A. G. Prentice, and Lieut.-Colonel V. H. Buxton, Royal Rhodesia Regiment, General Sir John Burnett-Stuart, Former Colonel Commandant The Rifle Brigade, and the Duke of Wellington. The C.I.G.S., General Sir John Harding,

wrote in his letter:

"You all have every reason to be very proud of such a splendid performance and I would like to offer my heartiest congratulations to you and your Regiment on an excellent and most inspiring parade."

Lieut.-Colonel Sir William Makins (formerly C.O. Welsh Guards), writing to Sir Hereward Wake, wrote:

"Out warmest thanks for enabling us to be present at such a wonderful parade. I have never before had the good fortune to see a Ceremonial Parade carried out by a Rifle Regiment, and I had no idea how impressive and indeed moving it could be. The movements carried out to the bugle call were beautiful to watch and the march past in double time was perfection itself. The contrast to the slow marching with which I am familiar made the whole thing even more fascinating, and I do thank you . . . for your kindness in giving me a chance of seeing a parade I shall never forget."

GIFTS TO THE REGIMENT COMMEMORATING THE BICENTENARY

This appears a suitable place to express our thanks to our Allied Regiments and others for their kindness in presenting to the Regiment in commemoration of our Bicentenary the various gifts shown below:

- From the Americans who served in the Regiment in the 1939-45 War—A silver salver.
- From the 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles)—A picture.
- From the Kaffrarian Rifles—A Buffalo head.
- From the Sydney University Regiment—A cigar box.
- From the Royal Rhodesian Regiment—A silver bugle.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS PRESENT

Among the large assembly present at the Bicentenary Parade were the following:

- The Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden and Lady Eden.
- The Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, His Grace the Duke of Wellington.
- The Bishop of Winchester and Mrs. Williams.
- The C.I.G.S., Field Marshal Sir John Harding and Lady Harding.
- Admiral of the Fleet Sir Charles MacGrigor.
- General Sir John and Lady Burnett-Stuart.
- General Sir Montagu Stopford, Colonel Commandant, The Rifle Brigade, and Lady Stopford.
- General Sir Alexander Wardrop.
- General The Lord Jeffreys.
- Lieut.-General S. M. Eddy, U.S.A. and Mrs. Eddy.
- Lieut.-General Sir Ernest Down, G.O.C. Southern Command, and Lady Down.
- Major-General A. D. Campbell, G.O.C. Aldershot District, and Mrs. Campbell.
- Major-General J. H. W. Martin, G.O.C. Salisbury Plain District, and Mrs. Martin.
- Brigadier J. F. C. Pangwen, Army Member, Canadian Joint Staff.
- Colonel R. Chandler representing the Colonel, the Royal Hampshire Regiment, and Mrs. Chandler.

Colonel A. W. Edmeades, Commanding Solent Garrison, and Mrs. Edmeades.
The High Sheriff of Hampshire and the Hon. Mrs. Bruce.
The Mayor of Winchester, Mrs. F. S. Thackeray, and Brig.-General Thackeray.
Mr. Peter Smithers, M.P. for Winchester, and Mrs. Smithers.
The Lord and Lady Simonds.
The Head Master of Winchester College and Mrs. Lee.
The Chief Constable of Hampshire and Mrs. Lemon.
The Recorder of Winchester and Mrs. Phillimore.
The Town Clerk of Winchester and Mrs. McCall.
The Master of St. Cross and Mrs. Carlisle.

We were also very pleased to welcome the following serving officers and members of our Affiliated Regiments.

Major-General W. J. V. Windege, Sydney University Regiment.
Colonel A. Dunstan-Adams, Hon. Colonel the Kenya Regiment.
Colonel J. de L. Thompson, The Royal Rhodesia Regiment.
Lieut.-Colonel V. H. Buxton, The Royal Rhodesia Regiment.
Lieut.-Colonel R. Sutton, 1st Cadet Bn. K.R.R.C.
Lieut.-Colonel J. C. Cain, The Royal Rifles of Canada.
Lieut.-Colonel D. E. Lewis, 32 Locating Battery, R.C.A. (Brockville Rifles).
Major N. Wylie-Carrick, 2nd K.E.O. Goorkhas.
Major Langlands, 2nd K.E.O. Goorkhas.
Captain B. J. C. Foster, 2nd K.E.O. Goorkhas.
Captain W. M. Slaughter, The Halifax Rifles.
Lieut. J. D. Enfield, Sydney University Regiment.
Lieut. (Bandmaster) Hansard, The Fiji Regiment.
L. Usher, Esq., Public Relations Officer to the Fiji Regiment.

THE 60th ROYAL AMERICANS

Every 60th Rifleman knows to-day that the Regiment started life as the Royal American Regiment two hundred years ago, and most of them have heard about the American citizens—there were 18 of them—who, before the United States entered the second World War, crossed the Atlantic to enlist, and were granted special commissions in the Regiment. Now that five of these Officers have again crossed the sea to be present at the Bicentenary Celebrations, no excuse need be made for giving fuller details of their story and all it meant at the time.

To the average Briton such loyalty to an old connection is not surprising and unexpected. In spite of all that happened he has always regarded the Americans good-naturedly and as blood relations. He had heard how George III tried to make the Boston people drink his tea and so on, but there is no ill will now over that. In America, however, it was different. Their schools held up the English as the enemy—even after the first World War, England was suspected of "colonialism" and Imperial ambitions. When the second World War broke out, the United States waited

two years before Pearl Harbour ended their neutrality and they came in as a united nation.

But in the meantime there were plenty of Americans who realised what the war was really being fought about. The young Americans who joined our Regiment were prominent among those who understood what was up and dared to act on their convictions. Our Regiment, the old Royal Americans, provided the important and necessary link and opportunity. But it was no light decision for them to make.

All the 18 American citizens who received commissions in the 60th proved themselves able and gallant leaders. Four were killed in action (Robert Cox, John Brister, Greville Cumming, and Lionel Mosseri) and four were seriously wounded. They all went to the front, but when America entered the War those who survived naturally transferred to the United States forces.

At the end of the War, as some slight recognition of their great services, the Officers of the 60th presented to each American brother Officer, or to his relatives, a copy of the silver cross-belt badge in a leather case inscribed "The 60th Royal Americans".

The American Officers who were present at the Bicentenary Parade at Winchester were Lieut.-Colonel W. E. Channing (and Mrs. Channing), H. W. Fowler (and Mrs. Fowler), S. T. O. Alsop, T. R. Ellsworth and J. T. Tuttle. They were specially presented to the Queen who spoke to each in turn. They were also presented to the Prime Minister. It was an historic occasion and an important event in the alliance between Great Britain and America.

Lieut.-Col. Channing's Luncheon Party

A few days before the Parade, Lieut.-Colonel Bill Channing gave a small luncheon part in London for the four other American Officers. It was his idea, he wrote "to get together a few of the people who had made it possible for us Americans to serve in the Regiment". The guests included Colonel Rex Benson, who was Military Attaché at the British Embassy at Washington in the early part of the War and Captain R. A. F. Williams, who interviewed the applicants (it was said that 100 had applied for the first five vacancies), Major-General Sir Hereward Wake, who was then Colonel Commandant (Sir John Davidson died in 1954). The two present Colonels Commandant and Lieut.-Colonel E. F. Campbell who commanded the Training Battalion in the early years of the War, were added to the party.

This preliminary episode and all that was said before the party broke up gave some indication of the emotions that were to be aroused at Winchester a few days later.

To round off this account the following letter from Sir Hereward Wake and telegram from the Prime Minister, together with an extract from a letter written after the Parade by Lieut.-Colonel Bill Channing to General Barker are appended.

To Lieut.-Col. WILLIAM E. CHANNING,
Time and Life Building,
New Bond Street, W.1.

22nd July, 1955.

Dear Channing,

It was a happy thought of yours to give your luncheon party yesterday to a few of us, to meet the other American Rifle Officers who are here for our Bicentenary Parade on Monday. Thank you for including me in the party.

It was an historical occasion really and made me realize better than I have before what a big thing it is that we, or rather the Americans who came over to join the 60th, had done in 1940-45. And at the time it didn't look as if we would win the War.

You are all very proud of the Regiment but, let me assure you, not half as proud as the 60th is of its American association and its gallant American Officers. It owes them a tremendous lot. I wish they could have all been at your luncheon party and that we could let them know of it, and what was said, and what was left unsaid on our part.

Yours,
HEREWARD WAKE.

To General SIR EVELYN BARKER,

3rd August, 1955.

Dear Sir Evelyn,

I would like to say on behalf of all of us what a really memorable day Monday, July 25th, was. The beautiful setting, the marvellous performance put on by the Regiment, all of course culminating with the presence of Her Majesty and many other people made it a day which none of us will ever forget. In fact, all the celebrations, from the Regimental Dinner through Monday, have made us, if possible, even prouder of our association with the Regiment.

From Lieut.-Colonel W. E. Channing.

REGIMENTAL NEWS

It is hardly necessary to the present generation of riflemen to state that 1955 was our bi-centenary year; but, nevertheless, the fact should be recorded for posterity.

The principle feature of the celebrations was the inspection of the Regiment and Old Comrades by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, our Colonel-in-Chief. A full account of the parade appears in later pages.

During the course of the year we were particularly pleased to be visited by so many members of our Affiliated Regiments and by some of the American Officers who served with the Regiment during the Second World War.

The Regiment would like to record their thanks to the various units and individuals for their presentations on the occasion of the Bi-Centenary.

The 1st Battalion paid a fleeting visit to England on their way from Germany to North Africa.

During the course of the year, the very sad news was received that the 2nd Battalion, only re-formed in 1951, was once again to be put into suspended animation. Many of us thought that we saw a glimmer of hope and felt that as time went on there was just a chance of a reprieve. This, alas, has proved to be wishful thinking and the Battalion will start to disappear towards the end of 1956.

The outstanding success of this 60th/Rifle Brigade amalgamation has been reflected very clearly in the Battalion's remarkable triumphs in many spheres of shooting and sport in its five years' existence since its re-formation early in 1951.

Now that the age of nuclear weapons is upon us, a considerable reorganisation of fighting formations is taking place. Nothing very firm has yet been decided, but it seems probable that the Green Jackets will lose their peculiar identity as Motor Battalions. This will be a sad moment, not only for us, but also it is suggested for the armoured regiments with whom we have worked so closely and who have learnt to understand and trust us. During its history the Regiment has so often been the pioneer of new tactics and organisation. It is surely not unreasonable to suggest that in the future there may be opportunities for us to be pioneers again.

A similar reorganisation is taking place in the Territorial Army, but it is as yet too soon to say how this will affect the Queen Victoria Rifles and The Queen's Westminsters.

The Regiment continues to retain its supremacy at Shooting. In the Queen Victoria Trophy for 1955, the 2nd Battalion were the winners for the second successive year with the 1st Battalion once again being runners up. It should perhaps be recorded that the 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade were not eligible for the competition this year though they were in 1954.

Colonel Commandant

By the time that this Chronicle is published, General Sir Evelyn H. Barker, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., will have handed over his duties of Colonel Commandant of the 2nd Battalion to General Sir George Erskine, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O. All who have worked with General Barker at Eccleston Square and Winchester know how very much he has done to foster the standards, the activities and the traditions of the Regiment. His visits to the 2nd Battalion were anticipated as keenly by all ranks of the Battalion as they were by the Colonel Commandant himself.

Editor

After a reign of nearly 10 years, Major General H. O. Curtis, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., has reluctantly decided that the time has come for him to hand over his duties as Editor of this Chronicle. He has been succeeded by Lt.-Col. Sir John Maclure, Bart., and Major C. J. Wilson as joint Editors. Major General Curtis has worked untiringly to maintain the high standard of the Chronicle at a time of great difficulty—Rising costs of paper, printing and binding; a strike; and a change of printers are just some of the problems he has had to face. Interesting articles are difficult to obtain and pressure of work has often been used as the excuse for the tardy arrival of rather sketchy and badly prepared Battalion reports. Altogether, being editor is a thankless task. However, Major-General Curtis carried on, sustained surely by the knowledge that he was doing a really valuable service to the Regiment. This seems a fitting place to pay tribute to his devoted work.

Regular Recruiting

The number of regular recruits enlisting in the Regiment is generally higher than any other infantry regiment, excepting only the Brigade of Guards and The Parachute Regiment. The total for 1955 amounted to 295. But the numbers each month have been declining gradually during the course of the year and a fresh drive to get more recruits is required. What is more serious, however, is the fact that extremely few men are staying on after the end of

their first three-year engagement. Prospects of being able to find senior ranks in the future are not too favourable. It is to be hoped that the new terms of pay and conditions of service shortly to be announced will be sufficiently attractive to induce men to make the Regular Army their career.

Our Recruiting Office Sponsor Officers have done valiant work—may it please be continued. But it is within the power of every member of the Regiment, past and present, officer and other ranks, to sponsor a recruit for the Regiment. What an idea! But if we all did it, one recruit every two or three years from each of us would be more than the Regiment could cope with. And what a way to raise the standard!

Congratulatory

Congratulations:

To General Sir George Erskine, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., on being appointed G.O.C. in C. Southern Command.

To Brigadier Sir John Hunt, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.C.L., L.L.D., on being appointed to command 168 Lorried Infantry Brigade (T.A.).

To Brigadier E. A. W. Williams, O.B.E., M.C., on being appointed to command the 2nd Infantry Brigade.

To Lieut.-Colonel M. J. Gilliat, M.V.O., M.B.E., on being appointed Private Secretary to Her Majesty The Queen Mother.

SHOOTING

Results of the A.R.A. Non-Central Matches have just come to hand and as can be seen are up to our usual high standard.

	Series A.		At Home.	
<i>Queen Victoria Trophy</i>	1st	2nd Battalion	.. .. .	2,968
	2nd	1st Battalion	.. .. .	2,916
	3rd	1st R.U.R.	.. .. .	2,584
<i>King George</i>	1st	1st Battalion	.. .. .	540
	2nd	2nd Battalion	.. .. .	507
<i>Royal Irish</i>	1st	2nd Battalion	.. .. .	554
	2nd	1st Battalion	.. .. .	534
<i>Hopton Cup</i>	2nd	15 Platoon 1st Battalion	.. .. .	198
<i>Company Shield</i>	1st	"C" Company, 2nd Battalion	.. .. .	422
	2nd	H.Q. Company, 2nd Battalion	.. .. .	414

NOMINAL ROLL OF REGIMENTAL OFFICERS OF THE KING'S ROYAL RIFLE CORPS HOLDING REGULAR ARMY COMMISSIONS

(December 1955)

Colonel The Hon. M. F. Douglas-Pennant, D.S.O., M.B.E.	Brigade Colonel.
Lieut.-Colonel R. F. L. Chance, M.C.	Comd. 1st Bn.
Lieut.-Colonel J. F. C. Mellor, D.S.O.	Comd. 2nd Bn.
Bt./Lieut.-Colonel J. L. Corbett-Winder, O.B.E., M.C.	G.S. S.H.A.P.E. Mission.
T./Lieut.-Colonel W. D. Keown-Boyd, O.B.E.	H.Q. Army Field Forces, U.S.A.
Major H. R. G. Howard	D.A.A.G., R.M.A., Sandhurst.
T./Colonel G. W. White, M.B.E.	Comdt. Eaton Hall O.C.S.
T./Lieut.-Colonel M. J. Gilliat, C.V.O., M.B.E.	Private Secretary, H.M. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.
T./Lieut.-Colonel C. S. Madden	Comd. Kenya Regiment.
T./Lieut.-Colonel H. A. Hope, M.C.	G.S.O.1, G.H.Q., E. Africa.
T./Lieut.-Colonel H. R. W. Vernon, M.B.E.	G.S.O.1, H.Q., B.T.E.
Major P. H. Parker	H.Q., Inf. Div., B.A.O.R.
Major E. G. B. Davies-Scourfield, M.B.E., M.C.	Green Jackets Depot.
Major P. Pardoe	1st Bn.
Major J. H. P. Curtis, M.C.	H.Q. 1 Lor. Inf. Bde., B.A.O.R.
Major R. C. Gibbs, D.S.O., M.C.	1st Bn.
Major R. F. Nixon, M.B.E.	H.Q., N.A.G.
Major J. R. C. Radclyffe, M.B.E.	Q.W. (K.R.R.C.), T.A.
T./Major J. A. G. Le Coq	Staff College.
T./Major G. H. Mills	2nd Bn.
T./Major C. A. Humphreys, M.C.	168 Lor. Inf. Bde. (T.A.)
T./Major E. C. Phillips, M.C.	1st Bn.
T./Major D. G. House, M.C.	2nd Bn.
T./Major R. J. A. Darwin	H.Q., Western Command, Canada.
T./Major N. J. Warry, M.C.	1st Bn.
Captain T. E. St. Aubyn	R.M.A., Sandhurst.
Captain E. M. M. Kenney-Herbert	H.Q., Inf. Bde., E. Africa.
T./Major E. N. W. Bramall, M.C.	Green Jackets Depot.
T./Major J. G. Harrison	1st Bn.
Captain J. R. Tillard	The War Office.
" H. R. M. Porter, M.B.E.	Q.V.R. (K.R.R.C.) T.A.
" R. M. Parker	The War Office
" J. C. Slater	1st Bn.
" T. N. Thistlethwayte	H.Q., Armd. Div., B.A.O.R.
" S. J. Symington	Q.W. (K.R.R.C.) T.A.
" M. P. Hills	1st Bn.
" J. A. Molesworth-St. Aubyn	Q.V.R. (K.R.R.C.) T.A.
" M. M. V. W. Beak	H.Q., Armd. Bde., B.A.O.R.
" M. J. H. Walsh	3 Para. Regiment.
" R. L. S. Mather	2nd Bn.
" R. K. Guy, M.B.E.	2nd Bn.
" R. H. Underhill	1st Bn.

T./Capt.	C. G. N. Campbell	Kenya Regiment.
"	J. E. Oxley	Green Jackets Depot.
"	I. Grahame of Duntrane	Inf. Boys Bn.
"	P. M. Welsh	Green Jackets Depot.
"	M. J. Calvert	1st Bn.
"	J. R. T. Eve	The Kenya Regiment.
Lieut.	P. E. Willis-Fleming	1st Bn.
"	D. W. R. Bedford	2nd Bn.
"	C. J. Adami	1st Bn.
"	J. W. G. Pirie	1st Bn.
"	V. F. West	2nd Bn.
2nd/Lieut.	A. E. K. Karslake	2nd Bn.
"	C. J. Holroyd	1st Bn.
"	A. T. R. Shelley	2nd Bn.
"	E. C. Winter	1st Bn.
"	J. V. Keyte	1st Bn.
"	I. H. McCausland	2nd Bn.
"	G. R. R. Crossman	1st Bn.
"	R. C. F. Leach	2nd Bn.

NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSIONS

2nd/Lieut.	M. J. K. Miller	1st Bn.
"	Hon. J. P. E. F. St. L. Grenfell	1st Bn.
"	P. S. Fea	1st Bn.
"	C. E. R. Benson	Green Jackets Depot.
"	P. S. Curtis	1st Bn.
"	H. C. Cairns	2nd Bn.
"	D. I. Mitchell-Innes	1st Bn.
"	P. G. P. Farquhar	1st Bn.
"	A. N. G. Ayling	Green Jackets Depot.
"	J. J. T. Carver	1st Bn.
"	P. E. Cornwall-Jones	1st Bn.
"	R. W. Snow	Green Jackets Depot.
"	J. G. Studholme	1st Bn.
"	J. Whatmore	2nd Bn.
"	R. K. Erskine	1st Bn.
"	E. A. J. Ferguson	2nd Bn.
"	Hon. C. E. Cecil	Green Jackets Depot.
"	D. C. Pitman	2nd Bn.
"	H. C. Seymour	2nd Bn.
"	A. W. Molesworth-St. Aubyn	2nd Bn.
"	C. B. Nugent-Head	2nd Bn.

THE GREEN JACKETS DEPOT

OFFICERS, WARRANT OFFICERS
AND COLOUR SERGEANTS

December, 1955

DEPOT HEADQUARTERS

Commanding Officer, Brigade Colonel: Colonel The Hon. M. F. Douglas-Pennant, D.S.O., M.B.E., K.R.R.C. **Second-in-Command, 60th C.C.'s Rep.:** Major E. G. B. Davies-Scourfield, M.B.E., M.C., K.R.R.C. **Brigade Adjutant, R.B., C.C.'s Rep.:** T./Major H. D. G. Butler, R.B. **Depot Adjutant:** T./Captain R. F. Somerset, R.B. **Depot Assistant Adjutant:** Lieut.-Colonel R. A. Anderson, M.C. (Cameronians) (retd.). **Quartermaster:** Lieut. (Q.M.) H. Andrews, R.B. **P.R.I.:** Colonel R. A. MacGeorge, R.B. (retd.). **R.S.M.:** R.S.M. G. Routledge, R.B. **R.Q.M.S.:** R.Q.M.S. T. Newton, K.R.R.C. **O.R.Q.M.S.:** W.O.II W. G. Hutchison, K.R.R.C.

HEADQUARTER COMPANY

Major J. C. Mansel, R.B. Captain C. G. Wemyss, R.B. 2nd/Lieut. A. N. G. Ayling, K.R.R.C. W.O.II E. S. Reilly, R.B. C./Sgt. N. Birdsall, K.R.R.C. C./Sgt. J. Kennedy, R.B.

TRAINING COMPANY

T./Major E. N. W. Bramall, M.C., K.R.R.C. T./Captain J. E. Oxley, K.R.R.C. Lieut. R. H. Petley, R.B. Lieut. P. T. Thistlethwayte, R.B. 2nd/Lieut. F. R. Pratt, R.B. 2nd/Lieut. C. E. R. Benson, K.R.R.C. 2nd/Lieut. R. W. Snow, K.R.R.C. 2nd/Lieut. The Hon. C. E. Cecil, K.R.R.C. W.O.II R. Hinett, K.R.R.C. C./Sgt. R. McKue, K.R.R.C.

GENERAL

It has again been a busy year for the Depot with the Bicentenary Celebrations in July and the return of the 1st Battalion from B.A.O.R. and its subsequent departure to Derna.

We have also seen the departure, in September, of our Second-in-Command, Major J. F. C. Mellor, D.S.O., who has gone to command the 2nd Battalion; Major A. G. D. Palmer, M.C. (R.B.), the Brigade Adjutant, who is now on the W.O.S.B. Staff at Barton Stacey, and Captain T. G. H. Jackson (R.B.), our Adjutant, who goes to the Staff College in the New Year.

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

The visit of Her Majesty, The Colonel-in-Chief, on the occasion of the Regimental Bicentenary, is described elsewhere in the Chronicle.

The other outstanding event of the year took place on 8th June when Field-Marshal H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., Colonel-in-Chief of The Rifle Brigade, inspected the Depot and took the salute on a Ceremonial Parade. The Colonel Commandant of the Rifle Brigade, General

Sir Montagu G. N. Stopford, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., was in attendance. After the parade, His Royal Highness met members of the Rifle Brigade Association and lunched in the Officers' Mess.

There is insufficient space in this year's Chronicle to enumerate all our other distinguished visitors who have taken our passing out parades or came down to see us on other occasions. They include, of course, both our Colonels Commandant, also General Sir George Erskine, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., Lieutenant-General Sir Francis Festing, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., Brigadier Sir John Hunt, C.B.E., D.S.O., Colonel G. W. White, M.B.E. (K.R.R.C.), and Colonel Ross of the Royal Rifles of Canada.

On 29th April we were delighted to receive The Mayor of Winchester, Councillor Miss J. Edmeades, J.P., who took the salute at a passing out parade.

Earlier in the year, Lieut. Roper Curzon, R.N., came to the Depot to return the regimental cup on the sad occasion of H.M.S. *Rifleman* going out of commission.

Her Majesty's Official Birthday on 9th June was celebrated with a Combined Services parade at The Guildhall. Detachments from the Depot took part in the parade and assisted in street-lining.

On 4th May, Captain (Q.G.O.) Narbir Thapa, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Goorkha Rifles, and Captain (Q.G.O.) Baghir Limbu, M.C., 1/7th Gurkha Rifles, who are The Queen's Gurkha Orderly Officers for 1955, arrived on attachment. We shall be more than sorry to say goodbye to them when they sail for Malaya at the end of the year, and would like to take this opportunity of congratulating them on being decorated with the M.V.O.

Other events included a visit by Officers and Cadets from St. Cyr and L./Ecole Polytechnique, special parade services and the laying of wreaths on Remembrance Sunday, and our annual inspection which was carried out in November by Brigadier H. P. Mackley, O.B.E., our Assistant District Commander.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The annual Sergeants' Mess Shoot took place in September, when Q.M.S.I. Thurston became Champion Shot. The Wooden Spoon was won, after an exciting contest, by Sergeant Spratley, R.B. There was much "sweating" on the part of several members until his "victory" was announced.

In the evening members of the Central London Branch of the Rifle Brigade Association were present at the social when Mrs. Routledge presented the prizes.

On Remembrance week-end, members of both Regiments' Associations were entertained after their Reunion dinners.

CORPORALS' CLUB

A new and very popular innovation this year has been the acquisition of a television set.

On 21st July, a highly successful dance was held in Newburgh House. A mixed band from both our Battalions played and contributed considerably to the evening's enjoyment.

A Christmas Draw and Social was held just before Xmas and was much enjoyed by all.

TRAINING COMPANY

The Training Company has had a varied and interesting year.

The training of National Servicemen has continued—some 330 Regulars have come in. Nearly 300 parents have visited us to watch the Passing Out Parades.

There have been the usual staff changes—Major Bramall has succeeded Major Liddell as Company Commander, and C.S.M. Hinett has taken over from C.S.M. Thomas.

In May, the Company paid a highly successful visit to Jersey, which is described by Major Bramall elsewhere.

Visits were also paid during the summer to the Marine Training Area near Gosport, and to Dartmoor, where one of the platoons acted as Demonstration Platoon to the 14th Territorial Parachute Battalion.

In September another expedition was made—this time to the Isle of Wight, where useful and enjoyable training was carried out beside the sea.

On 30th August, C.S.M. Hinett and 21 Riflemen took part in the Earls' Court Radio Show—"Army Guest Night"—and gave an excellent demonstration of drill. This followed a Wiltshire Regiment Demonstration of drill with the F.N. Rifle and showed how similar the new arms drill is to our own Rifle Drill.

SHOOTING

After last year's successes, the Depot faced the 1955 shooting season with something of a reputation to maintain.

The season opened with considerable promise, and at the Alder-shot District Rifle Meeting five team events were won; second place achieved in two, and third and fourth place in two others; while six third places and two fourths were gained in the individual events.

At Bisley, the Class "C" shots were disappointing, and their

failure weakened the team as a whole. However, more satisfactory results would have been achieved if we had not been very unlucky in two of the competitions. But in the K.R.R.C. Cup, which is the aggregate for all other competitions, the team raised its place from sixth (last year) to fourth.

SPORT

Our cricket team had a very successful season and only lost three of their sixteen or so matches. Lieutenant Hoare, who captained the team until August, was largely responsible for the early successes with his leg spinners and hard hitting batting. Our stars were Major Bramall, Captain Jackson, Lieutenant Benson, L./Corporal Gibson and Rifleman Williams on the batting, with Rifleman Pettit on the bowling.

Our soccer team, too, though suffering their share of defeats, enjoyed a reasonably successful season and came third in the Southampton Wednesday League. Our team was the only one to defeat the eventual winners, and also reached the semi-final of the Hants. Mid-Week Cup. Altogether they won 20 matches, lost 7 and drew 3—scored 178 goals and had 80 goals scored against them.

Our efforts at Rugby have been less successful, and it is doubtful whether we shall be able to compete against other teams in the coming season.

Nor did we have much success with our Hockey, since bad weather severely limited the number of matches which could be played.

Boxing has flourished, and the inter-platoon milling competition, held at the end of each basic training period, has not only proved a most exciting and entertaining performance but has also assisted in the selection of good boxers.

In March we defeated H.M.S. *Ariel* in a Novice Competition and, on the same occasion, were able to see Rifleman Russell and Broadstreet, who were awaiting demobilisation, boxing and winning special contests against experienced civilian boxers.

Several boxing engagements were carried out during the summer, including matches against the Basingstoke and Southampton clubs and H.M.S. *Ariel*; and some of our boxers took part in a special show at the West Ham Boxing Club where Rifleman Gardner and Caruana both put up a particularly spirited performance.

1st BATTALION THE KING'S ROYAL RIFLE CORPS

LIST OF OFFICERS

1st November, 1954, to 1st September, 1955

Lieut.-Col. R. F. L. Chance, M.C.	Lieut. C. J. Adami
Major H. R. G. Howard (2nd in Command)	Lieut. J. W. G. Pirie
Major C. S. Madden	2nd/Lieut. C. J. Holroyd
Major H. R. W. Vernon, M.B.E.	2nd Lieut. P. F. Barbour
Major R. C. Gibbs, D.S.O., M.C.	2nd Lieut. J. B. de Salis
T./Major E. C. Phillips, M.C.	2nd Lieut. R. D. Carver
T./Major N. J. Warry, M.C.	2nd/Lieut. M. J. K. Miller
T./Major J. G. Harrison (Adjutant)	2nd/Lieut. The Hon. J. P. F. St. L. Grenfell
T./Major G. R. Seymour	2nd/Lieut. P. S. Fea
Capt. T. E. St. Aubyn	2nd/Lieut. P. B. Curtis
Capt. E. B. Taylor	2nd/Lieut. D. I. Mitchell-Innes
Capt. H. R. M. Porter, M.B.E.	2nd/Lieut. P. G. P. Farquhar
Capt. R. M. Parker	2nd/Lieut. E. C. Winter
Capt. J. C. Slater	2nd/Lieut. J. G. Studholme
Capt. T. N. Thistlethwayte	2nd/Lieut. R. W. Snow
Capt. (Q.M.) F. N. Voysey	2nd/Lieut. P. E. Cornwall-Jones
Capt. R. H. Underhill	2nd/Lieut. J. J. T. Carver
T./Capt. C. G. N. Campbell	2nd/Lieut. R. K. Erskine
T./Capt. R. F. Cavendish	2nd/Lieut. J. V. Keyte
Lieut. M. J. Calvert	2nd/Lieut. J. W. Mason
Lieut. P. E. Willis-Fleming	

ATTACHED OFFICERS

Capt. R. F. Heys	R.A.M.C.
Lieut. A. H. Grabham	R.A.M.C.
Capt. C. D. Chadwick	R.E.M.E.
Capt. R. J. Holgate	R.E.M.E.

