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EDITORIAL

THERE has been no notable event in the Regiment since the last issue of *The Borderers Chronicle*. This issue is therefore rather short of photographs.

On June 24th the 5th (Dumfries and Galloway) Battalion, who will be in camp at Glencorse, are to receive New Colours from our Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester. On the following day the Battalion is to exercise the Regimental privilege and march down Princes Street with bayonets fixed and Colours flying.

It is hoped that as many Borderers as possible will attend these two functions.

The 5th Battalion The Malay Regiment has now been affiliated to the Regiment. This has happened at an auspicious time as the 1st Battalion has just heard that they will be going to Malaya when they leave Ballykinlar probably early next year. A most interesting article on the Federation Regiment is published in this issue.

In our last two issues the obituary column was very large but we are glad to say in this issue it is very small.

The circulation of *The Chronicle* still shows no improvement and is steadily losing money. If more support is not given we may be forced to reduce publication to twice or even once yearly. I again ask all readers to try and get other Borderers to subscribe.

"THE BORDERERS' CHRONICLE."

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BORDERERS

An Article by the Colonel of the Regiment

KINGS, Queens and Governments have oft cried for more men and more money. In this they are not alone. Colonels of Regiments from time immemorial have always had these two matters very much at heart. The Present is no exception.

Do not be alarmed—this article is about men and no appeal will be made to your pocket!

I think most people realise that the recruiting of regular soldiers for the Regiment is below what is required. On the other hand, I feel that a very little effort by everyone will produce marked results.

This article sets out ideas for all to consider and, I hope, act upon.

The Problem

1. First, how to attract to the Regiment, sufficient men of the right quality to provide, eventually, the very large number of senior ranks the Regiment needs. Next we require sufficient recruits to fill in the ranks.

On present numbers, every other Regular soldier who joins could become a Sergeant if he stayed on, and if he was worth it.

Some 20 men per month of good quality is really all that is required. In this last year we have averaged about 11 per month.

Who Recruits?

2. Many members of the Regiment think it is the responsibility of the War Office to recruit. In fact, this is so, but they recruit only for the Army and not for individual Regiments.

It is the duty of every Borderer, whether he be serving or retired, Regular or T.A., Officer and Other Rank, to recruit for the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

"The object of the Association shall be:—

(a) To foster the Regimental spirit, encourage Recruiting and interest in the Regiment."

So says para 2(a) of the K.O.S.B. Association Rules.

Method

3. Like so many other problems, there is no single, simple means of achieving our 'Aim.'

I suggest that the following merit consideration:—

4. *Recruiting Organisation.* The O.C. Depot will co-ordinate the Regimental Recruiting efforts. Please let him have your ideas and suggestions for the improvement of the Regimental effort.

5. I propose to set up a *Regimental Recruiting organisation* covering the Border Counties. The Counties will be divided up into small areas. Each small area will be the responsibility of an officer, helped where possible by assistant other ranks. Their pre-occupation will be to get to know the potential young entry in their area and do all possible to bring them to the Regiment as regular soldiers.

6. *The Territorial Army's part.* Much can be done without very great effort by the Territorial Battalions.

Members of the T.A. are either themselves fathers or relations of potential regulars or are in contact with many who have such young relations. They can keep to the fore the value of the K.O.S.B. as a career.

Displays of photographs provided by the Depot or 1st Battalion will give some idea of life in the army today, and can be used as talking points if posted in Drill Halls.

Finally, the P.S.I.'s are a permanent example and can speak at first hand of army life. It is essential that they and their wives are given every encouragement to do so and to get to know local parents and "advertise" the Regiment.

7. *Cadets.* I hope the A.C.F. and the Territorial companies and platoons are well tied up together, for here lies the source of many recruits for the Regular and the Territorial Battalions.

Special efforts must be made by personal contact, and by photographs and all means, to interest these boys in the Regiment.

It is possible that the cadet units could be brought more into regimental life.

8. *Wives and Mothers.* To do any good at all, we have to convince "Mother" that the Army is a good thing and the K.O.S.B. in particular. National Service has helped a great deal in this respect, but this factor must be remembered in all recruiting endeavours.

9. *Posters, Films, Photographs.* These are important, expensive, and must be of the right appeal. Many one sees are quite useless. They must appeal to the young man, and fire his imagination or catch his interest.

Pictures of soldiers dressed up in uncomfortable uniform, doing nothing, have very little appeal, whatever the date!

Any topical or action photographs of Regimental connection will be welcomed by the O.C. Depot. Print, negative and caption should be supplied and can be returned if required. The more of these we have the better.

10. *The 1st Battalion and the Depot.* Here, more than anywhere, can recruiting be influenced.

These must be "Home" to all ranks, and the work done should be enjoyable and, where possible, amusing.

If they are to be "Home," they must be a happy family, provide reasonable comfort, and provide evening and week-end amusements.

Everything should be done, both on and off parade and by recreation and games, to make all ranks and the duffers, feel that their time is well spent, that they are learning, getting on, improving themselves and not just vegetating. The chances of promotion must be known to them.

If these things are done, members of these units will tend to attract their friends even though they make no conscious recruiting effort.

11. *Brochure.* Some sort of aid memoire or "hand out" is useful. One of these is now in preparation at the Depot and should be ready by the Autumn.

Conclusion

12. It is my belief that the Army provides a good career. The chances of promotion for all ranks are very much better than they were in pre-war days.

Some tend to decry the army—it is a great pity, as they do the Regiment untold harm and most of the causes of complaint are within our powers to put right.

I believe that the young man of today :

Wants to go abroad ;
 Welcomes 'adventure' (he'd die rather than admit it !);
 Does best if he's worked hard ;
 Likes a 'Happy family' ;
 Does no good if he is coddled ;
 Thrives on responsibility (if properly introduced to it).

If we can get in contact with them early and if we can offer them these things, I believe we shall achieve our recruiting aim.

I hope all Borderers of all ages and interests will do all they can to help.

PERSONAL COLUMN

Major J. S. Keith has asked us to inform readers that owing to illness he is unable to write letters at present, but will do so as soon as possible.

A grateful letter of thanks has been received from Lady Napier and Ettrick for the excellent appreciations of the late Lord Napier and Ettrick which appeared in our last issue.

Our congratulations to Colonel W. J. M. Ross who was awarded the O.B.E. in the New Year Honours.

Our congratulations to Lieut.-Colonel Jimmy Scott-Noble and Lieut.-Colonel Arthur Jardine-Paterson on their appointments as Commanding Officers of the 4th and 5th Battalions. We wish them a very happy tenure of office.

A letter has been received from Lieut.-Colonel Jock McAlester from Barbados. He was married in December. He hopes to return to this country in two years time, and asks to be remembered to all his friends. His address is : Yeovilton, Lower Muswell Hill, Christchurch, Barbados.

All Borderers will be very sorry to hear of Colonel MacLeod's illness. He has now left the Edinburgh Infirmary and is in the Edenhall Convalescent Home, Pinkieburn, Musselburgh, near Edinburgh. We all wish him a very speedy recovery.

Our thanks to Major Cyril Wilson-Clarke who has presented the Depot Officers' Mess with an excellent portrait of H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester. This is a copy of the original portrait done by the same artist, Miss de Burgh.

Our congratulations to Capt. Nigel Hatton-Hall who is engaged to Miss Cherrie Kendal. They are to be married in London on May 28th and Major Alistair Thorburn is to be the best man.

DATES FOR 1955.

Regimental Tea Party :—Monday, June 27th, at the Naval & Military Club, 94 Piccadilly, London, W.1.

Regimental Dinner (London) :—Monday, June 27th, at the Naval & Military Club, 94 Piccadilly, London, W.1.

Depot Week :—

MacLaren Cup—Sunday, August 7th.

Cricket—Friday, August 5th.

Cricket and "At Home"—Saturday, August 6th.

WEDDINGS

Lieut.-Colonel C. G. S. McALESTER, O.B.E., M.C., late K.O.S.B.

On December 5th, 1954, in Barbados :—

Lieut.-Colonel C. G. S. McAlester, late K.O.S.B., to Mrs. Pamela May Chaytor.

Major D. J. LEAR.

On February 12th, 1955, at St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh :—

Major D. J. Lear, K.O.S.B., to Miss Penelope Pearson.

Mr. J. B. HENDERSON.

On March 26th, 1955, at the Parish Church, Dunbar—
 Mr. J. B. Henderson, K.O.S.B., to Miss Jennifer Gregor.

Capt. J. B. GRAHAM.

On April 30th, 1955, at Dunblane Cathedral :—

Capt. J. B. Graham, K.O.S.B., to Miss Elizabeth Ann Dixon.

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1st BATTALION, KOREA

Brigadier J. F. M. Macdonald is compiling a factual record of the 1st Battalion during the 16 months it was in Korea. All officers and other ranks who served in the Battalion are encouraged to provide material in the form of local stories or incidents which would not only be of interest and make the record more readable but also assist in the cross checking of dates and placing major battles, important patrols and incidents in their true perspective and correct sequence.

The material should be forwarded to the following address :—Brigadier J. F. M. Macdonald, D.S.O., O.B.E., The Grange, Elmswell, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

The early despatch of material will be appreciated.

1st BATTALION

ORDER OF BATTLE

Battalion H.Q.

C.O.—Lieut.-Colonel D. W. McConnel, O.B.E.
Second-in-Command.—Major J. D. Henson, M.B.E.
 M.C.
Adjutant.—Major G. A. Duncan, M.C.
Assistant Adjutant.—Lieut. P. B. de T. Rooke.
P.R.I.—Capt. A. M. Cameron.
Intelligence Officer.—Lieut. G. G. Allt.
Chaplain.—Rev. R. Riddell, M.A., R.A.Ch.D.
R.M.O.—Capt. K. S. Cameron, R.A.M.C.
R.S.M.—W.O. I. Downes.
Drill and Sniper W.O.—W.O. II. Ritchie.
R.Q.M.S.—W.O. II. Grant.
O.R.S.—C/Sergt. Doyle.
Bandmaster.—W.O. I. L. E. Stockham.

H.Q. Company.

Company Commander.—Major H. S. Gillies, M.C.
Second-in-Command.—Capt. G. W. T. Brook.
Signals Officer.—Lieut. J. B. Henderson.
M.T.O.—Lieut. J. A. Foulis, M.C.
Q.M.—Capt. (Q.M.) J. A. Johnson.
C.S.M.—W.O. II. Leggett.
C.Q.M.S.—C/Sergt. Funston.

Support Company.

Company Commander.—Major A. J. Rennie.
Mortar Platoon Commander.—Lieut. R. W. Riddle.
M.M.G. Platoon Commander.—Lieut. A. W. Rundell.
A/Tk. Platoon Commander.—Lieut. G. P. Murdoch.
C.S.M.—W.O. II. Wells.
C.Q.M.S.—C/Sergt. Matthews.

"A" Company.

Company Commander.—Major R. H. S. Irvine, M.C.
Second-in-Command.—Capt. R. H. B. Oatts.
 1 *Platoon Commander.*—Lieut. W. H. Davidson.
 2 *Platoon Commander.*—2nd/Lieut. A. D. Myrtle.
 3 *Platoon Commander.*—2nd/Lieut. N. McL. V.
 Bristol.
C.S.M.—W.O. II. Hewson.
C.Q.M.S.—C/Sergt. Walker.

"B" Company.

Company Commander.—Major S. C. Warman, M.M.
Second-in-Command.—Capt. J. C. G. Raeder.
 4 *Platoon Commander.*—Lieut. J. W. Lindquist
 (W.T.O.).
 5 *Platoon Commander.*—Lieut. D. E. Cameron, R.S.F.
 6 *Platoon Commanders.*—2nd/Lieut. H. J. F. McLean.
 (Messing Officer).
 2nd/Lieut. A. J. C. Hewat.
C.S.M.—W.O. II. Greig.
C.Q.M.S.—C/Sergt. Docherty.

"C" Company.

Company Commander.—Capt. A. J. Mann, M.C.
Second-in-Command.—2nd/Lieut. R. D. E. Legg.
 7 *Platoon Commander.*—2nd/Lieut. J. E. D. Abbott.
 8 *Platoon Commander.*—2nd/Lieut. P. I. B. Stevenson.
 9 *Platoon Commander.*—2nd/Lieut. G. F. Wingate-
 Pearse.
C.S.M.—W.O. II. Cowen.
C.Q.M.S.—C/Sergt. Carmichael.

"D" Company.

Company Commander.—Major A. M. Thorburn.
Second-in-Command.—2nd/Lieut. J. A. Cruickshank.
 10 *Platoon Commander.*—2nd/Lieut. J. S. Johnston.
 11 *Platoon Commander.*—2nd/Lieut. P. G. G.
 Wickenden.
 12 *Platoon Commander.*—2nd/Lieut. R. M. Gardiner.
C.S.M.—W.O. II. Bransfield.
C.Q.M.S.—C/Sergt. Nelson.

EDITORIAL

Although there have been no outstanding ceremonial occasions in the last quarter, we seem to have been very busy, and time has literally flown past. The accent has been on training, and the Battalion has carried out a full programme of intensive individual and specialist training; even the Military Band has been seen out on the training area with weapons in their hands. In addition to this, training the Battalion has had to carry out its normal internal security duties, which have included one company being detached at Omagh for two months. The weather has been very bad this winter, and the depth of the snow that lay for weeks in this part of the world caused some Company training to be turned into the equivalent of "snow warfare," but our activities on the whole have not been unduly hampered.

The outdoor sporting programme has been held up due to flooded grounds, but our indoor activities have flourished. We reached the second round of the inter-Unit army boxing championship, being defeated by 1st Gordons in Edinburgh in a close fight, after having previously defeated our old rivals, 60 H.A.A. Regiment, R.A., in Belfast. We also reached the final of the N.I.D. .22 rifle shooting competition. In addition, in January, a most successful Battalion concert party was held, which was a great success and a repeat performance is eagerly awaited.

Despite the weather we easily won the N.I.D. inter-Unit cross country championship, the Battalion team of eight all coming in the first twenty. The Battalion hockey team, cheered on by the Quartermaster, has also won the N.I.D. hockey cup for the first time.

Few visitors favour Ballykinkar in the winter. At the beginning of March, however, the Battalion was delighted to receive a visit from Lieut.-Colonel W. J. M. Ross, O.B.E., M.C., just prior to his relinquishing command of the 5th Battalion. Colonel Ross addressed all National Servicemen in the Battalion on the benefits to be derived from becoming a volunteer in the T.A. on completion of their full time service. His enthusiasm and interest were much appreciated and it is now hoped that more members of the Battalion will become volunteers in the T.A.

We have been desperately short of Officers in the Battalion for some time, but, as will be seen from the Order of Battle, the number of Officers has at last reached a more satisfactory level. We welcome Majors A. M. Thorburn and R. H. S. Irvine, 2nd/Lieuts. P. I. B. Stevenson and N. McL. V. Bristol from the R.M.A., Sandhurst, 2nd/Lieuts. G. F. Wingate Pearse, P. G. G. Wickendon and R. M. Gardiner from Eaton Hall, and 2nd/Lieut. A. J. C. Hewat, who served for a short time with the Battalion last year, and has rejoined on a short service commission.

"A" COMPANY

THE Company has continued to play its part in the cold war peculiar to Northern Ireland. Periods of intensive training and sport have been much looked forward to and enjoyed. As these notes are being written the Company is beginning a three week period free from guards and fatigues when their capabilities will be well tested in the more interesting field of training.

Much enthusiasm has been shown on the ranges. The Company 22 team, under the expert coaching of Lieut. W. H. Davidson, have come second to H.Q. Company in the Battalion competition. The team won their section of the N.I.D. league, but were mysteriously defeated by a W.R.A.C. team in the finals. It was thought that certain members of the team were unnerved by the sight of "nylons seductive" on the firing point. The team was Lieut. W. H. Davidson, Serjts. McKenna and Atkinson, Corpl. Keith, Ptes. McLintock and Nelson.

At the end of January, just as the Company was due to start intensive training, news came through of a different assignment. A secret mission at an even more secret destination. The Company Commander and C.Q.M.S. Walker sped away on a recce heavily disguised in civilian clothes.

While they were away rumours spread throughout the Company—Commando Role, Balmoral Castle and other fictitious assignments were thought up. However, on the return of the recce party more sober facts were revealed and without any delay the Company, together with a most useful detachment from H.Q. Company, departed to spend a month at Lisanelly Camp, Omagh.

The Company soon settled down in its protective security role and became most efficient in fire fighting and guard duties. The seriousness with which the Company took to its new task is borne out by the following incident.

Shortly after occupying the Officers' Mess, the Company Commander was startled by a gaunt figure stalking stealthily in the shadows round the building. With thoughts of Banshees, Leprechauns and possibly I.R.A. intruders he issued the time honoured challenge "Who goes there!" The gaunt one, on being challenged so vigorously, revealed himself immediately as none other than 2nd/Lieut. A. D. Myrtle who explained that he was practising an individual stalk with the intention of being able to surprise the sentry on our L.M.G. post. Other members of the Company thought that 2nd/Lieut. Myrtle would himself have been surprised as various booby traps had been set for him!

The sports fields at Omagh in winter suffer badly through flooding with the result that each football game that was arranged had to be cancelled at the last moment. The hockey players were more fortunate and on two occasions heavily defeated the Depot Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

"B" COMPANY

SINCE our last notes were written there have again been changes in "B" Company. C.S.M. Combe left us on release, and in his place we welcome C.S.M. Greig, who is at present sweating it out on a Guards drill course. C.S.M. Ritchie is standing in until his return, and, having gained a "B" grading on the same course, is now making the Company sweat it out.

Major Warman is our new Company Commander, Capt. Raeder Second-in-Command, and Lieut. Cameron, a newcomer to the Battalion from the Royal Scots Fusiliers, has taken over No. 5 Platoon. We wish him a happy stay.

