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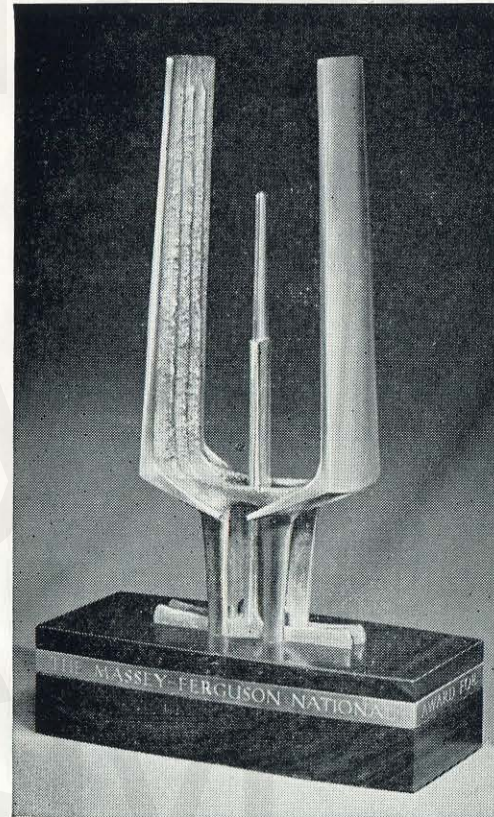
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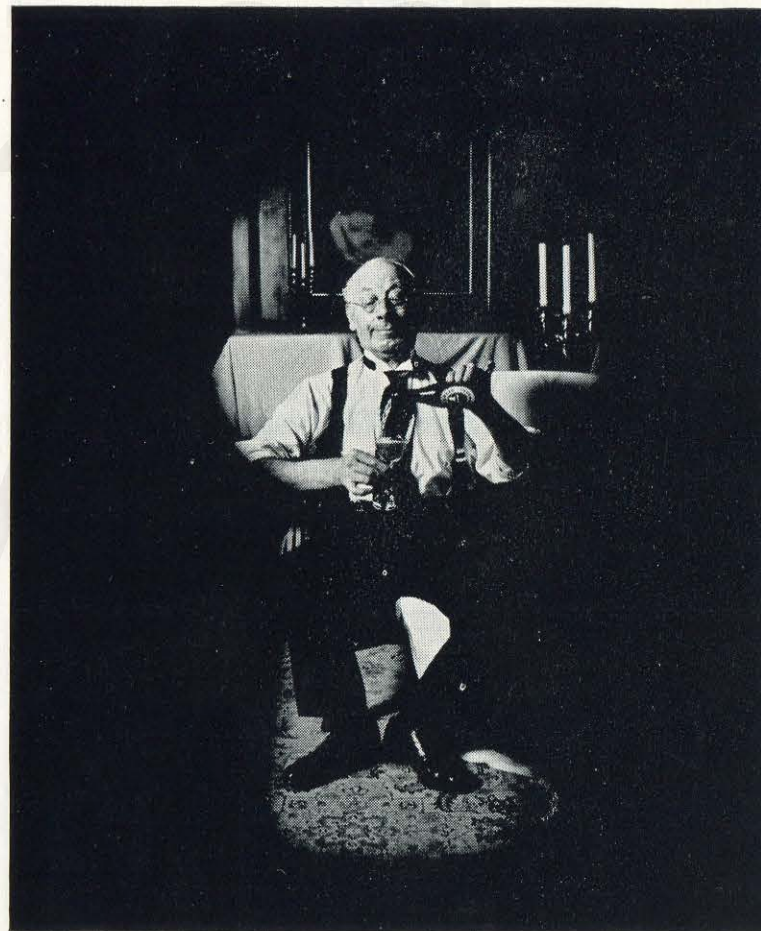
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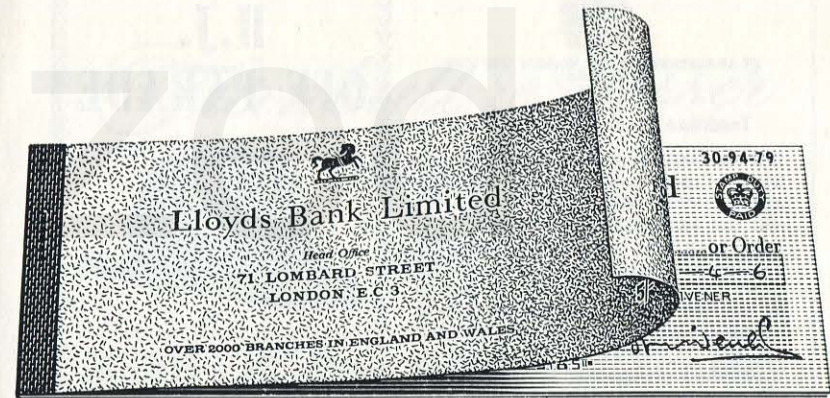
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Aged 66 years

## REGIMENTAL NEWS

### Obituary

The Regiment suffered a very severe loss in the death of The Colonel Commandant, Gen. Sir George Erskine, on 29th August 1965.

Appointed Colonel Commandant of 2nd Battalion in 1956 he took over as Regimental Colonel Commandant on the retirement of Lieut.-Gen. Sir Euan Miller in 1961.

The Regiment owes him a great debt of gratitude for the way he looked after its interests and he will be remembered with admiration, respect and affection by all ranks.

The Regiment extends deepest sympathy to his widow and family. An obituary appears elsewhere in this *Chronicle*.

### The new Colonel Commandant

Major-Gen. E. A. W. Williams, C.B., C.B.E., M.C. was on 29th August 1965 appointed Colonel Commandant of the Regiment for a term of five years. Gen. Alick born in 1910 and educated at Eton and R.M.C. Sandhurst, was commissioned into the Regiment on 28th August 1930. He joined the 2nd Bn. and served with it until being taken prisoner at Calais, at which time he was Adjutant. After escaping he again served with the 2nd Bn., then 8th Bn., and finished the War commanding 1st Bn. After some years in staff appointments he was given command of 2nd Bn. in October 1953, when it was reformed as joint Bn. with The Rifle Brigade.

He was promoted Brigadier in 1958 and Major General in 1960.

He retired 29th January 1965 after two years in Singapore.

On 1st January 1966, on the formation of The Royal Green Jackets, he became Colonel Commandant 2nd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets (The King's Royal Rifle Corps).

### The Royal Green Jackets

On 1st January 1966 the three Green Jacket Regiments merged together to form the new Regiment. The history and tradition of The King's Royal Rifle Corps pass to the 2nd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets (The King's Royal Rifle Corps). It is certain that they will carry them on and live up to all that has gone before and indeed add to that history.

Messages were exchanged with our Colonel-in-Chief and are given at the end of the Regimental News.

### The Battalion

The Battalion under Dwin Bramall moved from Colchester to Penang in January 1965. They had a most successful tour of duty in

Borneo from where they returned to Penang last September. Their second tour started again in January 1966. A full account appears later.

### **The Depot**

Peninsula Barracks was re-opened officially by Field Marshal H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester, K.G., Colonel-in-Chief 3rd Green Jackets The Rifle Brigade on 28th May 1965. He then made the first public announcement of the formation of the new Regiment.

A large number of people were present on almost the coldest day of the year.

Lieut.-Col. David Stileman, well known to the Regiment having served in 2nd Bn., took over Command in August 1965.

### **Calais 22nd May 1965**

A full account of the very successful visit to Calais to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Defence in 1940 appears later in this edition.

### **Regimental Dinner**

The Regimental Dinner in 1966 will again be at Grosvenor House on *26th May 1966* (note Derby Day is 25th May).

The formation of the new Regiment makes no difference to the Regimental Dinners which will be held for many years to come as usual.

### **Regimental Association**

The usual reunions were held during the year and will continue to be held in 1966 and thereafter without any alteration.

### **Allied Regiments**

It is with much regret that we have to announce that the following Regiments are no longer Allied:

- Victoria Rifles of Canada
- The Halifax Rifles of Canada
- Transferred to the supplementary order of battle (similar to our suspended animation).
- The Royal Rifles of Canada
- Amalgamated with another Regiment.

The Regiment was thus left with six Allied and one Affiliated Regiment and in 1966 we hope they will become allied or affiliated to The Royal Green Jackets with a close link with the 2nd Battalion.

### **The Regimental Annals**

The Regimental Historical Sub Committee were just completing arrangements with a writer to carry out the work of Vol. VI of the Regimental Annals when he died suddenly. The Committee is endeavouring to find another suitable writer.

Much credit is due to Tim Timpson who as Chairman of the Committee and prospective writer did a great deal of preliminary work towards the volume before his tragic death in South Africa in March this year.

### **Congratulations**

The Regiment extends the heartiest congratulations to its oldest living Rifleman—Lord Penrhyn who reached the good age of 100 years on 21st November 1965. A congratulatory telegram was sent on behalf of all ranks of the Regiment to which he replied conveying his thanks.

David House has been promoted Brigadier to a Regular Bde. direct from Commanding 1st Green Jackets 43rd & 52nd which surely calls for congratulations.

Keith Loudoun-Shand on finishing Command of Queen's Royal Rifles was made a Brevet Colonel and in the Birthday Honours an O.B.E. Both very well deserved.

Charles Humphreys was promoted Lieut.-Colonel and given Command of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire T.A. Regiment in August, and finally we congratulate Lieut.-Gen. Sir John Mogg, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Colonel Commandant 1st Battalion The Royal Green Jackets, 43rd and 52nd who received his K.C.B. in the New Year Honours of 1966.

### **Regimental Brooches**

Regimental Headquarters have received several requests for Diamond Regimental Brooches.

Anyone who may have one which they are willing to pass on is asked to write to Regimental Headquarters as they can then be put in touch with the potential purchaser.

### **Messages**

The following messages were exchanged at the end of the year on the formation of The Royal Green Jackets:

To: Her Majesty The Queen,  
Colonel-in-Chief.

The Colonel Commandant and all Ranks past and present of the 2nd Green Jackets, The King's Royal Rifle Corps, send to your Majesty our humble duty and loyal good wishes. We wish to thank

your Majesty and your predecessors, as our Colonels-in-Chief, for the interest and encouragement which you and they have given to the Regiment during our long history.

We look forward to many years of loyal service to your Majesty as a Battalion of your Royal Green Jackets and are heartened by the knowledge that you will continue to honour us as our Colonel-in-Chief.

E. A. W. WILLIAMS,  
Major General  
Colonel Commandant

To: Major General E. A. W. Williams.

Please give my warm thanks to all ranks past and present of the 2nd Green Jackets, The King's Royal Rifle Corps, for their loyal greetings and for their expressions of gratitude which I much appreciate.

I send my best wishes to the Regiment for its future service in The Royal Green Jackets, a service which will I know be as distinguished as in the past.

ELIZABETH R.  
Colonel-in-Chief.

To: Her Majesty The Queen,  
Colonel-in-Chief.

On the occasion of the formation of The Royal Green Jackets, the Colonels Commandant and all Ranks of The Rifle Depot (The Royal Green Jackets), The 1st Battalion The Royal Green Jackets (43rd and 52nd), 2nd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets (The King's Royal Rifle Corps), and 3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets (The Rifle Brigade), send to your Majesty their humble duty and loyal greeting and express their deep appreciation of the honour your Majesty is doing them in becoming their Colonel-in-Chief.

FESTING, Field Marshal  
Regimental Colonel Commandant.

To: Field Marshal Sir Francis Festing.

Please convey to all ranks of the Royal Green Jackets my warm thanks for their kind and loyal message which I greatly appreciate.

I send my best wishes to you all for your future service in your new Regiment of which I am glad to be Colonel-in-Chief.

ELIZABETH R.  
Colonel-in-Chief.

## NOTES ON THE REORGANISATION OF THE GREEN JACKETS BRIGADE

In May last year the Colonel Commandant circulated to all members of the Celer et Audax Club some advance information about the formation of the Large Regiment. The following notes are set out to inform readers as to what reorganisation has taken place.

First of all an extract from a Ministry of Defence Official Memorandum dated 6th August 1965 reads:

### THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

Sir

I am commanded by the Army Board of the Defence Council to refer to War Office letter 20/Infantry/4514 (Sd2d) dated 28th February 1963 and to state that Her Majesty The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve the reorganisation of The Green Jackets Brigade as a "Large Regiment". The reorganisation is to be effective from 1st January 1966.

2. The regiment is to be designated The Royal Green Jackets and its component regular battalion are to be designated:

1st Battalion The Royal Green Jackets (43rd and 52nd)

2nd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets (The King's Royal Rifle Corps).

3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets (The Rifle Brigade).

The official abbreviation of The Royal Green Jackets is to be RGJ preceded by the number of the battalion concerned.

3. Her Majesty The Queen has graciously consented to become the Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Green Jackets and has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester as Deputy Colonel-in-Chief.

4. The public announcement of this reorganisation was made by His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, at Winchester, on Friday, 28th May 1965.

I am Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

A few more details are as under:

#### 1. Colonels Commandant

Each battalion will retain its Colonel Commandant and one of the three will act as "Representative Colonel Commandant". The first will be Field-Marshal Sir Francis Festing, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O.

## 2. Direction

(a) The direction of The Royal Green Jackets affairs and policy will be in the hands of "The Regimental Committee".

(b) The Colonels Commandant Committee will continue to operate as at present.

## 3. Regimental Roll, Commissioning and Enlistment.

(a) As from 1st January 1966 all serving officers, W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and riflemen will be placed on the strength of The Royal Green Jackets, taking seniority on the regimental roll as applicable.

(b) As from 1st January 1966 all officers will be commissioned in The Royal Green Jackets. All enlistments will also be to The Royal Green Jackets. Inter-battalion posting will be a matter of course.

## 4. Regimental Headquarters

An amalgamated Regimental Headquarters, The Royal Green Jackets, will be established at Peninsula Barracks, Winchester. The commander of this establishment will be the Regimental Colonel (formerly the Brigade Colonel).

## 5. Finance—Central Funds

The Central Funds of the three former regiments will be amalgamated under a scheme to be drawn up by the Charity Commission.

## 6. Property

All property belonging to the three regiments will be pooled and become the property of The Royal Green Jackets—the exception will be museum exhibits. Battalions and the Depot will retain the property already in their possession.

The control of regimental property is vested in the R.G.J. Regimental Committee and will be administered from R.H.Q., Winchester.

## 7. Welfare—The Riflemen's Aid Society

The objects of the Riflemen's Aid Society remain unchanged. The funds of the former three branches will be pooled under a new Charity Commission Scheme. The Trustees will be as for the Central Funds (see paragraph 5 above).

The Society will operate from R.H.Q., Winchester, under the direction of the Regimental Committee and the Executive Committee (formerly the Benevolence and General Purpose Committee).

The Rifleman's Aid Society is for the welfare of serving other ranks and retired other ranks of all former battalions, or their dependants.

Applications for aid may be made to R.H.Q., The Royal Green Jackets, Peninsula Barracks, Winchester, where they will be considered under the existing rules of the Riflemen's Aid Society.

## 8. Welfare—The Royal Green Jackets Officers' Fund

The funds of the Officers Associations of the three former regiments will be pooled into one Trust Fund.

## 9. Officers' Clubs

Existing clubs to remain as at present, but a new Royal Green Jackets Officers' Club will be formed to which all serving officers will pay their subscriptions as from 1st January 1966. They will continue to be associate members (without payment) to the club to which they previously belonged.

Note—The new Royal Green Jackets Officers' Club must not be confused with "The Green Jackets Club". This club, which is for officers only, remains entirely unchanged.

## 10. Old Comrades' Association

(a) Existing Old Comrades' Associations will continue entirely without change.

(b) A new association will however be formed and will be called The Royal Green Jackets Association. After 1st January 1966 all serving soldiers who wish to join a Regimental Association (Old Comrades' Association) will be invited to join. Annual subscriptions of members of existing associations, etc., who are serving on 1st January 1966 will, at their next renewal date, be made to the New Royal Green Jackets Association.

(c) All members of existing associations will be considered honorary members of any other association or branch and be welcome at any reunions held.

## 11. Museums

Regimental museums will continue to be administered by each former regiment. A director will be appointed to control day-to-day administration for the Green Jackets Museum at Winchester for which purpose the museum will be regarded as one.

## 12. Correspondence

Members of the Regiment are requested to address all correspondence to the following address after 1st January 1966:

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS,  
THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS,  
PENINSULA BARRACKS,  
WINCHESTER, HANTS.

The telephone number is Winchester 61781.

**APPOINTMENTS OF SERVING OFFICERS OF  
2nd GREEN JACKETS  
THE KING'S ROYAL RIFLE CORPS**

<i>Rank and Name</i>	<i>Appointment</i>	<i>Forecast</i>
Brig. T. H. Acton, C.B.E.		Comd. 126 Inf. Bde. (T.A.)
Brig. H. R. W. Vernon, M.B.E.		Comd. 147 Inf. Bde. (T.A.)
Brig. R. C. Gibbs, D.S.O., M.C.		Comd. 16 Para. Bde.
Brig. J. H. P. Curtis, M.C.		Comd. 8 Inf. Bde. Catterick
Lieut.-Col. P. Pardoe		G.S.O. 1 (B.L.O.) Combat Development Comd. B.A.S. Washington
Lieut.-Col. G. H. Mills, O.B.E.		G.S.O. 1 A.S.D. 5 M.O.D.
Lieut.-Col. E. N. W. Bramall, O.B.E., M.C.	C.O. 2 Green Jackets 1/65	
Major J. R. C. Radclyffe, M.B.E.	U.F.O. 2 Green Jackets 9/64	
T/Lieut.-Col. C. A. Humphreys, M.C.	C.O. Ox. & Bucks. (T.A.) 9/65	
Major The Hon. R. M. Parker	Bde. Rec. Offr. 1/66	
L/Lieut.-Col. T. N. Thistlethwayte	2 i/c. 2 Green Jackets	
Major J. A. Molesworth-St-Aubyn, M.B.E.	2 i/c. Green Jackets 11/64	For Staff in UK 9/66 To Depot (HS) 6/66
Major M. M. V. W. Beak	1 Green Jackets 9/65	
L/Lieut.-Col. R. K. Guy, M.B.E.	G.S.O. 2. (D.S.) Staff College 11/63	2 i/c. 2 Green Jackets 6/66
Major R. C. Nightingale, M.B.E.	Sch. of Mil. Int. 8/65	
Major P. M. Welsh	2 Green Jackets 1/64	J.S.S.C. or Staff 9/66

<i>Rank and Name</i>	<i>Appointment</i>	<i>Forecast</i>
Capt. V. F. West	D.A.A. & Q.M.G. (E.P.S.) H.Q. B.A.O.R. 1/66	
Capt. A. E. K. Karslake	Shrivenham Jan. 64 to Apr. 66	For 2 Green Jackets 5/66
Capt. R. P. Montgomery, M.B.E.	2 Green Jackets 9/64	Long M.I.O. Course 8/66 or C.I. BATTKEN 10/66 A.G.2(O) investigating.
Capt. C. J. Holroyd	R.M.C.S. Shrivenham 9/65	
Capt. A. T. R. Shelley	Staff College 10/65	For R.D. 1/67
Capt. I. H. McCausland	G.S.O. 2 A.S.D. 2 M.O.D. 1/66	
Capt. C. J. Adami	2 Green Jackets 1/66	
Capt. J. V. Keyte	C.B.G.L.O. 9/65	
Capt. J. W. Mason	2 Green Jackets 3/65	
Capt. R. C. F. Leach	Adj. Q.R.R. 11/65	
Capt. C. J. H. Gurney	2 Green Jackets 12/65	
Capt. C. L. G. C. Henshaw	Trg. Offr. Q.R.R. 1/64	For 2 Green Jackets 8/66 or Staff College.
Capt. P. B. Mitford-Slade	Coy. Instr. R.M.A.S. 4/65	Extended until 7/67
Capt. J. R. E. Nelson	2 Green Jackets 10/63	W.T.O. R.M.A.S. Aval 12/66
Capt. G. B. C. Hopton	2 Green Jackets 1/64	
Capt. P. Treneer-Michell	O.C. Jnr. Rfn. Coy. Bde. Depot 8/64	
Capt. A. E. Berry	A.D.C. to Major-Gen. Mogg, R.M.A.S. 4/65	For 2 Green Jackets 11/66
Capt. J. A. F. Graham-Wigan	S.A.S. 7/64	
Capt. A. S. G. Drew	2 Green Jackets 7/64	O.C. Jnr. Rfn. Coy. 8/66

<i>Rank and Name</i>	<i>Appointment</i>	<i>Forecast</i>
Lieut. D. H. Mead	BATKEN 3/66	
Lieut. R. M. Gamble	Sch. of Inf. 11/65	
Lieut D. C. Gascoigne	2 Green Jackets 7/64	W.T.O. R.M.A.S
Lieut. R. B. Browne- Clayton	2 Green Jackets 12/65	
Lieut. D. E. W. Colville	A.D.C. to Gov.- Gen. New Zealand 8/64	For 2 Green Jackets on return.
Lieut. M. L. Dunning	2 Green Jackets 8/61	Trg. Offr. Bde. Depot 4/66
Lieut. R. H. Ker	2 Green Jackets 8/64	
Lieut. C. J. P. Miers	Jungle Warfare School 4/65	For A.D.C. to Gen. Mogg 10/66
Lieut. C. R. Hill	2 Green Jackets 1/62	
Lieut D. E. Rowland-Jones	2 Green Jackets 12/65	
Lieut. C. B. Q. Wallace	2 Green Jackets 1/63	
Lieut. N. H. H. Adams	2 Green Jackets 12/65	
Lieut. M. J. C. Robertson	Depot (P.S.)	
Lieut C. R. W. Brinkley	2 Green Jackets 1/64	
2/Lieut. T. R. Windwood	2 Green Jackets 9/63	
2/Lieut. P. W. Burnand	2 Green Jackets 8/65	
2/Lieut A. D. McGrigor	2 Green Jackets 12/65	
2/Lieut. J. P. O. Beddard	Bde. Depot (P.S.) 6/65	
2/Lieut. S. G. M. St. Aubyn	Bde. Depot (P.S.) 11/65	
2/Lieut. A. H. R. Stansfeld	2 Green Jackets 9/65	
2/Lieut. M. V. Pampanini	2 Green Jackets 11/65	
2/Lieut. C. de V. W. Hayes	2 Green Jackets 3/66	

<i>Rank and Name</i>	<i>Appointment</i>	<i>Forecast</i>
2/Lieut. P. S. Lyddon	2 Green Jackets 3/66	
Lieut. R. F. Rodgers, M.B.E. (S.S.C.)	Bde. Depot (P.S.) 4/64	R.O.D. 4/68
2/Lieut. P. J. W. Harrison (D.S.S.C.)	2 Green Jackets 2/64	R.O.D. 9/66
2/Lieut. M. M. K. Yasa (S.S.C.)	2 Green Jackets 10/64	R.O.D. 10/67 Applying for transfer to Fijian Forces
2/Lieut. N. J. L. Chance (D.S.S.C.)	2 Green Jackets 5/65	R.O.D. 10/67
2/Lieut. C. W. Heathcoat- Amory (D.S.S.C.)	2 Green Jackets 5/65	R.O.D. 10/67
2/Lieut. H. R. G. Wilson (D.S.S.C.)	2 Green Jackets 5/65	R.O.D. 10/67
2/Lieut. D. J. W. Barnett (D.S.S.C.)	2 Green Jackets 8/65	R.O.D. 2/68

#### Quartermasters

Major (Q.M.) G. E. Slater, B.E.M.	27 Mob. Civ. Artisian Gp. B.A.O.R. 8/65	
Major (Q.M.) A. J. Lamb	Q.R.R. (T.A.) 10/65	
Capt. (Q.M.) G. R. Shreeve	2 Green Jackets 7/60	Other employment '66
Lieut. (Q.M.) T. B. Fowley (S.S.C.)	2 Green Jackets 9/65	R.O.D. 9/69

## THE BATTALION

2nd Green Jackets, The King's Royal Rifle Corps

### LIST OF OFFICERS—1965

<i>Rank and Name</i>	<i>Joined Battalion</i>	<i>Left Battalion</i>
Lieut.-Col. G. H. Mills, O.B.E.	21 Mar. 1963	24 Jan. 1965
Lieut.-Col. E. N. W. Bramall, O.B.E., M.C.	22 Jan. 1965	
Major J. R. C. Radclyffe, M.B.E.	22 Sep. 1964	
Major D. M. Stileman (3 Green Jackets)	1 May 1963	29 Jan. 1965
Major J. R. Baker, M.C. (3 Green Jackets)	25 May 1965	4 Dec. 1965
Major O. G. Pratt (1 Green Jackets)	1 Feb. 1965	17 Jul. 1965
Major G. R. W. Carter, M.B.E. (3 Green Jackets)	15 Feb. 1964	19 Oct. 65
Major P. M. Welsh	17 Jan. 1964	
Major R. A. Pascoe (1 Green Jackets)	13 Dec. 1963	8 Dec. 1965
Major V. F. West	11 Dec. 1964	
Major R. P. Montgomery, M.B.E.	26 Aug. 1964	
Capt. D. R. Adshhead (1/6 Gurkhas)	4 Feb. 1965	2 Nov. 1965
Capt. J. W. Mason	12 Feb. 1965	
Capt. J. V. Keyte	10 Nov. 1961	14 Dec. 1964
Capt. R. C. F. Leach	20 Aug. 1963	19 Oct. 1965
Capt. P. B. Mitford-Slade	6 Apr. 1961	1 Feb. 1965
Capt. G. P. Blaker (1st Green Jackets)	7 Sep. 1965	
Capt. J. R. E. Nelson	21 Jul. 1963	
Capt. G. B. C. Hopton	2 Dec. 1963	
Capt. A. S. G. Drew	5 Aug. 1964	
Capt. M. H. Eustace	3 Jul. 1964	31 Jan. 1965
Capt. R. M. Gamble	22 Aug. 1960	10 Nov. 1965
Capt. D. H. Mead	22 Aug. 1960	8 Dec. 1965
Capt. D. C. Gascoigne	15 May 1964	
Capt. C. J. McC. Harrison (3 Green Jackets)	4 Feb. 1965	
Capt. M. L. Dunning	26 Aug. 1961	
Capt. R. H. Ker	30 Jun. 1964	
Major (Q.M.) A. J. Lamb	19 Apr. 1961	26 Sep. 1965
Capt. (Q.M.) G. R. Shreeve	19 Jan. 1961	

Lieut. (Q.M.) T. B. Fowley	23 Sep. 1965	
Lieut. C. R. Hill	24 Jan. 1962	
Lieut. C. J. P. Miers	1 Feb. 1965	31 Mar. 1965
Lieut. M. E. I. A. Wells	23 Nov. 1963	30 Aug. 1965
Lieut C. B. Q. Wallace	21 Dec. 1962	
Lieut M. J. C. Robertson	7 Sep. 1963	22 Dec. 1965
Lieut. T. R. Winwood	1 Oct. 1963	
Lieut. C. W. Brinkley	20 Jan. 1964	
2/Lieut. P. J. W. Harrison	15 Feb. 1964	
2/Lieut. S. G. M. St. Aubyn	7 Sep. 1963	19 Oct. 1965
2/Lieut. M. M. K. Yasa	11 Nov. 1964	
2/Lieut. P. W. Burnand	10 Aug. 1965	
2/Lieut. C. W. Heathcoat-Amory	10 May 1965	
2/Lieut. N. J. L. Chance	10 May 1965	
2/Lieut. H. R. G. Wilson	10 May 1965	
2/Lieut. D. J. W. Barnett	14 Aug. 1965	
2/Lieut. A. H. R. Stansfeld	20 Sep. 1965	
2/Lieut. M. V. Pampanini	15 Nov. 1965	

### Attached Officers

<i>Rank and Name</i>	<i>Joined Battalion</i>	<i>Left Battalion</i>
Capt. P. W. B. Scott R.A.M.C.	28 Aug. 1964	
Capt. D. P. Bassil R.A.P.C.	1 Jan. 1963	8 Dec. 1965
Capt. W. B. Mitchell R.A.Ch.D.	28 Feb. 1965	
Capt. D. R. Rose R.A.P.C.	23 Nov. 1965	

## ROLL OF SERGEANTS' MESS MEMBERS

1965

### BATTALION HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTER COMPANY

<i>R.S.M.</i> , until 1 Sep. 1965	W.O. I	T. B. Fowley (Promoted Q.M. 15 Sep. 1965)
<i>R.S.M.</i> , after 1 Sep. 1965	W.O. I	B. W. Rimmer
<i>R.Q.M.S.</i>	W.O. II	F. A. Williams
<i>O.R.Q.M.S.</i>	W.O. II	V. F. J. Sullivan
<i>O.R.C.</i>	Sgt.	T. A. Chappell
<i>Bugle Major</i>	Sgt.	C. W. Green
<i>C.S.M. H.Q. Company</i>	W.O. II	P. J. B. Cutts
<i>C/Sgt. H.Q. Company</i>	C/Sgt.	R. S. Squirrel
<i>Provost Sgt.</i>	Sgt.	D. G. Yeatman
<i>Officers Mess C/Sgt.</i>	C/Sgt.	R. R. Taylor

*Sgts. Mess Caterer*  
*Medical Sgt.*

Sgt. A. E. Jugg  
Sgt. J. Barwick

**Messing:**

*Messing W.O.*  
*Cook Sgts.*

W.O. II A. Hamilton, A.C.C.  
Sgt. A. J. Burns, A.C.C.  
Sgt. A. R. Walker, A.C.C.  
Sgt. J. H. Windle, B.E.M.

**M.T.:**

*M.T. C/Sgt.*  
*M.T. Sgts.*

C/Sgt. D. R. Smith  
Sgt. P. W. J. Marchant  
Sgt. J. C. Jones  
Sgt. A. J. Buckingham,  
(R.E.M.E.)

**Signals:**

*Sigs. C/Sgt.*  
*Radio Sgt.*  
*Sig. Tp. Sgt.*

C/Sgt. P. Pope  
Sgt. L. Looby  
Sgt. A. S. Cotillard, (R. Signals)

**Pay Office**

*S/Sgt.*  
*Sgt.*

S/Sgt. C. N. Roberts, (R.A.P.C.)  
Sgt. J. R. Dutton, (R.A.P.C.)

**Q.M.'s Dept.:**

*Armourer S/Sgt*  
*Families Sgt.*  
*Accommodation Sgt.*  
*G 1098 Sgt.*

S/Sgt. G. Tuttiett, (R.E.M.E.)  
Sgt. R. A. Alsop  
Sgt. A. S. Box  
Sgt. J. A. Wood

**Band:**

*Bandmaster*  
*Band W.O.*  
*Band Sgts.*

W.O. I R. Tonks  
W.O. II A. G. Barker  
Sgt. D. White  
Sgt. G. Washington  
Sgt. R. Ashby

**'A' COMPANY**

*C.S.M.*  
*C/Sgt.*  
*Platoon Sgts:*

W.O. II D. R. Baird  
C/Sgt. R. D. Mason  
Sgt. A. Mark  
Sgt. R. F. Jenkins  
Sgt. A. D. York

*C.S.M.*  
*W.T.W.O.*  
*C/Sgt.*  
*A.P.T.C. Instr*  
*Tracker Pl. Sgt.*  
*Assault Pnr. Sgt.*

**'B' COMPANY**

W.O. II W. G. Potter  
W.O. II L. E. Airey  
C/Sgt. P. J. McCann  
S/Sgt. W. R. Heague, A.P.T.C.  
Sgt. P. J. Batey  
Sgt. R. V. Smith

**'C' COMPANY**

*C.S.M.*  
*C/Sgt.*  
*Platoon Sgts:*

W.O. II E. M. Harper  
C/Sgt. B. J. C. Wigger  
Sgt. T. Lloyd  
Sgt. C. F. Wheatley  
Sgt. D. Taylor

**'D' COMPANY**

*C.S.M.*  
*C/Sgt.*

*Platoon Sgts:*

W.O. II J. Fee  
W.O. II F. G. Lerwill  
Sgt. D. V. Beck  
Sgt. R. A. Riglar  
Sgt. L. J. Stevenson  
Sgt. M. J. O'Hara  
Sgt. R. Evans  
Sgt. A. B. Lacey

**DETACHED ON RECRUITING DUTIES**

*Bde. Recruiting Team* C/Sgt. A. Thompson, M.M.  
*Recruiter Liverpool* Sgt. B. J. Wells  
*Recruiter London* Sgt. J. J. Baker  
*Recruiter Nottingham* Sgt. J. D. Copping  
*Recruiter Camberwell* Sgt. J. A. Gazzini  
*Recruiter South Shields* Sgt. K. R. Wallace  
*Recruiter Surbiton* Sgt. R. G. Mitchell

**DETACHED ON U.K. COURSES**

*Signals* C/Sgt. J. Wynne  
*Sp. Wpns* Sgt. C. J. Egan  
*Pl. Wpns* Sgt. E. G. Impey

**ENGLAND—PACKING UP**

In the last edition of the *Chronicle* the author recorded our activities up till the end of November 1964. To recap a little, the reader will recall that cadres and continuation training kept every-

body busy up till 20th November and from then till the date of departure for the Far East block leave was taken and the mammoth task of packing up was completed.

Thus ended two and a half years on the Strategic Reserve based in Colchester, Essex. During this time we had spent six months in British Guiana, taken part in many exercises abroad and at home, scored a notable success at Bisley and had all enjoyed our first posting in England for many years.

Before the Battalion left, a loyal message was sent to Her Majesty The Queen, our Colonel-in-Chief, to which the following reply was received:

"Please convey to all ranks of 2nd Green Jackets, The King's Royal Rifle Corps, an expression of my thanks and appreciation for their kind and loyal message.

I send to them all my very best wishes for a successful and happy tour of duty overseas."

ELIZABETH R.  
Colonel-in-Chief.

### Penang

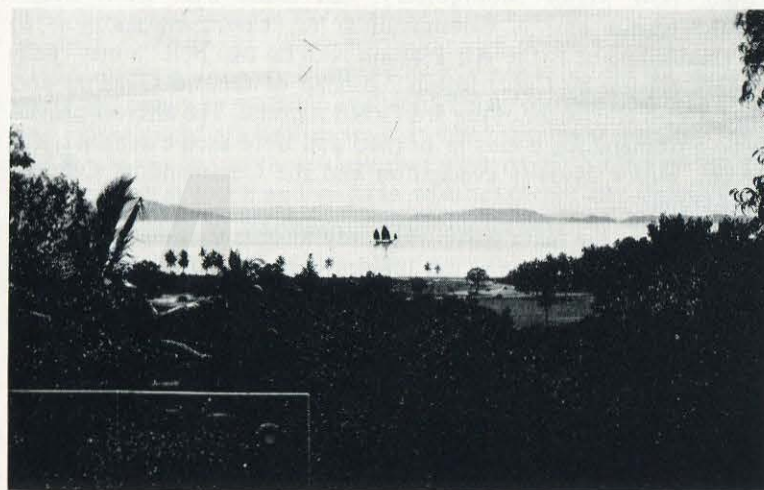
The move out to Penang began in mid December when the Advance Party flew out. Rifle Company Commanders, Platoon Commanders and Sergeants left at this time to attend the Jungle Warfare Course at Johore Bahru to learn the various new skills thoroughly so that later they could instruct their companies.

The Main Party, seen off by the old Commanding Officer and led by the new one flew out during the last week of January, and because of unreliable aircraft it all took much longer than was originally estimated. Some flights were delayed for up to three days which was very frustrating particularly for families with young children. The journey was in any case a long one lasting twenty-four hours, with one hour stops at Istanbul and Bombay. In all, 165 families and 600 all ranks were lifted out to Penang and the move was finally completed on 2nd February.