FAREWELL TO SENNELAGER

For once there have been comparatively fewer changes than normal during the past nine months.

Tommy St. Aubyn has exchanged with John Harrison as an instructor at Sandhurst, and John Harrison has taken over Adjutant from Robin Parker who has gone to the War Office. Harry Porter and Noel Thistlethwayte exchanged jobs as GIII at H.Q. 11 Armoured Division.

The calls of civilian life have been too much for Raymond Seymour, Edward Taylor, Mike Fuller and Robin Cavendish, and they have gone their various ways, the last two to "Airwork". Members of the Advance Party flying out under their aegis have been seen being more than usually polite to them.

Training

This year there was no collective training as the Battalion moved from Germany just as all the other unfortunates were preparing for the rigours of Reinsehlen.

However, we ran the usual gamut throughout the winter; with the Battalion between 700 and 800 strong and with the paucity of experienced younger N.C.Os. it was, as always, a constant battle to get new instructors trained in sufficient numbers to keep the training of the rank and file up to standard. We were fortunate in having our Part II inspection completed before Christmas which, while the Technical departments had to put in an immense amount of high pressure work to get everything in the way of vehicles and wireless ship shape within the short time elapsing since the summer exercises, did allow us to settle down for the winter training without any major interference. The Part II inspection resulted in what might be termed "a win for the home side" possibly assisted perhaps by the introduction within this Battalion of drill movements being carried out on bugle calls which, being entirely new to the inspecting officer, left him somewhat bewildered but—so the report read—"much impressed".

As a foretaste of the type of parade to be performed (also on grass) at the bicentenary celebrations it was a very useful pointer as to what could be done.

During this winter period we were also invited to study proposals for the re-organisation of the Army to meet modern conditions which gave all officers much scope for originality of ideas. Although the "high ups" seemed to be determined to do away with the Motor Battalion as we know it, it was satisfactory to hear others expound in public on a number of occasions the view that it might take anything up to 25 years before the normal heavy infantry soldier could be educated to achieve as an inherent quality the same characteristics of speed, dash and flexibility of thought as has the Rifle Regiment of to-day.

Departure

Weeks before we were due to leave, the Orderly Room started disposing of their ill gotten hordes of paper by showering everyone with instructions of every conceivable kind. Everyone responded in their usual way by using the paper as scrap and inundating the originators with telephone calls and visits asking what they ought to do. Eventually all the baggage was packed, labelled, numbered and crated; the Baggage Officer and his staff had booked



THE CUSTOMS AT HARWICH

their rooms in a comfortable asylum, but fate stepped in and produced a railway strike. All the baggage was repacked, relabelled, renumbered, reboxed and sent by "other means" on a long sea route. This, however, proved rather longer than intended as the ship ran aground in the Elbe.

Apart from the usual rounds of farewell festivities we can claim to have departed in no ordinary "blaze of glory" in so far as the Robertson Hall, mysteriously catching fire, provided a fine firework display and was totally gutted in spite of the efforts of four civilian fire engines; thus removing at one stroke the only building in the area used for all major indoor events from Staff College exams to C.S.E.U. shows. Our successors, who would have had to take on its administration, should be extremely grateful.

The Battalion finally left on 15th June, amid such scenes of farewell parties on Sennelager Station as might almost be described



R.S.M. Garside and "Rosie" after the presentation of her farewell gift

as an orgy. They arrived at Harwich the day after the railway strike ended and proceeded to Tidworth by coach. There they were met by Roly Gibbs, who with his advance party had transformed a dreary and condemned barracks into something very reasonable.

The whole Battalion went on two weeks leave the following day and returned for intensive practice for the Queen's Parade on 25th July.

The Battalion was sorry to leave 33 Armoured Brigade among whom they had made so many good friends over four years; but four years in Sennelager is a long time and thoughts of change were not unwelcome. The advance party of the Foresters arrived in May and gave us "the form" on Derna, but we left six weeks before the arrival of the main body.

Perhaps one of the Battalion's chief losses on leaving was in parting with "Rosie" Redgrave of the Church Army Canteen who in her four years association with the Regiment became a familiar and most valued friend. To mark their appreciation of her unflinching help and hard work on their behalf all ranks contributed £97 towards a silver statue of a Rifleman, which was presented to Rosie with a sum of money by the Colonel on the day before departure; and part of which Rosie used to visit the Battalion at Winchester for the Battalion Bicentenary Parade.

TIDWORTH TO DERNA

The Battalion, less various advance and baggage parties, and several officers who eschewed a luxury cruise in favour of their

large motor cars, left Tidworth on 2nd September. H.M.T. *Asturias*, a comfortable and impressive ex liner, sailed from Southampton the same day, with the Battalion and a large draft of Welsh Guards.

The first night at sea we encountered a nasty swell, but next morning those who hoped for a "lie in" to recover from their *mal-de-mer* were sadly disappointed to find a full programme, commencing with P.T. at 0600 hours daily. Calmer weather followed, however, and we were able to enjoy a variety of entertainments, including 25 a side tug-of-war and numerous sing songs. It is regretted that the Welshmen beat us at both.

In due course we arrived at Malta, and were able to go ashore for a last glimpse of civilisation. Despite the Island's many attractions no one missed the boat, and we were joined by a member of the Derna advance party, who spent the next day uttering dire warnings against unauthorised swimming and eating in Derna. Next night we saw the lights of Derna, and the following morning arrived at Tobruk.

Here Major Howard met us with a host of vehicles, begged, borrowed, and almost stolen from all Cyrenaica. Despite the Z craft, loading tables, and the inevitable lost passport, disembarkation and entrucking went smoothly and quickly. Sgt. Barlow dispensed tea and buns half way, at Timimi, and later in the afternoon the columns began to arrive at Derna, where the only vehicle to go to the wrong camp was the C.O.'s Jeep, directed to West instead of East barracks by the Intelligence L./Cpl.

FIRST WEEKS AT DERNA

Derna lies on the coast road, between Benghazi, 200 miles to the west, and Tobruk, 120 to the east. Described by the Automobile Association as "A pleasant seaside town, with hotels, noted for its bananas", it is certainly preferable to Benghazi or Tobruk and to many areas of the Canal Zone. A pleasant breeze blows most of the time, and the town itself is remarkably clean and tidy, with green trees and hedges.

To the west lies the Jebel, or "Green Mountain", where officers have found plenty of shooting, and to the south and east stony desert—"A load of old stones with some goats trying to eat them" as one Rifleman so aptly put it. Swimming is difficult, as there are treacherous currents, but there are two "Official Beaches", where swimming takes place under the eye of a picquet. There is, too, some miles down the coast, a delightful bay at Ras-es-Hilal, where



DERNA HARBOUR AS SEEN FROM THE BARRACKS



ENTRANCE TO EAST BARRACKS, DERNA

some companies have camped and parties of Riflemen taken for Sunday outings.

The Battalion is accommodated in two camps, three miles apart. The larger has recently been renovated and is now very good. The other is eventually to be handed back to the Libyans, and leaves much to be desired. In the course of time additional buildings are to be erected near the larger (East) barracks, to accommodate the whole Battalion; bearing in mind the rate of construction we have not much hope of seeing these.

Married quarters are not, of course, in the same quantity as we were used to in B.A.O.R., but those that exist, mostly Italian houses, are not unpleasant, and we have been able to find a number of hirings. The families have a good N.A.A.F.I. shop and a respectable greengrocers watched over by the evil eye of the M.O.

There is still a vast amount of work to be done to make the barracks habitable—carpenters and painters were still in occupation when we arrived. The Q.M.'s and Tech. departments still have many acres of paper to cover before our equipment is up to scale, and properly accounted for; whilst the vehicles, left for months in the care of a small rear party pending our arrival, will occupy the drivers for many weeks to come.

Despite all this we have been able, albeit by the sweat of many brows, to despatch a composite Motor Company (at H.E.) into the desert to take part in a Brigade Exercise. The principal excitement, at the end of the exercise, was the temporary loss of two carriers, due to breakdown. Fortunately these were found a few hours before it was necessary to call in air search.

Sport and entertainment programmes have been launched, and we have already put on one variety show through the efforts of Capt. Tony Grabham (M.O.) and others. Various other activities are being organised, and Capt. Mike Calvert has already been presented with a large locust by the member of his grub hunting society.

SHOOTING

Non-Central Matches, 1954

The results of 1954 Non-Central Matches were received too late for inclusion in last year's "Chronicle" so a short account is included now.

This was a successful year for the Battalion and most of our defeats were at the hands of the Second Battalion, including the all-important Queen Victoria Trophy which is an aggregate of the

other Non-Central scores. Final results were:

Queen Victoria Trophy	2nd
King George (Officers)	5th
Royal Irish (W.Os. and Sgts.)	1st
Young Soldiers	3rd
Sniper Cup	1st
Company Shield:	
"C" Company	1st
"D" Company	7th
Hopton Cup:	
2nd Pl. of "A" Company	2nd
1st Army Cup (Sten Gun):	
"C" Company	4th
"D" Company	5th

.22 Shooting

More rounds were fired in the Miniature Range this season than ever before. During the day it became one of the main retreats of the trained soldiers while every evening either the Battalion or a company team were practicing there.

The Battalion team had a fairly successful year, winning the Divisional League without much difficulty, providing four of the best eight shots in the Division, being beaten by the eventual winners in the semi-final of the B.A.O.R. championships but failing early on in the A.R.A. inter-unit finals which is a knock-out competition. We had an easy draw through to the semi-finals but then were beaten by 37 Corps Engineers Regiment who were without doubt the best team in B.A.O.R. We suffered the inevitable taunts about the Infantry trying their hand at a bit of bridge building but they had every reason to be proud especially as they had triumphed over the 2nd Battalion in the previous round. On the scores obtained we were little more than a point or more worse than the Engineers, about the same standard as the 2nd Battalion and much better than any other team in the competition.

In the Company League "C" Company's "A" Team won for the second year with H.Q. Company "A" Team second. It was a well contested competition remarkable especially for the number of victories won by Company "B" Teams over other Company "A" Teams. The main giant killers were H.Q. Company's "B" Team who came third and "D" Company's "B" Team who came fourth.

The shooting programme for 1955 was of necessity a rushed one. We were due to leave B.A.O.R. on 15th June and with little likelihood of getting much time on the range in England it was essential to finish the main part of classification and to fire off the majority

of the A.R.A. Non-Central Matches as well as practice for the B.A.O.R. and Bisley meetings before we left Germany. We decided to spend the latter part of March and the whole of April on classification and most of May on the Non-Central Matches. This would give us only eight days practice for the B.A.O.R. meeting and when that was finished we would have just over a week to practice for Bisley before we left B.A.O.R. It did seem unlikely that we would be able to reach our best shooting form so many times in such diverse events with so little practice on each, but it was possible, and the only thing to be done in the circumstances.

With results not yet known from other competitions, and with the system of scoring for a number of competitions having been changed, it is not yet possible to forecast with any accuracy our possible successes or failures. Suffice therefore to say at this point (September, 1955) that we feel we are well in the running for the Queen Victoria Trophy. To prophesy more as regards particular competitions such as the King George, Royal Irish, etc., would be unwise. All that will be said is that the officers produced a better score in the former than the Sergeants did in the latter and the Royal Irish score was by no means a bad one.

Classification

This year companies were responsible for their own classification, firing the new and somewhat simpler course. They had eight days on the range to practice and classify each party. The weather especially in March was most unkind, with frequent blizzards and driving rain, some rare patches of sunshine and always a strong and bitterly cold wind. Considering this, the results were reasonably satisfactory and this simpler course resulted in a larger proportion of higher classifications than previous years, the Battalion average being:

Rifle	84.19 (1st Class)
L.M.G.	156.58 (2nd Class)

B.A.O.R. Meeting

We knew that we had not reached our peak form in time for the B.A.O.R. meeting but if all had gone well, which is admittedly a rare happening in competition shooting, we could have won. As it was we came only fifth.

The Officers team was the first and greatest disaster. We had a very good team on paper, well capable of winning and yet they shot unaccountably badly, coming only fifteenth. Next to shoot

were the Young Soldiers. They began well, but just when they seemed to have a chance of winning, a firing pin broke losing them 60 points and bringing them to ninth place. The Corporals team won their match convincingly, shooting well up to what they had done on practice. The Sergeants should have won but they shot as badly as the Officers and were only saved from an equal disaster by Sergeant Airey who brought them up to third place. In the L.M.G. pairs match two stoppages left us only tenth, and in the Sten match a very unlucky stoppage plummeted us to fifth place when we looked all set for a win.

Our spirits were raised somewhat on the final day by Sgt. Airey who tied with Lieut. Welsh of the 2nd Battalion for the Individual Championship. In the shoot off he lost by just three points but remained Champion W.O. and Sergeant.

Bisley

In the B.A.O.R. meeting we were unlucky but at Bisley we were plainly just not good enough. There were about 30 teams entered for the K.R.R.C. Cup which is the Unit Championship, but it was soon apparent that five of these were in a class of their own. They were the Worcestershire Regt. who deservedly won the cup, shooting extremely well throughout; 4 Trg. R.E.M.E. who for several years have been the principle threat to Green Jacket supremacy; the two 60th Battalions; and the Green Jackets Depot. Unfortunately this year the R.E.M.E. got second place and the Green Jackets were third, fourth and fifth, with ourselves ———.

Our best achievements were a place in the semi-finals of the R.U.R. Cup, the falling plates, in which over 100 teams were entered; Sgt. Airy's second place in the Army 100 Cup and some consistent but in no way brilliant L.M.G. shooting which brought us third best score in K.R.R.C. points for the Worcester Cup.

Sgt. Airey had the honour to be asked to stay on for the N.R.A. meeting, to practice for the Army VIII. He shot brilliantly but the standard of the real experts this year appears to have been exceptionally high and he was unlucky enough to miss being ninth man by one place in a shoot off of enormous scores.

Champion Battalion Shot

Our move and other commitments did not allow time this year for the shoot off of the selected best shots of the Battalion for the Gott Memorial Trophy, the winner of which decides the champion Battalion shot. However on the merit of his performances in competition shooting and by general agreement Sgt. Airey was

nominated for this honour for 1955 and was therefore awarded the Trophy.

POINT-TO-POINT WEEK, 1955

Our effort in 1955 has been devoted to the Green Jackets Race. It was apparent early on that it was going to be a struggle to get entries, and so every horse possible in our stable was set aside for the great day.

Saturday, 16th April, was determined to live up to its reputation for bad weather. There was a very cold wind and any wind is at its most penetrating on Bad Lippspringe Airfield. Snow threatened. However the course was in good shape, the going good, and the fences were well-built and needed jumping.

The racing, like last year, was organised and controlled by the B.A.O.R. Race Committee, and we were responsible only for our own race. In order to get a sizeable field we combined this year with the 16th/5th Lancers.

Such is our name for hospitality at these meetings that, in spite of the weather, large numbers of cars from all over Germany started rolling into the car park before the first race. They were well rewarded. Enormous drinks were dispensed at the bar, organised by the Second Battalion, and run by Major Falconbridge, Sergeant Pearce and his mess staff. Next door a huge tent produced a magnificent luncheon under the combined efforts of Captains Taylor and Voysey, and Sergeants Hough and Palmer and their staffs. As a result many of the spectators never saw a race the whole day.

Our race was the fourth on the card. 16/5th Lancers had five entries and we had six. These were all the horses in our stables, except polo ponies and the ancient "Bandleader". Major Phil Pardoe had accepted to ride the latter, as his own horses were too high a class for this race. Much to Mrs. Pardoe's relief it was decided not to run him.

Of our six horses, two were privately owned: Mick, an old and trusted chaser, owned and ridden by Major Teddy Phillips; and Mademoiselle, a German horse of unknown performance, owned and ridden by Captain Harry Porter. The other four horses were regimentally owned, and they were all ridden by young officers whose first race this was.

Everybody got away to a good start. The first fence produced no casualties and everybody settled down and seemed to be going well. After a quarter of a mile Sandy, ridden by Julian Grenfell,

ran wide at a fence. This was a great pity as he is a difficult horse for a novice and his jockey was doing well. Halfway round Mick hit the open ditch very hard and came down. This was very sad for everybody and in particular Major Teddy Phillips, as we hoped for an exciting finish between him and Knickerbocker, owned by the Colonel of the 16/5th Lancers. At the following fence Captain Harry Porter and Mademoiselle were wrong and they were out of the race. The next fence saw Peter Farquhar unseated by Beresine. He had lost a pedal early on and had done well to stick it so far.

This left Colin Winter on that splendid old horse Jimmy to come in fourth in the race and win the Heavyweight and Kennedy Cups. Finishing second to him was Mike Calvert on Bob, who came in ears pricked, both he and his jockey having thoroughly enjoyed their ride. It was very pleasing to see the four young officers doing so well, and may this introduction lead to many successes later. The day ended with an impressive playing of Retreat by the combined Band and Bugles of both Battalions.

The following evening the officers held a dance in the Officers' Mess. This dance marked the end of several days of festivities which began on the previous Thursday with an extremely successful "Barn Dance" given by the Bachelors in the Battalion Farm and organised by Captain Edward Taylor. The dance was held in the attic of the building which houses the pigs but the decorations done by the farmers disguised its position and there were no smells.

The dance in the Mess has become a yearly function since the Battalion has been in Germany. This year the Billiard Room had been transformed brilliantly by Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Chance into a room which suggested a cool summer's evening on the Italian coast, dancing under a flower covered pergola. Both the designers had worked hard for weeks previously with paint brushes, to turn the bare room into a panorama of Naples Bay.

Sgt. Hough and his staff worked very hard and produced an excellent supper at an amazingly small expense, and the flowers, all presented by Mrs. Chance, were admirably arranged by Miss Mary Williamson, a guest from England. Though there were only one hundred and eighty people at the dance there were over fifty Green Jackets present, and there were a good number of guests who had come over from England for the week end who played a great part in its success.

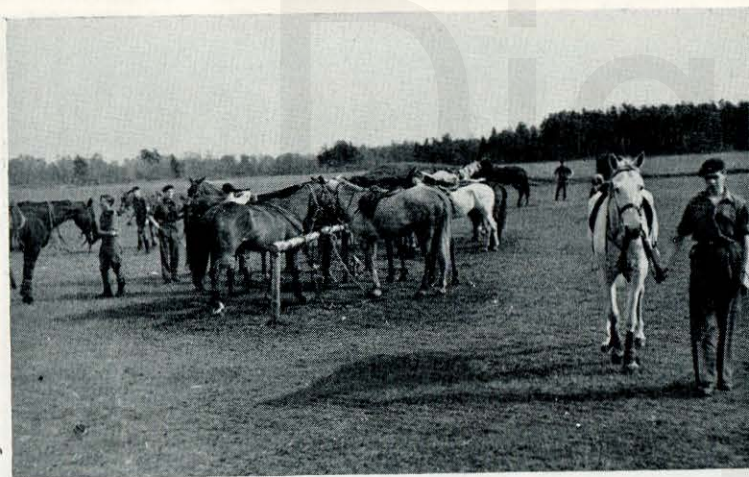
On 1st May was our last major appearance in Germany at another Bad Lippspringe Race Meeting. We entered a team in



The team for the Rhine Army Team Race: Major E. C. Phillips, 2/Lieut. E. C. Winter, 2/Lieut. C. J. Holroyd, 2/Lieut. the Hon. J. F. P. St. L. Grenfell

the Rhine Army Team Race, four horses to run and three to count. The team was Mick, owned and ridden by Major Teddy Phillips, Beresine, Sandy and Bob, ridden by Lieutenants the Hon. Julian Grenfell, Colin Winter and John Holroyd respectively. We were opposed by teams from the 16/5th Lancers and 4th Hussars. It was a magnificent race. Mick ran splendidly to finish second. Julian Grenfell rode his second race very well to come in fourth, followed by Sandy. Bob, ridden by John Holroyd, had a tremendous finish in which he beat a most important opponent by a nose and in fact won us the event by one point. It was a great effort and a worthy finish to this chapter of Regimental racing.

Because of our move, we had, alas, to disband our stables before the show jumping and hunter trial season started. But we cannot close this chapter without paying our respects and thanks to the old and faithful horses who gave us all such fun and taught so many so much, as also to the grooms who looked after them. They have been asked to perform in the show ring, over hunter trial courses and on the race course at alternate week ends. They have



POLO PONY LINES, BAD LIPPSRINGE

been Jacks of All Trades and Masters of them all. Perhaps it would not also be amiss to mention here that the commander of a famous Cavalry Regiment was heard to say: "When the 60th go we shall be losing one of the best Cavalry Regiments in B.A.O.R."

SPORTS

Polo, 1955

After a fairly intensive equitation course during the winter months we had four new players in the Battalion starting to learn the game this year, in addition to three of the Battalion team from last year. As Tommy St. Aubyn had left us for Sandhurst, we had to find another No. 1 from these in time to play the first round of the Inter-Regimental Tournament on 11th May. This left us about a month to do it in and, naturally, the newcomers to the game had virtually no chance of learning more than the very rudiments before the choice had to be made; eventually 2nd/Lieut. Winter was selected and on 11th May the team lined up for their first match against 17/21 Lancers (last year's winners) with

Major Gibbs . . .	Back
Lt.-Col. Chance . . .	No. 3
Major Phillips . . .	No. 2
2nd/Lieut. Winter . . .	No. 1

Although we lost this match 4-0, it is fair to say that the score was by no means representative of the difference between the two teams. As was the case in 1954 our lack of accuracy in front of goal let

us down again, and whereas the 17/21st Lancers had to hit out from behind their goal twelve times, they only got the ball over ours six times—but four of these were through the goal posts. We pressed them continuously throughout the match but could not score, and thus, although such luck as there was certainly ran against us, we had no excuses for our defeat. It was a sad day.

In the first chukker we got the ball from the throw in and after a run up by Phillips, Chance was able to get in an angled near-side shot, but unluckily the ball struck a pony's leg just before it went over the goal line and so robbed us of a quick advantage which means so much in a close game. Later in the chukker the 17/21st scored from a melee in front of our goal, though we had had the best of the game so far.

The second chukker gave some fast galloping up and down the ground, but a good breakaway by their number two gave them a deserved goal from a good, accurate long shot. We did not appear to be so well mounted as our opponents in this chukker.

As is usually the case, the third chukker produced the best and hardest part of the game. Both Gibbs and Phillips had long shots at goal which went just wide, and Chance also got away on his own from our own 60 yard line, and after a run down the centre of the ground had his stick hooked from behind as he made his shot at goal from about 40 yards out. The umpires were in disagreement as to whether this was a foul hook or not, but decided on a compromise "throw in" from which we were unable to get the ball farther. Another goal was scored against us in this chukker during one of the very few times our opponents were within our 60 yard line, and again this was an "opportunity" goal from a miss-hit by our side which they were in position to take.

Although we continued to press them in the last chukker we still could not find our accuracy in front of goal and once again they scored after a break through by one of their forwards.

This was a most disappointing result as we all felt we had a good chance of winning. While Gibbs was below his true form as regards striking the ball, he put in some great defensive play in breaking up our opponents' attacks. The remainder of the team played better together than last year, particularly Phillips who went extremely well and did magnificent work as No. 2, being quick on the ball and a much improved striker. Winter, at first understandably a little out of his class in his first tournament played at a fast pace, kept at it and stuck to his man throughout,

being of great value to the side thereby. A very good effort indeed. The marking throughout was good which resulted in a fast game between two sides playing as teams and which, so we were told, was really exciting to watch.

Boxing—Season 1954-55

The Novices boxing was held during October, 1954, and was run on the same lines as last season, that is to say, the entries were unrestricted and it was up to the companies to encourage as large a field to box as they could muster. (Each boxer received one point for entering the ring and the winner got an additional point.) "C" Company won the competition convincingly, not only having by far the most starters but also by producing some very promising beginners who have since graduated to the Battalion Team. The winners of the various weights were:

Featherweight	Rfn. Barry ("A" Coy.)
Lightweight	Rfn. Clover ("C" Coy.)
Light Welter	Rfn. Gray ("C" Coy.)
Welter	L./Cpl. Chatten ("C" Coy.)
Light Middleweight	Rfn. Bryan ("C" Coy.)
Middle	Rfn. Thorne ("C" Coy.)
Light Heavyweight	Rfn. Stevens ("C" Coy.)
Heavy	2nd/Lieut. Carver (H.Q. Coy.)

Inter-Company Boxing

The Inter-Company competition was held in mid-November and all companies except "B" Company (the training company) entered a team. In the first round "C" Company overwhelmed "D" Company and H.Q. Company beat "A" Company by a margin of 3 points. "A" Company was handicapped by being unable to find either a Bantam or a Heavyweight and had the moral satisfaction of winning five of the contested nine bouts.

"A" Company beat "D" Company in the semi-final for third place and "C" Company scored another convincing win in the final over H.Q. Company. The "C" Company team were:

Bantam	Rfn. Goodman
Feather	Rfn. Clover
Light	Rfn. Anderson
Light Welter (1st string)	L./Cpl. Chatten
Light Welter (2nd string)	Rfn. Gray
Welter (1st string)	Rfn. Russell
Welter (2nd string)	Rfn. Rogers
Light Middle	Rfn. Bryan
Middle	Rfn. Thorne
Light Heavy	Rfn. Osborne
Heavy	Rfn. Brooks

Battalion Boxing

As a prelude to the Inter-Unit boxing competition we took on the Herford Boxing Club at the beginning of January. The German team was very fit and strong and provided exactly the sort of opposition that our boxers required after the excesses of Christmas. The hall was crowded, mostly with Germans, who regarded the match almost as an International Tournament and were duly elated when Herford won by four bouts to six, with Bryan's Light Middleweight bout drawn. However the English supporters had their moment too when Rfn. Russell defeated the German Light Middleweight who had represented Germany at Helsinki in 1952 and in London in 1954, after a very hard and close fight.

The fights were all notable for their hardness and the sportsmanship of both sides. The team was:

Bantam	Rfn. Jayes
Feather	Rfn. Rogers
Light	Rfn. Milligan
Light Welter	Rfn. Bradstreet
Light Welter	L./Cpl. Chatten
Welter	Rfn. Russell
Welter	Rfn. Dodds
Light Middle	Rfn. Bryan
Middle	Rfn. Fisher
Light Heavy	Rfn. Brooks
Heavy	2nd/Lieut. Carver

Inter-Unit Boxing

We approached the first round of the Brigade boxing competition with a certain amount of well-founded optimism. Our team was very fit, much better balanced than last season and contained a very strong nucleus in the Welter and Light Welterweights in which Rfn. Russell and Gradstreet were both well backed up by Rfn. Dodds and L./Cpl. Chatten and had provided our four wins at Herford. It seemed that we had every hope of having a thoroughly successful season but—we had reckoned without the "flu". We were due to box the 53rd Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment on Friday, 14th January, but they had some trouble with their team and we agreed to postpone until the following Tuesday. On the Saturday, Rfn. Dodds caught the 'flu and on the Sunday, Rfn. Bradstreet and Jayes (our Bantam) joined him. Rfn. Osborne, the Light Heavy, was sick on leave in the U.K. The 53rd L.A.A. Regt. found they were unable to postpone in their turn for us so we fought them with four substitutes in our team. Nearly all the bouts were both hard and close. Rfn. Barry (Light) and Rfn. Clover (Feather)

won well whilst Rfn. Rogers (2nd Welter) and Rfn. Knott (Light Middle) lost by the narrowest of margins. Rfn. Thorne (Middle) kept cool against a wild barrage from the L.A.A. Captain and, by hard, accurate punching, won the fight in the second round. Rfn. Stevens (Light Heavy) won easily and 2nd/Lieut. Carver (Heavy) was knocked out after severely shaking his strong opponent. At this moment we needed to win the 1st string Light Welter and Welter bouts to win the match and it was disappointing when L./Cpl. Chatten was out-pointed by L./Bdr. Cox in a very close fight. Rfn. Russell's clear-cut win in the Welter bout was poor consolation when we felt that our full team would have made the 16 points to 17 loss very different.

The team versus the 53rd L.A.A. Regt. was:

Bantam	Rfn. Burnhope
Feather	Rfn. Clover
Light	Rfn. Barry
Light Welter	L/C. Chatton
Light Welter	Rfn. Ryan
Welter	Rfn. Russell
Welter	Rfn. Rogers
Light Middle	Rfn. Knott
Middle	Rfn. Thorne
Light Heavy	Rfn. Stevens
Heavy	2nd/Lieut. Carver

Football, 1954-55

The thoughts of home inspired the Battalion team to great heights. We did not start well, but finished in such masterly fashion that we lost only one of the last six games. The record card reads well compared with past years:

Played 12 Won 4 Drawn 4 Lost 4 Goals for 36 Goals against 27

In the Brigade knock-out cup, we won two excellent matches against 53rd L.A.A. and 3 R.T.R., only to go down with colours flying against 9 Lancers at Detmold. Goss, at right half, and L./Cpl. Hagland, in goal, both played particularly well.