On the sports side "B" Company has once more done well. We won the Battalion cross country, our team consisting of Corpl. Irvine, L/Corpls. Adams, Anderson and Welch, Ptes. Bell, Blackstock, Copeland, Davitt, Harrison, and Patterson 09. In the N.I.D. Minor Units cross country race we came third. Finally, Corpl. Irvine, L/Corpl. Wilson 95, and Pte. Copeland were all members of the Battalion team which won the N.I.D. Major Unit's competition and also represented N.I.D. at Oswestry in the Western Command championships.

At present the Company is second in the Battalion basketball league which is largely due to the enthusiasm of Sergt. Bryce.

Congratulations to L/Corpl. Wilson 05, who has just got himself married and who now spends all his time working out his new rates of pay.

At the time of writing the Company is engaged in three weeks intensive training which has brought a welcome relief from guards and fatigue duties.

"C" COMPANY

IT appears inevitable that these notes should always contain a reference to the many changes in the Company and unfortunately we have to report that again this time there are too many for reference to be made to all. We welcome C.S.M. and Mrs. Cowen from the 5th Battalion, and we are sorry to lose Sergt. Dorward to the 4th Battalion. Sergt. Eccles has come to us from "H.Q." Company, and we welcome eighteen members of the Company from the Depot. We hope they will enjoy their stay with us. Several N.S. men have finished their regular service, and Pte. Vert has left to study the intricacies of Russian.

Christmas and New Year were celebrated in traditional style, and all ranks had leave at one time or the other.

In the training sphere, we have been fortunate in being the first Company to be allotted three weeks free of guards and duties in order to carry out intensive training. We all benefitted greatly from it, with the possible exception of the Company Commander, but he at least now knows how far to keep away from phosphorous smoke grenades.

Most of the junior N.C.O.'s have been on cadres or courses, and all have acquitted themselves in the best traditions of the Company.

Sporting activities continue. It may be tempting fate to say so, but we cautiously remark that on the form to date we are not unhopeful of repeating last year's basketball success. Pte. Dodds is to be congratulated on his outstanding cross country running, and in particular, on winning the N.I.D. cross country race as a member of the Battalion winning team. Our joint football team with "D" Company, stands third in the N.I.D. league.

Russell, Fox, and Worton, continue to represent the Battalion at boxing, and Russell put up a very good show in the N.I.D. individual championships, though beaten in the final.

We should like to conclude by wishing ourselves a fine spring and summer, after one of the worst winters on record.



Sergt. Bryce and Pte. Bell firing a flame-thrower, Ballykinlar, 1955.

“D” COMPANY

FOLLOWING the busy summer and autumn periods, the winter has been rather an anti-climax. To start with, we were able to get on with quite a bit of training, but then unfortunately the weather broke which severely curtailed it. Then “A” Company was sent to Lisanelly camp, Omagh, and the Companies left at Ballykinlar were so thin on the ground that organised training became well nigh impossible.

Christmas and New Year passed off very pleasantly, although most people are convinced that Sergt. Devenney put arsenic into the “Gunfire” he took round on New Year’s morning. Capt. Cameron, coming round behind him with a bucket of the “real stuff,” was hailed as almost a life saver.

We are happy to report that all those who are tearing their hair out at the thought of the 2nd class education exam. can now put it all back again; they all passed—even Corpl. Tweedie, much to his surprise.

We have to congratulate Pte. Sturgeon on his marriage. He returned from New Year leave to announce quietly that he was now spliced, and on being asked why he had not asked for a few days leave he said he hadn’t bothered because he didn’t think he would be allowed any for that.

The weather has been rather disappointing for sport but nevertheless, we have managed to get in quite a bit of soccer. We are well up in the Battalion league, and the combined C-D Company team is third in the N.I.D. league. Basketball, however, has been a bitter

disappointment this year and we have done very badly.

At the end of February no sooner had we got a new Company Commander, Major A. M. Thorburn, from Melrose, and a new Subaltern, 2nd/Lieut. Johnstone, from Jedburgh, than we were sent off to relieve “A” Company at Omagh where we expect to stay until the end of March. Here it is very pleasant on our own, but rather hard work, which, however, is supposed to be good for us. The weather has been kind, the townspeople hospitable, and the Depot of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers most considerate.

Congratulations to Pte. Haining on becoming a proud father. Farewell to Capt. Cameron, Lieut. Riddle, Corpls. Bennett, Scott, and Tweedie and Ptes. Henderson, Glendinning, Martin and McDowell. We have many new faces in the Company, and we hope they will enjoy themselves with us. More stripes are in evidence, L/Corpls. Walker and Logan to Corporal, Ptes. Campbell and Little to L/Corporal—congratulations and make sure that blinking fire pump trailer works when you are fire picquet commander!

H.Q. COMPANY

AT this time last winter we were congratulating ourselves on having missed the worst of the weather, for, while England even to the extreme south was blanketed under snow and ice, we were enjoying a pleasant period of spring sunshine. We hoped that we would be as lucky again this year, but the weather which we have just experienced has left

us in no doubt that it can be just as unpleasant in these parts as anywhere else.

The weather has been so adverse since the New Year that our activities have been almost reduced to trying to keep warm in these wind-swept wastes of Ballykinlar. However, the bulk of the Company have gone through an interesting and instructive series of exercises, which are designed to bring Battalion Headquarters to such a pitch of training that they can set themselves up in the minimum of time, and operate with efficiency under the most adverse conditions. Great progress has already been made, and after a few more practices there is no doubt that all will be able to carry out their parts blind-folded.

We have recently had a complete re-allocation of accommodation in the Main Sandhurst barrack block, and while the moving of all the accommodation stores and personal effects has been a tedious undertaking, it has at last allowed the whole Company to be concentrated, and there is no doubt that we are now a great deal more conveniently situated.

The Christmas and New Year festivities passed off with the customary celebrations, and all who wanted to were able to get home for one or the other of these holidays. Perhaps those who did best of all were those who stayed with the Battalion throughout and celebrated both occasions.

There has been considerably fewer changes in personnel during the last quarter and, other than National Service release, the only noteworthy loss has been the transfer of C.Q.M.S. Greig to "B" Company. However, as this transfer brought with it his well-merited promotion to C.S.M., we would like to offer him our congratulations and wish him every success in his

new appointment. His place as C.Q.M.S. has now been taken over by Sergt. Funston, who has moved across from the Q.M.'s Department, while the latter's former duties will be taken over by Sergt. Fraser from Company Headquarters.

C.S.M. Greig is at present attending a Guards drill course, and we suspect that even the Guards will shortly have to admit that "the best things usually arrive in small packages."

C.S.M. Ritchie has just returned from a similar course on which he obtained a really first class report, for which he deserves every credit.

On the sports field we continue to give a good account of ourselves. Our Company football team heads the Northern Ireland District minor units competition, while one of our teams is also at the top of the Battalion league. We supplied more than half the Battalion hockey team, which has just won the District championship, and it is likely that the Military Band will again win the Battalion competition.

Congratulations to Corpl. Arbuckle on his fine running in the District and Command cross country championships, and also to L/Corpl. Lewis and Pte. Queen for winning their respective weights in the District individual boxing championships.

SUPPORT COMPANY

SINCE our last notes the accent has been more on training. A Section assault course and forced march, .22 and 2 inch Mortar competitions have been run. In the Section Assault course competition the Company, as a whole, ended well in the first half of the Battalion, which was a fine performance,

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considering the basically mobile nature of the Platoons. Our showing in the .22 match was average, but with the experience gained we hope to do much better in the future. The Company excelled themselves in the 2 inch Mortar competition, gaining by far the best average marks in the Battalion.

We have recently lost Pte. Miller, our pay clerk, who has been admitted to hospital; we wish him well and hope that it won't be long before he is playing "bowls" again. Pte. Slight has now left us for "civvy street." All the best Jake, and we hope to see you again when the Battalion moves overseas.

Football is, as would be expected, taking up all our "off duty" hours. The Company team, now ably captained by Corpl. McGrady, is doing extremely well and it is thought that it will be well placed in the N.I.D. Small Units competition.

Our Company Commander has recently spent a week at the Support Weapons Wing, Netherhavon. He has returned fully convinced that the B.A.T. is not the two edged weapon it's reported to be, but this will be put to the test shortly when the Anti-Tank Platoon will fire their B.A.T.'s for the first time in Ballykinlar. The camp is being evacuated for the purpose.

Finally we welcome C/Sergt. Matthews who has now taken over from C/Sergt. White.

3 INCH MORTAR PLATOON.

To give some idea of the turn over of men within the Platoon it was a surprise to us when we realised that during the last two years there have been nearly fifty men who are at present in or who have passed through the Platoon.

The first of the series of short cadres has been held, with satisfying results. In this way we hope to be able to build up a steady reserve in Rifle Companies to cover the run-out of National Servicemen and regulars.

Although the results of our recent basketball league have been on the whole rather disappointing, we managed to obtain sixth place in the Section Assault course competition, our section being ably led by Corpl. Crossan.

We would like to wish the best of luck to Corpl. Allen and Pte. McGuffie who have both been posted, and finally our Platoon Commander, Mr. Allt, who leaves after completing his tour of two years with us. We feel confident that it will not be long before there is an increase in the membership of the Borderers' Association and blood donors in the Orderly Room! We welcome in his place Mr. Riddle who has recently qualified at Netherhavon.

ASSAULT PIONEER PLATOON.

At the moment the Platoon is in a rather pensive mood. Mr. Howard will soon be leaving us and as a Platoon we will be very sorry to see him go. J. D. F. H. has meant a great deal to us, and he will carry with him our very best wishes for the future. I hope the recruits at the Depot enjoy their training under him as much as we have done.

Courses have predominated during the last quarter. Mr. Howard took a new lease of life during his stay at Aldershot. We have received reports that he was seen running at least twice. Sergt. Flynn and Corpl. Gray embarked on a rather novel venture when they studied atomic, bacteriological and chemical warfare. Since his return it has been rumoured that Sergt. Flynn has been taking lessons on "cleaning and assembling the atomic bomb." (Practical). Potential

students are reminded that they must supply their own bombs.

The Platoon basketball team goes from strength to strength, though Corpl. McDonald still resents remarks about referees. At the moment we top the league and we hope to remain there.

Pte. Fleming has now left us for "civvy street," we hope he meets no more snags there than he did in the army. We welcome Pte. Crosbie (Bing), our latest addition who is settling down nicely.

The nightly visits of Corpl. Gray to Downpatrick are now developing into something more concrete. He is getting married next month. Best wishes to himself and the future Mrs. Gray.

M.M.G. PLATOON.

During the past few months the Platoon has had the benefit of a few weeks intensive training which has proved of great benefit. Several members of the Platoon attended a signals cadre for four weeks during which Pte. Drysdale excelled himself. Sergt. Gow has been away for most of this period swotting for his First Class certificate, and at the same time baffling the Company with the intricacies of Mechanical Drawing.

In the realms of Sport the Platoon has provided the hard core of the Company's successful football team. L/Corpl. Simpson and his team of basketball enthusiasts, Ptes. Notman, McCarron, Carruthers, Cameron and Clark have represented the Platoon with varying success during the winter months.

We congratulate Corpl. McGrady, L/Corpls. Donnan and Simpson on their recent promotions.

ANTI-TANK PLATOON.

Since our last issue we have said good-bye to L/Corpl. Branter, Ptes. Robinson and Tait who have been demobbed. We wish them all the best in "civvy street." We have also said good-bye to Cfn. Farmer on posting to 1st Border Regiment.

For the time being we are without our Platoon Commander who is away on an M.T.O.'s course at Bordon.

Congratulations to L/Corpl. Hermiston on his recent promotion, we also hear that he is about to leave the ranks of the "batchelor's union." We wish him and his future wife the best of luck.

At the moment we are preparing new ranges and we are hoping to fire the B.A.T. in the very near future.

ORDERLY ROOM.

So much paper has crossed the writer's desk since the last issue of the *Chronicle* that he is unable to remember if Orderly Room notes were submitted for that issue.

Many changes have taken place in the "Order of Battle" since the last issue. Corpl. Horn has left us for the doubtful joys of working for a living, we wish him good fortune for the future. Ptes. Law, Cleghorn, Hunter, and Russell, together with L/Corpl. Cunningham have completed their whole time service and should now be part time soldiers with the 4th and 5th Battalions. Our good wishes for the future to them all.

We congratulate our "Skipper" on the birth of a son last month.

We welcome all new clerks in place of those mentioned above, and hope they will have a happy stay with us. Amongst our new faces is Sergt. Sayer who has taken over the duties of Sergt. Clerk. His arrival was

welcomed by the O.R.S. who now spends his spare time trying to figure out days off!

Members of our staff have taken part in the numerous Battalion Headquarters exercises. The fresh air must do them good as they keep asking when the next exercise is to be held!

SIGNAL PLATOON.

Since November when the last notes were written we have had a very busy time indeed.

After the last classification of signallers the rule was to get out of camp at least once a week in order to do a scheme of some description. These were invariably done on a strictly Platoon basis, and consisted of wireless exercises, using W.S. 31 and W.S. 62, and also line laying. The wet weather peculiar to County Down always seemed to be present on these occasions, but wet weather programmes are unsatisfactory channels of training, and so rather than sit in a dingy lecture room the Platoon invariably left camp rain or no rain.

Telephoneless days continued to cause a major upheaval throughout the Battalion until Christmas when they were temporarily stopped. Many Officers broke the rules of using the wireless set provided, only discovered by the R.S.O. actually doing duty in the telephone exchange! Molar was the chief offender in this respect, and for once the arguments were one sided, and on the R.S.O.'s side!

Battalion Headquarter schemes have now started and, of course, give endless scope for signalling. The speed at which the Second-in-Command expects one to get traffic off the road is frightening, as invariably in his efforts to get under cover some driver or other fails to make his vehicle do so in one lock, so that intricate reversing with trailers is necessary to become straight again. The verbal rockets from Sunray Minor bring rapid results!

The turnover of signallers continues and five new signallers joined the Platoon last November, namely, Ptes. Stewart 92, Stewart 62, Scott, Rhodes, and Denholm, Pte. Stewart 92 is the son of Capt. Stewart, the Quartermaster to the 4th Battalion.

The never ending task of training signallers continues, and in late March we are expecting 15 recruit signallers from the Inniskillings. They will remain with us for three months and it is hoped by then that they will be classified.

As far as sport is concerned the Platoon continue to be well above average. Ptes. Clark and Sproule still play soccer for the Battalion, and the Rugby XV. has a high percentage of signallers in it.

The basketball team have won four out of six games in the inter-Company league, and it is hoped that we will finish by being well placed.

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Corpl. Arbuckle and the R.S.O. were members of the cross country team which went to Oswestry to run in the Western Command competition. Corpl. Arbuckle came in 29th and the R.S.O. 56th out of a field of 160.

MILITARY BAND

DURING the present quarter we are very busy preparing for 1955 and rehearsing for service and private engagements.

All members of the Band despite many set backs, have finally completed their quota of leave for 1954. Immediately after leave we commenced our annual weapon training period. This went off very well, even the arctic conditions did not mar our enthusiasm.

Our commitments for 1955 are many and varied. The first important parade is the inspection of R.E.M.E. and R.C.M.P. by the G.O.C.-in-C., Northern Ireland District at Palace Barracks, Holywood on 17th March.

In May we have our own inspection by the G.O.C.-in-C. Later in the month we move to Lisburn where we will be stationed while we play at the Balmoral Show.

June will see us at Shorncliffe Camp which is our base to carry out an engagement at Folkstone from 12th June. From there we move to Woolwich for the S.S.A.F.A. Tattoo, White City. After the Tattoo we go to Brighton and play there on 16th and 17th July.

On completion of the Brighton engagement we expect to return to Ballykinlar for a quick refit. We should be on the move again on 27th July, this time to Berwick, where we will no doubt play at the usual functions held during Depot Week. During our period at Berwick we have been engaged to play at the Kelso Show on 30th July.

From Berwick we go to Edinburgh for the Tattoo, and when the Tattoo is finished to Copenhagen.

Should any ex-Borderer care to visit us at any of the localities where we are playing they will be sure of a warm welcome.

Q.M.'s DEPARTMENT

Yes, still in Ballykinlar, but eagerly looking forward to "gangway drill."

One notable event during the past quarter which must be mentioned, was the Q.M.'s staff "smoker," which was held mid December, 1954. The catering was arranged by Sergt. (now C/Sergt.) Funston, the bar was "well run" by Corpl. Nicholas, ably assisted by Pte. Bunyan, and Corpl. (Spider) Kelly was M.C. Our guests included the Company Commander, P.R.I., R.S.M., C.S.M., "H.Q." Company and the forty thieves—namely, the Colour Sergeants. It turned out to be a highly organised show and an excellent evening's entertainment was enjoyed by all, but we are indeed sorry that we did not invite Carol Lewis.

Changes in the staff during the past quarter were, and always are, inevitable. We were all sorry to witness the departure of Ptes. Smith and Cunningham (Pioneers), and we welcome, in their place, the newcomers from the Regimental Depot. Corpl. Keith is now with us and no doubt enjoying himself. The Q.M. managed, somehow, to change his ideas about "purchase discharge."

Congratulations to C/Sergt. Funston and Corpl. Kelly on their recent promotion. We welcome the "Wakey-Wakey" man, Sergt. (Tich) Fraser from "H.Q." Company. All the Guardsmen are now together. Sergt. (Tommy) Stoddart is at present "sweating" hard for his first class certificate of education.

R.Q.M.S. (Wee George) Grant has at last drawn a pay and gone on leave. We hear that they are dropping his "supplies" by Helicopter. Sergt. Summer is at present on leave and it has been said that he went via Newcastle, County Down.

Congratulations to the "boss" on his recent promotion to Captain. He is often heard talking about "Billy Graham"—is he replacing Len Shackleton?

We are told by the "boss" that the Block TA/ACF/CCF summer camp programme has now been received and we are accordingly looking forward to a busy time during the next few months with the ACF/CCF-TA-RUC and yes? WRAC'S again.