We took over Minden Barracks from the 1st Green Jackets, a process both smooth and friendly. They were all extremely kind and helpful and we were most interested to hear their accounts of Borneo and reassured to realise that they had so obviously enjoyed their time in Malaysia. A further tremendous help in the smooth transition from Colchester was the fact that we inherited Major Oliver Pratt of the 1st Green Jackets as Second-in-Command. As he had been with the 1st in Borneo and Penang he knew the form and helped us immensely.

The barracks are spread over quite a large area and are enclosed by the inevitable wire fence, which in this case is five miles in circumference. The living accommodation, Messes and Junior Ranks Club are all situated on a hill overlooking the sea and even to the least artistic person the views from this vantage point are magnificent. Other than ourselves the barracks house a Garrison headquarters and five minor units. Their Officers and Sergeants naturally use our Messes and although technically speaking they are Garrison Messes we man them with our own staff and civil employed waiters and batmen. In the grounds there are the usual football, hockey and cricket pitches and mercifully a swimming pool. Outside we have a motor-boat and some skis and two sailing dinghies which we keep at the Penang Swimming Club. In addition the island offers a golf course of questionable adequacy for the 'pundits' amongst us, a race course, a polo ground and innumerable secluded beaches.

The island of Penang itself, for those who are not good at Geography, is five miles off the West Coast of the Malay Peninsula and some sixty miles South of the Thai Border. There is only one town as such on the island, Georgetown, but there are a large number of Malay and Chinese villages. The inhabitants, who are predominantly



*View from the Officers' Mess, Minden Branch, Penang*

Chinese, are extremely friendly and the island on the whole lives up to its reputation as a millionaire's paradise. Being a free port, cameras, watches and most electrical equipment are particularly cheap, while food and clothing are more expensive than at home.

Overseas Allowance and increased Ration Allowance help to counteract the higher cost of living and families are able to live quite comfortably. The added luxury of Amahs is greatly appreciated by all the wives who find them on the whole helpful and hard working.

After a short period of settling in and savouring the delights of our new found home, training had to start in earnest as we soon learnt that our first operational tour in Borneo was to begin in a bare three months time.

### Training for Borneo

Before describing the training we did during the next three months, the establishment should be explained as it changed when we left England. There is no change in the rifle companies but 'B' Coy. has a "new look" Recce Platoon up till recently commanded by Capt. Robin Montgomery. It has been trained to work with dogs and local Iban Trackers and has been renamed the Tracker Platoon. The primary role of the platoon is to follow up tracks made by enemy infiltrators, to assess the size of the enemy party and to decide how recently the tracks have been made. Incidentally the Tracker Platoon is now Commanded by Capt. Roger Ker and Robin, now Major Montgomery, has taken over from Major Gerald Carter and is Commanding 'A' Coy. An addition to the establishment is the Air Platoon with its two Bell "Sioux" helicopters piloted by Capt. Robin Adshead of the 1/6 Gurkhas and Capt. Colin Harrison of the 3rd Green Jackets. The aircraft proved to be a tremendous bonus in Borneo and were used extensively for Recces, minor casualty evacuation and the Commanding Officer's "run about".

By the time the main party was ready to start training, those who had attended the course at the Jungle Warfare School were back in Penang and ready to start instructing. After a period of company training on the island itself, where the basic skills of Jungle Warfare were practised, the whole Battalion less a small rear party went to Johore Bahru for three weeks. Battalion Headquarters went down for the final week during which a Battalion exercise was run. Throughout the three weeks, companies trained hard at patrolling, harbouring, ambush drills and all the other techniques that are so important in the jungle.

On return from Johore Bahru there were only three and a half weeks to go before the departure for Borneo. Everyone had a few days leave, companies had a final fling at getting fit and the rifle ranges were in full use. Finally there was a 72 hour platoon exercise with all twelve platoons taking part. Good results were achieved but many realised their need for greater fitness.

### Borneo

After a few last minute changes in dates the advance party left by air for Kuching, Sarawak, in North Borneo on the 28th April, followed closely by the main party who travelled by sea. They were dismal days for the married families who were to face four and a half months of separation, but all put a brave face on it and the move out went very smoothly.



*Patrol moving down a river bed*



*"Hearts and Minds" tending the sick*

First impressions vary from person to person, but for the advance party the vote was unanimous—wet. Those readers who know this part of the world are well aware that when it rains it certainly rains, and it was on one of those days that we arrived. So heavy was the rain that it was touch and go as to whether or not our Beverley was going to be able to get down; mercifully however, it managed it.

We took over the Kuching area from the 1st Scots Guards who were very helpful and patient under the barrage of questions we threw at them. The area was a large one covering over twenty miles of the Indonesian border and stretching right back to the North coast. At the start we were deployed with 'A' Coy. (Gerald Carter) left forward, 'C' Coy. (Peter Welsh) right forward and 'D' Coy. (Bob Pascoe) in reserve back in Semengo Camp, Kuching, with Battalion Headquarters.

The country of Sarawak is fascinating but very hard. In the frontier area the hills rise to 3,400 feet with knife edge ridges and formidable precipices. Down in the valleys the jungle is very thick and the streams are liable to rise from trickles into shoulder high raging torrents after a rain storm. Patrolling which was our main activity was a demanding and sometimes hazardous business but magnificent training for everyone.

On and behind the frontier we held fortified patrol bases each with its own helicopter pad, which enabled us to keep everyone fit and well administered even in the most inaccessible regions where there are no tracks, let alone roads. These fortified posts, many of which have been attacked in the past by the Indonesians, would have brought back memories to anyone who served in the First World War. They were all dug in with bunkers and dug-outs and communication trenches and were surrounded by barbed wire, mines, trip flares and other machiavellian devices. Naturally each could call on close in defensive fire from mortars and artillery, and while we were there those were all re-registered and proved to give all our riflemen some experience of really close HE fire.

Like the trenches of fifty years ago there was the usual accompaniment of mud when it rained and rats which were a considerable battle to keep down. The positions have to be strong because they have to be capable of standing up to quite heavy and well planned attacks supported by mortars and rocket launchers. However it would be quite wrong to give the impression that everyone lived a troglodite existence in these positions. The whole purpose of these posts was to give confidence to the scattered Kampongs in the forward areas and to act as patrol bases from which aggressive patrols could be mounted, in fact at least 50% of the forward companies were always out on patrols lasting up to five days at a time. All the posts were situated near Dyak Kampongs and great emphasis was placed on the "Hearts and Minds" Campaign. This meant, in effect, that every effort was made to impress the locals and to persuade them to be on our side rather than to sympathise with the enemy. To bring about this we gave them the protection they needed,



*Tracker dog in action*



*A patrol getting ready to set out from a firm base*

tended their sick and helped them financially by employing large numbers as casual labour and giving the women our laundry to do.

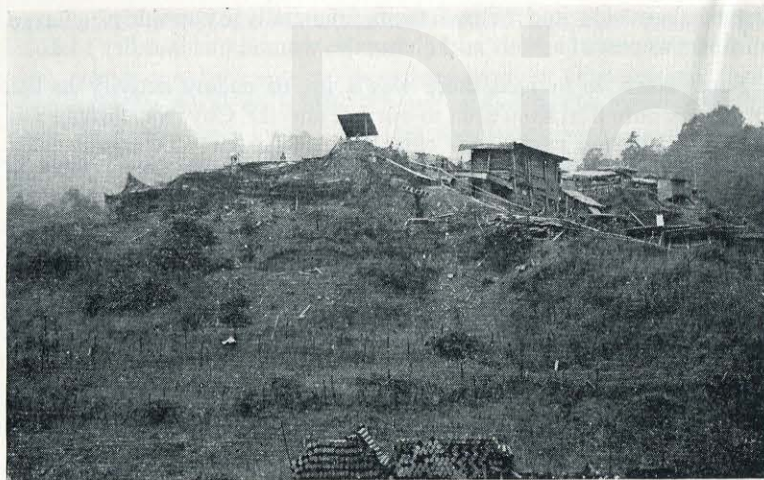
Soon after we arrived there was a lot of enemy activity in the 2nd Parachute Battalion area to our left and 'D' Coy. was flown in to help. 14 platoon came very close to a large party of enemy who were crashing through the undergrowth with torches ablaze. Their advance was halted by accurate and heavy artillery fire brought down on them by Lieut. Mike Robertson and they retreated back across the border in confusion.

Shortly afterwards 'D' Coy. took over one of the positions in the 1/6 Gurkha area immediately to our left. This increased our area of responsibility considerably, adding another ten miles to our section of the border. Within a month of 'D' Coys. arrival in Tepoi, as the position was called, we were surprised to hear on Djakarta radio that it had been completely overrun and the occupants wiped out. We discovered later that what had in fact happened was a mortar and a few small arms had opened up from about two thousand yards but no direct hit had been scored. The enemy mortar position was later found with a number of empty cases confirming this theory.

Half way through our tour in Sarawak a group of Chinese communists attacked a police station near by which sparked off "Operation Hammer". This was a cordon and search operation to seek out the communist sympathisers in an area of about twenty square miles. The operation was Commanded by the Commanding Officer and taking part were 'A' Coy., 'C' Coy., a company of the 1/6 Gurkhas, a company of the 2/2 K.E.O. Goorkhas and 'C' Squadron, 4 R.T.R. 'C' Coy. were pulled back by helicopter from their forward base never to return which was most disappointing for them all, especially Peter Welsh, but the Battalion had a most important job to do disrupting the local communist organisation and preventing the sort of terrorism and intimidation which made the Malayan Emergency possible.

Our association with the 2/2 K.E.O. Goorkhas in this operation was particularly noteworthy as it was notably the first time the two regiments had fought side by side since the historic association in Delhi at the time of the Indian Mutiny.

As soon as Operation Hammer was completed we once again turned all our energies on to the border area and although the enemy, probably because of our efforts, was less aggressive, our patrolling, laying of ambushes and dominating the border area continued undiminished. On one occasion 'C' Coy. complete had to swim a river twelve feet deep with a very strong current, and there were other feats of stamina and agility which were only possible because of the

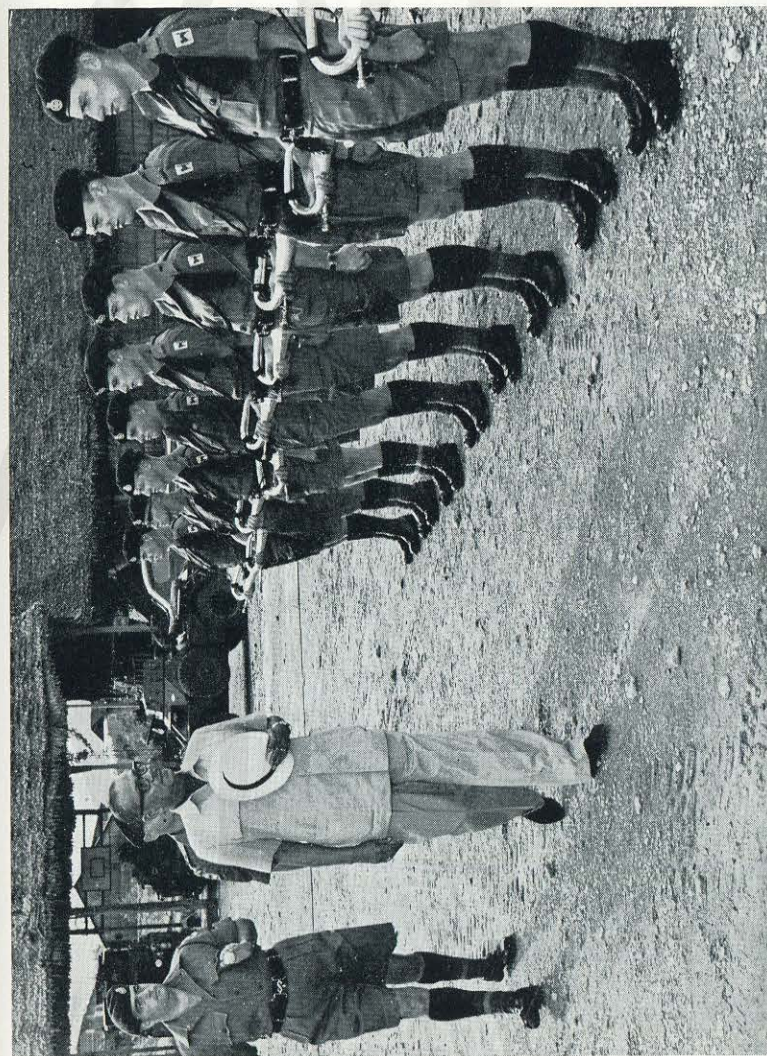


*'D' Companies Firm base, "Tepoi"*

general toughness and fitness we had built up throughout the tour. Luckily all this effort did not go unrewarded and during the last two months in Borneo the Battalion had six successful actions resulting in our accounting for forty-three of the enemy positively confirmed, with a further forty possibles. All this was accomplished with the loss of one rifleman killed and one corporal and one rifleman wounded in action, so it was a satisfactory ratio although as always it was good men that suffered. Not unnaturally, with these successes under our belts, morale was extremely high.

Throughout our stay in Kuching we had a constant stream of V.I.P. visitors and to start mentioning them by name would be out of the question. Perhaps the most surprising visit was paid on us by the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Tengku Abdul Rahman who arrived at very short notice at the end of the tour. He spoke to the occupants of Semengo Camp and thanked us all for our work in Sarawak. He also received the customary operational briefing by the Commanding Officer and seemed very interested in everything that was going on in the area.

The Band was with us for the last month with kind permission of Major Jim Radclyffe who was so ably holding the fort back in Penang. Their visit was a great success and they spent a lot of the time in the forward areas, when the Helicopter Tasking Officers could be persuaded that it was of operational necessity. They were also kept busy with concerts in camp, radio broadcasts, night club appearances in Kuching, filling in for Frankie Howerd and his



*The Prime Minister of Malaysia, Tunku Abdul Rahman inspecting a Bugle Guard at Semingo Camp, Kuching*

troupe and beating the retreat at a farewell ceremony in Kuching. At this latter ceremony the Chief Minister of Sarawak and the Commanding Officer both made very suitable speeches, despite the usual uncertainty of the P.A. system which failed at the last minute.

Sarawak had been our home for four and a half months and although most things seem to be more enjoyable after the event, the majority of the Battalion could truthfully say that they had enjoyed their first tour in Borneo. The degree of success we had achieved overshadowed the long hours of waiting which can get so thoroughly boring if you let them, and morale had remained high throughout.

The Brigadier, Brig. Bill Cheyne, was very complimentary when he came to say goodbye to the Battalion and we received the following congratulatory messages from the Director of Borneo Operations, Gen. George Lea, and the Divisional Commander, Gen. Peter Hunt, which made a splendid send off.

*From General Lea.*

“Congratulations on an excellent tour. I have been much impressed by the skill and zeal with which the Battalion has fulfilled its many and varied tasks. Please convey to all ranks my thanks and appreciation for all that the Battalion has done. Good luck and best wishes for the future.”

*From General Hunt.*

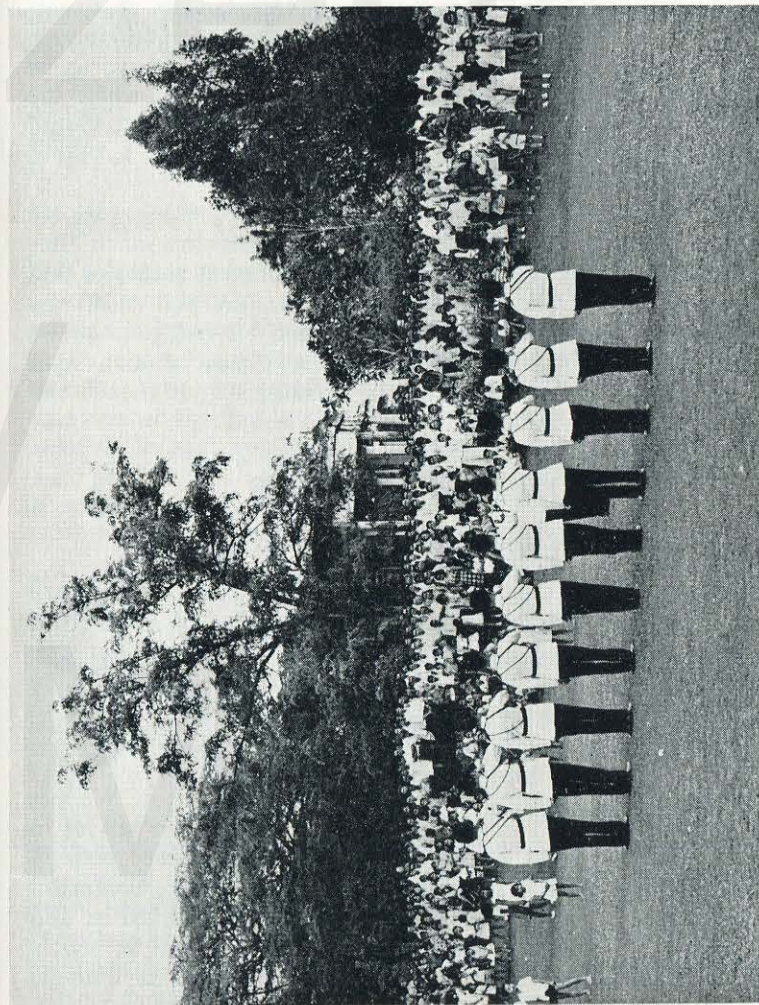
“I should like to congratulate you and all ranks on a very successful first operational tour in Borneo. You went from strength to strength, which is the right way to go, and at the end you were at the top of your form and complete master of your enemy.

I hope you will pass on my congratulations on a job well done to all ranks in the Battalion.”

When we finally returned to Penang we were within our rights to look back knowing that we had worked hard and had maintained the high standards others expect from us and which we expect from ourselves.

## THE RETURN TO PENANG

Despite a very wet morning on the 16th September the arrival of the Battalion back in Penang was a very moving occasion. The Band and Bugles played while wives and families waited eagerly on the quay as the majority of the Battalion disembarked from H.M.S. *Auby*, one of the few remaining troop ships in service. Two advance parties of sixty strong had flown back previously and the remaining hundred or so sailed in on an L.S.T. in the afternoon of the 16th.



*Battalion Buglers in No. 3 Dress playing to a large crowd in the Museum Gardens, Kuching*

At the time of writing most have had at least two weeks leave and are back classifying, preparing for the Commanding Officers administrative inspection, carrying out cadres and other forms of individual training. The few who took advantage of the chartered flight home return shortly after a month of blissful cool weather in England.

Our next tour in North Borneo starts on 18th January next year, one day after we receive a visit from H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester. New challenges will face us and new techniques will have to be learnt. We will be going to a different area altogether where the emphasis will be on patrolling by boat and assault craft. It should be most interesting although the enemy activity in the area has up to now not been as energetic as it was in Kuching.

With just over two months to go before we are off again we are making every effort to combine business with pleasure, which after all is not difficult on this island where entertainment is easy to find and keeping fit can be enjoyable. Preparations are well under way for Christmas. We are all determined to make it a very good one as it is both our first and last in Penang; we shall almost certainly be in Borneo for the next one. We will be thinking of our friends and families huddled round the fire while we bathe and bask in the sun.

### OFFICER CHANGES

There have been even more changes in the major appointments this year than there were last year.

First and foremost the Command changed hands when in January Lieut.-Col. Dwin Bramall took over from Lieut.-Col. Giles Mills who left us to take a job in the Ministry of Defence. Under Col. Giles the Battalion had an eventful and successful time, including British Guiana and an exercise in Norway and we were very sad to see him and Emily go. We wish him every success in his new job.

Major David Stileman left us at the same time to take over recruiting at the Depot and later to Command the Depot. We met our new Second-in-Command, Major Oliver Pratt, on arrival in Penang. We benefitted a great deal from his experience both in Penang and Borneo, until he left for Berlin in July to take Command of the 1st Green Jackets. Major John Baker then joined us and took over from Oliver mid-way through our first tour in Borneo; a difficult task in many respects. He will remain with us until he returns to England in December to take Command of 1st Cheshires.

Major Gerald Carter left the Battalion in October to take a Staff appointment at the Ministry of Defence after a year and a half with the Battalion and handed over 'A' Coy. to Major Robin Montgomery. Major Val West joined us straight from the Staff College and took over 'B' Coy. in Penang.

Capt. Raymond Nelson became Adjutant when Capt. Patrick Mitford-Slade went to instruct at Sandhurst in January.

Amongst others who have sadly left us are Major Alf Lamb who went to the Queens Royal Rifles to begin his last job before leaving the Army, Capt. Christopher Leach who is now Adjutant of Q.R.R. and Capt. Robin Adshead who formed and commanded our Air Platoon so excellantly up until the end of October.

Finally we were all most upset to hear that Capt. Michael Eustace had been forced to retire from the Army due to bad luck with a leg injury.

### WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' MESS

It's normal to look at the previous issue of the *Chronicle* before writing these articles to refresh ones memory and to get some form of continuity between this year's report and last years. In this case last year's report was written in Colchester, when we were training for a Far East tour and thought we were hard worked; this year we have just finished the first tour in Borneo and are preparing hard for the next in January; we are still training hard and we still think we are hard worked. Such a lot has happened between these two times that it's difficult to know where to begin.

Our move out here started with the advance party leaving a very cold London on 29th Dec. 1964. With 24 hours flying time and a seven hour advance of the clock we found ourselves in Penang on the morning of New Year's Eve being met by old friends from the 43rd and 52nd and being made very welcome indeed. Now followed a three weeks period in which we took over our new billet, Minden Barracks, and waited for the main body of the Battalion to arrive. This they started to do in the last week of January and by the first week of February we were all on the ground.

We joined a mess which was a going concern since it is not only a battalion mess but houses Penang Garrison too, which is something like twenty strong in its own right. Being the major unit, we run the mess, handing over to the Garrison when we go to Borneo. The mess building is fairly big, with good accommodation for the single men and has a really commanding view of Penang, being set on the highest point in the Barracks.

Our plans for several "house warming" socials had to be shelved for a while, since the Battalion moved off in early March to spend a month at the Far East Training Centre at Johore Bahru. However, on return we had time for a few enjoyable functions, including a mess dinner and an informal dance attended by the Commanding

Officer and the Officers. Then, before we really knew where we were, it was the end of April and the advance party flew to Kuching for the start of the first Borneo tour.

Sarawak is very hilly, very wooded, very hot and very, very wet and was, for almost all of us, a completely new experience. The rifle companies spent most of their four months tour in the jungle laying ambushes and patrolling and, in their spare time built bridges, roads and, sometimes, schools for the villagers in the local kampongs. In the circumstances, it was difficult to run a full mess but the companies were always welcome when they came back from the wilds. Those of us in the base area, in the words of Colonel Chinstrap, drank their health so much we lost our own! But, in no time at all, it seemed, it was September and we were preparing for the return to Penang.

Having been warned before we left Borneo that we should be returning there in the early New Year the mess laid on a very full programme for the intervening months. We were helped in this by the fact that Penang is visited at least twice a month by a Royal Navy ship of some sort, and being the only military unit on the island the mess is, almost literally, the first port of call for the petty officers and chiefs. In this way, some great evenings have been had by all and we hope that the ships will take away with them pleasant memories of the Battalion and the mess in particular. Still, the most notable event of the social calendar was, as always, the Mess Rifle Meeting followed by the Ball. The Rifle Meeting was probably enjoyed more this year than for many a year; this may be because no one got frostbite, which is always a danger in England and Germany at this time of the year. Whatever the reason, everyone seemed to enjoy himself, especially the colour sergeant who slept through the last two details and *still* didn't win the spoon. Sgt. Jenkins won the Kennedy Trophy with a fine shoot, whilst Sgt. Chippy Wood shot like a G1098 sergeant to secure the spoon for himself. The Ball, too was a great success. C.S.M. Baird and his committee worked wonders with a huge M.T. garage and transformed it into something akin to the Chelsea Flower Show.

At the time of writing we are recuperating and conserving our strength for the coming Christmas Draw, the Christmas Social and, of course, the New Year's Eve Dance, when we hope the C.O. and officers will once again join us.

We have, of course had our share of comings and goings over the past twelve months. The most notable of these was the commissioning of R.S.M. T. Fowley. The R.S.M. had spent four years with the Battalion, one of them as R.Q.M.S., and his promotion was well earned. He was succeeded by R.S.M. B. Rimmer, returning to

the Battalion after 15 months with the Queen's Royal Rifles (T.A.) in London. Others to go were W.O. II B. Dunwell (to the Depot as R.Q.M.S.), Sgts. Wallace, Granby, Fendyke, Gazzini, Hunt, Impey and Mitchell.

A lot of old friends have re-joined us in the past few months; C.S.M. Potter has returned from 19 Bde. in Colchester, Sgt. Egan from special recruiting, Sgt. York from the Depot and a new face, a Chief Petty Officer of our very own, Peter Nesbitt, seconded to us from the Fleet Air Arm to look after our two helicopters. Promotions over the period have included C/Sgt. Lerwill to WO. II, and Sgts. O'Hara, Jones, Windle, Jugg, Evans, Looby, Riglar, Beck, Taylor, Lacey, Impey, Hunt, Mitchell, and last but not least Sgt. Walker—A.C.C.

We cannot close without mentioning two events which have taken place over the past twelve months: one happy, one sad. In mid year Sgt. Windle, our sole serving Calais veteran was awarded the B.E.M., having served more years with the regiment than some of our other members have been alive. Congratulations, John.

The second piece of news concerns Sgt. Sandover, our former orderly room clerk. Bill Sandover joined us from the Rifle Brigade in 1961, in Berlin, being unfit to travel to Cyprus with his battalion and stayed until we left England for the Far East. During his time with us he spent several periods in hospital being treated for a complaint of long standing. In February of this year, we were very sad to hear that he had died in Milbank Hospital.

## CORPORALS' CLUB

It was a sad moment when the "Green Man" closed its doors for the last time in Roman Barracks, Colchester, for it had done us very well as a bar and club room throughout our stay in England.

We had made a number of friends in Colchester and we said goodbye to them at a very successful farewell dance, which was much enjoyed by everyone.

All efforts to find a new building when we arrived in Penang failed, largely because of a rebuilding programme which was under way at the time. The need for a club room was not in fact very great then because many of us were out training much of the time.

However, on return from Borneo a "Basha" was acquired by R.S.M. Fowley and after extensive renovation it has been turned into a very excellent club room and bar. Cpl. Cayley runs the club full time and equipped with bar, darts and a pin table it is a very popular haunt for all N.C.O.'s

Before long we plan to have a dance and have no doubt that it will be as much a success as was our final one in Colchester.

## FAMILIES

The move from England to Penang for most was a good test of patience as there were delays of up to three days caused by unreliable aircraft. Despite these difficulties and a twenty-four hour flight everyone had remained cool and calm, cool only in the mental sense of the word, and arrived in Penang in good heart. They deserved praise both for the way they looked after their children and for keeping them happy and well behaved throughout the very arduous journey.

The quarters are on the whole very comfortable and within walking distance of either the sea or a swimming pool. The provision of amahs is a new luxury to most and they are particularly useful to families with small children.

Having said farewell to Mrs. Mills, who had done so much for the families, we were delighted to welcome back Mrs. Bramall who took over the Ladies Club in January.

With four and a half months of separation due to start in May it was essential to get the club going strongly. S/Sgt. Heague of the A.P.T.C. was magnificent with his suggested programme of entertainments and before we knew where we were, Water Skiing, Squash, Judo, Archery and Swimming classes were in full swing. Club meetings were fixed for Monday mornings and by the time the Battalion left, a large percentage of the wives had one, if not more, interests outside their home life.

The brand new Maternity Hospital in Minden Barracks deserves a mention, for already thirty-two babies have been born to our wives. All have appreciated the smooth running of the hospital and the efficiency and kindness of the nursing staff.

With the strong team of Mrs. Bramall and Major Radclyffe giving their guidance, most were kept happy throughout the period of separation and any personal problems which came up during this difficult time were soon ironed out.

Now with the return of the Battalion and Christmas approaching we have a Ladies Club dance, planned for early November and of course the inevitable and ever-popular Christmas Draw. Children's parties and All Ranks dances are included on the long list of forthcoming events to which we all look forward.

## FOOTBALL

In last year's edition of the *Chronicle* we expressed the hope that once we were settled down in Penang football would regain its popularity and that the teams would be entered into as much

competitive football as possible. It is therefore gratifying to note that both teams achieved a considerable degree of success during the first four months in Penang.

The Battalion first team was allowed to assume the place that the 1st Green Jackets had held in the Penang League 2nd Division. The Penang football season began at the end of February which did not leave much time for the team to play all its matches particularly as they were away training at Johore Bahru with the Battalion for the whole of March. The result was that eight matches were played in the space of only four weeks which was only made possible by members of the team forgoing their leave to avail themselves for the matches.

The opposing sides were made up of either Chinese or Malay players who had the advantage of being accustomed to playing in this hot and humid climate.

With apparently all the odds against the team, the final result was indeed very remarkable and much of the credit must go to the new team captain, Sgt. Taylor ('C' Coy.), and the redoubtable Sgt. Barwick, the manager.

The result, 8 played, 6 won and 2 drawn, not only won them the league but also secured the team a place in the 1st Division.

Since the return to Penang the team has been reformed and a number of changes have been made after trial games which gave others a chance to prove themselves. The league itself does not



*2nd Green Jackets Football Team, Penang, Malaya, 1965, 2nd Division Champions*  
Rfn. Lacross Bryant 79, Clarke, Sgt. Barwick. Cpls. Taylor, Hollowday, Brown, Rfn. Pearce, L/Cpl. Peacock, L/Cpl. Thompson, Rfn. Page, Bryant 10, Lowe 90, L.Cpl. Curtis, Cpl. Pallett (R.A.P.C.)

start again till next February but recently two matches have been played against 1st Division teams and both have resulted in wins for the Battalion, so things look promising for next season.

The Battalion second team, which up till now has been made up largely of players from the Band and Rear Party, were entered in the 3rd Division of the Penang League on the pretext of providing some competitive amusement while the Battalion was away. No one expected them to achieve the results they did and the credit must go to Cpl. Frost, the captain, and C.S.M. Fee who kept the enthusiasm going.

The final result of their efforts was 9 played, 6 won, 1 drawn and 2 lost. With these results they won their section of the 3rd Division but were beaten into third place in the play-off, thus narrowly missing promotion to the 2nd Division. They too must hold high hopes of success for 1966.

## CRICKET

Much to our regret there has been no chance to play any cricket in Penang as yet for we missed the season when in Borneo. Next year however we will arrive back in Penang from our second tour in Borneo in the middle of the season and will hope to bring our readers news of resounding successes.

## HOCKEY

Hockey has maintained its popularity in Penang and many matches, almost one a week on average, have been played.

Capt. Peter Bassil has captained the team throughout and has been largely responsible for organising this wealth of friendly games. We shall be sorry to see him go in December.

The matches played have been mainly against the R.A.F. and Naval teams, and the Penang Ladies Club who have for some reason been very persistent in their challenges.

Before the tour in Borneo the team played twelve matches of which ten were won.

In Kuching the team combined with 19 Field Ambulance and took part in the Kuching League. In all ten games were played, nine of which were won with a total of 24 goals for the team and only 7 against.

Back in Penang again the steady flow of games has been resumed and a lot of enjoyment is gained from them. The Royal Navy seems to have provided the majority of the opposition recently as there has been a spate of visiting ships.

Unlike the Battalion Football Team there has been little glamour given to our successes but the enthusiasm is there and the enjoyment has been very great.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

Although we missed the beginning of the Rugby season out here through being in Borneo we managed to enter for the Commonwealth Forces (North) League and have already played two matches and were beaten in both. Our opponents in the League consist mainly of teams from the R.A.A.F. and R.A.F. at Butterworth and the various Australian Sports Clubs in the area. The standard of Rugger is very high by comparison with that of Colchester.

Major Montgomery took over the arduous and at times frustrating task of Rugger Officer from Major Stileman and ably assisted by Sgt. Evans and the old stalwarts from Colchester ensures that the regiment is still able to play good Rugger.

We have a much greater potential this year with some added weight in the pack provided by Cpls. Gorringer and Gordon-Stables from the newly formed Air Platoon. Lieut. Yasa and Cpl. Buliciri continue to be the mainstay of our threequarter line and Sgt. O'Hara has proved a reliable death trap to many of our opponents on the wing. We have our usual problems in getting the team together for practice but despite this it is hoped that our match results will improve before we once more return to Borneo in January. Anyway, we all get a lot of enjoyment out of just playing the game.

## SQUASH—1965

Little squash has been played since last we wrote because of strenuous training and operational commitments.

We have a court near the Officer's Mess which is used quite a lot when we are in Penang. The heat not unnaturally in such a confined space is almost unbearable and the fans do little more than effect the flight of the ball.

A defeat at the hands of the Tanglin Club in Singapore, a win both in the team event of the Malaya Area Championship by four matches to one and by Alastair Drew in the singles and a defeat by four matches to one by H.M.S. *Ark Royal* are the sum total of our achievements.

Maybe next year, when we hope for six months in Penang, we will be able to play more and be in better practice when we do play.

### **BAND NOTES Nov. 1964—November 1965**

This has been quite an interesting year for the Band. After our Kneller Hall inspection in Colchester on 5th, November incidentally our report was very good, we packed up all our instruments and kit in preparation for our posting to the Far East. We all had a very good Christmas leave and in January we bade our friends and relations a fond farewell and set off for the "unknown".

Our new home in Minden Barracks is very comfortable and Penang itself, in spite of being rather dirty and often very smelly, is indeed the Pearl of the Orient. We settled down very quickly and were quite prepared to take over rear party duties when the Battalion set off for its first tour in Borneo in April. Needless to say we all felt quite safe being left behind having such a large number of families to defend us.

Public engagements here are not as numerous, nor as well paid, as in the U.K. but we feel we are doing our share. Our first engagement was at the Penang Turf Club and not only did the crowd appreciate our playing but the afternoon turned out to be quite profitable for several members of the Band.

We were all very sad at the passing of Bandsman 'Dick' Beer on 11th July. He died shortly after being involved in a motor cycle accident. The Band did not play at the funeral but acted as coffin bearers and guard of honour.

We started our travels in July, our first port of call being Kuala Lumpur where we played at the closure of the Bourne School. From K.L. we went on to Seremban and Terendak to take part in two R.A.S.C./R.C.T. rebadging parades. We believe we have the distinction of being on parade with the first company of R.C.T. throughout the Army. After ten days away we were glad to return to our little island.

On 6th, August after only being warned on the 5th, half the Band, unfortunately there wasn't room for everyone, boarded an R.A.F. Valetta at Butterworth and in a few hours, with one stop at Singapore touched down at Kuching. We took residence in Semengo Camp which served as the Battalions base camp. Our five weeks in Borneo were very exciting and so packed with incidents that it would take several more pages to list them. One thing worth mention is the state of the roads and tracks between the base camp and the forward areas, a journey that we made often. Pot holes in the track and hard wooden seats in three tonners are not compatible and we had some very sore Bandsmen that would verify the fact.

October saw us in Singapore for a month as duty band. Duties were few and far between and on the whole it was a rather boring month. We played several times in various Sergeants' Messes and were supplied with unlimited pints of beer, which helped to ease the strain. We also played in the two B.A.C. schools and enjoyed doing it as much as the children enjoyed listening.

On Remembrance Day this year the Band was split in two, half being at "home" under Mr. Tonks and the other half travelling the three hundred miles to H.Q. Malaya Area in Seremban, under the baton of W.O. II Barker. On 19th November the Band and Bugles sounded retreat in the presence of H.E. The Governor of Penang and Gen. Kim Yong Bae, Chief of Staff to the Republic of Korea. Unfortunately we were rained off before we were quite finished but in spite of that it was one of our best. We are now firmly in the grip of Christmas and rehearsing like mad for many and varied engagements, the Dance Band is in great demand this year.