With a little less snow, rather more people might have played. One great advantage that must arise in Derna, will be a continuous round of football—and cricket—throughout the whole year. So look out, Chelsea!

Hockey, 1954-55

The outstanding feature of the Battalion hockey activities has been the very high standard of sportsmanship maintained by all players.

Although the Battalion XI cannot be said to have been a good side this year, all those who played maintained the standard of



THE HOCKEY XI

Standing: Capt. (Q.M.) F. N. Voysey, Lieut. M. J. Calvert, Capt. R. F. Cavendish, Sgt. J. Proctor, 2/Lieut. M. J. K. Miller, L./Cpl. B. Hull.
Seated: Sgt. G. Grimwood, Major R. C. Gibbs, Major E. C. Phillips, Major N. J. Warry (Capt.), C.S.M. W. Price, Capt. H. R. M. Porter

playing a clean hard game with enthusiasm. Unfortunately the Battalion XI was chiefly chosen from the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes and the Band. An effort early on in the season to run Battalion "Pick-ups" in the afternoons was not a success as a variety of excuses were always given for non attendance. The Hockey Officer therefore contented himself with organising an Inter-Platoon six-a-side knock-out and late in the season a Company knock-out was held with points allotted towards the champion Company shield. This latter innovation had the decided effect of waking up the company teams from their lethargy towards the game. The names of about 40 men who played in the company teams are now held by the Hockey Officer and should do much to improve the standard next year in North Africa, where it is expected hockey will come to the fore in place of soccer.

The Battalion XI started off the season well with three victories in a row and won their first two matches in the Brigade League. We then came up against 8 R.T.R. in the Brigade League and were soundly beaten by 5 goals to 1. 8 R.T.R. had one of the best teams in B.A.O.R. and it was a pleasure to see their stick work and the way the ball moved across the field from stick to stick. Our team should have learnt a lot from this match but from now

on we lost four matches in a row by very small margins, in three cases by only 1 goal. But we managed to finish up with a draw and two more victories.

Summary of matches played is as follows:

Played . . .	12
Won	6
Lost	5
Drawn	1

To analyse causes of failure is not difficult. C.S.M. Price was a tower of strength in every match at centre half, but the other halves and backs varied a lot throughout the season and were apt to be changed about. The Battalion never managed to produce its strongest XI on any one occasion owing to leave and courses. Sgt. Proctor, a newcomer to the game, managed to achieve a high standard in goal and save us a number of goals. The weakness of the halves and backs was their inability to stop the ball and hit it first time, a fundamental principle which must be mastered next year.

The forward line was ragged and did not play well together. Towards the end of the season Sgt. Grimwood and Major Gibbs found an understanding together but for the most part the forwards would not keep the ball moving amongst themselves. Inability to shoot first time in the circle was also apparent. Other than Sgt. Grimwood 11; Major Warry 6; the remaining forwards scored 6 goals between them.

The solution lies in practice and more competition to get into the Battalion XI. Every effort will be made to put this right next year.

The following played three or more games for the Battalion XI:

Major R. C. Gibbs	Q.M.S.I. H. Lumley
Major E. C. Phillips	Sgt. Wolland
Major N. J. Warry (Capt.)	Sgt. Hickey
Capt. R. M. Parker	Sgt. Cheshire
Capt. R. F. Cavendish	Sgt. Grimwood
Lieut. M. J. Calvert	Sgt. Proctor
Lieut. P. E. Willis-Fleming	Rfn. Hull
2nd/Lieut. M. J. Miller	Rfn. Grimwood
C.S.M. W. Price	

The inter-company competition was contested on the same lines as the inter-company boxing insomuch as losing companies in the first round played off for third and fourth places.

In the first round "A" Company beat "C" Company by 3 goals to nil, all scored by Major Phillips in the first half; "A" Company were the stronger side and deserved their win.

"D" Company beat H.Q. Company 2 goals to 1 in a keenly fought contest. The winning goal towards the end of the match was a lucky one, considering the ball was kicked in the circle. However "D" Company deserved to win as they played well together as a team.

In the finals "D" Company beat "A" Company by 3 goals to nil. Again it was the "D" Company team work that won the day. The "A" Company team never really got going. H.Q. Company beat "C" Company in the play off by 2 goals to nil. Most of this game was in the "C" Company half and it was a combination of "C" Company dogged resistance and H.Q. Company bad luck that more goals were not scored.

The inter-platoon six-a-side produced some keen contests and was eventually won by the Band from "B" Company, who owing to their small numbers were allowed to enter for this competition. Other teams worth a mention were 16 Platoon and the Bugle Section; both these teams would have given "B" Company a good game if the draw had not prevented it. C.S.M. Price is to be congratulated on his effort with the "B" Company team who would doubtless have won the competition if the Sgt.-Major had been capable of being everywhere at the same time.

Battalion Rugby, 1954-55

As usual we started the season with little promise apparent, and we lost a series of games in which we were only able to produce the sort of scratch side in which the linesman found himself "shoved somewhere in the scrum" to make up numbers. However under the dauntless enthusiasm of Sgt. Owen and a few others, a reasonable team gradually began to emerge, and in October we rather presumptuously took on the 1st Bn. Grenadier Guards in Berlin. The Grenadiers were magnificent hosts, and the three full days, which we managed to convince ourselves were necessary for us to play a game of rugby, were packed with incident, and culminated in a party which made it seem that Guardsmen and Riflemen were blood brothers bonded together for life. The game itself is not easily forgotten, and from the moment of the kick-off, when it seemed that the entire Queen's Company was lined up against a huddle of pygmies, to the final whistle the battle was clean and relentless. The final score of 29-3 to the Guardsmen in no way affected the splendid spirit of the game, or the obvious enjoyment of both bruised sides for the whole affair. It is our one regret that

we were unable to arrange a date for a return fixture at Sennelager, as we would have liked to have repaid such hospitality to a man.

The snow came for the middle part of the season, and we only got out half a dozen times in 1955. This was to be regretted, as during the winter a number of rugby players, including Sgt. Taylor from the Depot and L./Cpl. Williams from Wales, had arrived in the Battalion. The team reached a standard that was most encouraging. We won the odd game, and the players were very keen and more numerous than usual. We look forward to being able to realise at least thirty players in Derna next season and so be able to carry on the present wave of enthusiasm.

We were sorry that we were not able to arrange an opportunity to get our teeth into the 2nd Battalion.

Cross Country, 1954-55

On 17th November we held the Battalion Cross Country run on an inter-company basis. The first fifteen in each company team of 18 counted. H.Q. won convincingly, having in it what later proved to be the nucleus of a strong Battalion Team, and eight of their runners finished in the first twenty. "C" Company were runners up.

We began our Battalion marches most successfully, and by Christmas a team built round Cpl. Teagle, of the A.C.C., Cpl. Mills, Rfn. Lainsbury and Rfn. Coppins had gained us the reputation for being the best cross country running battalion in the Brigade and local units.

However in the New Year we were to lose Cpl. Teagle, who had been outstanding, and with sickness and other hazards, our standard dropped, and the season ended with a disappointing whimper. We were 7th out of 8 in the final Brigade run, and L./Cpl. Nolan and Rfn. Coppins who represented the Battalion in the Divisional run, finished 34th and 36th out of eighty odd starters. Both these runs were carried out in the snow, which, although on the surface was an equal handicap for all, seemed to upset form a bit. The Divisional run was on a particularly unpleasant day, and was over a hilly savage course. L./Cpl. Nolan and Rfn. Coppins in fact did well to finish in the thirties, as they had no opportunities to train over hills in the Sennelager Plain.

Company placing in the Battalion Cross Country Run:

H.Q. Company	1st
"C" Company	2nd
"A" Company	3rd
"D" Company	4th

Individual placing:

Cpl. Teagle, A.C.C. H.Q. Company	1st
Rfn. Lainsbury, H.Q. Company	2nd
L./Cpl. Coppins, "C" Company	3rd

Basket Ball

The Battalion started the winter basket ball season with one or two useful individualistic players, but very little team work. However under the guidance of O.R.Q.M.S. Newman and Q.M.S.I. Lumley this was soon altered, and we had a thoroughly enjoyable and reasonably successful season.

Cpl. Newton was our most prolific scorer, though slightly too fond of playing on his own; he was ably backed up in the forwards by Cpl. Callen and L./Cpl. Hull, who on his day could play extremely well. Rfn. Evans, Bgr. Streaman and L./Cpl. Wade also played regularly and provided a very sound and reliable backbone for the team. Our tallest player, L./Cpl. Hutchinson, was invaluable both in attack and defence and used his height to great advantage.

The Company League was won, without undue difficulty, by H.Q. Company and Cpl. Newton celebrated his last game in the Army by scoring over 60 points in the final match against "D" Company.

The team visited Berlin on 22nd-25th April, 1955, and played the 1st Manchesters, and lost very narrowly after a very exciting game.

Squash

As is usually the case, there were very few members of the Battalion outside the Officers' Mess who showed any inclination to play squash during the last year. In fact the Bandmaster, Mr. Jeanes, was the only regular performer except for officers; he managed to persuade several of the Sergeants' Mess to take the court though the enthusiasm of his opponents was reputed to be small.

From the Officers' Mess there were several constant players during the winter months, but the spirit in which the games were played was one of weight reducing and filling the long winter evenings rather than the desire to win or the wish to become a brilliant squash player.

The inter Regimental Squash competition began in January when various enthusiastic squash-playing officers had returned from their Christmas leave. Although the talent of the Officers' Mess is high, the standard of fitness and training in January was

low. Early in the month our team, on its first appearance, beat the 16/5th Lancers in the first round by 4 games to nil. Our opponents were without several of their team and standard of squash displayed by both sides was low.

In the second round we met and were beaten by 8th Royal Tank Regiment by three games to two in a fairly close fight which put us out of the competition. The following officers represented the Battalion:

Lt.-Col. R. F. L. Chance,
Major H. R. G. Howard
Major R. C. Gibbs,
Capt. R. F. Cavendish
Lieut. M. J. Calvert

Cricket Season, 1955

With the return to England hanging over the Battalion, there was little of the sterner type of cricket to keep the standard high. We did not enter for the B.A.O.R. competition but played one or two most enjoyable "friendly" games.

We had the makings of quite a good side, even if only a third could come when called for. Our record of two won and two lost might have been much better with a little more practice, particularly the fielding which was at an exceptionally low ebb.

We had a most enjoyable game against 9th Lancers, winning by a head. Unfortunately the score card has vanished so the details are a little blurred. Robin Cavendish won the toss and chose to bat. Brian Howard, Teddy Phillips, and Michael Calvert all reached the forties, against some very frightening bowling from Alastair Aird. We declared soon after lunch with about 165 on the board. With further help from Bill Pirie and Brian Howard, who bowled almost non-stop, the enemy were soon struggling. The game came to life when they reached 120 with four wickets in hand; but chiefly due to some excellent bowling by substitutes—all polo players had left for Lippspringe at the tea interval—the match ended on quite the right note, Colin Campbell taking the last wicket with a full toss.

We played through a deluge to finish the first round of the League; H.Q. Company were far too strong to leave any other company the slightest chance. There are hopes of playing the second round before the Battalion leaves for Derna. The present position is clear cut.

	Played	Won	Lost
H.Q.	4	4	0
"A"	4	3	1
"C"	4	2	2
"D"	4	1	3
"B"	4	0	4

Battalion Sports Meeting at Tidworth

As a finale to our pleasant two months' stay in England, a Sports Meeting cum Families and Friends Day was held at Tidworth in late August, financed from the proceeds of the Battalion farm we had successfully run at Sennelager.

Preliminary heats having been disposed of the previous day, Saturday, the 27th, saw a comprehensive programme of both conventional and unconventional events, watched by a crowd of spectators which included many local friends, and over a hundred relations and friends who came down from London by coach.

After an excellent lunch, organised by Capt. Harry Porter, Sgt. Palmer, and N.A.A.F.I., spectators saw the C.O. beat both book and field to win the Veteran's Race; C.S.M. Byrne wriggle and hop his way to victory in the Obstacle Race; and Bandmaster Jeanes beat the R.Q.M.S. by a short head in the Families' Relay.

No records were beaten in the more conventional events, though 2nd/Lieut. Jeremy Keyte put up several good performances, and won both the 880 yards, and the Long Jump. Overall, "C" Company were winning company, with H.Q. just one point behind.

DETAILED RESULTS

100 yds.	Rfn. Satchell	H.Q.
220 yds.	Cpl. Howe	"B"
440 yds.	Lieut. Pirie	H.Q.
880 yds.	2nd/Lieut. Keyte	"C"
1 mile	Rfn. Collins	"C"
3 miles	Rfn. Carter	"B"
Long Jump	2nd/Lieut. Keyte	"C"
High Jump	Capt. Parker	H.Q.
Pole Vault	Rfn. Rogers	"C"
Javelin	Rfn. Cleaver	"D"
Discus	Cpl. Howe	"B"
Shot	Cpl. Hutchinson	"A"
Hammer	Cpl. Wigger	"A"
Relay	H.Q. Company	
Medley Relay	H.Q. Company	
Victor Ludorum	2nd/Lieut. Keyte	"C"
Tug of War	"A" Company	
Champion Company	"C" Company	

Swimming in England

Our short stay in England being blessed with unusually pleasant weather, the Tidworth Garrison Swimming Pool was used to great advantage by the Battalion. The companies set about training their teams for the Gala and produced on the day teams of no mean standard in spite of the fact that the Battalion had lost the majority of its star performers of the previous summer in Sennelager.

The Gala, which was held in glorious weather at the end of August, produced the following results:

INTER-COMPANY RESULTS	
1st (equal)	{ "C" Company
	{ "D" Company
3rd	{ "A" Company
4th	{ H.Q. Company
5th	{ "B" Company

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS	
440 yds. Free Style	Rfn. Matthews
220 yds. Free Style	L./Cpl. Dartnall
100 yds. Free Style	L./Cpl. Dartnall
100 yds. Breast Stroke	Rfn. Andrews
100 yds. Back Stroke	Rfn. Wilkins
50 yds. Butterfly	Rfn. Wilkins
6 x 65 yds. Relay	"C" Company
3 metre Diving	L./Cpl. Alsop

Since no small part of our time in England was spent on leave, the Battalion did not commit itself to any Swimming engagements with other units; but during the particularly fine weather, swimming became the major recreation and was enjoyed by one and all.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Since our Rifle Ball of October, 1954, we had a fairly quiet time socially, until the arrival of Christmas; from then on, however, our engagement book has been overflowing with good things.

To start with Christmas. First of all, we had our Christmas Draw and social, which lived up to its reputation, many members bringing suitcases—and filling them. Two notably lucky people were C./Sgt. Lennox and Sgt. Hough, who carried off most of the bottles. On Boxing Day we had a very successful Children's Party, and it was a question who enjoyed it most, the children or parents, not to mention the single members. And so to New Year's Eve.

Our New Year's Eve dance was a very lively affair. Much too lively for a number of us who had to play the officers in the Annual Football Match on New Year's morning. Of course the officers were under the same handicap, so we must not complain. Even though the officers had twelve players in the first half, and the Commanding Officer as referee, we still beat them narrowly by one goal to nil, notwithstanding the fact that it was an attached member, the Cook Sgt., who scored the winning goal.

At the end of January we entertained the officers to a Games Tournament in the Mess and we had one or two surprises. Perhaps we took the evening too easily, because after starting off by winning

the snooker matches, the officers more than got their own back on the darts and table tennis; next time we will get plenty of practice in beforehand.

We had arranged a Grand Farewell Ball, which was to have been held in the Robertson Hall, but unfortunately fate took a hand and the Hall was burned down. As a result we have run a series of Farewell evenings in the Mess. Our first one was on the 16th, the night of the Point-to-Point when the 2nd Battalion and ourselves got together and made it a great Farewell. On the 30th we entertained the 53rd L.A. from Lippstadt who have been very good neighbours of ours. After that we had a quiet spell and a well earned rest, and then we took on the officers for our annual Cricket Match. For this we were blessed with a fine day, something which is becoming unusual in Sennelager. As usual the officers beat us, but we put up a better show than last year. Our opponents softened the blow by entertaining us to tea on the ground. The following are the results:

Officers	169 for 5 wkts.
Capt. Cavendish, 50 not out	
2nd/Lieut. Cornwall-Jones, 35 not out	
Sergeants	126

CORPORALS' CLUB

Our major item to report is our first Christmas Draw which we have held in B.A.O.R. This was a terrific success and now that we have made a start we are going to keep them up annually.

From Christmas to our Farewell Dance which we held on 7th May, 1955, our many social activities consisted of visits to surrounding units including 16/5th Lancers, 9th Lancers and 3rd R.T.R.; we in turn invited them back again.

Our Farewell Dance was even better than previous dances although it was crowded to capacity, all units turning up to say farewell and good luck, and full marks must go to Cpl. Burfitt and his committee for arranging the evening. All we can hope is that our social life in Derna will equal our good times in Sennelager.

2nd BATTALION THE KING'S ROYAL RIFLE CORPS

LIST OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH 31st October, 1955

Lieut.-Col. J. F. C. Mellor, D.S.O.	Lieut. D. W. R. Bedford
Major O. H. J. Foster*	Lieut. V. F. West
Major J. Davies-Scourfield*	Lieut. A. E. K. Karslake
Major W. M. Amooore, D.S.O., M.B.E.†	2nd/Lieut. A. T. R. Shelley
Major D. G. House, M.C.	2nd/Lieut. I. H. McCausland
Major H. P. Edwards	2nd/Lieut. H. C. Cairns
Capt. S. J. Symington	2nd/Lieut. R. K. Franklin*
Capt. G. R. W. Carter*	2nd/Lieut. J. Whatmore
Capt. R. L. S. Mather	2nd/Lieut. G. J. M. Buckley*
Capt. R. K. Guy, M.B.E.	2nd/Lieut. E. A. J. Fergusson
Capt. T. C. Gore*	2nd/Lieut. S. J. B. R. Pitamber*
Capt. T. R. Riley*	2nd/Lieut. D. C. Pitman
Capt. F. E. Hughes-Onslow*	2nd/Lieut. H. P. Seymour
Capt. P. M. Welsh	

THE FOLLOWING HAVE LEFT THE BATTALION

Lieut.-Col. E. A. W. Williams, O.B.E., M.C.	Lieut. J. R. T. Eve
Major P. H. Parker	2nd/Lieut. J. R. S. Maclure
Major R. F. Nixon, M.B.E.	2nd/Lieut. T. E. I. Hoare
Major R. J. A. Darwin	2nd/Lieut. B. C. S. Stevens*
Major A. R. Faulconbridge, M.C.*	2nd/Lieut. C. E. R. Benson
Capt. J. H. Hanscombe*	2nd/Lieut. A. N. G. Ayling
Capt. M. J. Walsh	2nd/Lieut. E. P. Coulman
Capt. M. M. V. W. Beak	2nd/Lieut. J. R. Leon
Lieut. J. E. Oxley	2nd/Lieut. L. W. Aylen
	2nd/Lieut. P. A. Irby

* R.B. Officers.

† 6 G.R. Officer.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE

We started the year with bad news when in November Colonel Alick Williams had to announce the decision that all second Battalions were again to be placed in suspended animation. The only comfort was that we were to be one of the last two Battalions on which the axe was to fall, and that not before April, 1957.

He straight away set the Battalion's sights at "business as usual, only bigger and better". We like to think that we have at least scored an inner with our sights so adjusted and that no one visiting the Battalion would know that there was an axe poised anywhere near. With luck and with all the changes in organisation of formations now being considered in high places we hope that the axe may never fall. [Alas, the Battalion has now been informed that it will go into suspended animation in October, 1956.—Ed.]

There has been the inevitable change-over in officers throughout the year. Of the company Commanders, Vivian Beak left for our

Brigade H.Q. and Tony Faulconbridge went to Berlin. More recently Peter Parker and Roger Nixon have both left for staff jobs, the former at H.Q. 2 Infantry Division and the latter at H.Q. Northern Army Group. In their places there arrived early in the year David House from a T.A. staff job in London and Wynyard Amooore whom we particularly welcome on a two-year attachment from the 6th Gurkha Rifles. More recent arrivals include Roly Guy from Kenya to take over as Adjutant about Christmas and Dick Mather from the King's African Rifles, about to take over the somewhat thankless task of Technical Adjutant from Gerald Carter, who will command "D" Company. We expect Giles Mills any day now to take over command of "B" Company.

Although it may be rather out of place in a Battalion letter, we would like to take opportunity of welcoming Dick Fyffe to Germany and of congratulating him on his promotion. He arrived in May from 1 R.B. in Kenya and took over command of 61 Lorried Infantry Brigade at Minden. As this is the Lorried Infantry Brigade of 6 Armoured Division we have seen him frequently.

Lt.-Col. E. A. W. Williams, O.B.E., M.C.

October 5th saw the departure of Colonel Alick Williams after two years in command. It was a sad day for all of us. However great the appreciation of his abilities shown by those outside the Battalion, it is really those within the Battalion who can best pay tribute to the results achieved under his leadership and to the wisdom, tact and geniality with which he dealt with our numerous daily problems.

All ranks of the Battalion wish him every success in command of 2 Infantry Brigade.

We were all delighted to welcome Colonel Freddie Mellor to succeed him in command.

R.S.M. T. Abbott

Three days after the Colonel's departure, Mr. Abbott also left, which was another sad blow. He had been R.S.M. for nearly two years and left to spend the last six months of his service in England. He will be missed in many spheres, not least on training when his comments to Battalion H.Q. enlivened the air when there was any harbouring to be done. We all wish him the best of luck in the future and at the same time congratulate Mr. Cooper on his promotion to R.S.M. from being C.S.M. of "A" Company.



A PLATOON OF "B" COMPANY ON TRAINING AT SOLTAU

Training

This year has been as busy as ever. From November to March there were the usual Battalion courses to train N.C.Os. and specialists.

In March companies carried out section and platoon training locally in unusually arctic conditions.

From the beginning of April until the middle of August we were away from Munster at either Sennelager, Haltern or Reinshlen for frequent periods of varying length for annual classification and training from platoon level up to a divisional exercise.

In May we heard that 6 Armoured Division was to try out a new organisation more streamlined to suit this atomic age. Inevitably it all had to be done in a hurry. In no time at all Colonel Alick and Stuart Symington, our Adjutant, had produced, with the aid of wet towels, midnight oil and duty-free alcohol, a streamlined motor Battalion. This they cunningly renamed an Armoured Infantry Battalion. It required us to produce, out of thin air, a fourth motor company and a platoon of medium machine guns. With even greater speed and cunning Alick solved this problem by promptly inviting the 1st Bn. The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry to produce both. They did so with their customary zeal and helpfulness. The result was a notably cheerful and successful degree of co-operation between the two battalions for all major events for the remainder of the collective training season.

We finished the season with a Corps Exercise which gave most people in the Battalion plenty of time to think. Luckily the weather was lovely and Toby Gore located a fine field of mushrooms on the banks of the River Weser.

Social Events

Christmas and the New Year were celebrated in traditional style with great gusto. Some were quite thankful when they could once more relax back at duty. A vast amount of work fell on the able shoulders of Peter Welsh and Gerald Carter whose organisation stood up to the strain admirably.

By way of contrast we spent Easter Saturday moving to Sennelager for classification and Easter Sunday settling into bivouac in some particularly dark woods. We made up for this to some extent two weeks later by entertaining all and sundry in conjunction with the 1st Battalion, at the Green Jacket Point-to-Point. During the week-end the 1st Battalion also gave a splendid dance which was much enjoyed by all who went.

The Munster week-end has now become an annual function. It consisted this year of a show-jumping competition run by I R.H.A. and Hunter Trials run by the 17/21st Lancers. The rain, though damping to both horses and riders, did little to damp the enthusiasm at the dances which rounded off a most enjoyable week-end.

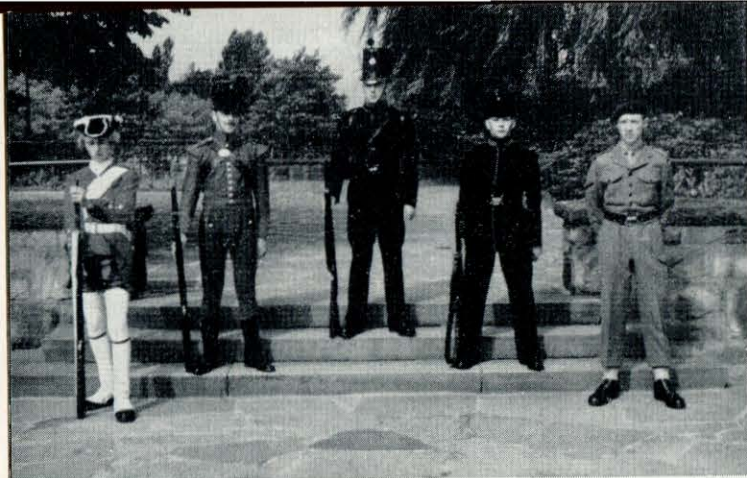
The Colonel Commandant's Visit

The visit of our Colonel Commandant, General Sir Evelyn Barker, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., coincided this year with the Battalion's Bicentenary celebrations. As the day drew nearer his programme and our diaries began to look frighteningly full. However, under Colonel Alick Williams' able guidance and encouragement, a week-end materialised which will long be remembered with pleasure by all who took part.

There is not room here for a long detailed description, but no picture of this year's activities would be complete without a mention of some of the high-lights.

The week-end was based around the Bicentenary parade, and a lunch party given in the Mess afterwards for some 350 guests.

The parade itself was acclaimed by all as a great success. The normal ceremonial drill was brightened by the introduction of the "Ghosts". These were four small parties, colourfully dressed up, in four different types of uniforms as worn by the 60th between the years 1755 and 1905. Their arrival on the square headed by Tim Riley as a mounted officer of 1835 added a pleasant old-world



BICENTENARY PARADE
Rfn. of 1758 Rfn. of 1797 Rfn. of 1852 Rfn. of 1904 Present Day

Capt. T. Riley as a mounted
officer of 1850

touch of pageantry to the otherwise familiar khaki scene. The uniforms were made entirely by Harry Edwards, Sgt. Harris and their staff of German tailors, starting with nothing but pictures to go on.

The lunch party was faced with certain misgivings, since the large number of guests also included a formidable array of very senior V.I.Ps. However, an excellent luncheon was had by all thanks to the admirable organisation of Roger Nixon and C./Sgt. Pierce.

The Battalion Sports concluded the day's entertainment. The veterans race was the scene of much speculation and certain rash betting. The Colonel Commandant, however, showed a clean pair of heels to the large field, winning by a comfortable margin. The children's race and the dog race caused great excitement as did Ewen Fergusson's gigantic putting of the shot. An enjoyable afternoon, thanks to the hard work of Peter Welsh and S.S.I. Collins.

The Saturday activities were by no means the only events in our diaries. Friday night was the scene of the Sergeants' Mess Bicentenary Ball, an excellent dance and much enjoyed by all who went. Saturday night heralded a further dance at the Officers' Club. On Sunday we watched the Battalion playing in the Trials of the B.A.O.R. Cricket Competition, followed by a small private dance in the Mess in the evening.

It was for all of us a hectic but most enjoyable and memorable four days. We hope that all those who came to stay with us from England, Holland and Germany enjoyed their stay.

SHOOTING

Small Bore

Unfortunately much of the fun of this competition was lost with the banning of the Parker Hole sights for this year, but we again managed to win the 6 Armd. Div. Championship and thus went forward to the second stage of the A.R.A. and B.A.O.R. Championships.

In the B.A.O.R. competition shot at Sennelager, we beat the 2nd Bn. D.L.I., but in the second round came up against the eventual winners 37 Fd. Engr. Regt., who had an extremely good team. The A.R.A. Championship also ended in disaster when we came up against our old rivals the Depot C.R.M.P., so we cannot claim any great success this year. However there had been some very consistent shooting by our old faithfuls Sgt. (now C./Sgt.) Howard, C.S.M. Pope and Lt. Welsh, with Rfn. Nastri, a newcomer to this competition, following close behind them.

Non-Central Matches, 1954

We heard to our joy in December that we had won the Queen Victoria Trophy. It was a fitting reward to all the efforts of Lt. Welsh the W.T.O. and his right-hand man, C.S.M. Pope, to hear this news, for it came at the end of their term together as the W.T. staff. They are both still with us but in different jobs and with the full support of Lt.-Col. (now Brigadier) A. E. W. Williams they had worked hard for this end.

The Officers were second in the King George VI Cup and the Sergeants third in the Royal Irish, whilst the Young Soldiers put up a terrific score to win their Cup. The Company Shield was approached with heavy betting between the Company Sergeant Majors with H.Q. Company finishing second in the competition one point ahead of "A" Company, who were third. With "C" Company fourth, we cannot complain of lack of representation in this competition. To round it off 12 Pl. "C" Company won the Hopton Cup.

B.A.O.R. Rifle Meeting

We entered this meeting knowing that if we had our fair share of luck we should do well. We did not quite get it, however, as one of the members of our Corporals and Riflemen team had his whole score cancelled because of a minor infringement and instead of winning that match, if the score had stood, we were unplaced. Still, we fought back well and finished as runners-up for the Rhine Army Championship, only four points behind the winners.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the meeting was the all-60th shoot off for the Individual Championship between Lt. Welsh and Sgt. Airey of the 1st Battalion. The 2nd Battalion and Lt. Welsh triumphed, after an anxious few minutes waiting for the scores, so he became both Champion Shot and Champion Officer Shot of B.A.O.R.