SERGEANTS' MESS

AT the time of these notes going to press, we find it hard to keep track of our members. With leave, courses, Companies detached, members sweating for their 1st Class education, etc., B.O.S. and guard duties simply fly round. However, "not to worry" as certain members are heard to say.

The Christmas and Old Year's night festivities went with the usual "gusto." The Christmas draw being held on the 25th December, while the New Year was brought in with typical Mess enthusiasm. (Incidentally, many good resolutions have already gone by the board).

An excellent time was had by all on New Year's day, when the traditional "football match" was played against the Officers' Mess, after which we were entertained in the Officers' Mess.

Burns' Night was our next "excuse" for a "binge" and the evening was most entertaining. An excellent dinner was followed by a games evening.

By the time this appears in print "Sawbones" Sawyers will no longer be a bachelor. We hope he and his wife enjoy a happy life together.

Since the last notes we have said "cheerio" to C.S.M. Combe who has decided to try "civvy street," to Sergt. Laidlaw, D.C.M., who has joined the Depot, and to Sergt. Dorward who has gone to the 4th Battalion as a P.S.I. We have welcomed to our midst Sergt. Sayer and Sergt. McMeekin who have joined us from the Depot.

We would like to congratulate Bobby Greig and Tommy Trout on their promotions and hope that the Guards will return Bobby Greig to us all in one piece and glowing. W.O. II. Ritchie obtained an excellent result on his drill course and "B" Company are fairly moving around now with knees in line with the waist.

The programme for the months ahead seems pretty full and commitments seem larger, but, no doubt, we will get through with the same success as in the past.

Friends come and go fairly quickly, but we wish every success to all past members and to our opposite numbers elsewhere.

BASKETBALL

AT the start of the winter, basketball was viewed with a certain amount of suspicion, as the rules appeared to be innumerable and most complicated. However, after a shaky start the enthusiasm mounted and there were several hard fought games.

The Battalion stars came from "C" Company who, up to now, have been undefeated. The mainstay of the team being Morris, who was often so cunning that he even foxed his own side.

Unhappily in the N.I.D. championships the Battalion team did not achieve any outstanding results.

BOXING

THE Boxing season is now drawing to a close and the Battalion has had a thoroughly successful season. The Battalion began the year with only two of last year's team, but by hard work and perseverance this year's team has performed with great credit to the Regiment.

Since the last *Chronicle* notes a great deal of individual and team boxing has taken place. On November 27th we had six winners and three losers in the Service boxing tournament at Bangor. Corpl Worton (C) and L/Corpl. Lewis (H.Q.) had especially good wins against experienced T.A. boxers, and the team felt more confident about their chances against the 60th H.A.A. Regiment in the preliminary round of the Army Cup.

On the 18th November the team had a pre-view of some of the Gordons team when N.I.D. boxed Scottish Command. Pte. Queen (H.Q.) and Corpl. Worton (C) disposed of their Scottish opponents in a most encouraging manner.

After some really hard training the team easily disposed of the 60th H.A.A. Regiment. L/Corpl. Lewis (H.Q.) added more glory to the Regimental Police by beating an Army trialist boxer.

After a comfortable channel crossing, a cold morning in Glasgow and an even colder journey to Edinburgh, the team arrived at Dreghorn Camp on the 10th January. Training took the form of running gingerly

over the snow and fighting to keep the blood in circulation but there were no medical casualties, although one or two members of the team became familiar with Redford boiler house the night before the match against 1st Gordons.

The Battalion was well supported on the 13th January by members of the Depot, and there was a most exhilarating evening's boxing. The Gordons beat us by 17-14, but the issue was in the balance until the last moment, Pte. Fox (C) and Pte. Miller (D) only just lost their bouts. Sergt. Easton (B) who was twice the age of some of the opposing team, gave a rousing display of courageous boxing and Corpl. Worton (C), Pte. Queen (H.Q.) and L/Corpl. Lewis (H.Q.) all had good wins. It was a most creditable performance by our team against a team of more experienced boxers, the Gordons were unsparing in their hospitality although they did not win because of it!

On the 2nd March the Battalion had three wins and two losses in the N.I.D. individual championships. Considering our boxers were untrained for these championships they acquitted themselves honourably. Pte. Russell (C) won the praise of the large assembly of Officers on the final night by his magnificent performance against a superior boxer.

Pte. Queen (H.Q.) won his weight in the inter-Service championships at Londonderry, and he is going to represent the Battalion at the Army individual championships at the end of the month.

We are looking forward to getting some good boxers from the Depot so that we can go further in the Army Cup next year.



Pte. Souness, Pte. Walker and 2nd/Lieut. McLean with 2 in. Mortar, Ballykinlar, 1955.

FOOTBALL

SINCE the last edition very little has been seen of the Battalion football eleven owing to the scarcity of Army teams of comparable strength, and the eternal problem of transport in Northern Ireland to convey the team the long distances which are necessary to travel in order to get a game.

The only opposition, so far, has been the Royal Ulster Constabulary whom we have played at home and away. This resulted in defeats of 3-0 and 3-1. The superior height and strength of the "Coppers" proved too much for the small Borderers.

The N.I.D. minor units league and the Battalion inter-Company league are both making progress, but the frozen grounds and outside commitments of the duty Companies are proving a serious hazard in attempts to complete these leagues on time. "H.Q." Company, 350 strong, are making all the running in these leagues and must stand a good chance of pulling off the double.

Prospects of playing in Belfast cup competitions during the summer months are now being pursued, and if these prove successful should go a long way towards ensuring the necessary practise and financial returns which are required to maintain soccer in Ireland. Talent spotters will also be out at these games and more Borderers may appear in Irish senior soccer next season.

The Thursday night tombola sessions in the canteen have proved extremely popular and have gone a long way towards putting the football fund in the healthy position in which it now finds itself.

Pte. Aitken, the Battalion outside left, is still playing regularly for Cliftonville F.C. and has been doing well.

Finally, in closing, we wish all the best in civilian life to Ptes. Purdie and Irvine who have left to make headlines in Saturday sports papers, and to all former players wherever they may be.

RUGBY

THE Battalion rugby side has had several games since the turn of the year, and it continues to show plenty of spirit.

Results of games played this year are:—

22nd Jan.	v. Ballyclare	6-0 win
29th Jan.	v. Ballyclare	0-3 loss
2nd Feb.	v. R.U.C.	10-13 loss
5th Feb.	v. North of Ireland Colts	41-0 win
9th Feb.	v. Armagh	9-0 win

The rugby pitch at Ballykinlar is not only in perfect condition but I am sure would be the envy of the four countries rugby unions. Built by P.W. during the war, it has a sand base and is always dry and perfectly covered with grass.

Our games against the R.U.C. are always needle matches. They field a very big side indeed, and the game this year was as rough and hard as any Border game. The result of 13-10 shows how close the game in fact was. For a considerable time the Regiment was leading and only lost in the closing stages.

The remainder of the season will be spent in playing seven-a-sides within the Battalion and then in the latter stages of April there are the N.I.D. seven-a-sides here at Ballykinlar, which the Regiment won last year.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

AS far as the Regiment was concerned the cross country running season started on 24th November, 1954, with an inter-Company race.

This was won by "B" Company over a course of four miles. The same Company went on to win the Battalion cross country cup on 12th January, 1955.

On 26th January, came the minor units race which was won by the R.A.M.C., "B" Company coming in third. The 2nd February saw the Regiment win the major units race over a course of 6½ miles. Both the minor and major units races were held here at Ballykinlar. Pte. Dodds of "C" Company came in first place in the major units race.

Having won the N.I.D. championships the Regiment sent a team to Oswestry to run in the Western Command major units race.

The race was run in very poor weather conditions, on ground inches deep in mud from a previous heavy thaw of snow. The course, 6½ miles in length, was gruelling to say the least. The Regimental team was placed 5th, equal out of 14 teams who competed.

The Regimental team was as follows:—Lieut. Henderson, Corpl. Irvine, Corpl. Arbuckle, Ptes. Dodds, Jack, Copeland, Wilson and Stewart.

The last race of the season was held on 10th March, at Londonderry, when four of the Battalion formed part of the Army team competing against the other two services. Those representing the Battalion were. Corpl. Irvine, Corpl. Arbuckle, Pte. Dodds and Pte. Jack.

The result showed that the R.A.F. were a shade better than the Army and won by the narrow margin of 5 points.

HOCKEY

ARMY CHALLENGE CUP, TOURNAMENT

At the commencement of the 1954/55 Hockey season, the Battalion entered for the Army Challenge Cup Tournament.

Entries for the competition which included all Commands and B.A.O.R. reached a record total of 166 teams.

In the first round and being the only entry from Northern Ireland District we were drawn against the winners of Northern Command.

The team left Belfast on 28th March, for Catterick Camp, Yorks, to meet the winners of Northern Command—E.T.C. H.Q. A.E.R. R.E. The match was played on the Command Sports Ground, Catterick Camp, and the weather was admirable.

The game was, indeed, a grand one and there was no score at the interval.

Shortly after the game re-commenced, C.S.M. Bransfield scored what appeared to be a brilliant goal which the Umpire dis-allowed. After twenty minutes play in the second half Pte. Griffard scored a well earned goal. The team really played well, especially in defence.

Our opponents appeared to be badly shaken, being a goal down and we feel that with a little more effort from our team, the score might have been more in our favour.

We were delighted to see Major F. H. Coutts, M.B.E., who, together with his family made the journey to Catterick to give a real 'Borderers' support.

Events then took place at a rapid pace and on Easter Monday, 11th April, we left Belfast for Twickenham to play in the semi-final.

The semi-final was played at Twickenham at 14.30 hours on Wednesday, 13th April, 1955, and our opponents were 63rd H.A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery.

Again, to say the least, the weather was glorious. The game commenced at an exceptionally fast pace and we found ourselves a goal down within fifteen minutes of the start. We then seemed to 'turn on the heat' and in the next five minutes Bandmaster Stockham scored as a result of a short corner, but alas, he was penalised for sticks. In a matter of minutes Pte. Griffard scored the equaliser. This goal was really the turning point and in the second half the Bandmaster put us ahead.

We then 'packed' our goal and despite the untiring efforts of our opponents we left the field, we might safely say, the best team.

During this game Sergt. Dilger received a severe ankle injury which meant that he was unable to play in the final. This incident was most unfortunate as Sergt. Dilger, at right back, was a tower of strength.

On 14th April, we left for Aldershot to play in the United Kingdom Final which was to be played on the Officers' Club Ground, Aldershot, at 14.30 hours on Friday, 15th April, against the Mons Officers' Cadet School. The weather continued to be of its best behaviour and we entered the field amidst glorious sunshine. Corpl. Devine replaced Sergt. Dilger, who incidentally was a spectator and no doubt down-hearted at the idea of not being able to play. The game was a real 'Final' and the hockey was of an exceptionally high standard. Our opponents—youngsters—each of approximately 18 years of age, were indeed real hockey players. Within fifteen minutes we were two goals down and the pace continued to be very fast until the half-time whistle was blown.

Immediately after half-time our team appeared to have new life in them and ten minutes after the re-start the centre-half of the Mons Officers' Cadets School blocked a deliberate goal with his foot and the umpire did not hesitate to award us a Penalty Bully. The bully was taken by C.S.M. Bransfield, who, it must be said knew more about penalties than his opposite number and just 'flicked' the ball into the net immediately on completion of the bully.

The game continued at an exciting pace and during the last twenty minutes remarks were passed that their goal might well have been boarded up as we achieved practically everything except a goal. In fact, we were most unfortunate not to force a draw at full time and we are convinced that had we done so, we would have beaten them on extra time being played.

We were delighted to see that Major General D. C. Bullen-Smith, M.C., Major D. B. Haig, O.B.E., M.C., were present at the final to give the team some very encouraging support. In addition, we were also pleased to see ex-Corpl. Anderson, Military Band, now Trooper Anderson, Band of The Life Guards, who made the journey to both Twickenham and Aldershot to give the team his loyal support.

We are, however, very pleased at such an excellent performance on the part of the team and if we are to remain in the United Kingdom during the next hockey season, we promise to bring the Army Hockey Cup to the Regiment.

The following represented the Battalion throughout the Tournament:—

C/Sergt. J. Docherty, Sergt. J. Dilger, Capt. R. H. B. Oatts, L/Corpl. P. Macnamara, Corpl. J. Morgan, Sergt. F. Easton, R.Q.M.S. G. Grant, B.E.M., B/M (W.O. I) L. Stockham, Lieut. G. P. Murdoch, Pte. R.

Griffard, C.S.M. T. Bransfield. *Reserve*: Corpl. L. Devine.

ARMY RACKETS

For the second year the Regiment was represented in the Army Rackets competition at Queen's Club, London.

2nd/Lieut. A. D. Myrtle won the Army singles title. In the final he gave a brilliant display of rackets to beat 2nd/Lieut. M. W. Bolton (R.M.A., Sandhurst) (15-7, 15-8, 7-15, 15-10). Myrtle won the first two games comfortably but then Bolton found his best—and at times quite unbeatable—form and won the third game. But Myrtle refused to be flustered and put up a really fine performance to win the fourth game and the match.

In the inter-regimental doubles Lieut./Colonel D. W. McConnel and 2nd/Lieut. A. D. Myrtle again reached the final and were beaten by their opponents of last year, the R.M.A., Sandhurst (11-15, 15-7, 18-15, 15-12, 11-15, 15-9). This match was an extremely close and fast one but the fact that the Sandhurst pair were in full practise told in the end.

In the Combined Services (past and present) the Regimental pair were beaten in the semi-final by J. L. Paul and J. N. S. Ridgers after a close match (2-15, 11-15, 15-12, 4-15, 15-9, 15-12, 15-3).

As in 1954 neither Lieut.-Colonel McConnel nor 2nd/Lieut. Myrtle had been able to get any practise except for one week before the competition.

Brigadiers Macdonald, Turner, Hope, Colonel Caulfeild, Major Wilson-Clarke, Lieuts. Kelly and Dickensen all attended and gave encouraging support to the Regimental pair. Brigadier Lake was unfortunately prevented by illness from being present but, of course, most enthusiastic support of all came from Andrew Myrtle's mother.

SADDLE CLUB

THE Battalion Saddle Club was started in November with the object of providing all ranks and their families with horses to ride and for generally promoting interest in equitation.

Two horses were lent to the Battalion, and the popularity of this venture was immediately evident by the number of people who came forward to ride. Much of the success at the outset was due to the hard work put in by Major A. J. Rennie.

Negotiations are at the moment in progress to raise further funds for the club; we shall then be on a firmer financial footing. Now that summer is approaching, the interest in riding is expected to increase, and shortly we hope to add a further two horses to the stables.

Capt. A. J. Mann has hunted regularly with the East Down and we congratulate him on winning the Hunt Race at their Point to Point meeting. He has also been placed at two other Point to Points. We shall watch his progress at the Maze and Puncherstown with great interest.

EDINBURGH DINNER

It was decided at the Regimental Council Meeting that the Officers' Dinner in Edinburgh should always be held on the 3rd Friday in November. The date of the dinner this year will be Friday, 18th November. A tea party for officers and their wives will be held the same afternoon. Details will be issued nearer the time.

PRESENTATION OF NEW COLOURS TO THE 5th BATTALION AND A MARCH THROUGH EDINBURGH

H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester is to present New Colours to the 5th (Dumfries & Galloway) Battalion at North Camp, Glencorse, Midlothian, at 11.00 hrs. on Friday, 24th June, 1955.

On the following day Saturday, 25th June, the 5th Battalion are to exercise the Regimental privilege of marching down Princes Street with their New Colours flying and bayonets fixed. Both the Military and Pipe Bands will be on parade.

The Lord Provost of Edinburgh will take the salute from the steps of the Royal Scottish Academy at 11.00 hrs.

It is hoped that as many Borderers as possible will attend both these functions. All Branches of the Association will be informed later of the detailed arrangements. Individuals requiring information nearer the time should apply to the General Secretary of the Association, The Depot, Berwick-on-Tweed.

THE DEPOT BAZAAR

The Depot Bazaar will be held on Thursday, 4th August, when the Regimental Band, and Pipes and Drums 1st Battalion will be available to play.

It is the first Bazaar to be held for some years, and all Borderers are asked to give it their support.

The proceeds of this Bazaar will be used to build up the Depot Work Party Funds, which are used for:
(a) Regimental Welfare and Charities.
(b) Subscribing to non-Regimental charities specially deserving of our support.

The Depot Work Party contributed greatly to the 1st Battalion when in Korea by supplying Comforts to the troops and helping families who were left behind.

Help of a similar kind may be required again, when the 1st Battalion goes overseas in the near future.

Donations of cash or goods, including produce and jumble will be most welcome.

Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to O.C. Depot, and parcels should be sent to: The Bazaar Committee, Depot K.O.S.B., The Barracks, Berwick-on-Tweed.

Please give any help you can.

MUSEUM NOTES

The winter period has been very quiet with few visitors. Advantage of this has been taken to have all the exhibits re-carded and various improvements made in their lay-out, and we are now almost ready for the influx of visitors which commences about Easter.

The five plaster casts, depicting different dress and uniforms at various times in our long history, have now been completely repaired and painted in their actual colours. This brings out every detail, and is a

most attractive exhibit, with the five statuettes being placed in a mirror-backed glass case. Although the cost of this work was very heavy (£91), it has proved most worth while, and those who have had the opportunity of inspecting them have been very favourably impressed.

The two dressed dummies have now been completed and stand at the entrance to the Colour's Room. One is dressed in Officer's full dress pre-1939 (scarlet) and the other in Officers No. 1 dress 1954 (blue). Our thanks are due to Major-General Miles and Brigadier Lake for so kindly making the dress and accoutrements available.