Our sporting calendar is full, as always, and we are pleased to report that our wins far outweigh our losses. We are pleased to have L/Cpl. 'Jim' Maher back with us, he is a great asset to both our football and hockey teams. We are pleased too to welcome back from Kneller Hall the two Bandsmen Cook, no relation, and hope that they are now crammed full of knowledge.

That is all our news for this year, next time we write we shall be on the "downhill" stage of our overseas tour and looking forward to seeing dear old Blighty again.

### **NOTES FROM THE AIR PLATOON**

In April 1965 the Battalion's own Air Platoon was formed and arrived in Penang.

It consisted of two Sioux helicopters piloted by Capt. Robin Adshead 6 G.R. who has recently left us, and Capt. Colin Harrison, R. B. The technical team is headed by an aircraft artificer, Chief Petty Officer P. F. Nesbitt R.N. who controls three R.E.M.E. aircraft fitters. In addition to this the Battalion supplied a further three, thus making up the full complement.

The Sioux (Augusta Bell 47 93 B1) is a three seater liaison/reconnaissance helicopter capable of a maximum speed of 91 knots although the cruising speed is 75 knots. It has a safe endurance of 2 hours and 40 minutes and can carry approximately 600 lbs of freight underslung.

Whilst the Sioux is primarily a recce helicopter it can be and has been used by the Battalion in many other roles.

Shortly after arrival, the Air Platoon was on its way to Borneo with the Battalion, a report of whose activities appears elsewhere in the *Chronicle*. However, it is sufficient to say that the Air Platoon was involved in many of these activities.

During the period 5th May to 15th September the two helicopters, aptly christened "Celer" and "Audax" by the Commanding Officer, flew 430 hours, carried 1213 passengers and 9275 lbs of freight on 1551 sorties. Much credit must go to Chief Nesbitt and his crew for keeping "Celer" and "Audax" in the air and producing a figure of 90% serviceability which is a remarkable achievement in the helicopter world.

The roles which the Air Platoon have so far been asked to undertake have been many and varied. Whilst the majority of the work has been liaison, recce and communications work, other tasks have included airborne command posts, forward air controlling, air observation posts, essential re-supply to the forward areas and casualty evacuation.

Many in the 60th have been passengers in the care of "Rifle Green Airways" and some can now definitely be termed as "experienced aviators".

There is little doubt that the Battalion is as air minded as any in the Far East and visitors to Penang, it is hoped, will notice how helicopters, the Royal Navy and Green Jackets all work in complete harmony!



One of the Battalion 'Sioux' helicopters with Capt. Robin Adshead at the controls

## FINAL CEREMONY

The Band and Bugles of the Battalion sounded Retreat on the 31st December 1965 at Minden Barracks to mark the last day of The King's Royal Rifle Corps.

It was a moving occasion and a fine sight under both a magnificent moon and flood lights.

The whole Battalion and all the married families were there and the Commanding Officer made the following short speech.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the sounding of Retreat and the Tattoo which we have just listened to and watched, has a very special significance for us this evening, and I know our friends in the Garrison and our visitors will forgive me if I address a few words to the Battalion and our families. In five hours time as we enter 1966 our Regiment, the 2nd Green Jackets The King's Royal Rifle Corps which has been in being for 210 years, will cease to exist as a separate Regiment of the British Army and instead we will become the 2nd Battalion of a new and larger regiment, The Royal Green Jackets, whose Colonel-in-Chief will be Her Majesty The Queen.

In this life, if you are sensible and particularly if you are young, you look forward and not back; and indeed it is the tradition of Riflemen that they are progressive and move with the times. But we would not be human if we did not feel very considerable sadness at the passing of a Regiment with such a proud and wonderful history, and one in which so many of us have had such splendid times and such great comradeship, some, for close on a quarter of a century. The name of the King's Royal Rifle Corps, the 60th Rifles as it has often been known, the K.R.R.'s, as it has sometimes affectionately been called, will always have a very special place in our hearts and that is exactly as it should be.

However, I want you all to appreciate this, that although the name will go, the spirit and ideals which made the Regiment what it was—the fighting qualities, the pride in professional skill, the intelligent and humane discipline, the sympathy and understanding between all ranks, and the concern for the individual, for his welfare and for those of his dependants, all these will remain and will be equally conspicuous in the new Regiment as they were in the old.

The motto "Swift and Bold" given to us by General Wolfe at the battle of Quebec must and will continue to apply, and those who serve in the new Regiment can still expect things to happen, whether it be operational or other business, in an intelligent, efficient yet

economical and I hope unpompous way. You can rest assured that the Royal Green Jackets will continue to enjoy the same extremely high reputation that the King's Royal Rifle Corps always had in the eyes of the Army, and quite honestly one cannot say better than that.

So as the Regimental flag comes down for the last time to the familiar tune of Auld Lang Syne in which I hope you will join, let us remember with great pride the great and glorious past of our old Regiment the King's Royal Rifle Corps, the comradeship and good times we have had and the men who lived along side us, have fought with us and in some cases have died in the service of the Regiment; and let us be grateful that we have been lucky enough to be included in such a company. Then as the band marches off, to Lutzow's Wild Hunt, played officially for the last time as the Regimental March (though it will remain the Battalion March), I would ask you all to pledge yourselves wholeheartedly to the unqualified success of the new Regiment and I would ask the men if they will, to dedicate themselves anew to the ideals and codes of conduct and performance which made our old Regiment great, and which will I know ensure that this new Regiment, the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Green Jackets, will continue to be in our eyes, and I hope in many others as well, the best Battalion of the best Regiment in the British Army.

## THE GREEN JACKETS BRIGADE DEPOT STAFF LIST

as at 10th December 1965

<i>Brigade Colonel:</i>	Col. H. D. G. Butler
<i>D.A.A.G. (Brigade Adjutant):</i>	Major C. G. Wemyss
<i>Assistant D.A.A.G.:</i>	Lieut.-Col. A. G. D. Palmer, M.C. (Retd.)
<i>Brigade Recruiting Officer:</i>	Capt. J. V. Keyte
<i>Recruiting Warrant Officer:</i>	C/Sgt. C. Rawlings
<i>29 Army Youth Team:</i>	W.O. II K. Churcher
<i>Depot Commander:</i>	Lieut.-Col. D. M. Stileman
<i>Depot Adjutant:</i>	Capt. M. Arnison-Newgass
<i>Quartermaster:</i>	Major F. Wakefield, M.B.E.
<i>Paymaster:</i>	Lieut.-Col. F. Clay, M.B.E. (Retd.)
<i>R.S.M.:</i>	W.O. I M. Kempster
<i>Acting Superintending Clerk:</i>	Sgt. W. J. Taylor
<i>R.Q.M.S.:</i>	W.O. II B. Dunwell
<i>Depot Pay Clerk:</i>	S/Sgt. W. R. Blake, B.E.M., R.A.P.C.

### Headquarter Company

<i>Officer Commanding:</i>	Major B. W. Balls
<i>Administrative N.C.O.:</i>	Sgt. A. Allistone

### Junior Riflemen's Company

<i>Officer Commanding:</i>	Capt. P. Treneer-Michell
<i>2 i/c.:</i>	Lieut. R. Rodgers, M.B.E.
<i>Subaltern:</i>	Lieut. M. W. Friedburger

### Training Company

<i>Officer Commanding:</i>	Major J. St. C. Simmons
<i>Training Officer:</i>	Capt. L. Gollner, P.P.C.L.I.
<i>Subalterns:</i>	2/Lieut. J. P. O. Beddard
	2/Lieut. B. W. Nicholson
	Lieut. H. P. E. Dumas
	2/Lieut. S. G. M. St. Aubyn
<i>C.S.M.:</i>	W.O. II E. Towns
<i>Q.M.S.I. (S.A.S.C.):</i>	W.O. II A. Beasley
<i>S/Sgt. Instructor (A.P.T.C.):</i>	S/Sgt. J. O. Williams
<i>R.H.Q., 1 Green Jackets, 43rd &amp; 52nd:</i>	Lieut.-Col. J. Granville (Retd.) Major H. P. Patterson (Retd.)

*R.H.Q., 2 Green Jackets*

*The King's Royal Rifle Corps:* Brig. R. A. T. Eve, C.B.E. (Retd.)  
Major C. J. Wilson (Retd.)

*R.H.Q., 3 Green Jackets*

Brig. F. Stephens, C.B.E., D.S.O.  
(Retd.)

*The Rifle Brigade*

Col. U. O. V. Verney, O.B.E.  
(Retd.)

#### Attached Officers

*Medical Officer:*

Brig. T. I. Dun, D.S.O., M.C.  
(Retd.)

*Dental Officer:*

Capt. C. R. T. Lachlan, L.D.S.,  
R.A.D.C.

*Padre:*

Rev. S. N. H. Roberts, C.F.

*Education Officers:*

Capt. H. I. Rudge, R.A.E.C.

Capt. A. Clarke, R.A.E.C.

I. Collins, Esq.

## DEPOT LETTER

Unquestionably the red letter day for 1965 was the official re-opening of the Depot by Field Marshal H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester on Friday 28th May. This memorable occasion will long be remembered on three accounts. The unusually large gathering of distinguished Riflemen past and present, the attention to detail of the parade seating plan and luncheon arrangements, and last but by no means least the intense cold.

The parade itself, commanded by Major James Simmons was a simple affair, admirably executed by the Senior Platoon from Training Company and the combined bands of The Rifle Brigade and Junior Riflemen's Company. The Duke of Gloucester in his address officially made public the outline plan and organisation for the large regiment. He then unveiled a plaque near the main entrance to Long Block.

An admirable lunch was taken in the Officers' Mess and Gymnasium. Such were the numbers that only ultra V.I.P. guests qualified for the personal attention of the irreplaceable Mr. Pierce. Those of more humble status, of which the writer of this letter was one, had the whale of a time in the gymnasium. It was worth a guinea a minute to watch the Orderly Officer ferret out Major-Gen. The Viscount Robert Bridgeman, who by an unfortunate oversight, had been directed into the wrong foodery. He surrendered his salmon mayonnaise with grace and reluctantly responded to the invitation of "friend go up higher".

It would be inappropriate to name all those who were responsible for making the day such a success. Nevertheless, mention must be made of the tireless and meticulous efforts of Lieut.-Col. Riley Workman, for whom the event was his major swan song. At this juncture it is right and proper to wish Riley on behalf of his many close friends every success and happiness in his retirement. His warm and generous nature cannot but help attract those in search of a good antique buy.

The customary Queen's Birthday Parade held this year on Saturday 12th June was again well attended. The broad expanse of the High Street outside the Winchester Guildhall is an admirable setting for this parade. It was a pleasure to have contingents from H.M.S. *Daedalus* and R.A.P.C. Worthy Down to parade alongside Riflemen on this occasion.

David Stileman took over command on 6th August having been the Brigade Recruiting Officer for the previous six months. Gen. Pat Man, G.O.C., Aldershot District paid an informal visit to the Depot on 10th September. His visits are always stimulating and



*The Ceremonial re-opening of the Green Jackets Brigade Depot, 28th May, 1965*

much appreciated by all ranks. On inspecting the dining hall at lunch time he detected that the peas were somewhat bullet like. Lieut.-Col. Tommy Clay 43rd & 52nd (retd.) our paymaster and messing wizzard, has made a mental note to lay on diced carrots in the future!

The weather could not have been kinder for the Annual Administrative Inspection on 21st October. The emphasis this year was given to all aspects of Recruit Training. Brig. John Woollett, Commander Hampshire Sub District, spent practically the whole day in the open air. He visited platoons hard at it near Bushfield Camp, on Chilcomb Ranges, and Farley Mount. The Brigadier was generous in his remarks at the end of a full day.

Particular attention is now paid to physical endurance, mental robustness, battle shooting and weapon handling under all conditions. There is not the slightest doubt that the tougher the training, the more contented the recruit. To witness the sense of achievement after a particularly gruelling session is most rewarding.

Although reported fully elsewhere, mention must be made in this letter of the laying up of the Kenya Regiment's Colours on Sunday 24th October. To countless Green Jackets the Kenya Regiment holds a unique position in their affections. It gave intense satisfaction to those members of the Depot Permanent Staff who helped in the arrangements that the event was staged in Peninsula Barracks. A magnificent turn out of well over a hundred people attended the service in our Garrison Church followed by an hilarious luncheon party in the Junior Rank's Club.

Another splendid social occasion was the Annual Reunion Dinner of the Hampshire Branch of the K.R.R.C. Association held in the Gymnasium on Saturday 13th November. This year ladies were invited and all told 150 attended the dinner and subsequent dance. Amongst many distinguished 60th personalities we were delighted to see Major-Gen. Alick Williams at his first Association Function as Colonel Commandant of the Regiment, also Tony and Dauphine Hunter. The speed and daring which many keen dancers showed on the floor was most impressive. No doubt the subconscious influence of the regimental motto was working overtime!

The Remembrance Sunday Service at the Cathedral and the associated wreath-laying ceremonies at the 60th and Royal Hampshire Regiment Memorials were well attended. It was a beautiful autumn day but piercingly cold. The Buglers played magnificently and enhanced their reputation previously made at the Memorial Services of Field Marshal Wilson and Gen. Erskine.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Capt. Simon Dereham. He has retired to make his pile with an exclusive firm that deals with broiler chickens. No doubt the occupants of the Herefordshire hen houses will feel his iron hand of discipline. We wish him the very best of good fortune.

The wives club flourishes though inevitably in a home station numbers fluctuate. The understanding arrangement whereby the meetings do not clash with Coronation Street met with universal approval.

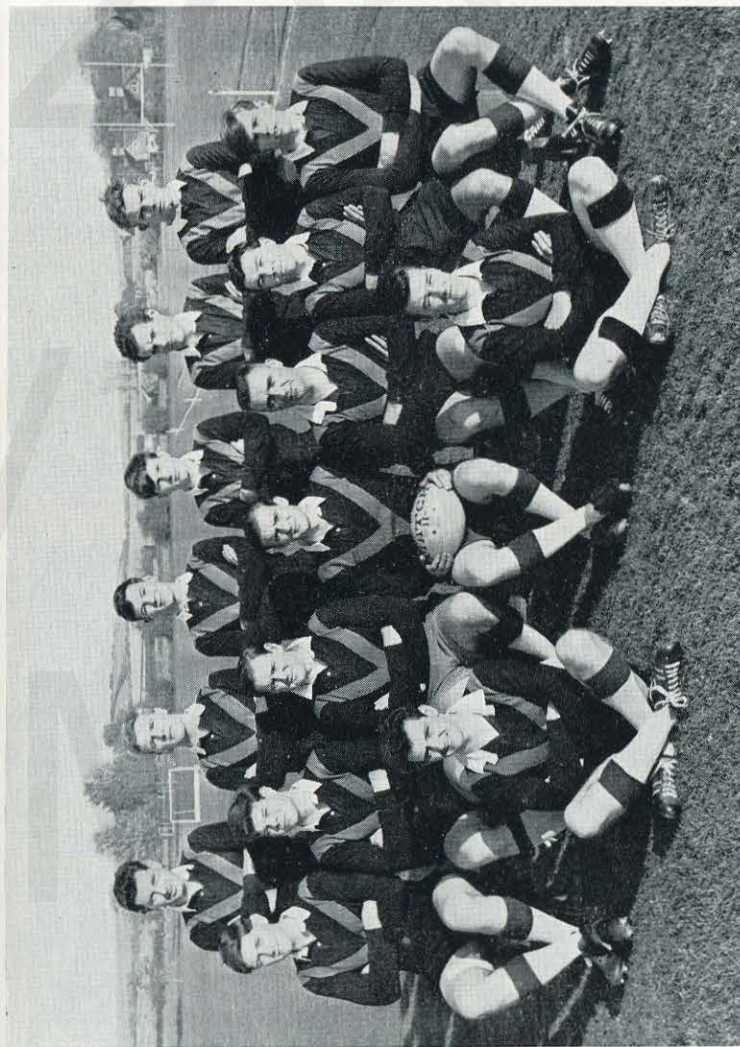
### Sport

The Depot Rugby XV under its knowledgeable and energetic captain Lieut. Hugh Dumas was defeated with honour in the first round of the Army Cup. Our opponents were 3 Division Engineers who included last year's Army Hooker. At one stage in the second half we were leading 8-6 but during the last fifteen minutes inexperience caught up on us. We finally lost 8-23; nevertheless it was a memorable game and the players were wonderfully supported by a huge crowd on the touch line. The Hockey and Football enthusiasts also enjoy comprehensive fixture lists. The standard of all representative teams is most encouraging. The sylph-like figures of the permanent staff are kept in trim by weekly circuit training sessions. C.S.M. Towns is now as sprightly as a young gazelle.

### Recruiting

Recruiting for 1965 has gone from strength to strength. At the time of going to press 546 recruits have joined, 20 more than last year's total. There is still one more month's intake to count before closing the books.

The Green Jackets Exhibition at Selfridges 19th-31st July was the major recruiting effort for the year. There can be no doubt that the lavish scale on which it was staged paid handsome dividends and attracted really large crowds throughout the fortnight. It did the heart good to see the Rifle Brigade Band with the Junior Riflemen's Company Buglers march down Oxford Street and wheel smartly into the main entrance of Selfridges. The exhibition was opened by Sir John Hunt before an appreciative capacity crowd. All ranks of the Green Jackets recruiting organisation cannot be sufficiently grateful to Sir Rex Cohen and the Selfridges display staff for their unflinching co-operation and kindness.



Rugby Football XV 1965: Cpl. R. Line, L/Cpl. P. Bazeley, Rfn. B. Vivian, L/Cpl. I. McKenzie, Lieut. M. W. Friedburger, L/Cpl. P. Morgan, Rfn. M. Henton, L/Cpl. D. Faulkner, Lieut.-Col. D. M. Stileman, Lieut. H. P. E. Dumas, Sgt. R. Goldsmith, Capt. A. J. Clark, L/Cpl. N. Bray, L/Cpl. N. Hughes, Rfn. J. Knight

### Depot Rifle Shooting—1965

The majority of our readers will not have been involved in competition shooting, and so it is pointless to list the events won in the past year and expect it to mean very much. However, it must be said the Depot had quite a successful year. Not as successful as some, but nevertheless we continued to lead the field as far as the minor units were concerned. At Aldershot we won the overall Unit Championship, beating among others, 3 Parachute Battalion. At Bisley we won the Minor Unit's Championship and the Minor Unit's Small Arms Cup. Both these competitions have never been won by anyone else.

With all three Battalions unable to get to Bisley, the Methuen Cup team had to be found largely from the Depot, and in fact the only outsider we were able to get hold of was Sgt. Fry who had been a member of the previous year's winning team. Not surprisingly, we were unable to do as well as in 1964, and we came eleventh overall, and fifth in the Army—not too bad for a Depot Team. Of our individuals, Cpl. Notley was again outstanding. He won the individual Championship at Aldershot, and, although having noticeably gone off the boil, he came thirteenth at Bisley and was again a member of the Army VIII. Sgt. York and Cpls. Conway and Clarke also shot well.

Many people, having grown accustomed to continued Green Jacket shooting successes, are inclined to take it for granted that we will always win. They do not, perhaps, realise that one has to work very hard for success, and in these days when Battalions are very often abroad for several years, the expertise is lost and the work becomes all the harder. To those who consider rifle shooting a bore, they must accept the stark truth that if there were no Bisley and no District Meetings interest in shooting would diminish and Green Jackets standards with it.

### Training Company

James Simmons took over Training Company from Graham Wemyss in February. Within a day of having grasped the helm, James stopped dead in his tracks as he entered the Company Office. Rumour has it that his eyes boggled as he muttered "grief, women in the office, what next?" C.S.M. Towns tactfully interrupted. Another "Rolling Stone" had joined the Green Jackets—just one more recruit.

The number of recruits arriving each month during the year has imposed an appreciable strain on the training staff and accom-

modation. Each platoon has started with an average of 45 recruits. Our man power problems would be solved if this number successfully completed their recruit training. Alas! the majority of all infantry recruits these days hail from the S.G. 4 or 5 bracket. Quite often up to eighty per cent. of an intake is rated below average intelligence. Nevertheless the infectious enthusiasm and cheerfulness of recruit riflemen is most refreshing. To safeguard the Battalions from receiving dead wood, stringent selection procedure is now in operation. Comprehensive physical and weapon handling tests are written into the fifth and tenth week of the programme. As a result up to 25 per cent. of the riflemen are discharged as unsuitable. On the credit side, almost every successful recruit elects to extend his service to a nine year engagement.

The basic training of the Riflemen has once again been lengthened. A fourteen week programme is now in full swing. This embraces a week in the Welsh mountains where the four basic essentials previously mentioned in this letter are practiced to the full. It is too early to tell how the new look syllabus will work. It is very much hoped that Battalions will receive drafts of tough, self-reliant riflemen who are confident in their personal skill at arms when under physical strain.



*Training Company—Fieldcraft on Farley Mount*

### Junior Riflemen's Company

The Company continues to thrive under the patient and good humoured control of Capt. Peter Treneer-Michell ably supported by Lieut. Reg Rodgers. There appears to be never a dull moment in this private empire. We were delighted to welcome Bandmaster A. R. Pinkney in March. He has performed wonders with the band. He is a dedicated musical instructor and the band's repertoire has increased a hundredfold. On 9th November the band played in the officers' mess and was quite excellent. Both band and bugles have performed with distinction at a number of important functions throughout the year. These include a parade for the London Rifle Brigade Rangers in the Guildhall, London, a display at Brockenhurst in connection with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme where Prince Philip talked to a number of our boys, numerous fetes and carnivals. The most popular engagement of all was a visit to Guernsey 3rd-10th October. A large number of schools were visited in addition to other public engagements. The sounding of retreat sequence has reached a very high standard and was immensely popular with the Islanders.

Mention must be made of the official visit to the Depot of the Kneller Hall Inspecting Team. The "excellent" report which followed this Inspection was a matter of intense encouragement to instructors and boy bandsmen alike. It should not be forgotten that the foundation for this musical success is largely due to the sterling work of Reg Rodgers in past years. The buglers under Bugle-Major Collins have enhanced their reputation throughout the year. Those boys who have no musical bent whatever have been formed into a Junior Riflemen's squad. The final product from this group of enthusiasts can show the clients from Oswestry a thing or two.

In June the entire Company camped at Okehampton for two weeks and enjoyed glorious weather. Four days spent in the Scilly Isles were as popular as ever. Swimming and fishing were the main attractions. A series of excellent coloured photographs were taken on this trip and caught the eye at the Selfridges recruiting exhibition. Adventure training continues to flourish. In January rock climbing came into its own again. An expedition to Swanage under Lieut. Nicholas Shaw and our indefatigable civilian instructor John Collins was much appreciated. Cpl. James Maher took a party of canoeing enthusiasts to France in August and negotiated the river Dordogne without loss of life; wonders never cease.

The keen pot-holers not to be outdone dragged off Mark Friedburger to Yoxter. Apparently Mark is prepared to repeat the experiment.



*Junior Riflemen enjoying life in the Scilly Isles*

Junior Bugler Graham Lyons has qualified for the gold medal of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and goes to Buckingham Palace next year to receive this highly coveted prize. Renewed congratulations are due to Capt. Ivor Rudge, R.A.E.C. and his faithful henchmen Pat Clarke and Ian Collins. Four boys have gained the 1st class certificate of education and no less than thirty second class; a splendid achievement.

Soccer, Rugger, Hockey and Cricket form the backbone of the conventional sporting activities in the Company. Matches in all these games have been played with varying degrees of success. Every boy has a go at something. Junior Bugler David Peet came second in the triple jump event in the Army Boys' Athletic Championships. Ten boys attended a cross country ski-ing course in Norway during the first three months of the year. Junior Bugler Kenneth Jameson and Junior Cpl. Keith Potter received outstanding reports and have been invited back for further training.

Sgt. Granby, 2nd Green Jackets has joined the Company. We are delighted to have an N.C.O. of his calibre to maintain the happy, workmanlike atmosphere that prevails in the Junior Riflemen's Company.

### Headquarter Company

No letter would be complete without reference to the firm of Balls-Allistone Ltd. Between them Major Brian Balls and Sgt. Allistone administer the permanent staff and keep happy the ever changing holdee population. They deserve great credit for the firm, yet tactful manner in which they tackle the hideously involved 'A' problems that come their way.

Space does not permit the mention of every worthy individual. However, justice would not be done if a warm welcome was not extended to R.S.M. Kempster and R.Q.M.S. Dunwell. In conclusion it is felt that all Riflemen will be delighted with the decision that with effect from 1st January 1966, our spiritual home is to be called The Rifle Depot (Royal Green Jackets).

### Sergeants' Mess

We were delighted to entertain many old friends in the Mess on the occasion of the Rifle Brigade and K.R.R.C. Association Dinners.

This year has seen the departure of many celebrities; W.O. I R. Robbins richly deserves special mention. He left us in October and is now working for Prices of Eastleigh, one of Rank's subsidiary companies. He reached the zenith in the Green Jackets clerical world. His speed and accurate output from many an Orderly Room and his unique knowledge will long be remembered.

W.O. I F. Massingham has been posted to Cambridge University as R.S.M. of the O.T.C. The news of his defeating the examiners in English G.C.E. 'O' level was flashed through two days after he had left the Depot. This splendid academic achievement will no doubt give him ideas now he is resident at the seat of learning.

R.Q.M.S. S. Solomons has gone to the Queen's Royal Rifles (T.A.) as R.S.M. No doubt that his 60th cricket sweater will impress the brethren at 56 Davies Street as much as the spectators at St. Cross.

W.O. II R. Balls who has been a tower of strength as Brigade Recruiting Warrant Officer has retired to Yorkshire. He now works for an American Engineering Company. The highlight of his tireless efforts was the setting up of the Green Jackets Recruiting Exhibition at Selfridges. Small wonder he was offered a high grade executive post by the store display authorities.

## QUEEN'S ROYAL RIFLES (T.A.)

### Honorary Colonel:

The Rt. Hon. Richard Wood, M.P.

### Roll of Officers and Warrant Officers

31st October 1965:

Lieut.-Col. Viscount Eden, T.D.	Lieut. M. G. Bodin
Major J. J. N. Wyatt, T.D.	Lieut. A. C. N. Brand
Major J. H. Hanscombe, M.B.E.	Lieut. A. L. Campbell
Major P. D. C. Richards, B.E.M.	Lieut. R. A. Daniell
Major R. J. Scott	Lieut. J. P. Grove
Major A. S. Templeton	Lieut. D. I. Mitchell Innes
Capt. D. A. H. Beddard	Lieut. G. H. Nicolson
Capt. D. M. Brindle-Wood-Williams	Lieut. J. J. Palmer-Tomkinson
Capt. The Hon. J. F. Byng	Lieut. M. C. Swann
Capt. M. A. C. Drummond	Lieut. J. R. E. Warburton
Capt. A. J. T. Eve	Lieut. J. R. L. White
Capt. J. W. Hayter	Lieut. N. M. White
Capt. G. E. Pattie	2/Lieut. A. M. Bulmer
Capt. D. C. Pitman	2/Lieut. M. Montague-
Capt. R. F. Somerset	Johnstone
Lieut. The Hon. M. C. W. J. Baird	

### Attached Officers:

Capt. C. L. G. G. Henshaw (Training Officer)	Capt. R. Newcombe (R.A.A.M.C.)
Capt. M. H. Eustace (Adjutant) succeeded 1st November 1965 by Capt. R. C. F. Leach	Capt. (Rev.) R. D. Harries (R.A. Ch. D.)
Major L. P. Grout (Quartermaster) succeeded 1st November 1965 by Major A. J. Lamb	Capt. I. F. Stanwell (Sydney University Regt.)
Capt. B. Vernon-Roberts (R.A.M.C.)	Lieut. R. D. Mainstone (R.A.P.C.)
	2/Lieut. M. Lee-Warner (4 Royal Norfolk Regt.)

### Detached Officer:

Major J. R. Trustrum Eve (D.A.A. & Q.M.G.-H.Q. 56 Inf. Bde. T.A.)

### Warrant Officers:

W.O. II G. Moss (R.Q.M.S.)	W.O. II G. F. Hallett
W.O. II J. W. Madden	W.O. II P. Bishop (C.S.M.)
W.O. II C. Alderton (C.S.M.)	W.O. II D. R. Napier (C.S.M.)
W.O. II E. F. Harris (C.S.M.)	W.O. I V. W. Cudley (Bandmaster)

### Detached Warrant Officer:

W.O. II D. S. Stephenson

### Permanent Staff Attached:

W.O. I S. M. Solomon (R.S.M.)	C/Sgt. A. R. Hayden
W.O. II W. G. Price	Sgt. R. E. Cox
W.O. II B. Manchester	Sgt. R. H. Fowler
	Cpl. E. A. Gowen

### 1965

The year started well with a trip by our T.A.E.R. "ever ready" platoon to Canada. They went for a period of winter warfare training to Calgary as guests of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. In the same cold month, came the excellent news of Lieut. Jeremy Palmer-Tomkinson's ski-ing successes. Q.R.R. for the first time fielded a ski-ing team which under his leadership produced some first class results.

Spring recruiting drives with posters covered with Riflemen or skiers all in snow had the desired effect. By the middle of July the Regiment had just reached the magic figure of 450 volunteers. Since then there has been a fall off in numbers in part due to the T.A.'s uncertain future. However, the Autumn recruiting drive produced over thirty new recruits so we hope soon to make 450 a firm figure.

On 22nd May, the Regiment sent a contingent to Calais for the service to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Defence. Our training officer, Capt. Clinton Henshaw, commanded a parade consisting of contingents from the Royal Navy, the 3rd R.T.R. stationed in Germany, the French Army, our depot and Q.R.R. The combined bands of the Rifle Brigade and Q.R.R. took part, and in brilliant sunshine it made a good "Green Jacket" spectacle.

Annual Camp was spent at Otterburn in Northumberland. In spite of the usual damp summer weather, it was generally voted a successful camp. There was a slight murmuring in the Sergeants Mess that there was too much work. This was considered a good sign and may have been inspired by R.S.M. B. Rimmer's untiring efforts.

Shooting successes were again foremost in our year's record. The W.T.O. Major "Gordon" Richards, in spite of being dogged by ill health, captained the team as well as ever. The team ended a good season by almost sweeping the board at the Divisional Rifle Meeting. It is believed that no unit before has ever taken away so many trophies from this meeting.

Before the more detailed account of events, a word of congratulation is due to the Parachute Team. The Green Jacket "free fall" Parachute Club has had an outstanding year. Under Major Roy Eve's chairmanship they have gone from strength to strength. Besides competitions, they have done many displays. These are fast becoming a part of Green Jacket publicity. The display at Romsey which will have been seen by many readers was a particular triumph.

### Hand-Over

On 1st February, Lieut.-Col. Keith Loudoun-Shand handed over command of Q.R.R. to Lieut.-Col. Nick Eden. Col. Keith had completed exactly three years as Commanding Officer. The Regiment has grown tremendously under his guidance. On 1st May 1961, Queen's Royal Rifles was formed. Col. Keith's influence has been tantamount in the success of the new Regiment. He is responsible for its fame in London, in the United Kingdom and outside our shores too. A Platoon have visited North Africa and Canada during his command. For his services to the T.A. and the time and energy he expended on the Regiment's behalf he was made Brevet-Colonel and awarded the O.B.E. in the Birthday Honours. This double is virtually unique since the war. Col. Keith is to be warmly congratulated.

### T.A. Reorganisation

After exactly four years of existence, rumours began to circulate in Q.R.R. about changes in the T.A. structure. The reorganisation was finally announced late in the Summer. Many T.A. soldiers will welcome the change in the terms of service and change of role; there is also money to be saved in the administration of the T.A., but the wholesale cuts which will reduce the T.A. to a third of its present self came as a shock.

Nothing has to happen before February 1967, and until Autumn 1966 it is planned to continue as now. Q.R.R. will go to Annual Camp as a Regiment to Stanford in July 1966.

Changes in politics and plans can happen before Autumn 1966, so the details of the reorganisation will belong to the new Royal Green Jacket *Chronicle*. Suffice it to say that the Green Jackets will be represented by a Territorial Regiment shared by the three present Green Jacket T.A. Battalions. Something will therefore survive from the drastic cuts, and it is hoped that the spirit of Davies Street will continue at the Headquarters of the new Regiment.

### Annual Camp

This was the first time Q.R.R. had been to Otterburn in Northumberland. The bleak hills and north country hospitality blended well; this together with some good training facilities made up the basic ingredients for a good year.

Camp started early on Saturday morning 10th July. The main train party travelled overnight on Friday and arrived in coaches from a nearby station looking hungry for breakfast. It was a remarkable achievement by the Q staff that porridge, cereals, eggs, bacon, sausages and marmalade were all prepared. So camp started on the first Saturday with a swing.

From Sunday through to Thursday Rifle Companies went out on independent training. Fieldcraft, platoon tactics and company administration were the idea. Interspersed with this, was field and night firing. There are now some excellent field firing ranges at Otterburn, and these were put to good use.

On the Friday, we held a **Battalion Rifle Meeting**. This was planned under the able direction of the second-in-command, Major Wyatt, with W.O. II Hallett as his adviser. It was the first day of glorious sunshine so that the occasion started on a good note. Tents sprang up, bars appeared, the cookhouse arrived, and all the time the firing points were active. The band played. After five days of crawling on the damp moors, it was a day of contrast to be enjoyed by all. Shooting results were average, but 'A' Coy. took the prizes. This was a welcome change from the normal H.Q. versus 'B' Coy. shoot. Major Hanscombe (O.C. 'A' Coy.) won the prize as best shot amongst the officers.

On Saturday the Section Competition was held. This was directed by Capts. Drummond and Somerset. Once again they produced a worthwhile competition. The Honorary Colonel and Mrs. Wood were present and watched most of the teams. It started with an

inspection and a forced march, followed by a quiz and map reading test and ended up by an initiative test. The latter involved a company officer being carried over a stream on a stretcher, all taking place in a sheer gully. The Recce platoon won, as the only team entered by H.Q. Coy. 'C' Coy. had the next best results, all its four entries being well placed.

During the morning the Honorary Colonel presented W.O. II Bishop (C.S.M. of 'C' Coy.) with his Efficiency Medal. It marks twelve years of first class service to the T.A.

On Sunday a church service was held in the Camp cinema. The band provided the music. The new Padre, Capt. The Rev. Harries officiated and our Brigadier, Sir Jeffrey Darell, Bt., M.C. attended.

Monday of the second week opened the start of a tough five days. Crossing the start line at 0900 hrs. the Battalion went out on its own exercise *Bushey Run*. This had been set by our Training Officer, Capt. Henshaw. It was based on an exercise done by the Regular Battalion and will be familiar to some readers.

After a quick turn round, Q.R.R. left camp again on Wednesday morning at 0600 hrs. and started on an Exercise *Chevy Chase* organised by Brigade. This involved an advance in twelve hours over some fifteen miles of Northumberland hills, and ended in a Battalion night attack. The only accidents were some damp Riflemen who fell in a river up to their shoulders. Otherwise all completed a tough day. The Battalion was back in Camp by 0300 hrs. on Thursday.

On Thursday there was a Platoon Competition on a field firing range. This was run by the Training Officer. It was won by 2/Lieut. Alan Bulmer's Platoon, a just result as the Platoon had done particularly well throughout Camp.

On Friday we packed up. In addition to all this Q.R.R. found time to be enemy to the two other T.A. Battalions also in camp; the 3 in. Mortars and the B.A.T. were fired; the Recce Platoon went on an expedition to the sea; the Assault Pioneers blew some demolitions and of course there was the usual entertainment.