Meanwhile the Sergeants' team did not quite hit the heights expected of them, but still came an easy second; the officers, who we knew were weak, were sixth and the Young Soldiers fifth. The L.M.G. match we won by a large margin, Cpl. Gridley and Rfn. Richardson being runners-up for the Individual Bren pair championship. We went on to win the Sten Match and also the Falling Plates, cheered on largely by Rosie, who had been our boon companion on the ranges throughout.

For a grand finale we won the Wavell Trophy and Northern Army Group Shield, but because of Bisley and Bi-Centenary commitments we were unable to go on for the Leclerc Trophy which was due to be fired in Belgium in July.

Lastly our thanks are due to the 16/5th Queens Royal Lancers for their kind hospitality in putting us up for the three weeks prior to the Meeting, and also for ten days before we left for Bisley.

Bisley

Again we were foiled of outstanding success, this time because of our own stupidity and making too many little slips. Besides which we had not got anything to compare with the 1st Bn. The Worcestershire Regt.'s brilliant rifle shooting. Our Bren pairs, however, distinguished themselves, five out of the six being placed in the Worcester Cup and C./Sgt. Howard and Sgt. Baird actually won it by producing one of their consistently high scores.

Still we came away with three bits of silver, which we had never done before; winning the Royal Ulster Rifle Cup, thanks to Lt. Welsh, C.S.M. Pope, C./Sgt. Howard and Rfn. Nastri, the Eastern Command Cup, and the Worcester. Special mention too should be made of T.Q.M.S. Greenaway who went from strength to strength, coming third in Class A in the Roberts and third also in the Individual Sten Match. The Britannia Trophy we prefer to forget, but the Small Arms was more successful and we finished second. We were also second in the Northampton Cup, but mainly because of our disaster in the Britannia we allowed the 4 Trg. Bn. R.E.M.E. to creep in between us and the 1st Worcestershire Regt. in the K.R.R.C. Cup—so this year the Green Jackets had to be satisfied

with third, 4th and fifth in this competition. Finally our congratulations are due to our two class B shots, Cpl. Gridley and L./Cpl. Wilkins, who shot most steadily throughout the year and who both got into the Army Hundred, together with C.S.M. Pope and T.Q.M.S. Greenaway. Our thanks are due to the Queen's Westminster's for feeding us so well and to the London Rifle Brigade Rangers for allowing us to stay in Bunhill.

BISLEY RESULTS

THE HENRY WHITEHEAD CUP

Class A

11th	Lieut. Bedford	. . . . .	172
62nd	Lieut. Welsh	. . . . .	162

Class B

13th	Cpl. Gridley	. . . . .	162
16th	Rfn. Nastri	. . . . .	162
31st	L./Cpl. Wilkins	. . . . .	158

THE ROBERTS CUP

Class A

3rd	T.Q.M.S. Greenaway	. . . . .	132
61st	C.S.M. Pope	. . . . .	114

Class B

5th	Cpl. Gridley	. . . . .	118
19th	L./Cpl. Wilkins	. . . . .	109

Class C

5th	L./Cpl. Dickens	. . . . .	116
18th	Rfn. Blagden	. . . . .	102

THE WORCESTER CUP

Class A

1st	C./Sgt. Howard and Sgt. Baird	. . . . .	390
3rd	Lieut. Welsh and Lieut. Bedford	. . . . .	372

Class B

4th	Cpl. Gridley and Rfn. Richardson	. . . . .	309
5th	Cpl. Mason and Cpl. Campen	282

Class C

8th	Rfn. Blagden and Rfn. Hardinges	280
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THE ARMY HUNDRED CUP

27th	L./Cpl. Wilkins	159
60th	Cpl. Gridley	148
78th	C.S.M. Pope	142
85th	T.Q.M.S. Greenaway	136

REVOLVER THIRTY CUP

14th	C.S.M. Pope	143
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TEAM EVENTS

Britannia Trophy	13th
Small Arms Cup	2nd
Parachute Regt. Cup	9th
Northamptonshire Cup	. . . . .	2nd
Royal Ulster Rifle Cup	. . . . .	1st
Eastern Command Cup	. . . . .	1st
K.R.R.C. Cup	. . . . .	3rd

BOXING

As usual, the season started once again in October, 1954, with the Battalion Novice and Inter-Company competition. "A" Company won the Novices after a very close struggle with "C" Company, the competition producing one or two very useful-looking boxers.

"A" Company emerged victorious again in the Inter-Company competition after another close finish, this time with H.Q. Company, the score being 6-5. The luckless Boxing Officer, fighting gallantly as first-string welterweight for H.Q. Company, found himself facing Rfn. Thomas (the Battalion first-string welter) and confronted with a score of 5-5, his fight being the decider. The fight needless to say went against him.

The inter-unit competition team started with the Brigade competition. We won the semi-final against 2 R.T.R. by 10-1, and then met our old rivals 6 R.T.R. in the final. This we managed to win by the narrow margin of 6-5; it was rather a hollow victory as, by mutual agreement, both sides did not box their stars, of whom our opponents had the majority.

On to the 6 Armd. Divisional stages of the championship when we beat the 3rd Carabiniers by 9-2, and so were confronted once more by 6 R.T.R. in the final. This time we had lined up against us two internationals and one Army representative, so we virtually had to win 6 out of 8 bouts to pull through. It was a tall order and the outside chance almost came off. At the interval all had gone well and we were leading 4-2 and in one of the two fights lost was seen the most stylish boxing display of the whole evening. This was the L./Welter 1st string bout between Cfn. Kent of the Battalion and L./Cpl. Martin of 6 R. Tks, the then amateur champion of Great Britain. Kent put up a magnificent display and in giving away 6 lb. showed he was the best lightweight in B.A.O.R. by boxing Martin to a closish decision on points.

The crucial fight in the second half was the middleweight bout between Rfn. Burford and Tpr. Simpson. Burford all but brought the crowd to its feet in the first round when he sent Simpson rocking back on to the ropes with a splendid right-hand punch. The atmosphere however necessitated the referee to stop the fight and calm the crowd. Simpson then pulled himself together and just snatched a points decision in a photo-finish.

Although our bid to retain the B.A.O.R. Championship had



THE BOXING TEAM

Standing: Rfn. Dodd, Burford, George, Thomas, Robinson, Belshaw.
Seated: Sgt. Collins, Cfn. Kent, Lieut. Welsh, Capt. Carter, Cpl. Wolfe, Sgt. Smith.
On ground: Cfn. Rowlands, Rfn. Sliney.

failed, the critics were unanimous in saying our team was worthy of a place in the B.A.O.R. Final.

Of our prospects for 1955-56, the future could not look brighter for S.S.I. Collins and eight of last year's team are still here, and there have been several extremely useful new arrivals. Of these mention must be made of Rfn. Gardner, a featherweight who has won the Junior A.B.A. championship of Great Britain for the last two years, and is a budding Army Champion if there ever was one. Rfn. Benson, a hard-hitting lightweight, and Rfn. Moss, an even harder-hitting light heavyweight, make up a most promising string. There is a lot of talk of visits to England in February by "Mr. Solomons" but the editor prefers to reserve any further comments until next year.

CRICKET

As holders of the B.A.O.R. Cricket Championship for 1954 we started the 1955 season with high hopes of having some enjoyable cricket and at the same time repeating our success of last year in the competition. During the winter we had lost some good players, amongst them Bobby Darwin and Ian Maclure, but these losses appeared to have been more than compensated on the arrival of several established Green Jacket players—such as John Davies Scourfield and Gerald Carter, and fresh talent in Ian McCausland

from Sandhurst and Hugh Cairns from O.C.S. The side looked on paper a more balanced and dangerous team than last year.

The season started at the end of May. Our own cricket ground had suffered severely at the feet of the footballers during the winter and was almost beyond local repair. We therefore played most of our matches away starting with some amusing friendly matches against 1 R.H.A., 2 R.T.R. and R.A.F. Handorf. Our first opponents were in fact the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry who ran an excellent and social game of cricket at Osnabruck. The hospitality was as always overwhelming and many players on both sides must have recaptured some of the charm of some past struggles played on the Cowley Ground at Oxford.

The B.A.O.R. competition started very encouragingly. The first two matches against R.A.O.C. 6 Armd. Div. and 1st Battalion The Green Howards were both won convincingly. These successes followed up with the defeat of the 1 R.H.A. in the third round, H.Q. Luebbecke District in the quarter final, the 1st Bn. The Cheshire Regiment in the semi-final. The final was played during the week-end of our Bicentenary celebrations, against the 45th Field Regiment R.A., at Herford. The match was played on a forty-over basis. The Battalion batted first, started shakily, due more to the Bicentenary Celebrations than the opposition's accurate bowling, but finally managed to amass the respectable total of 216 for 7 wickets. When the opposition came into bat the score after the first six overs stood at 15 for 3 wickets; to many the match was almost over. However a fine century by their captain coming in No. 5 altered the position and, as the light began to fade, we lost by one run in the last over with two balls of the match left to bowl.

The now traditional Berlin Cricket Week-end was as amusing as ever. Two excellent individual scores are worth mentioning: a fine 184 by Stuart Symington against the Combined Services Berlin and a thrilling 108 by John Davies-Scourfield against the Cheshire Regiment.

FOOTBALL

Once again the weather made a complete mess of the latter half of the season and, in fact, the frost and mud between them forced the Garrison Major and Minor Leagues to be abandoned. From Christmas to March football became quite impossible.

The first part of the season showed us that we had an average side only, though everyone tried very hard and the spirit if not the skill was always present. 2nd/Lieut. Maclure on the right wing was

the most dangerous forward and, with Rfn. Nolan and Rfn. Brazier running themselves into the ground in their efforts, we always threatened to score. The defence was not quite so sound, though Rfn. Oakley in goal improved enormously, but he still had more than his fair share of work to do repelling the invaders.

The 2nd XI in the minor league however started in tremendous form and for the first few matches were scoring five or more goals regularly, until injuries and promotion to the 1st XI considerably weakened them. Still, when the league was abandoned they were lying third.

In the Army Cup we were unfortunate enough to come up against the 3 Royal Tank Regiment, one of the strongest sides in B.A.O.R. For the first half we had the better of the game and had the ball rolled just the right side of the posts we might have been three up at half time. As it was, against the run of the play, 3 R.T.R. scored at the end of the first half. Having changed ends, disaster fell upon us. Three goals were scored in five minutes, and before the end of the game they had added two more.

The Ceylon Shield football was very delayed and necessarily rushed in March. The pitches were in a terrible state, and much of the art and craft of football were missing from the matches. In fact it was more or less one vast mud-lark. "C" Company came out the winners, Band and H.Q. tied for second place, "A" Company was fourth, and "D" Company, relying once more entirely upon the band, was fifth.

HOCKEY

The Battalion team began the season much depleted by the loss, during the previous summer, of Bobby Darwin and Charles Humphreys, who had scored so many goals for us in the 1953-54 season. We never managed to replace them adequately, and it was, in particular, our inability to round off our attacks with goals which made the 1954-55 season a somewhat lean one in the matter of results.

None the less, we had some enjoyable games, and, while obviously weaker than experienced teams such as the 2nd and 6th R.T.R., we had some narrow wins against R.A.F. Handorf, 1 R.H.A. and 17/21 Lancers in the Munster Garrison League. The competition was not completed this year, as the snow continued throughout February and March and made play on the barrack square quite impossible.

Stuart Symington, when available, strengthened the defence, and Bandmaster Rodgers, T.Q.M.S. Greenaway and Cpl. Worboys all defied the years and played hard and cheerfully. The Band usually contributed half of the team, and Bandsman Broadstock in goal and Bandsmen Fields and Lister on the left wing showed real promise which, we hope, will be fulfilled in 1955-56.

During the Summer, a number of officers arrived in the Battalion with reputations which were soon put to the test—and sustained—in the Ceylon Shield matches, which had been held over from March and which were played in August. Wynyard Amooore and Hugh Cairns seemed to make "D" Company (including the Band) a certainty in the League Championship, but they were unexpectedly beaten by "B" Company, for whom Ewen Fergusson played splendidly. This reversal of form allowed H.Q. to win the league by a fraction of a goal from "D", who had the all-too-slight consolation of having beaten them by three clear goals to no avail.

With Ian McCausland from Sandhurst and Roly Guy back from Kenya, we can look forward to the 1955-56 season with real hope of success.

ATHLETICS

Once again as last year we found it almost impossible to make any head-way in competitive athletics. "C" Company and the Band being away in England over the Brigade Athletic Meeting, sadly reduced our potential athletes and the lack of our own athletic ground made training difficult. A much reduced athletic team made a great effort in the Brigade Meeting but found the opposition too strong in almost all events.

The Battalion Athletic Meeting this year took place during the afternoon of our Bicentenary. Interest was centred round the result of the Ceylon Shield competition, which was won by "A" Company. Some excellent side shows were organised by various Riflemen to amuse spectators between races. The Tug-of-War competition at the end caused great excitement. Sgt. Tyrer as coach of the "B" Company team gave an impressive personal display, almost blowing himself and the opposition off the ground and his own side to victory.

SKI-ING

This year for the first time the Riflemen were introduced to ski-ing. A party 40 strong was sent to Winterberg for 10 days winter training early in January. The purpose of this training was to select and train teams for the patrol races in the 20 Armoured

Brigade and B.A.O.R. Ski-ing Championships. Val West and Tim Hoare were in charge of the party. None of the Riflemen had been on skis before and the first team of four selected to represent the Battalion did far better than was expected. The team taking part consisted of 2nd/Lieut. West, Cpl. Farmiloe, Rfn. Gowell and Rfn. Hawkridge. They came second in the 20 Armoured Bde. meeting and 29th out of 50 teams in the B.A.O.R. Championships. We had hoped to produce two teams for the Brigade meeting but last minute injuries made this impossible.

The Downhill and Slalom teams consisted of Owain Foster, Peter Parker, Roy Eve, and David Bedford. They had an unexpected success in the 20 Armd. Bde. meeting, winning both events. A fresh fall of snow the night before the races made the conditions as good as they ever are at Winterberg.

The B.A.O.R. Ski Championships were held at Winterberg the following week. Unfortunately a thaw had occurred shortly before and the ski-ing conditions were decidedly unattractive, with very little snow. This resulted in the cancellation of the Downhill race, but it was decided to hold the Slalom on the apology for snow which still remained on the main slope. Peter Parker, Roy Eve, and David Bedford did very well to come fourth out of 30 competing teams.

GOLF

The main event this year has been the B.A.O.R. Inter-Unit Golf Championship, which, in fact, is still in progress. In the first round we played 16 Light A.A. Regiment "A" and, after a very close struggle, emerged the winners by two holes up. Our next round turned out to be the semi-final in which we had an easy win over the 17/21st Lancers (last year's winners) by 15 holes up. The final is due to be played at Hannover on either the 24th or 25th November, when we play the 3rd Royal Tank Regiment. With our team as it stands at present we should have a good chance of winning.

The Battalion has a large number of officers who play regularly; most of our golf is played at the Twentsche Golf Club in Holland, where we have many good Dutch friends and where the club gives us specially reduced green fees. At other times we go further ahead to Utrecht and play on the De Pan Course.

During the year we have lost Peter Coulman (9), a valuable member of the team. However, we have amply made up for the loss by the arrival of Lt.-Col. Freddie Mellor (8) and Ronnie Pitamber (1) the ex Oxford Golf Captain. Wynyard Amooore (11)

is another arrival, and with Fergus Hughes-Onslow (10), John Whatmore (9) and Gerald Carter (12) we can raise a pretty useful Regimental Team.

MOTOR CYCLING

This year, as in previous years, the Battalion has taken part in all major Motor Cycle Trials in B.A.O.R., maintaining its usual high standard of riding. On 20th May at Osnabruck, in almost continual heavy rain and very high wind, a team consisting of L./Cpl. Varey, R.E.M.E., L./Cpl. Brennan and Rfn. Wrightson tried hard to retain the 6 Armd. Div. Cup for the Battalion. They unfortunately failed by four points to a very strong team from 1st Bn. Green Howards. In individual placing, however, L./Cpl. Varey was placed third.

At Borkenberge on 17th August, the Battalion won for the third consecutive time the 20 Armd. Bde. Trophy with a team of three, Sgt. Richards, R.E.M.E., L./Cpl. Brennan and Rfn. Wrightson. L./Cpl. Brennan rode splendidly to be placed first individual with 101 points followed in third place by Wrightson with 99 points.

The last major trial was run under arrangements of 7 Armd. Div. at Hohne on 27th August. The same team rode here as at Borkenberge, the team being placed third from a large field of nearly 200 riders, and Wrightson rode outstandingly to finish a very hard trial tying for first individual place.

On 10th October Wrightson travels to Aldershot, having been chosen as an individual rider to represent B.A.O.R. in the Army Motor Cycling Championships held each year at this time.

RIDING

Horse activity during the year has been devoted to a certain amount of polo, played at Munster, and to participation in B.A.O.R. shows and Hunter Trials of Beresine, Mrs. Foster's horse, and of various officers and their ladies on horses obtained from the local countryside.

The Munster Polo Club has proved a working success, handicapped by the usual hazards of the prolonged absence of officers on training, a not too even ground, and the age of some of the ponies, but great amusement has been had by two or three officers of the Regiment. Support within the Regiment has not been too forthcoming, but it is hoped that matters may improve before the coming season. The Colonel Commandant, playing at Lippspringe during his visit this year, proved that, in this game at least, age

cannot be outdone, and very pleased we were to see him on the field.

Beresine, ridden by her owner, had various successes this year, and as well as her more usual activities, took part in the parade to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Regiment, and it is hoped that next year it may be possible to produce a Regimental Hunter Trial Team.

THE BAND

This year has probably been the busiest in the Band's existence, and it has seen many changes. Between February and April we lost four valuable members to the R.A.R., and in July yet another on a compassionate posting to U.K. L./Cpls. Howell and Brett, and Bds. Sullivan left us to go on "demob" in early March, and they were soon followed by Bds. Fields in April. With the exception of Bds. Fields who, we understand, will soon be returning to his home in Canada, all of them are at present playing with well-known Military Bands in England; L./Cpl. Howell is at Marine Mountings, Swindon, L./Cpl. Brett at Ford's Motor Works, and Bds. Sullivan at R.A. Lister's. Bds. Crabtree, our other Canadian representative, left us at the end of July to go to the Band of the 1st Bn., The Norfolk Regt., where we trust he is happy and progressing. More recently, at the beginning of October, L./Cpl. Porter, Bds. Ashby and Green, and Boys Thompson and Patrick left us to attend the Pupils Course at the Royal Military School of Music. These losses have been partially replaced by the return from R.M.S.M. of L./Cpl. White, Bds. Simmonds and Boys Cutler and Washbourne, who have just completed their Pupils Course. In September, Band/C./Sgt. Taylor left us, and his place has been taken by Band/Sgt. Ruddock.

As I opened by saying, the Band has had a very busy year. We started off on the right foot, however, by enjoying three weeks leave, but having been on duty over Christmas, and in view of the ordeal to come, we needed it. The ordeal materialised in the shape of a Kneller Hall Inspection on 21st March. Periodically, each Band in the British Army is subject to an Inspection by the Director of Music, and this was the first that the Band had experienced since its formation four years ago. It was carried out by Director, Lt.-Col. MacBain, an ex-Bandmaster of the Regiment, and a representative from the War Office. Despite the fact that the Band is very young, both in age and in experience, the Director declared the standard of the Band to be "Very Good".

At the beginning of April, the Band visited the 1st Battalion at Sennelager, on the occasion of the Green Jackets Point-to-Point Meeting. We, massed with the Band 1st Battalion, beat Retreat

after the day's racing. Also the two Bands began the preliminary rehearsals for the Bicentenary Parade.

On 11th May, the Band travelled to Iserlohn. This year the Band had the honour of being selected to make a recording of a 30 minute programme for the purpose of a possible broadcast on the Light Programme of the B.B.C. The recording took place at the Concert Hall, Y.M.C.A., Iserlohn. The programme was produced by Mr. Alistair MacDougall, and the making of the record was conducted by no less a person than Mr. Harry Mortimer, a great figure in Brass and Military Band Music. Needless to say, we all suffered from acute attacks of nerves, but we put up a good enough performance, that part of the programme was broadcast on the B.B.C. in August.

This year we had pleasure in assisting in the Queen's Birthday Celebrations, by playing on the Parade for H.Q. 1 Corps at Bielefeld. Three days we had to travel 83 km. to Bielefeld, and 83 km. back, with a Parade in between. On 9th June, following the Parade at Bielefeld, we returned to Munster, where we performed a "Retreat" Ceremony before the German public. This Spring, the practice of playing to the German public has been revived, and we were very enthusiastically received when we played in the Schlossgarten on 5th June.

This year of 1955 marks the Bicentenary of the Regiment, and on 14th June the Band left B.A.O.R. to join the 1st Battalion at Tidworth to begin rehearsals. Just before we moved to Tidworth, we spent a few days at the Depot at Winchester, where we participated in a Passing Out Parade of Recruits, and were inspected by General Festing. The 25th July will long be remembered by the members of the Band. The Band was busy that day. In the afternoon we played on the main Parade, massed with the Band 1st Battalion, directed by Bandmaster Jeans. This was followed by a short Parade for the Old Comrades of the Regiment. During the tea-interval we played a short programme, and the day was culminated by a Concert given in the grounds of Winchester College.

Though our activities were somewhat curtailed by the time we had to devote to the Bicentenary Parade, we were able to accept an engagement at Leamington on 29th July. There we played four programmes, one each on 30th and 31st July, and two on August Monday, and were hospitably accommodated at the Depot, the Royal Warwickshire Regt. I think our short visit was profitable and that everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Following this the Band enjoyed a much needed leave.

Soon after our return to B.A.O.R. we took part in the Battalion's own Bicentenary Parade. The Parade was, to say the least, spectacular, and the C-in-C. Northag was among our distinguished guests.

At the end of September the Band and Bugles moved to Berlin to participate in the entertainment during the Berlin Industries Fair. The main functions in which we took part were the three Searchlight Tattoos, which we performed together with the Bands of the Manchester Regt., The Cheshire Regt., The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and the Pipes and Drums of Cameronians. We also gave two Concerts and beat "Retreat" in the beautiful arena at the Funkturm. During our three weeks' stay we saw quite a large amount of Berlin, and on 3rd October we were very fortunate in being able to go on a four-hour tour of this lovely old city.

The Dance Band has been playing regularly, particularly the small combinations, and the Male Voice Choir has blossomed spasmodically into harmonious song. It seems a pity that time does not permit more singing. Sport has had its place in the Band too. Last season both the Band Football and Hockey teams did well, and more recently the Cricket team did very well in the Ceylon Shield matches. This year "D" Company, our parent Company, with our help, came very near to winning the Shield, and had we been in B.A.O.R. for the Athletics, and but for the cancellation of the Swimming Sports, might well have done so, no mean achievement for so small a Company.

It was with much regret that we lost our Band President, Major Faulconbridge, who is now on the staff at B.I.B. Berlin. However, we welcome Major Amooore, D.S.O., M.B.E., who made a very valuable contribution indeed to our sports, particularly at Hockey and Cricket. We hope he will continue long as our Band President. It seems as if it is a pretty unpopular job, judging by the numerous changes we have had since Major Pardoe left us.

LADIES' CLUB

Last November the Ladies' Club started making Christmas decorations for the Club room in which the Battalion Children's Party was held on Boxing Day. This was a great success, starting with a cinema show, followed by tea, and then presents for all the children from Father Christmas. Colour Sergeant Howard did this job admirably.

Our thanks are also due to Gerald Carter and Cpl. Worboys who worked so hard to make the party a success.

A few days before this the Ladies' Club held their annual Christmas Draw in the Coconut Grove. This was very well attended, and thanks to Mrs. Shreeve the prizes were excellent.

The Ladies' Club themselves gave a very enjoyable Children's Party at Easter.

Mrs. Williams kindly arranged a visit to the Munster China Factory. Later in the summer there was an outing to Haltern, unfortunately spoilt by non-stop rain.

The Ladies' Club closed for the summer holidays, and when it reopened it was nearly time to say goodbye to Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Abbott. We were all sorry to see them go, especially as they had both done so much for the Club during their time with the Battalion. Thanks are also due to those who have served on the Committee and who, throughout the year, have organised and run Tombola and Whist Drives.

In October a new Committee was formed, and we welcomed Mrs. Mellor and Mrs. Cooper.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Since our last letter the Mess has had fewer events due to the annual training, the first main dance of 1955 being the Ladysmith Ball. Once again C.S.M. "Bill" Cooper took "Lady Smith" under his wing and with his committee went all out to make it a memorable occasion. A number of thick heads the following morning could have testified to this.

During April and May the majority of the members were "East of the Urals" or South of Falaise Ranges. Most of us shivered and lost at the Green Jackets' Point-to-Point Meeting and spent an excellent evening at the 1st Battalion Mess Ball. As always, we were extremely well entertained.

An innovation this summer has been a number of coach trips to Mohne See, Winterberg and the Haltern Lakes, all organised by C./Sgt. "Paddy" Pierce and greatly appreciated by all.

At Bisley this year C./Sgt. Howard and Sgt. Baird earned our congratulations by winning the Worcestershire Cup. T.Q.M.S. Greenaway, C.S.M. Pope, C./Sgt. Howard and Sgt. Wyard also carried off the Sten Gun match. In the Brigade Rifle Meeting, T.Q.M.S. Greenaway became Individual Rifle Champion and C./Sgt. Howard and Sgt. Baird repeated their L.M.G. success.

Over the past year we have welcomed quite a few new faces into the Mess, Sgt. "Bob" Cherry, Arthur Allistone, Pete Cutts, Bernie Broad, Chippy Woods, C./Sgt. Hughes all arriving from the Depot,

and Armourer Sgt. "Nick" Fazackerly, "Ron" Pryke and "Tommy" Ramswell. Congratulations to the latter pair and also to W.O.II Cyril Harthill, C./Sgts. "Jim" Sullivan and Bill Howard on their promotions.

During the period under review we have said farewell to the following: A.Q.M.S. Phillips, C./Sgt. Kennedy, C./Sgt. Massingham, Sgt. Benny Knights and Jock McEwan. The rumour that Sgt. "Bill" Williams left on release merely to attend the Depot Bicentenary Ball, contains more than a modicum of truth, as he quickly returned to the Battalion.

Our own Bicentenary celebrations were spread thickly over four or five days, like molasses on a fruit cake. Within forty-eight hours all but the most pious members were suffering from alcoholic remorse, insomnia and fatigue, in that order.

The Ball itself, held on Friday, 9th September, was yet another triumph for C.S.M. "Bill" Cooper and his assistants. In the opinion of the British Resident, it was quite the best Sergeants' Mess social event that has taken place in Munster since the war. The Gymnasium was completely transformed by legions of fatigue men, who heaved on ropes, erected camouflage nets, camouflage and coloured canvas screens, hurled thousands of streamers, blew up balloons, and got in everyone's way.

At 2300 hrs. the Regimental Band and Buglers beat Retreat on the Battalion Square with the aid of searchlights provided by 35 L.A.A. Regt.

A German Band relieved the Regimental Dance Band around midnight and was operating gaily at four a.m. Breakfast was then served to over one hundred and fifty guests, who may also have been waiting for sunrise in order to take a bearing and make for home.

Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Williams attended a Social Evening in the Mess on 1st October in order to say farewell before leaving the Battalion. The Mess presented him with a photograph of all members taken on the occasion of the Colonel Commandants' visit. We would like to congratulate him on his promotion, as he has done to many of us.

The Rifle Ball was held on 6th October and for the second year running T.Q.M.S. Greenaway became Champion Shot. "Ron" Pryke underwent the ordeal of the presentation of the Wooden Spoon, ably escorted by four members in historical uniforms, C./Sgt. Churcher looking remarkably like a member of a press gang.

The same evening we said goodbye to R.S.M. and Mrs. Abbott en route for the Depot and his soft felt hat. Mr. Abbott, in his

speech, said he thought there would be little difficulty in his obtaining one of those £20 a week jobs, that all N.S. men seem to have in abeyance when asked to change their engagements.

In his place we are all delighted to see R.S.M. "Bill" Cooper, an excellent replacement and a highly popular one, whose first duties will undoubtedly include detailing some unfortunate Warrant Officer to organise the next social event.

LIST OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS ON STRENGTH

31st October, 1955

R.S.M. (W.O.I) W. Cooper	Sgt. J. Gowings
Bandmaster (W.O.I) R. Rodgers (Band)	Sgt. A. Harris
W.O.II C. Harthill	Sgt. P. Kehow
W.O.II J. Pope	Sgt. B. Koorlander
W.O.II Greenaway	Sgt. F. Lerwill
W.O.II G. Shreeve	Sgt. M. McAleer
R.Q.M.S. (W.O.II) L. Eveson	Sgt. T. Pearson
W.O.II A. Howson	Sgt. S. Pope
W.O.II G. Slater	Sgt. R. Pryke
C./Sgt. V. Sullivan	Sgt. F. Pentney
C./Sgt. J. Sanderson	Sgt. T. Ramswell
C./Sgt. A. Taylor	Sgt. B. Rimmer
C./Sgt. F. Hughes	Sgt. A. Robinson
C./Sgt. J. McQuaid	Sgt. S. Skinner
C./Sgt. W. Howard	Sgt. D. Smith (444)
C./Sgt. K. Churcher	Sgt. H. Smith (548)
C./Sgt. P. Pierce	Sgt. R. Standen
Sgt. W. Allistone	Sgt. J. Tyrer
Sgt. D. Baird	Sgt. A. Williams
Sgt. B. Broad	Sgt. F. Williams
Sgt. J. Curzon	Sgt. N. Wyard
Sgt. C. Cherry	Sgt. E. Wood
Sgt. P. Cutts	Sgt. W. Ruddock (Band)
Sgt. J. Goodair	Sgt. A. Barker (Band)

ATTACHED ARMS

W.O.II Burns	R.E.M.E.
S.S.I. Collins	A.P.T.C.
Sgt. Lewis	A.C.C.
Sgt. G. Norman	R.A.E.C.
Sgt. Rothwell	R.A.E.C.
Sgt. Bruce	R. Sigs.
Sgt. W. Lynam	R.A.P.C.
Sgt. S. Fordham	R.E.M.E.
Sgt. N. Fazackerley	R.E.M.E.
Sgt. E. Richards	R.E.M.E.