Both of our clubs in Edinburgh and Glasgow have generously made substantial donations to the Museum over the past two years, and this has helped us very much in the various expenses that are always being incurred in the upkeep of the Museum. The Glasgow club committee are now raising funds by small monthly raffles and the proceeds are sent to us. It is intended to use this money by defraying the cost of casing and tagging a case with the spare medals that we now have available and to have it suitably inscribed.

The great value of having a Regimental Museum has recently been emphasized by the fact that four scrap books, reports and documentary records that were collected and collated in connection with the 1st Battalion's campaign in Korea, were required for the compilation of a history of this period. The work of writing this history is being undertaken by Brigadier J. F. M. Macdonald who commanded the 1st Battalion in the early part of the fighting before handing over to Colonel D. H. Tadman.

In our last issue of *The Chronicle* there was a short story regarding the small fragments of the 1st Battalion's Colour carried in Afghanistan. This appears to have caused a great deal of interest to our readers. The following paragraph may also be of interest.

In the Museum there are two medals that were issued for the Battle of Waterloo, 1815. The strange and unique point regarding these is that both are inscribed on the rim and each have the same name and detail, *i.e.*, Captain E. Fitzgerald, 25th Foot. This officer was at this battle and was employed on the staff as D.A.G.M.G., being wounded in the battle. It is an interesting point as to how two medals came to be issued to this officer for the same battle. Quite a number of interesting suggestions have been put forward for this. Perhaps some of our readers may be able to throw some light on this and how they originally came into the Regiment's possession. The editor would be glad to receive any replies, these could be published in the next issue of *The Chronicle*.

A MASSED "RETREAT" BY THE PIPES & DRUMS OF THE 4th and 5th BATTALIONS

The combined Pipe Bands of the 4th and 5th Battalions will beat "Retreat" on the Esplanade of the Castle, Edinburgh, at 8 p.m., on Thursday, 23rd June, 1955.

All Borderers are welcome.



K.O.S.B. Club, 12 Great King Street, Edinburgh, 3.



K.O.S.B. Club, 3 Burnbank Gardens, St. Georges Cross, Glasgow, N.W.

OUR REGIMENTAL CLUBS IN EDINBURGH AND GLASGOW

EDINBURGH.—Situating at 12 Great King Street, it is five minutes walk from the Central Bus Station in St. Andrews Square, and ten minutes walk from the Waverley Station. A No. 23 or 27 tram from the Mound in Princes Street will get you there in two or three minutes.

GLASGOW.—This club is situated at 3 Burnbank Gardens, Glasgow, N.W., and is about four minutes walk from St. Georges Cross, and can be reached by tram from practically every part of Glasgow.

Now that we have told you where the clubs are, and how to get there, we had better inform you what you can expect when you arrive there.

The clubs are open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. for recreational purposes, and during those hours the bar is open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on week days, and from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays.

Both clubs have up-to-date T.V. sets, wireless, billiards and snooker, darts and dominoes. There is a plentiful supply of playing cards for all card games.

The bars are well stocked with wines, spirits and beers at a lower price than can be purchased in either city.

All serving soldiers (including the T.A.) are allowed in free. If you are not in uniform, please carry your A.B. 64, or leave pass, so that you can be identified as a member of the Regiment.

Accommodation can be obtained at the clubs for anyone passing through, and who wish to stay overnight. The charge for the accommodation is 1/- each night. Breakfast can be supplied by arrangement from the club steward.

Both clubs have a ladies' room, so that any member who wishes to have his wife or lady friend to accompany him to the club, he can do so.

R.W.A.F.F.

All Officers and ex-Officers who have at any time served with the Royal West African Frontier Force are reminded of the existence of the R.W.A.F.F. Dinner Club. A reunion dinner is held annually in London, that for 1955 taking place in October and for 1956 probably in May. The type of commission held by an Officer or ex-Officer (i.e., regular, short service, emergency, N.S. etc.) is immaterial, the sole requirement of membership being service with West African troops in any part of the world. Further particulars may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, R.W.A.F.F. Dinner Club, Bisterne, Normandy, Nr. Guildford, Surrey.

4th (BORDER) BATTALION

SPRING seems to be on its way at last, and now that the evenings are drawing out training is once again getting into full swing.

The last three months have seen many changes in the Battalion, especially in Battalion Headquarters. The first to go was Major Irvine who left us for the 1st Battalion and the wilds of Ballykinlar. We wish him the best of luck in his new appointment. In his place Major Sir William Jardine arrived fresh from high places in Scottish Command to be confronted with an Officers' week-end at Biggar, but more of that anon.

The next to leave us for the hard earned rest of retirement was Lieut.-Colonel Rae, after the magnificent record of 21 years unbroken service with the Regiment and this Battalion. We are very sorry to see him go, and we will miss his cheerfulness and great enthusiasm.

A farewell dinner, despite a snow storm, was given in his honour at the Ednam House Hotel, and a most handsome canteen of cutlery was presented by Major, now Colonel Scott-Noble, on behalf of past and present members of the Battalion. Colonel Rae made a very fine speech in reply, covering his career with the Battalion from the terrifying experience of his enlistment as an officer when a very green young man to the present post-war period, and ending with the famous Robin Hood and Friar Tuck saga. The after-dinner entertainment was of a high order; we are glad to report that no major injuries were sustained.

The Sergeants' Mess held their own farewell party for Colonel Rae which, though sparsely attended owing to the weather, was a great success. All the old campaigners were there, and at the end of the evening the Colonel was chaired from the Mess to his Land Rover to the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Colonel Rae held his own farewell party, "Operation Bowler Hat," in Selkirk Drill Hall, and in the opinion of an unbiased Military observer, the "Mission" was attained with outstanding success.

In Colonel Rae's place we are very glad to welcome Colonel Scott-Noble, who has done so much for this Battalion in the past, and we hope his tour will be a most happy one.

As we go to press the Adjutant, Capt. Graham, is in the process of handing over to Capt. Milligan.

Capt. Graham is to be married on 30th April and leaves the active list next day. He is undecided whether to claim marriage allowance for twelve hours or not. Capt. Milligan is on his home wicket, and is well known to many of us. We hope he finds his sojourn with the Battalion as much fun as the retiring Adjutant did. We have warned him to beware of the Subalterns, they are a "devilish high spirited lot."

We should like to take this opportunity of welcoming Lieuts. Cairns and Strang-Steel, and wish the very best of luck to Lieut. Forrester who has gone parachuting, Lieut. Talbot-Kelly who leaves us for Ireland, and Lieut. Cairns who leaves us for Tanganyika.

The Sergeants' Mess has had its changes too; as these are dealt with in their own notes, we will refrain from comment here.

So much for all the comings and goings.

A most rewarding Officers' week-end was held at the end of February in the Hartree Hotel, Biggar. Lectures on Saturday afternoon were followed by a full scale Regimental dinner, Officer's wives and partners being present, and dancing followed to a small but enthusiastic band.

Brigadier and Mrs. Cracroft and Major and Mrs. Cumming were our guests.

Next day the arctic conditions and snow drifts did not prevent a T.E.W.T. being carried out.

The Pipe and Military Band are at present being fitted with entirely new uniforms; new drums are also being bought for the Pipe Band. The two bands should present a fine sight when they parade this summer.

Arrangements have already been made for the Pipes and Drums to play at the Royal Highland Show and in Princes Street Gardens, and also to mass for a combined retreat on the Edinburgh Castle Esplanade with the 5th Battalion.

The Kennedy Shield .22 rifle competition was shot off at Galashiels at the end of March. The winners were "C" Company 1st team, with a total score of 426 points; the runners up were "B" Company 1st team (Hawick Detachment) with 378 points.

Now that the winter is over, and what a winter, the Battalion is getting into its stride once again. In the next issue of the *Borderers' Chronicle* we shall be able to report how our training and camp in particular has fared.

SERGEANTS' MESS

DURING the past quarter, due to the fact that this is our "close season," very little has taken place in the Mess. On January 28th we held our Annual ball at the Drill Hall, Galashiels, and this was really a great success. It is a tribute to the Mess Committee that several guests wrote to say how much they had enjoyed the evening.

On 7th March, we held a farewell party in honour of Lieut.-Colonel G. H. Rae, M.C., T.D., who relinquishes command of the Battalion after four years. Unfortunately, due to bad road conditions, very few members were able to turn up. However, most of the "old hands" made it and a very happy night it proved to be.

Our Adjutant, Capt. Graham, is being married on 30th April and has very kindly given an invitation to the Mess members. It is hoped that a large number will be able to be present. We wish him all the best and hope all his troubles will be little ones.

Congratulations to Sergt. Windram on the birth of a daughter.

Our only new member is Sergt. Lee (ex-C.S.M.) whom most of the Regiment will know. His promotion has been phenomenal since joining the T.A.—recruit to Sergeant in the space of about 4 hours—no 1689 about it either. We also welcome Sergt. Dorward and Sergt. McKenna as P.S.I.'s from the 1st Battalion.

We have said farewell to our old friend C.S.M. Cockburn who has been posted to the Regimental

Depot and wish him all success. Wherever he goes, he can be relied upon to "rumble them up."

P.S.I.'s who attended courses at the Army M.T. School, Bordon, were C.S.M.'s Price, Riddle, Sergt. Johnston and Dorward, who all came back with good reports.

"A" COMPANY

AFTER the return from camp, training went through a quiet spell, apart from Sunday shooting at Melrose. On training nights time was spent in teaching and passing out new drivers on one-tonners and half-tracks. The re-opening of the Jedburgh Drill Hall saw the re-start of training evenings there. Wireless and driving instruction were the main items of training in the Company up till the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Weapon training was done on an instructional basis as very little opportunity for actual firing was possible. On the resumption of training all detachments started practicing their indoor rifle shooting for the Kennedy Shield. Unfortunately, we were hampered by the inclement weather, which prevented several get-togethers owing to snowbound roads which kept Newcastleton and our country members from attending.

However, Kelso, Melrose, Jedburgh and Newcastleton all sent a team to Jedburgh Drill Hall and a good Sunday's practice was put in before the Shield competition.

Unfortunately our shooting in the competition did not come up to our practice standard, but now that greater enthusiasm is evident there is always next year. Now that longer light in the evenings has arrived, training will be devoted to driving and wireless instruction. Attendances at parades has been satisfactory and men are showing real keenness and enthusiasm.

"B" COMPANY

WE have made another start on training for the current season and attendances are very satisfactory, especially Sunday training which is extremely popular with all ranks. The primary need is for driver-operators and we are concentrating on the 19 sets and half-tracks. Our strength has gone up considerably since our last notes; we are approximately 150 strong; there are a few due for discharge in the next month or so, but if we can get about 50 per cent. of these O.R.'s to re-engage we shall be quite happy. One or two have intimated already that they will continue.

There has been a number of the Company personnel married recently, including "Big" Archie Hogg, Sergt. Clark, Graham (04), and the office staff are very busy filling in the "Allowance Forms"; from what we hear another dozen are preparing to take the plunge before proceeding to annual camp; best of luck to all.

The Company made another effort to break "C" Company's monopoly of the Kennedy Shield .22 competition, but to no avail; again we came in second and third, this year with a poor score; we must congratulate "C" Company on another fine shoot, they are very consistent.

We shall have to put in some intensive practice on the big range this year if we are to retain the trophies we won last year, rumour has it that the other com-

panies mean to knock some of the cockiness out of us, that remains to be seen.

Due to a re-organization of the detachments, Newcastleton now becomes part of the Company, this is nothing new to Newcastleton personnel because they have in the past been more or less attached to us for training. We welcome them to the Company and hope they will enjoy being in "B" Company. We should be quite musically minded as half of the Newcastleton personnel are members of the Military Band.

We have had to say good-bye to our Commanding Officer and in his place we welcome Lieut.-Colonel J. Scott-Noble, M.C., T.D. Our new Commanding Officer is no stranger to "B" Company as he is resident in the town. All ranks of "B" Company wish Colonel Rae the best of luck on his retirement.

The Company are at the moment preparing for the annual range course. We start this month and hope that everyone has paid attention to the instruction they have been given in the last few weeks, otherwise their "Bounty" may be light by about 30/-, no complaints will be entertained afterwards.

We end on this and trust we shall have more interesting news in our next notes.

"C" COMPANY

SINCE last going to press training has gone with a swing, the priority being wireless and driver operating, attendances are the best ever with more National Servicemen volunteering than has been known in the past; their keenness and enthusiasm is first rate.

At the moment we have a wireless cadre going at Selkirk, which, we hope, will produce more driver operators.

Again we can say with pride that "C" Company has won the Kennedy Shield .22 competition for the sixth year in succession, beating our old rivals "B" Company—better luck next time "B" Company. Our winning team was as follows:—

Capt. Fairgrieve (Team Captain), Lieut. Ballantyne, W.O. II. Lyall, W.O. II. Jack, Sergt. Greig, Pte. Carrick, Pte. Turner, Cfn. Thomson.

On behalf of the Company we would like to say well done "A" team for keeping up the good name of the Company.

Congratulations to Pte. Small and Cfn. Tait on their taking the plunge in the service of matrimony—may all their troubles be little ones.

We also extend our congratulations to Sergt. Windram on the birth of a daughter.

It is with great pleasure we welcome into our midst ex-C.S.M. Lee of the 1st Battalion who is now serving with us as a Sergeant. To his many friends I would like to add that he passed his recruits' training with colours flying, though he says it was a bit rough on recruit's pay, 7/- a day, but we are happy to say he made the grade.

We are now looking forward to the Battalion rifle meeting where we hope to add more laurels to our name.

In closing we would like to say cheerio and the best of luck to our Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel G. H. Rae, M.C., T.D., who has retired. We are very sorry to see him go, and will miss his enthusiasm in looking after our interests.

"D" COMPANY

THE Company has been hard hit by the latest redistribution within the Battalion as we have lost the Lauder, Earliston, Greenlaw and Gordon Detachments which now come under "A" Company. It is difficult to think of the "Farmers Union" without all our old and trusty friends, but we know they will do their best with their new Company. It is suggested, however, that they still remain attached to us for all social purposes.

DUNS DETACHMENT.

After a strenuous season of sporting activities we have now started training again for camp in July in South Wales. Our successes were numerous at darts, dominoes, snooker, and .22 shooting, and our circle of friends has increased greatly through these activities. Our .22 range has recently been lengthened and has proved very popular, so we are now in a position to put forward a very strong team for the Kennedy Shield at Galashiels on Sunday, March 27th.

Our annual "smoker" was held at the White Swan Hotel, Duns, on 17th December, 1954. A grand night was spent by all, and there were about 45 present. C.Q.M.S. J. Purves, Duns, was in the chair and read apologies from the C.O. and Lieut.-Colonel Hankey. An excellent meal was served by Mr. and Mrs. Smith and this was followed by a programme of toasts and songs which was entered into with great gusto; special artistes being "Old Tug" and Jock McTeer. The toast "our Guests" was given by Sergt. J. Mackie and replied to by Mr. Bennie, head Postmaster at Duns. "The Regiment" was ably toasted by our Adjutant, Capt. J. B. Graham, and the toast "The Town and Trade" was given by Sergt. A. Wilson, and replied to by Colonel G. H. Hay of Duns Castle, representing Duns Town Council; an old favourite in Mr. R. Skea was at the piano. During the evening Major A. P. Innes, our Company Commander, made a presentation of an inscribed barometer to C.S.M. T. Cockburn on his leaving the Detachment for another post. We would like to wish him and his wife and family all the best in the future and extend to his successor, Sergt. McKenna, wife and family, a long and happy tour of duty with us.

Numbers attending drill nights are very gratifying and we are looking forward to the spring weather

coming to enable us to get out and about with our vehicles, etc.

CHIRNSIDE DETACHMENT.

We welcome Ptes. Borthwick and Heatlie to the fold and hope they will enjoy their stay with us. Two members of our Detachment visited Galashiels lately to bid farewell to the Commanding Officer. They were C/Sergt. Cockburn and Sergt. Jeffrey. We congratulate the latter on his appointment to the Sergeants' Mess.

We welcome our new P.S.I., Sergt. McKenna; he will have a bigger job than formerly as we have to train the Ayton Detachment this year.

We have put in a lot of shooting in preparation for the Kennedy Shield so we hope "Wattie" shoots well.

LAUDER AND EARLSTON DETACHMENTS.

Since our last notes our P.S.I., Charlie Duckett, has gone to the Depot, and wish him and his wife all the best. In his place we welcome Sergt. Dorward and we hope he and his wife will enjoy their stay with us.

The annual "smoker" was held at Earliston this year and a good party turned out. Our top table was full and the main speech was by Colonel Rae, who we were delighted to have with us, as he commanded the Detachment 25 years ago. Major Innes gave a "pep" talk to the youngsters present, so watch out for re-enlistments.

Our programme was sustained by R.S.M. Walker, C/Sergt. Purves, C/Sergt. Anderson and our P.S.I., Sergt. Dorward, and others, and it was evident that the talent is assured for years to come.

Training is again getting into full swing and we have introduced another night so as to get on top of the wireless, and as soon as nights are lighter the youngsters will be let loose in our half tracks and carriers.

"Au Revoir" Dog Company, we shall be spouting from Able Company next quarter.



When in Edinburgh or Glasgow

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THE FEDERATION REGIMENT

by General Sir Gerald Templer, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
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I have recently had the honour of being appointed Colonel of the Federation Regiment. As many readers will know this regiment is largely officered in the higher ranks by British Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior N.C.O.s. I think, therefore, that it will be of interest to readers to know a little bit about them.

Until quite recently it was impossible for any inhabitant of Malaya to join any branch of the Armed Forces of that country unless he was a Malay by birth. Since only approximately 45 per cent of the inhabitants of the Federation of Malaya are Malays (the remainder being Chinese, Indians, Pakistanis, Ceylonese and Eurasians) this obviously presented a good many political problems in view of the fact that this little country is on its way to self-government, within—so we all hope—the British Commonwealth of Nations. It was obviously unfair that more than 50 per cent of the inhabitants of the country were unable to take part in any way in its defence, when at the same time we were telling them that it was their duty to owe a hundred per cent allegiance to that country.