In the Officers' Mess, Capt. Hayter was P.M.C. On the middle Friday, Cols. Loudoun-Shand, Gregory, Earle and Knight, with Major Gibbs and Capt. Eccles arrived as guests. This meant a good party and under the chairmanship of our Honorary Colonel an excellent dinner was held on the Friday night. A toast was proposed by the Honorary Colonel to honour our Quartermaster, Major Leslie Grout. All officers wished him many years of happiness for the future on the start of his thirty-third year in the Army and his last camp with Q.R.R.

The officers also entertained the Sergeants' Mess to lunch, and in their turn were entertained by the Sergeants. On the second Tuesday visits were paid to both Messes by Gen. Ling and Brig. Weldon (Secretary of the County of London T.A. Association). Two informal visitors at the same time were Major-Gen. Gillett and Brig. Vernon (K.R.R.C.) both taking time off from their own T.A. Commands.

The Band and Bugles were in splendid form at camp. The band-



*Major-General Birbeck, Director of the T.A. sees off the Ever Readies. Sgt. Savage is at the far end*

master arranged "the Eton Boating Song" and "When the Saints come Marching In" as a slow march breaking into quick time.

The final parade was held at 1100 hrs. on the Friday. After an inspection the C.O. awarded the Company Cup to 'A' Coy. (W.O. II Alderton), H.Q. Coy. (W.O. II Harris) being a close second. The Cup is awarded for the best performance throughout the year. Prizes were given to the best young shots and to the winners of the Section and Platoon competitions. Early on Saturday morning the camp was handed over by the Quartermaster. The Brigadier was complimentary about the state of cleanliness. So ended a successful Camp.

### Ever Readies

In January Lieut. Michael Baird and 26 Riflemen from the Q.R.R. and one Sergeant and 11 Riflemen from L.R.B.R. formed an Ever Ready Platoon and flew to Canada to be guests of the 2nd Battalion, Queen's Own Rifles of Canada at Calgary, Alberta. They arrived in temperatures varying between 20 degrees and 40 degrees below. It really was freezingly cold. Within forty-eight hours of their arrival they were moving out on an all night exercise just to get them accustomed. Here is the report sent to us at the time by Sgt. S. Charkham, Int. Sergeant Q.R.R.

"After one false start at Lyneham, Wiltshire, which was due to engine failure, we eventually became airborne at 12.30 on Monday 4th January. Seven hours and five minutes later we landed at Gandar, Newfoundland. Considering how isolated Gandar is we had a fair reception, everyone knew who we were and where we were going. After refuelling we took off for Winnipeg, a flight of six hours and ten minutes. Here we had a marvellous reception. Despite the fact it was only a staging point, we were well entertained in all Messes at Fort Osborne, the local garrison. On the 5th we flew to Namao, Alberta. By this time everybody was beginning to feel the effects of being a quarter of the way round the world.

"The flying time to Namao was two hours and fifty minutes. Here we were met by Major Robinson, Second-in-Command of 2nd Battalion, Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and C.S.M. Ramsbottom. They put us in Regimental coaches and after a journey of five hours we arrived at our destination, Currie Barracks, Calgary, the depot of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and the station of their Second Regular Battalion. We were met in the dining hall just before midnight on Tuesday the 5th by their C.O., Lieut.-Col. Andrunyk, Major Munro, O.C. 'B' Coy. to whom we

were attached and also Major Eden, Second-in-Command Q.R.R.' who had arrived three hours previously on a commercial flight. We were made welcome by members of the unit. Everyone on arrival was issued with one bottle of Canadian beer and a packet of cigarettes. The next day winter warfare training started and with the exception of a few hours to clean up, repack, move to a new area, we have not stopped work until yesterday, the 22nd January when we came back from Wainwright. All training was concentrated. We did training on signals sets the C.42 and 510 (equivalent to the 31, but much better). We were issued snow equipment, Mukluks, bearspaws, whites and candles. Kitted out we had an hour's marching to test the personal gear. The next day, the 7th, we had periods on keeping warm, tent pitching and striking, naphtha stoves and lamps, arctic first aid, care and use of equipment, hygiene and sanitation, toboggan loading and lashing; then the same afternoon we moved out. 31 degrees below, 63 degrees of frost plus wind, giving a chill factor of 95 degrees of frost. In this we tested tents and toboggans. Apart from one Rifleman who filled his tent group stove and lamp with water everything went well. On the cooking side, Canadian and British ideas differ—I think we know best. We returned to Barracks at 0700. Several of the L.R.B.R. riflemen went down with flu at this juncture, but our own people are re-acting well.

"That afternoon after a rest we met our opposite numbers in the specialist field and in some cases replaced our counterparts. Socially the Sergeants visited the Corporals' Club and in our Mess we met nearly every limey in Canada. The Sergeants on the first Saturday went to a Curling competition; this appeared to be the equivalent of a Mess shoot. On the first Sunday we moved as a platoon down to the Garrison Church. A lesson was read by Col. Andrunyk and a page of the Memorial Book turned by Lieut. Baird.

"Monday to Wednesday of the next week was Exercise 'Everglade'. This was to train the Platoon in snowcraft, fit us in the Company structure and tent groups; this may sound insignificant but they are highly important factors in survival.

"On Friday 14th we moved to the Wainwright training area. This was our first opportunity to see the Prairie in daylight, also to try out 'diners'. We prepared to take part in a four phase Brigade Exercise set to test Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. It was called Exercise 'White Elk'. It lasted until 23rd January when exercise control told us we had been subdued. It was a good exercise, bringing out lessons in Guerilla Warfare and Keeping the Peace."



*Our Ever Readies patrolling in Canada*

They returned to London on Friday 5th February, exactly twenty-four hours late. This was a pity as a large press reception had been arranged for them on the Thursday. However, in the end all went well.

On Thursday 4th February the members of the press, who could not be contacted, were given a press release, the pick of an enormous selection of photographs and a drink at our St. George's Club at Davies Street. Then upstairs the officers looked after the Rt. Hon. Quintin Hogg, Q.C. the local M.P. for St. Marylebone, Officers from Canada House and the T.A. Association, and our new Brigade Commander, Brig. Sir Jeffrey Darell, Bt., M.C. In spite of the fact that the guests of honour were still airborne over the Atlantic they were very good parties.

At 2.30 p.m. on Friday, the Minister of Defence for the Army, the Rt. Hon. Fred Mulley, M.P. arrived to inspect the retarded Ever Ready platoon. T.V. cameras whirled and floodlights shone, arranged by our press-minded Adjutant. The Minister talked to many on parade and then afterwards met others informally in the St. George's Club. There was much posing and many photographs. It was a fitting party to end a trip, frequently in doubt, exceedingly cold, but ultimately a tremendous success.

### **Weekend Training**

The normal cycle of training weekends for the Battalion were organised. This year there were seven. The location varied between Bisley Lodge, Crookham, Lydd and Winchester. The popularity of the latter amongst the N.C.O.s is proof of the hospitality we receive from the Depot.

In addition the number of classifications, practice and real weekends have been increased. This has improved the results and made the Rifleman more interested in shooting. It has also had the welcome result of improving our shooting standard throughout the Battalion by 6%.

Weekends have been run by the Signals Platoon. The M.T. Cadre have passed out their usual quota of drivers. The Support Platoon has turned over almost entirely to the 3 in. Mortar, and this year were again just pipped into second place in the Brigade competition. Initiative weekends have been run in such places as the Cairngorms with ski-ing the main target, at Lulworth Cove where the Marines were our tough hosts and at the Forest of Dean, where even as this is being written the Riflemen are training.

### **Courage Trophy**

We entered two teams for the Courage Trophy in March. This is a trophy awarded by the Brewery for an endurance march, map reading, compass work, driving and range practices. It is open to all Regiments in the County of London and this year twenty teams entered.

'A' Coy.'s team came second after a most satisfactory result and had their map reading been better, might well have won. 'B' Coy. came ninth. The teams came respectively first and second in the Chuck Wagon Section and won a secondary cup and financial award.

### **The Drill Halls**

At Lymington Road, our new out-station in Hampstead, Capt. Ian Stanwell of the Sydney University Regiment has been in charge. He has spent a great deal of time there and his attachment to this Regiment is most welcome. The Recce Platoon have their H.Q. in the garage and a small Platoon of 'A' Coy. train there. On a Monday night it is a very active group that keeps the name of Q.R.R. in the eyes of Hampstead.

Buckingham Gate, as the home of the band, the shooting team, a K.R.R.C. Cadet Company, the 3 in. Mortars, the Assault Pioneers, the Green Jacket Parachute Club, the Corporals' Club, the Retired

Members of the Queen's Westminsters and Civil Service Rifles, not to mention 'B' and 'C' Coys., is used to the full. Every evening during the week, and most weekend days, the building is enlivened by contrasting noises, the Cadets playing football, the bugles practising, the .22 range shooting or even a group such as the Pointers Beat Trio playing at the invitation of the Portcullis Club (The All Ranks canteen).

### **Remembrance Sunday 1965**

The Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. Nick Eden, laid a wreath at the morning service on behalf of the Regiment at the Queen's Westminsters Memorial at Buckingham Gate. Lieut.-Col. F. L. Knight, O.B.E., T.D., Chairman of the Queen's Westminsters and Civil Service Rifles Retired Members Association presided at the service and the Bugle-Major, Sgt. Carter sounded the calls. Major Richards represented the Regiment at the service held at Somerset House to remember the Civil Service Rifles. The band was present on this occasion. Cpl. Guttridge went to the service held by the Post Office Rifles and sounded the calls there.

In the afternoon the Regiment held their usual service at St. Georges, Hanover Square. A contingent of the Battalion paraded under Major Alaster Templeton. The band and a Platoon from the K.R.R.C. Cadet Companies were also on parade. After an inspection the parade marched to the Church, where our special service was conducted by the Rev. W. M. Atkins, the Rector. The sermon was given by our padre, the Rev. R. D. Harries. The Church was as full as usual, the congregation overflowing into the gallery. Afterwards the parade marched back to Davies Street. Col. P. B. Earle, M.C. and the Commanding Officer took the traditional salute on the steps of the drill hall.

### **Officers' Mess**

There has been the usual large number of guests both official and private to the Mess during the year. The Minister of Defence (Army) The Rt. Hon. Fred Mulley, M.P. and his under Secretary of State, Mr. G. W. Reynolds, M.P. were entertained in the Mess on separate occasions. Sir Alec Douglas Home, K.T., Q.C., M.P. and Mr. Ted Heath, P.C., M.B.E., M.P., both paid visits to our Buckingham Gate Mess, in each case when they held the post of Leader of the Opposition. Mr. John Smith, M.P. the newly elected M.P. for Westminster paid an official visit, as did the Mayor of Westminster, Sir Charles Norton, M.B.E., M.C. Gen. Sir George Cole, K.C.B., C.B.E. and Major-Gen. F. A. H. Ling, C.B.E., D.S.O. have come

officially, the former as Commander-in-Chief, Eastern Command, the latter as Divisional Commander.

When Lieut.-Col. Nick Eden took over Command, Major J. J. N. Wyatt was appointed second-in-command of the Battalion. Jeremy Wyatt has served with the T.A. for fourteen years and, before the amalgamation in 1961 was a strong influence in the Queen's Westminsters. In the summer of this year, he was awarded the T.D. for which he is to be congratulated.

The Adjutant, Capt. Clinton Henshaw, became training officer in February, and a new Adjutant was appointed. This extra appointment became due to the Battalion in the Autumn of last year once the increased strength of the Regiment stayed constant over 400. Capt. Michael Eustace came to us from the Regular Battalion to be Adjutant, but sadly he was troubled by a lame knee which finally invalidated him out of the Army. It was sad to see someone so enthusiastic forced to retire. On 1st November Capt. Christopher Leach returning direct from Borneo took over as Adjutant. With him at the same time came Major Alf Lamb to take over as Q.M. They make a strong team, well supported by the other permanent staff, and of great assistance to Q.R.R.

### **Major L. P. Grout**

At the end of this year Major Leslie Grout finishes his career in the Army. We in Q.R.R. have a particular interest and a warm soft spot for Leslie and his wife, Molly. Ever since the inception in 1961, he has been our Quartermaster. He has made possible the expansion and varied training of the Regiment; But, even more so, he and his wife have entered fully into the spirit of Regimental life and contributed greatly to the success of Q.R.R.

Major Grout served thirty-three years with the 60th. He will be remembered by many readers in many various capacities. Perhaps as a Company Sergeant Major at Bushfield, or as a successful R.S.M. of the 2nd Battalion in 1953, but to the T.A. he has always been a Q.M. He was posted first to the Queen's Westminsters in 1954 and latterly to the Queen Victoria's Rifles in 1960. Throughout he has shown outstanding and loyal service. To Major and Mrs. Grout all ranks of the Queen's Royal Rifles send them best wishes for their future in civvy street.

### **Annual Dinner**

The Annual Dinner for past and present officers was held at the Ironmongers Hall in the City of London on Thursday 25th November. Over one hundred officers attended the occasion and the Queen

sent a telegram of good wishes in response to the Officers' of the Regiment telegram of loyalty.

The Regiment was privileged to use the Ironmongers Hall as Col. Nick Eden is a Liveryman of another City Company, who normally are permitted to borrow the Hall. In candlelight and on polished wood it made a marvellous setting for the silver both of the Regiment and of the City Company. The atmosphere was just right for the occasion and led to a most pleasant evening.

The Honorary Colonel, Richard Wood, presided at the dinner and had on his right the guest of honour, Major-Gen. Alick Williams. The officers of the Regiment invited Gen. Williams as a guest to a dinner he normally attends as a member, in order to celebrate his appointment as Colonel Commandant. Other official guests included our Divisional Commander, Major-Gen. Ling and Mr. Blundell representing the Haberdashers Company.

From the Green Jackets, Col. Giles Mills attended, and also the C.O.s of the other two Green Jacket T.A. Regiments, Lieut.-Col. Charles Humphreys and Lieut.-Col. Tommy Wallis. From the Staff College came Lieut.-Cols. Roly Guy and David Mostyn, both of whom had helped run a study period for the T.A. London Regiments. It was good to see them at this more informal event. We welcomed from the Sydney University Regiment, Capts. Ian Stanwell and Len Brandon.

The Honorary Colonel proposed the toast of the Regiment. In the course of his speech he welcomed the guests and paid tribute to the Regiment's activities. In particular he paid tribute to the work of Col. Keith Loudoun-Shand and Major Leslie Grout. The Commanding Officer replied to the toast of the Regiment and spoke briefly on the events of the future. He also spoke about the T.A. reorganisation and the general disquiet the present plan was beginning to ferment throughout the country.

After the dinner, the large majority of people returned to the Officers' Mess at Davies Street where the event continued to be celebrated into the early hours of the next morning.

### **W.Os'. & Sergeants' Mess**

Our Annual Mess Ball was held in March this year. A tremendous amount of effort was made by the Committee, who, amongst their many other chores, very effectively decorated the hall with palms and miniature lanterns.

Our camp dinner was arranged on the Sunday, at this function we said "farewell" to R.S.M. Basil Rimmer who was leaving to take up the appointment of R.S.M. with the Battalion in Penang.

He was very surprised to receive a cigarette box and table lighter in appreciation of his work. We all wish him success in his new job. Stan Solomon, the R.S.M.'s relief paid us a brief visit during camp and he has now settled in officially at Davies Street.

Our Sergeants' Mess shoot was held in September, fortunately the weather was excellent, sunshine and clear blue skies.

The Annual Mess Dinner was held in October, attendance being high and guests numerous. Col. Eden was the guest of honour. After a very good dinner the usual speeches were made and toasts proposed. Presentation pewters were given to W.O. II Danny Napier as retiring President, Frank Purdom for services rendered to the Mess during his T.A. service and John Sheldon on his retirement from the Mess and T.A.

### Corporals' Club

In 1964 the Corporals' Club, which in recent years had only been effective at Annual Camp, was given a permanent home at Buckingham Gate when the Sergeants' Mess vacated their accommodation to concentrate in the Davies Street Drill Hall. The enthusiasm which followed this was directed into the proper channels by R.S.M. Rimmer with the result that the Corporals of the Regiment now have normal Mess facilities on Wednesday drill nights. The value of this has been much appreciated and it is obvious that a new spirit now exists in the ranks of the junior N.C.O.'s.

### Shooting Notes—1965

This year the move of the Divisional Rifle Meeting to September has meant that most of the major competitions fell into the last part of the year. To get competitive practice, therefore, we entered for the first time in the Warwickshire meeting where against very stiff Regular Services opposition our team came 6th out of 13 entries and were knocked out in the semi-final of the Tiles shoot by a team of Small Arms School Instructors. However, we were by far the best T.A. team there and appeared to impress the local officials and the Commander of the Mercian Brigade with our standard of shooting.

Our next venture was at the Rifle Meeting of the 5th Battalion Middlesex Regt., where for the fifth year running we won the Visitors Match. The last competition before Bisley was the Big Six Match, fired annually between the reserve forces units with Bisley Clubhouses, which we won with a margin of 120 points over the runners-up—our old rivals the L.R.B.R.

Fortunes were patchy at the T.A.R.A. Central Meeting at Bisley. We had the usual quota of names in the prize lists and seven different

people shooting in representative T.A. teams in the inter-services competitions. So far as team competitions were concerned, however, we fared less well but did manage to get second place in the China Cup, and to win the Mayor of Westminster's Cup.

The climax of the year came in September when the Team were involved in competitive shoots on three weekends running. On the first weekend six of our members shot for the Queen's Royal Rifles Society in the three-cornered match between that Society and the Retired Members Association of the Q.V.R. and Queen's Westminsters. Of the six individual prizes offered by the Q.R.R. Society our members won all three scratch prizes. In the team match the Q.R.R. team scores were all provided by serving members who beat the redoubtable Queen's Westminsters team by 21 points.

In the London & Middlesex Meeting on the following weekend we were not in our best form but nevertheless managed to get first or second place in every team competition. Detailed results were as follows:

Pryke Memorial	2nd	Q.R.R.
Battalion Match	2nd	Q.R.R.
Parnall Cup	1st	Q.R.R.
H.M.S. President Cup	2nd	Q.R.R.
Small Arms Efficiency	2nd	Q.R.R.
<i>Individual Results</i>		
Elizabethan Bowl	2nd	Sgt. Meynell—Q.R.R.
	3rd	L/Cpl. Gilbert—Q.R.R.
	4th	Cpl. Everitt—Q.R.R.
	5th	L/Cpl. Hutchins—Q.R.R.
Service Rifle Championship	Bronze Jewel:	Cpl. Touhey—Q.R.R.
	Centenary Cup:	C/Sgt. Witts—Q.R.R.
	Spoons (2):	L/Cpl. Garlick—Q.R.R.
Kit Kat Trophy	2nd	L/Cpl. Garlick—Q.R.R.

The next weekend saw us competing in our Divisional Small Arms Meeting at Colchester (where we sadly missed the hospitality extended in previous years by the 2nd Green Jackets). Here we struck better form and repeated the previous weekends record of coming either first or second in every team competition—only in this instance we came first more often! Detailed results were as follows:

			Pts.
Individual Rifle	1st	Rfn. Godden—L.R.B.R.	154
(Open Class)	2nd	C/Sgt. Witts—Q.R.R.	150
	3rd	Cpl. Everitt—Q.R.R.	148
(W.O.'s/Sergeants Class)	1st	C/Sgt. Witts—Q.R.R.	150

(R. & F. Class)	2nd	Cpl. Everitt—Q.R.R.	148
Individual Pairs (L.M.G.)			
(Open class)	1st	W.O. II Hallett & Sgt. Meynell—Q.R.R.	169
(Young soldiers class)	1st	L/Cpl. Hutchins—Q.R.R.	107
	3rd	Rfn. Hyde—Q.R.R.	101
Rifle Team Match	1st	Q.R.R.	1010
L.M.G. Match	1st	Q.R.R.	548
S.M.G. Match	2nd	Q.R.R. 'B' Team	397
	3rd	Q.R.R. 'A' Team	389
Holmes Cup			
(4 riflemen)	2nd	Q.R.R.	
South Essex Shield			
(4 L.M.G. Gunners)	2nd	Q.R.R.	
Div. Team Match	1st	Q.R.R. 'A' Team	493
(Rifle & L.M.G.)	2nd	Q.R.R. 'B' Team	433
Div. Young Soldiers Team			
(Rifle & L.M.G.)	1st	Q.R.R.	335
Major Units Championship			
(Aggregate)	1st	Q.R.R. 103 (H.P.S.)	104

### Band Notes

The Band continues to grow in size and reputation, and this has resulted in the busiest season ever. Highlight was the visit of the bands of the Sussex Yeomanry and the Royal Sussex Regiment to join us in a social and massed bands concert. We aim to repeat the experiment later on.

Our carnival engagements included one at which our transport failed to materialise. In true Light Infantry fashion, we arrived in the nick of time piled aboard two taxis and four private cars. Annual Camp was voted the best yet. As well as supporting the usual Regimental functions, we gave two lunch-time concerts in Eldon Park, Newcastle and an evening programme in the delightful park at Hexham. Our energies are now devoted to rehearsing for the annual Divisional Band Contest at Colchester in October.

Capt. Ted Jeanes has looked in on us a couple of times and also gave us that extra confidence before the Divisional Band Competition. This produced good results.

The Competition was held at Colchester in October. We were put in the second division, and we came 2nd out of the six bands entered, being only one point behind the winners; but the triumph was the concert piece. Our marks of 42 out of 50 were the best in our Division. Next year we plan to be first.

## SKI-ING

### The Army Championships 1965

The Queen's Royal Rifles has branched out into another activity for the first time a Territorial Army team entered for the Army Alpine Championships at St. Moritz in January and, much to everyone's delight, came fourth in the Combined results, competing against twenty-six other teams from various regular regiments.

Major Roy Eve, recruited from the Parachuting Club to father the team, showed unexpected artistry on his skis and exhorted the other three members to accomplish great deeds. In the first event Lieut. Jeremy Palmer-Tomkinson showed expert form, in the style that brought him success in the British Championships, to win the Giant Slalom; Lieut. Julian Byng and L/Cpl. Alan Bulmer followed with reasonable times giving Queen's Royal Rifles second place. The Downhill Race would have seen the team in the same position but for Lieut. Julian Byng having an argument with one of the gates on the course, which resulted in his subsequent disqualification. Unfortunately, Major Roy Eve competed before hearing of this and so, under the false impression that his time would not be taken, he



*The Ski-ing team at Crystal Palace at the opening of the run, Autumn 1965.  
From L. to R.: Capts. Byng, Pitman, Lieuts. Bulmer and Palmer-Tomkinson*

descended in a more relaxed manner. Therefore, in spite of Lieut. Jeremy Palmer-Tomkinson winning this race, thirteen seconds clear of his nearest rival and L/Cpl. Bulmer coming a creditable sixteenth, the team was pushed down to eleventh position.

The Slalom, being the last of the three events, began at 10 o'clock on Thursday of the second week of the Championships. A cloudless sky, dazzling sunshine and crisp snow called for fast ski-ing down the two courses set. Lieut. Jeremy Palmer-Tomkinson weaved through the first line of poles almost three seconds faster than Lieut. David French of the Royal Artillery, who went on to win the event, but on his second run fell badly enough to place him fourth in the Slalom and to be beaten into second position in the Individual Championship. L/Cpl. Bulmer showed admirable consistency to finish twelfth, placing him sixteenth overall. Lieut. Julian Byng disappointed everyone when the sole of his boot peeled off in this race so that he was given maximum time; This resulted in the team being placed in fifth position.

In the final result of the Unit Championship the Queen's Royal Rifles came fourth.

The comparative success of this first effort has fired the imaginative spirit of all ski enthusiasts in the Regiment and next year should witness greater things.

#### The T.A. Championships 1965

Fresh from its successes at St. Moritz the Regiment entered for the Army Ski Association Scottish meeting and T.A. Championships held in the Cairngorms on 20th March 1965. Unfortunately the team was missing two of its stars, Capt. Julian Byng and Lieut. Jeremy Palmer-Tomkinson. However, Lieut. Nick White, who had been unable to ski in the Army meeting, was able to compete.

The time keeping arrangements were haphazard due to a breakdown in an electrical device, the results therefore may not have been strictly accurate. In the event the inter-unit cup was won by 278 (Lowland) Field Regiment R.A., Queen's Royal Rifles were second and London Rifle Brigade Rangers third.

In the individual aggregate Nick White skied brilliantly, despite little or no practice to finish third.

Other results were:

- 11th L/Cpl. (now 2/Lieut) Bulmer
- 90th Capt. D. C. Pitman
- 116th Lieut. D. I. Mitchell Innes

#### The Army Championships 1966

As we go to press it seems likely that we shall not be eligible to compete in the inter-unit Championships this year. Despite this embargo we intend to compete and are sending a full team, Capt. Byng, Lieut. White, Lieut. Palmer-Tomkinson and 2/Lieut. Bulmer. The team will be managed by the Adjutant, Capt. Christopher Leach, who, rumour has it may even compete himself.



*The Duchess of Kent presents the Redhead Cup for Giant Slalom to Jeremy Palmer-Tomkinson*

## 1st CADET BATTALION

### *Battle Honour*

South Africa 1900-02

### *Honorary Colonel:*

Col. R. G. H. Sutton, O.B.E.

### *Officers:*

Lieut.-Col. G. R. B. Hanson

Capt. J. H. L. Burke

Capt. M. F. Cox

Lieut. H. Maxim

2/Lieut. C. Thomas

Capt. P. W. Bell (S.E. Area,  
A.C.F. Staff)

Capt. J. Holland (N.W. Area,  
A.C.F. Staff)

### *Adult Warrant Officers*

W.O. II S.M.I. W. McCormack, B.E.M.

(R.Q.M.S.)

W.O. II S.M.I. A. Edmed

W.O. II S.M.I. G. Westlake

W.O. II S.M.I. G. Holt

W.O. II S.M.I. W. Smeeton.

(R.S.M. N.W. Area, A.C.F)

C/Sgt. S.I. R. Collett.

C/Sgt. S.I. A. O. Donoghue

Sgt. S.I. P. J. Celecia.

### **Activities of the Battalion**

Like former years this one has been one of much activity in all three Companies. Numbers once again remain steady and quality changes little. The ever increasing activities financed by a growing Youth Service call for a constant effort on the part of units to hold young people who are for ever seeking something new. There are signs that the Youth Service of the future will embrace some of our activities in conjunction with the Ministry of Defence and this will call for careful judgment on the part of Unit Commanders. The A.C.F. is to remain but in what form and under what conditions has yet to be decided. Certain it is that Davies Street and we hope other centres will house Green Jacket Cadets who can play a part in regular and reserve recruitment so maintaining the unique tradition built up over the last seventy years.

P. J. Celecia a former Cadet Sergeant of "B Coy. now joins us as a Sergeant Instructor. Cadet Colour Sergeant McGrath has joined the Metropolitan Police Cadets and passed out as the smartest Police Cadet of his course. Colour Sergeant Collett of 'A' Coy. himself a Metropolitan Police Officer received his second Police Commendation this year. All Companies have taken part in the Remembrance Day Service and enjoyed a full round of Company Dinners, Socials and Recruiting Displays.

Stanley Johnson who commanded 'B' Coy. paid a visit recently. He is now Major and 2nd in Command of the 1st. Bn. The Trinidad and Tobago Regiment and has just completed a six months course at the Joint Services Defence College.



*1st C. Bn. K.R.R.C. on board H.M.S. Isis in Calais Harbour*

### **Calais Visit**

One of the highlights of the year was the opportunity afforded to a party consisting of 2/Lieut. Cliff Thomas and fourteen other ranks from 1st C. Bn. K.R.R.C. to take a part in the twenty-fifth memorial service for the defence of Calais. Accommodation was provided upon H.M.S. *Isis* which left the embankment on Friday evening 21st May arriving at Calais on the morning of the 22nd. The party acted as guides and wreath bearers to V.I.P.'s and laid a wreath from the Cadet Battalion. The afternoon was spent in sightseeing and during the evening the cadets acted as stewards at a reception held on H.M.S. *Lynx*. It was possible to wear the old full dress uniform of the battalion on this occasion. The return to London during Sunday 23rd concluded a most memorable visit for the long serving N.C.O.'s and Cdt. Riflemen who were chosen to go.

## Training

This has again been arduous and varied throughout the year. Easter saw 'A' and 'C' Coys. at Winchester with 'B' Coy. on the Plain with a Cadet Battery from 254 Regt. R.A. (T.A.). In early August 'B' Coy. undertook another adventure training week. Capt. Cox with fifteen cadets, five canoes and minibus support made the return journey of 120 miles from Reading to Devizes. Three days in each direction required some 46 portages with bivouacs each evening. The crews were changed daily and all gained much experience from the trip.

All three companies produced a Green Jacket contingent of nearly forty at annual camp in August. This proved to be one of the most successful camps ever attended and was held at No. 42. W.E.T.C. Cultybraggan Perthshire. Some six hundred all ranks from the County of London A.C.F. Contingent travelled overnight to Perth and thence by buses to camp. The training which included Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions to the Gold Standard was much enjoyed amidst excellent camp facilities and beautiful scenery. In addition to tactical training a good deal of canoeing and watermanship was practised and most units fired the .303 Classification Course. Social activities included the Beating of Retreat at both Crieff and Comrie, a visit to the Highlands Games at Crieff and a day trip to Edinburgh.



1st C. Bn. K.R.R.C. Light duties on H.M.S. Isis

A second T.A. weekend for the C.C.F. and A.C.F. Units was organised by Queen's Royal Rifles at Crookham and greatly enjoyed by all. We were able to send some N.C.O.'s to a very useful training weekend at the Depot and hope to spend another Easter there in 1966.

## Shooting

'A' and 'C' Coys. were once again the only participants in the .303 field this year. It was not easy to raise a team and the strenuous efforts of Chris Gregory played more than a major part in seeing the team through a series of competitions to reach the National Cadet Competitions at Bisley in October. The one bright spot lies in the fact that the only Cadet Hundred gained by the County of London A.C.F. Teams was that of Sgt. Berry of 'A' Coy. 1st. C. Bn. K.R.R.C.

## Competition Results

*Watts Bowl Competition*—13th place out of 24 entries.

*Montgomery of Alamein Challenge Cup*.—36th place out of 161 entries.

## Sport

'A' Coy. continue to dominate the field in this respect and their team won six medals at the County of London A.C.F. Meeting at Chelsea this year. Sgt. Fuller was first in the 100 yds., 2nd in the High Jump and his team came second in the County Relay race.

## Certificate "A"

All candidates gained very satisfactory marks and 'A' Coy. continued their long record of having no failures.

## General Comment

Our appreciation is extended to both the Depot and Queen's Royal Rifles for all the assistance they give us throughout each year. A number of our ex-cadets serving with 2nd Green Jackets have visited us whilst on Christmas leave and those serving with the T.A. Regiment keep in touch.

The future of the A.C.F. as such is assured but out of some thirty-one detachments in London at least twenty will be without accommodation in T.A. Centres. We shall be more fortunate than most and are trusting that our cherished right to wear our own cap badge with its unique Battle Honour will remain together with a title we have held since 1894.

There is still need for both Officers and Adult Warrant Officers to serve with the Cadet Units and we should be delighted to welcome anyone interested to any of the drill nights or functions if they care to get in touch with us at Davies Street.

## 1st BATTALION 2nd K.E.O. GOORKHAS (The Sirmoor Rifles)

*Commandant:* Lieut.-Col. E. D. Smith, D.S.O., M.B.E.

The year 1965 has, once again, been one of hard work and excitement. Apart from four busy months of peace-time soldiering in Hong Kong, we have been on active service in the Fifth Division of Sarawak since July 1964. Battalion Headquarters is still at Limbang with B Echelon, some forty-five minutes down river by boat, in Brunei. The four rifle companies are between an hour and half an hour's flying time away from Limbang, there being no other way in which to reach them. The area for which we are responsible consists of large jungle-clad hills with scattered long houses in many of the valleys.

In late January, just before we left for Hong Kong, an enemy party came over the border and fired at 'C' Coy.'s base with rocket launchers. Fortunately the rockets fell short and 'C' Coy. replied with a hail of mortar bombs on the enemy position. Subsequently two enemy dead were found and heavy blood trails indicated that others had been severely wounded. A few days later while patrolling the area, three enemy walked into a platoon base, one of whom was killed, a rocket launcher being recovered. The other two escaped and later in the day mortar and machine gun fire was brought down on the platoon who suffered no casualties.

Two days after this incident 'C' Coy. came across an enemy position in fairly open ground and at once attacked. Three enemy were seen to run and it is thought they were all hit. However a further enemy position some distance away pinned the company down with heavy mortar and machine-gun fire. One Rifleman was killed and another wounded as a result. 'C' Coy.'s difficult position was quickly improved. The new enemy were engaged with small arms fire and rocket launchers whilst the F.O.O. and mortar Mobile Fire Controller brought down gun and mortar fire. One mortar bomb landed in an enemy mortar pit blowing mortar and crew sky high. A rocket launcher, firing from a flank, silenced an enemy machine gun bunker by putting a rocket through the slit. The enemy fire stopped and a few were seen to crawl away. 'C' Coy. finally withdrew and our first claim was eight enemy killed and seven wounded. We have since heard that casualties were probably twice this number. All in all, this was a highly successful action and made a good finale to the end of this, our third tour in Borneo.

The Battalion Main Body moved to Hong Kong in early February and we were all finally complete in our Barracks at Queen's Hill by 14th February. Initially we spent the first two weeks reorganising and doing all the necessary administration required after a tour in Borneo. In March companies were each given two weeks rest in the Kowloon Leave Camp where they were free to play games and visit the shops and bright lights. In early April we settled down to hard work with two months of intensive individual training. This was run centrally and included all the education and various specialist cadres. June was devoted to collective training from section to company level. Time was all too short and before the month was over the Advance Party left once more for Borneo. But more of this later.

The 150th Anniversary of the raising of the Regiment was celebrated in April with the Band and Bugles beating Retreat before a large number of our friends in Hong Kong. This was followed by a cocktail party and buffet supper in the Mess. We also held a Guest Night to which His Excellency The Governor and The Commander British Forces were invited together with the Brigade Commander and Commanding Officers of other Regiments in Hong Kong.

By the 4th July operational command had passed to us from 2nd Battalion 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles and we were once again fully occupied in our area which includes the 5th Division of Sarawak and the Interior Residency of Sabah. Companies returned for the most part to their old bases and we quickly stepped back into the world we knew before our break in Hong Kong.

After a short period to settle in and reconnoitre the various areas of interest, operations started in earnest. So far we have not been unrewarded.

'C' Coy. started the ball rolling on 2nd August by killing one enemy who came into an ambush they had laid. This was followed by a more productive action when 'A' Coy. came across a party of enemy in a camp near a river. Leaving a platoon to ambush the river fifteen hundred yards downstream the rest of the Company attacked the camp which turned out to be on both sides of the river and occupied by about forty men. After a considerable amount of firing the camp was cleared. While a search was being made the enemy counter attacked but were driven off with further losses.

Meanwhile the ambush on the river killed four men in a boat and a further one on the opposite bank. The platoon remained in position and nearly three hours later a further boat appeared whereupon another four enemy were despatched. A minimum of fourteen

dead were counted and this number could well be higher, certainly several others were wounded. Fourteen assorted weapons were captured together with numerous documents.

Operations continued without a contact until 26th September when 'D' Coy., in ambush on a high river bank, saw three boats unloading men some two thousand yards downstream. Half an hour later the boats were seen to return towards Indonesia but this time with a different party of men. 'D' Coy. immediately went off to reconnoitre and, after a very arduous march across the grain of the country, came upon forty enemy in camp. Fire was opened and at least thirteen enemy were killed and twenty-three weapons captured together with a considerable amount of supplies.

In both these actions we were fortunate in having only two men slightly wounded by bullets that just grazed an ear in one case and the side of the face in the other. They are now both perfectly fit. Since the end of September no further contact has been made but we hope to have some more success before we return to Hong Kong at the end of January.