CORPORALS' CLUB

Once again the Corporals' Club has managed to combine business and pleasure throughout the past year with considerable success, finding numerous occasions for parties when not actually on training.

There was a most successful dinner party in November followed a month later by the usual Christmas festivities. The Christmas Dinner was held on 23rd December, which provided a thoroughly entertaining and, for some, a profitable start to the series of parties which followed it. There was hardly time to recover from Christmas before New Year's Eve provided another excuse to celebrate, and as usual a Tramps Ball was held, the originality of the costumes worn being comparable with those at the Chelsea Arts Ball, though far less hygienic. Cpl. Cayley would have been crowned as King Tramp if anyone had been able to bring themselves to get near enough to him to perform this solemn ceremony. However a good time was had by all once they had got used to the atmosphere. We entertained the Corporals of the 1st Battalion after the Inter-Battalion Boxing and were delighted to be given a chance to welcome Colonel Douglas-Pennant to the Club again in April during his short visit to the Battalion. We have had several coach trips during the Summer, once to the 1st Battalion Corporals' farewell party, but mostly to Arnhem, where we have always been very well entertained by the Dutch, whose hospitality and generosity are such that now even the children refuse to be left behind and few husbands are allowed to go without their wives.

On 10th September, as part of the general celebrations, we held a most enjoyable Bicentenary Dance, at which the guest of honour was our Colonel Commandant, General Sir Evelyn Barker; surprisingly enough everyone was still in remarkably good form despite the exhausting time we had had during the day.

After Exercise Full House we gave a farewell dinner for Colonel Williams, a sad occasion which was brightened considerably by the beatific smile on L./Cpl. Langston's face as he pocketed the reward offered by the Adjutant for shaving off his moustache, murmuring inevitably, "What a marvellous thing" to an interested audience.

A few days later we had a social to bid farewell to R.S.M. and Mrs. Abbott, which was a most enjoyable party, despite the sad reason for which it was given.

During the year we have seen the usual number of changes in the Club and have said good-bye with regret to many good friends; we would like them to know that they are not forgotten, and we wish them luck wherever they are and whatever they are doing. We have welcomed several new members in their place who are helping to keep the Club going as happily as ever.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S RIFLES K.R.R.C. (T.A.)

Honorary Colonel:

General Sir George Erskine, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O.

OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS

30th September, 1955

Lieut.-Col. P. B. Earle, M.C.	Lieut. E. J. Miller
Major J. A. G. Le Coq (2nd in Command)	Lieut. M. B. L. Fuller
Major M. G. Turner, T.D.	Lieut. A. M. Grant
Major C. C. Gregory, T.D. (Attached H.Q. 22 Armd. Bde.)	Lieut. G. W. Morgan-Grenville
Major G. P. Lincoln, T.D.	Lieut. J. D. Eccles
Major E. Rose	Lieut. Lord N. C. Gordon-Lennox
Major M. B. Ramage	Lieut. T. R. Summers
Major G. Bowden	Lieut. M. B. A. Watney
Major R. H. Keeling, M.B.E. (Quartermaster)	Lieut. R. J. Scott
Capt. J. A. M. St. Aubyn (Adjutant)	Lieut. J. E. G. Stevens
Capt. M. C. Maude	Lieut. M. G. T. Shone
Capt. A. R. Macneal	Lieut. M. A. C. Drummond
Capt. K. N. Loudoun-Shand	Lieut. T. E. Thornycroft
Capt. R. M. Banks-Jones	Lieut. J. S. Hollins
Capt. G. D. Hopkins	Lieut. J. G. Curtis (Attached H.Q. 22 Armd. Bde.)
Capt. N. Eden	Lieut. J. R. Rathbone
Capt. N. W. H. Young (R.M.O.)	Lieut. M. R. Coulman
Lieut. J. E. R. Wauchope	Lieut. M. R. Cornwall-Jones
Lieut. N. F. Althaus	Lieut. P. L. Wroughton
Lieut. D. Waddington	Lieut. P. F. Barbour
Lieut. H. M. Noel	Lieut. A. G. Tait
	Lieut. K. B. Hobday (E.M.E.)
	2nd Lieut. J. E. B. Wells

The following Officers left the Regiment during the year:

Major M. K. M. F. Egleston, Capt. R. S. Ferrand (Adjutant), Capt. F. Garratt, Capt. A. Smith, Lieut. R. Parker-Jervis, Lieut. J. Abell, Lieut. C. Adami.

LIST OF WARRANT OFFICERS

R.S.M. A. Lamb, R.Q.M.S. R. Briscoe, C.S.M. A. Searle, C.S.M. R. Murray, M.M., C.S.M. R. Granger, M.B.E., C.S.M. H. Perry, C.S.M. T. Moore, M.M., C.S.M. N. Baldwin, T.Q.M.S. T. Knell, C.S.M. R. Watts, M.B.E.

The following Warrant Officer left the Regiment during the year ending 30th Sept. 1955: R.Q.M.S. J. Shipp.

General

The year 1955 has been a most valuable one for the Regiment. It has been devoted very largely to individual training for which there has been little opportunity in the last few years of Brigade and Divisional training.

Camp 1955

Camp this year at Folkestone was probably the best and most enjoyable since the War. We were able to get through most of our



C.S.M. R. Granger, M.B.E., being congratulated by the Honorary Colonel



HONORARY COLONEL'S INSPECTION, FOLKESTONE

shooting, a certain amount of field firing and a 24-hour exercise, in addition to specialist training for signallers and intelligence.

The Honorary Colonel inspected the battalion on parade on the middle Saturday and took the salute at the March Past. This was the first battalion parade since the War and only five three-quarter hour practices were possible to get foot drill, arms drill and turn out up to an acceptable standard. The parade was performed with the co-operation of the 1st 60th Band and under their critical eye, as they had just returned from Germany where the 1st Battalion had begun to rehearse for the Queen's inspection. We are most grateful to Lieut.-Colonel F. L. Chance, M.C., Commanding 1st Battalion, for lending us the Band, which made this most valuable parade possible. The mounting of such a parade was a hazard. Owing to the extremely short time available, it depended to an unusual degree on fine weather for rehearsal, the enthusiasm and skill of the Adjutant, R.S.M. and W.O.'s of the Regiment and above all, the full co-operation of the Riflemen.

There is little doubt that the Regiment rose to the occasion in a most encouraging manner and those who took part in the parade and those watched it were equally impressed.

The following message was published in Battalion Orders on conclusion of the Honorary Colonel's visit:

"Message from General Sir George Erskine, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., to Lieut.-Colonel P. B. Earle, M.C.:

I wish to thank and congratulate you and all concerned with this morning's Parade.

I was much impressed with the standard of turn-out and drill. As always I have much enjoyed my visit to the Regiment. I was particularly pleased to find such a keen and enthusiastic spirit in the Regiment—it is the foundation of everything.

My most grateful thanks to you and all ranks."

Among those who visited the Regiment in camp were: The Divisional Commander, Major-General David Dawnay, C.B., D.S.O.; the late Divisional Commander, Major-General Richard Goodbody, D.S.O., Chief of Staff Eastern Command; Major-General Cowley, C.B., C.B.E., Commander Home Counties District; Major-General King, D.S.O., O.B.E., and the Brigade Commander, Brigadier Dennis O'Flynn, D.S.O., O.B.E., who spent several days with the battalion.

Davies Street

We have a great—and we think, justifiable—pride in the H.Q. in Davies Street. It was built originally by the Regiment with its own money. The strength, performance and reputation of the

Regiment was such that in the 1890's the then Duke of Westminster presented the large site to the Regiment and so long as the Regiment exists that site is free to it and to no other Government or Military body.

We have, therefore, over the last three years taken the greatest pains to justify our inheritance and to improve it to the maximum of our ability.

We have completed, at the cost of several hundred pounds, the rehabilitation of the pictures. A photograph of every Commanding Officer since 1885 now hangs in the Drill Hall. Five uniforms dating from 1803 to 1920 have now been cased. Some fifteen new prints of 60th or Q.V.R. significance, together with certain important 1797-1803 medallions, have been acquired by generous members who have wished to get them off the market and back into Riflemen's hands. A Director of the Parker Galleries recently declared that the print collection is now the best that he has seen in any regiment.

In early June we launched an appeal for building within the Drill Hall a Calais and 1939-45 Memorial. This will be a most beautiful memorial and will be the only one in this country to emphasise the Regiment's fight at Calais. In four months £350 have so far been received in small contributions, which is indeed remarkable and rewarding. We hope to unveil this on the anniversary of the battle next May.

60th Riflemen, past and present, are always welcome at Davies Street, and nothing gives us greater pleasure than to share with them this our inheritance and labour.

Shooting

Undoubtedly the most highly merited success of the season

THE Q.V.R. SHOOTING TEAM AT 56 LONDON ARMD. DIV. RIFLE MEETING



was the winning of the 56th Armoured Division Open and Infantry Championship by C.S.M. R. Murray, M.M., the Weapon Training P.S.I. Major R. H. Keeling, M.B.E. and Capt. R. S. Ferrand were equal second in the Bren Gun Championship which was won last year for the Regiment by R.Q.M.S. Briscoe and C.S.M. Perry. Q.V.R. also won the Sten Gun Championship.

The Regiment won the Brigade '22 Competition (The Pepys Cup) and was second in the Division.

Annual Inspection

The store keeping, accounting and maintenance of the large variety of equipment held by a T.A. motor battalion at full strength falls almost entirely on the Permanent Staff. It does them the greatest credit, therefore, that for the third time in succession the Regiment received a most commendable report. Summing up the report the Brigade Commander wrote: "This unit occupies a very modern T.A. Centre which provides ample accommodation for all purposes.

"The general standard of unit administration is very high and during the inspection I was extremely impressed by the competence and alertness of all those concerned with administration.

"The stores are particularly well set out. There is also an excellent spirit of co-operation between unit personnel responsible for the maintenance of vehicles and the L.A.D. charged with light repairs."

The Divisional Commander commented: "A really first-class report."

Subsequent to camp the technical inspection of the vehicles, wireless, weapons and stores have shown equally satisfactory results.

Sergeants' Mess

The Sergeants' Mess is now at full strength and is imbued with an *esprit de corps* perhaps without equal within our Division. At camp C./Sgt. Olliff handed over the Presidency to C.S.M. R. Granger, M.B.E. on completion of his year's tenure. C./Sgt. Olliff, Sgt. Kichenside and the Committee have been unsparing in the time given to the successful conduct of the Mess and the Mess and the Regiment, past and serving, are indeed grateful to them for all their efforts.

The Sergeants' Mess annual dinner and dance last year was of notable significance to the Regiment in that 90 per cent. of the serving members and their wives and friends attended, making a total attendance in the order of 140. This compared with less than a third of the number of serving members in the two previous years. This annual function is pitched on a high standard; a standard to which the younger generation in the Mess is now conforming.

Change is always uncomfortable. Promotions and retirements within such close knit family present problems which in a Regular Battalion do not arise in the same degree.

C.S.M. Briscoe has left H.Q. Company to become R.Q.M.S. C.S.M. Baldwin, on whom the newest Company—"D" Company—was founded, has succeeded him handing his own offspring to C.S.M. R. Watts, M.B.E.

Newcomers to the Mess include Sergeants J. Jones, J. MacNamara and R. White from the Corporals' Club and Sergeant D. Webb from the R.A. (A.A.). We are also glad indeed to have W.O. T. Hale (late C/Sgt. 1st R.B. and R.Q.M.S. 607 (M.) L.A.A./S.L., R.A. (T.A.), who came to camp with us and is now at H.Q. 22nd Armoured Brigade.

In May R.Q.M.S. J. Shipp's engagement came to an end and since camp Sergeant Ford resigned.

Honours and Awards

H.M.'s Birthday Honours included an M.B.E. for C.S.M. R. Granger ("A" Company), the first award to Q.V.R. since the war. We all congratulate him on this well deserved honour.

During the year T.D.'s and T.A. Efficiency Medals were awarded to:

Major G. P. Lincoln	..	..	..	T.D.
C./Sgt. S. West	..	..	..	2nd clasp to T.A./E.M.
C./Sgt. J. Madden	..	..	..	2nd clasp to T.A./E.M.
Sgt. A. Taylor	..	..	..	1st clasp to T.A./E.M.
T.Q.M.S. E. Knell	..	..	..	1st clasp to T.A./E.M.
R.Q.M.S. R. Briscoe	..	..	..	T.A./E.M.
C.S.M. R. Granger, M.B.E.	..	..	..	T.A./E.M.
C./Sgt. J. Olliff	..	..	..	T.A./E.M.
Sgt. G. Crook	..	..	..	T.A./E.M.

THE QUEEN'S WESTMINSTERS K.R.R.C. (T.A.)

Honorary Colonel:

Major the Rt. Hon. Sir Anthony Eden, K.G., M.C., M.P.

OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS

Lieut.-Col. F. L. Knight
Major J. R. C. Radclyffe, M.B.E.
(Trg. Offr./Adjt.)

Major G. S. Palmer
(2nd in Command)

Major J. N. Butterwick
Major R. K. Hedges

Major C. H. Tidbury
Major P. H. Rothschild

Capt. J. W. M. Crisp
Capt. G. A. Kidner

Capt. J. Morgan-Grenville
Capt. G. M. Nissen

Capt. J. J. N. Wyatt
Lieut. L. P. Groult (Quartermaster)

Lieut. R. T. Bosanquet
Lieut. S. H. M. Bradley

Lieut. R. M. J. Burr
Lieut. A. J. Butterwick

Lieut. R. V. Buxton

Lieut. C. J. Chataway
Lieut. M. D. Chataway

Lieut. A. Drysdale
Lieut. A. G. Gater

Lieut. W. E. Grenville-Grey
Lieut. J. H. Gibbs

Lieut. R. H. Hooper
Lieut. J. F. Hurley

Lieut. R. P. Liston
Lieut. J. H. G. Lywood

Lieut. P. M. T. Morris
Lieut. M. Mosley

Lieut. J. N. Murray-Brown
Lieut. P. R. Nicolson

Lieut. H. G. R. Pickthorn
Lieut. P. D. C. Richards, B.E.M.

Lieut. J. B. De Calis
Lieut. J. C. Seymour

2nd Lieut. L. W. Ayles

ATTACHED OFFICERS

M.O.—Capt. L. J. H. Arthur.
Lieut. D. L. J. Bilbey.

Padre—Capt. The Rev. J. M. Courtenay.

LIST OF WARRANT OFFICERS

W.O. I—J. Swann, D.C.M.

W.O.'s II—V. Kirby, S. Blaton, W. Saville, A. Sullivan, M.M., F. Mossman,
J. Barber, G. Moss, R. Balls.

Activities of the Regiment

Owing to the rail strike Annual Camp this year was notable by its absence. Nothing could have been more unfortunate for the Regiment, for this year we were to have had the first unit camp for some years, when a real opportunity would have been given us first to do some much needed training up to Company level and secondly to persuade the best of the National Servicemen to sign on for a further period as volunteers. Much preparatory work had been done, particularly by the Permanent Staff, and the prospect of a fortnight by the sea at Shorncliffe in an excellent camp was very attractive.

The Regiment, like the rest of the Territorial Army, is now faced with new problems. Under the arrangements announced lately by the Prime Minister we shall see much less of our National

Servicemen, probably in all no more than one camp of a fortnight. We have, therefore, nearly returned to our proper and original state of a volunteer force. The numbers are few but the spirit is good and during 1956 we shall make great efforts to expand our numbers. Without new members the essential cadre of Officers and N.C.O.'s is in danger of becoming too small to be effective.

Visits of the Honorary Colonel

The Honorary Colonel, The Rt. Hon. Sir Anthony Eden, K.G., M.C., M.P., very kindly gave up some of his valuable time to visit us again this year. He came to Buckingham Gate on a Drill Night early in July, spoke to a large new draft of National Servicemen and then spent an hour in the canteen talking with the volunteers in tropical heat, which only he appeared not to notice.

In November we again had the pleasure of seeing him, this time at an Officers Mess Cocktail Party.

Changes

In the autumn Brigadier Hickie relinquished command of 168 Brigade to take command of troops in Aden. He had been an extremely popular and successful Brigade Commander and we were sorry to see him go. In his place we have been most fortunate to receive Brigadier Sir John Hunt.

John Shirley, our Adjutant for the last three years, retired from the Army at the end of October. We shall miss him very much. His competence, good humour and unfailing calm were a great asset. In the absence of a replacement Jim Radclyffe, our Training Officer, is carrying on both jobs. Stuart Symington arrives in April to take the latter's place and it seems possible that with the Regiment's smaller commitment under National Service, he too, may have to wear two hats.

R.S.M. Millard left in the autumn with our best wishes for his new career. R.S.M. Swann, D.C.M., of the Rifle Brigade, has taken his place.

Shooting

Once again we have had a successful year and owe much to Lieut. Richards and a very skilful band of keen shots.

Bisley 2nd-9th July

At the T.A.R.A. and N.R.A. Meetings the Regiment was outstandingly successful. The most notable event was the achieve-

ment of the China Cup Team of Q.W. and G.A.C. personnel competitively selected at the last moment. Against strong divisional teams from the whole T.A. they won with the record score of 417 points—the first time a score of over 400 points had been made at Bisley. The team was: L.M.G. pair, Lieut. Richards (Team Captain) and Sgt. Priestly (Q.W.), Riflemen, Captain Crisp, Sgt. Witts, Rfm. Beale, Rfm. Manson (Q.W.) and Lieut. Freeman, Sjt. Band (H.A.C.). Of the team of ten, eight figured in the N.R.A. prize lists sharing 32 individual prizes. We had six members of the T.A. team of 50 to shoot in the Regular and Territorial Armies Cup Competition, one member of T.A. Rifle VIII and two members of the T.A. Sub-Machine Gun VIII in the United Services Match. We also won the Quartet Cup with 637 points. Captain Crisp was third in the Green Jackets Cup and Sgt. Witts second in the Kneeling Competition.

London and Middlesex Rifle Meeting

At this meeting and at the Divisional Rifle Meeting the Regiment's team was overshadowed by an outstanding L.R.B. Team. But in the Service Rifle Championship Major Freddie Joyner was second, receiving the Silver Jewel and Sgt. Witts third receiving the Bronze Jewel. The team was second in the Parnell Challenge Cup and in the Battalion Match.

The American Match

The match against 107th Infantry Regiment, New York National Guard, which was a notable feature of pre-war years and was happily revived last year with the assistance of Cable & Wireless Ltd., took place again this year on 9th July. The Regiment won by 1,101 points to 968, our score being 3 points up on last year. We are very anxious that this should continue to be an annual event—shooting by cable is very exciting but we hope one day to have the pleasure of shooting side by side against our friends.

Athletics

The Divisional Athletic Meeting was held in August at the Duke of York's H.Q., Chelsea, and resulted again in an overwhelming victory for the Queen's Westminsters. Our team scored 48 points, 42 R. Tanks and Inns of Court coming equal second with 18 points. Chris Chataway won the mile in 4 min. 18 sec., a slow time for him, and was actually narrowly beaten in the quarter-mile by Cpl. Mangleshott (Q.W.).

1st CADET BATTALION K.R.R.C.

56 Davies Street, London, W.1.

Battle Honour: South Africa, 1900-02.

ROLL OF OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS

serving with the Battalion on the 31st October, 1955

Lieut.-Colonel R. G. H. Sutton
Major G. R. B. Hanson, R.A.R.O.
Major P. Lissack, R.A.M.C.
Capt. J. H. L. Burke
Capt. P. W. Bell, A.O.E.R.
Capt. R. N. Cutter
Capt. P. G. Newby Vincent
Lieut. J. Holland
Lieut. S. L. Johnson

W.O. I Edmed, A. H.
W.O. II McCormack, J. H., B.E.M.
W.O. II Smeeton, W. R. C.
W.O. II Scott, D. M.
W.O. II Burroughs, J.
W.O. II Childs, G.
C./Sgt. Wetherings, G.
C./Sgt. Daniels
C./Sgt. Thomas
C./Sgt. Holt, G.

ACTIVITIES OF THE BATTALION

General Notes

This year has seen the re-organised Three Company Battalion functioning without alteration throughout the training period, and we are therefore able to make some assessment of its success. The standard of recruit has continued to rise and although numbers are not so high as one would like, yet they do approximate to the numbers suggested for Cadet Companies. With each Company based upon its T.A. Drill Hall and receiving active co-operation we have established a firm basis for future expansion and at the same time retained our identity as Riflemen.

Another year has passed with the Commanding Officer serving as Deputy Commandant of the County of London A.C.F. This includes the appointment of Training Officer and we have had some interesting and helpful notes upon Certificate "A" which have done much to attain our high level of passes. Despite these dual roles he has visited Companies regularly during their training and found time to enjoy our social activities. The County Commandant, Colonel E. H. Hillersdon, D.S.O., T.D., has left the A.C.F. after his tour of duty and we welcome Colonel A. R. Mais, O.B.E., T.D., D.L., as our new County Commandant.

During the year Lieut. David Sutton left us owing to business pressure and his removal to a new house well outside the easy travelling limit. Our shortage of Officers still remains although on the A.W.O. side we are exceptionally well staffed. This year



THE TEAM AT BISLEY

saw the return of one of our ex-Cadets from the Regiment who has joined us as an A.W.O., namely Rfn. Daniels, who left us in 1952 as a Cadet Sergeant.

Parades and Inspections

The Annual Efficiency Inspection took place this year on Monday, 16th May. Lieut.-Colonel P. Earle, M.C., Commanding Queen Victoria's Rifles, carried out the Inspection. This was the first occasion on which the Parade was commanded by the senior serving Cadet N.C.O.—Sgt. Patton. Colonel Earle made a thorough inspection of every aspect of the Unit's work and expressed himself well satisfied with the standard he saw. He commented especially upon the steadiness on parade.

October saw the usual contingent parading for the United Nations Day Parade in Trafalgar Square. Again we were blessed with fine weather and the turn-out was a credit to all concerned.

Remembrance Day again saw all three Companies actively engaged. "C" Company with the Rangers in the morning, "B" Company with the Queen Victoria's Rifles in the afternoon, and "A" Company manfully taking a share in both.

Week-end Camps and Annual Training

The Depot again acted as hosts at Easter and the usual thoroughly good time was had by all. We are taking this year only those Cadets who are well qualified and holders of either Part I or Part II of

Certificate "A". This procedure ensures that the standard of training is as high as possible and above all stimulates all ranks to make Easter training something for the well trained Rifleman to enjoy.

The Annual Camp this year returned again to Fingringhoe, some five miles from Colchester. This was a wholly tented camp and we were favoured with beautiful weather. Some eight hundred cadets were in camp each week and the Commanding Officer was Camp Commandant, with an all "Green Jacket" Staff. This, of course, has advantages as well as drawbacks. The Regular Army Unit responsible for administrations was "C" Company, 1st Bn. The King's Regiment, who proved themselves admirable in every way.

The training areas were a little distance away necessitating M.T. almost every morning, but they provided excellent ground and much good work was done. Demonstrations were kept to a minimum and a period of interior economy in the early afternoon permitted a much closer grip upon personnel hygiene, etc., than we have been able to maintain in former years. Our visitors included Colonel Peter Earle, who passed the only wet day with us—nothing daunted. Colonel Knight and his Adjutant spent the last Saturday with us. Major Chris. Gregory managed a couple of days and a good Mess Night. Visits like these do an enormous amount to encourage the Cadet Rifleman who quickly responds to the idea that he is a part of a big family.

The Bicentenary Parade

On the 25th July a party of some fifteen Cadet Riflemen, as well as a large party of Officers and adult W.O.'s, went down to Winchester to watch the Inspection of the 1st Battalion 60th Rifles by Her Majesty the Queen, Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment. Their reports were a glowing tribute to everything that happened on that memorable day. A colour film of the actual parade, taken by Capt. Newby Vincent, gives us a permanent record which has already done yeoman service at various Company functions.

Certificate "A"

During the year the undermentioned Certificate "A" results have been obtained:

	<i>Entered</i>	<i>Passed</i>
Certificate "A" Part I	35	16
Certificate "A" Part II	22	6

Shooting

The work of the Commanding Officer and Chris. Gregory, Q.V.R. continues to bear fruit. More and more Cadets are qualifying in the Empire Test and the general standard of shooting is improving considerably.

Shooting Results, 1954-55.

Classification	·22	·303
Marksmen	11	11
1st Class	25	20
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THE ROYAL RHODESIA REGIMENT**NOTES, 1955**

An inspiring highlight in the year for The Royal Rhodesia Regiment was the gracious acceptance by the Queen, our Colonel-in-Chief, of a special copy of a short history of the Regiment forwarded to Her Majesty on the occasion of her birthday. The copy was illuminated and was a notable specimen of the printer's craft.

Her Majesty's private secretary, conveying the Queen's thanks, wrote that Her Majesty "is delighted to be given this beautifully bound history, which she is very pleased to possess. I am commanded to express Her Majesty's sincere thanks and to convey to all ranks of the Regiment an expression of Her Majesty's gratitude, together with an intimation of her constant interest in their welfare."

A specially illuminated copy was also presented to Princess Marie Louise when she visited Salisbury in March. The deep personal interest which the Princess takes in The King's Royal Rifle Corps is well known to us, and as we are the allied regiment in Rhodesia, Her Highness graciously expressed a wish to make our acquaintance.

A short Retreat ceremony, attended by the full band, was arranged by the 1st Battalion, after which Her Highness visited the Officers' Mess, pausing to speak to warrant officers and sergeants of the Battalion en route. In the Mess, serving and past officers of the Regiment and their wives were presented, and Her Highness was then asked to accept the special copy of our history as a souvenir of the occasion.

We were all impressed by the close and friendly interest which the Princess took in the Regiment and its affairs, and she made it a most delightful occasion for us.



The visit of Her Highness Princess Marie Louise to the 1st Battalion, The Royal Rhodesia Regiment, at Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, in March, 1955. On the right of the picture are Lord Llewellyn, Governor-General of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and Lt.-Col. C. B. Adams, M.B.E., commanding the Battalion

Her Highness was accompanied by Lord Llewellyn, the Governor-General; and the Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, Lord Malvern, was also present. All signed the Visitors' Book, the Prime Minister's signature appearing for the first time as "Malvern" after the conferment of a Viscountcy on him by the Queen.

Another special presentation copy of our history was sent to the Colonels-Commandant of the Sixtieth Rifles and later a silver bugle from The Royal Rhodesians was also presented, to mark the 200th anniversary of the foundation of the K.R.R.C. We were all delighted to note that the celebrations were a great success, and honoured by the attendance of Her Majesty as Colonel-in-Chief. A glowing account of the proceedings was received from Col. J. de L. Thompson, O.B.E., E.D., of Bulawayo (where he is O.C. Troops, Matabeleland) and Lieut.-Col. V. H. Buxton, O.B.E., a



Another "Voice"—Regimental Sergeant-Major W. H. Hartley, of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Rhodesia Regiment, in full throat during the annual camp at Bulawayo.

former C.O. of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Rhodesia Regiment, who were able to represent us at the celebrations.

The occasion coincided with the publication in the daily papers of Southern Rhodesia of a photograph of the Rhodesian platoon (1914-15) of the 3rd Battalion, K.R.R.C., which served in France and Flanders in the First World War. The platoon commander was Captain (later Colonel) J. B. Brady. The photograph aroused great interest, and most of the men were identified by old Rhodesians who had known them. But 1914-15 is a long way back and casualties were heavy. Sir Hugh Williams, of Gadzema, a Rhodesian Sixtieth Rifleman, performed a remarkable feat of memory by naming 38 out of the 49 men definitely, but sadly added: "I think I am one of the only two survivors of the platoon today."

The photograph was found among Colonel Brady's effects after his death and Colonel Thompson requested publication in order to get the men named, so that the photograph could be displayed in the barracks at Bulawayo which are the 2nd Royal Rhodesian headquarters and which bear the proud title of Brady Barracks. Among Colonel Brady's papers also were notes on a battle in France in which one of his officers, to whose work he paid warm tribute, was a certain Captain Eden, confidently identified by Rhodesians as Great Britain's Prime Minister today.

With the advent of Federation and a common defence training policy in Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, this year has seen a change in general training policy. Young men called up for military training do an initial four-and-a-half months period of continuous training at Llewellyn Barracks (named after the Governor-General) at Heany, in Matabeleland, the former Royal Air Force station. After this they are drafted to Territorial units to do the remaining three years of their service.

For this year, there was a change in the annual camp policy. Mashonaland and Matabeleland units were not called together at one training centre, but concentrated at two centres—at Inkomo, near Salisbury, and at Bulawayo respectively. This promoted a certain spirit of independence. With Territorial officers and staff responsible for the work, the Staff Corps were enabled to devote more time to the start of the new national service system.