The plan took a good deal of making, since the idea was of course a strange one in Malaya. However, the difficulties were got over and the first recruits for this new Regiment started to form up on the 15th September 1952 in Taiping, a delightful town in the State of Perak. The 1st Battalion of the Regiment is now fully operational which reflects a great deal of credit on all concerned. It may seem that it has taken a long time to get even one battalion going, but when the Regiment started to form, there was obviously not a single officer, warrant officer or N.C.O. available from any community other than the Malays. From the beginning it was decided that we must stick as rigorously as possible to the racial split which it was decided should be 40 per cent Malay, 40 per cent Chinese and 20 per cent others. On the present total establishment of 729 All Ranks this should produce 292 Malays, 292 Chinese and 145 others. In point of fact the strength today is 294 Malays, 286 Chinese and 148 others, and I reckon this is very good. The Regiment today should have 18 Malays, 18 Chinese and 10 other Sergeants and above. Actually it has got 21 Malays, 6 Chinese and 9 others in these categories. But considering that we had to start with recruits on the square that is not bad either.

It obviously takes a longish time to produce officers from nothing. Today the Regiment has 13 seconded British officers, 3 warrant officers and 3 sergeants with it. There are also 21 Asian officers of which 3 are Malay, 10 Chinese and 8 other races and at Sandhurst there are now 22 cadets of the Federation Regiment, the vast majority of whom come from races other than Malays. There are a further 4 cadets at the Officer Cadet School at Eaton Hall, Chester. I have seen a good deal of the boys at Sandhurst and they are doing admirably. One, a young Ceylonese is a Junior Under Officer and is also one of the star turns in the Sandhurst Rucker side. I hope it will be possible for the cadets of the Federation Regiment to do a short attachment to a Depot of a British unit before they return to Malaya at the end of their training in this country. In the course of time Officer Training will be carried out at the Feder-

ation Military College in Malaya. A good start has already been made with this, but it will be some few years before it is functioning properly, and in a position to accept the full responsibility for training the young officer entry both of the Malay Regiment and of the Federation Regiment. And so for the next few years the young officers for these two regiments will continue to be trained in the United Kingdom.

Today the Federation Regiment handles the recruiting and training of the other small multi-racial units which were started at the same time, i.e., The Federation Armoured Car Regiment, Federation Signals, Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and so on.

Financial considerations permitting, it is the intention to raise a second battalion and a third battalion of the Federation Regiment in the next few years. The experiment is a very exciting one and it has got off to a very good start. Those who know the difficulties in a country containing a multi-racial society will appreciate how fine a thing it is for a country of that sort to have a unit or units of young men, of different religions and different communities, all living together in the same barrack rooms, eating the same food, and getting on with each other like a house on fire.

I am very proud of having played a part in the raising of this Regiment. And also very proud of being its Colonel. But for some years to come its success will depend to a great extent on the British Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants seconded to it under the liberal terms of ACI 484/54.

There are likely to be vacancies in all ranks in the near future and anyone who is interested can find out details on writing to Lieut.-Colonel T. H. Trevor, O.B.E., 1st Battalion The Federation Regiment, Butterworth, P.W., Malaya.

HISTORICAL NOTE ON THE USE OF COLOURS

Object

1. The British Regular Army dates from the Restoration. The object of this paper is to trace, briefly, the purpose of its colours over the past three hundred years.

Early History

2. Although the Army dates its formation from 1661, the practice of carrying Colours continues back through the Royalist and Cromwellian Armies, when the hue of a Colour corresponded to the title of a unit (e.g. the Red Regiment carried a red Colour). In 1639 it was written of the "office and duty of a Colonel of a Regiment" that "hee ought to have all the Colours of his Regiment to be alike in colour and fashion to avoide confusion so that the souldiers might discern their own Regiment from the other troopes." In the Middle Ages, when much of a soldier's body was covered in armour, identification was achieved only by leaders using their coats of arms or heraldic designs upon shields and on pennons or banners carried from the shaft of the lance.

It is clear, therefore, that on the formation of the Standing Army the purpose of Colours was essentially a practical one, i.e. to assist identification.

The Warrant of 1747

3. The practice of using Colours to carry the armorial bearings of a leader continued for almost a hundred years. In 1747, however, a Warrant established that "no Colonel to put his Arms, Crest, Device or Livery on any part of the appointments of the Regiment under his command" and "that the second Colour (i.e. the Regimental Colour) be of the same colour as the facings of the Regiment and to bear the Regimental Number."

At this time "facings" comprised the lapels, cuffs and turnback of the coat. The Colours were still being used therefore as a means of identification and this practice of carrying the Regimental Number on the Regimental Colour continued until 1881 when the Numbers were replaced by the new Territorial titles.

Colours in Battle

4. The Colours were carried in the centre of the front rank where they could be easily seen and recognised. Their presence in the battle undoubtedly had a high morale effect and once battle was joined, the Colour Party became an obvious target and the centre of the most bitter hand to hand fighting. The rate of mortality amongst Ensigns was high, for the importance of a victory was generally gauged by the number of guns and stands of Colours that were captured.

With a view to giving the Ensigns some local protection, the rank of Colour Sergeant was introduced in 1813. "It is His Royal Highness' pleasure that the duty of attending the Colours in the field shall at all times be performed by the Sergeants" and "that they shall bear above their chevron the honourable badge of the Regimental Colour supported by two cross swords."

5. Writing of Waterloo Sergeant William Lawrie, 40th Regiment, says:

"About 4 o'clock I was ordered to the Colours; this, although I was used to warfare as much as anyone, was a job I did not at all like. But still I went as boldly to work as I could. There had been before me that day 14 Sergeants already killed and wounded and the staff and Colours almost cut to pieces."

6. Although the carrying of Colours in battle involved considerable loss of life amongst those who bore them, the practice continued until comparatively recent times. Such were the losses amongst Colour parties in the Crimea that in the later battles of that Campaign some Commanding Officers ordered their Colours to the rear once battle had been joined.

At the disaster of Isandhlwana, 1879, two subalterns received posthumous V.C.s for their endeavours to save the Colours, and from this date the practice of carrying Colours in battle gradually came to an end. They were last carried in battle at Laings Nek in 1881.

Battle Honours on Colours

7. The system of placing battle honours on Colours did not start generally until after the Peninsular War. As a mark of Royal Favour, certain Regiments had been authorised to place a badge, (e.g. the White Horse of Hanover or the current Royal Cipher) on their clothing and appointments, including the Colours. Between 1661 and 1812 however there were three solitary instances where a battle honour was placed on a Colour. The first occurred in 1768, when as a result of a spirited cavalry action, Elliott's Light

Dragoons (later 15th Hussars) were authorised to place the word "Emsdorf" on their helmets and on their Guidons.

The next instance occurred in 1784, when the four Regiments which had taken part in the Siege of Gibraltar were permitted to place the word "Gibraltar" upon their Grenadier and Light Infantry caps, their accoutrements, and drums, and likewise upon the Colours.

After a lapse of 18 years those regiments which had fought in Egypt in 1801 were authorised to place a sphinx with a wreath of laurel and the word "Egypt" on their appointments, including the Colours.

Rifle, Hussar and Lancer Regiments

8. An experimental Rifle Corps was raised in 1801. Their role was a skirmishing one in open order. Concealment was important and there was thus no necessity for the use of Colours. The experimental Rifle Corps ultimately became the Rifle Brigade and as the experiment proved successful other Regiments were converted to a Rifle role, for example the 60th Regiment was converted in 1824 and from that date ceased to carry Colours. Four other Regiments were subsequently converted. They are now amalgamated into the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) and the Royal Ulster Rifles, and they also on conversion ceased to carry Colours.

Certain Light Dragoon Regiments were converted to a Hussar role in 1807. The role of Hussar was considered analogous to that of a Rifle role and accordingly these Regiments gave up carrying Guidons. This was eventually confirmed by an Order of 1834. Other Light Dragoon Regiments were converted to a Lancer role at varying dates from 1815 onwards and they also, on conversion, gave up carrying Guidons.

Summary

It is clear that the original purposes of Colours were to aid identification and to act as a guide and a rallying point in battle. They were a part of the appointments of a Regiment; battle honours as they were gradually introduced were placed not solely on the Colours but on the clothing and other appointments such as drums and bells of Arms.

The history of many of our Regiments is bound up with deeds of considerable heroism around the Colours. The willingness of so many to grasp the Colours when others had fallen and unhesitatingly accepting risks far beyond those normally occurring in battle constituted examples of self sacrifice of the highest order. Since 1804 Colours have been entitled to the highest Military honours.

The reason why Colours are carried by some Regiments and not by others is clear, and depends on their role in the past. It may be argued that as there is no difference, now, between the role of Dragoon Guards and Lancers then, therefore there is no reason why the latter Regiments should not now bear Guidons again.

These Regiments who now carry Colours have done so continuously from the date of their formation almost without exception. Care must be taken that the Honour and Sanctity of these Colours does not change through a wholesale adoption of Colours, throughout the Army, occasioned by a desire to display Battle Honours, which could equally well be borne in other ways as they have been in the past.

5th (DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY) BATTALION

OUR last *Chronicle* notes ended as we awaited the Annual Administrative Inspection. This was carried out by our new Brigade Commander, Brigadier W. H. Henning, D.S.O. The inspection went very well and due to the extent of our area lasted for three days. The final day ended with a parade of H.Q., A and C Companies at the Drill Hall, Dumfries. There was a very good attendance which may have been influenced by the fact that the Annual Bounty was being paid that night.

The New Year opened well with the news that the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel W. J. M. Ross, M.C., T.D., had been awarded the O.B.E. in the New Year Honours List. We were very pleased to read this and take this opportunity of conveying the congratulations of the Battalion. On 6 March Lieut.-Colonel Ross completed his tour in command of the Battalion and handed over to Lieut.-Colonel A.J. Jardine-Paterson, T.D. During his tenure of command he has devoted a great part of his time to all the activities of the Battalion. We are very sorry to see him go but at the same time we congratulate him on his promotion to Deputy Commander of 264 (S) Beach Brigade. We wish him well in his new appointment and trust we will see him often. We welcome our new Commanding Officer and wish him a long and happy time with us.

At the same time we have to say farewell to our Second-in-Command, Major T. D. Stephen, M.B.E., T.D. We shall miss his cheery face at camp and at week-end training days. We hope that his successor, Major C. G. Grieve, T.D., will enjoy himself in his new post.

Our training year started with N.C.O.'s Cadres. We have had two successful week-ends for junior and potential N.C.O.'s. Support Company have had one week-end training camp at Battalion H.Q. and one very cold week-end firing camp at Kirkcudbright Ranges. Our main training commitment has been Exercise 1984. This was a combined operation concerning 5th K.O.S.B., the Clyde and Mersey Division of the R.N.V.R. and the Liverpool R.M.F.V.R. The theme of the Exercise was that we were guarding Professor Goldstein the eminent nuclear scientist, a nephew of Big Brother. The marines were landed by the Navy to kidnap him.

The area chosen was half a mile north of Kirkmaiden on the Mull of Galloway. High up and overlooking Kilstay bay, it was a cold bleak spot. The Battalion provided one company and skeleton Battalion H.Q. Major G. L. Moodie commanded the Company and the Battalion C.P. was set up with a tent to house Professor Goldstein. The marines landed at Port Logan and Major G. M. Thomson, T.D., umpired the marines to the position. It is understood that Major Thomson is going on to a diet of raw carrot to improve his night vision. Then he won't shake hands with corn bins on dark nights.

The attack was put in and to a cascade of Verey lights fired by Major Moodie, Professor Goldstein was "snatched." We chased the marines to the beach and out of the kindness of our hearts allowed them to get Goldstein on board. The Press were well in evidence and Major Grieve was heard having a loud discussion on the ethics of the Press with one of their representatives. Neither party was convinced that the other was right. The Exercise went exceedingly

well and apart from an icy awakening at 0600 hrs. it was most enjoyable.

We are pleased to welcome Lieuts. McCreath, McConnel and Heddle who have joined us and trust that they will enjoy themselves with us. Lieut. James has left us to take up a post in the Civil Administration in Nigeria. The climate there will be quite different to that of Wigtownshire and we wish him well.

Our Annual Camp will take place from 18 June to 2 July at Glencorse North Camp. We trust it will be as successful as that of last year.

"A" COMPANY

THE new T.A. Centre at Lockerbie is now ready for use. The actual furnishings are not yet in place but they are expected any day now. We feel sure that the improved amenities, including canteen, will bring an influx of recruits. The Battalion Military Band are to make their public debut at the official opening (which will have taken place before publication) and, if their performance at practices is anything to go by, it should be an unqualified success.

To add more colour to the new Centre, C.S.M. Donnohue and C/Sergt. Grieve will be sporting their newly acquired T.A. Efficiency Medals. Congratulations to them both on the well deserved awards.

Major Bell is going off to the Senior Officers' School on a course soon—best of luck to him. C.S.M. Rankin has just returned from one at the school of A.B.C. Warfare, so these subjects will be appearing on the training programme for Annan and Langholm fairly frequently during the next few months.

Lieut. Edgar is transferring his allegiance from the Company to the Anti-Tank Platoon, Support Company—we are sorry, but he will from now on receive only that welcome afforded to the Anti-Tanks should he venture near the Company position on any schemes.

The canteen at Annan has been re-opened and good business is being transacted—the State-brewed opposition is, of course, fairly weak.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Colonel Ross but welcome Lieut.-Colonel Jardine-Paterson and assure him of our whole-hearted support. We only hope that his place of residence does not prove to be too near our area, a visit from Colonel Ross required a fair bit of effort but now we are on the doorstep, as it were.

Before the next notes, Annual Camp will be over and if the present programme is fulfilled an interesting and busy camp is envisaged.

Query—which B Company allowed the Marines to get the better of them?

"B" COMPANY

SINCE our last notes were written many things have happened in the Company area, so many indeed that the Company Clerk does not know whether he is standing on his head or his "elbow."

We would like first of all to congratulate Lieut.-Colonel W. J. M. Ross, O.B.E., M.C., T.D., on his award of the O.B.E. in the new year's honours—Colonel Ross has been an inspiration and has shown great leadership to all ranks within the battalion

during his tenure and it was with much sorrow we learned that Colonel Ross had completed his service with us. We understand he is now going to the 264th Beach Brigade, in which we wish him the best of luck and a happy stay.

Another sad affair is the departure into retirement of our Second-in-Command, Major(now Lieut.-Colonel) T. D. Stephen, M.B.E., T.D. He became Company Commander of this Company at the time of the re-constitution of the T.A., in 1947 and commanded until 1952 when he became second-in-command of the battalion. Since then he has seen some terrible weather at summer camps and we are sorry to lose our "Old man of the sea." We wish him health and happiness and hope that he will drop in occasionally for his "quick un." We were also sorry to lose our P.S.I. from Stranraer and Newton Stewart detachments, C.S.M. Cowen, who returned to the first battalion, where he is at present making a name for himself. I do not think he will forget his send-off from the N/S Detachment when faced with a long line of "glasses" but as he remarked "Now there's a thing." Good luck C.S.M., Mrs. Cowen and family.

We would like to welcome Sergt. Crawford as the new P.S.I. for Stranraer, also Mrs. Crawford and family and hope that their stay will be a happy one.

We would like to congratulate and welcome our new C.O., Lieut.-Colonel A. J. Jardine-Paterson, T.D., also our new second-in-command, Major C. G. (Blighty) Grieve, T.D., and hope that they have a long and happy stay in the battalion.

Besides numerous specialist week-end camps, in which the Company Commander found it d.....d cold collecting N.S.M. between 5 and 6 a.m., our main exercise was "OP 1984." This was the defending of Professor Goldstein (or as christened by the inhabitants of Portlogan, Professor Hamish Alistair McGoldstein, a good Scottish name) from a raiding force of Royal Marine Commandos.

The Marines did a great piece of work and captured their man, but the only way to decide whether or not it would have been successful would be to fight it out again with live ammunition.

At about 0200 hours everything was silent and then a drawl voice would be heard at least 200 yards away, "But dash it man, Billy Graham"—this was only a "discussion" between the press and somebody. The press took photographs of jocks digging trenches, being camouflaged and what not, including one of "God's gifts to the ninepennies"—our actor from Glenluce.

It has been rumoured that in this issue one Company is asking "Which Company let the Professor away?" Our answer (owing to the fact that it was a composite Company) is "Any Blooming Company Did."

"C" COMPANY

WE have passed through the festive season with little to report in the way of outside training, except that 20 of our stalwarts went to the aid of B Company in their attempt to defend "Professor Goldstein" during exercise "1984." We understand one platoon had five Sergeants—perhaps the Prof. didn't have much of a chance!

We were glad to act as hosts to Support Company at Kirkcudbright while they were doing their firing on Netherlaw Ranges at the end of February. We trust that they enjoyed themselves. Everything

seems to go successfully, apart from the fact that the Mortar and Anti-tank Platoons found it difficult to hit the target—they blamed the ammunition!

We congratulate Major Grieve on his appointment as Second-in-command—Capt. Biggar on becoming our new Company Commander (we hope to make an infantier of him someday)—Sergts. Thorpe and McKie on their marriages—Corpl. Kean and L/Corpl. Hunter on their promotions.

We are very sorry indeed to learn that we are losing C.S.M. Moore in the near future. "Paddy" Moore has been P.S.I. at Kirkcudbright since 1949. His many friends in the area will wish him and his family the very best of luck in the future.

We have just learned that at camp this year there will be no C Company as such and that we will be drafted to the other Companies to make up their strengths. This has come as a bit of a shock but we must take our turn, and after all there is a D Company in the Battalion.

We have been offered photographs taken by a serviceman in Germany of the graves of the following: L. Wilson, S. T. Walker, W. B. Robertson, J. W. Whelton and S. G. Philips. Any relative or friend of these men who would like a photograph please contact the P.S.I., Drill Hall, Castle Douglas.