The Regimental Band left for England in May with representative Pipes and Drums from other Battalions in the Brigade. They are due back shortly, after, from what we hear, a successful tour. Our Gurkha Major accompanied the Band, this being his first visit to England. He has returned early and goes on pension after thirty-three years service in November. We are most sorry to see him go, he has been a wise counsellor and friend to many of us over the years. We are also very sorry to have had to say farewell to Col. Johnny Clements who handed over command to Col. Birdie Smith in late October. The former goes to America for six months before taking up an appointment in Salisbury.

We have had many visitors, so many that it is impossible to keep track of them all. One of the most notable was Dame Joan Vickers, M.P. who spent a short time with us at Limbang.

We are, of course, delighted that Brig. House has recently arrived to be our Brigade Commander but we are disappointed not to have been near enough to see anything of the 60th. Distances are so great that this has not been possible. We hope on our next Borneo tours that we will be closer and able to meet.

## 2nd Bn. 2nd K.E.O. GURKHA RIFLES

by

Capt. J. L. Parkes

*Commandant:* Lieut.-Col. D. F. Neill, O.B.E., M.C.

The 2nd Battalion has had as eventful a year as any in its history. Wars and emergencies of one sort or another have performed the major part of its life since 1886. Notwithstanding, the battles fought over the last twelve months, with all their limitations of manoeuvre caused by the existence of the invisible line of the border between Sarawak and Indonesia and the further limitations imposed by shortages of equipment appropriate to this type of warfare, have proved as difficult and arduous as any of former times. The same qualities of steadfastness and courage that have always been required of Riflemen have been displayed on many occasions, together with those of initiative and low cunning, an unfailing requirement of a successful guerilla. For this is the way this war is being fought. The guerilla is being beaten on his own ground by guerilla tactics, the only difference being in the quality of the troops putting these precepts into practice.

November and December 1964 and the first few days of January 1965 saw the end of our first operational tour in Sarawak since the Indonesian confrontation of Malaysia began. Dispersed as we were over an area with one hundred and forty miles of border to be preserved, we learned many valuable lessons. The different types of terrain encountered by Companies, ranging from swamp to hill jungle and sheer rocky cliffs, have all broadened the basic tactical experience of commanders. Wide dispersion severely tested our administration, but the ubiquitous helicopter was invaluable in both this and in a tactical role also. The support which we had from 225 Sqn. Royal Air Force made mobility in rugged terrain a possibility. This proved to be of inestimable worth and joint co-operation at this level became part of our everyday life.

On our return to Singapore in January, the first priority was leave. Nine months of operating in difficult conditions without respite were beginning to make their mark and so leave by companies at the Fort Auchry Leave Centre in Penang was organised. This completed, the unfinished, or in some cases unstarted, business of training and education cadres took priority. Games, which had suffered from lack of attention for many months, were pursued with more energy than skill. The one exception to this was on the soccer field where under



*Field-Marshal H.R.H. The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., K.T., G.B.E., awards the Military Cross to Lieut. (Q.G.O.) Nandaraj Gurning at Bau, Sarawak, on 28th February, 1965*

the expert tuition and captaincy of Len Lauderdale, we won the Nepal Cup, the much coveted inter-unit trophy fought for in the Brigade of Gurkhas with a dedication that is almost unbelievable. As we had not won it since 1951 the victory was that much sweeter. Inter-platoon six-a-side soccer and hockey competitions, courses and cadres seemed at one stage to put us in danger of returning to Borneo more tired than when we left.

The build-up of retraining was climaxed by our return in late June 1965, this time to the First Division of Sarawak, for an operational tour scheduled to last five and a half months. Battalion Headquarters moved into Lundu and was joined there by Support Company who were to act as reserve Company. The latter was re-established as a result of our experiences in the Second Division last year. The mammoth Headquarters Company is now reduced to more manageable proportions and we have gained in flexibility, now being able to deploy five rifle companies each about one hundred strong. Support Company was raised and trained by Christopher Bullock who has now decided to become a member of the Permanent Cadre of Brigade of Gurkhas. We were delighted by his decision but feel very much that our gain is the 60th's loss.

'C' Coy. commanded by Geoffrey Ashley is in Bokah, our most easterly base; 'A' and 'D' Coys commanded by Len Lauderdale and Piers Erskine-Tulloch respectively occupy Biawak and 'B' Coy. commanded by Michael Joy are in Sematan. Biawak is a completely new position and is a very fine example of a jungle fort. Sematan on the other hand is on the sea shore with an attractive vista of golden sand azure sea. Rather more inviting.

Operations on this tour have been remarkable for their success. All companies except 'D' have drawn blood and some have outstanding feats of arms to their credit. Without doubt the preparatory period gained operating in the Second Division last year has proved to be of immense benefit. Guerilla tactics entailing long, covert forced marches over sometimes incredibly difficult ground, combined with ambushes of a particularly destructive nature, have all proved to be devastatingly successful. Lieut. Gen. Sir Francis Taker, a distinguished soldier of this Regiment once said that the main principle of war is surprise; all others are subsidiary to it. This has been admirably borne out.

It has been a great joy to be solidiering alongside the 60th once more. There has been more than adequate proof shown in this campaign that the British and Gurkha soldier, properly trained and well led can be more than a match for any enemy. The successes of the 60th and in some measure of ourselves have confirmed this

fact. We hope now that they are in Penang to see much more of them and to have further opportunities yet again of soldiering together.

#### HONOURS AND AWARDS 1964-65

O.B.E.—Lieut.-Col. D. F. Neill, M.B.E., M.C.

M.C. —Major J. J. Aslett.

Lieut.(Q.G.O.) Nandaraj Gurung.

M.M. —21137441 L/Cpl. Amarjit Pun.

21149107 L/Cpl. Reshambahadur Thapa.

21151703 Rfn. Rudrabahadur Gurung.

M.I.D.—Major R. S. Blewett R.A.M.C.

Major L. J. Lauderdale.

Lieut.(Q.G.O.) Dilbahadur Gurung.

21149246 Rfn. Tekbahadur Pun.

## THE QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES OF CANADA

### THE REGIMENTAL DEPOT

*Commanding Officer:* Major J. L. McCulloch, C.D.

*Location:* Currie Barracks, Calgary, Alberta

The 1964/65 training year began with three recruit platoons in training and one starting. By December there were four full platoons in training with the prospect of keeping that strength in the foreseeable future.

After a short Christmas "break", training swung into full stride again. An added difficulty to the training was the extremely cold weather, the mercury dropping well below zero and remaining there for several months.

We looked forward to the Spring, and especially to the commencement of the one-week tented camps; each platoon attending at least two of these during the period April to October. The camps proved very successful from a training point of view and also provided the recruits with a break from the routine of garrison life.

On 16th June, 1965 the Depot was privileged to provide a Guard of Honour for His Excellency, Gen. the Right Honourable George P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., C.D., Governor-General of Canada on the occasion of his visit to Calgary. The Guard consisted of one hundred all ranks, ranging from recruits in their second week of training to those in their final week.

Archery has been introduced as a new sport in the Depot. Although the number of "Robin Hoods" in the unit is limited, the sport is becoming very popular, particularly in Training Company. Recruits at the tented camps have taken it up in earnest and there were some very good bowmen slinking about in "green".

The training year at the Depot has been both successful and enjoyable and indications are that the work of the Depot, by becoming broader in scope, will be even more challenging and interesting in the future.

### 1st BATTALION

*Commanding Officer:* Lieut.-Col. C. L. Kirby, C.D.

*Location:* Work Point Barracks, Esquimalt, B.C.

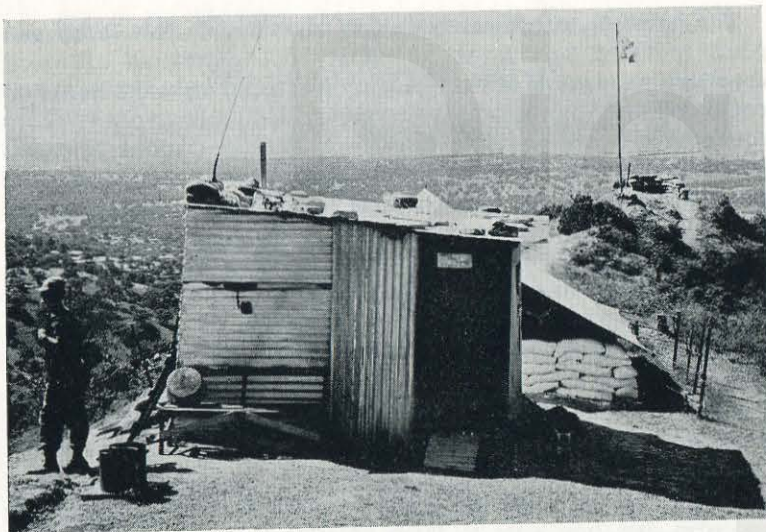
For the 1st Battalion, the past year has been one of great diversity in training, location and organization. In March and April 1965 the Battalion was flown out to join the United Nations Force in Cyprus whose job was to prevent a further outbreak of fighting between the Greek and Turkish Cypriots.

The problems encountered ranged from finding lost sheep and goats to fixing permanent community boundaries, all of which contained an element of risk. Among its official tasks the Battalion could count the Nicosia-Kyrenia convoy, a 40 mile two-way chore conducting Greek Cypriots through a Turkish Cypriot defended area four times per day; maintenance of between 45 and 50 outposts, almost all tactically located in no-man's land between the two hostile communities; constant surveillance of the entire Battalion area, in which both the Turkish and Greek National Contingents were also stationed, and supervision of the numerous harvests of olives, carobs, dates and lemons, to which an officer had to be assigned almost full time to deal with the inevitable disputes of ownership, where one man owns the land, another the trees, and yet another the water used to nourish the produce.

There are no pamphlets or manuals to guide such peace-keeping operations and a great deal of credit for the Battalion's record of success as part of U.N.F.I.C.Y.P. has to be accorded the Corporals and Riflemen who were required to solve local problems near their isolated outposts as they occurred. The fact that The Queen's Own never had to fire a shot to maintain the peace, even when fired upon, speaks highly for the common sense and calibre of its soldiers.



*Depot Tented Camp. A Platoon of the Depot setting out on the day's training from tented camp in the Bow River Forest Reserve—West of Calgary—1965*



*Paquin's Hill—Cyprus—1965. This outpost, located on a Northern spot of the Kyrenia Mountains, is typical of the more than 40 outposts maintained by 1 Q.O.R. of C. to "keep the peace" during its six month United Nations in Cyprus*

Weather added to the discomfort during the summer months for those who were not near enough to take advantage of the only air conditioner in the Canadian Contingent—the seas. When the temperature began to hover at over 120°F the fortunate ones could make their way to the North Coast for a refreshing swim, whilst those less fortunate had to content themselves with a respectable tan.

Months soon ran into months and "rotation-home time" arrived in late September. Arriving to relieve the unit came the 2nd Battalion, Canadian Guards, with a battery of artillery. By the 11th of October the last aircraft-load of Riflemen had touched down at Victoria after an 8,000 mile, 24 hour flight and the following day the unit was on a well deserved special and annual leave, which when taken completed will see the unit together again in late November 1965.

### 2nd BATTALION

*Commanding Officer:* Lieut.-Col. S. F. Andrunyk, C.D.

*Location:* Currie Barracks, Calgary, Alberta.

Training has assumed larger proportions in the past year with the introduction of the Armoured Personnel Carrier (A.P.C.)M113A1 to the Battalion and its conversion to a Mechanized Infantry Battalion.

Winter training and exercises began in December and continued until March when that main prerequisite for winter training, snow, began to disappear. Of particular note amongst the exercises carried out were "Everglade" in mid-January and "White Elk", a Brigade-run exercise, at the end of January. 'B' Coy. was joined on both exercises by an "Everready" Platoon of Queen's Royal Rifles from London, England. The Everready's found the weather hardly to their liking as they experienced temperatures at minus 30 to 40°F with correspondingly cold winds. All survived and the training proved of inestimable value.

The end of June saw the Battalion *en route* to Camp Wainwright and six weeks of field training as part of the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade Group. This concentration enables the unit to devote all of its energies to field training in all aspects of tactics and administration and runs the gamut from company group to brigade group training and concludes with an exercise under the control of the General Officer Commanding Western Command.

The final parade of the year occurred on 8th October when the General Officer Commanding inspected the Battalion. In his stated opinion, the parade was excellent.

Sports have received varying degrees of interest during the year, primarily because of the fluctuations in personnel. However, the Battalion ski team successfully advanced from the Western Command Ski Championships to those of the Canadian Army held in Eastern Canada. Four members of the Team won individual awards.

In February, the Battalion provided a guard of honour at the raising of Canada's new flag at Currie Barracks and in March provided two detachments of anti-tank guns to engage in avalanche control in the Banff, Alberta area. The guns are used to fire high explosive rounds into threatening snow slides to break them up before they become dangerous.

The Battalion Bugles, although depleted in strength, have been much in demand to participate in parades, fairs and local functions. The quick Rifles pace and smart appearance of the Bugles in their green uniforms is a certain crowd-pleaser.

### 3rd BATTALION

*Commanding Officer:* Lieut.-Col. M. I. Jackson, C.D.

*Location:* 87 Richmond St. W, Toronto, Ontario

The Remembrance Day Church Parade to St. Paul's Anglican Church took place Sunday 8th November 1964. The Regimental Book of Remembrance was carried with due ceremony from the

Regimental Shrine to the high altar for the Service, as is our tradition. The Shrine itself, of carved marble, bears the Crest of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and those of the allied Regiments.

A Guard of Honour was inspected at the opening of the Royal Winter Fair by the Hon. John Roberts, Q.C., Prime Minister of Ontario, on 13th November 1964.

Unit training continued. The Bugle Band, under the new terms of the Canadian Army (Militia) undertook to qualify as Machine Gunners and to form the Battalion's Heavy Weapons Platoon.

The celebrations concluded with the Parade of the Battalion and the Association to the Regimental Church on Sunday 25th April with a formal reception in the Mess afterwards.

The Unit move to Camp Niagara for Annual Camp training and acquitted itself very well, coming first in the inter-unit Platoon competition organized by the Canadian Army (Regular).

A Mess Dinner was held in Old Fort George on Wednesday 7th July 1965 attended by the Colonel of the Regiment, Col. J. G. K. Strathy, O.B.E., E.D.

On Sunday 26th September the Queen's Own took the limelight in the Garrison Church Parade. The swift Rifle pace has never failed to draw enthusiastic cheers from Torontonians.

The Battalion was inspected by the Honourary Lieutenant-Colonel, Col. H. C. MacKendrick, O.B.E., E.D., C.D., on Wednesday 6th October, and the new training cycle was well under way.

### A SALUTE TO THE KING'S ROYAL RIFLE CORPS

While the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada was pleased to be asked to contribute to the K.R.R.C. *Chronicle*, we regret learning that it is to be your last.

We salute an illustrious ally, an original among Rifles Regiments, which on the Plains of Abraham, in 1759, proved their right to a motto: "Swift and Bold".

## THE HALIFAX RIFLES R.C.A.C.(M)

*Submitted by:* LIEUT.-COL. R. F. HUBLEY, D.F.C., C.D.

During the month of January the Regiment was presented with its new *Guidon* by our Honourary Colonel, His Honour, H. P. MacKeen, C.D., Q.C., Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia. The ceremony was attended by Government officials, representatives of the Armed Services, special guests and a large number of citizens of Halifax and Area. Retired members of the unit were invited to take an active part in the parade and were fallen in on the left flank of the unit. Music for the occasion was supplied by the Royal Canadian Artillery Band of the Active Force.

Receptions followed this colourful ceremony and guests were received in the Officer's Mess by Lieut.-Col. R. F. Hubley, D.F.C., C.D., Commanding Officer; His Honour, Col. H. P. MacKeen, C.D., Q.C., Honourary Colonel; Lieut.-Col. J. G. Quigley, M.S.M., E.D., msc., Honourary Lieut.-Col.; and Capt. N. E. Rubbach, C.D., President of the Halifax Rifles Association. R.S.M. (W.O. I.) E. Garagan, C.D., received in the Senior N.C.O.'s Mess and Major G. K. Foster, C.D., 2 i/c of the Unit, received in the Corporals' and Troopers' Mess.

Our *Guidon* was later placed by Lieut.-Col. R. F. Hubley in King's Chapel, assisted by Major G. K. Foster, Capt. P. Weal and R.S.M. E. Garagan, with the Colour Party consisting of W.O. II A. S. George, *Guidon* Bearer; S/Sgt. D. McLeod and S/Sgt. R. Hines, as guards. Rev. Dr. J. B. Hibbitts assisted by Major G. G. Mercer, C.D., Area Chaplain (P), received the *Guidon* for safe keeping in the University of King's College Chapel, Halifax, N.S., to join our old Colours which were presented to the Unit in 1862 by the City of Halifax, both Colours now hang with Honour and Pride in the Chapel of King's College, which is the oldest University in the Commonwealth, outside of the United Kingdom.

History of this fine old Regiment which is Canada's second oldest unit being organized 13th December, 1859 and receiving its official charter 14th May, 1860 came to a close as of 31st January, 1965 at 23.59 hours after 105 years of service, when the Unit was transferred to the Supplementary Order of Battle due to the re-organization of The Canadian Army Militia.

The Halifax Rifles Association which is an incorporated association being organized in 1902 is very fortunate to have in the person of Capt. N. E. Rubbach such an active President, who assisted by the Board of Management are engaged in keeping the spirit of the unit active and are working towards having the Regiment again called back to service.

## THE BROCKVILLE RIFLES

LIEUT.-COL. R. C. TIVY, E.M., C.D., *Commanding Officer*

The year began with the good news that the Regiment had weathered the latest re-organization of the Militia. It was to continue as a separately designated major unit.

All ranks were pleased to get back to infantry corps training after several years of concentration on survival operations. However, this change presented problems as many of the junior ranks had no training or experience in infantry field operations. A vigorous attempt was made to fill this vacuum. The training year climaxed at the Petawawa Summer Camp where the Regiment enjoyed a week of excellent field training.



*The Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Lester B. Pearson, with the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. Tivy and Lieut. John Power*

A Guard of Honour was presented in May for the Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Lester B. Pearson. This is the first time in many years that the Unit has been so honoured.

The 99th Rifles Ball was held on 5th November 1965 with the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario as Guest of Honour. Over 200 associates and guests joined the officers and their ladies at this memorable and gala affair.

The Regiment will be observing its Centennial in 1966. The 100th Officers' Mess Dinner will be held on 26th March 1966. The official centennial will be observed on the weekend of 8th and 9th October 1966. Rt. Hon. The Earl of Avon has been invited to be Guest of Honour for the October weekend. Present or past members of the K.R.R.C. or allied regiments will be warmly welcomed on both occasions. Details may be obtained by contacting Adjutant, The Brockville Rifles, The Armouries, Brockville, Ontario, Canada.

## THE REGINA RIFLE REGIMENT

*Commanding Officer:* Lieut. Col. J. A. Jameson, C.D.  
*Honorary Colonel:* Brig.-Gen. A. Ross, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.,  
C.D.  
*Honorary Lieut.-Colonel:* R. M. Crowe, M.C., D.C.

The Regiment was honored by the appointment of the Commanding Officer as an aide to His Excellency General, The Right Honourable Georges P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., C.D., Governor General of Canada.

### Training

The Regina Rifle Regiment had a very successful but hectic training year. The Regiment was called upon to supply many Guards of Honour which inevitably cut down the training days available. The hectic but efficient training year produced results beyond our expectations. The latter portion of the training year was devoted primarily to Corps training, with the objective of having a trained self supported Rifle Company and a H.M.G. Platoon take their place in an exercise with the regular forces by the summer of 1966.

Upgrading courses for Officers, N.C.O.'s and other ranks consisted of Trained Militiamen, Junior N.C.O., Senior N.C.O. and Lieutenants qualifying courses. The Regiment also conducted courses in weapons and trades.

Summer concentration at Camp Dundurn with other Militia units from Saskatchewan took place from 3rd to 10th July. The G.O.C. Gen. Rockingham inspected the camp and a Guard of Honour from the Regiment mounted under command of Lieut. G. A. Armsworthy.

During the summer months of July and August, Trained Militiamen, and Junior N.C.O. courses were run at the Regina Armoury in conjunction with Sunset Ceremonies performed by the Regiment at the Legislative Building.

### Special Events

A Royal Guard under Command of the 2 i/c Major H. McIntyre, was mounted on the occasion of the visit to Regina of the Governor-General on 30th January 1965.

On 4th February a Guard of Honour was mounted for the opening of the Saskatchewan Legislature. The Adjutant, Capt. A. Cormack, was Guard Commander.



*Regina Rifle Regiment. The guard firing "Feu de jore"*

The regiment supplied another Guard of Honour on the official raising of the new Canadian flag at the Legislative Building on 15th February 1965.

The highlight of the year was the combined events of the Annual Inspection of the Regiment and the celebration of the 21st Anniversary of the Normandy Landings (D-Day), with an Officers Mess Dinner on 5th June including ex "Johns", and on 6th June Cenotaph Service, Church Parades and Annual Inspection and March Past, the Salute taken by our Honorary Colonel, Brig. Gen. A. Ross who was 85 in 1965.

## SYDNEY UNIVERSITY REGIMENT

*Honorary Colonel:* Major General The Rt. Hon. Sir Victor Windeyer K.B.E., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D.  
*Commanding Officer:* Lieut.-Col. K. R. Murray, E.D.

The year 1965 has been for Sydney University Regiment one of hard work and some change. The Australian Army is undergoing a rapid expansion. Selective National Service is filling a greatly enlarged Regular Army and is helping expand the Citizen Military Forces units. Sydney University Regiment has conducted a vigorous recruiting campaign to equip us with the material with which to meet the greater demand for Officers (Officer production, of course, being our role). In the last issue of the *Chronicle* we prophesied (with what was then thought to be some optimism) that the strength of the Unit would reach 500 by the end of the year 1965. This was a very modest estimate. By the end of October there were nearly 750—and this was before the main recruiting drive directed at potential University students among those leaving school in November. This we believe is the best recruiting result of any unit in the Commonwealth of Australia.

One result of this unexpected response in men was the need to raise further subunits. So were born a brand new Rifle Company in Sydney and an Assault Pioneer platoon. Further to the Commanding Officer's policy of preparing for future military expansion in newer Universities the Regiment has sought fresh fields appearing almost on the doorstep of Australian Army Headquarters in Canberra, the national capital, almost two hundred miles from Sydney. Here a Company of Sydney University Regiment was established this year for students of the Australian National University. Among the first members of the new subunit was Pte. R. N. Wilton, son of Lieut.-Gen. Sir John Wilton Chief of the Australian General Staff.

In furtherance of our principal role of producing Officers for all arms and services of the Citizen Military Forces nearly 30 of our members have in 1965 graduated to the rank of Lieutenant having previously served through the ranks from private soldier. However, owing to the expansion of the Army this normal and usual method of progression through the part-time Army is to be supplemented by the Regiment. So there has been added to the Australian military vocabulary a new word: "SURVACTO" (Sydney University Regiment Vacation Training for Officers). By this new scheme which began in December, 1965, about 50 selected applicants from the University will undergo 150 days training, 136 of these being full-time spread over two successive University summer vacations. They will then be

qualified for commissions in the Citizen Military Forces having completed the same syllabus as the National Servicemen's Officer Training Unit recently established at Scheyville near Sydney.

For the 1966 Annual Camp Sydney University Regiment will again do the "unusual" by going for three weeks to set up its own "bush" camp in the mountains, a hundred and fifty miles to the north of Sydney. Consistent with the Army's overall aim of preparation for a limited war in a South East Asian context, the unit will move out from its base camp by foot and helicopter on platoon, company and battalion exercises and patrol into the surrounding rain forest. To establish and maintain so many men quite independently in the bush for three weeks is a large task for a part-time unit.

Our alliance with K.R.R.C. is being made increasingly more real by the number of officers who have served or had friendly contact with the allied regiments. Currently Capt. Ian Stanwell is serving with Q.R.R. in London and reports that he is enjoying his stay very much. One of the Company Commanders, Capt. Bill Neville, served as a Platoon Commander with 2nd Bn. Fiji Infantry Regiment; while an ex Sydney University Regiment officer, Capt. Rupert Bligh, is currently a Company second-in-command with the same unit.

The newly appointed adjutant, Capt. Michael Bindley, came to us from 3rd Bn. Royal Australian Regiment in Malaysia. While in



*Members of 'A' Coy. emplaning in a Royal Australian Air Force U.K.I.B. Iroquois troop-carrying helicopter during the Battalion Exercise, Camp 1965*

Borneo he was on patrol with Capt. Geoff Hopton of the 2nd Green Jackets, who learned of his imminent appointment to Sydney University Regiment. So Capt. Bindley came to us armed with a set of K.R.R.C. rank slides and a K.R.R.C. plaque for presentation to the Officers' Mess. Also when in Malaya in January Bill Neville made contact with officers of 2nd Green Jackets at Minden and officers and men of 2nd King Edward VII's Own Goorkha Rifles who welcomed him as a special friend on seeing the black insignia.

Incidentally rumour has it that at last after thirtyseven years of our association with the 60th our K.R.R.C. insignia will now be supplied at Commonwealth expense! The Regimental Funds Committee are beaming.

Very welcome was the recent announcement of the appointment of Arthur Roden Cutler, the first ex-member of the Regiment to be awarded the Victoria Cross, as the Governor of the State of New South Wales.

Among all this tale of the surprising and the unexpected it was to the unit rather fitting when there was announced the award of the Efficiency Decoration to both the Commanding Officer and his Second-in-command, Major J. R. Dart.

All things change. Just as we have seen changes and reorganisation in the Australian Army and in Sydney University Regiment, we note that there are changes and reorganisation in the British Army and K.R.R.C. We send our very best wishes to the Corps in its new form.

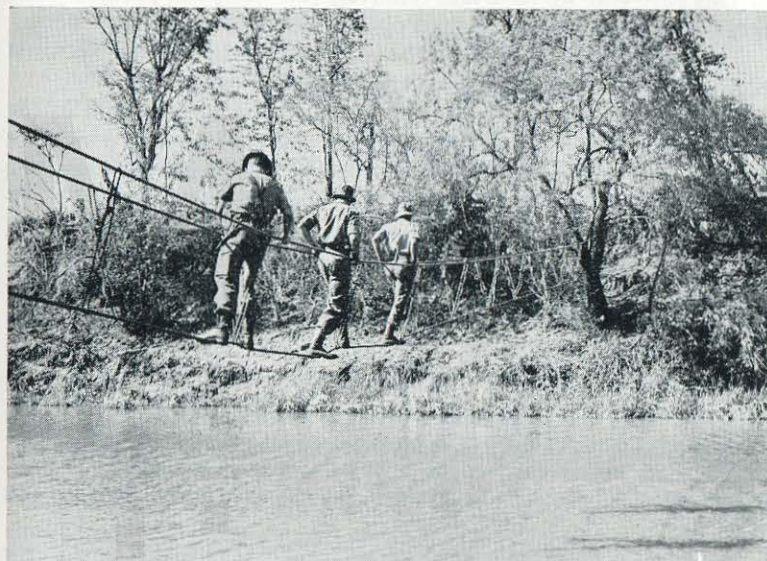
## THE ROYAL RHODESIA REGIMENT

Normal training was carried out during the year, which was a quiet one uninterrupted by any active duties of an internal security nature. The various battalions took part in highly successful training camps of a specialised and intensive nature which were limited to Officers and N.C.O.'s and specialist elements of the units participating.

With the formation last year of the 10th Battalion, with Headquarters at Gwelo, Her Majesty the Queen has appointed as Honorary Colonel, Col. G. H. Hartley, O.B.E., E.D., M.P. He had a distinguished war record serving with the Rhodesian African Rifles in Burma. After the war, he commanded the 1st Battalion, The Royal Rhodesia Regiment for four years and then from 1954 to 1956 was Officer Commanding Troops, Mashonaland.

A further appointment gazetted is that of Col. J. de L. Thompson, O.B.E., E.D., as Honorary Colonel of the 6th and 9th Battalions, in addition to the 2nd Battalion. Each of these battalions is based in Bulawayo.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Col. Cyril Mainwaring Newman, C.B.E., M.C., V.D., E.D., J.P. on the 12th November 1965.



*Camp of Training, 1965. Officers of 6 R.R.R. crossing rope bridge erected by Engineers*

## 1st BATTALION

Lieut.-Col. N. G. Jardine, O.B.E., T.D., Commanding

We congratulate our Commanding Officer on the award of the O.B.E. in the 1965 New Year's Honours List.

The Battalion provided 6 guards for the Queen's Birthday parade. During the celebrations to mark the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the City of Salisbury the Battalion, which has the Freedom of the City, played its part in the largest military parade ever staged through the streets of the City.

The shooting team has had an active and generally successful year including acting as hosts for the first major inter-battalion shoot of The Royal Rhodesia Regiment. The Battalion was successful in winning the major trophies. Later in the year Capt. P. P. S. Ryan after leading the field for a number of practices came third in the Queen's Medal Shoot at the Rhodesia Forces Weapons Meeting and was the highest placed of the army competitors.

On the sporting side a Battalion hockey team were the overall winners of a combined Rhodesian Forces Hockey Festival.

## 2nd BATTALION

Lieut.-Col. K. G. Harvey, D.S.O., M.B.E., E.D., Commanding

This past year we have had relatively few week-end parades when individual Companies have had opportunities to show their merit.

The first week-end parade of the year was to practice anti-Terrorist night patrols, followed by anti-Ambush exercises.

The next week-end exercise turned out to be an extension of the first. The S.A.S. provided a live enemy and gave an added sense of purpose to the manoeuvre. It was found that, with diligence, the proverbial needle can be found in the haystack.

Because the year proved free from commitments and the Battalion Training was concentrated in the early part, Officers and N.C.O.'s took every opportunity to attend the various courses conducted by the School of Infantry, Gwelo. Particularly useful was a Platoon Commanders course from which the successful candidates have considerably reduced the shortage of Junior Officers. Also well appreciated was a course attended by a number of Senior Officers.

The Regimental Ball was a great success.

The Battalion Weapons Meet was once again a satisfying affair. Honours were closely fought for, and the 'A' Coy. victory well deserved.

A five day camp limited to Officers and N.C.O.'s was held in the Bembesi area near Bulawayo. The terrain proved admirably suited to military exercises. Forest areas, rough country, ravines and small

hills interspersed with sizeable vleis were all contained in the broad sweeping curve of the River marked by a series of large pools. The Camp was very successful and was favourably commented on by all ranks. From the moment of arrival the programme swung into smooth operation. The first demonstration, the improvised rafting of a jeep, proved very interesting. Personnel were able to re-acquaint themselves with Helicopter drills. The intricacies involved in the laying of a night ambush were again experienced. A night compass march reminded the Battalion of the possible hazards of navigating over long distances in rough country.

## 4th (Manicaland) BATTALION

Lieut.-Col. D. Ford, M.B.E., M.C., Commanding

The Battalion was formed on the 1st of January 1964, under command of Lieut.-Col. W. W. S. Smart. In February, 1965, he was succeeded by Lieut.-Col. Ford late of The Kings Own Royal Regiment and Black Watch (R.H.R.), who also served with the 2nd Kings African Rifles in Nyasaland and Malaya.

The nucleus of the unit was 'B' (Umtali) Coy. commanded by Major P. B. Gilchrist, this being the detached Company of the 1st Battalion in Salisbury.

We are made up of both Active and Reserve personnel.

The Training Officer is Major C. J. Horn of the 1st Battalion Rhodesian African Rifles.

In October, 1965, the unit had its second annual camp and it proved a very successful one.

The Commanding Officer, Officers and all ranks would like to take this opportunity of wishing all readers of the *K.R.R.C. Chronicle* a Merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year.

## 5th BATTALION

Lieut.-Col. K. J. Coker, M.M., E.D., Commanding.

## 6th BATTALION

Lieut.-Col. L. Moody, M.C., Commanding

Lieut.-Col. C. R. A. Blackwell left us to command 9 R.R.R. and we wish him all the best in his new Battalion.

In his place we welcome Lieut.-Col. Moody, our former 2 i/c and congratulate him on his promotion and command.

Major Frank Bryce Hendrie and Major Mike Cunningham left us during the year. They were each presented with a copper tankard suitably inscribed and were given a rousing send off.

We are indebted to 2 R.R.R. for generously putting their Mess at our disposal for parties, dances and dining-in-nights, to say nothing of our weekly gatherings at the bar. These facilities made it possible for us to have two supper dances and a ladies dining-in-night.

We joined a five-day training camp for officers and senior N.C.O.'s combining with 2 R.R.R., 9 R.R.R. and 10 R.R.R., some 70 miles from Bulawayo. The programme was intensive and sometimes exhausting, but thoroughly useful and enjoyable.

Our "watermanship" training took place in an enormous pool in the Bembesi River occupied by a very large crocodile. Any efforts he might have been expecting to make towards supplementing his diet with "Lieutenants Leg a la Bembesi" were periodically discouraged by the detonation of plastic explosive strategically placed.

### 8th BATTALION

Lieut.-Col. S. A. Stokes, M.C., M.M., Commanding

Although a Reserve Battalion, an enjoyable and active year, both in training and socially, has been completed.

An excellent Battalion Weapons Meeting was held, and practices were arranged on the Transitional Range and Jungle Lane, although it was a night shoot which provided the greatest interest.

On the 7th and 8th of August 1965, an exercise was carried out in rugged country in the district. "Enemy" was well provided by 'D' Coy. The Rhodesian African Rifles and "incidents" continued well into the night. Many valuable lessons were learned and all had an enjoyable weekend which boosted morale to new heights.

Intensive training was carried out by N.C.O.'s and Officers and the course for Officer Cadets was well attended. Several officers and officer cadets took the opportunity to attend full-time courses at the Training School.

A week's camp for selected personnel was a fitting climax to the year.

As all training is voluntary, the good response and excellent spirit of all ranks was most encouraging.

During the year we said farewell to Major W. D. F. Walters and Lieuts., D. Pearce, V. O. Price and R. Rae, but welcomed Lieuts. N. D. Brown, J. Colyvas, St. J. A. Hunt, J. Hatty, N. J. McKissack and R. Shepherd.

Socially the Battalion engaged in sports functions, sundowner parties and dinners. The functions were very successful. A team was entered in The Royal Rhodesia Regiment Weapons Meeting and, although no prizes were won, acquitted itself well.

### 9th BATTALION

Lieut.-Col. C. R. A. Blackwell, O.B.E., E.D., Commanding

This is the first occasion on which we have submitted notes for *The Chronicle*, and all ranks send the Royal Green Jackets sincere best wishes.

The 1st November, 1964 found this unit tidying up after operation PHOENIX during which it was deployed by sections, with other Bns. of the R.R.R., throughout Matabeleland.

The operation provided little in the way of tactical training but proved an excellent opportunity to put communications to a severe test and to practice sub units in the art of providing for themselves in the bush.

Camp this year was held on the banks of the Bembesi River in a training area some seventy miles from Bulawayo. Despite the September heat and the failure of last year's rains, the river boasted several large pools which provided ideal sites for taining in improvised rafting and other activities of an aquatic nature. The crocodiles which inhabit the pools caused some consternation at first but were induced to be cooperative. However, the partly consumed carcasses of cattle found on the banks every other morning indicate that high explosive has little effect on the digestive system of the average Bembesi Croc. Other subjects covered at camp were Helicopter drills, Movement through bush at night, Immediate action ISOPS drills and Jungle lanes.

The unit bade farewell to Lieut.-Col. G. K. M. Potts in June when for family health reasons he obtained a transfer by his firm to Durban. Lieut.-Col. Potts, who formed the unit, came to reside in Rhodesia nine years ago after long service with the South African Defence Force. He inspired all those who had the good fortune to serve under him and his loss to the unit will be greatly felt.