The 1st Royal Rhodesians provided a Guard of Honour, commanded by Captain W. R. Ferris, for the opening of the Colony's Parliament by the Governor (Vice-Admiral Sir Peveril William-Powlett) and took part in a very impressive Queen's Birthday

Parade attended by all Salisbury military units. The Regimental Ball was, as usual, a big success, and was attended by the Governor-General. Band funds were again aided by a 5th November fireworks display, which had been such a success the previous year. There was opposition on this occasion—the financial bait was tempting—but nearly ten thousand spectators again rallied to the Battalion's show on the spacious Drill Hall grounds.

With Lieut.-Col. C. B. Adams, M.B.E., promoted to command the 1st Battalion, Major A. Woodroof (who served with the K.R.R.C. during the last war) has become second-in-command.

At the Inkomo camp there was strenuous training by the 1st Battalion, with night exercises a feature. The shield for all-round efficiency and sport was again won by "B" Company, the detached company from Umtali on the Eastern Border.

At Bulawayo, the 2nd Battalion records with deep regret the death of Colonel Tom Baker, O.B.E., E.D., their pre-war C.O., and a veteran of the South African War and First and Second World Wars.

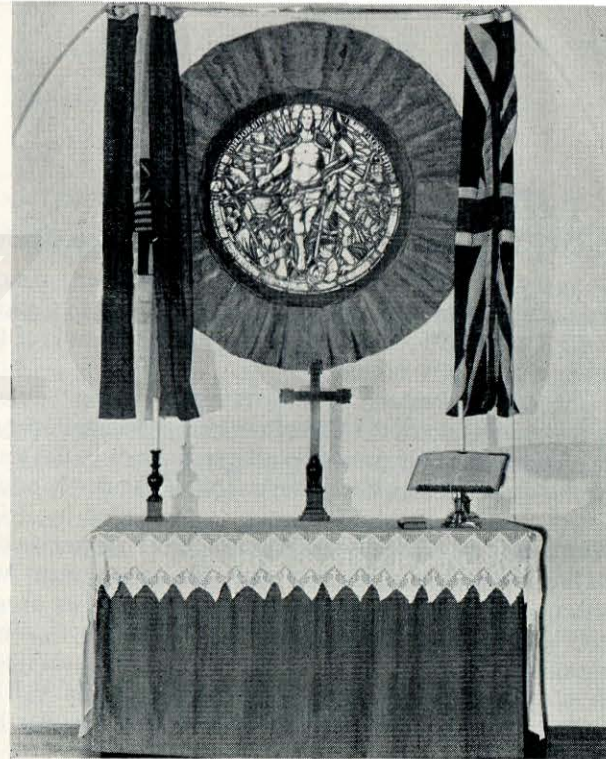
NEW BATTALION OF THE ROYAL RHODESIA REGIMENT

Having received the approval of Her Majesty the Queen, Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, a new Battalion of The Royal Rhodesia Regiment is now being formed. This is the 3rd (Northern Rhodesia) Battalion, with headquarters at Kitwe.

It is being formed from young men of Northern Rhodesia as they complete their initial four-and-a-half months of continuous training at Llewellyn Barracks, Heany, Southern Rhodesia, the National Service training centre for the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. The C.O. of the new Battalion is Lieut.-Col. F. B. Canning-Cooke, O.B.E., T.D. The other two Battalions are both in Southern Rhodesia—the 1st Battalion with headquarters at Salisbury, and the 2nd Battalion with headquarters at Bulawayo.

THE KAFFRARIAN RIFLES EAST LONDON, SOUTH AFRICA

Major Claude Tiddy, Commanding, after many efforts failed to obtain an air passage to attend the Bicentenary. It will be remembered that his father held a commission in the 60th in World War I. However, he and his Regiment sent a splendid Buffalo Head, the crest of the Regiment, as a gift to the 60th. After many



Memorial Window to the Kaffrarian Rifles,
St. John's Church, East London

red-tape frustrations had been defeated, the Head arrived in time at the Museum for Her Majesty The Queen to inspect and admire.

Reports show that training in camp this year reached a high level.

Colonel J. Geddes Page, D.S.O., who so many Riflemen knew in the Desert, sent greetings to the 60th on the occasion of the Bicentenary. Unfortunately the wound in his lung gives him much trouble. All his friends wish him a good recovery and hope his trout hatcheries are flourishing. In 1955 Mrs. Geddes Page unveiled the Memorial Window in the Garrison Church of St. John's, East London. The window was dedicated by the Bishop of Basutoland, The Right Reverend J. Maund, M.C.C.F., Regimental Chaplain during the last war.

Recently when in East London Lieut. N. Fordyce, 2nd Goorkha Rifles presented a kukri from his Regiment to the Kaffrarian Rifles, a very pleasant gesture as between our Allied Regiments. Later we were very glad to see Lieut. N. Fordyce at the Bicentenary.

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THE REGINA RIFLE REGIMENT

Lieut.-Col. J. G. Baird, D.S.O., C.B., Officer Commanding

On January 1st, 1955, Lieut.-Col. D. G. Brown, D.S.O., relinquished command of the Regiment and the Second in Command, Major J. G. Baird, D.S.O., C.D., was promoted to the rank of Lieut.-Col. and appointed to command.

With the commencement of the training year in September, 1954, the reorganisation of the Canadian Militia became operatively effective. Under this reorganisation all militia units in the southern part of Saskatchewan came under command of the newly organised Militia Headquarters, 20 Militia Group, commanded by Brigadier A. W. Embury, E.D. Brigadier Embury's prior service had been with the Saskatoon Light Infantry, but his appointment was of particular interest to the Regiment as the son of the late Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier General J. F. L. Embury, C.B., C.M.G., V.D., who was also commanding officer of the 28th Battalion early in World War I. The 28th is one of the World War I units perpetuated by the Regiment, and their collar badges are still worn by the Regiment.

Unit other rank strength in Regina remained disappointingly low during the year, but a great boost to the morale of the Regiment was occasioned by the enrolment of about 65 in the Fort Qu'Appelle district, about 60 miles from Regina. Officers, W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s from Regina go out to this group two nights a week to supervise training, and the personnel are brought in to Regina for parade of the entire unit at least one night each month. The local separate schools cadet corps was affiliated with the Regiment early in 1955, and this, with the cadet corps of one collegiate already affiliated, should prove a valuable source of future recruits.

In the spring, facilities were made available in the Regina Armouries for setting up an officers' mess, and for the first time in the peace-time history of the Regiment an officers' mess was able to function in its own establishment. While the mess operates only on a spare time basis, chiefly on parade nights, it has done much to boost the *esprit de corps* of the officers. Shortly after its establishment, Mr. Gregory Clark, former war correspondent, of Toronto, presented the mess with a silver punch bowl in memory of his only son killed while serving with the Regiment in France.

In May, the Regiment was honoured with a visit by Colonel W. D. Keown-Boyd, O.B.E., and Mrs. Keown-Boyd, and were delighted to able to play host to them for two days. Receptions

were held in the mess each evening, the first for officers only and the second for officers and their ladies. The second evening Colonel Keown-Boyd also inspected the Regiment on parade.

One of the outstanding events in the history of the Regiment was the granting of permission by Her Majesty as Colonel-in-Chief of The King's Royal Rifle Corps to the Regiment this year to wear the uniform of the latter corps, with some local modification. The officers have now obtained No. 1 Dress in Rifle green and cross-belts, and several W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s have also obtained No. 1 dress. Officers of the Regiment now make a distinctive group at garrison and other mixed service functions where the dress is appropriate, and is further incentive to a better *esprit de corps*.

The thoughts of the Regiment were often with The King's Royal Rifle Corps during this, their bicentennial year, and it was with much regret that it was found no representative of the Regiment could be present at Her Majesty's inspection of the parent unit or the mess dinner to mark the occasion. The invitation to have a representative attend and the greetings from the Colonels Commandant on that occasion were greatly appreciated.

THE HALIFAX RIFLES

(23 ARMD REGT) RCAC (M)

Lieut.-Col. G. F. Snair, Officer Commanding

The 1954-55 season was very active; and it is expected that the coming season will be equally successful.

Training

The Regiment trained two nights a week, Mondays and Thursdays, plus a Training Exercise almost every week-end. Every Sunday saw an exercise at either the Bedford Rifle Range or our Tank Driving Area at Elkins Barracks, while long week-ends were utilised to conduct two and three day schemes, several of these schemes were arranged so that all ranks prepared overnight bivouacs in the open. These exercises were well attended and have aroused real and, we hope, lasting interest.

All Senior Officers are qualified in their rank, with many of the officers qualified beyond their present rank. All Warrant Officers are qualified, plus the majority of the Sgts., Jr. N.C.O. School has been active with a number of candidates successfully qualifying; 23 other ranks now draw trades pay.

As in former years we have lost some of our better types to the Regular Army: while they are missed, we are proud to see them

go, knowing they gained the incentive from their Regimental Training. On the occasion of the G.O.C.'s Annual Inspection of Militia Units in this area, May 8th, 1955, The Halifax Rifles were named "Best on Parade".

Our Pipe Band has played for all local Military Parades and was re-invited to participate in the Bridgetown Labour Day Celebration. The Band also participated in the opening of the Canso Causeway. A Bugle Band is now being recruited and trained.

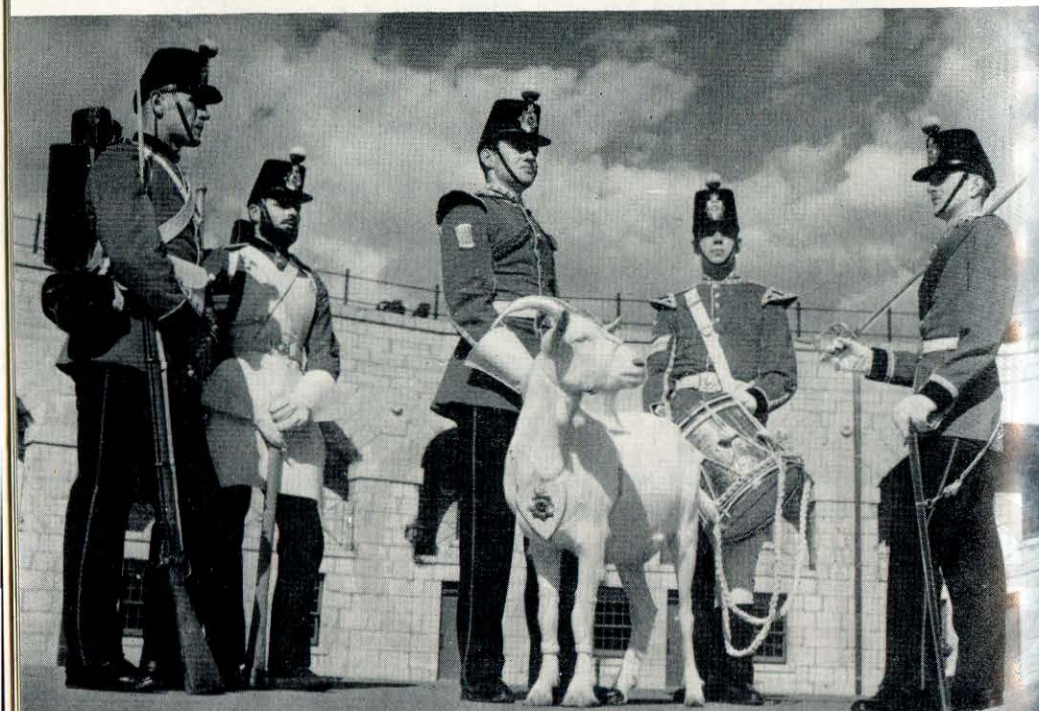
Regimental History and Publicity

The Regimental History is being carefully preserved and all events and schemes are being photographed in stills and movies. The Regiment is getting a good share of favourable publicity in the newspapers, and several of our Training Schemes have been televised over the local C.B.C. Television Station.

4th LOCATING BATTERY (Brockville Rifles R.C.A.)

Although no account of the activities of the Brockville Rifles for 1955 has been received, the excellent photograph on this page which was sent to General Curtis by the Officer Commanding, Lt.-Colonel Way, as a Christmas Card, shows that they are still in close contact with the Regiment.

The photograph is entitled "Fort Henry Guard" 1955. It will be remembered that the 60th served at Fort Henry, Kingston, in 1823-24 and again in 1870.



1st BATTALION FIJI INFANTRY REGIMENT

BATU PAHAT, JOHORE, MALAYA

Lieut.-Col. P. K. Ganilau, Officer Commanding

Much of interest has occurred during the year. The battalion has received numerous visitors, the most important of whom was the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Major-Gen. Gentry paid us another visit as did his successor as C.G.S. N.Z. Army, Major-Gen. C. E. Weir. The Commander Fiji Military Forces, Colonel Campbell visited us for the third time since he took command. Brigadier Pleasants, our Colonel of the Regiment, spent several days visiting the companies and renewing old friendships. The battalion competing for Johore State at the Malaya Amateur Athletic Association Championships, monopolised the men's events. An Amnesty has been declared by the Government to try and end the Emergency, and our troops are deployed guarding kongsis and labour lines against any shock attack by terrorists. The Rugby XV training squad has been selected and a strenuous season awaits them. Now for events in detail.

Operations

The battalion total of eliminations has risen to 190. Officially shown as 186 the difference of four is made up by 2 to Sgt. Naikava, 1 to Sgt. Usa and 1 surrender.

There has been continuous terrorist activity outside the battalion area of operations but few if any contacts have attended the efforts of Fijian patrols in the deep jungle and thick swamps which make up so much of our area. "B" and "C" Companies have materially contributed to the success of Operation "Nassau" in the South Selangor swamps.

Amnesty

From midnight on the night 8/9th September, the Government of the Federation of Malaya has declared an amnesty to the terrorists and their sympathisers. Those persons wishing to surrender are invited to do so. They have been assured that they will not be prosecuted for crimes committed prior to the 9th September or in ignorance of the declaration of Amnesty. Millions of leaflets bearing the signature of the Director of Operations who signed on behalf of the High Commissioner for the Federation of Malaya and the Chief Minister, Tengku Abdul Rahman, have been showered from aircraft over areas where bandits are known to operate and delivered throughout the Federation by officials and council mem-

bers. There has been an intensive drive by officials and members of the Government to make this succeed. Towns and villages have turned out in force to call on the terrorists to surrender.

The practical success of the Amnesty is difficult to assess so far. There have been a number of incidents where Security Force Patrols have called on groups of terrorists to surrender and have been answered with a hail of bullets. The instruction is that a Security Force Patrol must invite any terrorist contacted to surrender and may not fire on sight. This means that the terrorist has the initiative and if he wishes may capitalise on it. He has done so. Security forces in the battalion area are restricted to patrolling by night round the interior wire of new villages and except for a deep jungle base may not carry out daylight routine patrols further than one mile from their base. There are areas throughout Malaya known as "safe areas" for the duration of the Amnesty. No troops are permitted to operate within the confines of these "safe areas" and terrorists are invited to come out of the jungle or other lairs and surrender from within these limits. It has been extremely embarrassing to the Government to learn that five terrorists have been reported for several days within a "safe area" in Selangor and are making no apparent endeavour to surrender. Under the conditions of Amnesty, no Security Forces may search for them. Meantime these five are flaunting the offer in the Government's face.

Honours and Awards

On 3rd June, it was announced that the Commander in Chief Farelf had awarded his certificate for Meritorious Service to 17246 L./Cpl. Varauni Seru, our unit cypher clerk. Congratulations Varauni—Well done!

The Queen's Birthday

On 9th June, the Battalion paraded to do honour to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The parade, which was held in brilliant sunshine on the Government High School, Padang, Batu Pahat, was Commanded by Major O. G. R. Edwards, E.D. The Inspecting Officer was Lieut.-Col. H. J. G. Low, D.S.O., M.C., who was accompanied on the saluting base by the District Officer and Administrative Officer. Also in Malacca and Kuala Lumpur detachments of Fijian soldiers in national dress caught the public eye in the parades held there. The Fijian soldier, proud in the service of his beloved Queen recalled on this happy occasion the glorious visit of Her Majesty to Fiji such a little time ago. Long may she reign! God save the Queen!

Regimental Day

On 24th August the rifle companies celebrated Regimental Day with a big "Magiti" in the company areas. Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company deferred their feast until the opening of the Regimental Hall. On this day a holiday was declared and in celebrating every member of 1 F.I.R. thought for a moment of those fine Fijian soldiers who have paid the supreme sacrifice in Malaya. To die in the service of one's Queen is a manly sacrifice. Their remains lie in the Military Cemetery at Pasir Panjang. They are not forgotten.

2nd KING EDWARD VII'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES (THE SIRMOOR RIFLES)

During the past year 1st Battalion has continued to operate against the Communist terrorists in South Johore and 2nd Battalion has remained in Hong Kong.

For the 1st Battalion this has been a somewhat uneventful year, devoid of any outstanding operational success or other excitements or even a change of scene. For all that, the hunt after the enemy has been none the less unremitting and incidents have been held in check in one of the acknowledged worst areas in Malaya. Success cannot be measured only in terms of kills, although here, with a score of 234 to date, the Battalion is second to only one other unit despite a couple of rather lean years.

Events following the declaration of an amnesty in September, 1955, were awaited with interest. The immediate reaction of the hard-core Johore terrorists was to increase their activity and to stage a number of incidents, murders, lorry burnings, seizure of Home Guard weapons, and the like. It is, however, too early yet to judge the effects of the declaration and there are signs (not apparent in Johore) that the Communists are becoming inclined to call a halt to their seven years' war.

THE 1ST BATTALION has now been continuously deployed on operations since August, 1954, and there are therefore few important ceremonial, social or sporting occasions that can be recorded in the period under review. Such activities we have had to be content to leave to 2nd Battalion in Hong Kong, where they apparently have done the share of at least two Battalions and may not be sorry next year to return to the less hectic role of Malayan warfare.

In the Malayan Rifle Meeting in 1955 the Battalion won the Jungle Range match by a handsome margin in an entry of twenty-four other major units.

During the year the Battalion had the honour, on behalf of the Regiment, of providing one of the two Queen's Gurkha Officers who attend on Her Majesty the Queen as her Orderly Officers on certain state occasions. Gurkha Captain Narbir Thapa has kept the Regiment well informed of his activities and his letters have contained many references to Winchester and the 60th.

In May, 1955, Lieut.-Col. G. P. Rickcord handed over command of the Battalion to Lieut.-Col. S. P. M. Kent and, after leave, took up an appointment at the School of Infantry. The Regiment is now receiving a steady flow of young officers from Sandhurst and recently welcomed its first National Service Officers.

THE 2ND BATTALION, now entering its third collective training season, is in the final lap of its Hong Kong tour. This will end two and a half crowded years of intensive training, and the more junior elements of the Battalion are already anticipating, with unconcealed glee, their return to the more peaceful atmosphere of jungle base camps in Malaya. There is no doubt that this Hong Kong tour has proved of inestimable value, and the pity is that the cycle only permits such interludes once in a period of eight years in Malaya. In these eight years there is every danger of the Battalion reverting once more into a band of warriors trained exclusively in the art of pursuing the particular enemy now found in Malaya. This is a very specialised form of warfare, and its exponents would be of little immediate value in any other theatre. Despite the fact that Gurkhas are long-term soldiers, the "know how" of more advanced forms of warfare is apt to wear thin particularly as Gurkha Officers and senior N.C.Os. are turned over. We shall at least next vanish into the jungle well primed and fit for war in this atomic age.

During 1955 we have made a great effort to raise our shooting to prewar standards. At last year's Hong Kong Bisley the Battalion came first in the Hong Kong shoot of the Far East Services Team Championship, and won the L.M.G. Competition but were beaten overall by the 2/7 Gurkhas, who put up a very good performance. This was avenged in June, when an Infantry Rifle meeting was held, supported by six Battalion teams. In this we won the Rifle match, runners up being 1 Northampton, who defeated us to win the Bren match.

We have found plenty of opportunity for Ceremonial in Hong Kong, a form of training to which the Gurkha soldier readily responds. The Queen's Truncheon was brought up from the 1st Battalion for the Queen's Birthday Parade and the Battalion Annual

Ceremonial Inspection. The Bugles are once more on a basis, and despite men on leave and rather excessive E.R.E. commitments, a band of thirty can normally be raised.

Lieut.-Col. G. S. N. Richardson, D.S.O., completed his three years in command in November; Lieut.-Col. A. W. N. L. Vickers, O.B.E., 1st K.O.Y.L.I., has replaced him. The Brigade of Gurkhas has now grown up, and it is expected that all future Commanding Officers will be found from within Gurkha Regiments.



THE QUEEN'S TRUNCHEON

THE KENYA REGIMENT (T.F.)

The last year has seen many changes in staff and personnel. The Adjutant, Roly Guy, left in July and his departure was a sorry day for the Regiment. Dick Cornell had preceded him by a few weeks and no one when they saw him leave could have believed that tragedy was so near. David Campbell leaves on 28th November for the K.A.R. Depot. The beautiful garden in Headquarters is his inspiration and his bellowed orders to the gardeners will be missed. Roy Eve has taken over Adjutant and Colin Campbell is the new Training Officer; Charles Madden arrived in October and takes over command shortly.

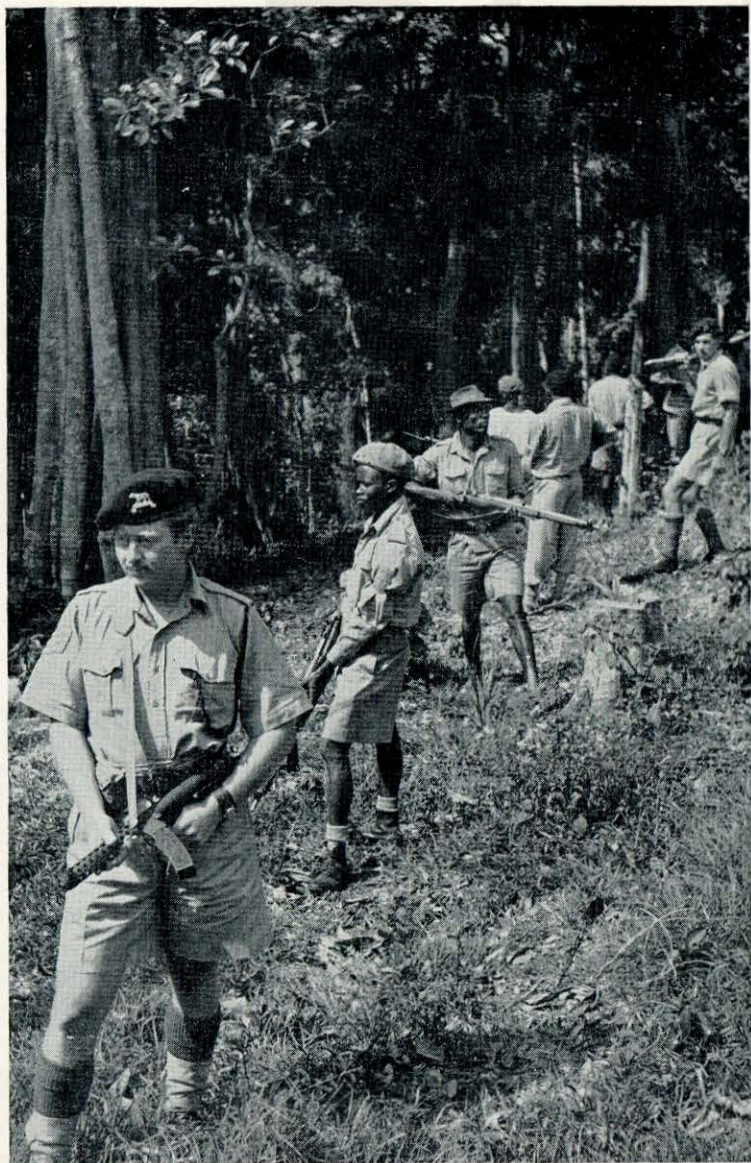
The departure of General Bobbie has lost us a warm friend. He always saw the humour of our misdemeanours and the Regiment owes him lasting gratitude.

From October last year "O" Company, the only operational unit of the Regiment, spent a long time on the outskirts of Nairobi in the adjacent Kikuyu Reserve. By active patrolling and the use of more than one pseudo-gang, large numbers of terrorists were killed. The passive wing was destroyed and the morale of the Home Guard was raised from rock-bottom to 100 per cent. plus. We were still distributed in Kikuyu Guard Posts and most of our successes occurred at night, when small patrols in disguise carried the war into enemy oathing ceremonies and gang meetings. A full account of this feature of the Emergency cannot be told and already damage has been done by foolish publicity. In the Appendix are shown Honours and Awards—90 per cent. of them have been for service of this nature and many more could have been awarded for bravery on similar occasions.

In March the Regiment moved to Narok in Masailand with the task of destroying two large well-armed gangs who had terrorised the Masai for over a year. These gangs had recently become extremely active, following the capture of precision weapons from members of the Security Forces. Our new area was the size of Ireland and it stretched over the border into Tanganyika. It was the steppe and hill country of the Masai, who are nomads answerable to no man except their chief and who wander with their herds. Much of the glamour of this splendid race has been lost. They have been described as a *Picture Post* tribe, largely because of their reputation as the most fearless fighting tribe in East Africa. With lion-manes or ostrich headdresses, their bodies daubed in red ochre and with painted shields and long spears they were once feared by



A PATROL IN THE FOREST



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everyone. Swift punishment for their natural pastime of lifting cattle and appropriating wives at the expense of the Kikuyu, together with pacification and closer administration has seen their shields and other warlike traits vanish. Their Liyok (young men) seldom become Moran (warriors) in the old sense of the word, which demanded that their spears be dipped in the blood of their enemies. The Regiment set out to rectify this sad fall from tribal predomination. We can claim that after six months this is no longer the case; the Masai, instead of fearing the better armed gangs, are now banded together in war-like groups around their Manyattas (settlements). After a long struggle with the Government we armed the Masai, trained them in the use of firearms and, at the time of writing, they have claimed several Mau Mau and the feeling throughout the tribe is one of strength. This was achieved by several brisk encounters, the establishment of an Intelligence service and the successful joint activities of the Administration, Police and Military Forces. In Tanganyika a company of 6th K.A.R., the Loliondo Frontier Force (Tribal Police) and three Police Mobile Platoons were under our command. In Kenya, besides "O" Company, all the Police, Tribal Police and three Police General Service Units, together with T.B. Force (three Europeans and fifty scouts named after Major Temple-Boreham, the Game Warden) comprised a large enough force for an operation, which was named "Mixed Grill". We also had the Kenya Police Reserve Air Wing with two Tri-Pacer aircraft. As the Company moved in, a gang was located in the Loita Hills and pursued deep into Tanganyika. Somewhat naturally there were repercussions, as Tanganyika was not in a State of Emergency and it was under trusteeship to the United Nations. The Deputy Governor and Legal Secretary, with several other Police and Administrative officials had to fly to Arusha to meet the Governor of Tanganyika and his advisers. Certain limitations and conditions were laid down and O.C. Kenya Regiment was asked to comply with instructions, which included the ban on removal of gangsters from Tanganyika Territory. Fortunately no one was caught! Other gangs were either harried out of the area or were killed. Before the Regiment left the paramount Chief of the Masai, with his Chiefs and Elders (Libolong), presented the Regiment with a ceremonial shield and a spear which had been dipped in blood.

In July the Regiment moved to the Kinangop in the Rift Valley. This area included a strip of the Aberdares, well known to several



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of us. It proved to be rather a dull period as the rains were on and our area was too confined. Just as our intelligence began to achieve results we were moved again back to the Thomson's Falls area at the northern end of the Aberdares where we were two years ago. No doubt we will move again soon.

The third anniversary of the Mau Mau war fell on October 21st and the writer of this article can claim to be the only Commanding Officer who was serving then and is still serving now. It has been a long time and an almost continuous battle to keep the Regiment

in existence operationally. A plan to incorporate us into British Battalions was forestalled in October and we have been given, I hope, six months grace to fight on as we are now.

The demands for District Officers (Kikuyu Guard), Field Intelligence Officers, Tribal Police Officers and men for the special Police Combat Teams are a big drain on our manpower. These demands are quite separate from our commitment to provide men to serve with British and K.A.R. battalions, Brigade Headquarters, Operations Rooms, the Armoured Car Squadrons, Prisons Department and several other nebulous organisations.

Seven more Europeans and four more Africans have lost their lives. Practically all the experienced forest leaders have been released and the only means of approaching their standard is by continuously running courses for our leaders. The Battle School carries on the tradition learnt and perfected by us as, with two exceptions, all the instructors come from the Regiment. The School standardises training in Fieldcraft, Tracking, Forest Operations and Jungle Techniques.

On the lighter side of life we turn out a Hockey side which is reputed to be the strongest European side in Kenya. We certainly win matches fairly easily and won the Army Knockout Competition, beating the K.S.L.I. in the final 4-0. Four members of the Regiment represented Kenya against the British Lions XV and five others played in the trial. The Rifle Brigade make use of our Headquarters and it is seldom that several Officers and Riflemen are not with us for week-ends. The cult of the "Teddy Boy" has reached Nairobi and one Rifleman excelled himself in sartorial magnificence last week. He must have had quite a following by the time he reached the town! Our Second-in-Command's comments even shocked his elder twin! In the Security Forces Rifle Meeting the Regimental "A" Team won the Rapid, came second in the Snap and lost in the semi-final to the winners of the Falling Plates. As the team consisted of R.S.M. Holland, C.S.M. Eves, C.S.M. Jones and Sgt. Adye no one need feel surprised.