"D" COMPANY

THE Company has had a busy time since the last notes were written. Two very successful dances have been held in Kirkcudbright Drill Hall and the nett proceeds will help to swell the Company fund and ensure that various annual functions are held for the Company. During the first dance, certain difficulties were encountered in connection with lighting and sound but Sergt. McKie and Corpl. Turnbull stepped in and effected the necessary repairs. This involved a certain amount of trapeze work up in the girders of the Drill Hall.

Several of the Company attended the Annual Firing of Support Company weapons at Kirkcudbright and despite the extreme cold, an interesting week-end was spent. Then we sent 26 personnel to take part in "Exercise 1984" held in the Stranraer Area and again cold weather was encountered.

Congratulations to Corpls. Watson and Turnbull on their recent promotions.

Special interest has arisen in connection with the weekly training night during the last month or so, but we wonder if this can have anything to do with the acquisition by the P.S.I. of a fine Television set. We are, however, looking forward to an interesting Spring training and also to Annual Camp.

SUPPORT COMPANY

IN recent weeks there has been considerable activity in Support Company, and as a result the bulk of its members have achieved the requisite number of drills. Those who have will therefore be spared the trials and tribulations of Exercise "Fresh Air III," and will thus be spared what our ex-Commanding Officer and ex-Second-in-command seem to hope will be a "soaker."

A week-end camp was held at Nunfield on the 12th/13th February, when there was a good turn out, and each Platoon received instruction in their Platoon weapons. This was followed by a week-end camp at

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Kirkcudbright when the various weapons were fired. Conditions, although cold, were dry—a vast change from those which prevailed last year. The results of the firing of both the Anti-Tank Guns and the Mortars left much to be desired owing to difficulties with the ammunition. It seems that it is now necessary for the No. 1 of the Anti-Tank Gun to spot Tanks with one eye and read range tables with the other. As for the Mortars, a mystery man seems to have "got at" the charges with the result that the bombs behaved in the most erratic fashion. The results were, however, interesting, and provided food for thought.

The Assault Pioneer Platoon carry out their training on the week-end of 2nd/3rd April when a certain amount of practical instruction is to be given in the use of explosives for demolitions. This should prove interesting indeed, but spectators will be well advised to keep their distance in the early stages. It is hoped that this experience will enable the Platoon to carry out some really spectacular operations at Camp.

We are sorry indeed to lose our "Gunner," but we feel sure that Capt. Biggar will look just as well behind a rifle as behind an anti-tank gun, especially when he is adorned with a crown. We welcome Lieut. Edgar, who we feel sure is suitably built to look after the anti-tank guns.

H.Q. COMPANY

WE are sorry to lose Major Jardine-Paterson, who has been a popular Company Commander for the past two years, but feel honoured that we are now serving under him as our Commanding Officer. We wish him luck in his new appointment.

We welcome Capt. A. Duncan, a newly commissioned T.A. officer to our Company, as M.T.O., and hope he will have a long and happy stay with us. Capt. Duncan has seen Regular Army service with R.E.M.E.

We also welcome Corpl. Patterson, a Royal Army Reservist Attachment, and hope that he will again join the Battalion as a T.A. volunteer when his Reservist Service terminates. Corpl. Patterson has again joined the Pipes and Drums, of which he was a valuable member before taking his three years' Regular Army engagement in 1951.

Lieutenant Heddle has moved his residence to Glasgow, but we hope to see him often on our week-end training.

Congratulations to O.R.Q.M.S. Lawson in the award of Efficiency Medal Territorial.

W.O.s.' & SERGEANTS' MESS

A quiet time has been had by all since our last notes were published. At least that's what it seems when one looks back, for no special occasion leaps readily to mind, although "week-ends" have been the order of the day—or should it be week-end? The usual or unusual amount of beer has been consumed when training finishes, but our patent hangover cure has had us on parade, fresh and fit on the Sunday morning.

We are looking forward to our next Dinner and Dance which takes place on April 2nd, when we shall have the pleasure of having Colonel Ross our previous Commanding Officer and Lieut.-Colonel Jardine-Paterson his successor present. We would like to take this opportunity of wishing Colonel Ross the very best of luck and thank him for his support of

the Mess, and also to wish the same sentiments to our new Commanding Officer on his appointment.

C.S.M. Cowen has left us for the 1st Battalion, where we hear he is settling down well, whilst C.S.M. Moore will be leaving us in the near future for the delights of "Civvy Street." Sergt. Crawford from the 1st Battalion relieved C.S.M. Cowen, whilst Sergt. Vernon who has been serving with the Royal Scots will be performing the same courtesy for C.S.M. Moore.

The only two other things of note are that the R.Q.M.S. has decided it's much better for his health to buy cigarettes than to bite his nails. Secondly Archie Lawson is now known as "Honest John" after a domino game to which he was introduced by the R.S.M.

MILITARY BAND

FOR the first time since the First World War, this Battalion has formed a Military Band. Although the plan was initiated by Colonel Ross in late 1953, various difficulties had to be overcome; who was to be Bandmaster, when could we get official sanction, and where was the money coming from? These questions are now all answered. The Bandmaster, W.O.I. Gowan, lives in Dumfries and bullies or cajoles the bandmen to blow and suck at the correct time. Official sanction took longer to be given, but finally it came in January 1955 with a small initial grant. Nearly half of this had, however, been allotted to the Pipes and Drums when they were formed, so our last question still remained unanswered. Our three Territorial Associations came nobly to our rescue with a grant of £500 towards instruments and the local people and firms below donated a large sum.

Binns Ltd, Dumfries; Cochrans & Co, Annan Ltd.; I.C.I. (Nobel Division), Dumfries; K.O.S.B. Association, Dumfries Branch; North British Rubber Co, Dumfries; R. & A. Hannay Ltd, Stranraer; Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas; Wolsey Ltd.

For a while recruiting was difficult because there seemed to be an antipathy by musicians against "joining the Army." By now (March) 14 have seen the error of their ways and we hope by camp to take our place proudly in the Battalion column marching down Princes Street. At present the bulk of our members come from Dumfries. We want, however, to spread out so that we are a truly Battalion Band, not just another town band. We are hoping for recruits from Annan and Dalbeattie to join in the near future.

Contrary to slander spread by the Pipe President we can play tunes other than The Happy Wanderer (which the Band President enjoys) and we have now a good repertoire that should please all tastes.

Our immediate aim is to accompany the Pipes and Drums in a joint Retreat at the Midsteep, Dumfries. We hope to attain this before camp.

PIPES AND DRUMS

OUR last engagement for 1954 was at the opening of the new R.N. and R.M. Recruiting Office in Dumfries. It was a blustery day but all went well.

Early in the New Year Corpl. Paterson joined us as a Regular Reservist Instructor and is a faithful attender at drill nights and weekends. The bad weather has hindered the attendance of those who live far afield, but with the Spring we hope that all our members will attend our week-end training periods.

At present we have quite a number of engagements for the coming season including a Joint Retreat with the 4th Battalion on the Castle Esplanade, Edinburgh. This takes place while we are at Camp in Glencorse.

Each week-end when the Military Band are training we are practising for a Joint Retreat. This is going very well at the moment and we hope to perform together in public before we go to camp. Our need is for still more Pipers and Drummers and anyone wishing to join will be welcome.

REFLECTIONS ON A RETURN VISIT TO THE BATTLEFIELDS OF N.W. EUROPE.—Continued.

Sunday, July 2.—One of the highlights of our tour. The party broke up somewhat, so that we might visit the people of Tilburg, with whom we had been billeted in 1945. Those of us who found our friends received a wonderful welcome, and there were several happy re-unions with these friendly folk. We had intended leaving Tilburg before lunch, but in the event it was well on in the afternoon before we got on our way. This time we left Tilburg by the road towards Best, up which we had attacked in October, 1944. Our next stop was at Best crossroads, where Sandy Kidd shook the proprietor of the hotel there somewhat by introducing himself as the man who had burned down the old building, on the site of which the hotel now stands. However, there was no animosity, and we were further delayed by the very jolly party which developed.

We had to press on eventually, however, hoping to reach the town of Blerick by evening. Turning off the main road just short of Eindhoven we visited the military cemetery at Mierloo where we found the graves of a number of Borderers. Pushing on, we were soon in well remembered territory; Asten, Liesel, Slot, Neerkant; a road which will awaken memories in those who fought in this desolate piece of country in that awful wet winter of 1944.

It was after nine o'clock when we motored down that long slope into Blerick. We were lucky first time, however, in striking a very comfortable little hotel where we found the people extremely hospitable, so much so, that it was the "wee sma' hours" before we finally turned in.

Monday, July 3.—Despite our late night we were up bright and early for a stroll round Blerick, and a look at the Maas, which seemed so different now with the traffic streaming back and forward over the huge Bailey bridge which still spans the river between Blerick and Venlo.

After a call at the bank in Venlo, necessary so that we might pay our hotel bill, we put our faces towards the German border, wondering all the time what our reception there would be. There was no difficulty at the customs barrier, and soon we were on our way, with the Rhine as our first objective. We headed for the village of Luttingen, from where we had crossed in March, 1945, but on arrival found no way of crossing. We turned back up the river and drove for some miles on the towpath, crossing eventually at Wesel, which has been built up amazingly from the shell it was in 1945 when taken by the Commandos on our right.

Our route next took us *via* Osnabruck and Munster and through the Westphalian plain towards the Minden Gap. The halt for the night was scheduled to be at Lubbecke, and here we were on known territory for one of the party, Sandy having spent some years here after the war with the Control Commission. We arrived in this pleasant little German town in the early evening, and through local contacts were quickly fixed up in a very comfortable hotel. It wasn't long before Sandy moved out to pay some calls, while the rest went early to bed, to sleep soundly until awakened in the early hours of the morning by our friend knocking up the hotel to gain admittance. He had obviously had a very good evening.

Tuesday, July 4.—We were on our way in good time to keep an appointment in Luneburg with Jock Lyall, who was spending his holiday in that area. After a few hours enjoyable driving, broken for a look at Celle and Uelzen, we arrived in Luneburg station square at one minute before 2 p.m. (our appointment was for 2 o'clock). It was here agreed that our "admin" must surely be considered "red hot," we having covered 2,000 miles with real split-second timing. "Big Bob" as the driver was particularly delighted.

We picked up Jock, who was to join us for a couple of days, and headed for Artlenburg, on the Elbe, having bought the necessary for a rather late lunch by the river bank. Arriving at Artlenburg we found to our delight that the ferry was indeed operating on the very site of 44th Brigade's last great river crossing of the war. Everything was as we remembered it. The high wooded cliffs on the east bank, broken by the huge quarry in which our vehicles had formed up after the crossing.

On the east bank we had an excellent lunch with liberal quantities of good Rhine wine, and made ready again for the road. Having no good map of the area, we became for the first time rather lost among the indifferent country roads which abound in the area. Eventually, however, we came on the village of Friedrichsruhe, tucked away in a valley among the thick woods. We had hoped to spend the night in this beautiful spot, but for once luck was not with us, and we had to move a little further on. In Trittau we got rooms in a pleasant little country inn, where the food surpassed all our expectations. The people were most friendly and nothing was too much trouble if they could help us in any way.

Wednesday, July 5.—Our first halt this morning was in the village of Delingsdorf, where in 1945 the 6th Battalion heard the news that the fighting was over. We were moving now towards the area where the Battalion had spent some ten months on occupational duties. About lunch-time we arrived in Kaltenkirchen, which had been "B" Company area, having on the way passed through Uelzburg, where "C" Company had been housed, and the Battalion rugger pitch had been situated. Here we had our first spot of engine trouble since starting. The local garage, where Bob appeared to be well known, undertook the work, while we looked round the village, and round nearby Oersdorf, where Battalion Headquarters and H.Q. Company had been stationed. Quite a bit of building has been done, but the villages still have that sleepy, rural atmosphere we all remembered.

With the car in running order once more we moved *via* Winsen and Kattendorf to Leezen, which had been the happy hunting ground of Support Company for so long. At the hotel Stadt Hamburg we were most hospitably received and accommodation was soon

arranged. In the evening one half of the party went off to view the bright lights in Hamburg, leaving the other to enjoy the rural pleasures of Leezen.

Thursday, July 6.—We split up again somewhat on this day, one half taking a tour round the area, while the other went by bus to Bad Segeburg to cash some travellers' Cheques. Finding no convenient bus running back, we started to cover the ten miles or so on foot. After walking about three miles we were picked up by a German, who was very interested to meet some Scotsmen again, as he had been a prisoner in N. Africa under Scottish guards and been well treated.

Leezen remains exactly as all Support Company men must remember it, except that most of the 'frat' seems to have disappeared. In the evening a party took place, at which enormous quantities of rum and coke were consumed.

Friday, July 7.—Leaving Leezen at 9 a.m. our faces were to-day turned homewards, and we realised regretfully that an extremely interesting trip was nearing its end. We travelled for some distance on an excellent autobahn, by-passing Bremen on the way. At about 6 p.m. we reached the frontier post and recrossed into Holland.

We headed for the small town of Oldenzaal, and found a very comfortable hotel here for the night. This is a picturesque little place, apparently full of clocks, each with its own distinctive chimes. The shop windows too were brightly lit, and packed with attractive goods at most reasonable prices.

Saturday, July 8.—We had until 8 p.m. to get on the ship at the Hook of Holland, and as the distance was not very great, we decided to go *via* Arnhem and visit the cemetery there, where so many Borderers of the 7th Battalion are buried. This drive through the fresh Dutch countryside was most enjoyable, the flatness of the country in no way detracting from the beauty of the scene. Arnhem we found to be a clean, busy, and prosperous town, with many quaint narrow streets, but full of really modern shops. This was new ground for all of us, but it was obvious that a great deal of rebuilding has been done.

After buying our provisions, we moved on to the Airborne Cemetery at Oosterbeek. This is a large cemetery, excellently maintained, and judging from the number of British people we met, extensively visited.

Continuing our journey we soon stopped for lunch by the roadside, and here picked up a young Dutchman doing his period of Military Service, and on his way home to The Hague for a "forty eight." With his intimate knowledge of the roads, we made good time to this beautiful "city of flowers," and before we dropped our passenger he very kindly showed us the principal sights and put us on the most direct road to The Hook. We arrived here about 5 p.m. and after getting the car alongside, went off to have some tea. A very drab and uninteresting place this, and we were quite glad when the customs shed opened, and we were able to get through and on board. Duty free drinks and smokes were, of course, an attraction. We had been smoking a German brand for the last couple of days; not too bad, but not just exactly to our taste. Turned in soon after sailing at midnight. The sea was like a mill-pond, and we slept soundly till about 6 a.m.

Sunday, July 9.—Rising then, we were washed, shaved, and packed ready to disembark, after an

excellent breakfast of bacon and eggs. The customs presented no difficulty, and we were on the road heading north soon after 8 a.m. This journey, needless to say, was something of an anti-climax, though we certainly had plenty to talk about. About 8.30 p.m. we crossed the Scottish Border, to be greeted by a steady down-pour of rain. Our first passenger was dropped at Hawick, and the remainder "debussed" at Gala about 10 p.m. The success of our journey was summed up by one of the party in these words: "I'm dead tired, but I could start all over again right now."

To sum up, the trip was intensely interesting from start to finish and the idea is recommended to anyone who may be toying with the possibility of a similar holiday. The fortnight was a very full one, and the foregoing account can really only be said to touch the fringes of all that the party saw and did during that time. A considerable amount of preparation was done beforehand, so that every inch of the ground could be covered. This proved very helpful, and in fact, absolutely necessary for the success of the journey. We shall be glad to pass on information which might be helpful to anyone interested in the idea. The party consisted of the following: Geo. Henderson, Bill Thomson and Graham Thomson, all of Galashiels. Sandy Kidd of Hawick, and Bob Anderson of Edinburgh.

OFFICER MOVEMENTS

2nd/Lieut. N. McL. V. Bristol and 2nd/Lieut. P. I. B. Stevenson.—Granted Regular Commissions and posted 1st K.O.S.B., 4th February, 1955.

2nd/Lieut. J. S. Johnston.—Granted N.S. Commission and posted 1st K.O.S.B., 5th February, 1955.

Major A. M. Thorburn.—To 1st K.O.S.B., 7th February, 1955.

Major Sir W. E. Jardine, Bt., T.D.—To Second-in-Command, 4th K.O.S.B. (T.A.), 14th February, 1955.

Capt. J. B. A. Smyth.—To G.S.O. II., 43 (Wessex) Div. and South West District, Taunton, 24th February, 1955.

Major R. H. S. Irvine, M.C.—To 1st K.O.S.B., 28th February, 1955.

Capt. A. Sear.—To S.C. (Q) East/West Riding Area, Harrogate, 3rd March, 1955.

2nd/Lieut. G. F. Wingate Pearse.—Granted N.S. Commission and posted 1st K.O.S.B., 5th March, 1955.

Capt. R. F. K. Innes.—Retires and to R.A.R.O., 12th March, 1955.

2nd/Lieut. A. J. C. Hewat.—Granted S.S.C. K.O.S.B. and to 1st K.O.S.B., 14th March, 1955.

2nd/Lieut. P. G. G. Gardiner and 2nd/Lieut. R. M. Wickenden.—Granted N.S. Commissions and to 1st K.O.S.B., 19th March, 1955.

2nd/Lieut. D. G. Cliff McCulloch.—Granted N.S. Commission K.O.S.B. and Seconded I.N.R.R., 2nd April, 1955.

Capt. K. W. Milligan, M.B.E.—To Adjutant 4th K.O.S.B. (T.A.), 15th April, 1955.

Capt. J. Graham.—Retires and transferred to R.A.R.O., 1st May, 1955.

Major C. H. Halford.—From Army Apprentices School, Chepstow to Malayan Basic Training Centre. R.T.M., 1st June, 1955.