We welcome Lieut.-Col. Blackwell and trust that his tour with the 9th will be a happy one.

### 10th BATTALION

Lieut.-Col. C. M. Hayes, Commanding

In this our first year of formation, we have naturally spent most of the time in organisation and administration. In this we have been ably guided by our Training Officer, Major W. R. Godwin of The Rhodesian African Rifles.

A notable event was the visit of our Honorary Colonel, who paid a warm tribute to all ranks of the Battalion. The occasion ended with a dinner in the Officers' Mess at the Drill Hall, at which Col. Hartley was among the 59 members and guests who attended. Some of the diners had travelled from as far afield as Fort Victoria and Gokwe. Among the guests was Dr. C. K. Roux who though attending as the Deputy Mayor of Gwelo, is also Medical Officer of the unit with the rank of Major.



*First Officers' Mess Dinner of 10 R.R.R. L. to R. Col. G. H. Hartley, O.B.E., E.D., M.P., Hon. Col. Mrs. C. J. Roux, Lieut.-Col. C. M. Hayes, Commanding Officer, Mrs. Hartley. Major C. J. Roux, Deputy Mayor of Gwelo*

## THE DEPOT

Lieut.-Col. R. A. Edwards, D.S.O., M.C., Comamanding

The rigorous training schedule for National Service Trainees is continuing and results this year show a marked improvement in the standard of soldier being turned out for the Territorial Force. Well worthy of note is the high percentage of marksmen emerging in each intake and this trend was confirmed in the Army Weapons Meeting when Depot won five trophies (including four of the six rifle competitions).

The sporting side of life has increased this year and results in this field have been very rewarding. The Athletic team swept the board in the Army competitions, and the Soccer and Basketball teams kept up their end by winning their respective Army competitions.

Successive intakes are now well versed in the use of helicopters in battle as well as in air supply in the field—a feature of the intensive bush training undertaken by all ranks.

Probably the most news-worthy item this year is that Depot, at last, has it's own regimental march—"The Depot Men"—Music is by the Director of Music, 1 R.A.R., Lieut. K. McDonald and the lyrics by the present Chief Instructor, Major E. M. Willar. The march was finally accepted by the Commanding Officer in May and first performed publicly during the Queen's Birthday Parade at Bulawayo on 12th June.

The latest addition is a new mascot, a skewbald Shetland mare, which, after a public competition, has been named "Llew Llew Belle". Rifleman 1 which was recalled to service after the accidental death of Rifleman 11, has again been retired.

Col. G. E. Wells, C.B.E., E.D., has been appointed Honorary Colonel to the 5th and 8th Battalions in addition to his present Honorary Colonelcy of the 1st Battalion

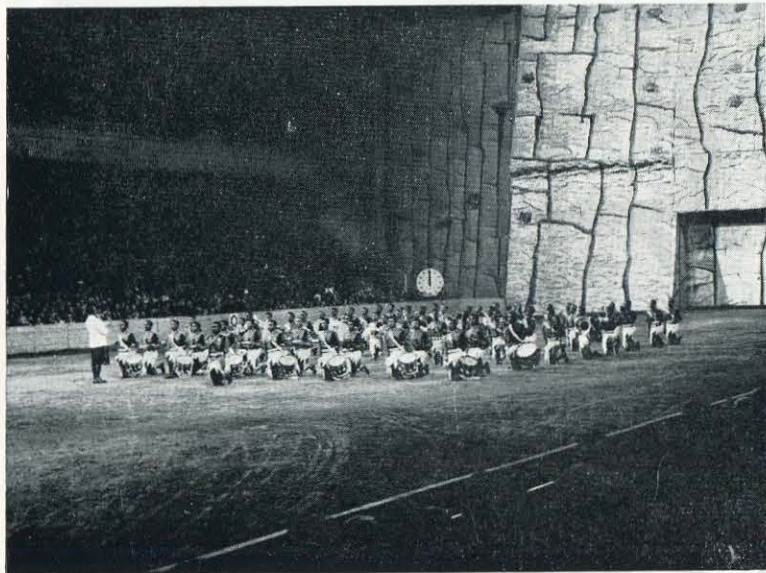
## FIJI MILITARY FORCES

### THE BAND

The Band of the Fiji Military Forces carried out a highly successful overseas tour from July to October this year under the command of Major R. J. B. Ackland with Lieut. Kini Cava, M.B.E., the Director of Music. The most important engagements were the Royal Tournament, the Edinburgh Tattoo, the Liverpool Commonwealth Tattoo, the Royal Marines Tattoo in New York, and appearances for national television at Los Angeles for the Ed Sullivan and Hollywood Palace Shows. The Band's repertoire consisted of a band concert, a band marching display, traditional Fijian dances in native costume, and choir singing. To complete this show of versatility the Band paraded as an armed guard for the Grand Finales of the three Tattoos.

In 103 days overseas, 8 days were spent in travelling, 13 days in rehearsing, and in the remaining 82 days the band performed on 111 occasions. The burden of this fairly strenuous schedule was lightened by the marvellous hospitality received from civil and military alike at all venues. The bandsmen's only regret was that they were unable to visit you in Winchester.

The Band, having been accorded eleven large scale welcome receptions by various organizations in Fiji, is now temporarily resting on its laurels.



*The Band of the Fiji Military Forces at the Royal Tournament 1965*

## 2nd BATTALION F.I.R. (T.F.)

*Honorary Colonel:* Lieut.-Col. The Hon. Ratu E. T. T. Cakobau, O.B.E., M.C., E.D.

*Commanding Officer:* Lieut.-Col. G. S. Mate, O.B.E., M.C., M.M., E.D.

The most important feature in the 1965 training year was the departure from the usual Annual Camp with the Battalion concentrated to a series of fortnightly refresher courses attended by two platoons. This change was necessary to fill the gap caused by the Fiji Military Forces Band tour of Great Britain and the United States of America.

From a training point of view, the courses proved most successful as our limited resources were able to cope adequately with the small numbers, and high standards were achieved in shooting, internal security duties, First Aid and jungle patrolling. Normal training and week-end exercises continued throughout the year. The Battalion was able to assist with the training of 1 Officer, 2 Officer Cadets and a Staff Sergeant of the Tonga Defence Force.

A small intake of 48 completed the recruit course successfully early in the year. The course coincided with the visit to Fiji of Major-Gen. L. W. Thornton, C.B., C.B.E., the Chief of the New Zealand Defence Staff and the recruits provided a Guard of Honour at the Suva Airport after seven weeks training.

At the Queen's Birthday Parade, the Battalion provided the bulk of the troops including the Saluting Battery (an unusual role for an infantry battalion) and was responsible for its organization. The C.O. commanded the parade.

All ranks in the Battalion were delighted when the C.O. was awarded the O.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, having been awarded the E.D. on the 22nd May.

Another important achievement for the year was the portrait of the late Honorary Colonel of the Battalion, Lieut.-Col. The Hon Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., painted by a local artist Mr. A. Stone. This magnificent painting now hangs in the Fiji Military Forces Officers' Mess.

## THE KENYA REGIMENT (TF) COLOURS

On 25th October 1965, the Queen's Colour and Regimental Colour of the Kenya Regiment (TF) were laid up in the Garrison Church at Peninsula Barracks, Winchester.

Although members of the Kenya Regiment have seen action in many parts of the world through their participation in most of the major campaigns of the Second World War, and during the Emergency in Kenya, the Regiment was possibly the only one in the Commonwealth that has no battle honours on its Colours.

These Colours were presented to the Regiment in 1950 by the then Governor of Kenya, Sir Philip Mitchell. They were carried by the Regiment until its suspension in 1963, when they were laid up at a magnificent service in the Cathedral of the Highlands, Nairobi. When Kenya became a Republic, the Cathedral Authorities felt it no longer appropriate to display the Colours and they were taken down.

Because of the Kenya Regiment's affiliation to the 60th Rifles, and its close association with the other two Greenjacket Regiments, it was felt that the final resting place of the Colours should be in Winchester. Col. Dunstan Adams, founder of the Kenya Regiment, its first Commanding Officer, and its Honorary Colonel since the War, wrote to Gen. Sir George Erskine, Colonel Commandant 2nd Greenjackets, The Kings' Royal Rifle Corps and it was arranged that the Colours should be sent home and laid up at the Garrison Church.

The day was fine and past members of the Kenya Regiment started arriving about 11 a.m. and were directed to the Museum, which Major Wilson had opened specially. The Museum, particularly the Kenya Regiment Section, was much admired.

The Service started at 11.45 a.m., with the Colours laid out on a table by the choir screen, guarded by Cpl. Guy Catchpole and L/Cpl. Iain Morrison, members of the Kenya Regiment Platoon of the Queen's Royal Rifles. It was a simple, but moving service, almost identical to the one held in Nairobi Cathedral 2½ years before. At the appropriate moment, the Colours were handed to Col. Douglas Bright, 1st Green Jackets 43rd and 52nd, the Regiment's last Commanding Officer, who, in turn, handed them to Rev. Neville Roberts, the Garrison Chaplain, for safe keeping. Padre Roberts laid them on the altar. Col. Bright had performed a similar task at the service in Nairobi Cathedral.

Rev. John D'Aeth, the last Padre of the Kenya Regiment, who had preached at the service in Nairobi Cathedral, preached the sermon again this day. He spoke of the very remarkable way in which the Greenjackets Permanent Staff had fitted into the Kenya Regiment—and how settlers and Riflemen had blended to make what was, undoubtedly, a very happy and a very efficient Regiment, with a fine spirit. Rev. Jimmy Gillett, the first Chaplain of the Kenya



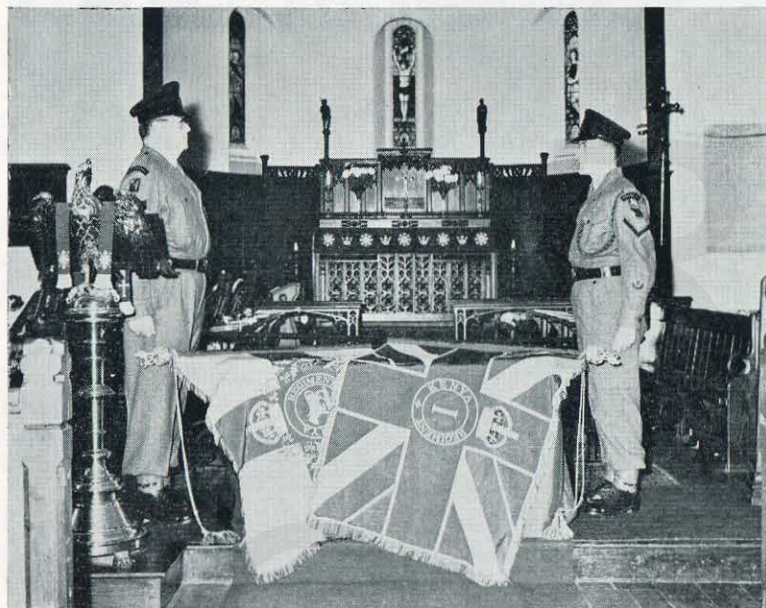
*Col. Douglas Bright handing over the Colours*

Regiment, had flown over from the Isles of Scilly to take part in the Service.

After the Service, the Depot provided the most excellent lunch, and the N.A.F.F.I. a bar which was patronised in true Kenya fashion.

The most gratifying part of the day was the large number of Kenya Regiment men—both Territorial and Permanent Staff—who, with their families, came to Winchester to see the Colours laid in their final resting place. All four regular ex-Commanding Officers were there—Col. Sir Guy Campbell, Lieut.-Col. Charles Madden, Brig. Dick Vernon, and Col. Douglas Bright. Three officers (Col. Forrest, Capt. Gledhill and Rev. Gillett) and the R.S.M. (now Lieut. Col. Cummins) were part of the original staff when the Regiment was formed in 1937. But all generations were represented, including the present day Kenya Regiment Platoon of the Queen's Royal Rifles, who were present on duty. Major Ray Nightingale, one of the Regiment's most distinguished Company Commanders in the Emergency, was there. He is now of course a regular officer of the 2nd Greenjackets.

It had been hoped that Col. Dunstan Adams would have been able to fly back from Kenya for the Service, but that proved impossible. He is the very heart and soul of the Regiment and he was sadly missed.



*The Colours guarded by Cpl. Guy Catchpole and L/Cpl. Iain Morrison*

The 2nd Greenjackets were represented by Brig. R. A. T. Eve, who at that time was Acting Colonel Commandant. Lieut.-Col. Stileman, the Commanding Officer of the Depot, was present, as was Major B. W. Balls, and Lieut.-Col. F. Clay (retd.) the Messing Officer. The Kenya Regiment are extremely grateful to the Depot for all the excellent arrangements made and, in particular, to these three officers who were responsible for it all.

The Alliance of the Kenya Regiment to the 60th Rifles meant a very great deal in practical terms, as well as in sentiment. The 60th and the other two Greenjacket Regiments provided Commanding Officers and the Permanent Staff, who exerted a great influence on the efficiency of the Regiment. The Kenya Regiment provided three very happy and rewarding years service for a number of officers, W.O.s and N.C.O.s; and many lasting friendships resulted. It is a very great pleasure to both Regiments that this bond will be perpetuated in the Garrison Church of Peninsula Barracks.

The Service was a moving one—and as so often happened in Kenya, it was followed by a good session round the bar. It is not known what time the bar closed, but at 4 p.m. the hard core around James McKillop was still drinking on!

## DEFENCE OF CALAIS

Twenty-five Years After  
Saturday 22nd May 1965

A Committee formed from the Green Jacket Associations met at the H.Q. of Queen's Royal Rifles at 56 Davies Street, London in November 1964. The Committee conceived and organised a ceremony to commemorate The Defence of Calais in May 1940. The date chosen was Saturday 22nd May 1965. A perfect summer's day was a reward both for the work involved and for the supporters present.

### Official Representatives

It was decided to invite the Royal Navy, the 3rd Royal Tank Regiment and the French to participate in the occasion. All accepted the invitation and co-operated greatly to make the day so successful.

The Royal Navy was represented by Capt. P. G. R. Mitchell, M.V.O., R.N. and H.M.S. *Lynx*. They were most hospitable to the parade Riflemen carrying the whole Green Jacket uniformed contingent both ways across the channel. They too provided a guard for the parade. H.M.S. *Isis*, a R.N.V.R. minesweeper from the Thames, was also present and brought over a contingent of K.R.R.C. Cadets.

The 3rd Royal Tank Regiment stationed in B.A.O.R. produced a very smart contingent. Major-Gen. H. R. B. Foote, V.C., C.B., D.S.O. was the official representative of the R.T.R.'s Colonel's Commandant. Brig. R. C. Keller who commanded R.T.R. at the Defence, represented their Old Comrades. Lieut.-Col. D. T. Grantham the present Commanding Officer, attended.

From the beginning officials of the town of Calais fully supported the event. The Mayor of Calais, M. Vendroux, a Deputé and brother-in-law of President de Gaulle, was very helpful and also entertained lavishly. The Prefet and Sous-prefet together with the district generals were present for the occasion. The French Government was represented by M. Maurice Schumann, a good choice because of his close association with U.K. in particular during the early war years.

The guest of honour was Her Majesty's Ambassador in Paris, Sir Patrick Reilly, K.C.M.G., O.B.E. He was accompanied by Lady Reilly, and attended by the Naval and Military Attachés from Paris. The Consul-General from Lille was present and also the Vice-Consul at Calais. This last official, Mr. Paul Thompson, was particularly helpful throughout the arrangements.

Lieut.-Gen. Sir Euan Miller, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., who commanded the 2nd Bn. K.R.R.C. at Calais, represented the Colonel Commandant and the 2nd Green Jackets K.R.R.C. Brig. T. H. Acton, C.B.E., who was Adjutant of the 1st Bn. R.B. at Calais, represented the Colonel Commandant and the 3rd Green Jackets R.B. Lieut.-Col. J. A. M. Ellison-Macartney, C.B.E., T.D., who commanded the Queen Victoria Rifles at Calais, represented the Q.V.R. Association, and the successors to Q.V.R., the Queens Royal Rifles (T.A.) were represented by their Honorary Colonel, the Hon. Richard Wood, P.C., M.P.

The Earl of Avon, K.G., P.C., M.C., who had been Secretary of State for War at the time of Calais, also laid a wreath with the official representatives. He flew direct from Wiltshire for the occasion. He was accompanied by Lady Avon and Major-Gen. E. A. W. Williams, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., Gen. Williams was himself an Officer at Calais, and, although captured, escaped and was one of the few to row back across the Channel. The plane itself was kindly lent by Messrs. Whitbreads Ltd, who were represented by Major A. G. Burnaby-Atkins, M.C.

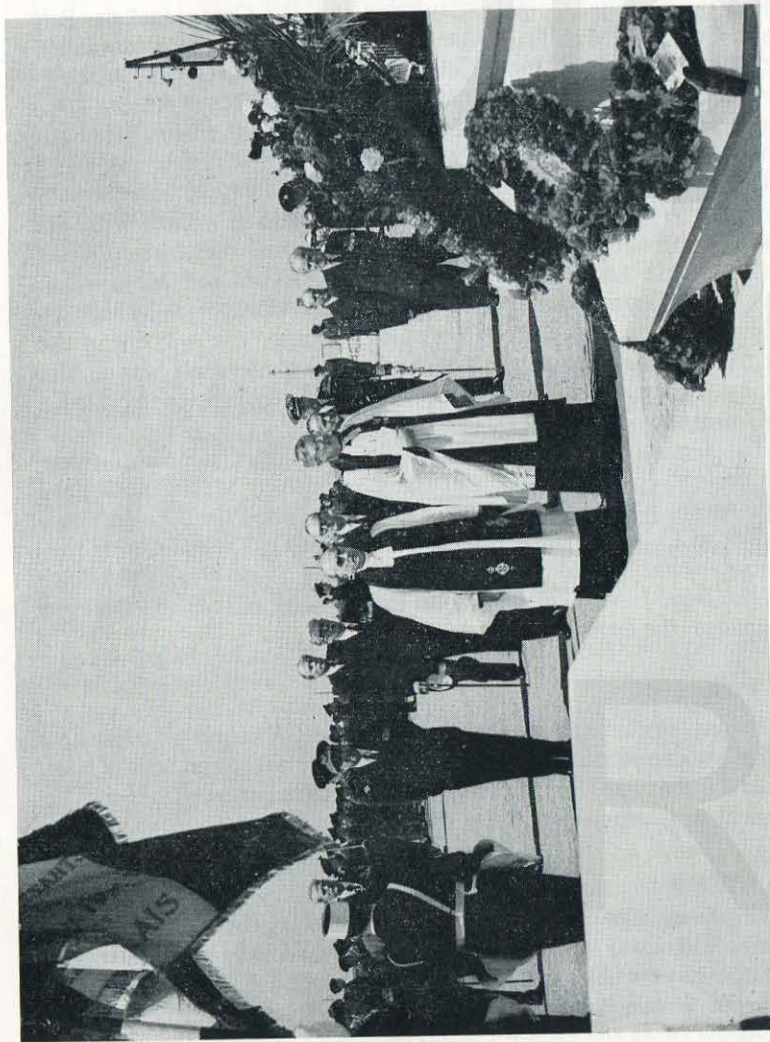
Mrs. Ursula MacDonald and her son, Capt. Nicholson, were also present at the invitation of the Committee. Mrs. MacDonald is the widow of Brig. Nicholson, who commanded the 30th Infantry Brigade at Calais. The two padres, who officiated at the Ceremony, deserve special mention. They were The Rev. Dick Wingfield Digby and the Rev. J. M. Courtenay, the former took part in the Defence as a padre, the latter before he was ordained.

### The Preliminaries

The day started early. The boat train left Victoria at 0750 hrs. At Folkestone local Green Jackets joined the party and, as the boat steamed out at 1020 hrs., all 650 reserved tickets had been taken. The Channel was calm and the sun shone.

### The Ceremony

The parade was drawn up in an L formation, the main side with the men's backs to the sea. The Royal Navy were the first contingent near the Memorial, then followed the 3rd R.T.R., the contingent from the Green Jackets Depot made up from all Green Jacket Regiments, next the Queen's Royal Rifles (T.A.) and then making up the short side of the L facing the Memorial were the French contingent. The combined bands of the 3rd Green Jackets R.B. and Q.R.R. with their bugles were drawn up behind the Memorial. British Legion standard bearers lined the wall, and members of the K.R.R.C. Cadets acted as wreath bearers.



*The Service. The two Padres. Front row: the Prefect, Lord Avon, the Ambassador, the Mayor, Gen. Miller. Second row: Col. Ellison-Macartney, Brig. Acton (hidden), Hon. Richard Wood, Capt. Mitchell, R.N., Gen. Foote, Capt. Eustace*

At 1235 the Ambassador arrived with his motorcade, including his staff, Lord Avon and his party, and the French representatives. They were then introduced to the official representatives who had by now disembarked from the ferry. At 1240 after the introductions, the Ambassador approached the parade. The parade commander ordered a general salute while the bands played "Au Champs". The Ambassador then inspected the parade.

After the inspection the official representatives took up positions in front of the Memorial, and the padres conducted a short service. The three hymns sung "Praise my soul the King of Heaven", "O Valiant hearts", and "Now thank we all our God" were particularly impressive as the large audience on the hill joined in. After the last hymn the official wreaths were laid. There followed the playing of Last Post and Reveille. The traditional two minutes silence was marked by the saluting gun of H.M.S. *Lynx*. The service ended with the playing of the Marseillaise and National Anthem.

The V.I.P.'s left and the parade marched off to the Regimental Marches. So ended a ceremony described by one at Calais twenty-five years before and present on this occasion, as a "simple, dignified yet unforgettable, commemorative service".

#### The After Events

The Mayor and City of Calais then entertained the Official representatives and parade commanders to lunch. After an excellent meal, M. Schumann and Lord Avon made moving speeches. M. Schumann praised the "obstinate heroicism of England which finally overcame Hitler's troops." He paid tribute to the island lighthouse which twenty-five years before had given hope to Europe, and proved to the old peoples the youth of the world.

Lord Avon in his reply after thanking the hosts, changed from English to French to add "Never forget the lessons of the past. Whenever all goes well between London and Paris, nothing can be too bad in the world outside". He continued that "we owe it to the dead of our two countries to whom we have paid homage today" to remember the events of the past.

In the afternoon the combined bands of the Rifle Brigade and Q.R.R. gave a concert in the Parc St. Pierre. The music was received with warm applause by the audience. At the same time the crew of H.M.S. *Lynx* and the Riflemen provided football and hockey teams to play against the City.

At 6 p.m. the ferry sailed back to Folkestone. Many had toured the battlefields and revived old memories. There had been much shopping and sightseeing. In brilliant sunshine and a calm sea, the 650 returned to England.



*Lord Avon talks to Brigadier Acton*

At the same time a reception was held on board H.M.S. *Lynx* as a thank you to the French authorities. The Ambassadors party was invited and the combined Green Jacket bands again performed. The Captain of H.M.S. *Lynx* kindly allowed the C.O. of Q.R.R., Lieut.-Col. Lord Eden, to be a joint host for the occasion so that those on parade could contribute towards the reception.

Next morning at dawn H.M.S. *Lynx* and *Isis* sailed. So ended the tribute to those Green Jackets and supporting troops who performed their duty so magnificently twenty-five years before. Lord Avon described in his memoirs "I wrote a message to Nicholson, telling him that the ultimate Defence of Calais was of the highest importance and that we were confident that he and his gallant regiments would perform an exploit worthy of the British name"

Sir Winston Churchill spoke in the House of Commons on the 4th June, 1940. "Only thirty survivors were brought off by the Navy and we do not know the fate of their comrades. Their sacrifice was not, however, in vain. . . . They have added another page to the glories of the Light Division."



*Malcolm Douglas-Pennant, Pat Sykes, Charles and Rachel Madden, Joe and Nina Wingfield, John and Enid Street (Queen's Westminster) and Bill Keown-Boyd*

### 1st GREEN JACKETS, 43rd AND 52nd

It was planning of the highest order which allowed the Regiment to hand over their barracks in Penang, which are probably the best they have ever occupied, to the 2nd Green Jackets in January. After leave, they assembled again in Berlin in April and were straightway thrown into intense rehearsals for The Queen's Royal Review and Allied Forces Day parade. It is difficult to imagine a greater change in surroundings and military training. The riflemen, despite the strangeness of parades of this kind, rose to the occasion superbly as they invariably do.

A welcome relief was provided for the men who were selected to travel to Brussels and London for the Waterloo celebrations in June and then in July. The Regiment had its first spell of field training in B.A.O.R. at Sennelager. A second spell of training was undertaken in October at Soltau.

In September David House handed over command to Oliver Pratt, to return to Borneo as a Brigadier. Before leaving he was able to see the Regiment win the B.A.O.R. and Army swimming championships. It must be admitted that this was a pleasant surprise, but is a good example of what can be done by keenness and training. Nigel Sale deserves great credit for his contribution. He was also responsible for training the shooting team who are Brigade Champions and won six out of the seven matches of the meeting. This augurs well for Bisley in 1966.

Gen. Sir Gerald Lathbury spent three memorable days in Berlin before leaving for Gibraltar and handing over duties of Colonel Commandant to Gen. John Mogg.

### 3rd ROYAL GREEN JACKETS (THE RIFLE BRIGADE)

The Battalion have been wonderfully good in keeping the people at home up to date with their movements. As most people know, the Battalion came home, after an energetic summer in Cyprus, to Felixstowe where many of them hoped for a period of soldiering in England. They took the wise precaution of taking a month's leave in November 1964, and it was as well that they did, because by 12th January 1965, they were on their way by air to Hong Kong, leaving their wives and families to enjoy all the delights of Felixstowe. On arrival they found themselves encamped on the mainland between the Chinese border and the town of Kowloon. They were based on a hutted camp about three miles from the border, and their forward posts looked into Communist China.

The Battalion was not given long to relax, and they were kept busy training for their occupational role in Hong Kong and preparing for the more active operational tasks which lay in front of them.

As might be expected, they did their best to keep themselves amused under difficult circumstances. Occasional trips to Hong Kong provided some much needed diversion, and the issue of mule transport to the Riflemen who had never seen a mule in their lives or were the least likely ever to see one again, produced the usual crop of fantastic incidents.

In May they were sent by air to Borneo to take part in the operations against the Indonesian Terrorists. Their Headquarters were at Balai Ringin which means little to any of us other than it is a hot and unprepossessing spot somewhere in Borneo. The Companies are deployed on the Indonesian boundary in various patrol bases and spend their time in active patrolling along the frontier. The country is not only thick, as one might expect, but in addition is rough and hilly. This coupled with the heavy weights which the riflemen have to carry has made their jungle tour a very arduous assignment. Of late months there seems to have been a marked absence of enemy, and contacts have been few and far between. In short Borneo has been a long, hot, intensely arduous flog for the Battalion, but as usual it has all come the same to them and their letters show a remarkably high morale and that the rifleman's traditional sense of humour has not deserted him.

The tour in the Far East was unaccompanied and their families remained in not very good accommodation in Felixstowe, where they made the best of a bad job, without benefit of husbands, under the kindly supervision of Major and Mrs. Robin Alers-Hankey. In the

next few weeks the Battalion will return to Felixstowe, and their wives no doubt will be overjoyed to see them once again as shall we all. They will join the N.A.T.O. operational reserve and one can only hope they will be allowed a period of comparative rest before setting off on their travels once again ..

It has been an interesting year for them, arduous and often uncomfortable, but casualties have been mercifully light, and in the words of a young officer lately returned to the Depot from the jungle "it definitely has its moments".

## GREEN JACKETS PARACHUTE CLUB

Skydiving displays have been the highlight of our season. We gave 10 up and down the country and several more including that at the Reading Show were cancelled through bad weather. The expert parachutists were from Q.R.R. and often lead by Jeremy Palmer-Tomkinson, while Jeremy Keyte and his Recruiting Staff manned the Dropping Zone and made the arrangements. Roy Eve and Mike O'Farrell providing the technical parts of the commentaries seldom had to extemporize for long searching the skies for an overdue plane and the displays were all a great success.

At Guildford the crowd gasped as they left from a tiny patch of blue in the midst of thunderclouds, landed with great verve in a small ring, swept round it in a "tour de triumphe" on the land rover and then out only 30 seconds before a cloudburst! Robin Letts closed our season aptly when a slight change of wind made him land in the garden of Medstead Convent! In all it was a great help to the



*"Father Christmas" (Des Smythe) jumping at Thruxton*

Recruiters as large crowds saw the displays and as the press coverage was considerable.

The Club is still based on Q.R.R. in co-operation with L.R.B./R. and it has continued also to train students who did 354 jumps this year of which 35 were first jumps. Amongst these were 14 Etonians who have joined the Club and the Q.R.R. as part of their Corps training.

We entered for the Army Championships gaining individual placings of 5th, 6th and 10th and later in the British Championships achieving 7th, 10th and 18th. Sgt. Ron Griffiths has now left the Q.R.R. and become a regular Green Jacket as an Instructor at the Army Parachute Centre, Netheravon. He again represented Britain in the international meeting in Yugoslavia.

Our team won the August Bank Holiday accuracy event, whilst Jeremy Palmer-Tomkinson and Rfn. Dave Waterman who took the 'photo on Page 117 came 2nd in the Baton Passing event—you should pass a baton in free fall before you open your chute!

Though unfortunately the 43rd and 52nd and the Rifle Brigade have not been able to do so where they are, we were delighted to hear that the 60th branch have managed to jump in Penang under Roger Ker and Val West between tours in Borneo.

## THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

Amid all the changes taking place in connection with the "large Regiment" it is comforting, especially for the older members of the Regiment, that the Regimental Museum as far as the exhibits are concerned is carrying on just as in the past.

The Museum itself will be exactly the same with our section in the centre of it and it seems that for many years to come exhibits will go on being presented to the three old Regiments as there will be few items presented which will have to do with the Royal Green Jackets yet awhile.

During the past year we have had something like 6,000 people round the Museum, many of them either "Old Comrades" of the three Regiments themselves or wives or daughters of Riflemen.

As far as the acquisition of exhibits is concerned we have had rather a good year. Not only were we given or loaned our usual large quota of Medals but quite a lot of other items as well.

As far as the Medals of Officers are concerned we were very pleased to receive the fine collection of Brig.-Gens. Rudolf Jelf and Reggie Oxley, Col. "Daddy" Martin and Lieut.-Col. Sir Acland Troyte. In addition we were given the Military Medals of Sgt. Griffin and Rfn. Sellers and a nice collection of Sgt.-Major J. Collister and his son Sgt. J. Collister both of whom served in the Regiment.

The widow of S/Sgt. E. Clark who was a very well known and much liked Mess Sergeant of the 4th Battalion before the 1914 War kindly presented her husband's Medals which in addition to the M.S.M. include the Queen's South Africa Medal (Boer War) of 1899-1902 and the Defence Medal of 1939/45 War—a span of 40 years.

In addition to the Medals shown above we were given or loaned three interesting Regimental Swords. By far the oldest—and in fact the oldest we have in the Museum—was that of Lieut. Gabriel Burer who served in the Regiment from 1797 to 1801. This was presented by Mr. C. R. Hodgson, a descendant of Lieut. Burer, who was Town Major of Calais in 1940 and attended the Calais Re-union this year.

We also received from his daughter the sword of Major-Gen. Sir John ("Tavish") Davidson, Colonel Commandant of the 2nd Battalion, 1937-45.

The third sword was that of Lieut.-Col. R. Chester-Master whose son and grandson were both in the Regiment.

By far the most valuable acquisition during the year was a very large and magnificent silver cup which was won for "efficiency"

for year after year in the 1870's and 1880's by the Victoria Rifles of Canada. Sadly this Allied Unit has been put in "suspended animation" and it was extremely kind of them to make a permanent loan to the Regiment of this very fine Cup and also an Oil Painting of our 1st Battalion marching out of the Citadel at Quebec for the last time in 1871. This painting was reproduced on our Christmas Card some years ago.

In the Antique Dealers Fair at Grosvenor House during the summer there was a pair of very nice glass Decanters, circa 1800, with "5th Battalion, 60th Regiment" inscribed on one side and a Bugle on the other.

After some negotiations which were helped by Mr. L. G. G. Ramsey who is now Editor of the *Connoisseur* and who was in the 43rd and 52nd these Decanters were bought: they are the only pieces of glass in the Museum. Shortly after this Mr. Ramsey presented to us a finger bowl with exactly the same markings which was found in Jersey.

The above were obviously part of a set of glass which belonged to the 5th Battalion during the Peninsula War.

Finally not long ago we purchased three Spode Dishes which the experts say are dated 1790-1820. On the back of these is stamped the Regimental Badge with 1st 60th in the centre and "Celer et Audax" in a circle round it. As the Regimental Motto had fallen into disuse and was only revived in 1824 the stamp must have been put on at a date later than 1820.

The last two purchases were made from the very generous grant of £100 given to us a couple of years ago by an anonymous donor.

## THE REGIMENTAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner of the Celer et Audax Club was held at Grosvenor House on 3rd June. Gen. Sir George Erskine, Colonel Commandant, was in the Chair and 114 members and 5 guests attended.

The Chairman read the text of the telegram sent to Her Majesty, our Colonel-in-Chief, and her gracious reply. He then spoke as follows:—

"I am delighted to see so many guests and Allied Regiments represented here to-night, and particularly Col. H. G. D. Butler, 3rd Green Jackets, The Rifle Brigade; Lieut.-Col. J. Granville, 1st Green Jackets, 43rd and 52nd; Capt. G. W. Baker, Regina Rifle Regiment; Capt. I. F. Stanwell, Sydney University Regiment; Major D. J. W. Willoughby, 2nd K.E.O. Goorkhas.

It is always a pleasure to see Bill Channing and Graham Thomson representing the American Honorary Life Members.

The Battalion is in very good order and the outstanding achievement was by Sgt. Smith in winning The Queens Medal at Bisley. The shooting record was well up to the very high standard we have set ourselves

A letter from the C.O. Dwin Bramall is interesting as showing the Battalion is carrying out a very tough job and an exacting one in Sarawak.

I visited the Battalion twice, once at Colchester and once on Salisbury Plain. I must congratulate Giles Mills on a most successful period of Command. We have every reason to be most proud of our Battalion.

The Queens Royal Rifles are in excellent form doing well in every way.

The re-opening of the Depot was carried out by H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester on 28th May and is now Peninsula Barracks. His Royal Highness made the announcement of the creation of the large Regiment—"The Royal Green Jackets"—This of course is a very important step, which comes into being on 1st January 1966.

This is not the death of our old Regiment, but the rebirth in a stronger and more vigorous form. All we need to do now is to wish it well and give the new arrangement our fullest co-operation.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking Stewart Symington for the excellent dinner arrangements".

The Chairman then gave the toast of "The Regiment".

## HISTORY OF THE REGIMENTAL CHRONICLE

1901-1965

As this is the last year in which the Regimental *Chronicle* in its present form will be published it is thought that a very short history of it might be interesting to our readers.

The first number of the *Chronicle* was for the year 1901 and from the Preface it appears that although it was a good year for the first edition from the point of view of interesting news as the Boer War was in progress, this meant that three of the four Regular Battalions were on active service in South Africa and one in India and this apparently gave the Editors a bit of a headache.

A quotation from the same preface says "The Committee desire to thank Gen. Sir Redvers Buller, Colonel Commandant, for his donation of £40 which enables them to start free of the fear of debt". I'm afraid if the *Chronicle* were started now it would require at least ten times that amount to achieve the same object!

For the *Chronicles* of 1901 to 1906 apparently no Editor was appointed but a Committee of 4 ran it. In 1907 Major The Hon. R. M. Stuart-Wortley was appointed temporary editor while in 1908 Capt. H. Newton took on the job for 5 years.