At the opening of Parliament the Regiment made its first public appearance of a ceremonial nature since the start of the Emergency by providing the Guard of Honour. Fifty-four men had to be extracted from the Aberdares, drilled and fitted out with No. 1 Dress, all within a week. David Campbell and Frank Wakefield discovered that nine men had never worn collars and ties before and few, if any, braces. They grew accustomed to collar studs

in the wrong way round; but a collar and tie over a shirt with collar attached completely defeated them. However, the Guard put up a very creditable performance and it was the first Ceremonial Parade any of them had ever taken part in.

C.S.M.'s Nunn and Williams have left and C.S.M.'s Garner and Eves leave before the end of the year. Sgts. Hickey and Robinson are with us and at any moment C./Sgt. Massingham and Sgt. Knights are due to arrive. R.S.M. Holland and Frank Wakefield have had their tours extended by one year; this will greatly assist Charles Madden and will ensure some continuity.

Amongst former 60th Riflemen in Kenya there are Major Ferdie Cavendish-Bentinck (the Speaker of Parliament), Gavin Campbell, Peter Chapman, David Bampfyld, Frank Dracott, George Parker, Peter Lloyd in the Administration, Brian Ryrie, Col. J. G. Kirkwood, Myles North, Michael Sawyer, Hugh Robinson, Tony Nuttall, Bernard Sheldon of the Kenya Police, E. M. Chetwynd-Stapleton, D. Montgomery and Peter Orchard.

Hugh Hope is still G.S.O. I (K.) and Teddy Kenny-Herbert is on the staff of 70 East African Brigade. Chris Martin (K.O.Y.L.I.) is serving on the staff of 59 Infantry Brigade. Sgt. Hawkes is an instructor at our Training Centre.

APPENDIX *Honours and Awards:*

M.B.E.

Captain R. K. Guy	K.R.R.C.	Captain W. S. Gash	F.I.O.
Sgt. Berry	D.O. (K.G.)	Sgt. Powell	D.O. (K.G.)

M.C.

Major V. Fey	Tracker/Combat	Captain F. W. Woodley	"O" Coy.
Captain F. D. Erskine	"O" Coy.	Lieut. V. A. N. Swain	3 K.A.R.

D.C.M.

W.O. II Miller	Intelligence.
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M.M.

Sgt. Summers	Intelligence.	Sgt. Hatfield	Intelligence.
W.O. II Holyoak	Intelligence.		

G.M.

2nd Lieut. D. Brooks	3 K.A.R.	Sgt. Nicholas	D.O. (K.G.)
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M.I.D.

Major R. Nightingale	"O" Coy.	Major Vetch	"I" Coy.
Captain C. Beck	6 K.A.R.	Captain J. Humphreys	Battle School.
Sgt. McCleary	23 K.A.R.	Sgt. Miller	Intelligence.
Sgt. Blanche	"I" Coy.	Pte. Owen-Thomas	Intelligence.
Lieut. Dugmore	K.P.R. Mounted.	C.S.M. Kagwa Layia	"O" Coy.

C.-in-C.'s Commendation

Captain R. Campbell	23 K.A.R.	Lieut. L. Gill	Battle School.
Lieut. D. Veakins	3 K.A.R.	2nd Lieut. W. Morton	"O" Coy.

Colonial Police Medal

Gibson Wambugu	"I" Coy.	Kitum Koech	"Sp." Coy.
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THE REGIMENTAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner of the Celer et Audax Club was held at the Trocadero on 20th July. Lieut.-General Sir Euan Miller, Colonel Commandant 1st Battalion was in the chair, and 181 officers attended.

The Chairman read the telegram sent to the Colonel-in-Chief, Her Majesty The Queen, and her gracious reply. He went on to say that this was, of course, a very special year for the Regiment, and he was glad that so many members were present; in fact the number had only been exceeded once before—in 1897. He hoped that in future members who had not attended in recent years would make a special point of coming regularly.

As usual telegrams had been sent to many old members who could not be present. Replies had been received from several, sending their thanks and good wishes. The member whom everyone was particularly glad to see was Lord Sackville, who was 85.

They were very pleased to welcome several guests. Unfortunately the American Ambassador and Lieut.-General Sir Francis Taker, Colonel 2nd Gurkhas, had been unable to come. They were extremely glad that Major-General Windeyer, Sidney University Regiment, Colonel Thompson, Royal Rhodesia Regiment, and Major Wylie-Carrick, 2nd Gurkhas were with them.

There were others, however, whom he greeted on behalf of the whole Regiment, not as guests, but as members in their own right. He referred to the American Members, of whom no fewer than five had made special journeys to attend the Bicentenary celebrations. This was very greatly appreciated, and marked significantly the links between the Regiment and the United States.

They were also extremely pleased to have with them once again General Sir George Erskine, on his return from successfully coping with the difficult Mau Mau problem, and all congratulated "Bobbie" on his well deserved G.C.B.

Turning to current Regimental matters, the Chairman reminded everyone that the 1st Battalion would, shortly after the Bicentenary parade, leave on a three year overseas' tour for Derna in Libya.

The 2nd Battalion, unfortunately, was still threatened with disbandment, but not before 1957. Major F. Mellor would shortly take over command of this battalion in place of Lieut.-Colonel Alick Williams, who was being promoted to command an Infantry Brigade.

Our outstanding successes of the previous year in shooting had not quite been repeated. The 2nd Battalion had, however, swept the board in Rhine Army competitions and only just failed to do so at Bisley, where the 1st Battalion was little behind them. Officers in both Battalions had been playing polo in Germany, particularly in the 1st Battalion, whose team were somewhat unlucky to be beaten in the Inter-Regimental by the eventual winners.

Everyone would have heard that Mess Kit was to be re-introduced and he was glad to tell them that the Colonel-in-Chief and the War Office had approved of a slightly modified form of the old pre-1902 pattern. This, everyone would agree, was a great improvement on the other.

Finally, the Chairman announced that General Sir Evelyn Barker would speak for a few minutes about the arrangements for the Bicentenary Parade on 25th July. He knew that everyone would be sorry to realise that it was the last time that "Bubbles" would speak to them as Colonel Commandant as his tenure of office expired early in 1956. He emphasised the serious loss that this would be to the Regiment which owed "Bubbles" a very great deal for all he had done.

THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM, 1955

The highlight of the past year was, of course, the visit of Her Majesty the Queen, our Colonel in Chief, to the Museum on 25th July.

She was greeted at the entrance by General Sir Evelyn Barker, who presented to Her Majesty Brig.-General and Mrs. Majendie. As is probably known General Majendie started the Museum in 1926 when he was commanding the Depot and has been Chairman of the Museum Committee ever since.

Her Majesty was first shown the Delhi Table used on the ridge outside the walls of Delhi during the Indian Mutiny in 1857 and on it the Ivory Tower presented to Brig. Sir John Hunt by the Municipality of Delhi on his return from the successful Mount Everest Expedition of 1953—these two exhibits thus spanning almost 100 years.

Her Majesty was particularly interested in the Tambua or Whale's Tooth which was presented to the Regiment at a ceremony in the Museum in 1950, and is a mark of great esteem in Fiji, as she herself also received one; and she was very entertaining about the ceremony. She also was very interested to hear from Gen.



Her Majesty in the Museum with Gen. Sir Evelyn Barker and Brig.-General B. J. Majendie

Majendie that he was the only Officer of the Regiment still living who was on the *Warren Hastings* when she was wrecked in 1897.

Captain and Mrs. Jagger, who were standing beside the case containing 68 medals and badges won by the former during his shooting career in the Regiment, were then presented to Her Majesty who appeared particularly interested in this collection and talked for some time with Walter Jagger.

Other items shown to the Queen were the Regimental Full Dress of her Grandfather, King George V, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment and the Pouch-belt, etc., of the Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief from 1797 to 1827. Also the fine Buffalo Head presented by the Kaffrarian Rifles of South Africa which had arrived only the day before from South Africa. She also compared the old-style Officers Mess Jacket with the new one which is shortly to be taken into use. After fifteen minutes in our half of the Museum, Major Parkyn who is in charge of The Rifle Brigade Museum, which is in the other half of the same room, was presented to Her Majesty, and she spent about five minutes looking at some of The Rifle Brigade Exhibits.

The Duke of Edinburgh who had to change in the Officers' Mess into his Field Marshal's uniform for the Parade, only had time for a very quick look round.

Her Majesty later expressed her appreciation of the Museum and she appeared to enjoy her visit there.

The rest of the time covered by this account was one of normal activity as far as the Museum was concerned except that we had to close down for a couple of months in the early summer so that the whole place could be painted and decorated. This of course, was a great nuisance, but paid dividends as it now all looks a great deal cleaner and lighter.

Amongst the items presented during the past few months, in addition to the Buffalo's Head, was a very fine special "Presentation Copy" of the history of the Royal Rhodesia Regiment, and a very good painting of Lieut. The Hon. Frederick Roberts, v.c., who was killed at Colenso in 1899 whilst winning his V.C. This picture was presented by Lady Miller whilst the Royal Rhodesia Regiment presented their History.

Other items presented during the year were:

(i) The King's and Regimental Colours of the 4th Bn. 1755. These Colours must undoubtedly be the original Colours of the 4th Bn. issued in 1755 as they have 62nd Royal American Regiment on them. They were found in a Uniform shop in the Haymarket about 1921 by Major H. G. Parkyn, late R.B., who presented them to the R.U.S.I. as the Regimental Museum had not then been started. During this year the R.U.S.I. very kindly presented them to the Regiment.

We are much indebted to "Parkyno" for prevailing upon the R.U.S.I. to pass these Colours on to us and for presenting them to the Museum and also for presenting a very fine General Service Gorget *circa* 1800 as worn by our officers.

(ii) A Powder Horn with Red Indian carving on it.

This exhibit was not actually presented to the Museum but is on loan from the Administrators of the Estate of Major L. R. Tilling. It came from a large collection of powder horns made by the late Mr. Andrews and has carved on it, —together with various figures and animals, etc., "bought by Lt. Longsdon ye 3 Battalion Royal Americans, Fort Edward, 2 Aug. 1757".

There appears to be no reason for thinking this horn and date anything but genuine and if so it is one of the very earliest exhibits we have in the Museum.

Owing to Her Majesty's visit to the Museum, Mr. Vic Cook had to put in many hours' of extra work during the year, and all the people who visited it will, I think, agree that the result was excellent, and a credit to him.

GREEN JACKET CRICKET, 1955

Last year was really rather a disappointing season as we only won one match. Although this year we again only won one match, I think all concerned with Green Jacket cricket will agree that it was one of the most pleasant and successful seasons since the War.

This was of course partly due to the glorious weather, but also in great measure to the excellent matches we had.

The bare results were as follows:

<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>
14	1	9	4

We started badly, losing the match v. the Old Wykhamists comfortably, and that against the Hampshire Hogs disgracefully, being all out in the latter for 73. Sandwiched between these two matches was our game v. Eton on Upper Club, which was played on a pudding of a wicket. In this match our bowlers got an even worse pasting than in the other two matches mentioned! In fact the Eton opening pair put on 162, Pugh getting his century and Stoddart just failing to do so.

Luckily our batsmen rose to the occasion reasonably well and we never really looked like being beaten. Tom Jackson, following up a steady 34 v. The Old Wykhamists, got 42 and Chris Cutforth struck the Eton bowling hard for 32 not out.

After this somewhat depressing start we should have won our next match v. the School of Infantry at Warminster but just failed to get our opponents out in time, although Tony Robinson, bowling very well, took 6 for 18. Scores: G.J. 147 (Tom Jackson 60); S. of I. 73 for 8 wickets.

Our next game was our annual battle v. the Harrow Wanderers which over the past four or five years has always been a most exciting affair. This year, although it was a good level game, it was not as exciting as heretofore as the Green Jackets, batting first, did not score enough runs to declare (203 all out) and after our opponents had lost 3 wickets for 7 runs they rather naturally felt compelled to dig in a bit. In the end our bowlers could not get them out while their later batsmen could not make up the lost time, the game ending in a draw.

Our innings was noteworthy for a fine hard-hitting 101 not out (including two sixes) by Tony Robinson. This was the first of four centuries scored for the Club—there was none scored last year—and in passing it may be remarked that our batsmen, as can be seen from the averages shown below, did very well during the season, but our bowlers, though usually steady, did not possess quite the penetrative qualities to get out our opponents sufficiently quickly on the plumb hard wickets which were encountered during practically the whole season. This I think accounted for the large percentage of drawn games as the weather certainly cannot be blamed, as in addition to the match against the R.M.A.S. 2nd XI,

which was rained off before it started, the only other match interfered with by the weather was that against the Staff College.

Our annual match against the Light Infantry Club was played this year at St. Cross, and was our only victory. Good bowling by Tony Robinson, helped by John Bendit and Rifleman Pettit, got our opponents out for the rather meagre score of 139, and we did not have much difficulty in getting these runs for the loss of 6 wickets, Charles Humphreys making 38 and Robinson 37 not out.

A most thrilling match was our next one, v. the Household Brigade. This was played at Burtons Court, which is a small and very quick scoring ground. Even so the somewhat garbled account given by our team on their return from London was rather hard to credit as it made our rate of scoring to have been about 300 or so runs an hour! Even this rate—and in truth I think we did score very fast—was not quite fast enough as, when stumps were drawn, the scores were level; a draw at 251 all being the unusual result. However it was certainly a draw “in our favour” as we managed to get all our opponents out (Tony Robinson bowling a marathon 26 overs and taking 6 for 121) whereas we only lost 4 wickets. All our batsmen except two scored about 30 very quickly. One of the two who shall be nameless failed to score, but the other, Dwin Bramall, scored a very fast 103 before being run out, probably from sheer exhaustion.

Although we failed to beat the Eton Ramblers, which would have been a pleasant change as I think they have beaten us—generally pretty thoroughly—every year since the War, we were only robbed at the last minute of what would have been a glorious victory as these figures will show:

Green Jackets 228 for 5 wickets (Tillard 109)

Eton Ramblers 85 for 8 wickets (Bendit 3 for 28).

As usual we did not really distinguish ourselves at Camberley against the Staff College although we did better than sometimes, making the reasonable score of 160 (Bramall 42). We then got 4 of them out for 118 before rain put an end to play.

Another very exciting match was that against Winchester College. After being 150 for 6, a mild collapse set in and we were all out for 172 (Jackson 38). When we had 8 of the Wykehamists out for 127 I feel we ought to have won the match, but owing to a good innings by their captain, McCarthy, who made 29, they scraped home by 1 wicket off the fifth ball of the last over. This could not have been a more thrilling match.

We must deal quickly with the week as space is limited. The scores will be found at the end of this account and as far as the Free Forester and I.Z. matches are concerned they indicate what was, I think, the true state of affairs, i.e. that the batting was a bit stronger than the bowling on both sides. Thus the bowling, although steady, was not penetrative enough to get goodish batsmen out quickly but it was accurate enough to keep down the rate of scoring. This caused both matches to end in drawn games in neither of which were we disgraced. We might however have been in a bad way in our second innings v. I.Z. but for a very good 107 not out by David Bedford.

Although the two matches above were not very exciting, the Regimental Match made up for this by having a most thrilling finish. It was in fact almost an exact replica of last year's game with the roles of the two sides reversed. Last year the Rifle Brigade won after our captain had made a sporting declaration, and this year the sporting declaration part was done by the R.B. while the winning was done by us! In both matches there was only a minute or two to spare. Thus honour was satisfied and the spectators enjoyed two very exciting finishes instead of two dull drawn games.

The two sides were really pretty evenly matched as can be seen from the scores. Our batting was, I think, the stronger, but our bowling on the whole was very weak as compared with the R.B. Luckily Brown Howard in the first innings, with virtually no previous practice, bowled very steadily for 23 overs—one of our opponents described his length as “nagging”, which it certainly was. It was nice to see Brown bowling again at St. Cross—I don't think he has been seen there since before the War—and although his arm is not as high as it used to be his action is still easy and he is always doing a bit with the ball.

Owing to the Bi-Centenary Parade there was a big gap before our next match, which was on 20th August against the Royal Hampshire Regiment. Unfortunately they turned out a much better side than usual and we turned out a very weak one, especially in bowling, which was practically non-existent. Result: a heavy defeat, with only Nick Dawson (45) and David Clive (32) making any runs for us.

Our last match was about the most enjoyable of the lot; at any rate our opponents appear to have enjoyed it very much as two or three very nice letters of thanks were received by the Hon. Sec. This fixture was one which had not been played since before the

War and was against the Royal Navy C.C. It was in fact played as a result of the Annual General Meeting of 1953 when some voices were raised saying they were getting bored playing Army sides and couldn't we have a game against the Navy!

Our opponents brought down a pretty strong side, including four or five of the full Navy side; luckily we had a good side out, too, and although the batting on both sides was a bit stronger than the bowling the game was never dull. It hardly could be when just on 500 runs—494 to be exact—were scored in the day. It was a lovely day at St. Cross and what more could players and spectators desire?

We only managed to get six of them out for 273 before they declared, one of their opening batsmen, Blackshaw, making 128. Nevertheless our bowlers, especially John Bendit, Tony Robinson and Tim Hoare really bowled very steadily, but the two former with very little luck. Tim Hoare had a good day with his leg breaks, getting 5 for 72. The wicket as may be imagined was perfect.

Our opponents left us appreciably less time to score the 274 runs required than they had taken themselves, but when we were 158 for 4 with Bramall (45) and Maclure (55) well set, we were up with the clock and looked as if we might win. Bramall then apparently took a dislike to his bat and hurled it away from him when running a fourth run and was run out by the amount he would have been in if he'd had a bat in his hand. (I hope that that is quite clear!)

A little later when we were 200 for 5, Ian Maclure was also run out and then wickets tumbled quickly until our last man in, John Bendit, had to play out time, which he did successfully, our final score standing at 221 for 9.

Thus ended a very good match and a very pleasant season. In addition to the cricket played at St. Cross, the season there was of course made memorable by the holding of the Bi-Centenary Parade on our No. 1 ground. I think all who attended appreciated the lovely setting, including Her Majesty.

As usual Passingham put in an enormous amount of overtime on the ground and that, together with the spraying carried out in the spring, has certainly improved the look of the outfield, while the wickets were even better than usual, helped of course by the lovely weather.

Scores for the week, together with the batting averages and bowling analyses, are shown opposite.

Scores in Green Jacket Week:

G.J. v. Free Foresters. Monday and Tuesday, July 11th and 12th.
1st Innings Green Jackets 207 (Guy 47; Jackson 33).
Free Foresters 213 for 8 declared (Robinson 5 for 88).
2nd Innings G.J. 159 for 8 declared (Clive 41; McCausland 34 not out).
F.F. 145 for 3.
Match drawn.

Regimental Match. Wednesday and Thursday, July 13th and 14th.
1st Innings R.B. 195 for 8 declared (Howard 3 for 70).
60th 190 (McCausland and Calvert 45 each).
2nd Innings R.B. 135 for 2 declared.
60th 141 for 4 (Tillard 53).
60th won by 6 wickets.

G.J. v. I.Z. Friday and Saturday, July 15th and 16th.
1st Innings G.J. 152 (Bramall 62).
I.Z. 228 for 5 declared (Bedford 3 for 44).
2nd Innings 239 for 9 declared (Bedford 107 not out; Carter 38).
155 for 6.
Match drawn.

The following played during the season:

60th: C. E. Benson, R. H. Burton, M. Calvert, R. Cavendish, R. Cornell, P. Hordern, R. A. A. Holt, H. R. Howard, C. Humphreys, I. Maclure, J. W. G. Pirie, E. C. Phillips, H. Porter, G. Shakerley, E. H. Spooner, R. Whatmore.

R.B.: S. Bradley, W. Becher, A. J. N. Dawson, T. M. E. Dawson, I. Evans, N. T. A. Fiennes, O. Fiennes, T. Foley, A. C. Guthrie, J. Mansell, C. Mott-cliffe, R. H. Petley, F. Stephens, J. Surtees, J. C. Walker, T. Wallis, C. G. Wemyss.

BATTING AVERAGES, 1955

Name	Runs	Innings	Not out	Highest Score	Average
A. L. Robinson	R.B. 396	12	4	101*	49.5
J. R. Tillard	60th 301	10	1	109	33.4
E. N. W. Bramall	60th 388	14	1	103	29.85
D. W. R. Bedford	60th 175	7	1	107*	29.17
C. A. Cutforth	R.B. 151	8	2	32*	25.16
T. G. H. Jackson	R.B. 347	14	0	60	24.78
D. G. Clive	R.B. 168	8	0	41	21.00
J. R. R. Holmes	R.B. 103	5	0	36	20.6
R. K. Guy	60th 116	6	0	47	19.3
G. R. W. Carter	R.B. 135	8	1	38	19.26
P. M. Welsh	60th 61	6	2	19*	15.25
T. H. Acton	R.B. 64	5	0	21	12.8
M. W. M. Tarleton	R.B. 70	6	0	30	11.6

* Not out

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Rfn. Pettit	R.B. 31	9	88	6	14.6
D. W. R. Bedford	60th 42	3	178	10	17.8
T. H. Acton	R.B. 40	8	96	5	19.2
A. L. Robinson	R.B. 178	31	667	32	20.7
J. D. Bendit	R.B. 125½	30	353	16	22.1
T. E. C. Hoare	60th 57	6	272	11	24.7
P. M. Welsh	60th 48	7	197	7	25.3

THE GREEN JACKETS GOLF MEETING, 1955

There was a major break with tradition at this year's meeting which took place on 14th and 15th May, in that the Dormy House did not open.

With characteristic vagueness the proprietors failed to inform us of their retirement from business and some rapid scouring of the area by Nigel Althaus produced alternative accommodation at a hotel no nearer than Sandgate, which entailed a fifteen-mile drive to the first tee, and—even more hazardous for some—a similar distance at the end of the day.

But if the Dormy House sequence was broken, the rest of the week-end was very much in tradition, starting with the weather which was fine and sunny throughout, with, however, a distinct breeze which blew quite hard on Saturday morning, but which by Sunday evening, was almost as lifeless as some of the competitors. There were twenty-nine of these, not quite as many as in recent years, and only two serving officers, which could only be regretted. It was a great disappointment to us all to be without Parkyno, who felt himself unable to leave the museum at Winchester while the painters were working in it. Among the players there was no more noticeable absentee than Dudley Trench, whose back must have been causing him great pain for him to have to miss the meeting.

The Medal Round, on Saturday morning, produced only one score below 80, that of Adrian Gore, who returned 79. Mark Watney made a successful first appearance, returning 81, which was the best 60th Scratch Score, and with a handicap of 6 only failed by one stroke to win the medal, which was won by Nick Hanbury's nett score of 74. The Veterans Cup was won by the President, although the Committee had to settle a nice point in his favour, as Adrian Gore announced that he was celebrating his 55th birthday on that very day. As there was no reply from Somerset House, he sportingly agreed to postpone his challenge till 1956, by which time the Committee hoped to have reached a decision. The Serving Officers' Cup was retained by Fergus Hughes-Onslow from the very strong field already referred to, although the wisdom of doing so at the expense of his future commanding officer was questioned by some.

In the afternoon, the Bogey Foursomes were won by Edward Rose and Pat Hazlehurst, with the excellent return of 4 down.

The chances of the former were not rated highly after the Medal Round, in which he achieved his regimental number even after deducting the maximum handicap, but his form after lunch must have been much more in keeping with his style and turnout, both of which maintained their usual elegance.

On Sunday morning, the Stableford competition for the Rifle Brigade Cup was won by Basil Woodburn, with $32\frac{1}{4}$ points, with Fergus Hughes-Onslow second, a fraction behind. Opinion varied between those who said that Basil must have left his Baffle in the Clubhouse and those who said that he played every shot with it, but, whatever the truth was, we were all glad not to have to leave the Rifle Brigade Cup with the Littlestone members, as we had done the previous year.

The match play competitions produced two excellent finals. In the 60th Competition, Nick Hanbury completed a most lucrative weekend's golf by beating the Organising Secretary 2 to 1, while the Rifle Brigade produced a marathon, David Clive needing to go to the 20th to overcome Eddie McGrigor, having been a great many holes down at the turn.

It was altogether as enjoyable a week-end as ever, and the freedom extended to us by the club effectively scotched any rumour that the closing of the Dormy House, which we hope will be only temporary, will force us to hold the meeting elsewhere in the future.

RESULTS

Best Scratch Score

Rifle Brigade	Brig. A. C. Gore	. . .	79
60th Rifles	M. B. A. Watney	. . .	81

Medal Round (Handicap)

1st	N. J. C. Hanbury	. . .	84	—	10	:	74
2nd	M. B. A. Watney	. . .	81	—	6	:	75

Bogey Foursomes

Winners:	C. P. Hazlehurst	} 4 down
	E. Rose	

Match Play

Rifle Brigade	Winner: D. G. Clive
	Runner-up: Sir C. E. McGrigor
60th Rifles	Winner: N. J. C. Hanbury
	Runner-up: N. F. Althaus

Stableford Singles

Rifle Brigade Cup:	B. Woodburn
Runner-up:	F. E. Hughes-Onslow

Veterans' Cup

C. E. Grenville-Grey	91	—	10	:	81
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T.A. Cup

N. J. C. Hanbury	84	—	10	:	74
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Serving Officers

F. E. Hughes-Onslow	85	—	9	:	76
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MATCH PLAY COMPETITIONS

60th RIFLES:

1st Round	C. E. Grenville-Grey (10) bt M. J. W. Harker (14) 4 and 2. N. F. Althaus (10) bt M. B. A. Watney (6) 3 and 2 N. J. C. Hanbury (10) bt C. F. G. Henshaw (7) at 19th J. F. C. Mellor (8) bt H. R. James (15) 3 and 1
Semi-Final	N. F. Althaus bt C. E. Grenville-Grey 3 and 2 N. J. C. Hanbury bt J. F. C. Mellor 3 and 1
Final	N. J. C. Hanbury bt N. F. Althaus 2 and 1

RIFLE BRIGADE:

1st Round	D. G. Clive (8) bt B. Woodburn (14) 1 up M. W. Butterwick (12) bt F. H. G. Tudor-Owen (15) 1 up T. N. Hughes-Onslow (12) bt A. C. Gore (Scr.) 2 and 1 Sir C. E. McGrigor (13) bt F. E. Hughes-Onslow (9) 1 up
Semi-Final	D. G. Clive bt M. W. Butterwick 4 and 2 Sir C. E. McGrigor bt T. N. Hughes-Onslow 5 and 4
Final	D. G. Clive bt Sir C. E. McGrigor at the 20th

MEDAL ROUND

Name	Score	Handicap	Nett
N. J. C. Hanbury	84	10	74
M. B. A. Watney	81	6	75
T. N. Hughes-Onslow	88	12	76
F. E. Hughes-Onslow	85	9	76
D. G. Clive	86	8	78
H. R. James	93	15	78
B. Woodburn	92	14	78
M. J. W. Harker	92	14	78
Sir C. E. McGrigor	92	13	79
A. C. Gore	79	Scr.	79
N. F. Althaus	91	10	81
C. E. Grenville-Grey	91	10	81
M. W. Butterwick	94	12	82
C. F. G. Henshaw	90	7	83
J. F. C. Mellor	91	8	83
F. H. G. Tudor-Owen	98	15	83
D. R. C. Boileau	96	10	86
B. R. Whigham	107	18	89
C. P. Hazlehurst	100	11	89
J. D. C. Woodall	95	9	90
Hon. N. Bligh	104	14	90
T. Fairfax-Ross	105	15	90
H. J. F. Mills	109	16	93
B. Rose	113	18	95

A. L. Robinson	} No return
W. P. S. Curtis	
A. J. Butterwick	
G. F. Earle	

"A FIESTA IN JERSEY"

By Major E. N. W. Bramall, M.C.

It is not very often that a Company of Soldiers is taken out of England at someone else's expense, and given what amounts to a free holiday in a famous holiday resort. Yet this is what happened when 5 Officers and 106 other ranks from the Training Company of the Green Jackets Depot visited Jersey in May 1955.

The Jersey Chamber of Commerce had organised a Pageant depicting various episodes in the History of the Island, and Southern Command had been asked by H.E. The Lieut. Governor to provide some troops to take part in the final episode, showing the arrival of British Liberating Forces in 1945. The Army Commander agreed, and selected the Green Jackets Depot in view of the large number of recruits that the Channel Islands have provided for the 60th in recent years.

As luck would have it, an intake of about 100 recruits had passed out shortly before, and without unduly altering the drafting programme it was possible to send this intake over to Jersey complete. The young recruits, both Regulars and National Servicemen belonging to the 60th and R.B., undoubtedly benefited greatly by this expedition, particularly from having to live under canvas as a Company; they were surely better men and more valuable reinforcements for the Battalions when they returned.

With the recruits went their N.C.O. Instructors and the Headquarters of Training Company. There were some complicated preliminary negotiations and two recesses over to Jersey by the Company Commander and the Second in Command, Captain John Oxley. Then in the early hours of Thursday, 19th May, the whole Company set off in high spirits to embark on H.M.S. *Boxer*—the R.N. Ship which was to take us and a smaller R.A.F. contingent across the Channel. Our hosts looked after us magnificently, and indeed the inter-services relations in this "combined operation" were excellent throughout.

H.M.S. *Boxer* was unable to enter the harbour at St. Helier and the embarkation of troops and stores had to be carried out by tug. After disembarking, the troops and R.A.F. were lifted in buses to a camp site at St. Brelade (7 miles out of St. Helier)—a camp site which was admirable in every way. The Jersey Chamber of Commerce had produced all the amenities and camp fittings and stores, which had been asked for, and a combined Army and R.A.F. advance party, which Capt. John Oxley had taken over two



The Ceremonial Guard marches past His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Admiral Sir Gresham Nicholson



Lieut. Pelley, R.B., and 2/Lieut. Whatmore dressed for the Pageant

days' previously, had erected the tentage and got the camp in working order by the time the main body arrived.