THE DEPOT

Christmas and New Year.

The main events of this quarter have been the Christmas and New Year festivities. Training carried on as usual over both periods, and because of this, there was a good attendance at all the celebrations. For Christmas the dining hall was once again decorated and a full Christmas dinner of turkey and plum pudding was served; both the senior and the junior intakes, and the Permanent Staff, attended this dinner which was served in traditional style by the Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants of the Depot. The Commanding Officer proposed the toasts of "The Colonel in Chief" and "The Regiment," and Corpl. Bryson replied on behalf of the Corporals and Privates. The senior intake were lucky enough to Pass Out on the 28th December and so were home for Hogmanay, but those of us who remained at the Depot managed to enjoy ourselves in true Borderers style. A most successful Childrens' Christmas Party was held in the Gymnasium on 30th December, and was well attended by 85 children who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. S.S.I. Nicoll and his staff performed wonders in arranging swings, slides and games for the children and they also gave a most impressive display of P.T. Father Christmas gave out presents to everyone and that, on top of a large tea and the addition of a cinema show, completed a very successful afternoon.

Personalities.

Lieut. C. I. K. Innes has completed his tour here at the Depot and is awaiting his posting to Malaya; we wish him the best of luck in his new appointment and would like to record here his work in the sphere of shooting at the Depot. With great energy and enthusiasm he has built up and maintained a high standard of Weapon Training and shooting during his stay here. This has been both beneficial and refreshing to the Permanent Staff who have been led by him in competition shooting and also to the recruits who have passed through the Depot. We have every confidence that he will be a success in his next unit.

2nd/Lieut. T. A. G. Kelly also leaves us this Easter on completion of his part time service; he has not yet decided which firm will be fortunate enough to receive the benefit of his abilities; it is understood that the commercial and business worlds await his emergence into civilian life with bated breath!

In the place of these two Officers we would like to welcome Lieut. J. D. F. Howard and Lieut. R. W. Riddle from the 1st Battalion. No doubt the calm of Depot life will soothe their shattered nerves from that combat zone "overseas" in Northern Ireland! Another great loss to the Depot has been the departure of O.R.Q.M.S. Kennedy who has left us to command the Documentation team from Records, Perth as W.O. I. We congratulate him on his promotion and wish him luck in his new position.

Last, but certainly not least, we would like to welcome all our newly arrived instructors from the 1st Battalion; space does not permit the mention of them all by name, but we are nevertheless very glad to see them with us and hope their stay will be a happy one.

Administrative Inspection.

The inspection this year was taken by Colonel D. H. Tadman, D.S.O., O.B.E., from H.Q. Lowland Brigade: he was ably supported by Major A. K. McGeorge, M.C., R.S., Lowland Brigade Adjutant and Major V. M. K. F. Hazeldine of our own Regiment who is now Staff Captain (Q) at H.Q. Lowland District. The inspection was most successful and as it was Colonel Tadman's first official visit to the Depot as Lowland Brigade Colonel he was most interested in the steps now being taken to modernise and improve the barracks.

W.Os.' & SERGEANTS' MESS

On completion of the last *Chronicle* notes, we were looking forward to the Christmas and New Year festivities, various functions were held, the most successful being the Children's Christmas party and social evening, both held in the Gymnasium. Our social activities have been rather quiet since, but we still hold our monthly games nights versus the honorary members, who for some unknown reason always manage to beat us. The billiard team (serving members only) have reached the semi-final of the knock-out competition in the local billiard league and we wish them every success.

The R.S.M. and seven members of the Mess attended the wedding of Lieut. J. B. Henderson at Dunbar on 26th March, 1955, and a very enjoyable day was had by all.

C.S.M. Cockburn is at present at the Depot awaiting a posting to East Africa, we hope his stay with us will be an enjoyable one. O.R.Q.M.S. Kennedy has left us to join the Documentation team at Records, Perth, and we congratulate him on his promotion to W.O. I.

Sports Notes.

In the realm of sport the Depot has been adventurous rather than successful, but with almost every sport having now weathered rather shaky beginnings we are now quietly confident for the future. We have played outside fixtures at rugger, hockey, cross-country running, badminton and table tennis and have lost every one. Morale, however, remains high and we are permanently hopeful—one never knows what the next intake will produce. More cheerful is the news that five Depot players were selected to represent Scottish Command at rugger—S/Sergt. Hooker, Pte. Nichol, and recruits Campbell, Oliver (47), and Todd (Capt. Lyal was also selected—as touch judge); Pte Nichol later played for Combined Services, Scotland.

The Depot football team is perpetually on the verge of becoming a sound combination, but such sundry items as training, drafts, snow, courses, "jankers" and even burst footballs tend to baulk us.

A most excellent novices' boxing competition was held on Tuesday, 8th February, and Major Tevendale, S.O.P.T. Scottish Command, kindly refereed for us. All the bouts were exceptionally well fought, and at the end of the evening both the Commanding Officer and the S.O.P.T. confirmed that they had not seen novice boxing of such a high standard for a long time.

The overall sporting picture is therefore not one of great successes but rather one of constant endeavour and much enjoyment which, we believe, is of more importance and value than the number of goals scored or wins to our credit.

Visits.

Major-General J. Scott-Elliot, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., and Lieut.-Colonel D. W. McConnel, O.B.E., visited the Depot on Tuesday, 11th January, and spent several hours in conference with the Commanding Officer. Unfortunately, they could not stay long with us, but we were pleased to see them here for their short visit. They dined with the Depot Officers that evening as did another guest, Lieut.-Colonel L. F. Machin, M.C., and in the same evening we were glad to have with us Major R. C. Robertson-MacLeod, D.S.O., M.C., who was passing through the Depot on leave. The next day the Colonel of the Regiment, accompanied by the C.O. of the 1st Battalion and the Depot Commander, left for Edinburgh where they attended the boxing competition between 1st Battalion K.O.S.B. and 1st Battalion Gordon Highlanders.

Depot Week.

Depot week this year will be the first week in August; this will probably be the last Depot Week for some years when we can expect a number of visitors from the 1st Battalion and when we have the good fortune to have both the Military Band and Pipes and Drums with us. We hope, very much, that as many Borderers as possible will manage to attend this year, we would be very happy to see them at this biggest post-war re-union. Accommodation for those who wish to stay at the Depot will be limited but we will put up as many as we possibly can and will be delighted to do so, but early application is advisable.

Order of Battle.

Officer Commanding.—Major C. J. Wilson-Clarke.

Adjutant.—Capt. M. J. M. Lyal.

Quartermaster.—Major V. Davies, M.B.E.

R.S.M.—W.O. I. A. Y. Lees, M.M.

O.R.S.—Sergt. G. E. Smyth.

C.Q.M.S.—C/Sergt. H. Snowball.

C/Sergt. J. McMillan.

Pay Sergeant.—Sergt. D. Williams, R.A.P.C.

Training Officer.—Capt. R. G. R. Hill.

Training Subalterns.—Lieut. J. D. F. Howard.

Lieut. R. W. Riddle.

C.S.M.—W.O. II. W. Anderson.

Training Sergeants.—Sergt. A. Baird.

Sergt. J. Fleming.

Sergt. J. Keats.

Sergt. A. Laidlaw, D.C.M.

Sergt. A. Whitelaw.

Prize winners—December, 1954-March, 1955.

Intake 54.20. Passing Out Date 28th December.

Best Recruit.—23218705 Pte. D. Watson.

Best Shot.—22531342 Pte. I. Murray.

Falling Plates.—Corpl. Whitelaw's Squad.

Intake 54.23. Passing Out Date 15th February, 1955.

Best Recruit.—23097513 Pte. C. Pollock R.A.E.C.

Best Shot.—23226326 Pte. D. Hankin.

Falling Plates.—Corpl. Shire's Squad.

Champion Platoon.—Arnhem Platoon (Sergt. Baird).

OUR REGIMENTAL HOME

IT is perhaps regrettable that so few of our present officers and N.C.O.'s have been lucky enough to enjoy a tour of duty at the Depot. This being so a few background remarks about our Regimental Home may not come amiss.

The Regimental Depot provides not only a Regimental base but a link with the past. The Barracks were originally built on the orders of George I, after he had assented to petition from the townspeople of Berwick-upon-Tweed to be freed from billeting of soldiers of the Crown. It appears that the Gunners who manned the artillery defences of the town were not too welcome guests in the local taverns and houses. Accordingly the Barracks designed by Vanburgh, later to become Comptroller of the Office of Works in the Government, were begun in 1717 and completed in 1721.

The most pleasing feature of their design is the symmetry and beauty of the Main Clock Tower block and Entrance Gateway which are complementary and are influenced by the Dutch origin of their architect.

John Fleming, in *Old Towns Revisited* (Country Life, Ltd) describes them thus "They form a striking group of buildings as functional as any modern purist could desire; perhaps only in Newgate Prison has the purpose of a secular building been expressed so forcibly and dramatically. Vanburgh was the architect of barracks par excellence—even his most elegant works have a martial air about them—and it can only be regretted that he was never given the opportunity to express his talents for military architecture on the grand scale that his genius demanded. The Barracks are immediately recognizable as by his hand. Not only do the details suggest his work, but the whole composition, and in particular the monumental front-piece, has the genuine Vanburgh swagger. The Barracks consist of three long blocks ranged round a parade ground, the fourth side being occupied by a screen and gateway. The low office-buildings which connect the gateway with the adjacent blocks are slightly recessed and mark off the ends of the barrack-blocks as towers, which raise in two masses of heavily rusticated walls with stepped gables. The gateway is the central feature, and its massive composition, relieved by a sculptured and gaily painted coat-of-arms, is sufficiently forceful to sustain its position. The arch of the gateway is reflected on the wall of the opposite block by a recessed arch—a typical Vanburghian feature which he used at Greenwich and elsewhere."

In the British Museum there is a sketch inscribed, "Gateway and Guardhouse at the Entrance of the Barracks at Berwick Feby 1719-20 (B.M. King's Maps XXXII, 47-ii)," which may be attributed, albeit tentatively, to Vanburgh on the style of draughtsmanship alone. This drawing was evidently a preliminary design; the gateway differs slightly from the sketch.

The Main Block face has been repointed and repaired by the Ministry of Works who took over responsibility for the maintenance of the four main blocks when the Barracks were scheduled as an Ancient Monument in April, 1948. It is intended that the work of restoration of the entrance Gateway be begun this year.

An interesting feature of this entrance is the George I coat of arms carried out in stone above the gate.

These arms are unique in many respects and include the Arms of Hanover which were only used in the Royal Coat of Arms from 1714 to 1801 and ours is, believed to be one of the only two examples remaining in this country today.

Regrettably the existing approach to the Barracks is out of keeping with the beauty and proportion of the Monument, which at the present time cannot be seen and enjoyed to full advantage. One day this will be rectified, but for reasons not to be gone into here, this cannot be put right immediately.

One might think that being housed in buildings over 230 years old and probably the oldest inhabited barracks in the country and possibly anywhere, is full of disadvantages. In fact this is not so, whilst they do not offer much scope for expansion the advantages are considerable. They have a beauty and compactness unsurpassed anywhere and are of a permanence which no modern buildings of this kind can offer today.

Their location from the point of view of our Regimental Area covering the six Border counties of Scotland is perhaps open to argument but it's certain no newly constructed barracks would adequately replace our present home where we have been established since 1881.

It is perhaps worth mentioning in passing that the barrack rooms of four men to a room are in conformity with the very latest ideas on accommodating troops and this amenity, in addition to a very friendly and historic town on one's doorstep, is much appreciated by all who come to the Depot.

Some may wonder what is being done to improve and maintain the Barracks so that they may be kept in step with the times. Happily a great deal has been done and is being done in this direction.

Modernisation of the interior is proceeding apace and the comfort and amenity for the troops is being improved all the time in a most satisfactory manner. At the present time we are inundated with workmen, materials and rubble and often wish we could "march out" and let them have a free hand for a period.

Apart from a general improvement for the rank and file which is well under way both the Officers, W.O.'s, Sergeants and married men are benefitting. The Officers' Mess is undergoing a "new look," being brightened up both in the Mess rooms and living quarters, as well as being draught-proofed, a long felt want!

The Sergeants' Mess which has such an important function embracing members of the Regiment both past and present has not been overlooked. Improvements have and are being made to their existing accommodation. Additionally, and this is something in the future, it is intended to double the space of their Ante Room by provision of a new billiards room off the existing Ante Room. This plan is nothing new but previously it had never received any support from the Ministry of Works, who were in fact opposed to the idea, or by District Headquarters. Happily the chief obstacles to this scheme have been overcome and drawings and approval by the Ministry of Works have now been satisfactorily agreed. The necessary money has not yet been allotted, but in time a satisfactory outcome is to be expected. When this scheme

is complete it will meet a need which has been long outstanding, and which will be much appreciated by many Borderers.

The married quarters have now been redecorated and modernised and all occupants find them as good as are to be found anywhere.

In addition to the almost completed interior redecoration and re-furnishing of the entire barracks mostly carried out in the last year or so, plans are in hand, and to large degree have already been completed, for replumbing and re-electrification of the Depot, complete exterior redecoration is due this year.

Plans are also being drawn up for the rehousing of Training Company offices, stores and lecture room in permanent buildings within the Depot, instead of in huts outside the Main Entrance.

The Men's Cookhouse too is being replanned on the most modern lines, and whilst fairly adequate now, it should within the next two or three years be amongst the most up to date in any barracks in the country.

In the words of the Colonel of the Regiment spoken at the Regimental Dinner in Edinburgh last year "The Depot—well it goes on much the same as ever" but it is also trying to move with the times and remain a befitting home of the Regiment to which all Borderers at any time are genuinely most welcome.

Come and see us when you are able and you can see for yourself. If you haven't paid a visit to the Regimental Museum recently you are sure to find something new to interest you.

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BERWICK

The Branch Annual Dinner was held on Saturday, 15th January, at the Rum Punccheon Restaurant, Berwick.

It had previously been decided that owing to weather and other considerations to hold the dinner in town instead of the Barracks Gymnasium, which is apt to be very cold at that time of the year. The dinner was a great success, about 50 of the branch attending with representatives from Glasgow (James McAulay), and Edinburgh (Donald Ross) present. The usual number of guests were invited, the Depot being strongly represented. Major D. M. Wilson (Branch Chairman) presided and all the arrangements for the occasion were in the capable hands of the Secretary—Lieut.-Colonel J. Wilson. Unfortunately "Benny," who was under doctor's orders was restricted to drink beverages which are not connected with Scotland's national drink, but nevertheless excelled himself as usual. The thanks of the branch are due to him for the excellent arrangements.

It was with regret that we heard of the death of one of our members—ex-Corpl. Patrick. Bill had been in

bad health for some months and was badly troubled with the serious wounds he received in the 1914-18 war.

The sudden serious illness of Lieut.-Colonel Neil MacLeod was received in the branch with great regret. During his tour at the Depot as Regimental Secretary he attended several of our meetings and took a great interest in the proceedings. We all wish him a speedy recovery and restoration to health.

The Branch annual general meeting was held on Saturday, 2nd April, when the officials of the branch were re-elected *en bloc* for a further year, and L/Corpl. W. Purcell was appointed to serve on the committee.

Officials.—*Branch President*, Major S. T. C. Wright; *Branch Chairman*, Major D. M. Wilson; *Branch Secretary*, Lieut.-Colonel J. Wilson, M.M.; *Branch Committee*, Major W. T. Barham (Chairman); Mr. J. Seaney, Mr. J. Hartley, L/Corpl. W. Purcell.

The two branch representatives selected to attend the Regimental Association annual general meeting and the Glasgow branch dinner to be held on 15th and 16th April were Major D. M. Wilson (Chairman) and Lieut.-Colonel J. Wilson (Secretary).



BERWICK BRANCH DINNER

Left to Right : R.S.M. A. Lees, M.M., Capt. W. Lewin, Lieut.-Colonel J. Wilson, M.M., Major S. T. C. Wright, Major W. T. Barham, Major C. J. Wilson-Clarke (O.C. Depot), Major D. M. Wilson, Colonel R. Caulfield, O.B.E.

Mr. G. Spraggon, Mr. D. Ross, M.M., (Edinburgh Branch), Mr. J. McAulay (Glasgow Branch).

EDINBURGH

Burns' Supper

A memorable night was enjoyed on 28th January, when, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Murray, our Annual Burns' Supper was held. This was afterwards voted—and justly so—the best Burns' night ever held in the club.

The haggis was ceremoniously piped in by P.M. John Slattery, and honourably addressed by our Secretary. Highlight of the evening was the "Immortal Memory," proposed with warm Scottish eloquence by Lieut.-Colonel Harold Leslie, M.B.E., T.D., Q.C., M.A., LL.B., one of Scotland's most eminent speakers on Burns, who held the assembled company spellbound.

The main musical programme was provided by Messrs. James Miller (9th Battalion) and Bill Halliburton (4th Battalion), whose choice of solos covered an excellent range in Burns' songs, and whose duets were hailed with great appreciation. We were indebted also for songs to Mr. W. Douglas, a faithful club member indeed.

Votes of thanks were given by Major H. M. Fraser (6th Battalion), and Dr. Hugh Paterson. We were happy to have with us two leading members of the

Glasgow club, also Capt. Lewin who returned to Berwick complete with signed programme.

"Auld Lang Syne"—so often sadly mishandled—was sung verse by verse by the soloists, with the full company joining in for the last verse and chorus; and so ended a night which will not easily be forgotten.

Treble top for darts team

The darts team have just set up a record in the Naval and Military league by winning all three cups for league, pairs, and individual championships, all three events decided on 22nd March.

The team defeated the R.S.F. in a most exciting match which went all the way to the third leg, and was eventually decided by a lovely double sixteen thrown by John Kennedy. Semi-finals in the other two events were played off, and after them the winning of all cups was certain, for all finalists were our own club players.