In 1911 the longreignas Editor of Lieut.-Col. R. Byron commenced which lasted until 1931 inclusive. The next year Lieut.-Col. Pardoe took over and carried on until the War came and in 1940 The Historical Committee of the Celer et Audax Club is shown as "Editors". This continued until 1957 but in fact Gen. H. O. Curtis became Editor at about the end of the War (the exact date is hard to find) and continued until 1955 when the present Editors, Lieut.-Col. Sir John Maclure and Major C. J. Wilson took over.

Although over the years the appearance and contents of the *Chronicle* have been much the same, a rather different emphasis has gradually taken place in the latter.

In the Preface to the first edition the emphasis was on articles on shooting expeditions, travels by land and sea of individual contributors etc. and as rather an afterthought, "it is also hoped to preserve a continuous history of the Corps".

Gradually the accounts of the various Battalions, and including those of our T.A. Regiments, Cadets and Allied Regiments, have taken up most of the space to the detriment of personal narratives.

This it is thought has come about for two main reasons. The first is on account of the two World Wars during which the interest

of readers was naturally focused on the fighting and in which the Editors, in spite of all the censorship requirements, managed to give fairly full accounts.

The second main reason is that with the great increase in the number of our Allied and Affiliated Regiments to all of whom we allot a certain amount of space in the *Chronicle*, there simply is not room for many individual stories if we wish to keep the size (and more especially the cost) within bounds.

Perhaps a subsidiary reason is that individual officers don't nowadays have the time or money to go on so many shooting and other trips.

From the point of view of providing interesting reading the above is rather sad, but from the historians point of view it is obviously a good thing.

On comparing the contents of the *Chronicles* for the 1914-18 War and the last one, it appears that the ideas of the Censor must have changed somewhat.

For the 1914-18 War the accounts of the actions of the many Battalions (26 in all, 17 of which fought overseas) are reported in full with sketches of the various actions and the number of the Battalion concerned, but there isn't a single photograph which apparently were not allowed.

For the 1939-45 War there are plenty of photographs but no name or number of the Battalion concerned was allowed to be mentioned nor are there detailed sketch plans.

Looking to the future we are very lucky in that all three of the present *Chronicles* are produced in very much the same style and should not be difficult to combine. Some—I think the great majority—of Regiments and Corps produce paper covered "Journals", usually every 6 months, rather more like our News Letter. Luckily the 43rd and 52nd and The Rifle Brigade produce their *Chronicles* annually.

Although therefore it is very sad that our Regimental *Chronicle* as such will have to come to an end after this edition which is the 65th, yet the new "Large Regiment" *Chronicle* which will be called *The Royal Green Jackets Chronicle* will look much the same and will of course contain much the same reading matter and photographs as the present one does.

Already there are in the present *Chronicle* several articles which are essentially Green Jacket in character (e.g. the Cricket and Golf and the Depot Accounts). Nevertheless the new combined *Chronicle* will of course be a good bit larger than the present one. However the circulation will also be much larger so it is hoped the cost will be little, if any, more.

## A SHORT HISTORY OF THE KING'S ROYAL RIFLE CORPS LADIES' GUILD

### ON THE AMALGAMATION OF THE LADIES' GUILDS

On 1st January 1966 the three Green Jacket Regiments are merging to form one Regiment to be known as The Royal Green Jackets.

The King's Royal Rifle Corps and Rifle Brigade Ladies' Guilds (which form part of the Riflemen's Aid Society) have therefore decided to merge their organizations and funds and form, together with the 43rd and 52nd, The Royal Green Jackets Ladies' Guild with the same objects as before and as part of The Riflemen's Aid Society.

It is thought that the following short history of the 60th Ladies' Guild, formed by Mrs. Fortescue in 1906, might be of interest to members.

There is an early note which tells us:

"All women connected with, or interested in, The King's Royal Rifle Corps are, by means of the Guild, an already organized body. Without long and tedious correspondence and enquiries we are ready at once, in case of Active Service or any other emergency, to undertake any work connected with the women and children of the Regiment which we may be called upon to do."

This, in a nutshell, has been the work of the Ladies' Guild from 1906 up to the present day.

At first the Guild was called the 60th Rifles' Needlework Guild. Clothing was made and supplied by Officers' wives, and was largely used by the wives and children of Riflemen going to, and returning from, hot climates.

By 1911 all garments were sent to the Rifle Depot at Winchester, and despatched to C.O.'s wives at their request when needed. The name was changed in 1915 to the Ladies' Guild of The King's Royal Rifle Corps.

During World War I the visiting of families, hospital visiting, comforts for Riflemen at the Front, and weekly parcels to all Prisoners of War, were organized under separate committees.

The Central Council was formed in 1916, and the Guild from its start worked often in conjunction with S.S.A.F.A. and has always received much help from this organization.

In the years between the wars the Guild continued to care for Riflemen's wives and families. Perhaps the most useful work was the help given to families "off the strength", i.e. those who were not

then entitled to any Marriage Allowance or quarters, and consequently found it very difficult to live on the pay of a Rifleman.

For providing immediate help of all kinds, each C.O.'s wife was given £20 annually by the Guild, to be spent at her own discretion, and this was found invaluable. The organization of the Guild was in these years rather altered with members subscribing rather more and clothing being bought with the money, though gifts in kind were still sent in. The clothing branch was moved to Eccleston Square.

Today we no longer keep stocks of clothing at Winchester as it has been found more satisfactory to give grants through shops, after careful investigation of the cases.

In 1934 the Annual Tea Party, until then run by the Ladies' Guild, became a Regimental function and in 1956 it was combined with The Rifle Brigade.

In 1939 the work of the Ladies' Guild was carried on by the War Emergency Committee. The Prisoners of War Depot worked in Winchester and by 1945 over 2,000 parcels had been sent out to Riflemen in all Prisoners of War Camps.

In the first year of the War 600 cases had been helped in various ways, and 326 clothing parcels containing 4,049 garments had been sent to families in need. By the end of the War approximately 85,000 Comforts had been despatched to Riflemen, and nearly 600 families were on the Guild Register. To these families 11,950 parcels were sent, when asked for.

In 1941 Gift Parcels began to arrive from America and Canada. The Riflemen's Aid Society gave £500, and subsidized the Guild's activities for the remainder of the War years.

Perhaps the most useful form of help in World War II was the letter sent from the Guild to every Riflemen's wife, 5,000 in all, giving the address of the Ladies' Guild in case of need. Rifle Records were a great help in keeping the lists up-to-date.

At the end of hostilities 74,957 knitted woollen comforts had been sent to the 10 Battalions. Working Parties for these all over the country were supplied with wool by the Guild.

The Green Jackets' Hospital Visiting Scheme continued after the War, and visitors were sent to keep in touch with Riflemen still in hospitals in Great Britain, and to find out if their families were in need of care.

In 1946 the Riflemen's Aid Society asked the Ladies' Guild to help them run the War Memorial Scheme and to organize sponsors for the 363 children of all ranks of Riflemen who had been killed in the War.

Each child was to receive £50 as a "start in life" and by now all except 57 have had their full grant. The organizing of this scheme entailed a great deal of work for a great many people.

In 1956 an emergency arose in Suez in which many Reservists were called up, and the Ladies' Guild decided to send a letter to each Reservist's wife, offering help and advice should she need it. There were some 28 replies, mostly about hire purchase commitments on furniture. Some replied thanking for the letter, and saying that it was a great comfort to feel that they could write to the Guild if the need arose.

The War Memorial Scheme has been our main work during the last 20 years, but now, as in the very beginning, the Ladies' Guild is always ready to give practical help in the case of Active Service and Emergency Service, and to undertake any work connected with the women and children of the Regiment which it may be called upon to do.

The 60th Ladies' Guild's Council and Committee will cease their work at the end of 1965 but five of them have been elected to serve on the Council of The Royal Green Jackets' Ladies' Guild.

Date, Name and  
Composition

## SNAKES AND LADDERS

1755-1965

1755  
62nd (within a year  
60th) or Royal American  
Regiment of Foot. Four  
Bns.

As by the time this *Chronicle* is published the Regiment will have changed its name and composition once again, it is thought that perhaps the number of Battalions and names of the Regiment during its 210 years, should be recorded.

As most readers will know when the Regiment was raised in 1755 in America it was done in a big way. Virtually all other Infantry Regiments in the British Army at that time consisted of only one Battalion. We set off with a bang, having an establishment of four Battalions each 1,000 strong, though in fact it was found hard work to recruit up to the correct strength—a position not very different from today.

1764  
Two Bns.  
1775 to 1783  
Four Bns.

At the end of the French War in America the 4th Bn. was disbanded in 1763 and the 3rd in 1764.

1784—Two Bns.  
1787—Four Bns.

At the outbreak of the American War of Independence in 1775 the 3rd and 4th Bns. were raised again but disbanded at the end of the war in 1783, and re-raised in 1787.

1797  
5th Bn. raised

In 1797 at Cowes in the Isle of Wight the famous 5th Bn. was raised and was the first Regular Battalion in the British Army to be armed with a rifle and dressed in green. This Battalion fought all through the Peninsula War.

1799—Six Bns.  
1813—Eight Bns.

During the Napoleonic Wars the Regiment increased to eight Battalions, the 6th being raised in 1799 and the 7th and 8th in 1813. There seems to be some divergence of opinion in our various history books about the dress of these Battalions, but it is probable that the 5th, 7th and 8th were dressed in green. At any rate the muddle about who wore what was solved in 1815 when the "red" Battalions changed to green with the title of "Light Infantry".

1815 All Bns. in green.

1820  
Two Bns.

As always happens at the end of any War the number of Battalions was drastically cut.

By 1818 the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Bns. had disappeared while the 3rd and 4th were disbanded in 1819. Thus by 1820 we were right at the bottom of the "snake" having climbed the ladder to the dizzy height of 8 Battalions during the Napoleonic War—the biggest number we had up to the 1914–18 War.

1824–1830  
The 60th Duke of York's  
Own Rifle Corps Two  
Bns.

Up to this time the name of the Regiment was still officially the 60th Royal American Regiment although it appears that the American part had been dropped for all ordinary purposes. Fortescue and other historians of the Peninsula War invariably refer to the 5th Bn. as the 5/60th. In fact our connection with America had ceased to exist some time previously.

1824 The 60th,  
Duke of York's Own  
Rifle Corps.

So in 1824 the Regiment was renamed The 60th, Duke of Yorks Own Rifle Corps in honour of the Duke who was Colonel-in-Chief for 30 years until his death in 1827.

Whatever may be thought of the Duke as a Commander in the field (the rhyme about him "marching his men up the hill and marching them down again" has done a great disservice to one who was in fact a pretty good commander) he undoubtedly was a fine administrator at the War Office. It is interesting to note that during excavations in front of the old Officers' Mess at the Depot in 1950 a coin was found (now in the Regimental Museum) which is a Duke of York's token coin struck on his death in 1827 and inscribed "The Soldiers Friend" There are many worse epitaphs.

While we are on the subject of Colonels-in-Chief it is interesting to note that apparently this appointment leads to longevity especially among Dukes.

Three of our "Duke" Colonels-in-Chief, Frederick, Duke of York (1797–1827), Adolphus, Duke of Cambridge (1827–1850) and George, Duke of Cambridge (1869–1904) covered between them no less than 88 years out of the Regiments 210.

All these were "characters" and of Duke Adolphus it is recorded that he had an engaging but somewhat eccentric habit of speaking his thoughts aloud. When attending a funeral service and hearing the words "We brought nothing into the world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out", he responded aloud "very true; too many demands on our purse for that!"

An anecdote about Duke George is to the effect that when he was asked by Lord Wolseley to open the Staff College, he replied that he could not understand what one was wanted for and said to Wolseley "What do we want officers with brains for? You've got no brains and I've got no brains and we've got on all right!"

Very shortly after King William came to the throne in 1830 he placed the Regiment under the immediate protection of the reigning Sovereign by giving it the title of: "The 60th, The King's Royal Rifle Corps".

When in 1881 all Regiments dropped their numbers, the Regiment naturally became just "The King's Royal Rifle Corps" though up to the present time most retired members of the Regiment will still say they were in the 60th.

As the Crimean War showed the need for more Infantry in the British Army, our 3rd Bn. was again raised in 1855, while on the outbreak of the Indian Mutiny in 1857 the 4th Bn. was once more re-started.

No further change in the numbers of Regular Battalions took place for a very long time, in fact up to 1922.

During this long period many Militia and later Territorial Army Units were affiliated to the Regiment but were not part of the Corps. The raising of the Mounted Infantry gave the Regiment a chance to display the initiative it always shows in playing its part in a new role. In addition to providing many M.I. Companies during the latter part of the 19th Century we were the only Regiment in the British Army to raise a complete Battalion numbered 25th M.I. Bn. This was during the Boer War.

1830  
The 60th, The King's  
Royal Rifle Corps.  
Two Bns.

1881

1855  
Three Bns.  
1857  
Four Bns.

1857–1914  
Four Bns.  
Mounted Infantry.

25th M.I. Bn.  
1901

1914-18  
26 Bns.

In the 1914-18 War the Regiment, in addition to its Regular Battalions, raised 22 more, a total of 26 Battalions of which 17 fought overseas. This put us right at the top of the ladder.

1920 Four Bns.

By 1920 the only Battalions left were the four Regular Battalions which were reduced in 1922 to two by the disbandment of the 3rd and 4th.

1922 Two Bns.

1939-45 Eight Bns.

During the 1939-45 War the strength of the Corps was increased to eight Battalions by the inclusion of six Battalions from our three T.A. Units (Queen Victoria Rifles, The Rangers, The Queen's Westminsters—two Battalions from each) who had been incorporated into the King's Royal Rifle Corps before the War started.

1946  
Two Bns.

At the end of the War the T.A. Battalions were demobilized by 1946 so that only the two Regular Battalions remained.

1947-1957  
One or Two Bns.

The 1st Bn. has remained continuously in being since the War but the 2nd Bn. had a somewhat Jack-in-the-Box existence being placed in "suspended animation" in 1948, reformed in 1951 and again placed in suspended animation in 1957, and finally disbanded in 1965.

1958  
2nd Green Jackets,  
The King's Royal  
Rifle Corps.  
One Bn.

On 7th November, 1958 the Green Jackets Brigade was formed and the name of the Regiment was changed for the first time for nearly 80 years.

1966  
2nd Bn. The Royal  
Green Jackets  
(The King's Royal  
Rifle Corps).

On the merging of the Green Jackets Brigade into one Green Jacket Regiment the history of the old 60th officially comes to an end but in fact is being kept very much alive by the Battalion in Malaysia under the title of 2nd Bn., The Royal Green Jackets (The King's Royal Rifle Corps).

## A VOYAGE TO PANCHOR

By Capt. Robin Gamble

The island of Panchor lies close to the West Coast of the Malay Peninsula some seventy miles South of Penang. The island is renowned for its beaches and clear water that covers coral reefs. Seven Riflemen agreed to sail to this island during their leave in a twenty-seven foot Whaler kindly lent by the Royal Malay Naval Reserve in Penang.

Loaded with an enormous quantity of stores that mounted almost to the gunwale, the vessel was rowed away from the R.A.F. Base at Glugor and drifted slowly out to sea on a windless morning. At midday a steady onshore breeze blew up and we headed Southward breaking through the short seas running over mudflats. By dusk most of the crew were in need of filling their stomachs with something fresh, so a large stew was balanced precariously in the bottom of the boat.

The sea South of Penang is shallow and numerous fish traps called Kelongs stretch far out to sea. A Kelong is built of poles which are driven into the sea bed and the eddies in the current between the poles guide the fish towards a large net suspended at the seaward end. Unlit at night, their barriers form a considerable hazard to amateur seamen. Four were hit during the first few hours of darkness and with each splintering crash the neighbouring fishermen awoke amidst a frenzy of shouting and flashing lights. Further out to sea all became peaceful and we settled down to enjoy a night under sail in the Straits of Malacca. With Orion to steer on and the phosphorescent water bubbling past it was one of the few occasions that one can happily stay awake all night.

Dawn found us closing with the shore once again and a helmsman was instructed to sail towards a distant mark while others retired to sleep. The hot morning sun woke us some hours later to find the boat becalmed and the distant mark vanishing over the horizon as we drifted backwards on the tide.

On the following day we entered the Dindings Channel and sailed down the length of Panchor Island to the outward bound school on the mainland. Here the warden kindly allowed us to sleep in the school for the night. The vigorous activity and discipline was very impressive and it was with relief that we sailed away before finding ourselves too on a long-distance jungle march.

We anchored amongst the coral off the South-West tip of the island and soon the boat was heaped with a large and smelly pile of

specimens from the deep. Fishing had proved fruitless to date but here numerous highly coloured creatures were hauled aboard. Among them was the lively striped Sergeant-Major fish.

Tiring of our rations we decided to blow our financial reserves on a dinner at the hotel at Pasir Bogak. We found 2/Lieut. Peter Harrison staying there and we were glad to see a friendly face having already been accused by the local home guard of having come from Sumatra. Order was restored by hoisting an enormous Union Jack and we settled down to our feast.

Soon after setting sail for Penang we were struck by our first storm. It approached us slowly with increasing crashes of thunder as we waited on an oily sea. The first gust and the boat was away and we scudded Northward under foresail and mizzen with a mounting sea and driving rain. After two hours the storm blew past and we peered from under our groundsheets to see where we had got to.

The area of the Kelongs was recrossed by day which was infinitely less hazzardous and proved very profitable as the fishermen sold us large quantities of fresh prawns at a comparatively small price. Kedgeree was planned for dinner but the prawns were all gone by dusk, so meat bar figured on the menu once again.

With an adverse wind and tide the last few miles to Penang seemed endless. At last, with the lights of Penang to guide us, we made shore in the early hours of the morning.

## GIFTS AND LEGACIES TO THE REGIMENT

Those who have made provision in their Wills or intend to do so for sums of money to go to the Regiment are asked to review the bequest to ensure that it is worded correctly now that The Royal Green Jackets have come into being.

The Riflemen's Aid Society, The Officers' Funds (Benevolent) and the Central Trust Funds (Old Battalion Funds, etc.) of the three Green Jacket Regiments have been pooled into three Charitable Trust Funds:

- (a) The Riflemen's Aid Society.
- (b) The Royal Green Jacket Officers' Fund.
- (c) The Royal Green Jacket Central Fund.

Money left to any of these funds would be used for past or present members of all Green Jacket Regiments and could not be earmarked only for King's Royal Rifle Corps personnel.

A bequest in this case is best worded to "The Regimental Colonel Commandant The Royal Green Jackets for the time being, for the benefit of .....

The Celer et Audax Club Fund, The King's Royal Rifle Corps Association and The King's Royal Rifle Corps Museum Trust Fund remain unaltered and money left here would benefit only King's Royal Rifle Corps personnel past or present. A bequest intended in this way is best worded to "The Colonel Commandant 2nd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets for the time being for the benefit of.....".

It would also be possible to word it as above and "for the benefit of the officers and men for the time being serving with the 2nd Battalion".

Further advice will always be given on application to Regimental Headquarters, Winchester.

## THE OFFICERS' PENSIONS SOCIETY

Attention is invited to this Society, whose President is Field Marshal Sir Francis Festing, and Chairman is Gen. The Lord Bourne. Its objects are to procure improvements and increases in the retired pay and pensions of officers and widows of the three Armed Services, and to promote their interests in every way.

The Society has influenced the award of many improvements and increases in retired pay and pensions, and still has a long way to go.

There are now over 26,000 members, which number is increasing every day. The annual subscriptions is only £1 for retired officers and serving officers' wives, and 5/- for widows. So many useful concessions are available to members that they can save far more than the cost of subscriptions. Full details can be obtained from the General Secretary of the Society at 137 Victoria Street, S.W.1.

## GREEN JACKET CRICKET

The account of Green Jacket Cricket in the 1964 *Chronicle* started by saying that the most outstanding feature of the season was the beautiful weather. This could most certainly not be said of the 1965 season and it is a moot point as to whether the weather or the results were the worst! As we only won 1 match perhaps the latter wins.

In fact the results were:

PLAYED 14 WON 1 DRAWN 6 LOST 7

One match (v. the Gemini) did not take place owing to the state of the ground and two of the drawn games were ruined by rain. In addition for the first time since the last War we had to scratch a match owing to not being able to collect enough players. This was the game against the Band of Brothers and very regretfully we have come to the conclusion that as the B.B.'s will not play outside Kent and as our players seem unable or unwilling to travel down there we cannot continue with this fixture.

When the news arrived in the autumn of 1963 that the Rifle Brigade Battalion as well as the other two Regiments would be abroad all the year it was realised that it was going to be hard work for the managers of matches to get together a decent side; it was, particularly towards the end of the season. These managers deserve a pat on the back for all the hard work they put in. Some of the sides may not have been our best ones but in every case there were 11 players on the field.

Once again the somewhat disastrous results must be attributed to our lack of high class bowlers. If the averages which are at the end of this account are studied it will be seen that the batting ones, though worse than some of the previous years, were adequate especially in such a wet year.

The bowling however does not show such good results and it is particularly unfortunate that three out of the five people who bowled 70 overs or more had averages of over 30! This does *not* win matches.

### The Week

The week socially appeared to be reasonably successful but again the weather on the Thursday was, to put it mildly, very moderate and many of our guests did not brave the arctic conditions while many of those who did had to display extreme hardihood to remain to hear the Massed Bands and Bugles (R.B. and Depot) after the match. The display given was excellent both on the Thursday and on the Saturday which luckily was the best weather of the week.

An even larger crowd of Green Jackets than usual attended the match and for the Dance in the Mess, and the latter was voted one of the best. Our thanks for this and for the work (and very hard work too of running the bar in the Pavilion both during the week and for the Saturday match, are due to Mr. Pierce and his staff not forgetting Brian Balls, the P.M.C., who worked very hard to make the dance the success it was. As regards the cricket during the week, we managed to draw the match v. the Free Foresters fairly comfortably but the less said about the one v. Winchester College the better. (The scores at the end of this account tell all that is necessary).

In the Regimental Matches we managed to stave off defeat by the Rifle Brigade and our match at Oxford v. 43rd and 52nd was rained off when there was nothing much in it.

Once again two good teams turned out for the Past v. Present which this year was won by the former after Mike Coulman had made a very attractive 100 for them.

Although during the season there were some good matches it would be romancing wildly to say that we were unlucky not to win more than one of them in addition to our victory v. the R.M.A. Sandhurst. The match we might have won was that v. the Royal Hampshire Regiment when after we had declared at 185 for 5 wickets (Rodney Holmes 95), our opponents were 138 for 9 but played out time.

Our only success was against Sandhurst who were thought to have the best side for years and had apparently beaten the Free Foresters and the Army. However Ian McCausland (4 for 91) and Nick Dawson (6 for 60) got them out for 197 and we only lost 2 wickets in getting the runs in quick time. Peter Delisle got 66 and Robin Peppiatt 78, both not out. This was very odd considering our form for the rest of the season!

For our first match of the season again the Old Wykehamists, we managed to get them out for 217 (Dunphie 4 for 45) but batted very moderately for 109.

Two fair sides contested the match v. Harrow Wanderers. We could only reach 163 (Peter Shaw 48) but this was enough to draw the match as they batted slowly for 135 for 7 wickets. A dull game.

The next match was also somewhat dull as against the Gunners we could only reach 137 (Dumas 44) and they won pretty easily by 4 wickets.

The matches v. Hampshire Hogs and the Arabs were debacles. In the first we reached the fair score of 171 but our bowlers then completely failed to dislodge either of their openers and so we lost by 10 wickets which I can't remember happening before.

The Arabs brought down a very strong side and were too good for us making 220 for 5 and getting us out for the paltry score of 51. I must say that this Arab team and the Hogs had two of the best bowling sides we've seen at St. Cross for a long time.

In the match at Camberley v. the Staff College our batsmen did better making 209 (Delisle 109) but our bowlers only got 3 out before our opponents won the match.

The matches v. the Eton Ramblers and the Household Brigade were both spoilt by rain but we declared at 185 for 9 wickets in the former (Dumas 76; Robinson 50 not out) which was a reasonable score. Either the batting of both sides in the Household Brigade match was lamentable or the bowling very good (let's be charitable and say the latter) as we got them out for 132 (Guthrie 3 for 21 and Symington 3 for 48) but then lost 7 wickets for 88.

It's a rather gloomy thought for the future that in this match which was the most successful of the season from our bowlers point of view, the combined age of our 5 bowlers must have been very near, if not over, the 200 mark!

Finally we must congratulate Peter Delisle on again heading the batting with an average well over 50 and also the two groundsmen, Mr. Passingham and Mr. Collins who, in a very wet and difficult summer, turned out the usual excellent wickets.

A very nice tribute was paid to our ground by E. W. Swanton who, writing in *The Cricketer* in connection with some of the very moderate wickets now seen on County grounds gave three or four examples of how a ground should be kept, the first of which was St. Cross.

### GREEN JACKET WEEK 1965

#### 60TH RIFLES v. RIFLE BRIGADE

##### RIFLE BRIGADE

J. R. R. Holmes, b. Treneer-Michell	..	..	..	75
A. L. Robinson, b. Symington	..	..	..	32
G. P. S. Delisle, run out	..	..	..	53
J. M. S. Thompson, ct. T. Michell, b. Symington	..	..	..	1
P. Hudson, ct. Solomon, b. Symington	..	..	..	0
C. H. Rance, l.b.w. Treneer-Michell	..	..	..	5
H. D. G. Butler, ct. Humphries, b. Treneer-Michell	..	..	..	16
C. Mott-Radclyffe, b. Symington	..	..	..	0
A. C. Guthrie, b. Treneer-Michell	..	..	..	0
C. C. Dunphie, not out	..	..	..	5
Extras	..	..	..	4
Total (for 9 wks. declared)				191

J. D. Bendit, did not bat.

##### 60TH RIFLES

R. K. Guy, ct. Butler, b. Robinson	..	..	..	29
J. R. Tillard, b. Robinson	..	..	..	15
R. B. Browne-Clayton, b. Mott-Radclyffe	..	..	..	19
C. A. Humphreys, ct. Dunphie, b. Robinson	..	..	..	9
S. J. Symington, ct. Holmes, b. Bendit	..	..	..	0
P. Treneer-Michell, ct. Holmes, b. Dunphie	..	..	..	6
R.Q.M.S. Solomon, b. Mott-Radclyffe	..	..	..	9
Cpl. Maher, ct. Mott-Radclyffe, b. Bendit	..	..	..	13
Rfn. Peat, not out	..	..	..	9
D. M. Stileman, not out	..	..	..	1
Extras	..	..	..	16
Total (for 8 wks.)				126

W. M. C. Prideaux, did not bat.

Match drawn

### 43RD AND 52ND v. 60TH RIFLES at Oxford

##### 43RD AND 52ND

A. L. Ambrose, l.b.w. Symington	..	..	..	49
H. P. E. Dumas, ct. and b. Treneer-Michell	..	..	..	30
P. G. Chamberlin, ct. Fiennes, b. Treneer-Michell	..	..	..	2
J. N. B. Mogg, ct. McCausland, b. Symington	..	..	..	5
D. R. Peppiatt, b. McCausland	..	..	..	35
B. W. Balls, b. McCausland	..	..	..	32
J. P. Raison, not out	..	..	..	14
H. W. A. Ruck-Keene, not out	..	..	..	0
Extras	..	..	..	10
Total (for 6 wks. declared)				177

C. Martin, R. A. St. G. Martin, J. S. Shepherd did not bat.

##### 60TH RIFLES

J. I. Bell, not out	..	..	..	37
J. R. Tillard, b. Sheppard	..	..	..	32
I. Maclure, not out	..	..	..	12
Extras	..	..	..	8
Total (for 1 wkt)				89

Rain stopped play.

Abandoned.

I. H. McCausland, R. K. Guy, N. T. A. Fiennes, D. W. R. Bedford, S. J. Symington, P. Maclure, Rfn. Peat, P. Treneer-Michell did not bat.

## 43RD AND 52ND v. THE RIFLE BRIGADE

## 43RD AND 52ND

P. G. Chamberlin, ct. Hunt, b. Gore .. .. .	40
H. P. E. Dumas, ct. Dawson, b. Gore .. .. .	9
A. L. Ambrose, b. Dawson .. .. .	2
J. P. Raison, ct. and b. Palmer .. .. .	25
R. A. St. G. Martin, b. Burrell .. .. .	0
H. W. A. Ruck-Keene, ct. Mallett, b. Dawson .. .. .	34
B. W. Balls, not out .. .. .	11
I. G. Elliott, b. Dawson .. .. .	1
J. N. B. Mogg, b. Burrell .. .. .	7
D. R. Peppiatt, b. Burrell .. .. .	0
J. S. Shepherd, b. Burrell .. .. .	0
Extras .. .. .	5
Total .. .. .	134

## RIFLE BRIGADE

C. B. Hunt, b. Peppiatt .. .. .	3
F. E. Hughes-Onslow, ct. Mogg, b. Peppiatt .. .. .	6
C. M. Mallett, ct. Peppiatt, b. Raison .. .. .	19
T. C. Gore, b. Peppiatt .. .. .	5
A. J. N. Dawson, ct. Raison, b. Peppiatt .. .. .	0
H. D. G. Butler, b. Raison .. .. .	2
P. Hudson, b. Peppiatt .. .. .	1
G. C. Wemyss, ct. Shepherd, b. Chamberlin .. .. .	19
A. E. Palmer, b. Raison .. .. .	5
J. R. Cornell, not out .. .. .	13
C/Sgt. Burrell, b. Chamberlin .. .. .	7
Extras .. .. .	7
Total .. .. .	87

## GREEN JACKETS v. WINCHESTER COLLEGE

## GREEN JACKETS

J. N. B. Mogg, l.b.w. Priestly .. .. .	14
J. R. Tillard, ct. Longmore, b. Priestly .. .. .	23
A. L. Ambrose, ct. Bartley, b. Priestly .. .. .	0
H. P. E. Dumas, ct. and b. Oakes .. .. .	1
D. R. Peppiatt, ct. Bartley, b. Priestly .. .. .	4
H. W. Ruck-Keene b. Priestly .. .. .	0
C. A. Humphreys, ct. Burchwall, b. Oakes .. .. .	3
S. J. Symington, ct. Oldridge, b. Oakes .. .. .	3
A. J. N. Dawson, l.b.w. Oakes .. .. .	5
C. A. Cutforth, not out .. .. .	11
W. M. C. Prideaux, ct. Synge, b. Oakes .. .. .	7
Extras .. .. .	12
Total .. .. .	83

## WINCHESTER COLLEGE

D. A. Oldridge, not out .. .. .	34
R. J. Priestly, b. Peppiatt .. .. .	48
R. L. Burchwall, not out .. .. .	2
Total .. .. .	84

A. G. W. Jackson, S. G. B. Bartley, B. E. T. Synge, R. M. W. Woodrow, P. Roundell O. J. C. Oakes, T. M. Verity, R. N. W. Longmore did not bat.

GREEN JACKETS v. FREE FORESTERS

FREE FORESTERS

Featherstonehaugh, l.b.w. Peppiatt .. .. .	42
Tress, b. Peppiatt .. .. .	29
Ruoff, b. Robinson .. .. .	11
Lomax, ct. Tillard, b. Peppiatt .. .. .	80
Harris, b. Symington .. .. .	34
Oakley, not out .. .. .	11
Fenner, b. Robinson .. .. .	8
Whitcombe, ct. Tillard, b. Peppiatt .. .. .	6
Extras .. .. .	1
Total (for 7 wks. declared) .. .. .	222

Goodall, Robinson, Waddy did not bat.

GREEN JACKETS

J. R. Tillard, ct. Whitcombe, b. Waddy .. .. .	0
C. M. Mallett, b. Whitcombe .. .. .	0
J. N. B. Mogg, b. Fenner .. .. .	44
I. G. Elliott, b. Whitcombe .. .. .	0
A. L. Ambrose, b. Goodall .. .. .	35
A. L. Robinson, ct. Waddy, b. Harris .. .. .	15
D. R. Peppiatt, b. Goodall .. .. .	1
N. T. A. Fiennes, not out .. .. .	38
N. P. E. Dumas, not out .. .. .	5
Extras .. .. .	10
Total (for 7 wks.) .. .. .	148

Match Drawn

J. M. S. Thompson, S. J. Symington did not bat.

PRESENT v. PAST

PRESENT

J. N. B. Mogg, ct. Holmes, b. Prideaux .. .. .	11
P. G. Chamberlin, b. Bendit .. .. .	43
G. P. S. Delisle, ct. Holmes, b. Mott-Radclyffe .. .. .	113
C. A. Humphreys, b. Bendit .. .. .	8
J. R. Cornell, b. Bendit .. .. .	8
C. G. Wemyss, b. Bendit .. .. .	0
T. C. Gore, ct. Holmes, b. Prideaux .. .. .	0
M. C. Swann, b. Prideaux .. .. .	0
P. Treneer-Michell, ct. Mott-Radclyffe, b. Pridueax .. .. .	2
I. G. Elliott, not out .. .. .	9
C. C. Dunphie, not out .. .. .	2
Extras .. .. .	6
Total (for 9 wks. declared) .. .. .	202

PAST

J. R. Tillard, ct. Mogg, b. Swann .. .. .	60
M. R. Coulman, ct. Elliott, b. Dunphie .. .. .	100
T. P. Shaw, b. Swann .. .. .	8
N. A. T. Fiennes, not out .. .. .	18
D. W. R. Bedford, b. Chamberlain .. .. .	2
J. M. S. Thompson, ct. and b. Chamberlin .. .. .	0
J. R. R. Holmes, not out .. .. .	4
Extras .. .. .	14
Total (for 5 wks.) .. .. .	206

C. Mott-Radclyffe, S. J. Symington, Prideaux, J. D. Bendit did not bat.

### BATTING AVERAGES (5 Innings or over)

Name	Runs	Innings	Not out	Highest score	Average
G. P. S. Delisle	404	8	1	113	57.71
A. L. Robinson	115	6	2	50	28.75
J. R. R. Holmes	207	9	2	95	26.71
D. R. Peppiatt	203	8	1	78	26.14
B. W. Balls	101	5	1	32	25.25
J. R. Tillard	268	12	0	60	22.3
H. P. Dumas	192	10	1	67	21.3
A. L. Ambrose	126	7	0	49	18
P. R. Stevens	116	7	0	39	16.57
J. N. B. Mogg	109	8	0	44	13.62

### BOWLING ANALYSES (5 wickets or over)

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
C/Sgt. Burrell	17	1	43	5	8.6
I. H. McCausland	51	10	153	9	17
W. M. C. Prideaux	59	5	135	7	19.29
D. R. Peppiatt	78	12	291	14	20.78
A. J. N. Dawson	50	12	126	6	21
J. D. Bendit	76	17	230	10	23
A. L. Robinson	65	10	231	10	23.1
S. J. Symington	81	10	244	8	30.5
P. R. Stevens	78	11	283	8	35.38
C. C. Dunphie	71	11	330	9	36.6

### GREEN JACKETS GOLFING SOCIETY

#### Green Jackets Golf Meeting at Littlestone 8th and 9th May, 1965

The entry for the meeting in 1965 was the smallest for some years, owing largely to all three battalions being abroad. Twenty two members took part, and with the welcome growth in the entry from 43rd and 52nd golfers each regiment was well represented. The weather was most uninviting on the Saturday, rather like an unfriendly day in March, and it took more than a round of Bogey Foursomes to warm up those who took part. The best score was returned by the partnership of Nick Hanbury and Toby Gore with 28 points, not bad in the damp, cold weather which was made still less attractive by the addition of a breeze which helped one down the first fairway but which was a severe trial on the way home. The runners up in the Bogey Foursomes were John Whitfield and Mable Newton, the latter making a welcome reappearance after missing four meetings partly through ill health, but having clearly lost little of his form on the course and none at all off it.