Our first official engagement was a shooting match against the Victoria College, the Island's Public School. In spite of having nearly all the Depot Shots who had swept the board at the Aldershot District Meeting, we were decisively beaten. We appreciated that our task was going to be a hard one when we took on the boys on level terms, knowing that they used slings and wind gauges. Even so we shot below form, two Bisley Shots even registering three outers and a miss at 500 yards, much to everyone's consternation. Still it was a most enjoyable day. Later in the week we followed up our liaison with the School by giving a demonstration of the New British Automatic Rifle—the F.N. Rifle, and also a demonstration of section fire power. This time Sgt. Young and the other N.C.O's. left the boys in no doubt about the accuracy of Green-jacket Marksmen.

On the first Sunday of the visit, the three services marched through the packed streets of St. Helier to a Church service attended by H.E. The Lieut. Governor and members of the Royal Court and States. After the service the three contingents marched past the Lieut. Governor to the playing of the Royal Marine Band.

Tuesday night was the first night of the Pageant, which took place every night for five nights, and in this we were kept fully occupied. The final scene, the Liberation episode, did not require much rehearsal, but the Riflemen were also required to take part in period episodes dressed as bowmen or 18th century French or English soldiers. In an episode depicting De Guesclin's famous raid on Jersey (1372), the Riflemen, representing the invading French, had to attack the Royal Navy playing the part of the besieged English. This had all the ingredients of a good "scrap" and certainly a very spirited bow and arrow and pike duel was fought out, resulting in a few real minor casualties.

Two Officers, Lieuts. Roddy Petley and Richard Whatmore, and one N.C.O., Sgt. Law, had speaking parts. Roddy Petley in particular, cast a very fine figure as the English Captain Asthorpe and said his lines so nobly that we expected him to be offered a film contract at any moment.

Nor was this the extent of our contribution. The Cast of the Pageant had proved so unruly and ill disciplined at the Dress Rehearsal, that the organisers handed over to the Green Jackets

the rather delicate job of marshalling the 1,000 performers, and seeing that they entered on time and kept quiet off stage. Jersey-men do not like being ordered about, and this task required a great deal of tact. Perhaps it was inaccurate to describe the visit entirely as a holiday.

In the final scene the Green Jacket detachment had to march on in Battle Order representing the Liberating Forces. All the prettiest young ladies of Jersey had been organised to give the services a suitable welcome, and thanks to the energy and charm of C.S.M. Hinett we always had more than our fair share of supporters. In fact on the final night our ranks were swelled by the addition of 29 young women. This was rated a rare achievement by the Riflemen who had to compete with the Royal Navy in front of the marching column and the R.A.F. in the rear.

On the last Thursday of our visit, we provided part of an inter-service Guard of Honour for H.E. The Lieut. Governor. Our guard was under command of Captain John Oxley and Sgt. Marley, M.M. The Guard was an outstanding success, and was highly complimented by His Excellency. Its performance compared favourably with the handpicked ceremonial detachment of the R.A.F., and the rifle drill was greeted by spontaneous applause and genuine enthusiasm by the crowd.

Our visit came to an end all too quickly on Sunday, 28th May, when very early in the morning we embarked again on H.M.S. *Boxer* for the return journey. Before we left we gave a farewell All Ranks Dance at the La Moye Hotel. The Band was kindly provided free of charge by the Royal Marines. Mr. and Mrs. Le Couillard, the manager and his wife, ran the bar magnificently and the Bayliff generously altered the licensing laws to allow us to hold the dance after the pageant. There were a good many other administrative problems, not the least getting the young ladies to the dance at 11 p.m. and back to their homes about 3 a.m. But the organisers, 2nd Lieut. Richard Whatmore and Cpl. Dent took them all in their stride, and "a good time was had by all".

When we got home, we received a number of letters, both official and unofficial, saying how much the visit of the Green Jackets had been enjoyed, and how much their conduct and discipline off parade and bearing and smartness on parade had been admired. Certainly we had received the greatest hospitality and kindness everywhere we went, and in an Island which had seen no regular troops since 1924, we had been greeted with considerable and apparently genuine enthusiasm.

Perhaps it was not conceited of us to think that we did something to enhance the reputation of the service in the Channel Islands.

The Company brought back a mounted plaque presented by the Captain of H.M.S. *Boxer* and a liaison has been started between the ship and the Green Jackets Depot which we hope to continue and develop.

THE CLAY FAMILY

The following is the copy of a letter written by Mr. P. E. F. Clay to Major R. F. Nixon, Officer Commanding "C" Company, 2nd Battalion. Mr. Clay, having read that the War Office would not pay the fares of "C" Company to attend the Bicentenary Parade, very kindly offered to defray the expenses of the contingent himself.

Dear Major Nixon,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 24th July and I trust the Riflemen enjoyed themselves.

Just to get the facts straight, the following may be of interest. My grandfather, Philip Clay, served with the K.R.R.'s for 37 years 8 months—a record, I believe—all of which time he served as a private. I do not know why but the story was that he wanted to join the stage as a youngster and his parents would not hear of it so he joined the K.R.R.'s. He was an excellent Latin scholar (which was something for those times) and an excellent musician. I believe he wrote the then regimental song, most of the words of which I have forgotten. He had three sons born in the Army who all became Riflemen and two were killed in action.

My father, Frank Clay, was recommended for the D.C.M. several times during the South African war and was finally awarded this. He served for 23 years and had been on pension for some three years when the 1914-18 war broke out. He felt it his duty to volunteer to train troops and then at the age of 45 he felt he should accompany the troops he had trained. As Company Sergeant Major in the 7th Battalion he went to France where he was killed in July 1916.

A rather shocking thing then happened inasmuch as my mother received far less pension after his death than she had previously. It is just one of those loopholes in the Law which apply to only a few and the War Office took advantage of it because he had volunteered.

I was too young to serve in the Army and so having nothing left, mother and I went to Canada and I returned to England about 1925.

My mother died about two years ago and I think she was the greatest "Riflemen" of them all.

Although not a serving member I have always had intense pride in the K.R.R.'s and when I saw Peterborough's remarks in the *Daily Telegraph* I telephoned and made the offer which I am so glad you have been able to accept, particularly on the occasion of a visit to Winchester by Her Majesty the Queen, who works so very hard.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

P. E. F. CLAY.

OBITUARY

BRIGADIER-GENERAL BRYAN JAMES CURLING, D.S.O.

Died 2nd April, 1955.

Bryan Curling was 78 years of age. He was educated at Eton, where he was in VI Form and played football for the School and was in the 2nd XI at cricket, and was later at Magdalen College, Oxford.

He received his commission in the Regiment early in 1899 and joined the 3rd Battalion proceeding with it to South Africa in October of the same year. He was present at all the battles for the Relief of Ladysmith. In 1904, after the war, he served with the 2nd Battalion in India, and in 1908-9 passed through Camberley Staff College. After serving with the 1st Battalion at home, he held various staff appointments, being Staff Captain in Ireland, India, and at the War Office; in 1915 he was promoted to Major as G.S.O. II in Egypt, and served in Gallipoli. After serving on the staff of the 42nd Division he became C.O. of the 8th Battalion on the Western Front early in 1918 and when that battalion was disbanded he commanded the 16th Battalion.

In August 1918 he was given command of 189 Infantry Brigade with local rank of Brigadier General, serving in France and Belgium till the end of the first World War. He had gained three Mentions in Despatches, a Brevet Lieutenant Colonelcy, D.S.O. and Legion of Honour 5th class. After commanding a battalion of the York and Lancaster Regiment in India, he retired in 1927. In the Hitler War he commanded a Battalion of the Hampshire Home Guard, his home being at Bishops' Waltham.

He married in 1907. His elder son, 2nd Lieutenant Desmond Curling was killed in action at Crete while leading his platoon of the 9th Battalion of the Regiment; a most promising young officer, he had played two seasons in the cricket XI at Eton (*See K.R.R.C. CHRONICLE 1941*).

Mrs. Curling and her family have the sincere sympathy of the Regiment in their loss.



BRIGADIER-GENERAL B. J. CURLING, D.S.O.

COLONEL SIR JOHN VICTOR ELLIOTT LEES, Bart., D.S.O., M.C.

Born 11th December, 1887. Died 16th April, 1955.

The Regiment has indeed lost a forthright "character" in Jack Lees, James to his pre-first war friends.

After being a good oar at Eton, he joined the 60th in 1907, serving firstly in Egypt and then in the 3rd Battalion in India at Ambala and Meerut. A hard-riding man to hounds over the hairy Dorset and Blackmoor Vale countries, Jack at once plunged into the world of Indian polo, pigsticking, tiger and small game shooting, and stalking in Cashmere. In those light-hearted days, the 60th certainly cut out the work both in the field and in sport with a riflemanlike panache. Leave was generous, but training was strenuous, being carried on throughout the year. Energetic and keen, Jack was laying the foundation of a very forceable battalion commander in the desperate fighting in France in 1918.

Soon after the beginning of World War I, the 3rd and 4th Battalions sailed home in the same ship. At the beginning of 1915, they relieved troops of an exhausted French Division in water-logged ditches at St. Eloi. The Germans were aggressive and sapping close up to our so-called line. Shelling was often heavy, and in one bombardment Jack was severely wounded.

When convalescent he became a Recruiting Officer and later held staff appointments in France before joining the 2nd Battalion. In January 1918 he was appointed second-in-command, and assumed command in February. Wounded for the second time he was, however, soon back on 26th March; but, on Lieut.-Col. Dick Pennell being severely wounded for the second time, Jack took over command of the famous 18th Service Battalion. His Battalion was through the thick of the fighting during the spring, summer and autumn of 1918, until victory was gained. For his services he was awarded the D.S.O., M.C. and Croix-de-Guerre. After the war, Jack returned as a Company Commander in the 4th Battalion to Belgium and Quetta, but with no immediate war in sight, in 1922 he retired to look after his large estates in Dorset. After an exciting lion hunt in East Africa, with characteristic energy Jack threw himself into county and local affairs. From 1927 until 1932 he commanded the 4th Dorset Battalion T.A. and the 5th Battalion from 1939-40, and then took a lively interest in



COLONEL SIR JOHN LEES, Bart, D.S.O., M.C.

the Home Guard. As chairman of the Rural District Council, he cut red-tape with a pair of tailor's scissors, with the result that desperately needed Council houses sprang up both quickly and in great numbers. He also put through many essential administrative schemes dealing with water, sanitation and slaughter-houses. His service on the County Council was also invaluable, especially as regards Roads and Education. He was Master of the South Dorset Hunt for three years, and brought his Pony Club to a high pitch of practical horsemaster-ship. His book, *A Guide to the Pony Club Tests*, is a standard work.

A staunch supporter of the Church, he was a churchwarden and a member of the Parochial Church Council. From 1938 he was a well-known member of H.M.'s Bodyguard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms, and also was President of his British Legion Branch. For some years he and Lady Lees kept open house at South Lytchett Manor, in fact at one time it might have been mistaken for a Green Jacket Country Club. Though a wet-bob Jack was a keen promoter of village and country-house cricket. His annual match against the Greenjackets smacked strongly of the best traditions of Broad Halfpenny Down.

As Jack never eased up at anything, all the above activities, and many more, began to tell on him as his age advanced, with the result that latterly he had severe bouts of illness, which, to his intense annoyance, interrupted his many duties.

His funeral had an old-time touch about it. The coffin was borne on a horse-drawn farm waggon preceded by the British Legion Standard. A long cortege, composed of the family and the tenants, grieving for their squire, followed the waggon. Jack's hunters were there too.

The affectionate and deep respect felt for Jack Lees was shown by the enormous number paying their last tributes. The church was soon full and there was a large overflow into the graveyard. The Regiment and all public bodies in Dorset were represented.

The Regiment offers its sincere sympathy to Madeline Lady Lees and to the family consisting of Thomas, only surviving son (it will be remembered that James in the 60th was killed), and five daughters.

LIEUT.-COL. HERBERT RICHARD BLORE, C.B.E., D.S.O.

Born 5th May 1871. Died 16th November 1955.

Dick Blore, better known to his brother Officers as "Blobs", received his commission in the Regiment in 1890. He saw service



LIEUT.-COL. H. R. BLORE, C.B.E., D.S.O.

in India at the time of the Chitral campaign in 1895. He was Adjutant of the 1st Battalion when they went to take part in the South African War in 1899.

He took part in the actions of Talana Hill and Ladysmith and served throughout the whole period of the Campaign. For his services during this War he received his Brevet Majority in 1900.

He then returned to India where he graduated at the Staff College at Quetta, after which he held a number of Staff appointments, culminating in his appointment as Commandant of the Staff College at Deolali.

On the outbreak of the first World War he was compelled to remain in India until 1917. He then went to France and was appointed a G.S.O.I. to a Division in General Gough's Vth Army. During the latter period of 1918 and early 1919 he served on the Staff of General Snow, who formed a very high opinion of him. For his services in this War he received the D.S.O. and later the C.B.E.

Dick Blore was a person of great charm who was beloved by all ranks. He retired from the Army in 1919, after which he spent about two years with the Territorial Army.

For a period after this he took up farming in South Africa until he eventually returned home and took up residence in Canterbury, where after a long illness he died in November 1955.

LIEUT.-COL. ALAN ALDWIN SOAMES, D.S.O.

Born 11th June, 1882. Died 3rd December, 1955.

Sad to say another character has passed on, known to his brother officers and a host of friends as "Soapy". A bold, sometimes reckless, hard-riding man to hounds, to pig and at polo, he was, as one would expect, a natural and forceful commander. His disciplinary methods, though effective, were not always orthodox. Occasionally a hardened delinquent in his company would be invited to put on boxing gloves, and come behind the bungalow. Later hands were shaken, and the guard-room cell remained empty. Many young officers used to appreciate his ready help both in barracks and sport.

Cheery, tall and very fair, he made his mark wherever he went, and in a friendly manner often dominated the scene. Life could not be dull with Soapy present. The mess adored his many anecdotes, and the amusing telling of them.

His eccentricities were the subject of a hundred stories, and the delight of the hunting field in England, Ireland and India. Two such stories must suffice.

At Meerut before the first World War, Soapy bought a hot, very hot, ewe-necked chestnut country-bred pony, named Khalsagi. Normally he rode first-class animals. In the hot weather training for polo began.

Tempers of both man and horse were sorely tried. "Won't stop, won't you? I'll teach you to stop!" Whereupon he galloped Khalsagi full blast at a hay stack on the grass-farm. As the pony did not even put in a short one, a crumpling fall on the rebound was the natural sequence. "Right, as you won't play polo, you shall pigstick". To the hairy Patpaganj country at Delhi they went. In the first few minutes three crashing falls ensued. Hurt and scratched from head to foot by spear-grass, jhow and kika thorns, Soapy rose and shook his spear at Khalsagi bathed in lather. "You think you will prevent me pigsticking. Oh, no you won't! I will walk with the beaters!" and did, in spite of a seriously bruised leg.

In later years, unfortunately, the leg continued to play him up, but Khalsagi did not know that.

Years ago, but still remembered with glee the following incident was recently reported in a local obituary notice.



LIEUT.-COL. A. A. SOAMES, D.S.O.

"It is recorded that after a meet of the East Essex Hunt, hounds were running fast and Colonel Soames took a particularly high fence in his stride. He and his horse landed clean on top of the bonnet of a passing car, in which was a former well-known member of the Hunt. He was over eighty years old. Neither Soapy and his horse nor the occupants of the car were harmed." (No doubt an Irish horse used to banking!)

In various campaigns stretching from North Russia to South Africa, Soapy saw much service. Joining in 1901 he took part in the operations in Orange River Colony from January to May 1902, and was awarded the Queen's medal with two clasps. As a company commander at Sandhurst in 1913-14 to his intense frustration, he was forbidden to leave: but later joined in succession the 3rd and 4th battalions in Salonika. Later he took over the former from Lieut.-Col. Long. On 21st August, 1917, he was appointed to command the 7th battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment.

For his services he was awarded the D.S.O. and a Mention in Despatches.

In 1919 Soapy's sense of duty and dynamic energy made him, together with several other 60th officers, volunteer for service with the North Russia Relief Force.

On retirement in 1922, he received the substantive rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

After a brief reconnaissance of the farming prospects in South Africa, Soapy returned to farm and breed pedigree stock in Essex. True to form he found time to hunt and play polo. A staunch supporter of county activities, he was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant. He seldom, if ever, missed a Regimental Association Rally, where all ranks were delighted to greet him.

The Regiment offers its deep sympathy to his widow and family.

BREVET LIEUT.-COL. HENRY COLIN MANSEL PORTER, D.S.O.

Born 27th October, 1882. Died 10th December, 1955.

Son of Captain H. R. M. Porter, The Royals.

Henry Porter was educated at Eton where he was at Evan's, and at Sandhurst.

On 8th May, 1901, he was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the Regiment. He joined the 4th Battalion at Cork and went with it to South Africa and served with it on the Blockhouse Line in the Harrismith area. He was still with this battalion when they returned home to Gosport after peace was declared.



BREVET LIEUT.-COL. H. C. M. PORTER, D.S.O.

In 1905 he was posted to the 1st Battalion and served with them in Crete and Egypt, where he was also attached to the Mounted Infantry. He was a survivor of the Densawi pigeon-shooting incident in which another officer was killed and he received blows from nabouts and missiles thrown by an excited crowd of fellahin. In 1910 he was posted to the Rifle Depot. Henry had played a lot of polo in Cairo and he continued to play whenever he could

in England. He also lost no time in getting some very good horses and hunted in Leicestershire.

In 1914 he had a most successful Regimental Point-to-Point Meeting which that year was held at Braywood Farm near Hawthorne Hill, for in addition to winning the race for the King's Cup on "Follow me" he also won the Light-weight Race on "Mount Russell" and was second in the Heavy-weight race on "Harker" and fifth in the Celer et Audax open race on "Kasr-el-Nil".

This was a really wonderful performance to crown what, alas, was to be the end of his riding career owing to the severe wounds he received in the war later on.

When the 1st Battalion left Aldershot in August 1914 with the Expeditionary Force, Henry, who had broken a bone in his foot at the time through a fall, was sent to take part in the training of the new battalions that were to be formed. This must have been a great disappointment but it didn't last long as he somehow managed to attach himself to a hastily formed party of scouts mounted on bicycles, and with them was sent across the Channel. This shows to what he was reduced in his efforts to get to or near the front as he loathed a bicycle and never got on one if he could help it.

In 1915 he was promoted Major and was appointed a Brigade Machine Gun Officer.

In 1916 he was posted as a Major to the 9th Battalion, which he was later to command and with which he was to see much heavy fighting.

After the action of Delville Wood in which the 9th Battalion took part there appeared in the *London Gazette*, 14th November, 1916, the following:

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER

Major Henry Colin Mansel Porter, K.R.R.C. attd. 9th Bn. For conspicuous gallantry in action.

He assumed command of his battalion, and also of another unit, displaying the greatest courage and initiative. In order to exercise his extended command he went about in the open under very heavy fire.

The 9th Battalion also took part in the battles of Flers Courcellette and Arras under Henry's command in both of which they distinguished themselves but at the cost of heavy casualties.

On 25th May, 1917, Henry was seriously wounded and his arm badly shattered by a shell when going up to the front line trenches.

This ended his active military career. He had been Mentioned in Despatches four times and on 1st January, 1918, he was pro-

moted Brevet Lieut.-Colonel. After he was passed fit for light duty he commanded the 5th Battalion Machine Gun Corps. The nature of Henry's wounds ruled out the possibility of his riding again and this must have been a heavy blow to him.

However, he never complained, but made the best of things and took to fishing with enthusiasm and patiently persevered till he could do everything for himself with his badly damaged hands.

He married in 1925 Enid Cheston and leaves a family of six. His eldest son, Harry, is now serving with the Regiment.

He was most kind hearted and generous and liked to see everybody around him happy and enjoying themselves.

Right up to the end of his life Henry was nearly always in the chair at the annual dinner and social evening of the 9th Battalion and much enjoyed being with his old comrades again. They attended these meetings in force year after year thus bearing witness to the wonderful comradeship and love and respect for their old Colonel that existed in this old unit of the 1914-18 war.

One of his old comrades of the 9th Battalion writes: "Having served under Lieut.-Colonel Porter during the major part of his service with the Battalion, I can only add that he was a most respected leader and was admired by all ranks for his outstanding qualities of understanding and fearlessness.

During the second World War he was second in command to the 4th Battalion Worcestershire Home Guard.

All Henry's old friends will miss him greatly and always remember him with respect and affection and they ask Mrs. Porter and all his family to accept their deepest sympathy.

MAJOR FREDERICK MAURICE CRUM.

Maurice Crum died on 8th October, 1955, at his home Kenmuir, Rosneath, on the eve of his 83rd birthday.

Maurice joined the 1st Bn. in February 1893, was promoted Captain in 1901, mentioned in dispatches and promoted Brevet Major for war services in 1902.

He served with the Mounted Infantry of the 1st Bn. throughout the South African War, was dangerously wounded at Talana, and during the later stages of the war, in the mobile column period, was in command of the veteran 1st Bn. M.I. Company, with Reggie Seymour and Hugo Watson as his Subalterns. This Company with three other 60th Companies, later constituted the 24th Bn. M.I. joining Col. Benson's famous column in the Eastern Transvaal.

The Bn. took a prominent part in the action of Bakenlaagte on 30th October, 1901, suffering severe losses.

After serving with the 1st Bn. in Malta and 2nd Bn. in India he was appointed Assistant Commandant to the M.I. School at Poona in 1909.

Maurice was never too robust in health but after a period of half-pay he rejoined the Regiment at the start of the first World War in 1914 and served in the 8th Bn. K.R.R.C. in France and Belgium as Scout and Sniping Officer. He went as instructor to the Senior Officers' School in 1916 and was subsequently appointed to G.H.Q. in France to assist the five Army Scouting and Sniping Schools. He was mentioned in dispatches three times in 1917.

Those of us who knew and served with Maurice over fifty years ago, remember him as a completely fearless leader, modest, calm, and a fine horse-master. He was indeed the ideal Mounted Infantry leader. Though completely unaware of it, he and his Company were an inspiration to us all in the 25th M.I.

After the Great War, he resumed his Boys' Club and Scouting activities, devoting his life to this cause. By inclination and in character and enthusiasm, admirably adapted to the training of youth as he was, he regarded this work as his own special mission. As Baden Powell's right-hand man in Scotland his services were regarded as supreme and recognised by (amongst other awards) the bestowal of the "Silver Wolf".

To quote items taken from his obituary notice in the Scottish Boy Scout Association's report: "Whilst on sick leave from the Army in 1910 he went to a Scout concert in Stirling. The enthusiastic Mounted Infantryman of the Boer War saw in 'Scouting for Boys' the means of helping the boys of Scotland to better things. This led him to take rooms in Stirling for three weeks to help—he stayed there twenty-three years!

In countless ways his influence still lives in Scotland. What was his secret? As a pioneer he was always looking forward, always giving a lead and calling on others to lead. He faced all difficulties, long spells of ill health and disappointments included—there were many—in the certainty that God is good, His cause is just and will prevail.

Whether in the field against Boer or German, or in the field against selfishness, materialism, apathy, in war or in peace, he relied on Divine help and said so. The central belief of his life was that no leader could succeed without it. That was the secret of his drive and enthusiasm. Scotland saw the result."



MAJOR F. M. CRUM

Towards the end of his life he published *Memoirs of a Rifleman Scout*, in three parts (1949-1951); *The Question of Mounted Infantry—by a Rifleman* (1909); *The Youth Problem* (1942).

Maurice was unmarried—he shared a house for many years, until her death in 1954, with his sister, Edith Crum, at Stirling, of which he was made a Freeman, and later at Rosneath.

With his passing the Regiment has lost a true Rifleman, and Scotland a devoted Scout. Those members of the Regiment of all ranks who knew and loved him extend their sympathy to his sister and twin brother.

LIEUT.-COLONEL LANCELOT GEOFFREY MOORE, D.S.O.

Accidentally Killed 30th March, 1955.

The death of Geoffrey Moore, from a fall when riding on his farm in Southern Rhodesia, was a blow to his few surviving friends who knew him in the Regiment. He had retired 35 years ago after thirteen years' service in the 60th, since when his visits to England had been few and far between.

Educated at Eton and at the Royal Military College, his military career started with three years in the Somerset Light Infantry from which Regiment he was transferred as a Lieutenant in 1908, and served for the next three years in the Northern Nigeria Regiment, W.A.F.F. He was then posted to the 2nd Battalion at Shorncliffe, later at Blackdown and Aldershot.

In June, 1914 he became A.D.C. to the Governor of Newfoundland, but promptly resigned, 3 months later, on the outbreak of the war with Germany. Returning home he was posted to the 8th New Army Battalion and went with it to France in May 1915. On July 3rd at the battle of Hooge, Moore was wounded and sent home.

After a short time in "Intelligence" at the War Office he joined the 2nd Battalion in France in March 1916, becoming Adjutant soon afterwards. He was awarded the D.S.O. in September; to quote from the long citation—"The Command of the Battalion twice devolved on Captain Moore. On the first occasion he successfully brought them out of action and on the second he handled the Battalion with marked ability, dealing successfully with a strong German counter-attack. On September 9th during the operations against Wood Lane the success of the operations was largely due to his unflinching energy and devotion, in spite of the fact that he had not recovered his strength from a severe wound received on July 3rd, 1915, for which operation he was recommended the Military Cross. This officer has on all occasions set a fine example of leadership and disregard for personal danger under fire—He is the only Officer left of those who went into action with the 2nd Battalion on June 30th, 1916".

The 2nd Battalion continued in heavy fighting till well into October when Moore was sent as Instructor to the 1st Division School, from which in March 1917 he was appointed Brigade Major to the 184 Infantry Brigade, commanded by Brig.-General The Hon. Robert White.



LIEUT.-COLONEL L. G. MOORE, D.S.O.

The 61st Division had recently arrived in France and plunged into the fray, fighting on all fronts. In September Moore was promoted Lieut.-Colonel and given Command of the 12th Battalion, which was almost ceaselessly in action in France and Belgium till Christmas Day when it is recorded that "Lieut.-Colonel Moore, D.S.O., was so badly knocked about by a shell (which killed Captain Paul) that he had to be sent to England." He was promoted to Brevet Major for distinguished service on 1st January, 1918. Lieut.-Colonel Maclachlan was sent to take command of 12th Battalion, but this must have been only temporarily as we find Moore again in command at Offoy, near Ypres, when the great German offensive was launched on March 21st. By the 23rd only 8 Officers and 160 men remained of the 12th Battalion—Moore had been wounded and taken prisoner. He was repatriated in December (shortly after Christmas Day) when he immediately volunteered for service with the North Russian Expeditionary Force, arriving at Murmansk in January, 1919. He was given command of about 300 Slavobritish with the rank of Lieut.-Colonel. Also, it is not generally known, our Regiment was represented from April to October in this peculiar operation North of the Arctic Circle by a 60th Company consisting of seven Officers and 212 Riflemen under the Command of Major Yeats-Brown (*see* CHRONICLE 1919). Battle Honours

have been awarded for less. There was considerable fighting and hardship and Moore was invalided home with a Bar to his D.S.O. in July and became an Instructor at the Royal Military College, retiring in December 1921. He had been 16 years in the Army (13 of which in the Regiment) and he settled, with his family, on the farm near Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, which became his home.

On the outbreak of the second World War Moore again offered his services and was appointed Second-in-Command of a Training Camp near Salisbury. In April 1940 he went to the Middle East with the Rhodesian troops, but to his deep disappointment was judged too old for an active command in the desert. However he commanded the Pioneer Corps Depot in Palestine and later raised other auxiliary forces till the end of the war when he returned to Southern Rhodesia.

Geoffrey Moore was a fine horseman; being a lightweight, he rode in the Regimental Point-to-Point in his early years. I think he would have preferred to end his days as he did, while still full of the joy of life and the restless energy that distinguished him.

He kept himself fit and I never saw him tired. He had a laugh for the most trying moments. His memory shall be that of a fine soldier, a good companion and the best of friends.

To his widow and their two daughters the Regiment expresses their very sincere sympathy.

POST SCRIPTUM

With deep regret, the Editors have to report the recent death of Lieutenant-Colonel W. F. G. Wyndham, M.V.O. An obituary notice will be published in the 1956 edition.

NOTICE

OFFICERS' PENSIONS SOCIETY LTD.

During the past few months the Society wrote to Sir Lionel Heald, Chairman of the Heald Committee, who was inquiring into the pensions position, and prospects of "retired members of the Fighting Services, the Civil Service, local Government officials, teachers, nationalised industries and various public boards." They have also briefed many members of both Houses of Parliament, who have asked questions regarding proposed increases in officers' retired pay. The Government's replies have made it clear that further measures to assist retired members of the Forces

are justified, and that they are preparing detailed proposals to put before Parliament in the New Year.

Further, the Minister of Defence has informed the Society, with regard to retired pay, that "the Pensions Code" is under review. The Chairman of the Society accordingly wrote to him, expressing gratification at this news, and expressing the hope that when the new Code is introduced it will not only provide improved conditions for officers who retire in the future (as an inducement to young men to accept commissions) but will also provide improvements for officers drawing rates of retired pay on obsolete Codes who as yet can only obtain assistance as "cases of hardship".

In the White Paper on National Service, the Government declared that they intended to reduce the number of National Servicemen in the Forces; also, that in order to increase the proportion of Regulars, that they would improve their conditions of Service. It remains to be seen what measures the Government will take to ensure that the requisite number of young men of the right type will come forward for regular commissions.

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