Having been called upon as substitute to partner the team captain, the club secretary astonished everyone, including himself, by going all through to the pairs final, contributing several "tons" and "checks" in the process!

The team read:—G. Macdonald (captain), J. Bain, W. Chisholm, G. Elliot, W. Halliburton, J. Kennedy, J. Mosdell and A. Rodgers.



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DUMFRIES

At our annual general meeting held in January, Major J. Wyllie Irving was again elected as our chairman and the office-bearers of 1954 were re-elected.

Branch membership is now 220, a slight increase, but we would be better pleased if more of the younger ex-Borderers would rally round and join the Association. We do have an occasional life-member of the N.S.M. releases but the great majority of our numbers is composed of those who served in 1914-1918 and 1939-1945, once again giving proof that friendship and pride in Regiment would appear to be more lasting when made in war-time conditions.

We would be glad to have this statement disproved, so come along all of you young ex-Borderers and join the nearest branch of the Association. Better still, become a life-member whilst serving with the Regiment and branch secretaries will be notified on your release. The stronger our membership the more we shall be able to do for our Regiment, our comrades and ourselves.

Since our last notes we have held a whist drive which was well attended and very successful financially.

An appeal for donations towards the purchase of an instrument for the newly formed Military Band of the 5th Battalion met with good results, and our chairman was able to hand over to the Band President more than the minimum sum required.

Having seen and heard the band we consider the object well worth while.

At the time of writing these notes we are completing arrangements for our annual dinner to be held in the

County Hotel on the evening of Friday, 15th April, when we hope to be honoured by the presence of the Colonel of the Regiment, Major General J. Scott-Elliott, C.B. C.B.E., D.S.O.

It is rather unfortunate that the date of our dinner coincides with that of the Glasgow branch whose committee has extended an invitation to our members that evening. We do appreciate their kindness and perhaps someone from Dumfries may be able to attend.

Three of our members were honoured in the New Year list—Lieut.-Colonel W. J. M. Ross, O.C., 5th Battalion, and ex-Provost Thos. Bell receiving the O.B.E., and Capt. W. Dinwiddie the M.B.E.

We congratulate those members and know that those honours have been deservedly earned by faithful services, over many years.

The branch has lost by death an old Borderer in the person of James W. McKay who passed away on 4th March.

He was one of the members of the 5th Battalion who served in the Gallipoli campaign, and the writer first knew him as a Staff Sergeant in one of the local Companies of the B.B. in 1908.

Capt. J. H. McCall, D.C.M., our Welfare Officer, still continues his good work and his efforts are much appreciated.

Our President, Colonel G. G. Walker, M.C., and Vice-President Mr. John Johnstone give him valuable assistance.

The branch extends congratulations to Lieut.-Colonel A. J. Jardine-Patterson on being appointed to the Command of the 5th (D. and G.) Battalion and wishes him every success.



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OBITUARY.

ex-R.S.M. J. W. HENDERSON.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. J. W. Henderson on 5th January, 1955.

Mr. Henderson was 82 years of age at the time of his death, and served in the Regiment from 1892 until 1919. His service abroad consisted of Sierra Leone 1898, South Africa 1900-02, and World War I from 1914 to 1918, except for a short period when he was wounded at Loos. During his service with the Regiment Mr. Henderson was awarded nine medals, including the Albert Medal.

After leaving the Regiment in 1919 he joined the Corps of Commissionaires and was employed by Messrs. Short Bros. of Sunderland in that capacity for 40 years. It was only at the end of last year that he decided to retire for a well earned rest.

We offer our deepest sympathy to his family in their sad loss.

The Rev. F. P. W. ALEXANDER.

The passing of Frank Alexander will be mourned by many a Scottish Battalion, for during his 28 years in the Royal Army Chaplain's Department he served with either the 1st or 2nd Battalion (sometimes both) of every Scottish Regiment.

A proud record of service his. He started his Army life as a Subaltern in the Gordons and saw active service with them in the 1914-18 war. Later, after an Arts and Divinity course at Aberdeen University, he was commissioned into the R.A.Ch.D. in 1925. In his early days as a soccer player of no mean merit, who had played regularly for Aberdeen and Queen's Park, he was idolised by the "Jocks" as he twinkled up the left wing in Battalion games. He was loved too as he mixed freely with them in barrack rooms and on manoeuvres, and took their services on Sunday.

With the same "Jocks" he travelled the world over following the drum, till 1939 saw him again in France with the B.E.F. In 1940 he was given the O.B.E. for outstanding services both in the field and on the beaches during the evacuation.

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The Samaritan Fund, which we started in 1952, has again proved its usefulness and was encroached upon to the extent of nearly two thousand pounds during last year. I think it is generally agreed that our work is meeting a vital need.

As is known this Hospital has been disclaimed by the Minister of Health and is therefore entirely dependant on voluntary support. Subscribers, who are entitled to special rates, are asked to pay £1 yearly by Bankers Order, which can be obtained from the Honorary Appeal Secretary, 15 Ormond Yard, Duke of York

Street, S.W.I., who will also be pleased to receive very much needed donations.

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IT is ten years since Arnhem . . . since that pretty little Dutch town set in charmingly wooded country was the scene of one of the most heroic actions in the history of British arms.

As our thoughts bridge the years, we see again that vast armada of the air, striking deep into enemy territory . . . How anxiously we followed the course of the battle as the days succeeded. The tragic finale came as a personal grief to all of us.

Nine thousand men of the First British Airborne Division were flown into battle: nine days later just over two thousand fought their way back across the Rhine.

To the troops the operation was known as "Market Garden"—an incongruous name for such an enterprise—but to all the world it will always be known simply as "Arnhem."

The objective of the Airborne Division was the bridge which crosses the Lower Rhine. It was to be captured and held until Second British Army broke through. Bridges at Grave and Nijmegen were being attacked by other forces.

Among the first to touch down were the men of the 7th Battalion, Kings Own Scottish Borderers, the only Scottish battalion in the Division. To the skirl of the Pipes playing "Blue Bonnets" they paraded, a total of 740, all ranks, of whom 40 were officers.

In that wooded country there were only a few places suitable for landing strips. The first task of the K.O.S.B. was to clear and seize a large area on which reinforcements could be dropped. This they carried out with typical Border dash: groups of the enemy were mopped up and a number of prisoners taken. One was an attractive servicewoman, who, after some hesitation, was persuaded to sample the Jocks' brand of "char."

Next day the Borderers were fully employed warding off enemy attacks as wave after wave of paratroops flew in from England. So far the operation had gone well . . . but the opposition was increasing. A night attack against strong German positions on the high ground at Wolfhezen caused heavy casualties among the Scots.

Directly following this action the battalion carried on with its original assignment—of keeping the landing strips free—and the Polish Parachute Brigade landed safely, thanks to the efforts of the Jocks.

By now there were two German Armoured Divisions in the area. The Borderers were heavily engaged. "A" Company was over-run, many of "B" Company were missing . . . but "H.Q." and "D" Company took heavy toll of the enemy. Major Cochran and Drum-Major Tait used a brace of Bren guns with deadly effect; Provost-Sergeant Graham kept up a murderous fire with a Vickers gun.

Our forces were now on the defensive and greatly outnumbered. For nine days the unequal struggle went on—nine days of relentless fire from 88 mm. guns, tanks, machine-guns, mortars and flame throwers.

By 20th September the 7th K.O.S.B.'s were reduced to 270 all ranks. But these men from the Borders with over a 1,000 years of bloody conflict behind them—and a regimental history stretching from Minden to

Mons—did not yield an inch. As one man went down another took his place. Between bouts of shelling and mortaring fierce man-to-man struggles took place. Major Sheriff inspecting the posts in company with the C.O., Lieutenant-Colonel Payton Reid, suddenly came upon a German—and put him out of action with his hands!

"The White House" will long be remembered in the annals of the Regiment. This building, converted into a defensive position, was attacked by a large concentration of German Infantry. But the Jocks, though they had now been without sleep and adequate rations for days, put in a spirited bayonet charge which threw the Germans back in disorder. Sergt. Graham, who has become a legendary figure on account of his incredible feats of gallantry at Arnhem, was killed in this engagement.

Other feats deserve recording: Sergt Keys risked his life rescuing a much-needed anti-tank gun, in the face of murderous fire; Lieut. Hannah, Corpl. Watson and Pte. MacWhirter completely disabled a German tank which was towing a flame-thrower. But it is invidious to single out particular acts of gallantry in a battle where every man was a hero.

Casualties mounted . . . There were few officers or senior N.C.O.'s left. All the Company Commanders had been killed or wounded; there was only one Sergt.-Major, C.S.M. Swanston, who, though wounded, insisted on remaining with his men.

At length General Urquhart decided to withdraw the remnants of his division into a narrow perimeter. The 7th K.O.S.B. moved to the North West corner of Hartestein, where they dug in again. As fresh German reinforcements arrived the battle became an inferno. The overwhelming superiority of the enemy allowed him to mount attack after attack. Still the men of Arnhem fought on, firing from the gardens, from the doorways and from the windows of the shattered houses.

Throughout the operation the R.A.F. had given magnificent support. Flying low through intense ground-fire they made their drops, regardless of heavy casualties in men and planes. Unhappily their efforts were in vain, for many of the loads fell into enemy hands.

By this time it was known that only by a miracle could 2nd Army get through to Arnhem. The Germans were resisting fiercely and our armour was hindered by the unsuitable terrain.

At last the men of Arnhem received the order to withdraw. At 9.15 p.m. on 25th September the 7th K.O.S.B. began to move towards the river. The woods were infested by German Spandau posts, and by patrolling infantry; shelling and mortaring caused many casualties, heart-breaking when so close to safety.

When the Borderers reached the south bank of the Rhine, four officers and seventy-two other ranks were all that remained of the battalion.

Today on this anniversary of Arnhem we shall remember those of that "happy band of brothers" who died that we might live. For it is only through the sacrifice of such men that we are able to measure our freedom today; and at such cost we cannot value it too highly. Braw, braw, Lads!

CHARLES MANNING.

With acknowledgments to the "Sunday Mail."

LONDON GAZETTE

The following extracts from the *London Gazette* (relating to the K.O.S.B.) are published for information.

REGULAR ARMY.

Lieut. A. M. Cameron (397834) to be Captain, 22nd December, 1954.

Lieut. M. J. M. Lyal (397969) to be Captain, 22nd December, 1954.

Lieut. (Q.M.) J. A. Johnson (415499) to be Captain (Q.M.), 22nd January, 1955.

2nd/Lieut. R. W. Riddle (426988) to be Lieutenant, 6th February, 1955.

Capt. R. F. K. Innes (164592) retires receiving a gratuity, 12th March, 1955.

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

Lieut. R. L. Urquhart (258656) (Emp. List 4) to be Captain, 25th December, 1954.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

22727156 Cadet Robert Stanley Strang Steel (438178) to be 2nd/Lieutenant, 9th October, 1954.

23002147 Cadet Paul Haswell Woodmansey (438182) to be 2nd/Lieutenant, 9th October, 1954.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

Capt. Andrew Duncan (327021) from Reserve of Officers, Class III, to be Captain, 28th December, 1954, with seniority, 20th March, 1953.

2nd/Lieut. Thomas Crawford McCreath (400640) from Emergency Commission, Seaforth, to be 2nd Lieutenant, 28th December, 1954, with seniority, 17th June, 1954.

Lieut. E. R. Mudie, M.C. (415193), is granted the acting rank of Captain, 5th October, 1954.

Lieut. Edward Arthur Leaver (184510) from Emergency Commission to be Captain, 16th October, 1954.

22196881 Corpl. Kenneth William Millar Heddle (439123) to be 2nd/Lieutenant, 12th November, 1954.

Lieut. Walter Blyth (292945) from Emergency Commission to be Lieutenant, 8th December, 1954, with seniority, 17th June, 1950, and is seconded to Edinburgh University Contingent, University Training Corps.

2nd/Lieut. (Acting Lieut.) A. R. P. Fairlie (424973) from T.A. National Service List to be 2nd/Lieutenant (Acting Lieutenant), 11th December, 1954, retaining his present seniority.

Major T. D. Stephen, M.B.E., T.D., (68010), retires, 26th January, 1955, and is granted the hon. rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

2nd/Lieut. (Acting Lieut.) G. E. S. Watson (423482) to be Lieutenant, 6th February, 1955, with seniority, 7th February, 1954.

Major J. R. Scott-Noble, M.C., T.D., (64241), to be Lieut.-Colonel, 7th March, 1955.

Major A. J. Jardine Paterson, T.D., (88758), is granted the Acting rank of Lieut.-Colonel, 7th March, 1955.

RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Capt. J. Davidson, T.D. (53473), having exceeded the age limit of liability to recall ceases to belong to the T.A. Reserve of Officers, 19th January, 1955, retaining the rank of Captain.

RESERVE OF OFFICERS—NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd/Lieut. (Acting Lieut.) H. L. James (424980) from Active List, to be 2nd/Lieutenant, 10th November, 1954, retaining his present seniority.

2nd/Lieut. (Acting Lieut.) W. Purves, D.S.O. (414700), from T.A. National Service List to be 2nd/Lieutenant, 15th November, 1954, retaining his present seniority.

2nd/Lieutenant W. Purves, D.S.O. (414700), to be Lieutenant, 27th December, 1954.

2nd/Lieut. D. K. Newbigging (428513) to be Lieutenant, 16th January, 1955.

2nd Lieut. D. K. Newbigging (428513) from Regular Army National Service List to be 2nd Lieutenant, 12th October, 1954, with seniority, 16th May, 1953.

Lieut. J. W. McConnel (410835) from T.A. Reserve of Officers National Service List, R.A., to be Lieutenant, 30th November, 1954, with seniority, 8th July, 1954.

MEMORANDA

The under-mentioned Major to be Lieut.-Colonel on the Emp. List (1) on the date shown:—

R. L. Henson, M.B.E. (49877), K.O.S.B., 11th January, 1954.

T.A. NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

2nd/Lieut. J. W. Clark-Maxwell (430067) is granted the Acting rank of Lieutenant, 27th March, 1955.

The under-mentioned Officer Cadets from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, to be 2nd/Lieutenants, 4th February, 1955, with seniority 4th February, 1955:—

Peter Ian Boldero Stevenson (440170).

Nicholas Maclean Verity Bristol (439953).

2nd Lieut. P. J. I. McCracken (427760) is granted the Acting rank of Lieutenant, 2nd December, 1954.

2nd Lieut. D. W. N. Landale (427997) is granted the Acting rank of Lieutenant, 2nd January, 1955.

2nd Lieut. (Acting Lieut.) R. A. Brooks, M.C. (414691), to be Lieutenant, 11th February, 1955, with seniority, 27th September, 1952.

2nd/Lieut. D. N. Mitchell (430084) is granted the Acting rank of Lieutenant, 20th March, 1955.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd/Lieut. G. C. Cairns (429340) is granted the Acting rank of Lieutenant, 6th February, 1955.

The under-mentioned officer was awarded the following in the New Year Honours List:—

To be an Ordinary Officer of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.) Lieut.-Colonel Walter John Macdonald Ross M.C., T.D., (66551), The King's Own Scottish Borderers, Territorial Army.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS Class III.

Capt. C. McKenzie (292869) from Reserve of Officers, Class 1 to be Captain, 23rd September, 1954, retaining his present seniority.

Major H. G. S. Seaborne (105525) from Reserve of Officers, Class 1, to be Major, 25th October, 1954, retaining his present seniority.

Capt. C. F. Letchford (177670) from Reserve of Officers, Class 11, to be Captain, 24th October, 1954, retaining his present seniority.

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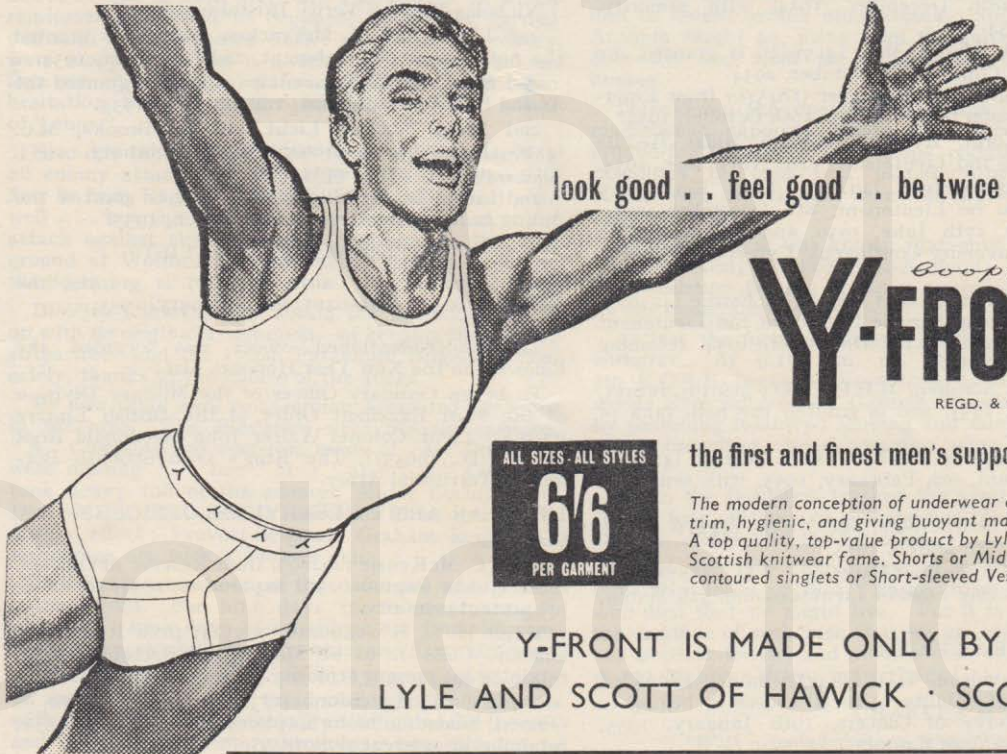
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