The players set off for the afternoon singles considerably fortified against the cold, the bar having met an unexpected demand for mid winter refreshment. The event proved to be something of a one horse race as Fergus Hughes-Onslow won the Gurkha Brigade G.S. Kukri for the best score on handicap by a margin greater than anyone could recall. Indeed had it not been for the widespread esteem in which the handicapping committee is held there might have been some dark mutterings. In reply to these, had they been audible, the organisers could have said that an unbroken run of appearances at Littlestone since 1953 reveals no previous success with card and pencil for this year's winner, apart from the Serving Officers Cup in a field of two. In an exclusive interview with our correspondent, the winner ascribed his success firstly to laying a good foundation by lunching with Nick Hanbury who had won the morning competition and was naturally keen to ensure a generous allocation of sweep money at the conclusion of the meeting, and also to holing his second shot at the 8th hole. The runner up, rewarded with only the T.A. Cup for the second successive year, was Matthew Harker a short head in front of Nick Hanbury whose card was cheered up by his holing an approach for a 3 at the long 5th. As Toby Gore also holed an approach, at the 7th, the course was littered with dead eagles.

The Annual General Meeting was presided over by Lord Aldington, who ensured that there would not be too much drinking done during the business by concluding the latter in approximately seven seconds. One conclusion which can be drawn from this is that members are happy with the present form of the various competitions which in itself has been considerably altered in recent times.

One consequence of the small entry was the reduction of the qualifiers for the match play competitions to two from each regiment. In the 60th final Nick Hanbury, the more powerful player and faultlessly attired as usual, beat Matthew Harker decisively. Fergus Hughes-Onslow won the Rifle Brigade Statuette gaining revenge for his defeat in 1963 by Anthony Raikes, whose game has lost a little of its sharpness since marriage. The closest match occurred in the 43rd and 52nd final, where Pat Patterson whose ebullience clearly increases with nearness to the sea triumphed over his younger and more free swinging opponent, Tony Davies, at the 20th hole.

The Littlestone Cup foursomes competition, held on Sunday morning, was won by a generous margin by two of the Littlestone Club members, which left the Green Jacket couples panting in their wake and wondering where all the sweepstake money had gone. What little remained was awarded to Adrian Gore and Dudley Trench who just held off the challenge of John Whitfield and Nigel Althaus: The weather on Sunday was considerably more cheerful than it had been on Saturday, but the scores in this competition were, if anything worse than those returned in the cold and damp. The strain of competitive golf is well known, and when it has added to it the traditional Saturday evening hospitality of Mrs. Harker and the browsing and sluicing inseparable from life at the Dormy House, a slight decline in standards on the second day is perhaps understandable.

Sunday afternoon was perfect summer, with the breeze by this stage as lifeless as most of the competitors who, by long standing tradition were given the afternoon off to make their own matches. Once again the thanks of the Society are given to the Littlestone Golf Club by courtesy of whose Committee and members we are allowed to enjoy this annual weekend.

Results of the Meeting were as follows:

#### Saturday morning

##### Bogey Foursomes

Winners	N. J. C. Hanbury and T. C. Gore	28	points
2nd	J. G. Newton and J. F. Whitfield	27	..
3rd	G. P. Shakerley and M. J. W. Harker	25	..

#### Saturday afternoon

##### Medal

Name	Handicap	Points	Prizes Won
F. E. Hughes-Onslow	8	35	Medal. R.B. Scratch Cup
M. J. W. Harker	12	29½	T.A. Cup
N. J. C. Hanbury	7	29⅛	
J. F. Whitfield	5	28¾	60th Scratch Cup

Hon. C. E. Cecil	7	28½	
Sir. W. Bunbury	9	27⅞	
N. F. Althaus	9	25⅞	
A. F. Raikes	8	25	
Hon. D. O. Trench	9	24⅞	Veterans Cup
G. P. Shakerley	9	23⅞	
A. J. Davies	13	23⅜	
H. P. Patterson	14	23¼	
R. R. W. Workman	17	22⅞	Serving Officers Cup
M. N. Harbottle	18	22¾	
T. C. Gore	12	22½	
E. H. Whitfield	15	22⅛	
L. E. O. T. Hart	12	21½	
G. M. D. Thomas	16	20	
B. P. T. O'Brien	15	19⅛	
Hon. N. G. Bligh	18		
Lord Aldington	3		} No Return
A. C. Gore	4		

#### Sunday

##### Match Play Competitions

##### 60th Rifles Colonel Commandant's Cup

N. J. C. Hanbury beat M. J. W. Harker 4 and 3

##### Rifle Brigade Statuette

F. E. Hughes-Onslow beat A. F. Raikes 2 and 1

##### 43rd and 52nd Cup

H. P. Patterson beat A. J. Davies at the 20th

##### Littlestone Cup

##### Bogey Foursomes

A. C. Gore and Hon. D. O. Trench 26 points

N. F. Althaus and J. F. Whitfield 25 points

#### GREEN JACKET GOLF MATCHES IN 1965

Our season opened on a note of sadness with the sudden death of Col. Pat Curtis, one of the original members of the Rifle Brigade Golfing Society and a past president of the Green Jackets Golfing Society which the R.B.G.S. ultimately became. Since the last war he managed the Rifle Brigade side for the annual match against the 60th and also ran the Green Jacket matches against the Artists Rifles G.S. and Winchester College. He served on the committee of the Army Golfing Society and was a moving spirit behind the entries which the Rifle Brigade made for the team competition in various Army Golf meetings.

Formal appreciations of Col. Pat appear in the *Rifle Brigade Chronicle*, but this is the most appropriate place in which to mention that Green Jacket Golf will not be quite the same without him. Quite apart from the sense of fun which he brought to the course he was always on the look out for ways of bringing younger people into the happy atmosphere of Green Jacket Golf and it is his effort to widen our Society which, added to that of others, makes it so particularly enjoyable.

Turning to the results, the R.B. v 60th Match ended in a win for the latter by 5 matches to 3, but this was only achieved by a dramatic fight back on their part after lunch. As this was associated with a corresponding fade out on the part of the Rifle Brigade, all the afternoon matches were won easily by the 60th. We were narrowly defeated but magnificently entertained in Jersey. We managed to return some of the hospitality which we have enjoyed over the years by giving a cocktail party for our hosts and this was considered by all a great success. Sea mist blanketed the course on the final afternoon and delayed our departure by air, which made the golf a test of memory and the entire venture an even greater test of stamina than as originally planned. David Clive again led his team to a win at Huntercombe, but found that Rye had strengthened their ranks after our win there in 1964. The Rye weekend, despite a good deal of wind and rain was as enjoyable as ever, and it has become in the course of ten years as large a gathering Green Jacket golfers as the Annual Meeting itself.

### RESULTS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Result</i>
20th March	Bar G. S.	New Zealand	Won 5½-2½
27th March	R.B. v 60th	Swinley Forest	60th 5, R.B. 3
4th April	Wine Trade	Pulborough	Lost 3-5
24/25th April	La Moye G.C.	Jersey	Lost 7½-8½
1st June	Lloyd's	Woking	Won 6-2
5th June	Jokers	New Zealand	Won 6-3
13th June	R.M.A.S.	Huntercombe	Won 5-3
7th July	Household Brigade	Swinley	Lost 3-5
5th Sept.	Huntercombe	Huntercombe	Won 5-3
15th Sept.	Artists Rifles	West Hill	Lost 3-5
26th Oct.	Ladies Parliamentary	Swinley Forest	Lost 2½-5½
30/31st Oct.	Rye G.C.	Rye	Lost 13½-18½
6th Nov.	Staff College	Blackmoor	Drawn 4-4
11th Nov.	Winchester College		Won 3-0

#### Summary

Played 13, Won 6, Lost 6, Drawn 1

## GEN. SIR GEORGE WATKIN EBEN JAMES

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

Born 23rd August 1899—Died 29th August 1965

Bobbie Erskine's death at the early age of 66 was a very sad occurrence both for his family and for his many friends inside and outside the Regiment. However those who saw him at the re-opening in May of the new Depot Barracks at Winchester and at the Regimental Dinner in June must have realised how critically ill he was. It was typical of his inherent courage that he was able to attend these two functions and to take the Chair as Colonel Commandant at the Dinner. It must have been a great strain but he was determined not to show it and he seemed his usual cheerful self which was one of his main characteristics. The Regiment owes him a great debt of gratitude for the way he looked after its interests during its difficult transformation and integration into The Green Jackets and then into the Royal Green Jackets. In his hands it was achieved to everyone's satisfaction.

Bobbie was educated at Charterhouse and the R.M.C. and was commissioned into the Regiment in April 1918. His regimental service followed much the usual pattern with the addition of a Brevet Majorship in 1936 and Brevet Lieut.-Colonelcy in 1938. He saw active service with the 1st Bn. in 1918 during the latter stages of the First World War and later was Adjutant of that Bn. both in 1921/22 and again 1923/26. After a short tour at the Rifle Depot and with the 2nd Bn. he went to the Staff College in 1931 after which he rejoined the 1st Bn. in India. He was appointed Staff Captain Rawalpindi Bde and later G.S.O. 3 Northern Command. He again rejoined the 1st Bn. in Burma in 1935 and in 1937 was appointed D.A.Q.M.G. London Division (T.A.) and later G.S.O.1 of that Division.

During his regimental peace time service Bobbie played most games and was an enthusiastic though not brilliant polo player until he had to give it up owing to phlebitis. He loved a bit of fun and was always prominent in any rag in the Officers' Mess when owing to his physical strength he was a real menace.

In June 1940 he was given command of the 2nd Bn. newly formed after the action at Calais. The following January he was appointed to command the 69 Infantry Brigade 50 Division T.A. with which he embarked in June 1941 for North Africa. He took part in the fighting at Gazala and Bir Hacheim. In February 1942 he became B.G.S. 13 Corps and in that capacity played a large part in the planning of

the Alam Halfa and the El Alamein battles and the operations succeeding them, for which he was awarded the D.S.O. For a short period he was acting Chief of Staff 8 Army. In January 1943 he took over command of the 7 Armoured Division (The Desert Rats). Thereon he led the Division in the series of operations culminating with the capture of Tunis and later in the Salerno landing which made good our footing on the Italian coast South of Naples. In the North African Campaign Lord Montgomery described him as a tower of strength and had the greatest confidence in his leadership, calmness and resolution in action.

Bobbie was still in command of the 7 Armoured Division when in December 1943 it was brought home preparatory to taking part in the Normandy landing. He saw two months of the fighting in the bridgehead in which his Division played a prominent part and was then appointed Head of the S.H.A.E.F. Mission to Belgium and was later awarded the Grand Cross of the Order of Leopold II for his services in that capacity. One episode in particular earned the Belgium Government's gratitude. In November 1944 the Communist "Independence Front" planned a mass march on the Parliament buildings despite a Government ban. Bobbie invited the "Independence" leader to have a drink with him the evening before and the next day, when the march was timed, the man was still sleeping off Bobbie's hospitality and a British tank was in a commanding position.

From Belgium he came home to command the 43 (Wessex) Division T.A. in October 1945 and then in the following January he became deputy Chief of Staff on the Control Commission for Germany, and was stationed in Berlin when the mere maintenance of existence of the German population was an intricate problem which he played a considerable part in solving successfully. After Berlin a term in Hong Kong as G.O.C. Land Forces in China followed until, in 1948, he became director general of the Territorial Army at the War Office.

In January 1949, Bobbie went to Egypt as commander of the British troops. The period of his command was a particularly difficult one. The Wafd Government was attempting to force a British evacuation of the Canal Zone and was organizing anti-foreign rioting and attacks on the garrison and their families. His handling of the situation was brilliant, and his term of command was extended until April 1952, by which time he had restored order. For his services in Egypt he was created K.B.E. and K.C.B.

He was appointed Honorary Colonel of Queen Victoria Rifles in 1949 and retained this appointment until the Regiment was amalgamated in 1961 with The Queen's Westminsters to form the Queen's Royal Rifles.

On his return to England he was G.O.G.-in-C. Eastern Command for a year, after which he was appointed Commander-in-Chief East Africa to deal with the Mau Mau rebellion, with direct responsibility to the War Office. This proved to be the most exacting assignment of his career.

When he arrived in Kenya in June, 1953, the Mau Mau rebellion had been in progress for some eight months, during which time it had been steadily gathering force. The militant wing of the Kikuyu, and the smaller tribes who became their allies in the insurrection, was about 12,000 strong; it was supported and supplied by the majority of the Kikuyu, who numbered over a million. The area affected was a square of 120-mile sides, and included extensive forests and mountain features which greatly favoured the operations of the insurgents.

The security forces under his command numbered eventually 11 battalions, in addition to over 20,000 police and 25,000 of the Kikuyu Guard. He adopted an active strategy, the basis of which was to release the army from static police duties so far as possible and to employ them in offensive operations in the forest and the mountains, in conjunction with bombing by the R.A.F. In other areas his troops acted in support of the civil authority in rounding up rebels and suspects. A clean-up of Nairobi in Operation Anvil marked the turn of the tide. When Bobbie handed over to his successor, Gen. Sir Gerald Lathbury, in May, 1955, the back of the rebellion had been broken, although another 18 months were to pass before the operational phase of the emergency was completed.

It is no secret that Bobbie did not always see eye to eye with the Governor, Sir Evelyn Baring, or with the white settlers whom he often offended by his plain speaking and robust methods. It has been argued that his task could have been more effectively performed if he had been appointed governor, as Field Marshal Lord Harding was in Cyprus during the emergency there. But the circumstances were so different, in particular because only one-sixteenth of the total area of Kenya was affected, that it would have been unwise to supersede the civil administration, in spite of the inevitable strains which resulted from divided responsibility.

His last military appointment was as G.O.C.-in-C. Southern Command from 1955 to 1958, during which he was awarded the G.C.B., after which he retired from the Army. He was then until 1963 Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Jersey.

He was A.D.C. to the Queen from 1955 till 1958 and was appointed Colonel Commandant of the 2nd Bn King's Royal Rifle Corps in 1956, and on the retirement of Gen. Sir Euan Miller took over as the Colonel Commandant of the Regiment.

He married in 1929 Ruby, daughter of Sir Evelyn de la Rue, second baronet, and had two sons and one daughter.

Bobbie was a man of integrity and great determination, with considerable physical and moral courage. This was shown when he walked out of the dinner given by the Planters in Nairobi when a speaker criticised the British Government in no uncertain terms. When he made up his mind on anything he would see it through though prepared to listen to the views of others beforehand. His service both in the Regiment and in the Army was certainly impressive and he showed himself a resolute commander and an able administrator and his well deserved honours bear witness to that.

He will always be remembered in the Regiment with admiration, respect and affection by all ranks with whom he served, and also for his sense of humour and cheerfulness at all times.

To his widow and family we extend our deepest sympathy.

## MAJOR-GEN. L. A. E. PRICE-DAVIES,

V.C., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Died 26th December 1965. Aged 87 years

Llewelyn Alberic Emilius Price-Davies was born on 30th June, 1878. In view of his somewhat unusual Christian names perhaps it was fortunate that he was always known to all his many friends as "Mary".

He was educated at Marlborough and Sandhurst and was commissioned into the Regiment on 23rd December 1898. He was with the 2nd Bn. in September 1899 when they left Calcutta for active service in South Africa.

During the Boer War he served with the Mounted Infantry and was with them at Blood River Poort on 17th September 1901 when he was awarded the Victoria Cross. The citation states; "Lieutenant Price-Davies, hearing an order to fire upon the charging Boers, at once drew his revolver and dashed upon them in a most gallant and desperate attempt to rescue the guns".

He was wounded here and again, this time severely, at Ermelo, Transvaal on 26th January 1902. At the end of the Boer War in 1902 he was a Captain and had won the D.S.O. as well as the V.C.

The rest of his service must be tabulated shortly.

At the start of the First World War in 1914 he was G.S.O. 3 of the 2nd Division and after other Staff appointments he commanded 113, 214 and 8 Infantry Brigades.

After the War he was A.A.G. Aldershot Command from January 1920 to March 1924 and then commanded the 145 (S. Midland) Inf. Bde. T.A.

His final post in the Army was A.A. and Q.M.G. i/c Administration at Gibraltar from March 1927 to April 1930 when he retired. He was both an A.D.C. to His Majesty and also a member of His Majesty's Gentlemen-at-Arms.

Although "Mary's" later service was away from the Regiment, he never lost his interest in it and was for many years a most active member of the Committee of the Celer et Audax Club.

His other interests were so many it is possible only to mention them very briefly. After his distinguished Army Service was over he ran for 15 years, with the help of Mrs. Price-Davies, the Odney Club at



*Major-Gen. L. A. E. Price-Davies, V.C., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.*

Cookham. This delightful spot on the Thames was made even more pleasant by the cheerful efficiency of both Gen. and Mrs. Price-Davies who really liked people and probably had more friends in all walks of life than almost anyone else in England.

After retiring from Odney in 1945, "Mary" found plenty of other activities to keep him busy. In addition to being Hon. Treasurer of the Y.M.C.A. he was also President of the Hounslow Branch of the Old Contemptibles, took a great interest in the British Legion (of which he was a Life Member) and also in the Boy Scouts where his liking for the young showed itself.

Though never a great games player he enjoyed his tennis very much and was a bold and keen rider. During his last spell of military duty at Gibraltar he was President of the Calpe Hunt.

Of all his characteristics modesty and a sense of duty were the chief. He seemed to have no idea he was a distinguished personality and always thought he was not doing enough for others.

He will be very much missed by all his many friends both in the Regiment and elsewhere and the Regiment extends its deepest sympathy to his widow who was such a great help to him in all his many activities.

## LIEUT. COLONEL G. H. LAMBERT, O.B.E., T.D.

Died 25th March, 1965, in his 89th year

George Lambert saw active service with the Regiment in the South African War and although for the next sixty years and more he was a Queen's Westminster, he never forgot and was always proud that he had had this service with the Sixtieth. He became and always remained an active member of The Celer et Audax Club.

Joining the Queen's Westminsters as a Captain in 1911, as his Father before him had done, he saw active service in France and then in 1916 was sent home to command the Reserve Battalion. After his retirement at the end of that War he immediately put himself wholeheartedly into the running of The Queen's Westminsters Retired Members Association and other Regimental activities and over the years was largely responsible for the fusion of all existing retired members associations into one body. He was made President in 1953 after being the first Chairman.

It is true to say that none worked harder or more keenly than did George Lambert for the Queen's Westminsters and he was known affectionately as The Grand Old Queen's Westminister or The Father of the Regiment.

During the Second World War when the 1st and 2nd Bns. The Queen's Westminsters became the 11th and 12th Bns. The King's Royal Rifle Corps he loyally supported them in every way and his vast experience of the Territorials was of the greatest use to the Commanding Officers.

In 1941 he was asked to serve on the Riflemen's Aid Society Committee representing the Queen's Westminsters and his keenness and enthusiasm for this work continued until he retired in 1956.

## MAJOR LIONEL MASSEY

Died 30th July, 1965. Aged 49 years

Lionel joined the K.R.R.C. at the outbreak of War and was posted to The Rangers (9th K.R.R.C.). He quickly gained golden opinions of his administrative ability from his C.O.'s and just prior to embarkation he took over as Adjutant, in spite of his short service.

Lionel was always calmness itself in Action and when I took over command on 14th April 1941 we had a sticky time extricating the Battalion in the withdrawal from Greece as we had no Air Support and the Germans had very many.

On 17th April we were still withdrawing under constant air attack and Lionel, who was sitting next to me in my truck was hit by a cannon shell in both legs.

He was got back to Salonika Hospital, never evacuated and made a prisoner of war by the Germans 28th April 1941.

I saw him in Salonika Hospital at the beginning of July when he was shortly afterwards evacuated to Germany.

He was repatriated to England as a "Grand Blesse" with the 1st batch of repatriates.

Lionel was a 1st class Adjutant, calm and fearless in action, his administrative ability was of a very high standard. He carried the confidence and affection of all Ranks and as his C.O. in action I can say that no unit could have had a better Adjutant.

D.R.C.B.

Lieut.-Col. The Viscount Eden writes:

I should like to add a few lines to Lionel's Obituary. I was privileged to serve with him in Ottawa, Canada, at Government House in 1952/53. Lionel at the time was Secretary to his Father, the Governor-General, the Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey. It was not an easy appointment to fulfil, but a combination of Lionel's administrative efficiency and his charming manners soon ensured him of success. Nothing was too much trouble for him, no detail too small for him to advise on, and no person too insignificant for him to make at home.

His house was full of Green Jacket memories; prints abounded. Both he and his whole family have taken the keenest interest in the 60th.

All my sympathy goes to his wife and daughters after his death at such an early age.

## CAPT. THE HON. LIONEL MICHAEL ST. AUBYN, M.V.O.

Died September 1965. Aged 87 years

Lionel was born in 1878, the youngest son of the first Lord St. Levan. He was educated at Eton and Cambridge, and served in the Diplomatic Corps.

At the outbreak of the 1914 war he volunteered for military service. He was always handicapped by appalling eyesight, and it required all his skill to outwit the medical authorities to get a commission in the 60th, where he had so many friends and relations. In August 1914 he joined the 6th Battalion as a second lieutenant at the age of 36. He was barred from normal service overseas on medical grounds, but went to France for censor duties. After a period he managed to join the 2nd Battalion as Transport Officer. He remained in France until after the end of the war, and was mentioned in despatches.

In 1916 he married Lady Mary Parker, daughter of the Earl of Morley, and had three sons. His eldest son was killed in Italy in 1944, while commanding a company of the 7th Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

In spite of his comparatively short length of service, Lionel was intensely proud of the 60th, and always kept in touch.

## LIEUT-COL. CHARLES RANKIN SCOTT

Died 4th December 1965. Aged 55 years

Bobby's death came as a great shock to all his many friends both in and outside the Regiment.

He was born on 26th July 1910, the youngest son of J. H. Scott of Eredine, Argyllshire. Educated at Eton and Sandhurst he joined the 2nd Battalion at Tidworth in 1930, then serving with it in Ireland, at Aldershot and in Palestine. From 1937 to 1939 he was A.D.C. to the G.O.C. in C. Northern Command. From 1940 to 1944 he served in many staff jobs. After the war he went as G.S.O. II H.Q. Sudan and then home to England as Assistant Commandant Mons. O.C.S. His last appointment was as G.S.O. I (P.T.) Southern Command, retiring from the Army in 1953.

Bobby was a good horseman and always went very well out hunting. He was a first class fencer. Captain of Fencing at Eton and Sandhurst. He fenced for the Army (Epée and Foil Champion), and for Scotland, and Captained the Wiltshire team.

After leaving the Army Bobby lived at his home at Culkerton in Gloucestershire where he spent a full, useful and happy life. He was on the Badminton Three-Day-Event Committee as a Deputy Director in charge of the Catering. He was a most successful Chairman and then President of the Stroud Divisional Conservative Association.

Bobby will be remembered by his friends of all ages and in all walks of life for this many fine qualities but perhaps particularly for his unfailing good manners, his kindness and his great courage.

Three years before he died he had three major operations but as soon as he had recovered from them he was back to his old form and to his many activities.

Just under five hundred people were at his Memorial Service to say farewell and to show their affection and respect. Buglers from the Regiment sounded Last Post and Reveille.

In 1933 Bobby married Betsy Meade, younger daughter of the 5th Earl of Clanwilliam. To her and to their two sons Edward and Nigel the Regiment extends its deepest sympathy.



*Lieut-Colonel C. R. Scott*

**LIEUT.-COL. CHARLES JOHN HERBERT  
STEPNEY, O.B.E.**

**Died 1st November 1965. Aged 65 years**

I first knew "Bert" Stepney (as we all knew him) in 1926 when the 1st Bn. The Rifle Brigade were in Peshawar and the 1st Bn. The 60th were in Rawalpindi. In those happy days a great, but entirely friendly rivalry existed between the two battalions and we regularly took each other on at every sport and game. Bert and I generally met in the Squash match or in the second raquets pairs, John Cheyney and Charles Sismey usually played in the 60th first pairs. Many were the contests which we had in which I think I was generally defeated. Bert was an explosive player of ball games and would shout with disappointment when he missed a shot, or alternatively give a great guffaw of laughter when he brought off a good stroke but he was a good sportsman and a useful player and I was not the only one who greatly enjoyed our contests.

Later he gained considerable fame as an expert in the internal combustion engine, knowledge which stood him in good stead in the days of the motor battalions, and with the advent of mechanization he occupied numerous instructional posts at the various army mechanical training establishments.

He retired in 1949 and was confronted with the usual problem of what to do in civilian life. He hit on the idea of setting up a hire-out business in mechanical gardening equipment. His mechanical knowledge was a great help to him and he quickly established a thriving business with contracts both public and private throughout the South of England.

For some years he had been in poor health which restricted his activities, but he remained a keen rifleman and greatly enjoyed his visits to the Green Jackets Ground during the week.

A faithful friend and a good sportsman and a very capable mechanical brain, he will be much missed by his friends in both the 60th and the Rifle Brigade.



*Lieut.-Colonel Charles John Herbert Stepney, O.B.E.*

## LIEUT.-COL. THEODORE LIVINGSTON TIMPSON

Died 10th March 1965. Aged 64 years

Tim's tragic death while swimming at Plettenberg Bay on the 10th March, came as a terrible shock to all his friends. At the time, he and his wife were on holiday in South Africa, staying with his brother Robert, who tried vainly to rescue him.

After leaving Eton, Tim joined the 1st Battalion in Ireland in July 1920. Except for a fairly brief period with the 2nd Battalion in Germany, he remained with the 1st till he was posted to the Depot as Adjutant in February 1928. After a tour there he returned to the 1st Battalion, then in Lucknow, and remained as a company commander in Calcutta and Burma. He was with the 2nd Battalion in Aldershot and Palestine, before becoming Brigade Major of 159 Brigade T.A. in 1937. Shortly after the outbreak of war, Tim became second-in-command of the Q.V.R. where he remained till he was taken prisoner with the rest of the Battalion at Calais.

After five years as a P.O.W., he commanded the 1st Battalion in Italy and then at home, till he retired in March 1948.

When Tim returned to India, he had acquired something of a reputation for austerity—even asperity—and his arrival to take over command of D(MG) Company, was viewed by the young officers in the company with mixed feelings. It was felt that, after the benevolent, if somewhat unorthodox regime of Mowbray Buller, times were going to change. They did, but very soon everyone realised that if Tim saw to it that you worked hard, he worked even harder. And his scrupulous fairness, integrity, and enthusiasm made 'D' Company one of the happiest and most successful that anyone could have served in. In fact, Tim was the best possible type of pre-war regimental soldier. He was full of kindness, a quality which was brought out by the gay and charming personality of his wife Molly.

When Molly died so suddenly it was difficult to imagine how Tim would be able to face life without her. But in the last few years of his life, he found great happiness in his second marriage, and to his widow and children all his many friends in the regiment offer their deepest sympathy in their tragic loss.



Lieut.-Colonel T. L. Timpson. Died 10th March, 1965. Aged 64 years.

**MAJOR H. S. ALTHAM, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.**

**Died 11th March 1965. Aged 76 years**

Harry Surtees Altham was commissioned into the 60th Rifles on 15th August 1914. He was promoted Captain in March 1915. In October 1916 he was appointed Brigade Major, 41st Infantry Brigade.

At the end of February 1917 he was appointed D.A.A. & Q.M.G. 9th Division, and given the temporary rank of Major in February 1918. In December of that year he was employed as D.A.A.G. Demobilisation Section at G.H.Q. and given the rank of Temporary Lieutenant Colonel. He was demobilised 21st February 1919 and relinquished his temporary rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He resigned his Commission on 29th January 1920, and was granted the rank of Major.

He was awarded the M.C. on 1st January 1917 and the D.S.O. on 3rd June 1918, and mentioned three times in dispatches.

Harry Altham's name is legendary wherever cricket is played. After a successful career at Repton he went up to Oxford where he gained a blue for Cricket and a 2nd Class in both Mods. and Greats. His interest in the game was enormous—Author of a "History of Cricket" he also played for Hampshire for many seasons during the Summer holidays from Winchester College where he was appointed to the Staff in 1913.

He retired in 1947 to the house overlooking New Field, and as President of Hampshire from 1947 until his death, Treasurer and President of the M.C.C., he became a prime mover in every major effort to help and encourage young cricketers. He was a distinguished Green Jacket cricketer between the Wars and more recently a frequent visitor to St. Cross.

He married in 1917, Alison daughter of S. R. Livingstone-Learmonth by whom he had one son and two daughters, to whom we express our sincere sympathy.



*Major H. S. Altham, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.*

## MAJOR P. W. CRIPPS

Died 31st May 1965. Aged 63 years

Phil Cripps who died on 31st May 1965, aged 63 was the second of four sons of Sir Frederick and Lady Cripps of Ampney Park, near Cirencester, and followed his father and his elder brother, Joe, into the Regiment.

After Eton, where he was good at cricket, and Sandhurst, from where he passed out near the top, he joined the 2nd Bn. at Portsmouth in the Spring of 1922 and went with them to Silesia and then to Cologne. There he devoted his leisure—and there was plenty of it in those days—to Racing and Polo and the gay life.

He remained with the 2nd Bn. after their return to England, until posted to the 11th London Regiment (T.A.) as Adjutant in 1930.

Owing to the recession, and being starved of money and equipment, the Territorials, anyhow in London, were rather in the doldrums, but Phil was an exceptionally successful Adjutant. He had a quick brain and a ready wit, and he was one of those rare people who was equally at home with every sort of person, from Country Squire to London barrow-boy.

To the regret of his friends he left the Army in 1934 at the end of his tour of duty with the 11th London, and went to live in Northamptonshire, where he became Secretary to the Pytchley Hunt, a job he did extremely well.

He was a bold, if inelegant, horseman, and, as a young man was very keen on and successful in Point-to-Points. His own horses were generally cheap and moderate but he managed to win with most of them, and when he did ride a good horse he made the best of it. He had a quick eye and a cool head in a race. He won the Regimental Heavyweight and Lightweight Races several times, and between 1923 and 1933 he rode the winner of the King's Cup five times, for four different owners.

He was recalled in 1939 and held various Staff appointments in England and Scotland until being finally released with the rank of Major in September 1945.

After the war, Phil became an official Starter under both Jockey Club and National Hunt Rules and was one of the more successful, as he was much liked and trusted by the professional jockeys.

His middle years were clouded by much family sadness, which he faced with courage. His flippant pose concealed a very kind heart and he was a most sympathetic and helpful friend.



*Major P. W. Cripps. Died 31st May, 1965. Aged 63 years.*

## MAJOR GEORGE NORMAN FAUX POWELL

Died 2nd December 1965. Aged 75 years

“Pop” as he was affectionately known was commissioned into the 6th London Regiment on 29th June 1909. Promoted Lieutenant 25 July 1912; Captain 5th October 1914 and Major 1st June 1916.

He was wounded at Loos on 25th September 1915, and served in France and Flanders between 1915 to 1917. He relinquished his Commission on 18th June 1919 on grounds of ill health caused by wounds, and was transferred to the T.A. Reserve, General List (Infantry).

He was recalled under the T.A. Act 1939 and posted to the Depot, The Devon Regiment on 26th June 1939 and was temporarily employed with the I.T.C. Devon Regiment. On 15th May 1940 he was posted to the School of Military Administration at Hythe for duty as Instructor. He did not remain long, but went from there to the 1st M.T. Battalion at Chisildon on 27th June 1940. From there he was posted to 30th Battalion K.R.R.C. for Command on 22nd March 1943.

The 30th Battalion was disbanded the end of April 1943, so he returned to 1 H.T.B. A few weeks later he was posted as Administrative Officer, No. 1 Physical Development Centre, Hereford, until on 7th October 1944 he took command of 70th P.D.C. He was finally posted to R.A.R.S., 27th July 1945.

He married Isabel Ready in 1936, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.



Major George Norman Faux Powell. Died 2nd December, 1965. Aged 75 years.

## MAJOR BEAUCHAMP SEYMOUR

Died 20th January 1965. Aged 86 Years

Beauchamp Seymour was educated at Eton and Magdalen College Oxford and joined the 60th on 30th December 1899. He served in the South African War from March 1900 to May 1902. Queens Medal (S.A. 1899-1901) and King's S.A. medal (Clasps 1901-1902). After the South African War he served with the 1st Battalion in Malta and Egypt and was seconded to the Egyptian Army from 1907 to 1909. He was very severely wounded at Ypres with the 1st Battalion on 30th October 1914. After a spell of light duty at Sheerness and the War Office he retired on 27th July 1918 on account of ill health caused by wounds.

Having been asked to write an obituary on Beauchamp I quote the above extract of his record of services as supplied by the War Office. It was only after he had left the Egyptian Army and was posted to the 3rd Battalion as a Major at Dagshai, in The Punjab, India, that I got to know him so well. The Battalion was commanded in turn by Chaplin and Gosling (both since K in A.) My Company Commander was Podge Wyndham just married and with whom we had many a good dinner in their bungalow. Beauchamp and I made several trips together to Simla. He was always a cheerful companion. I left the Battalion in December 1912 to become adjutant of the L.R.B. (T.F.) on 1st January 1913 and to get married in March 1913. Beauchamp left the Battalion shortly afterwards to do a tour of duty at the Depot at Winchester. It was from there that he was posted as a reinforcement to the 1st Battalion B.E.F. and only after a few days was so severely wounded on the same day as his cousin Reggie Seymour. It was in 1928 when he had married Eve Browne and settled at Shefford Woodlands that he was almost our nearest neighbour. He had married late in life and became very domesticated with three children Jane and Anne being twins and Julian the youngest a boy. When the war broke out in 1939 he sent his wife and three children to the U.S.A. Some of his friends criticised him for this but it must be remembered that his mother was an American and so he had a lot of American relations in the U.S.A. and devoted as he was to his wife and children it was really a very unselfish act of his to send them away to the U.S.A.

He left Shefford Woodlands and went to live with his widowed sister Ethel (Lady Bonham). Eve and his family returned from the U.S.A. in 1943 and came to live again near us at Shefford Woodlands Nr. Newbury. Eve died in 1949. Anne married Major Harry Porter son of the late Henry Porter, a great friend of Beauchamp's and Julian served in the 60th. from 1953 to 1955 and later in the Queens Westminsters until 1961. Beauchamp has departed but

links with 60th remain. Beauchamp was always a great lover of the country and it was only about 2 years before he died in his 87th year that his doctor forbade him to do his daily 10 mile walk round the country side. He died as he would have wished still active almost to the last with his love of his 3 children, all happily married, around him. Beauchamp was the second youngest of 5 brothers and 2 sisters all of whom he survived.



*Major Beauchamp Seymour. Died 20th January 1965. Aged 86 years.*

## MAJOR SIR. EDWARD DE STEIN

Died 3rd November 1965. Aged 78 years

Edward de Stein was appointed to a Regular Commission in the Regiment from the Inns of Court OTC on 2nd October 1914. He was educated at Eton and during the 1914-18 war brought down a team from the 60th to play the School at the Field Game at which he was an outstanding performer despite his very slight physique.

He served with the Regiment in France and Flanders, was promoted Captain in September 1916 and in March 1918 was transferred to the Machine Gun Corps and finished the War as a Major. He retired on 8th January 1919.

He began his outstandingly successful career in the City in the early post-war period by founding "Edward de Stein and Company".

During the 1939-45 War he became Director of Finance (Raw Materials) at the Ministry of Supply and afterwards served on the board of the National Research Development Corporation.

In addition to his City interests he had many other outside ones. He was a keen musician, a gifted artist who took up water colouring and petit point, had a talent for light verse and enjoyed fishing.

He was a most generous person both to the Riflemen's Aid Society and also in allowing young officers at the Depot to fish in the very good stretch of the Itchen where he lived at Fulling Mill, Martyr Worthy. His Memorial Service showed by the number of people present how many friends he had made in different walks of life.

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